

Skate Park clean up set for May 2

SPIRIT LAKE – Spirit Lake’s Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduling monthly workdays beginning Saturday, May 2, to help improve the town’s parks and recreational trails and pathways.

The workdays will be set for the first Saturday of every month with each workday focusing on different projects and areas in need of improvement.

The community is invited to join members of the commission from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, for clean up of the Skate Park. That day the commission will also install a sign at the Skate Park with rules the City Council approved last fall.

The Commission and the City are working together to address ongoing concerns at the Skate Park. The work day effort will focus on cleaning up the Skate Park, posting the new rules and on clearing brush, bushes and tree limbs that obscure the skate park from view and block lighting.

“The City and the Parks and Recreation Commission would like for the Skate Park to stay open,” Mayor Roxy Martin said. “I encourage users of the Skate Park to take ownership in the Skate Park and to participate in the work day planned for May 2.”

Skate Park users who violate the rules may be trespassed from the park for up to a year, Martin said.

In the coming months, the city also plans to install surveillance cameras at the Skate Park to help city officials and the police department better monitor activity at the Skate Park and deter vandalism and other criminal activity.

Proceeds from this year’s Big Back-In Lawnmower Street Drags, set for 11 a.m. Father’s Day, June 21, will be used to purchase the cameras and for other parks projects. Proceeds from past years’ events have benefitted numerous parks projects, including construction of new restrooms at City Park.

For information on future workdays and volunteer opportunities, or The Big Back-In, contact Marc Kroetch at (208) 623-5130 or Taryn Hecker at (208) 661-3891.