



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

In May, Parks Department Crew members have been continuing to perform regular tasks such as athletic field preps and maintenance, pressure washing, cleaning, trail inspections, garbage/camp clean-up and mowing. In addition, the Parks crew installed hanging flower baskets in the downtown and have begun regular watering and fertilization care. The Parks crew completed upgrading the lighting for the VFW flagpole at Lake Tye. A new electrical service panel provides

permanent power to new LED flood lights that replaced and vastly improved the existing solar panel-controlled lights.



LED flood lights lighting upgrade to VFW flagpole at Lake Tye Park

Hanging Basket Planting/Town Landscaping

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations from our community who graciously stepped forward again this year to help beautifully landscape our City:

- Monroe Garden Club – donating to the City for the flower program and for planting the flowers in the hanging baskets.
- Pine Creek Farms and Nursery - supplying the hanging basket flowers at a discount.
- Republic Services – donation to City for the flower program.
- Lowe's Home Improvement – supplying soil at a discounted price.

Downtown Monroe Association and Teresa Willard – planting and maintaining flowers in the planter pots.

Monroe Reformatory – growing 3,000 of the flowers from seed

With their help we are able to provide beautifully landscaped islands, planter pots and hanging baskets around town. These help to provide a warm welcome to visitors and residents alike.



Thank you to the Monroe Garden Club for planting the City's beautiful hanging baskets.

Lake Tye All-Weather Lighted Fields Project Update

Construction work to date by A-1 Landscaping, Inc contractor includes completion of excavation to subgrade, installation of storm drainage, irrigation point of connection light pole foundations, concrete curbs, and electrical trenching/piping, pouring concrete flat work, base aggregate under-surfacing, installation of light [poles and fixtures and electrical wiring and have begun installing fence posts and fabric. The project is ahead of schedule, with anticipated completion by August.

This community high-priority parks capital project will renovate two natural grass, single sport-use, unlighted fields, originally built in 1996, to all-synthetic, LED-lighted multipurpose fields, permitting year-round extended competitive play and practice for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. It will improve the capacity, diversity of use and accessibility of two fields at our signature community park.

When the project is completed by this fall, we intend to make access available to the public as much as is practical and that protects our community's \$4 million investment. We intend to allow appropriate incidental uses, if such use does not interfere with any scheduled uses, field maintenance, field closures, or negatively affects the integrity of the new facility. Incidental use would be defined as, but not limited to, walking along pathways adjacent to the fields, non-organized, non-league use such as playing catch with balls or frisbee's, kite flying, or informal pick-up games of soccer, football, and softball among friends. As with other athletic fields, pets will not be allowed on the fields, as well as specific restrictions unique to protecting the function of the synthetic turf surface such as no food or drink, spiked shoes, bicycles, etc. We will post rules at the site.



Left: Week 14 progress

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

The project has moved to the strategy phase. Attached to this report is a summary of the second Joint Park Board/Planning Commission Zoom meeting held on Monday, April 26, 2021 that centered on policies and priorities, and discussion on vision, goals, and objectives. Public input opportunities in shaping the goals and strategies of the plan will continue in the form of website and social media posts announcing virtual focus groups/town hall prioritization activities to be scheduled in the coming months. Please visit the [PROS Plan Update project web page](#) to view information about the project, planning process, meeting & document library and to join our mailing list or contact us.



2021 Events Brochure and Rack Card

The Parks Departments has published a 2021 calendar of events. Monroe City Residents will receive the flyer (attached to this document) in their June Utility Bill. We will also be passing out rack cards of this flyer at events and activities throughout the City.

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: Lake Tye Park, Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
5/4	6	2	
5/18	10.5	12	
5/25	9	0	
Avg.	8.5	4.6	
			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.

**CITY OF MONROE
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

March 18, 2021

7:00 p.m.

via Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:02 pm, via Zoom online meeting platform.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Tami Kinney, Daniel Enrico, Ron Petrick, Jessie Robinson, Kyle Fisher, Keith Dahlenburg

Board Members Absent: Devlin Piplic

AGENDA REVISIONS – None.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Board Member Dahlenburg, seconded by Board Member Fisher, to approve the February 18, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. PROS Plan Update - Community Questionnaire Summary

Director Farrell shared the summary of the Community Questionnaire provided by contracted consultant MIG. Board Members were pleased with the strong participation rate for the community questionnaire, community preferences and appreciated the inclusion of demographic information of participants, which were voluntary. Director Farrell announced that a second joint Park Board/ Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 26 from 5pm-6:30pm. Discussion will center on policies and priorities, with a presentation on needs & opportunities, followed by discussion on vision, goals and objectives.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

1. Monthly Staff Report was provided by the Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Farrell who presented an update of Governor Inslee's January 5, 2021 Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery Plan; with updated guidance for Sports, Recreation & Fitness. He shared crew work on dog waste station installations, park repairs, Christmas tree donations, the completion of the PROS Plan Update community survey, which received strong participation of 996 responses and announcement of the return of the Movies Under the Moon outdoor movies planned for August.

BOARD DISCUSSION - None

AGENCY REPORTS

Planning Commission – Commissioner Fisher stated that the previous 2 Planning Commission meetings were cancelled.

Monroe School District- No report.

ADJOURNMENT – Board Member Fisher motioned to adjourn and Board Member Dahlenburg seconded, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**Accommodations for people with disabilities will be provided upon request.
Please allow advance notice, call Mike Farrell (360) 863-4557.**

**CITY OF MONROE
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

Tami Kinney, Chairperson

Daniel Enrico, Secretary



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PLAN



Joint PRAB and Planning Commission Meeting #2 Summary -

April 26, 2021

A second joint meeting between the Monroe Parks and Recreation Board (PRAB) and Monroe Planning Commission was held on April 26, 2021 via Zoom as part of the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan update. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss needs assessment findings and introduce the vision framework for the Plan, gathering input to guide the development of a new vision, goals, and strategic recommendations for Monroe's parks and recreation system.

At the start of the meeting, MIG's Director of Parks + Recreation, Cindy Mendoza, gave a PowerPoint presentation on highlights from the recently completed needs assessment, including key results of the online questionnaire. The presentation included an overview of the Monroe market as well as identified needs and opportunities for parks, trails, and programs.

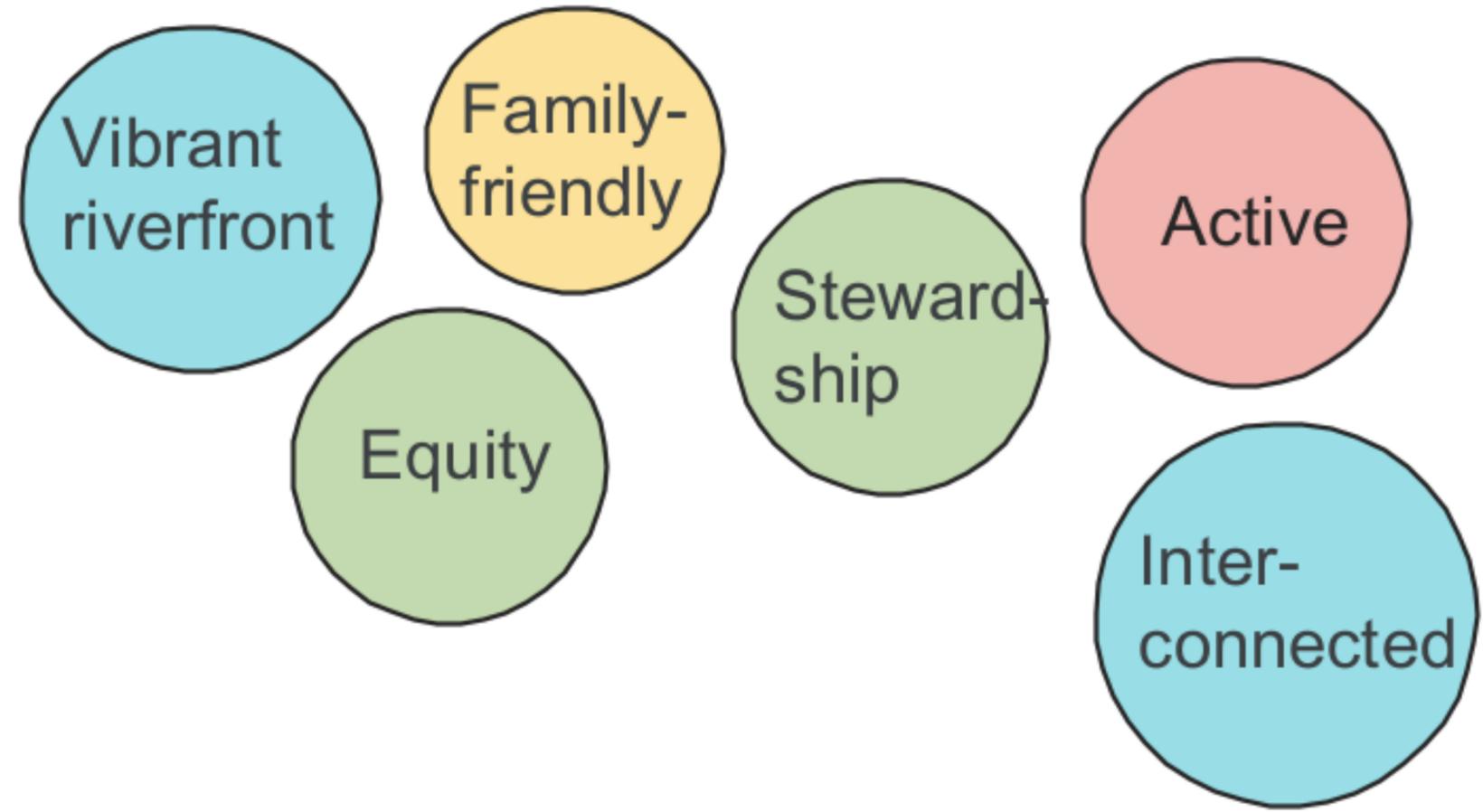
Following the presentation, MIG facilitated a discussion of what Board and Commission members felt were the highest needs and opportunities for Monroe. This was followed by a discussion of the vision elements and values that guide the park system, including health and fitness, safety, connectivity, natural experiences and the natural environment, accessibility, equity, and inclusiveness. To further Monroe's vision and values for parks and recreation, participants discussed several goals and objectives, such as diversifying the park experience, providing different types of amenities and facilities, drawing visitors to Monroe, and collaborating with the School District.

The discussion was recorded using Jamboard, a digital interactive whiteboard, and participants were able to see their ideas and comments added to whiteboard pages during the meeting. The Jamboard pages are attached to this summary.

Needs & Opportunities



Values and Vision



Goals & Objectives

Draw visitors to Monroe with festivals or other events

Routing Snoqualmie Valley Trail via Lewis Street (economic benefit to Main Street) vs Al Berlin Park

Until area around North Kelsey Site is revitalized, development of the site should be a lower priority

Focus on most visible priority that aligns with residents' wants. Start flywheel for other improvements.

Goal: Further collaborate with School District

Open up school district facilities to residents for recreation

Limited park opportunities in downtown core addressed with Memorial Field or Central School

Goal: Diversify park features and play areas as part of maintenance/replace ment

Add wooden play structure

Challenge elements or adventure courses

Natural features and play areas

Outdoor fitness equipment

Benches and seating areas

Add recreation opportunities for ages 12-18

Sand Volleyball

Community garden

Values and Vision

Value #1: Safety

Value #2: Gateway to broader natural experiences

Value #3: Dog-friendly

Value #4: Hub of Connectivity

Value #5: Connection to the outdoors and natural environment

Value #6: Environmental education and stewardship

Value #7: Unique

Value #8: Volunteerism

Value #9: Accessibility, Equity, and Inclusiveness

Value #10: Health & Fitness

Value #11: Quality of Opportunities

Choose MONROE 2021 EVENTS*

DATE	EVENT
May 22	VFW Flags for Our Fallen Virtual 5K – Lake Tye Park Ceremony – 9:00am
May 26	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
May 30	Sean Peters Truck Derby – Evergreen Speedway – 6:00-10:00pm
June 2	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
June 4-5	Monroe Sip & Shop – Main Street – 12:00-8:00pm
June 9	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
June 16	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
June 23	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
June 25	MCSC Summer BBQ Drive-Thru Dinner – mcsc.com – 5:00pm
June 26	Wiggly Walk – Skykomish River Park – ChooseMonroe.com – 11:00am-4:00pm
June 27	Monroe PRIDE – Skykomish River Park – 12:00-6:00pm
June 30	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theater – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
July 4	USA Birthday Bash – Evergreen Speedway – 6:00-10:00pm
July 7	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
July 9	Music in the Park: Megs McLean – Lake Tye Park – 7:00pm
July 14	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
July 16	Music in the Park: Stacy Jones Band – Lake Tye Park – 7:00pm
July 17	Reiter Rock Crawl – Reiter Foothills ORV Park – 9:00am
July 18	Monroe Criterium – Fryelands Industrial Park – 8:30am-5:30pm
July 21	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
July 23	Music in the Park: BroHamM – Lake Tye Park – 7:00pm
July 23-24	Summer Showdown – Evergreen Speedway – 6:00-10:00pm
July 23-25	Spikeball Grand Slam Tournament – Skykomish River Park – 9:00am
July 28	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
July 30	Music in the Park: The Aphrodisiacs – Lake Tye Park – 7:00pm
Aug. 3	National Night Out – Lake Tye Park – 5:30-8:30pm
Aug. 4	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
Aug. 6	Movies Under the Moon: War With Grandpa – Lake Tye Park – Dusk
Aug. 7	Lake Tye Triathlon – Lake Tye Park – 8:00am
Aug. 11	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
Aug. 13	Movies Under the Moon: Frozen II – Lake Tye Park – Dusk
Aug. 18	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
Aug. 20	Movies Under the Moon: The Lion King – Lake Tye Park – Dusk
Aug. 25	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
Aug. 26-31	Evergreen State Fair – Evergreen Fair State Fair Park – evergreenfair.org
Aug. 27	Movies Under the Moon: Jumanji: The Next Level – Lake Tye Park – Dusk
Aug. 27-29	Monstor Trucks at the Fair – Evergreen Speedway – 6:00-10:00pm
Aug. 28	Monroe Block Party – Main Street – ChooseMonroe.com – 12:00pm
Sept. 1	Farmers Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – ChooseMonroe.com – 2:30-7:00pm
Sept. 2-6	Evergreen State Fair – Evergreen Fair State Fair Park – evergreenfair.org
Sept. 11	Miracle League – Rotary Field
Sept. 11-12	Seattle North Spartan Trifecta Weekend – Meadow Wood Equestrian Center
Sept. 11-12	Model Boat Racing: The Champion Spark Plug Regatta – Lake Tye – 8:00am
Sept. 18	Miracle League – Rotary Field
Sept. 24	MCSC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – mcsc.com – 5:00pm
Sept. 25	Miracle League – Rotary Field
Sept. 29	Monroe Harvest Market – Galaxy Theatres Monroe – 2:30pm
Oct. 2	Miracle League – Rotary Field
Oct. 3	Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5k – Lake Tye Park
Oct. 30	Monroe/Sky Valley YMCA's Sky Valley Classic – Location TBD – 9:00am
Nov. 19	MCSC Thanksgiving Dinner – mcsc.com – 5:00pm
Dec. 17	MCSC Christmas Dinner – mcsc.com – 5:00pm
Jan. 23, 2022	Jayne Biendle Memorial 5k Run/Walk – Skykomish River Park

LOCAL SPORTS INFORMATION

Youth Sports:

- Boys & Girls Club – bgcsc.org/snohomishclubs/monroe-club/
- Lacrosse – monroelacrossewa.com
- Legends Baseball – legendsbaseballclub.org
- Miracle League – ymca-snoco.org/monroe
- Monroe/Sky Valley YMCA – ymca-snoco.org/monroe
- Monroe Youth Football – myfabearcats.com
- Sky River Soccer – skyriversoccer.net
- Sky Valley Little League – svll.org

Adult Sports:

- Snohomish County Adult Soccer Association – scasa.com
- Stars Unlimited – starsunlimited.team

MONROE/SKY VALLEY YMCA



The Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA offers many camps throughout the year. Please visit ymca-snoco.org/programs/sports or ymca-snoco.org/programs/camp/summer-camps/ for more information.

SKYHAWKS

The City of Monroe partners with Skyhawks to bring a variety of sports camps to our local parks. The camps are offered to youth ages 4-12 and include basketball, tennis, golf, flag football, soccer, cheer and more.

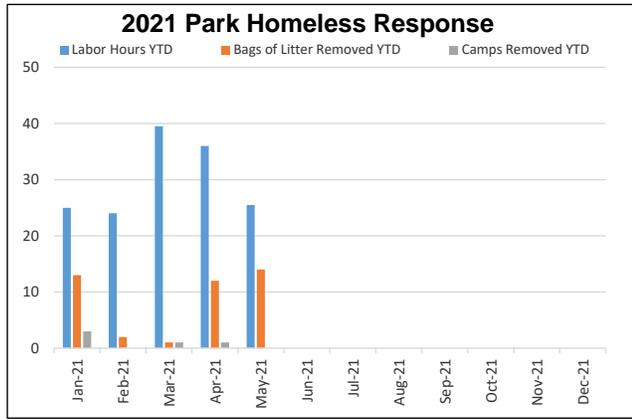
Register or learn more by going to skyhawks.com or by calling 1-800-804-3509.

**Some event dates and times may be subject to change or cancellation in compliance with Governor Inslee's Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery Plan. Please contact the Event Organizer or the Monroe Parks Department at (360) 863-4519 to confirm. Visit www.ChooseMonroe.com or www.monroewa.gov/calendar for more local event information.*

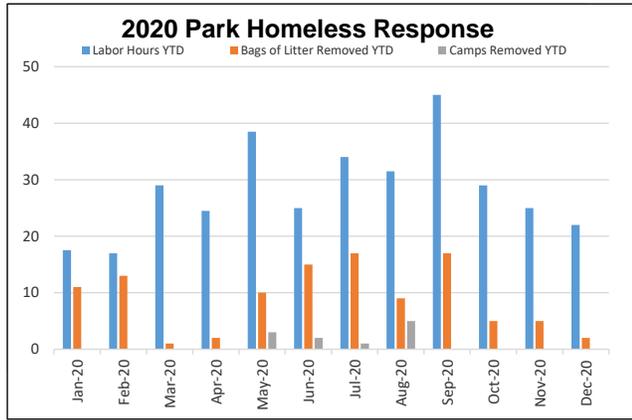


2018-2021 Park Homelessness Response

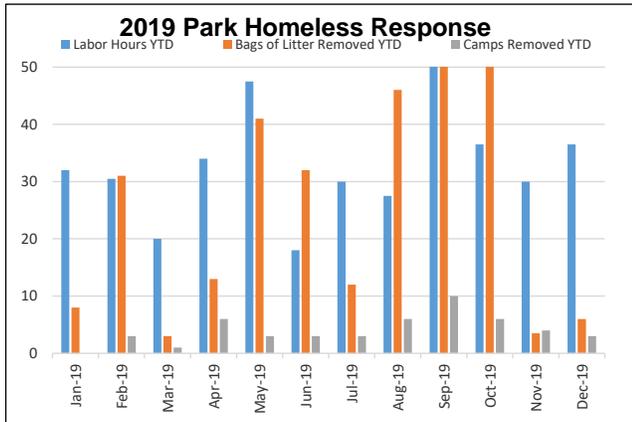
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-21	25	13	3
Feb-21	24	2	0
Mar-21	39.5	1	1
Apr-21	36	12	1
May-21	25.5	14	0
Jun-21			
Jul-21			
Aug-21			
Sep-21			
Oct-21			
Nov-21			
Dec-21			
Total 2021	150	42	5



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	17.5	11	0
Feb-20	17	13	0
Mar-20	29	1	0
Apr-20	24.5	2	0
May-20	38.5	10	3
Jun-20	25	15	2
Jul-20	34	17	1
Aug-20	31.5	9	5
Sep-20	45	17	0
Oct-20	29	5	0
Nov-20	25	5	0
Dec-20	22	2	0
Total 2020	338	107	11



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-19	32	8	0
Feb-19	30.5	31	3
Mar-19	20	3	1
Apr-19	34	13	6
May-19	47.5	41	3
Jun-19	18	32	3
Jul-19	30	12	3
Aug-19	27.5	46	6
Sep-19	57	77	10
Oct-19	36.5	97	6
Nov-19	30	3.5	4
Dec-19	36.5	6	3
Total 2019	399.5	369.5	48



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-18	25.5	10	0
Feb-18	17	5	0
Mar-18	20	12	4
Apr-18	37	32	0
May-18	27.5	14	5
Jun-18	30.5	20	5
Jul-18	31.5	23	3
Aug-18	26	13	3
Sep-18	28	13	1
Oct-18	32.5	10	6
Nov-18	30	18	0
Dec-18	32	11	0
Total 2018	337.5	181	27

