

2023 Programs in Review

Si View Metro Parks

For 20 years, Si View Metro Parks has contributed to a healthy, vibrant Snoqualmie Valley community. As a public park and recreation agency, the District's core mission is to enhance quality of life for all residents through recreation programs and parks. Our main campus is located in the heart of North Bend at Si View Park. With a historic Community Center, indoor pool, multiuse sports fields, picnic shelter and playgrounds, it is the primary recreational facility serving as the social, cultural and educational hub for our community. Through partnerships and cooperative arrangements, we actively manage, operate and schedule hundreds of acres of parks, trails and open space supporting a range of active and passive recreation experiences.

Agricultural Programs fully launched at Tollgate Farm Park! Have you ever snuggled with a piglet or taken a goat for a walk? All this and more is possible through our farm-based programs that offer hands-on learning opportunities. U-pick sunflower fields were glorious in late Summer and a popular photo location for many visitors.

Introductory Outdoor Recreation programs took participants outside to play - hiking, mountain and gravel biking, disc golfing and rock climbing. These recreation courses are intended to build strong foundational skills for lifelong appreciation of the outdoors.

Pickleball popularity is still rising. Indoors, outdoors, in open gym format, skill development classes, recreational and competitive leagues and tournaments, we tried it all! Together, young and older players surprised us with the level of interest for programming. Needless to say, court use was maximized and schedules juggled to accommodate all users.

Meaningful **Teen Programs** are key for healthy youth development. In partnership with KCLS, the *Si View Youth Council* was active volunteering at community events, organizing food and clothing drives benefitting local families, and participating in the county's sub-area planning process providing youth perspective.

Youth recreation basketball kept kids active through our long, wet, winter season. In partnership with the local school district for gym space, league play was available to K-12 graders. With expansion of the season, a record number of 1,285 players participated.

Si View Pool has been in service for 85 years. Despite its aging infrastructure, it continued to provide access to life-saving aquatic programs. Demand for swim lessons was at an all-time high resulting in extensive waitlists. To ensure District resident have access to aquatic programs, a resident priority registration policy was implemented late in the year.

Once again, Si View hosted some of the best **community events**, including the Farmers Market & Thursday Summer Concerts, Food Trucks, Outdoor Movies, Harvest Festival, and Holiday Bazaar. These events build community and provide opportunities for civic engagement, supporting a strong local economy. Many events received financial support from grants, sponsorships and donations.

39,500

Area residents

17,000

Residents within
District boundary

185,815

Registration based
activity visits

2,409

Activities offered

20%

Annual program
revenue growth



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2023 Projects in Review

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Following years of planning, celebrating the completion of the Tollgate Farmstead improvements is certainly one of the key highlights of 2023. Operations team saw a change in management duties with Meadowbrook Farm operations transferred to Si View following a new agreement with the cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie. The biggest challenge we experienced is the narrowly rejected capital bond proposal for a aquatic facility, leaving the community without a long-term solution for public aquatic services. Looking ahead to 2024, the District's Comprehensive Plan will be updated and community needs assessed, implementation of South Fork Landing Master Plan will launch with designing a phased development plan, construction of a multi-use trail from Tennant Trailhead Park to Raging River will break ground in partnership with DNR, and the new administration building moves to construction phase.

Planning for a **future community pool** was our top priority. Capital measure to fund design and construction of a new facility narrowly missed the required 60% super majority in November. Without full funding to move forward, the District has returned a \$4 million grant award to King County. This was a significant loss to our community as this level of external funding is extremely rare opportunity. The future of the pool is uncertain, after 85 years in service every mechanical component is at or beyond its useful lifespan. Our intent is to continue to operate the aging pool as long as it is sustainable to do so.

Tollgate Farm Park: Grand opening celebration took place in June following completion of a newly constructed barn! The site is uniquely suited to connect the community with food through farm-based experimental learning opportunities including vegetable farming and growing small livestock, u-pick opportunities, and educational programming. The project was recognized by Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust in the annual Parade of Accomplishments for enhancing the National Heritage Area, and received King County's John D. Spellman Award commending Si View's efforts to revitalize the Tollgate Farm site for use by local agricultural producers and the community by restoring the historic house and rebuilding the barn.

Tennant Trailhead Park: This multi-year project to develop a local trail system for biking and hiking progressed significantly in 2023 with grand opening plans in place for Spring of 2024. In collaboration with partners, this project provides trails that are intended for beginners and intermediate riders. In the future, trails will connect to the regional Raging River system for more advanced trails.

Meadowbrook Prairie Loop Trail: Together with partners, grant funding was secured to develop pedestrian trails connecting to Snoqualmie Middle School and completing a loop trail around Meadowbrook Farm. Design work has been completed and construction is planned for 2024.

Grant funding was secured to begin **implementation of South Fork Landing master plan**. Designs will be developed for a new park entrance and parking area, adventure playground, and a trail system within the park. These amenities will greatly improve recreation opportunities in an underserved area of the District. Planning and design work also continued on the District **Administrative Building, East Si View Park Entrance**, and the **Edgewick Community Connector Trail**.

\$1.3M

Invested in capital projects

\$1.04M

Grants secured for future projects

900

Acres of green space in Si View's care

17,300

Acres within District boundary

31

Full-time equivalent jobs in District



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