

# Lake Goodwin Park Playground Re-dedication October 27, 2010

Community members, Parks staff, County Executive Aaron Reardon and Councilman John Koster re-dedicated the burned out Lake Goodwin playground Oct. 27



From left: Hal Gausman, Chris Wright, Sharon Swan, Carla Kneeland, Gayle Moffett, Gary Moffett, Aaron Reardon, Doug Nelson, John Koster, Peter Camp, Cindy Laybourn, Mike Wright, Larry Nelson, Jacob Kuehn, Regis Swanson, Krista Longspaugh, Tom Teigen

Marysville Firefighters  
Jason Kuehn, Krista Longspaugh, Capt. Larry Nelson pose on fire truck play structure donated by Kompan



Spinner cup donated by Highwire

## What Happened to the Playground?

### Playground Repair Progress:

- As of the week of September 13, 2010, the playground at Lake Goodwin Community Park was reopened, following repairs from arson damage.
- This repair was made possible by donation of the fire engine structure by Kompan, donation of the spinner cup by Highwire and the efforts of our Maintenance staff. Thanks to them for making this happen, even in the peak of fair season.

- The strategy for replacing the playground centered around a short term rebuild using quickly available pieces and donations from Kompan and High Wire Inc., with a long-term strategy of fundraising for replacing the pirate ship
- Community response to the damage was significant, and numerous fund raisers were held, including Tupperware party, Zumba class, community barbeque, concert and others. In addition, donations were received from individuals, the Thasher's Corner Pub & Grill Golf Tournament and the Pam Moffett memorial fund. As of 10/14/10 \$3,380.00 has been collected.
- Funding for short term replacement was provided by the Parks Department from mitigation funds earmarked for Lake Goodwin (\$2,100) as well as additional general improvement dollars.
- Purchasing of parts, structures and installation was approved for sole source by County Executive
- Placement of the replacement playground pieces was completed on 9/3/10 by R and R construction and Parks' Maintenance completed repair of the Minkar piece and removed fencing 9/10/10
- Because estimates for the pirate ship structure are approx. \$35,000 (plus install) and donations have not approached this value, consideration is being made to retain the replaced playground and abandon the idea of replacing the pirate ship
- Investigations into the arson are still on-going with no solid leads at this time

### **The Fire:**

In the early morning hours of Monday, July 26, 2010, an arsonist started a fire within the pirate ship, the largest of the playground structures. By 6:30 a.m., the fire had increased to such a size that it was observed by a passerby and the fire department was called. By the time help arrived, the pirate ship was completely destroyed and the supervova and nearby climbing structure were seriously damaged. An investigation is still on-going to determine who started this fire, and to-date, a perpetrator has not been identified.

Lake Goodwin Community Park Reardon asks community's help in catching arson culprit.

### **Community Response:**

Public concern and support for this loss has been significant and the Snohomish County Parks department has received many offers of help and donation. A number of fundraising events have been planned to support rebuilding the playground. These efforts are greatly valued and will support ultimate restoration of the park playground.

[Neighbors respond after fire at park](#), Everett Herald, 07/28/10

### **Fundraising:**

Fundraising efforts to support replacement of the playground are underway. Several organizations have hosted fundraisers and more are planned to help rebuild the playground. Special thanks to Lake Goodwin Community Club, Silvana Meats, Stanwood Hagen Foods, Stanwood QFC, Thrasher's Corner Pub & Grill Benefit Golf Tournament, Pam Moffett Memorial Fund and residents for their generous donations.

[Arson suspect wanted in Lake Goodwin Park fire](#), Marysville Globe, 07/29/10

[\\$10,000 reward offered in Snohomish County park arson](#), Seattle Times, 07/29/10