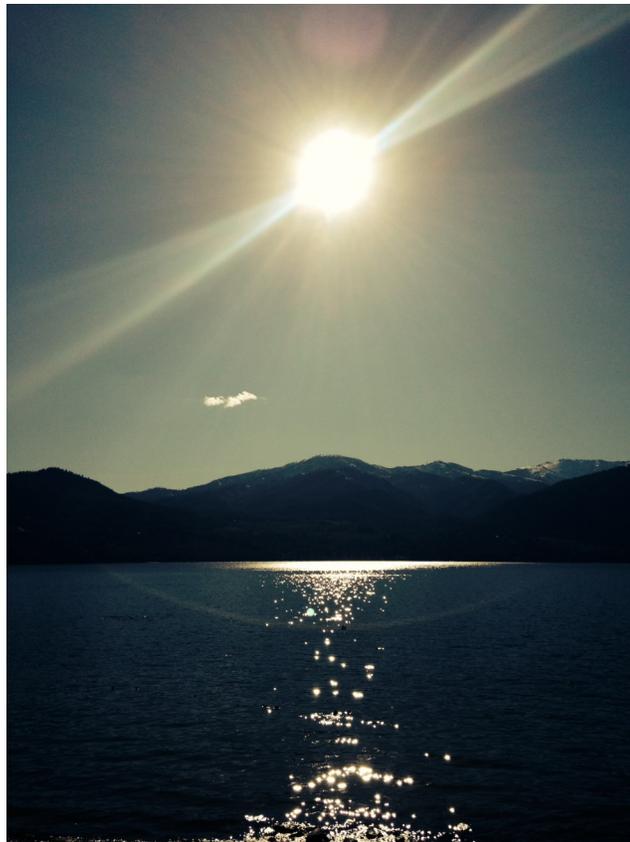




Annual Report



2016

In Parks We Play

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**MANSON PARK & RECREATION
DISTRICT'S
MISSION STATEMENT**

“To provide an exceptional outdoor experience for everyone”.

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Interim Director (beginning 10/14/2016)

Robin Pittman

Interim AAU Coordinator (beginning 10/14/2016)

Erasmus De Jesus

Maintenance

Tony Luna

Maintenance

Cookie Arndt

Campground Host

Viki Downey

Head Lifeguard

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Manson Park and Recreation District's primary goal is to provide park and recreational opportunities for the Manson community and its visitors. There are six primary goals that the Park Board previously adopted. Each goal is supported by objectives.

1) Improve, operate, and maintain parks that serve the people of Manson and Manson's 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.
- *Collaborate with other valley entities.
- *Increase Reserve Account for greater grant potential.

2) Provide diverse recreation and socialization opportunities and programs for the community and its 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.

3) 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 launch facilities.
- *Seek opportunities to provide the public with viewing access to the waterfront by way of trails and viewpoints.
- *Add bike/pedestrian trails.

4) Maintain high standards for maintenance in all District parks.

- *Budget adequately to ensure 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 to help maintain parks.
- *Schedule and supervise employees to make efficient use of time and District resources.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES (cont'd)

5) 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 appropriate.
- *Develop facilities, programs and services that meet fiduciary responsibilities.
- *Stewardship of public funds and facilities.

6) 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 program.
- *Develop a PR program.

PARKS AT A GLANCE

MANSON BAY PARK



Enjoy a picnic at the park or swim in Manson’s protected bay. The park is located within walking distance of the downtown area shops and restaurants. Manson Bay’s swim area is the only facility on Lake Chelan with lifeguards on duty during the summer months.

Manson Bay Swim Area Amenities:

- Pier with ladders for water access
- Designated swim area with lifeguards
- Red Cross accredited Lifeguards (seasonal)
- Restrooms & benches
- Shaded grassy area
- Three (3) Day Use docks for boaters
- Free swim lessons

A total of 467 students received free swim lessons in 2016.

PARKS AT A GLANCE (cont'd)

OLD SWIM HOLE



The Old Swim Hole is a dog-friendly swim park. The fenced perimeter makes this a great place for you and your pooch to enjoy a day at the lake.

Old Swim Hole Amenities:

- Grassy area
- Dog-friendly off-leash park
- Water faucet
- Doggie clean-up station with bags & garbage can
- Outhouse
- Water access from seawall (no beach during summer months)

PARKS AT A GLANCE (cont'd)

MANSON BAY MARINA



Our 32-slip marina offers basic slips as well as slips with water and electricity. Walk from your boat to downtown Manson's restaurants, shops, and Manson Bay Park.

Marina Amenities:

- Slips available with water and electricity
- October to mid-April, limited winter moorage is available at a discounted rate
- Restroom and shower facilities available nearby (at Park office)
- Public pump out station available April through October

Manson Bay Marina's occupancy for 2016 was at 3,542. That's out of 32 slips with a possible combined occupancy of 9,719 days!

PARKS AT A GLANCE (cont'd)

OLD MILL PARK



This 20-acre park is known as one of the best launch facilities on Lake Chelan. Its Day Use park is a great place to relax and have a lake-side picnic. This User Fee facility also allows visitors to park their vehicles and/or trailers for up to 7 consecutive days while they venture up lake.

Old Mill Boat Launch Amenities:

- 4-lane boat launch
- 123 boat and trailer parking sites
- Fish cleaning station
- Public restrooms
- Grassy area with plenty of shade trees
- Picnic tables and barbecues
- Day use dock with a public pump out station (no cost to boaters; available April-October)
- Automated pay station during peak season for easy payment
- Year-round use—plowed in the winter

PARKS AT A GLANCE (cont'd)

WAPATO LAKE CAMPGROUND



Wapato Lake Campground is a small, family friendly campground located on the shores of Wapato Lake. This campground offers 25 RV sites with full electrical hookups and water, as well as 15 tent sites.

Campground Amenities:

- On-site host
- 30 amp and 50 amp RV sites with water hookups
- Picnic tables & swimming area.
- Restrooms with pay showers
- Dump station (user fee applies)
- Adjoining public boat launch with parking, dock, and gazebo
- Campfire pits

*Tent site occupancy was 814 ; RV site occupancy was 1,220.
The grand total came to 2,034 out of a potential 8,110.*

PARKS AT A GLANCE (cont'd)

WILLOW POINT PARK



Willow Point Park is a 2-acre hillside park on the north shore of Lake Chelan. Visitors can enjoy the beauty of Lake Chelan while splashing in its waters or enjoying a picnic lake-side.

Willow Point Park Amenities:

- Designated swim area
- Playground
- Picnic tables and barbeques
- Large grass area
- Mature shade trees

PARKS AT A GLANCE (cont'd)

SINGLETON PARK



Singleton Park is located just one mile east of downtown Manson. With its ball fields, playground, and outdoor basketball/racquetball court, this park is designed for the recreation enthusiast! This park gets plenty of use from Spring through Fall.

Singleton Park Amenities:

- Softball, baseball and t-ball fields
- Soccer field
- Basketball/racquetball court
- Large open grassy areas
- Playground equipment
- Restrooms
- Large gazebo (for reservations, contact the Park office)
- Ample parking

PROGRAMS

AAU

We had a lot of fun throughout our various AAU programs. A combined total of 261 children participated in basketball, baseball, softball, t-ball, and soccer. Baseball, softball and t-ball drew 75 participants. Soccer had 95 and basketball had 91.

Swim Lessons

Each year, Manson Parks provides swimming lessons at Manson Bay Park. Lessons were provided by Viki Downey, Red Cross Certified Lifeguard. Each session provided 30 minutes of instruction time. Anyone over age 4 was encouraged to participate. A total of 467 people received lessons this year. In spite of the loss of Lifeguard Gary Knowlton, our staff rallied together to help hundreds of people learn to swim.

Annual Egg Hunt

We had a wonderful turnout again this year with our annual Egg Hunt. Twenty lucky winners found a “golden egg” which was redeemable for a fun prize. Prizes included LED lanterns, Camelback water bottles, and tents!

Geocache Treasure Hunt

Locals and visitors alike had a blast participating in the 2016 Manson Parks Geocache Treasure Hunt. Of the participants, 27 turned in their completed Score Card and were entered in the prize drawing. Three winners were drawn at random; each had the choice of a stay at Wapato Lake Campground, an Annual Launch Permit, or a stay at the Manson Bay Marina.

2016 FINANCIALS

Manson Parks & Recreation District

Financial Review for 2016			
	2016 BUDGET	2016 REVENUE	2016 EXPENDITURE
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL REVENUE:			
Manson Parks 101	\$ 331,033.00	\$ 359,490.18	
WLC 109	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 57,829.31	
TOTAL:	\$ 392,033.00	\$ 417,319.49	
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL EXPENDITURE:			
Manson Parks 101	\$ 389,574.00		\$ 322,116.33
WLC 109	\$ 56,750.00		\$ 56,041.29
TOTAL:	\$ 446,324.00		\$ 378,157.62
GRAND DIFFERENCE:	\$ (54,291.00)		\$ 39,161.87
RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS:	\$ 162,810.35		
Parks 101	\$ 1,000.00		
WLC 109	\$ 1,000.00		
TOTAL:	\$ 164,810.35		

2017 PRIORITIES

Wapato Lake Campground

- Continued or improved camper satisfaction
- New temporary/informational signage (Vacancy, No Fires, etc.)
- Improved restroom and facility maintenance
- Restroom facelift, including paint & lighting improvements
- Repairs to both docks

Willow Point Park

- Restroom construction
- Removal of briquette buckets
- New stairs to water
- Additional picnic tables

Manson Bay Park

- Restroom facelift, including paint & lighting
- Move sand back to appropriate heights at stairs
- Work with PUD to fix ceiling leak in the men's restroom
- Replace toilet partitions
- Repair/replace wood benches
- Sidewalk repair (PUD)
- Sign to designate swim area as "Gary Knowlton Memorial Swim Area"

Old Mill Park

- Improved maintenance at restrooms, fish cleaning station, and facilities
- Improved customer relations
- Sidewalk repair near footbridge (PUD)
- LED lighting retrofit
- Reseal footbridge
- New signs where necessary
- Memorial or park feature utilizing Nat Bender's donation

Singleton Park

- Gazebo roof replacement
- Improved turf maintenance
- Improved playground maintenance
- Improved restroom maintenance

2017 PRIORITIES

Manson Bay Marina

- Continued marina guest satisfaction
- Replace pile caps as needed

Old Swim Hole

- Remove debris/ rocks from swim area
- Install drinking faucet

AAU

- Improved communication
- Increased sponsorship
- Improved maintenance and tracking of equipment

Maintenance

- Improve efficiency
- Obtain new maintenance vehicle
- Obtain new maintenance trailer

Office

- Collect & deposit funds more regularly
- Surplus unneeded office equipment
- Improve maintenance/cleaning of restrooms
- Create policies as needed per recommendation of Washington State Auditor

*Thank you to all the supporters of the
Manson Park & Recreation District. We are proud to
serve our community and couldn't do it without the help
of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and
community!*



Picture taken by Lifeguard Viki Downey