

Montesano Update

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A summer packed with adventures

Summers in Montesano are beautiful. But it's not just the sun, trees and water that make this place special. The experiences we share, together—that's the part that makes our town so different.

We are blessed to have even more events scheduled for this summer. Whether you like fishing, classic cars, mountain biking, hiking, music or morning markets, we have you covered.

On the back page is a listing of some of the major summer events scheduled in Montesano.

I'm especially proud of City Forester Loren Hiner's dedication to hosting hikes and mountain bike rides in our forest with work-friendly hours.

I also want to thank Fire Chief Corey Rux and his department for helping launch the first Fish and Brew Festival last year. This year will be even better.

The Police Department, Kiwanis and Fire Department are teaming up again for the bike rodeo and the police are also hosting National Night Out.

Another new event I'm happy to announce is the Full Monte music festival, which is being put together by Stone Soup and Friends.

Our goal as a city has been to partner up with community groups like the Chamber, FOSLS and others to help make these events happen. City council members and staff have also worked hard to create new attractions and festivals.

Each year, we're trying to add to the calendar with



can't-miss events. Thousands of people already come for the Festival of Lights in December and the Historic Car Show every summer.

If you have an idea for an event, please get in touch with the city and share it. We are happy to work with any group to get something off the ground. Thank you!



Honoring our vets—VFW will be holding a ceremony on May 29th at 11 a.m. in Fleet Park to install and to honor two of our own fallen Vietnam veterans, Johnny Chambers and David Harner.

A Walk in Our Woods—The city’s Forestry Department is hosting interpretive hikes and mountain bike rides on the City Forest Trails. Meet by swimming beach at Lake Sylvia State Park. For more info contact City Forester Loren Hiner at 249-5424 or lhiner@montesano.us.

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| • Sat. June 3 | Work Day | 9:00 a.m.* |
| • Wed. June 14 | Hike | 6:30 p.m. |
| • Wed. June 21 | Hike | 9:30 a.m. |
| • Wed. June 28 | Bike Ride | 6:30 p.m. |
| • Sat. July 1 | Hike | 9:30 a.m. |
| • Wed July 12 | Hike | 6:30 p.m. |
| • Wed. July 19 | Hike | 9:30 a.m. |
| • Wed. July 26 | Bike Ride | 6:30 p.m. |
| • Sat. Aug. 5 | Hike | 9:30 a.m. |
| • Wed. Aug. 16 | Hike | 9:30 a.m. |
| • Wed. Aug. 23 | Hike | 6:30 p.m. |
| • Wed. Aug. 30 | Bike Ride | 6:30 p.m. |

***Monte Trails Appreciation Day.** Bring gloves and favorite brushing/pruning tools to help spruce up the trails for another season.

Bill Brookshire Memorial Bike Rodeo hosted by Monte Police Department—Saturday June 17th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Montesano HS back parking lot. Bike checks by the Fire Department, helmets for those who need them and food by the Kiwanis Club.

Saturday Morning Markets in Montesano—9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays from July 8th to August 26th at Fleet Park. For vendors, there’s a \$25 summer fee (8 opportunities) or \$5 per day. For more information email angiebrown4@comcast.net.

15th Annual Historic Montesano Car Show—Saturday July 15th, starting at 8 a.m., more than 200 street rods, muscle cars and antiques. This event includes a swap meet, food and door prizes. For more, call Dave Foss at 580-7941 or 249-5423.

5th Annual Kids Summer Fest—Saturday July 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fleet Park there’ll be obstacle courses, a fun house, face painting, fire dept. drills, and a Boy Scout monkey bridge! Contact Tim Beauchamp at 360-249-5522 or email members@montesanochamber.org.

National Night Out—Tuesday, August 1st is an opportunity to get to know your neighbors and your police officers. Contact Cindy at the police department, 249-1031 for more information.

City-Wide Garage Sale—August 18th to 19th. Contact the Montesano Chamber to be put on their flyer (\$5) which advertises this event. Contact Kaela Plumb 249-5522 or email members@montesanochamber.org.

The Full Monte Music Festival—August 26th will see the first ever Full Monte music fest, sponsored by Stone Soup & Friends. Watch for details.

FOSLS Lake Sylvia Fall Festival— Saturday, September 16th. Art, food vendors and a taste of nature.

2nd Annual Catch Montesano! Fish & Brew Fest— Saturday, September 30th. Fishing derby in the morning and Brew Fest from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Fleet Park. The fishing derby has cash prizes. During the brew fest, there will be an expanded beer garden (wine, too) on 1st Street with live music, food and vendors in Fleet Park. Contact Brook Chapman for more information at 249-5522 or members@montesanochamber.org.



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