

- **Kudos to Riverfront Park SkyRide Staff.**

On July 16th a group of vets in Spokane for the 29th National Veterans Wheelchair Games was in Riverfront Park and decided to go see the SkyRide, assuming they would not be able to ride but just wanted to see what it was. When they got there, the staff working lifted all of them who wanted to ride into the gondola cars, so each of them got to actually experience the SkyRide. From what was observed, they were all beyond words when the ride was over. This was reported to us by Karen Montague who is a travel counselor with the Spokane Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau who wrote to say, "Way to Go Riverfront Park!"

The Riverfront Park staff working the SkyRide that day included: Paul Lee, Shane Fender, Morgen Miller & Michelle Whipple. On behalf of the Park Board we thank those employees for their exemplary service in going above and beyond their regular duties.

- **It was Happy 100th Birthday for the Carrousel in July.**

The Carrousel's Grand Centennial was celebrated July 18th, the exact date, 100 years ago, that the Carrousel was first put into service. Guests in Riverfront Park celebrated with cake, special pricing on attractions and a plaque dedication with Mayor Mary Verner.

- **Comstock & Hillyard Pools are Now Open**

Ribbon-cuttings and tours were held August 7th for these two new aquatic centers, and then the facilities themselves opened to the public just yesterday (August 12th). Kids and adults throughout the city have been very receptive to the four pools that are now open, including A.M. Cannon, Shadle, Hillyard and Comstock.

- **The 2009 Spokane City Golf Championship will be held August 28th – 30th**

Slots are still available, but going fast as area golfers get ready to play the Spokane Parks and Recreation Golf Division's three Championship Courses: August 28, 29 and 30 at Esmeralda, Downriver and Qualchan respectively.

- **August 22 is Community Appreciation Day for Parks and Recreation.**

Department wide staff members have been busy putting together the second annual Appreciation Day for our customers. This year the event will be held August 22nd in Riverfront Park. Special activities include everything from Wii Bowling on the IMAX screen, snowshoeing, tandem bike rides, and booths staffed by Friends of Manito, Friends of the Moore-Turner Heritage Gardens and the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Urban Forestry committee of the Park Board.

And one quick reminder, the Friends of Manito Fall Plant Sale will be held two weeks earlier than usual this year. Look for it on August 29, from 9 am until 4 pm.