



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

2018 / 1st Quarter

OUR MISSION...

Friends of the Morton Parks was organized to promote the interests of the community of Morton, foster community stewardship and pride by enlisting volunteers, promote the social, cultural and recreational well-being of the City's residents and visitors, lessen the burdens of the City of Morton in maintaining, operating, enhancing and improving the City of Morton parks and recreational facilities, through the realization of projects and programs which support its cultural and charitable pursuits.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Last year, Friends of the Morton Parks (FOMP) operated the Farmers Market on an idea that blossomed throughout the summer. FOMP hosted a couple of movie nights. In November FOMP put on the Holiday Bazaar. With no budget and limited experience, we managed to pull it off. We couldn't have done it without the volunteers and the businesses who stepped up and assisted us with meeting our goals. So here we are – three months into 2018 and we have made some big strides.

We are official! Yep, we are incorporated as a Washington state non-profit and though not recognized as a federal 501(c)(3), that is our next objective. We will keep working on that while we actively recruit members. To thank those who have made the commitment and to welcome those who might we are putting on a Spaghetti Dinner / Fundraiser on April 14th. We have also planned our projects and activities for 2018 year.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Farmers Market will open on May 12th. More vendors are needed, but applications are already arriving. The dates and times were changed to meet the requests of the vendors who wanted longer hours. The early opener will allow vendors to sell starter plants for local gardens. There is a Facebook page located at facebook.com/mortonfarmersmarket/ where more information can be found about the market. This is where information can be found or 'how do I sell at the market'. There is also a way to ask a question.

Movies in the Park will be happening again this year. Dates are yet to be determined. There has also been some discussion about doing music in the park. If you are a musician or know of someone who might be interested in performing in the park, please reach out to us.

The FOMP 2nd annual Holiday Bazaar will once again be a project that we will hosted at the Lyle Community Building for our town and our vendors. We don't anticipate any changes being implemented as last year seemed to go very well. We asked the vendors what they liked and didn't like and most of the comments were very supportive. One common comment that will likely bring about one change is that our tables were too small. We will likely allow the vendors to bring their own tables and if they wish to rent tables from us they will be able to do so at a nominal fee.

We would like to partner with other groups on their projects and activities provided they are consistent with our overall mission.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. In addition, committees meet on a regular basis. You can find the meeting schedule on the FOMP Facebook page at facebook.com/FOMPWA/. All meetings are open to the public and are a great way to get involved with your community and help pave the future we want to have.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

-- Unknown

WHY WE NEED MEMBERS

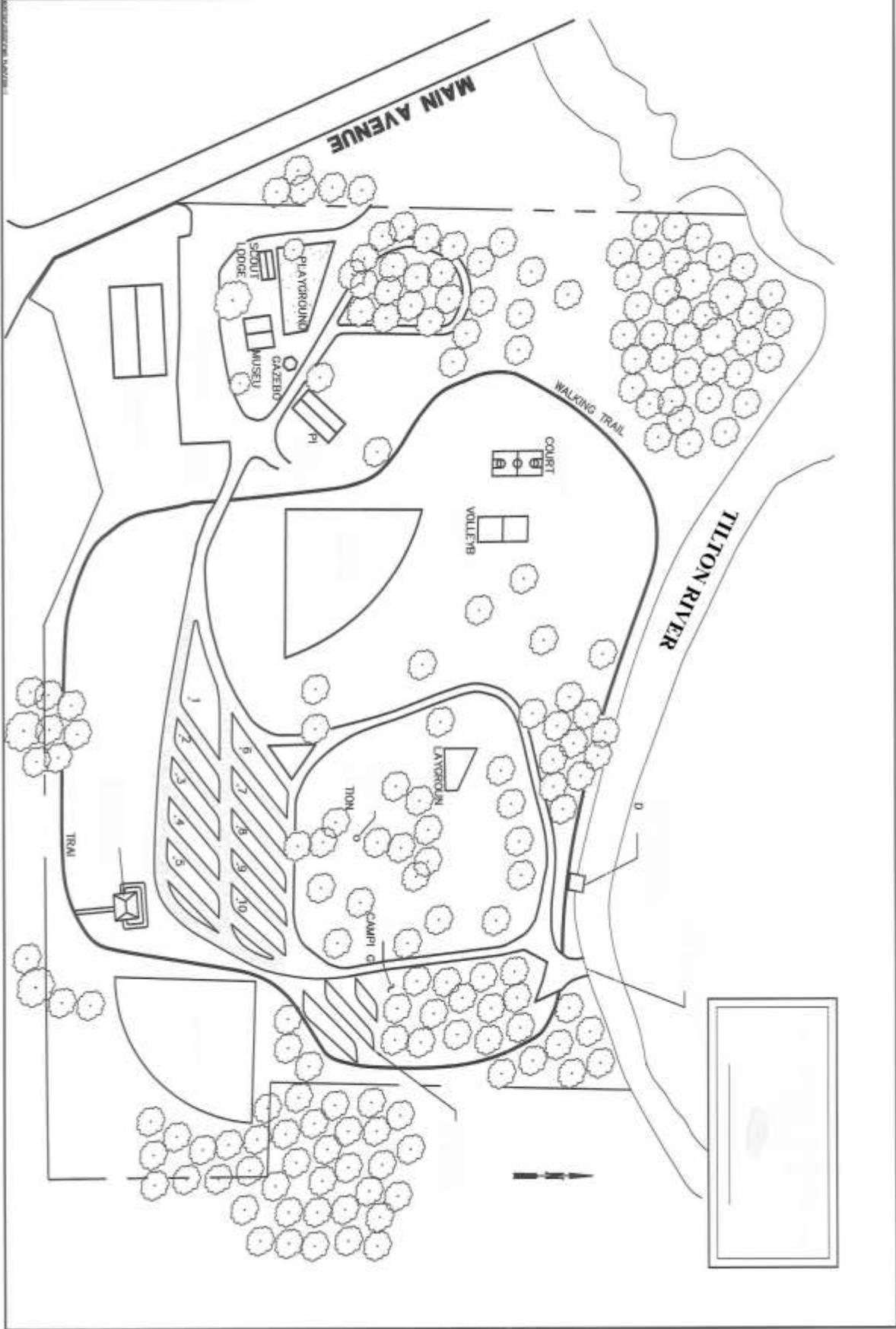
FOMP is looking to recruit members to help us improve the quality of life for our friends, for our neighbors and for our visitors by improving the parks and our recreational facilities. With major city projects including the water plant, the sewer treatment facility and other key infrastructure projects - the City doesn't have the funding or the manpower to make our parks all that we would like them to be. If we join together, we can make it happen and we have the City's blessing to do so.

Join us! Become a FOMP member and let's begin making things happen. Membership is inexpensive and every dollar raised goes to funding projects and activities. No FOMP officer or member receives any compensation above the satisfaction of perhaps getting dirty working on a project, making things happen beside friends and family, being a part of something good, and of course making a difference.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The map to the left shows an illustration from the Comprehensive Plan for the City parks. This document is outdated but the illustration details several improvements: things like additional pull through RV spots, recreational courts and a walking trail. The city council has been discussing ways to make this trail happen for quite some time as this was one of the top improvements requested by the residents. The trail project is a perfect opportunity for FOMP members to get involved. We can provide the manpower to get the trail built. Though we don't know yet how it will be surfaced, we have the ability to guide that decision and raise the funds necessary to set it in motion. In fact, the power to raise the funds for all of the improvements is within our grasp. We just need to make the commitment. Our labor and our dollars can be leveraged to get even more dollars from grants. The infrastructure for campers (water and power) needs to be upgraded, bathrooms need repairs, and there is a plan to move the Visitor Center into the park. The conceptual drawing above will likely change, but we can influence and help make all of these things happen. Without FOMP it will be an uphill battle that the City may not win no matter how much it wishes. It is time we make this community the type of community we want to live in.

Figure 1 Backstrom Park Improvements (conceptual)



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

- 3 FARMERS MARKET MTG 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 9 ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS MEETING 6PM RIVERS COFFEHOUSE
- 12 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 6PM RIVERS COFFEHOUSE
- 14 SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER 5:30 LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 17 BOARD MEETING 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

MAY

- 1 FARMERS MARKET MTG 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 10 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 6PM RIVERS COFFEHOUSE
- 12 FARMERS MARKET 10AM – 3PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 14 ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS MTG 6PM RIVERS COFFEHOUSE
- 15 BOARD MEETING 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 19 FARMERS MARKET 10AM – 3PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 26 FARMERS MARKET 10AM – 3PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

JUNE

- 2 FARMERS MARKET 10AM – 3PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 5 FARMERS MARKET MTG 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 9 FARMERS MARKET 10AM – 3PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 11 ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS MTG 6PM RIVERS COFFEHOUSE
- 14 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 6PM RIVERS COFFEHOUSE
- 16 FARMERS MARKET 10AM – 3PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 19 BOARD MEETING 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 23 FARMERS MARKET 10AM – 3PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 30 FARMERS MARKET 10AM – 3PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING



Member Registration and Agreement

The mission of the Friends of the Morton Parks is to promote the interests of the community of Morton, foster community stewardship and pride by enlisting volunteers, promote the social, cultural and recreational well-being of the City's residents and visitors, lessen the burdens of the City of Morton in maintaining, operating, enhancing and improving the City of Morton parks and recreational facilities, through the realization of projects and programs which support its cultural and charitable pursuits.

Name _____ E-mail Address _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____
Phone _____

Do you have a valid state issued driver license? Yes No State? _____

Do you have a valid first aid card? Yes No Expiration Date _____

As a member of the Friends of Morton Parks (FOMP) I agree to the following,

- The membership is a vital component of the organization and I will volunteer my services to help (FOMP) achieve its mission.
- Compensation is found in the satisfaction of working with others to achieve the FOMP mission and wages will not be received for work accomplished.
- The board decides on the activities that the organization will conduct in any given year. I will not conduct activities not approved by the board.
- Proper recordkeeping is essential to the organizations fundraising / grant endeavors. I will submit a time sheet for each month I assist with FOMP projects and activities.
- I will adhere to all FOMP policies, respect others, conduct myself in a professional, ethical and nondiscriminatory manner.
- I will perform all activities safely and not accept any assignment for which I feel I am not adequately prepared.
- I will assume all risks related to my assignment. I waive all claims for personal injuries or damage to property against FOMP and its officers. I will hold FOMP harmless from all claims and liabilities arising out of my participation with FOMP.

Membership Type (Check all that apply) \$10.00 Individual \$25.00 Family Addt'l Donation _____

Membership dues and donations go towards funding projects and activities. Donations may be tax deductible. Board members are selected by the membership and any member in good standing may be nominated and elected to a board position. Membership includes dinner during the annual meeting in January. Please sign the membership agreement below and submit the agreement along with your check for the amount selected above to...

Friends of the Morton Parks, PO BOX 173, Morton WA 98356.

Signature (Parent / Guardian if under 18)

Date Signed



YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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