



Annual Report 2011

In Parks We Play

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AND RECREATION DISTRICT

MISSION STATEMENT

Wapato Lake
Campground

"To Provide The Community And Our Visitors With

Park And Recreation Facilities And Programs To Be

Operated And Maintained In An Economical, Efficient,

Safe, And Aesthetic Manner".

Old Mill
Park

Manson Bay
Park

Manson Bay
marina

Singleton
Park

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

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Board Member

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Board Member

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Board Member

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Campground Host

Jeff Vanderholm

Marina Attendant

Juanita LaCourse

Park Attendant

Viki Downey

Head Lifeguard

BOARD CHAIRMAN LETTER

2011 started off with the continuation of the dramatic events of the previous years. Another round of commissioner resignations left the "Lone Ranger" Len England, who was appointed to his position following resignations the previous year, the sole remaining commissioner. Following the appointments of Lorrie Cochran, Matt Carpenter, Randy Reed and Rob Campbell to the four vacant commissioner positions, Len England was voted Board Chair and the districts business continued.

The community owes the previous Boards a great deal of thanks for their service. They handed off the District in very good condition. The policies and procedures they put in place provided for a seamless transfer to the new Board and will continue to benefit the community for years to come.

Staff engaged local youth in many creative ways in 2011. Programs included AAU sports, cooking, gardening, bike safety, fire safety and more. We saw Vicky Downey's dream of free swim lessons for the community become a reality. Through support from individuals, businesses and proceeds from the first annual Lake Chelan Swim Event, 300 free swim lessons were provided. Double the number of lessons in 2010!

The first phase of the Mill Bay walking trail, funded through a mix of donated and reserve fund money, was completed. As the work load increases with each new addition, Maintenance Staff continues to do a great job of providing the community with clean safe parks to enjoy.

The end of the summer season brought two major sewage handling failures. The Mill Bay sewage ejector pumps failed and the Wapato Lake Campground septic system failed. This, coupled with the failure to pass the levy for 2012, leaves the District in a financially weak position. The challenge going forward is to regain the community support needed for continued Park District improvement.

Len, thank you for your leadership through 2011, your presence will be missed in 2012. Lorrie, Matt and Randy, it was truly a pleasure working with and getting to know you all. Travis, welcome, we have a challenging year ahead, I think you're the right addition to help meet the challenge.

Robert N Campbell
2012 Board Vice Chair

DIRECTOR'S VISION

I would first like to thank the local community members and agencies that have invested time and energy into the Parks. It doesn't go unrecognized and I am very appreciative for such a small Parks District to do such great things in the community. Thank you.

In reflecting back on the previous year, it was successful overall. A combination of things contributed, ranging from the AAU programs, programming in general, conditions of parks, and more importantly, great staff.

This year in looking ahead it will be different in light of our levy failure. Some of the challenges that we face is attempting to do more with less. It makes it especially tough when you're lean as it is. The failure in levy has challenged us as from both a leadership and stewardship standpoint, to further sharpen the axe. I believe in going through this exercise and questioning how we do things and why we do things, it has empowered us as a leadership team to set the Parks District up for future success. Not to mention operating in a efficient and effective manner. Having said that, with the staff that we have along with the great facilities under our care, we can make it another great year.

In closing, thank you for your continued support and looking forward in leading our team to another successful year.

In Parks We Play,

Wai Tim Petersen

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the Manson Parks and Recreation District have been well defined since the District was formed as a means to provide park and recreational opportunities for the Manson community and our visitors. There are six primary goals that the Park Board has adopted. Each goal is supported by objectives.

Improve, operate, and maintain parks that serve the people of Manson and our visitors.

- Promote acquisition of park property as the Manson area grows.
- Develop the District's park property to provide a wide range of recreational activities by means of local resources, grants, gifts, and loans.
- Synergize parks with other valley entities.
- Increase reserve for possible grants.

Provide diverse recreational and socialization opportunities and programs for the community and our visitors.

- Encourage recreational activities through promotion of District programs and use of its facilities.
- Proactively promote to other community groups, individuals and visitors on the broadest basis, when feasible.

Promote public waterfront parks and facilities.

- Construct and maintain waterfront parks to support recreation activities.
- Construct and maintain docks and provide water access to support water related recreation and marina activities.
- Support water related recreation through park programs such as swimming lessons, fishing facilities, and boat launching facilities.
- Seek opportunities to provide the public with viewing access to the waterfront by way of trails and viewpoints.
- Add designed bike/pedestrian trail.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES (cont.)

Maintain high maintenance standards in all District parks.

Budget adequately to assure that enough manpower and resources are available for park maintenance.

Uniform standards for all employees.

Train employees to perform quality work including high standards of excellence, efficiency, safety, and image.

Encourage volunteerism within the community and public to help maintain the parks and to keep them clean.

Schedule and supervise employees to get the most efficient use of their time and District resources.

Maintain a solid financial base for the District.

Submit and support the need for O & M levies and support the need for special levies/bonds.

Charge user fees for programs, facility use and services as is appropriate.

Develop facilities, programs and services that meet fiduciary responsibilities.

Create and promote a volunteer program for office help.

Respected stewardship of public funds and facilities.

Develop financial opportunities for future park facilities and programs.

Seek grants and other outside funding for expansion and/or development projects.

Promote and communicate a gifting/memorial/bequest program.

Marketing and developing a PR program.

MANSON BAY

Enjoy an afternoon swim in Manson's protected Bay, picnic by the lake, or just relax in the sun. The park is located within walking distance of the downtown area shops and restaurants. The Manson Bay swim area is the only place left on Lake Chelan with lifeguards on duty.

Manson Bay Swim Area Amenities:

- Swimming Dock.
- Designated Swim area with lifeguards.
- Summer swim with Red Cross accredited Lifeguards.
- Restrooms & benches.
- Shaded grassy area.
- 3-Day use docks for boaters.

2011 Maintenance/Improvements:

- Enhanced sand placement along water entry at stairs to improve safety and erosion.
- Trees and shrubbery maintained.
- Refurbished signage at pier emphasizing safety. The current signage was fading away, posing a threat in being non-visible. This enforces the No Diving in shallow waters to decrease head and/or neck injuries.
- Repaired the community sculpture as the ducks head was vandalized and broke off.
- New swim lines were purchased to replace the battered floats. It also helped to better delineate the swim area



OLD SWIM HOLE

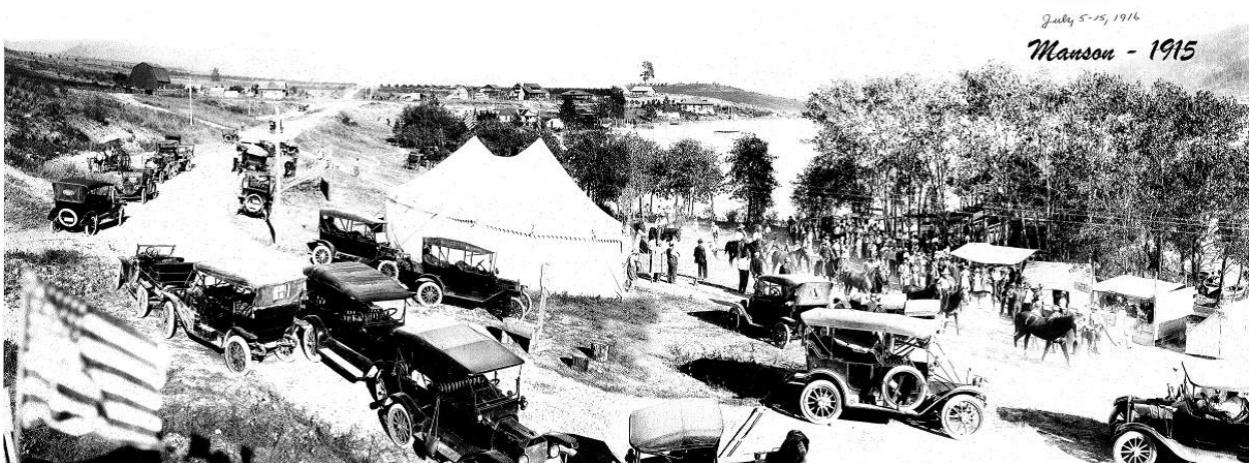
The Old Swim Hole has been recently mended for public use this past year. This park has been identified as a dog friendly and gets frequent use during the summer months. An interesting fact is that this park was the original location of swimming for the long time locals back in the early 1900's.

Old Swim Hole Amenities:

- Grassy area.
- Designated and dog friendly park.
- Water faucet.
- Out house for park users

2011 Maintenance/Improvements:

- Driftwood cleaned and maintained as it continually enters the swim area, posing a threat to safety.
- Signage added emphasizing safety.



MANSON BAY MARINA

Come visit our 32-slip marina with water and electricity available. The breakwater makes an excellent wave barrier for moored boats. Walk from your boat to downtown Manson in just a few steps to restaurants, shops, grocery stores, post office, and Manson Bay Park.

Marina Amenities:

- Slips available with water and electricity.
- 3-Day use docks available to boaters at no cost.
- October thru April limited winter moorage available.
- New 24 hour restroom and shower facilities available.
- Public pump out station available April thru October.

2011 Maintenance/Improvements:

- Routine maintenance of pilings and hardware.
- Pump out station repaired.
- Ongoing drift wood clean up.



2411 days for Marina occupancy in 2011



OLD MILL

This 20 acre park has a four lane boat launch, short term moorage, picnic area, restrooms, and marine dump station. A unique feature about this park is that it has the capacity for ample boat trailer parking.

Old Mill Boat Launch Amenities:

- 4- Lane boat launch.
- 123 boat and trailer parking sites.
- Fish cleaning station & public restrooms.
- Grassy picnic area with plenty of mature tree shading, picnic tables and barbecues.
- Day use dock available to boaters with a public pump out station at no cost to boaters available April–October.

2011 Maintenance/Improvements:

- Painted/refurbished entry signage. Signs were peeling and showed signs of wear and tear.
- Bathroom floors repainted with an epoxy coating to handle the heavy use in the peak seasons.
- Posting of local agency signage to further help educate the public.
- Replaced two septic pumps that went completely out this summer.
- Dock Piling bracing and replacement.
- Implemented the automated machine to enforce both launching and parking.
- Constructed a new trail along the park which travels along the field and has the option to enter into the patch of trees. This trail was partially funded with donations from community members.



WAPATO LAKE CAMPGROUND

Wapato Lake Campground is a small, family friendly, campground with plenty of mature trees for shading on 286-acre peaceful Wapato Lake. This campground offers 26 RV sites with full electrical hookups and 14 tent sites. It has designated swimming area, restrooms and pay showers, picnic tables, and fire rings as well as a trailer dump.

Campground Amenities:

- On-site Host.
- 30 amp and 50 amp RV sites.
- Picnic tables & swimming area.
- Restroom with pay showers.
- Dump station.
- Adjoining public boat launch area, parking and first come first serve docking and gazebo.
- Campfire pits.

2011 Maintenance/Improvements:

- Installed a new septic system and drain field.
- Added gravel for roadway.
- Implemented a "No alcohol" policy for Memorial Weekend.
- New campsite signage.
- Speed bumps were installed.
- New roof over Campground Host's office.



811 Tent campers and 1453 RV Campers, totaling 2264 for 2011

WILLOW POINT

Willow Point Park is a 2 acre, shaded, hillside park on the north shore of Lake Chelan with several hundred feet of waterfront.

Willow Point Park Amenities:

- Designated swim area.
- Playground.
- Picnic tables and barbeques.
- Large grass area with mature shade trees.

2011 Maintenance/Improvements:

- Signage added for safety prohibiting motorized water craft to be near the swim area.
- Maintenance of trees and shrubbery.
- Garbage take out which is extremely heavy in the summer.



SINGLETON

Travel one mile east of downtown Manson off Highway 150 on Madeline Road and you will find Singleton Park. This Park is designed for the sports enthusiast. This park gets plenty of use, from Spring through Fall.

Singleton Park Amenities:

- Softball, Baseball and T-Ball fields.
- Soccer Field.
- Basketball Court & large open grassy areas.
- Playground equipment & Restrooms.
- Large gazebo picnic area ~ Available for reservations.

2011 Maintenance/Improvements:

- Installed new Singleton entry sign.
- Added field conditioner on the softball field.
- Installed a pet waste stand.
- Repaired the main soccer goals.
- Replaced the septic tank and pump.



PROGRAMMING

AAU

We have had a total of **278** children participate in our AAU programs this year. For the Baseball season we had **70** children. Our Soccer season had **102** children participating. And finally, the basketball season had **106** children participate.

Swimming Class

Manson Parks provides ongoing swimming lessons for youth and lifeguards for our swim area. This year these lessons were led by Viki Downey, Red Cross certified lifeguard. We held **4** sessions with 30 minute lessons. The age groups were for children 4 years to 12 years of age. For the 2011 season, we had a total of **317** children sign up and participate. In addition to Viki, we hired **4** swimming instructors and life guards for the season.

Fishing Class

A fishing 101 class was offered by Anton Jones this past Spring. A total of 10 children participated.

Best Picture Contest

Hershel Joyner was awarded the grand prize taken at Wapato Lake Campground.

Lake Chelan Swim

Our first annual event with the purpose of raising money to offer free swim lessons to children throughout the valley. The course started at Willow Point Park and finishes at Manson Bay Park. This year we had 30+ participants and expect more next year.

Marshmallow Gun

A total of 31 children participated. Kids learned how to shoot marshmallows out of PVC pipe. Lessoned learned, do this class outside.

Fire Safety

A total of 28 participants. This class was offered and held at the Fire Station and emphasized safety and an overview of fire equipment.

Gardening

This was held at the Parks Conference room and had a total of 14 children. The class included basic gardening skills and the participants started their own nurseries.

Bike Safety

This course was held at the Manson Elementary School. We had 28 sign up and participate. All children went home with a bike helmet.

FINANCIALS

Wapato Lake Manson Parks & Recreation District

Financial Review for January 5th, 2012

Data thru: December 30th, 2011

	2011 BUGDET	2011 REVENUE	2011 EXPENDITURE
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL REVENUE:			
Manson Parks 101	\$ 290,921.00	\$ 340,955.87	
WLC 109	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 62,580.99	
TOTAL:	\$ 346,421.00	\$ 403,536.86	
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL EXPENDITURE:			
Manson Parks 101	\$ 280,424.00	\$ 287,718.99	
WLC 109	\$ 66,607.00	\$ 72,844.08	
TOTAL:	\$ 347,031.00	\$ 360,563.07	
GRAND DIFFERENCE:	\$ (610.00)		\$ 42,973.79
RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS:			
Parks 101	\$ 152,195.00		
WLC 109	\$ 1,000.00		
TOTAL:	\$ 154,195.00		

2012 PRIORITIES

Wapato Lake campground

Continual camper satisfaction for return visits.
Drain field completion.

Manson Bay park

Life guard staff.
Maintenance and care as often as able.

Old Mill park

Maintain features already there, including the trail, automated machine, and facilities.

Willow Point park

Maintenance and care as often as able.

Singleton park

Maintenance and care as often as able.

Manson Bay marina

Customer satisfaction with our Marina.
Ongoing driftwood cleanup.