



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

Governor's Office COVID-19 Update:

On January 5, 2021, Governor Inslee announced the [Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery plan](#), which lays out the process to safely reopen Washington state. The plan includes guidance for certain businesses and industries including outdoor recreation activities to help protect Washingtonians and minimize the spread of COVID-19. This plan replaces the Governor's previous Safe Start Reopening Plan

The full Healthy Washington phased chart is available [here](#).

Updated Guidance for Sports, Recreation and Fitness:

- [Fitness and Training](#)
- [Outdoor Recreation](#)
- [Water Recreation](#)
- [Sporting Activities: recreational, K-12, higher education and professional](#)
- [Racing: non-motorized and motorized](#)
- [Golf](#)

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

Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members were busy in January with this winter with scheduled maintenance, park improvements such as landscape winterization and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas. In addition, the crew planted the two donated living Christmas trees at the North end of Lake Tye. They also worked to replace the light pole banners around Main Street and North Kelsey, which were purchased with CARES Act funding. Each banner includes COVID safety messaging.



Left: Base repair at Rotary Field. Middle: Live Christmas trees planted at Lake Tye. Right: New light pole banners being installed.

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Survey Launch

The City of Monroe is updating our long-range plan for our community’s park, recreation, and open space system. We have launched a survey asking the community’s help in determining what types of park facilities and programs are needed to meet the recreation needs of our growing community. Participants contribution will help shape the future of our parks.

The survey launched on December 16, 2020 and closed January 15, 2021. Appreciation and thanks to our community for their active participation, as the survey had a total of 996 responses, representing a strong turnout. Results are being tabulated, with a summary report expected to be ready in two weeks. We believe resident involvement during this long-range plan update process will benefit from widescale participation, and the outcome has the potential to positively impact our schools, families and businesses.



Monroe Park Board

During their January 2021 meeting, the Monroe Park Board reviewed and approved their 2020 Annual Report to the Monroe City Council, summarizing their work and activity during the past year (see attached).

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, Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
1/5	6	12	Police Contacted, Al Borlin Park Camp Removed.
1/12	5.5	0	
1/19	6	0	
1/26	7.5	1	Police Contacted, Al Borlin & Sky River Park Camp Removed.
Avg.	6.25	3.25	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2020

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 for information on upcoming programs and events.

January 21, 2021

TO: Monroe City Council

FROM Monroe Park Board

2020 Annual Report

The Monroe Park Board respectfully submits the following summary of its work and activity for 2020:

Administration

- **2021 Work Plan** – Prepared annual work plan for 2021 to present to City Council

Capital Projects

- **Grant Applications** – Supported staff RCO State grant application for acquisition funding for a North Hill Park.
- **Lake Tye All Weather Fields Design/Construction Documents** – Reviewed and discussed staff updates
- **N. Hill Neighborhood Park** – Reviewed and supported letter of intent and purchase and sale agreement to purchase future park site
- **2020 Park Bond Election** – Reviewed and supported park bond election ordinance (since rescinded due to COVID-19 community impacts)

Tourism/Park Planning

- **6-year CIP** - Reviewed and supported Park 6-year CIP
- **PROS Plan Update** – Reviewed and supported consultant selection for PROS Plan Update; participated in joint project kick-off meeting with Planning Commission
- **City's Planning** – Reviewed and discussed briefings: Snohomish county Arrivalist Tourism Data, Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee
- **Park COVID-19 Response** – Reviewed and discussed staff updates
- **City Gateway, Wayfinding and Park Entry Signage Plan**- Reviewed preliminary drafts, provided feedback and endorsed final revisions for City gateway, wayfinding and park entry signage design plan
- **Monroe Heritage Tree Walk and Living Christmas Tree Programs** – Reviewed and accepted tree nominations, Arranged and conducted first annual Heritage Tree Walk July 2019
- **Earth and Arbor Day** - Supported Earth Day & Arbor Day Proclamation and virtual tree-planting
- **Tree City USA** – support efforts to successfully earn 'Tree City USA' renewal

Partnerships

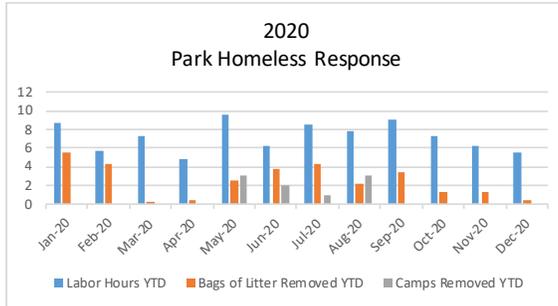
- **Western Washington University Trail Design** – reviewed and supported WWU Student's Sustainable Communities partnership project to study feasibility of temporary trail with DOT US 2 bypass property.
- **Skykomish – Snohomish River Recreation Plan Interpretation and Wayfinding**– Reviewed and supported wayfinding and interpretive project commencement

**2017-2020
Park Homelessness Response**

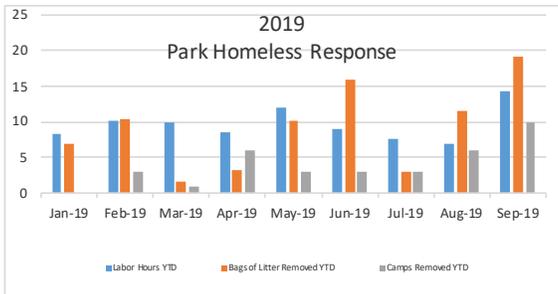
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	6.25	3.25	3
Feb-20			
Mar-20			
Apr-20			
May-20			
Jun-20			
Jul-20			
Aug-20			
Sep-20			
Oct-20			
Nov-20			
Dec-20			
Total 2021	6.25	3.25	3



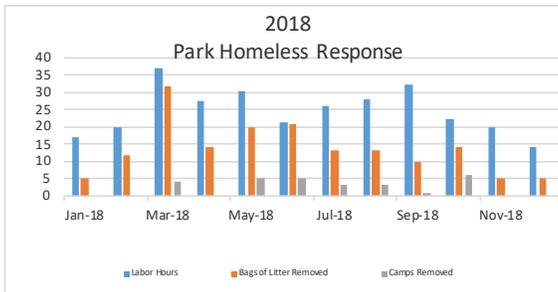
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	8.75	5.5	0
Feb-20	5.67	4.33	0
Mar-20	7.25	0.25	0
Apr-20	4.9	0.4	0
May-20	9.625	2.5	3
Jun-20	6.25	3.75	2
Jul-20	8.5	4.25	1
Aug-20	7.875	2.25	3
Sep-20	9	3.4	0
Oct-20	7.25	1.25	0
Nov-20	6.25	1.25	0
Dec-20	5.5	0.5	0
Total 2020	86.82	29.63	9



	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



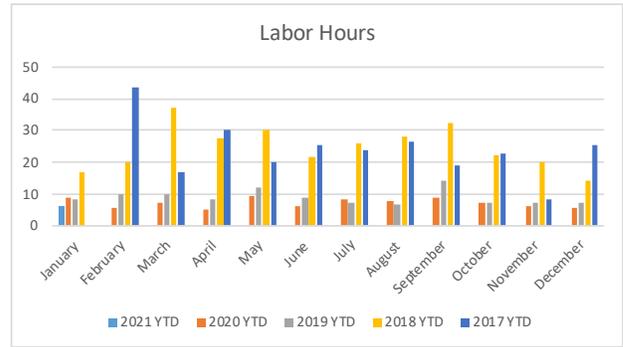
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Jan-18	17	5	0
Feb-18	20	12	0
Mar-18	37	32	4
Apr-18	27.5	14	0
May-18	30.5	20	5
Jun-18	21.5	21	5
Jul-18	26	13	3
Aug-18	28	13	3
Sep-18	32.5	10	1
Oct-18	22.5	14	6
Nov-18	20	5	0
Dec-18	14	5	0
Total 2018	296.5	164	27



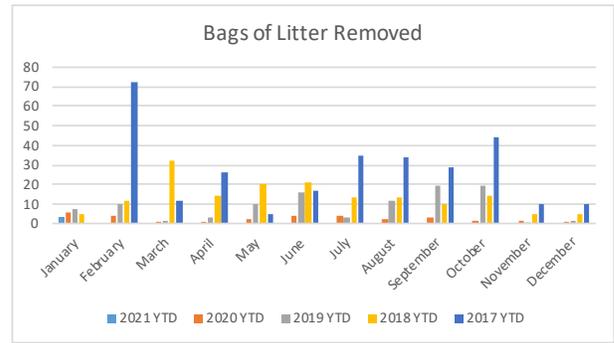
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Feb-17	43.5	72.5	4
Mar-17	17	12	3
Apr-17	30	26	0
May-17	20	5	0
Jun-17	25.5	17	2
Jul-17	24	35	3
Aug-17	26.5	34	3
Sep-17	19	29	2
Oct-17	23	44	1
Nov-17	8.5	10	3
Dec-17	25.5	10	1
Total 2017	262.5	294.5	22



Labor Hours	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	6.25	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	6.25	7.5	20	8.5	
December	5.5	7.3	14	25.5	



Bags of Litter Removed	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	3.25	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		1.25	0.875	5	10
December		0.5	1.2	5	10



Camps Removed	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	3	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		0	4	0	3
December		0	3	0	1

