



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

January, 2020

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 been busy this winter with daily 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.

The Department was also busy during our January snow storm. They worked hard to keep our paths around City Hall clean and safe. They also worked with cleaning up trees and limbs that fell from the weight of the snow in our parks.



Another January task consisted of removing the overgrown Japanese Birch Trees from the Main Street pots and replanting them. 10 of the Birch trees were planted on the east side of Lake Tye while 1 was planted at the 522 roundabout. The 11 new trees that will replace them are Coral Bark Maples. They were donated by Plants Northwest, Inc. out of Redmond and Samantha Idle with the Downtown Monroe Association helped procure them.

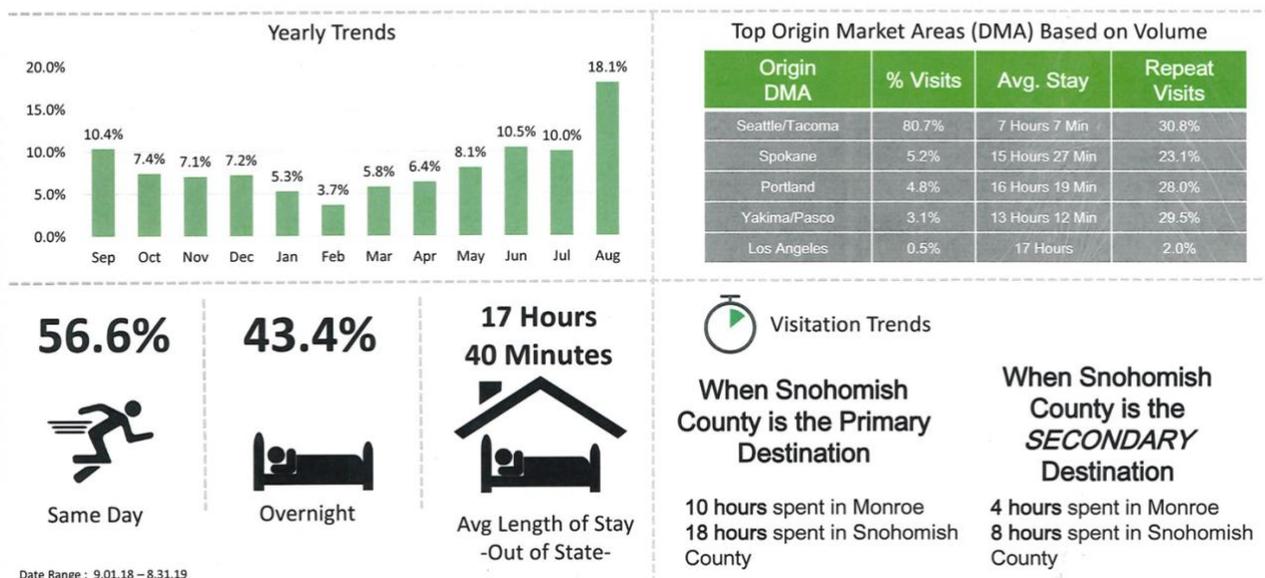


Parks and Recreation members work on planting the new trees in the Main Street pots and transplanting the grown trees at Lake Tye.

Monroe Park Board

During their January meeting, the Monroe Park Board reviewed 'Arrivalist' data compiled by County of Snohomish Tourism, Bureau presented by City Administrator, Deborah Knight. Discussion followed about how the information could be used, the need for city wide music/arts events, and examples of successful city-sponsored venues. The Board also discussed possible improvements for Currie View Neighborhood Park.

Monroe Yearly Visitor Profile – Sep 2018-Aug 2019



Park Planning

The City's landscape architectural consultant, DA Hogan & Associates worked with staff to complete their permitting requirements for the Lake Tye All –Weather Turf Project. Although complete funding for this project has yet to be identified, staff and consultant are completing the development construction plans for a 'shovel-ready' project.

The City's Park Director, Mike Farrell, attended, Mayor Geoffrey Thomas, Councilmember Heather Rousey along with other City staff attended, Advocacy Day, January 23. It was an opportunity to lobby our legislators and have an impact on policy and budget legislation.

Living Christmas Tree Donation

Monroe residents' Amy Martin and Ian Fairweather donated their 7' Douglas Fir Living Christmas tree to Monroe's Parks Department to be planted in a City Park. Their donated tree has been planted at the north end of Lake Tye.



Photo of planted living Christmas tree at the north end of Lake Tye.

Park Flooding

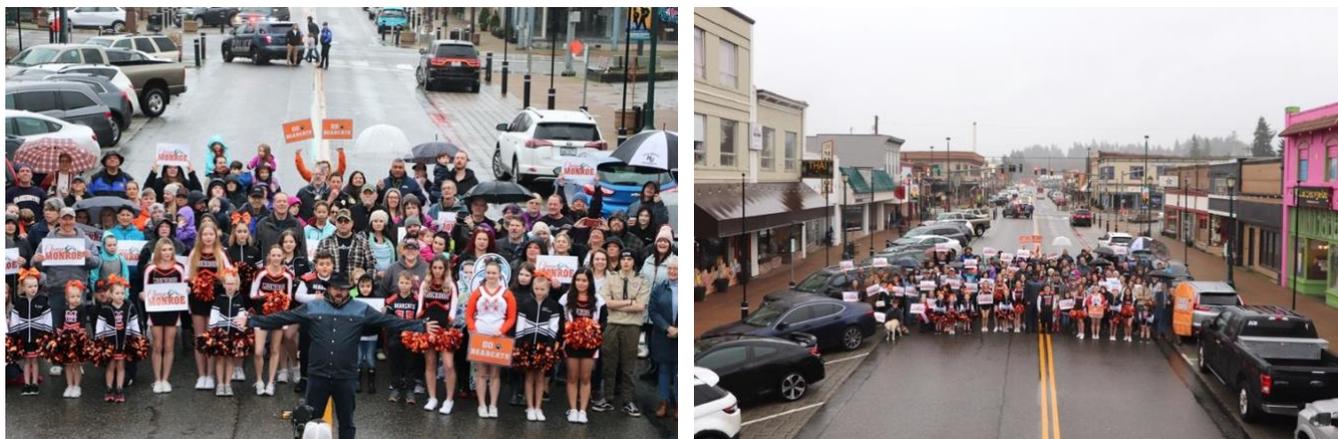
With the amount of rain, we've received the past few weeks our parks experienced significant flooding and closures in January. Al Borlin, Lewis Street and Skykomish River Park were affected. Our Parks and Recreation Department team members worked quickly once the water resided to clean the Skykomish River Park playground from debris.



Left photo: Skykomish River Park Flooding. Right Photo: Lewis Street Park pedestrian bridge walkway.

HGTV Photo Shoot

The City is submitted a video to HGTV for a chance to be featured on their new show, Home Town Takeover; the network's biggest renovation project ever. Our video submission will be focused on historic downtown and the gateway entrances to the area. The video ended with a photo and live video of Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and a large group of community members. You can see the City's video submission on our Facebook page, through last week's Monroe This Week or on our YouTube Channel at [Monroewaparksrec](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKwvXpYpYpYpYpYpYpYpYp).



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and members of our community gather for the HGTV Photo Shoot.

Jayme Biendl 5k Run/Walk

The 9th Annual Jayme Biendl Memorial 5k Run/Walk was a success. There were 309 total registrations. All proceeds from the event are donated to Behind the Badge Foundation at the request of Officer Biendl's family.



Left Photo: The start of the race. Right Photo: Participants look on as Jayme Biendl's father says a few words.

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
1/20	10	4	
1/28	7.5	7	
Avg.	8.75	5.5	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2019

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			
Mar-20			
Apr-20			
May-20			
Jun-20			
Jul-20			
Aug-20			
Sep-20			
Oct-20			
Nov-20			
Dec-20			
Total 2020	8.75	5.5	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



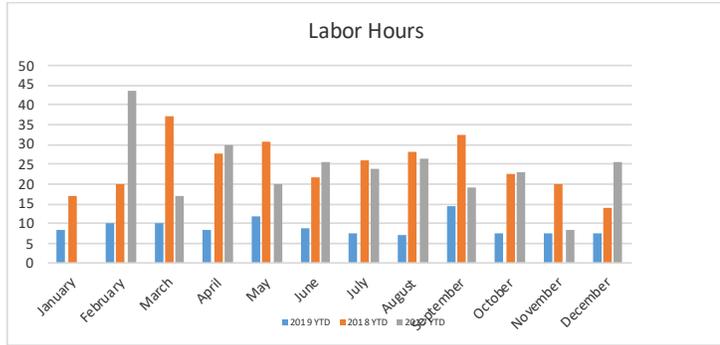
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Jan-18	17	5	0
Feb-18	20	12	0
Mar-18	37	32	4
Apr-18	27.5	14	0
May-18	30.5	20	5
Jun-18	21.5	21	5
Jul-18	26	13	3
Aug-18	28	13	3
Sep-18	32.5	10	1
Oct-18	22.5	14	6
Nov-18	20	5	0
Dec-18	14	5	0
Total 2018	296.5	164	27



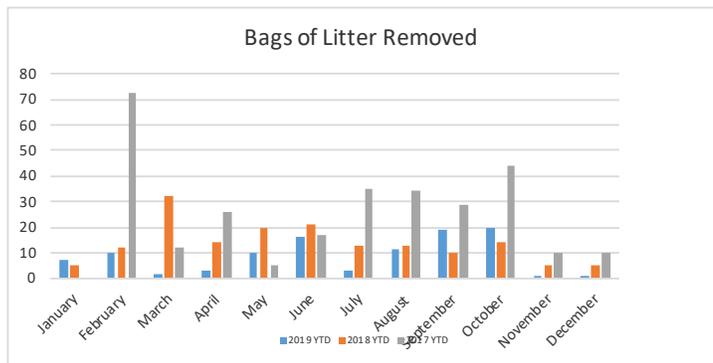
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Feb-17	43.5	72.5	4
Mar-17	17	12	3
Apr-17	30	26	0
May-17	20	5	0
Jun-17	25.5	17	2
Jul-17	24	35	3
Aug-17	26.5	34	3
Sep-17	19	29	2
Oct-17	23	44	1
Nov-17	8.5	10	3
Dec-17	25.5	10	1
Total 2017	262.5	294.5	22



Labor Hours	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	8.75	8.3	17	0
February		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	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		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
February		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

