

City of Montesano Press Release (6/24/2008)

KELSEY FOUNDATION STARTS BRYAN PARK FUND IN MONTESANO

Charles Caldwell presented a \$5,000 check from the Kelsey Foundation and a \$500 check from the Charles Caldwell family at the Montesano City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 to start up the fundraising effort for Bryan Park in Montesano. He said that Forest Kelsey particularly liked the beautiful east entrance to Montesano through Bryan Park, and it needed to be recreated.

There was no funding provided in the 2008 City Budget for any materials, plants, landscaping or new trees for the park. Mayor Ron Schillinger set the fundraising goal of \$25,000 and had a line-item fund created called the "Bryan Park Fund". The fund balance will stay in the fund from year to year. Bryan Park funding will come in large part by donations. Out of pocket costs will be minimized by City Staff equipment and labor. Parks & Rec Supervisor Mike Bruner is scheduled to have a new landscaping plan for the park created by the end of July.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Bryan Park Fund is encouraged to send a check made out to: Bryan Park Fund, City of Montesano. Donations may be delivered to: City of Montesano, 112 North Main Street, Montesano, WA 98563.