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## 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.**

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## Department Update

### **Snohomish County Remains in Phase 2**

On June 28, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee extended the pause indefinitely on counties moving ahead in the Safe Start Washington plan resulting in Snohomish County staying in Phase 2. Phase 2 allows for park facilities to be open. These include: Wiggly Field Dog Park, Board and Blade Skate Park, tennis courts, basketball courts, restrooms, playgrounds, covered shelters (up to gathering limit), and sports fields for limited practices in compliance with the Governor's guidelines for sporting activities.

**Phase 2 Re-Openings (EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, 2020; UPDATED October 6, 2020):** tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds, skate park, dog park, restrooms, covered shelters (up to gathering limit), sports fields for organized use in compliance with [Governor's Office Guidance on Sporting Activities Requirements](#)

**Phase 3 Re-Openings:** sports fields for organized use: games & practices, covered shelters (up to gathering limit), special events (up to gathering limit)

**Phase 4 Re-Openings:** special events

### **OCTOBER 6, 2020 GOVERNOR INSLEE ANNOUNCES UPDATES TO SAFE START REOPENING PLAN**

Gov. Jay Inslee today announced several updates to Washington's [Safe Start](#) reopening plan. The changes seek to align guidance and adjustments to regulations of several industries.

#### **Youth/Adult Sports**

These [guidelines](#) will align school related and non-school related sports guidance. Tournaments and crowds are prohibited in counties that aren't in the low-risk category, but these guidelines will allow more school and non-school sports, both indoor and outdoor, according to a combination of

local metrics. These metrics are aligned with state metrics for school opening recommendations. It also provides specific protocols for transportation, group size and facial coverings.

**Outdoor recreation (running/bicycling/etc.)**

These [guidelines](#) will provide protocols for Phases 2 and 3 for races, bicycle tours and rides, runs, cross country skiing races, biathlons, canoe and kayak races, marathons, cross country running competitions, triathlons, and multi-sport competitions with more than 12 participants.

**Water Recreation Facilities**

This [guidance](#) updates the current guidance for water recreational activities and facilities in Modified Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 counties.

To find more information about City Operations during the COVID 19 pandemic visit go [here](#).

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**Operations**

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy in October with recreation use of our park's facilities and athletic fields, as well as scheduled maintenance, cleaning and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas. Replacing fixtures and furnishings are routine and on-going parks tasks. In October, team members installed new dog waste stations in high-trafficked areas in our parks. They also worked this past month cleaning and repairing damage from last month's severe wind storm. Picture is a hazardous tree/limb removal at Sky River Park.



Left: Parks crews removing damaged trees from Sky River Park. Right: new dog waste station signs.

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**Electronic ADA Door-Assist Upgrade to Rotary Field Restrooms**

A contract has been executed with D.H. Pace, Inc. to install electronic ADA door-assists for the restroom doors. This work is anticipated to be completed by the end of November.

### Rotary Field Netting Installation Project

A contract has been executed with All City Fence Company install 200 lineal feet of 20-foot high netting to protect adjacent property parking lot from potential damage to cars from errant balls. The contractor has installed the new fence poles and are awaiting a back order on the new netting. The project is expected to be completed during November.

Citizen Comment: "I would like to thank Mike Farrell for getting the fencing installed at Miracle League field. I did not realize what a big job it was."



Contractors working to install new netting at Rotary Field.

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### Lake Tye Lighted Synthetic Fields Project Update

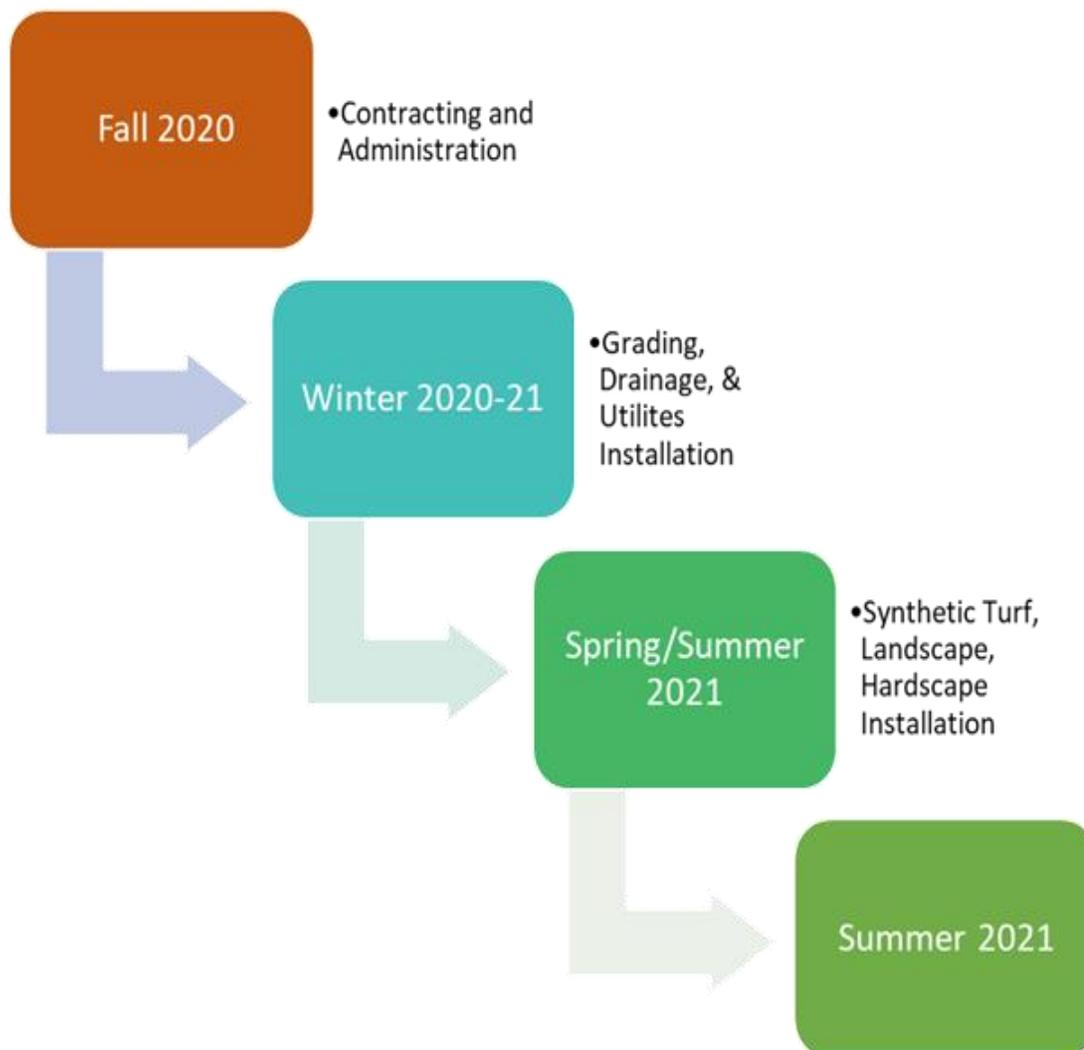
With City Council's approval of the 2020 Budget Amendment, park staff have proceeded with this high-priority project. It will improve the capacity, diversity of use and accessibility of two fields at our signature community park. Changing the fields' surface and adding lights will extend play for more games and practice hours in all types of weather and new seasons throughout the year. Historically, the fields are unusable October through March, and parts of April, May and September due to worn turf degradation, shortened daylight hours during winter, clay infield saturation and poor field drainage from seasonal rain events and the aged drainage system.

The City advertised for construction bids on October 24, with a bid opening scheduled for November 12. A bid award for construction of this project is scheduled for the December 8, 2020 City Council meeting; and the project is targeted to be completed by the end of summer 2021.

A virtual groundbreaking ceremony for this project is tentatively planned for Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 2:00pm. Invitations and announcements will go out at the first week of December.

The project is funded in part with \$1,300,000 in awarded state and county grants. Please visit the City webpage [here](#) for more information and updates about this project.

## Lake Tye Lighted Synthetic Fields Construction Schedule:




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### Monroe Park Board

During its October 15 regular meeting, City Administrator Deborah Knight presented the Monroe City Council's Strategic Priorities to the Board, which were well received. The Board passed a unanimous motion to support the City Council's authorization for the Mayor to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Right of First Refusal to acquire park property in Monroe's North Hill Area. Last, the Board reviewed and passed a unanimous motion to recommend a final design alternative for new wayfinding and park identification signage that was shared with the Economic Development Advisory Board for their consideration at their [October 22 meeting](#) the following week.

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### 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 the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

**Locations: Al Borlin Park**

| DATE        | TOTAL LABOR HOURS | # BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED | NOTES  |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 10/6        | 8                 | 0                          |  |
| 10/13       | 6.5               | 0                          |  |
| 10/20       | 5.5               | 3                          |  |
| 10/27       | 9                 | 2                          |  |
| <b>Avg.</b> | <b>7.25</b>       | <b>1.25</b>                |  |
|             |                   |                            | See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2020 |

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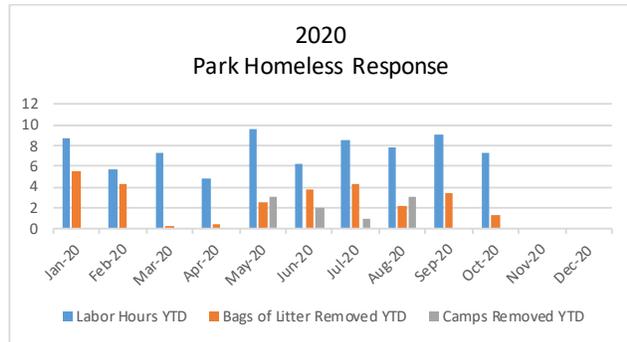
**Volunteer Opportunities**

Due to COVID-19 the City of Monroe’s volunteering has been temporarily suspended. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519.

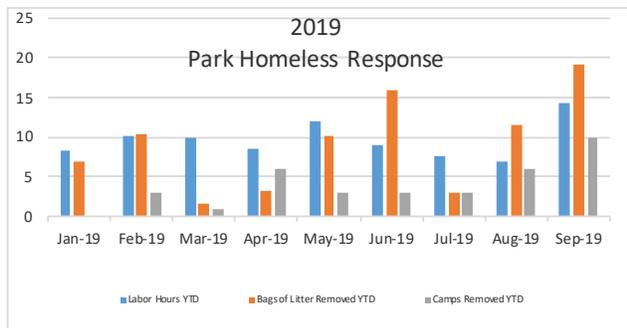
Visit the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programsss and events.

**2017-2020**  
**Park Homelessness Response**

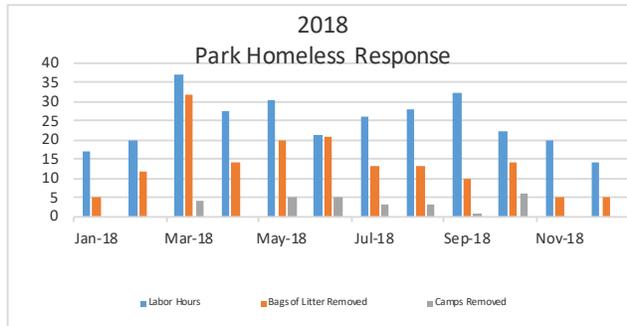
|                   | Labor Hours YTD | Bags of Litter Removed YTD | Camps Removed YTD |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Jan-20            | 8.75            | 5.5                        | 0                 |
| Feb-20            | 5.67            | 4.33                       | 0                 |
| Mar-20            | 7.25            | 0.25                       | 0                 |
| Apr-20            | 4.9             | 0.4                        | 0                 |
| May-20            | 9.625           | 2.5                        | 3                 |
| Jun-20            | 6.25            | 3.75                       | 2                 |
| Jul-20            | 8.5             | 4.25                       | 1                 |
| Aug-20            | 7.875           | 2.25                       | 3                 |
| Sep-20            | 9               | 3.4                        | 0                 |
| Oct-20            | 7.25            | 1.25                       | 0                 |
| Nov-20            |                 |                            |                   |
| Dec-20            |                 |                            |                   |
| <b>Total 2020</b> | <b>75.07</b>    | <b>27.88</b>               | <b>9</b>          |



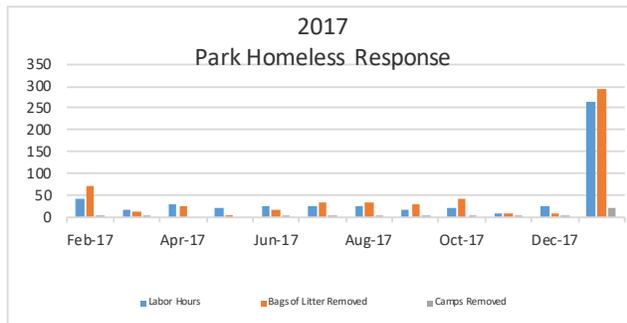
|                   | Labor Hours YTD | Bags of Litter Removed YTD | Camps Removed YTD |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Jan-19            | 8.3             | 7                          |                   |
| Feb-19            | 10.2            | 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                 |
| <b>Total 2019</b> | <b>108.65</b>   | <b>103.525</b>             | <b>48</b>         |



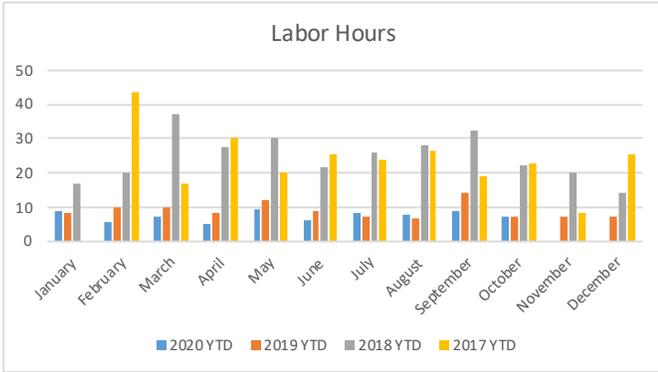
|                   | Labor Hours  | Bags of Litter Removed | Camps Removed |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Jan-18            | 17           | 5                      | 0             |
| Feb-18            | 20           | 12                     | 0             |
| 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             |
| <b>Total 2018</b> | <b>296.5</b> | <b>164</b>             | <b>27</b>     |



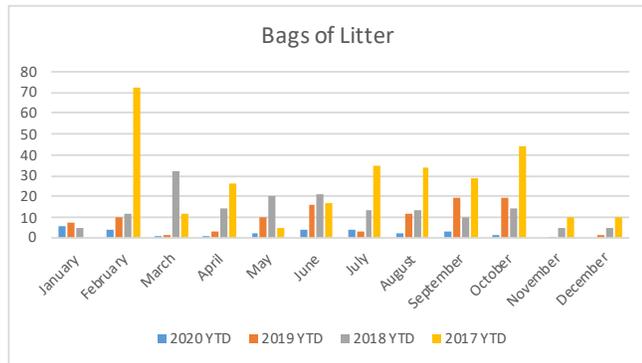
|                   | Labor Hours  | Bags of Litter Removed | Camps Removed |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Feb-17            | 43.5         | 72.5                   | 4             |
| Mar-17            | 17           | 12                     | 3             |
| 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             |
| <b>Total 2017</b> | <b>262.5</b> | <b>294.5</b>           | <b>22</b>     |



| 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       | 7.25     | 10       | 37       | 17       |
| April       | 4.9      | 8.5      | 27.5     | 30       |
| May         | 9.625    | 11.9     | 30.5     | 20       |
| June        | 6.25     | 9        | 21.5     | 25.5     |
| July        | 8.5      | 7.5      | 26       | 24       |
| August      | 7.875    | 6.9      | 28       | 26.5     |
| September   | 9        | 14.25    | 32.5     | 19       |
| October     | 7.25     | 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                  | 0.25     | 1.5      | 32       | 12       |
| April                  | 0.4      | 3.25     | 14       | 26       |
| May                    | 2.5      | 10.25    | 20       | 5        |
| June                   | 3.75     | 16       | 21       | 17       |
| July                   | 4.25     | 3        | 13       | 35       |
| August                 | 2.25     | 11.5     | 13       | 34       |
| September              | 3.4      | 19.25    | 10       | 29       |
| October                | 1.25     | 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         | 0        | 1        | 4        | 3        |
| April         | 0        | 6        | 0        | 0        |
| May           | 3        | 3        | 5        | 0        |
| June          | 2        | 3        | 5        | 2        |
| July          | 1        | 3        | 3        | 3        |
| August        | 3        | 6        | 3        | 3        |
| September     | 0        | 10       | 1        | 2        |
| October       | 0        | 6        | 6        | 1        |
| November      |          | 4        | 0        | 3        |
| December      |          | 3        | 0        | 1        |

