



WHATS HAPPENING?

2018 / 2nd 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

Six months into 2018 and we are off to a great start. The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser was a success. We served over 80 dinners and had approximately 100 people attend. We picked up several new members and our ranks now number thirty-five. Entertainment provided by the Scogin family packed the room and was standing room only.

We had our first Hanging Flower Basket sales event. This activity was conducted by the Chamber of Commerce in the past so was not on our radar. However, the Chamber chose not to sell baskets this year and when people started asking questions and wanting baskets we picked up the reins. We quickly organized, contacted the nursery and sold 150 baskets. Fertilizer is still available and can be purchased at Security State Bank.

We assisted in cleaning up Jubilee Park and helped The Morton Coop preschool with their annual Easter egg hunt and hosted a project for the first annual City Cleanup sponsored by the Morton Police Department and Reserve Police Association. The latter is still a work in progress as we removed the weedy bark from in front of the Lyle Building. We still must replace the bark with something – it looks like rock will likely be the choice.

The second year of the Farmers Market is off to a great start. We opened earlier this year, so vendors could among other things sell plant and vegetable starts. The season started with only two vendors, but the vendor numbers have increased as the weather has warmed, and gardens have begun producing. I encourage you to support our market. Vendors need to know that we will support them, so they have an incentive to make our market home.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Farmer's Market, we have four "Movie Under the Stars" events planned. The movies and dates will be "Spiderman Homecoming" on July 21; "The Sandlot" on Aug. 4; "Kong Skull Island" on Aug. 18; and "Star Wars Rogue One" on Sept. 1. In keeping with our mission of improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors, the movies will be free -- just bring your own blanket. We will also have concessions for purchase. 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 is planned for November 16 & 17 and will again be held at the Lyle Community Building. 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. Also, there were a few suggestions to include Sunday as well.

In October, we will be conducting a Paint your Pumpkin activity. Children will be provided art supplies and a pumpkin which they will be able to paint however they feel inspired. Pumpkin plants are in the ground growing and I am already beginning to see flower ovaries forming on the pumpkin plants.

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



Photo 1 Ovary (baby pumpkin)

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 website page at <https://fompwa.wixsite.com/home>. 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 you to help us improve the quality of life for our friends, our neighbors, and for our visitors by improving our parks and recreational facilities. With major city projects that include 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. We have the City's blessing and if you join us we can make it happen.

Become a FOMP member today and let's begin making things happen. Membership is affordable and every dollar raised goes to getting dirty working on a project, making improvements along side our friends and family. Being a part of FOMP will help us make a difference our community and together build something we can all be proud of. Join Us!

Friends of the Morton Parks
Presents

Movies Under the Stars



Free outdoor movies shown on a large screen. Lawn seating so bring a blanket. Concessions Available



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

- 7 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 7 MPD RESERVE ASSOC. YOUTH CENTER NIGHT 4PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 14 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 17 BOARD MEETING 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 21 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 21 MOVIES UNDER THE STARS / BACKSTROM PARK / DUSK
- 28 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

AUGUST

- 4 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 4 MOVIES UNDER THE STARS / BACKSTROM PARK / DUSK
- 10-12 JUBILEE WEEKEND / LAWNMOWER RACES / LOGGING SHOW / PARADE & MORE
- 18 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 18 MOVIES UNDER THE STARS / BACKSTROM PARK / DUSK
- 21 BOARD MEETING 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 25 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

SEPTEMBER

- 1 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 1 MOVIES UNDER THE STARS / BACKSTROM PARK / DUSK
- 8 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 15 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 18 BOARD MEETING 6PM LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 22 FARMERS MARKET (10AM – 3PM) / LYLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 29 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 Add'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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