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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

### Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this summer with daily recreation use of our park's facilities and athletic fields, as well as scheduled maintenance, park improvements, cleaning and repair work on facilities, equipment, and landscaped areas. August was a busy season for parks staff with events such as National Night Out, Lake Tye Triathlon, and the grand opening celebration of the Lake Tye All-Weather Fields. Also, The DOC work crew returned for a day in August to help our staff clean landscape the 522 roundabout.

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### Cascade Community Church's 'Serve Monroe'

Cascade Community Church volunteered with the City and Parks Department to complete various volunteer projects for their 'Serve Monroe' event this summer. In July, this included volunteering with our Parks Department to paint dugouts at the Lake Tye Park grass baseball field, raking and cleaning the sand at the Lake Tye Park baseball field and helping to evenly spread the play chips at the Lake Tye Park playground. In August, the projects continued with spreading playground chips at Rainer View Park, Cedar Grove Park and Park Meadows. A second project last month including picking up garbage along Tjerne Place.

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### Lake Tye Park All-Weather Fields Grand Opening

We celebrated the grand opening of the Lake Tye All-Weather Lighted Fields on August 5th. The new fields offer all-synthetic, LED lighted, multipurpose fields, permitting year-round extended competitive play and practice for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. The new, synthetic fields will improve the capacity, diversity of use, and accessibility of two fields at our signature community park.

Scheduled use began August 9<sup>th</sup> and members from the community as well as local sports organizations have been enjoying the new fields.



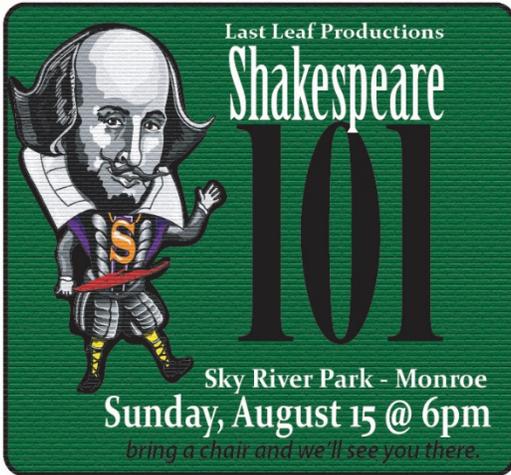
### August Events

August was a busy month for events in Monroe. National Night Out Against Crime took place August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lake Tye Park. Parks and Recreation hosted a booth in which in addition to our usual park swag and informational materials we were able to include interactive signs for the community to provide feedback for our PROS plan. We received roughly 700 responses to various subjects.



The Parks and Recreation booth at National Night Out Against Crime.

The annual Lake Tye Triathlon took place on August 7<sup>th</sup> and was a successful event. Shakespeare in the Park also returned August 15<sup>th</sup> with a performance at Skykomish River Park. Then the Monroe Chamber of Commerce wrapped up August with a Block Party on August 28<sup>th</sup> to bring the community together in place of the beloved Fair Days Parade. The event included live performances, vendors, food, a beer garden and more.



Left: Shakespeare in the Park. Right: Monroe's Block Party.

### Movies Under the Moon Recap

August wrapped up our Friday night Movies Under the Moon event series. Thank you to everyone who came out for the events and to our community sponsors for making them happen. These sponsors included: Big Heart Big Smile, Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Concert Band, Monroe Cub Scout Pack 148, Republic Services, and the Monroe/Sky Valley YMCA. Also, we thank the City's Concessionaire Ken Fulcher with Parkside Bites for providing bites for the movies.



### Summer Park Board Meetings

The June Park Board minutes are attached. The July meeting was cancelled.

### 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, Lake Tye Park**

| DATE        | TOTAL LABOR HOURS | # BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED | NOTES  |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 8/3         | 4.5               | 0                          |  |
| 8/10        | 13                | 12                         | 1 Camp found at Lake Tye.                            |
| 8/17        | 8                 | 0                          |  |
| 8/31        | 6                 | 12                         | 2 Camps found at Al Borlin.                          |
| <b>Avg.</b> | <b>7.875</b>      | <b>6</b>                   |  |
|             |                   |                            | See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2018- 2021 |

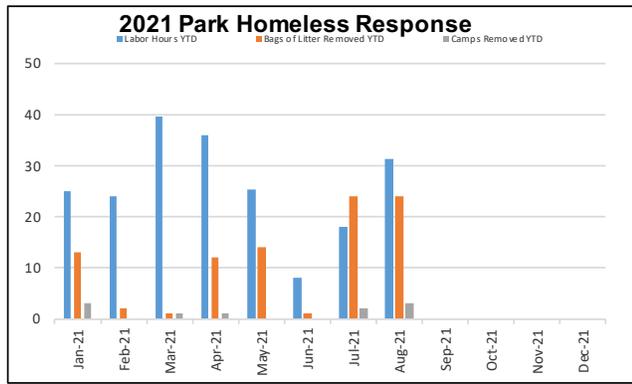
**Volunteer Opportunities**

If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Monroe, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519.

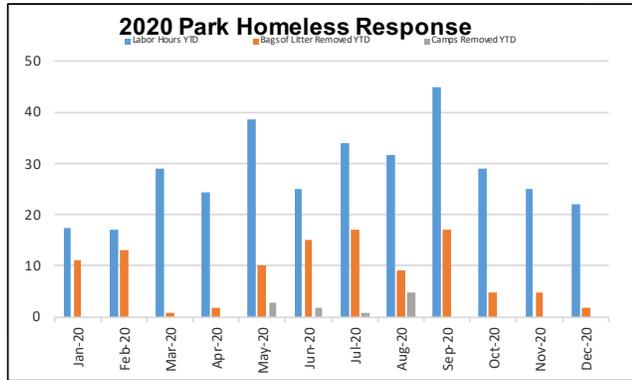
Visit the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programs and events.

## 2018-2021 Park Homelessness Response

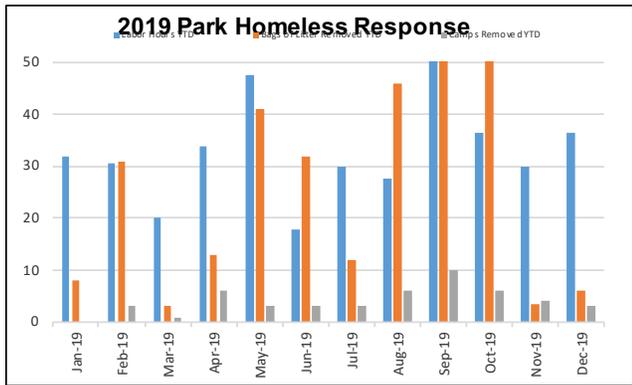
|                   | Labor<br>Hours YTD | Bags of Litter<br>Removed YTD | Camps<br>Removed YTD |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Jan-21            | 25                 | 13                            | 3                    |
| Feb-21            | 24                 | 2                             | 0                    |
| Mar-21            | 39.5               | 1                             | 1                    |
| Apr-21            | 36                 | 12                            | 1                    |
| May-21            | 25.5               | 14                            | 0                    |
| Jun-21            | 8                  | 1                             | 0                    |
| Jul-21            | 18                 | 24                            | 2                    |
| Aug-21            | 31.5               | 24                            | 3                    |
| Sep-21            |                    |                               |                      |
| Oct-21            |                    |                               |                      |
| Nov-21            |                    |                               |                      |
| Dec-21            |                    |                               |                      |
| <b>Total 2021</b> | <b>207.5</b>       | <b>91</b>                     | <b>10</b>            |



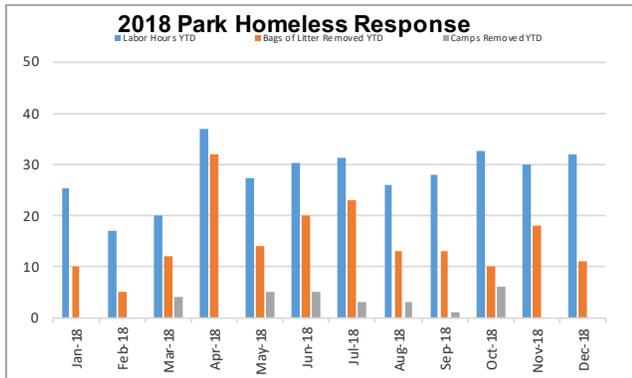
|                   | Labor<br>Hours YTD | Bags of Litter<br>Removed YTD | Camps<br>Removed YTD |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Jan-20            | 17.5               | 11                            | 0                    |
| Feb-20            | 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                    |
| <b>Total 2020</b> | <b>338</b>         | <b>107</b>                    | <b>11</b>            |



|                   | Labor<br>Hours YTD | Bags of Litter<br>Removed YTD | Camps<br>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                    |
| <b>Total 2019</b> | <b>399.5</b>       | <b>369.5</b>                  | <b>48</b>            |



|                   | Labor<br>Hours YTD | Bags of Litter<br>Removed YTD | Camps<br>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                    |
| <b>Total 2018</b> | <b>337.5</b>       | <b>181</b>                    | <b>27</b>            |



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

**June 17, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

**via Zoom Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Kinney called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:04 pm, via Zoom online meeting platform.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Board Members Absent: 0

**AGENDA REVISIONS** – None.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion was made by Board Member Piplic, seconded by Board Member Robinson, to approve the May 20, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Discussion**

City Administrator Deborah Knight presented an overview of what ARPA is and the city's distribution plan. City Administrator Knight explained that the City anticipates the distribution being an application process, through which local agencies and the City will apply for projects; there will be a differentiation between internal programs the City reserves funds for (such as staff positions, purchase of PPE), and external programs the City and entities will apply and compete for. The process for review of applications is envisioned to be reviewed by members of city advisory boards including Park Board members, with an anticipated timeline of applications going out July, proposals review by boards in August with recommendations to the city Council for a first distribution in September, and a second round in 2022.

Comments from Board members included explore potential ARPA funding opportunities for new and safe sidewalks and paths, assistance for residents who have struggled to pay utility bills and support for the Sky Valley Food Bank and housing options for those experiencing homelessness.

**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 park repairs, installation of flowers in the Downtown, and update of progress on construction of lighted all-weather fields at Lake Tye Park.
2. Director Farrell distributed the draft PROS Plan Update Draft Vision Framework and asked that Board Members review the draft document and send in their comments/questions back to him so that he may share with the consultant firm MIG for incorporation into the final Vision Framework document.

**BOARD DISCUSSION** - Director Farrell reminded the Board that there will be a park tour at Lake Tye Park for the July meeting date, with no business action to be taken. Board members will

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

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meet at the entry to the construction site for a tour of the new fields being constructed at the park.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**Planning Commission** – Commissioner Fisher reported that the Planning Commission was given the ARPA Funding Discussion presentation during their last meeting.

**Monroe School District-** Board Vice Chairperson Piplic reported that the Monroe School District has been very busy with work on COVID precautions for a safe graduation, closing out the school year and preparations for fall.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Board Member Dahlenburg motioned to adjourn and Board Member Robinson seconded, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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Tami Kinney, Chairperson

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Daniel Enrico, Secretary