

October 8, 2009 Monthly Highlights: Gary Lawton, President

The **Beacon Hill Recreation Area Trail Map** is now available for purchase. The map has been in development for over three years by the Fat Tire Trail Riders Club and the Beacon Hill Trails Project. The work has been done entirely by volunteers with community support from Washington State University, Spokane Community College, Spokane Parks and Recreation, Spokane County Parks, Avista, and private landowners. The map printing was funded by the National Park Service. The map is available for purchase for \$8 at local bike and outdoor shops, including Mountain Gear, Bike Hub, Bicycle Butler, Wheel Sport East and North Division Bike and Ski. Sales of the map support local trail building, maintenance and advocacy activities.

The **Fall Visual Arts Tour** conducted by the Spokane Arts Commission October 2nd and 3rd featured four of the six new art pieces that have been created for the City's six new Aquatic Centers as part of the Percent for Art Parks Improvement Bond.

Work has begun on **Mirror Pond in Manito Park** to determine how to improve water quality as well as to rehabilitate and stabilize the banks and bottom of the pond. The Friends of Manito (TFM) have committed \$50,000 for the project with \$30,000 of that being used to develop a conceptual plan, cost estimates, geotechnical drawings and evaluate water quality. Work will be done in phases. An additional \$20,000 will pay for construction drawings and oversight of the project. "Mirror Pond" is the historic and official name of the pond.

The first ever **Sekani Trail Run** will be held Saturday, October 17, beginning at 10 am. Included are both a 10K and a 5K run on a 100% dirt trail above the Spokane River with great views of the city and surrounding area. The location is Camp Sekani which means "Children of the Rocks" in Salish. Previously Sekani served as a Boy Scout Camp and is now being renovated with bike trails and features. Proceeds from the event will go to trail and area improvements. Registration deadline is Friday, October 16.

An extensive number of meetings and focus groups have been held as part of the Parks and Recreation Department's **master planning process** called "Road Map to the Future." In addition the consultant conducted several public Community Forums September 28, 29 and 30. That project is moving forward with all expediency and we encourage you to track the progress by going to the Parks and Recreation web site and clicking on the link, "Roadmap to the Future."

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