



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

March, 2022

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

In March, the Parks and Recreation Department team members had been busy preparing the fields for spring use. Regular duties included maintenance, improvements, landscaping and repair work. Specific projects included:

In preparation for the Community Egg Hunt, the crew pressure washed the tennis courts and cleaned facility roofs at Lake Tye Park.



The north fence line at Lewis Street Park was replaced.



Above: Existing wood fence; Below: New chain link fence



A hazardous dead tree was removed from the Stanton Trail:



Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board meeting was cancelled for the month of March.

Hellos & Goodbyes



In March, the Parks department welcomed a new Administrative Assistant, Makenna Ohlsen, to the staff. Makenna was raised here in Monroe and is very familiar with our community and parks and events. Makenna received a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation, Tourism, and Events while attending Central Washington University, and we are excited to have someone with that educational background join our team and serve the community.

Welcome, Makenna!

Happy Retirement on April 15th to Park Operations Supervisor,
Dale Olson

Join us in wishing a happy and well-deserved retirement to Park Operations Supervisor, Dale Olson. Dale has worked a total of 32 years of service to our community. He has been a dedicated employee for our Parks and Recreation Department, quietly putting in his all in everything he did as our parks system grew from 3 parks when he began working for the City of Monroe to 17 parks today, totaling over 287 acres and 12 miles of trails.



Congratulations Dale, and we wish you a happy retirement!

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 & Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
3/8	8	1	Sky River: 1 abandoned tent
3/30	10	2	
Avg.	9	1.5	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2022

Events

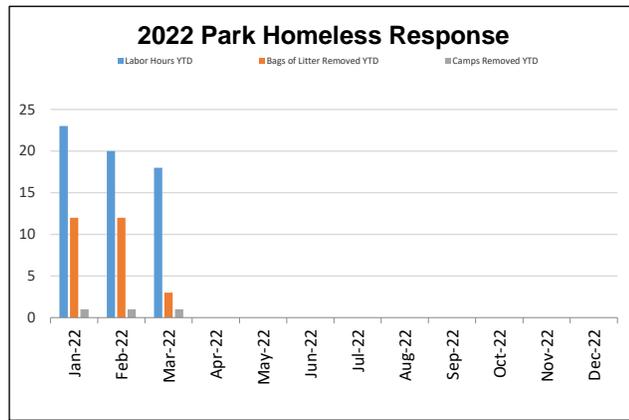
The Choose Monroe 2022 Events brochure is published and ready for distribution in April. City staff gathered input from several organizations throughout Monroe to develop a comprehensive list of events for the community to enjoy.

Volunteer Opportunities

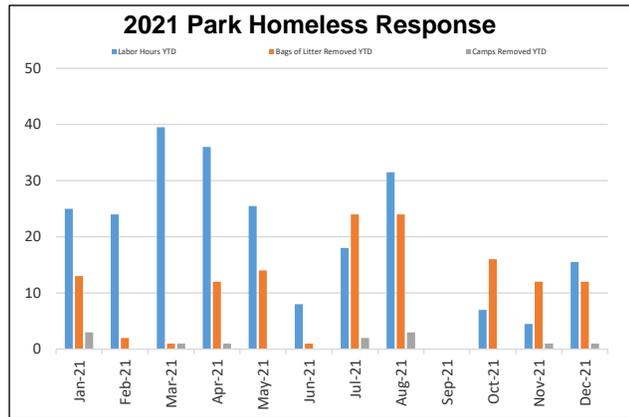
If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Monroe, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519. Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.

2019-2022 Park Homelessness Response

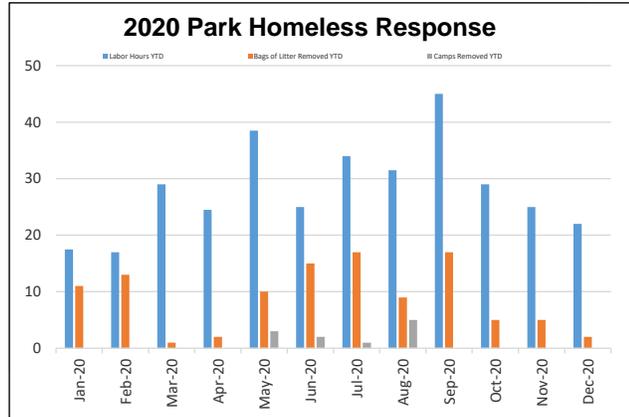
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-22	23	12	1
Feb-22	20	12	1
Mar-22	18	3	1
Apr-22			
May-22			
Jun-22			
Jul-22			
Aug-22			
Sep-22			
Oct-22			
Nov-22			
Dec-22			
Total 2022	61	27	3



	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	8	1	0
Jul-21	18	24	2
Aug-21	31.5	24	3
Sep-21	0	0	0
Oct-21	7	16	0
Nov-21	4.5	12	1
Dec-21	15.5	12	1
Total 2021	234.5	131	12



	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

