

Si View Metro Parks

2021 Year in Review

Si View Metro Parks, a public park and recreation agency serving Snoqualmie Valley, strives to enhance quality of life for local residents through recreation programs and parks. With strong community support, 2021 provided opportunities for rebuilding recreation programs for a growing community in the shadow of a pandemic, renovating and developing new recreation amenities, and reviewing community priorities for future direction of recreation services.

2021 Program Highlights

Si View Pool re-opened March 1st and by June group lessons were in full swing. The pool's learn to swim programs are highly popular and essential in a community surrounded by rivers.

Si View School Year care program never missed a beat, providing K-5 child-care during remote learning days, hybrid models and full in-person school days. By Fall semester both, the before and after school program, were full at Si View community center.

Interest in **pickleball** skyrocketed! Indoor and outdoor leagues, drop-in play, net rentals - this sport has landed in the Valley and built a strong following by adults and seniors.

Food trucks became a familiar site at Si View Park adding to the visitor experience. All our parks saw an increase in visitors enjoying picnic shelters, walking trails, playgrounds, sports fields and other amenities.

Interest in **outdoor recreation programs** exploded. Participation in camps, mountain biking classes, and outdoor team sports were all at or above pre-pandemic levels. With creative planning and extensive safety measures these programs provided much needed opportunities for social connections, active learning and play.

Free community events such as the Summer Concerts, Family Fun Days, Outdoor Movies and Holiday Bazaar brought the community together to celebrate the seasons, discover new places and meet new neighbors. These events also supported local businesses from agriculture to artisans, and highlighted many local non-profit causes.

The Farmers Market played a critical role in supporting food access programs including SNAP, EBT, Pandemic-EBT, WIC and Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program, improving access to fresh fruits and vegetables all summer long.

Community volunteers stepped up to support our programs in more ways we could have hoped for benefitting youth sports coaching, special events logistics, youth council led community service projects, and stewardship projects.

17,000

Residents in District boundaries

42,000

Residents in service area

900

Acreage of parklands managed

118,728

Participations in activities

2,109

Programs and activities offered



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2021 Operational and Project Highlights

Pandemic operation plans ensured the safest possible environment for staff, participants, and volunteers. Community health continues to be a top priority in all our practices with consistently following applicable guidelines.

District's bond rating was re-affirmed at "AA", a great accomplishment for the District and its taxpayers. This rating reflects the District's strong financial policies and practices in place for the benefit of our citizens. The higher the rating, the lower the interest cost.

Recreation Program Plan, a first for the District, was completed, with extensive input from the community. The Plan provides strategies and direction for future public recreation programming to meet the needs of the growing community.

Stewardship projects were possible thanks to generosity of community members. These included installation of the *first EV charging station* at Si View Park, a *work party* to care for the pump track at Torguson Park, and a *community celebration* at Torguson Skatepark.

Future public aquatic center planning steps included public outreach to confirm community priorities, application for external funding support from a King County grant program, updating the project cost estimate, and conducting a traffic analysis for the proposed project site.

Torguson Skatepark renovation: The design offers endless entertainment and challenges for all ages and skill levels on skateboards, scooters and BMX bikes with a nearly doubled footprint.

Cricket pitch installation: The fields at Tollgate Park can now be used for regulation cricket. Clay pitches were installed with funding support from American Cricket Enterprises Inc. and the Willow Cricket Academy.

Tollgate Farm agricultural infrastructure project: Construction is now in progress for a new barn, improved entrance, and infrastructure to support farming and educational programs.

Tennant Trailhead Park phase I trail system design: With trails for mountain biking and hiking as well as a picnic area and viewpoints, this trail system is focused on family use. Trails are easy and short enough for absolute beginners yet provide progression through a future connection to the Raging River system for some truly epic riding experiences.

Si View Park north entrance and maintenance shop design: This project will provide much needed space for District equipment to maintain the growing parks inventory and enhance overall visitor experience when entering the park with realignment of the entrance trail.

Parkland acquisitions: Parcels along South Fork Levee and along Park Street in North Bend were secured with funding from the 2018 Connect and Protect Bond to support future recreation amenities and trail connectivity.

\$783K

Invested in capital projects

\$241K

Grants received for projects/programs

\$3,839

Financial need based scholarships awarded

25

Full-time equivalent jobs in District

941

Youth summer campers

2,438

Learn to swim program participants



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