



Mission

Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails. Provide citizens of all age's positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.

Department Update

Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have started the year off strong with recreation use of our park's facilities and athletic fields, as well as scheduled maintenance, park improvements such as landscape winterization and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas.

Some additional projects this month included installing a memorial bench at Lake Tye. Adding more foot room for the music ball at Lewis Street Park and adding the pad for the GameNetic Game Console at Lewis Street Park. Once the concrete cures, the team will be installing the GameNetic.



Left: Memorial bench installation at Lake Tye, Middle: Music ball foot room installation, Right: Concrete pad for GameNetic Game Console

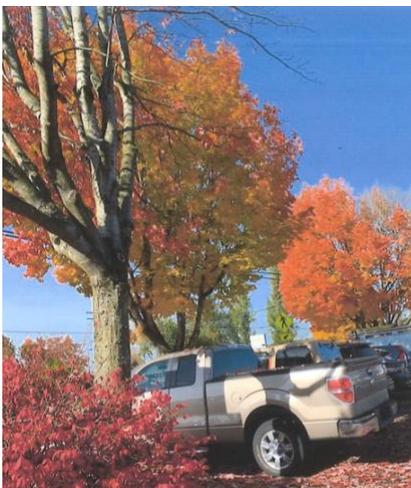
Monroe Park Board

Students and faculty from Western Washington University (WWU) presented their environmental assessment of a temporary trail proposed for the Highway 2 Bypass Corridor to the Park Board during their meeting February 20th. The environmental assessment was completed as a part of their Environmental Studies, ENVS 493 coursework completed December 2019 through the university's Sustainable Communities Program (SCP). The City became a WWU Sustainable Community Partner 2018. We want to extend our appreciation to students Alyssa Leone and Amelia Flores, faculty, Dr. Tammi Laninga and SCP Coordinator, Lindsey McDonald for attending the meeting and providing a thorough overview of their work. Thank you for your hard work and excellent presentation.



WWU Students presented to the February 20th Park Board

The Park Board unanimously supported tree nominated for the City's Heritage Tree Program. Trees nominated were a White Oak gracing a private residence on Blakeley and Maple Tree grove nominated at Evergreen Hospital parking. We are grateful to add these lovely specimens to our Heritage Tree Inventory and thank our participants!



Sound Salmon Solutions Al Borlin Planting

On Tuesday February 11th, a group of ten Sound Salmon Solution volunteers met at Al Borlin Park and planted 100 western red cedar trees and 200 western hemlocks. A special thank you to UW Bothell intern Tetsu and the WA Department of Ecology for funding this project.



Sound Salmon Solutions Volunteers

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Volunteer Day

20+ volunteers from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community came together on February 15th to spread new playground chips at Wales Street Park and Hill Crest Park. They worked together to spread 60 yards of new chips. They were a bit short on chips at Wales Street Park so our Parks Department team returned the following week to spread the remaining chips needed.



Left: Ahmadiyya Muslim Community working hard to spread chips, Right: Mayor Thomas, Parks Department Lead, Mike Thomas and the volunteer group.

City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

In 2017, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department,

any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks. Attached is the comprehensive data from 2017 to preview. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Al Borlin Park, Sky River Park

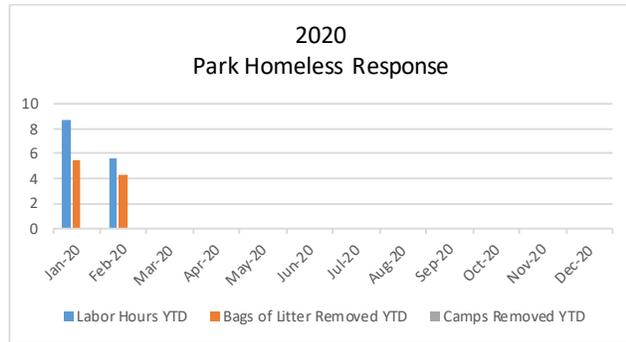
DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
2/12	4.5	4	
2/20	7.5	5	
2/27	5	4	
Avg.	5.67	4.33	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2020

Volunteer Opportunities Join the City of Monroe team by volunteering your talent and time to support City programs, projects and events. Volunteering is an opportunity to learn about Monroe’s diverse community, understand how local government works and connect with other community members. The City offers on-going and one-time event volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering, or seeking additional information, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519.

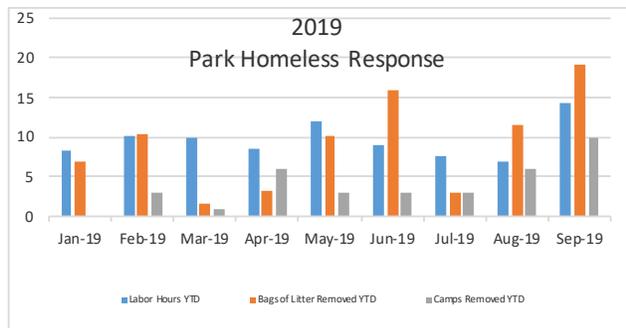
Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.

**2017-2020
Park Homelessness Response**

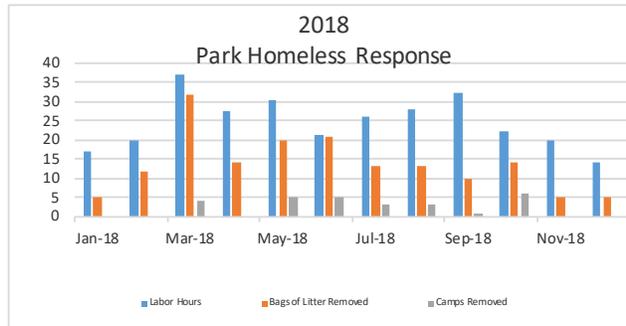
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	8.75	5.5	0
Feb-20	5.67	4.33	0
Mar-20			
Apr-20			
May-20			
Jun-20			
Jul-20			
Aug-20			
Sep-20			
Oct-20			
Nov-20			
Dec-20			
Total 2020	14.42	9.83	0



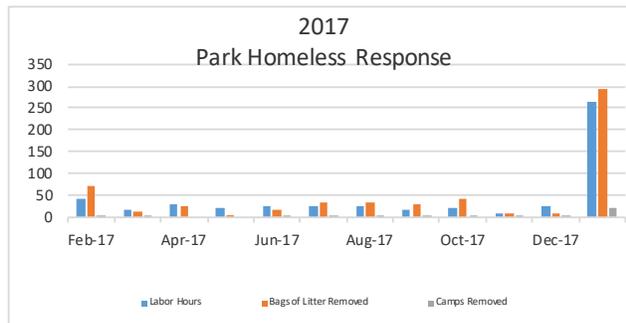
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-19	8.3	7	
Feb-19	10.2	10.3	3
Mar-19	10	1.5	1
Apr-19	8.5	3.25	6
May-19	11.9	10.25	3
Jun-19	9	16	3
Jul-19	7.5	3	3
Aug-19	6.9	11.5	6
Sep-19	14.25	19.25	10
Oct-19	7.3	19.4	6
Nov-19	7.5	0.875	4
Dec-19	7.3	1.2	3
Total 2019	108.65	103.525	48



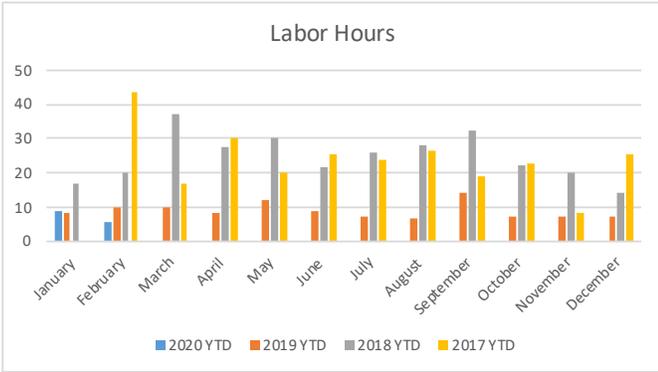
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Jan-18	17	5	0
Feb-18	20	12	0
Mar-18	37	32	4
Apr-18	27.5	14	0
May-18	30.5	20	5
Jun-18	21.5	21	5
Jul-18	26	13	3
Aug-18	28	13	3
Sep-18	32.5	10	1
Oct-18	22.5	14	6
Nov-18	20	5	0
Dec-18	14	5	0
Total 2018	296.5	164	27



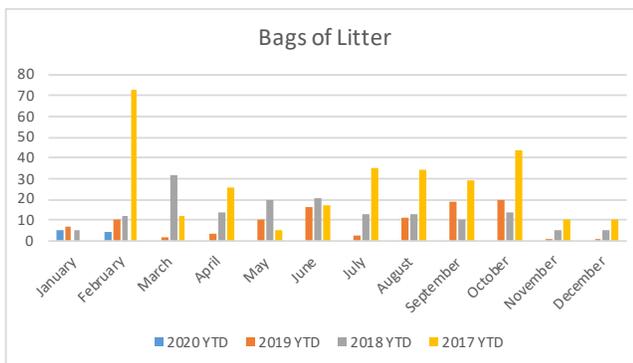
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Feb-17	43.5	72.5	4
Mar-17	17	12	3
Apr-17	30	26	0
May-17	20	5	0
Jun-17	25.5	17	2
Jul-17	24	35	3
Aug-17	26.5	34	3
Sep-17	19	29	2
Oct-17	23	44	1
Nov-17	8.5	10	3
Dec-17	25.5	10	1
Total 2017	262.5	294.5	22



Labor Hours	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	8.75	8.3	17	0
February	5.67	10.2	20	43.5
March		10	37	17
April		8.5	27.5	30
May		11.9	30.5	20
June		9	21.5	25.5
July		7.5	26	24
August		6.9	28	26.5
September	14.25		32.5	19
October	7.3		22.5	23
November		7.5	20	8.5
December		7.3	14	25.5



Bags of Litter Removed	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	5.5	7	5	0
February	4.33	10.3	12	72.5
March		1.5	32	12
April		3.25	14	26
May		10.25	20	5
June		16	21	17
July		3	13	35
August		11.5	13	34
September		19.25	10	29
October		19.4	14	44
November		0.875	5	10
December		1.2	5	10



Camps Removed	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	3	0	4
March		1	4	3
April		6	0	0
May		3	5	0
June		3	5	2
July		3	3	3
August		6	3	3
September		10	1	2
October		6	6	1
November		4	0	3
December		3	0	1

