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## RUNNER REPAIR

Friday, 5:10 pm  
Riverfront Park

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It's late day Friday and Parks and Recreation staff are called out to repair one of the "runners" in David Govedare's Joy of Running Together sculpture in Riverfront Park.

With a bit of grinding and some welding this "runner" is once again good to go, helping ensure all Marmot March and Bloomsday runners have a safe and happy visit to our city and to Riverfront Park.

### About the Artist

David Govedare is the Northwest's most recognized artist for public/outdoor work with many well known installations. He has produced landmark pieces such as the Bloomsday runners in downtown Spokane, as well as the wild horse sculptures overlooking the Columbia River at Vantage,

WA. This corten steel sculpture depicts runners of all kinds. It celebrates the Spokane tradition of Bloomsday, the largest timed road running race in the world.



The race is held the first Sunday in May ever since the first "Bloomsday Run" in 1977. The course is 12 kilometers or 7.46 miles



### **About Parks and Recreation**

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory, the many city-wide gardens, and Finch Arboretum. Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit [www.spokaneparks.org](http://www.spokaneparks.org)

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