



Mission

Protecting and enhancing the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space, and trails. Providing residents of all ages positive opportunities for recreation and social gathering in clean, safe, accessible, and inclusive facilities and green spaces. Enhancing health, quality of living, and the natural environment for present and future generations.

Department Update

Operations

In October, the maintenance crew has been working to finish ongoing projects and have been busy keeping the leaves picked up. They mowed Trombly Park and have been working to maintain the blackberries that were taking over the property. The crew put the finishing touches on the info station project at the Lake Tye All-Weather Fields. They also built and installed a memorial bench next to the lake at Lake Tye Park. The sports fields were aerated and fertilized. The crew is finishing up winterization blowing out of park irrigation systems throughout the city. Lastly, the crew has started removing hanging baskets and begonias, top dressing those areas, and are readying to plant over 1,200 Daffodil bulbs in the medians. The maintenance crew has now started their pruning season removing dead trees and focusing first on compromised trees.



Info station at Lake Tye All-Weather Fields



Tyler Reeves winterizing the irrigation at Lake Tye





Memorial Bench at Lake Tye Park



Fall Leaves at Lake Tye Park

Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board met on Thursday, October 20th. The City Clerk provided Open Public Meeting Act and records retention training to the Park Board. The Board also review the park/field use fees. Staff provide the Board with a fee comparison showing the City of Monroe's fee rates were low compared to surrounding jurisdictions. The Board's recommended fee increase of CPI (10.1%) will be available for Council review at the November 15th Council meeting.

The vacant seat on the Park Board has been filled as of 9/27. All positions are full.

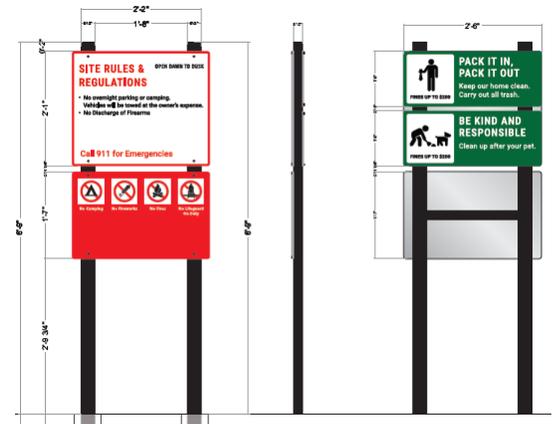
Attached to this document are the minutes from the October 20, 2022 Park Board Meeting.

Public Video System (PVS)

In addition to the PVS installed at Lewis Street Park, the City will install two cameras at Lake Tye Park and one overlooking Sky River Park. The cameras at Lake Tye will be installed in the vicinity of the skatepark and the synthetic fields to allow to maximum coverage of the park. The camera at Sky River will be installed at the City's sewer treatment plant. Long-term an additional camera will be installed at the south end of Lewis Street Park (parking lot).

Lewis Street Boat Launch – Signage

The City is installing new informational and safety signage at the Lewis Street Boat Launch. The purpose of the project is to replace existing outdated and aging signage. The new signs will also provide improved safety and site use information to the public. The manufacturing and installation of the signs is provided by a \$20,000 grant from Forterra. The signs are expected to be installed in November 2022.



October Events

Outdoor event season slowed down in October, as is expected with fall weather and resumption of the school year. The month kicked off with the second annual Wiggly Walk at Sky River Park and ended with the YMCA'S Fall Fun Run also at Sky River Park.



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 2019 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Al Borlin Park, Sky River Park, & Lake Tye Park

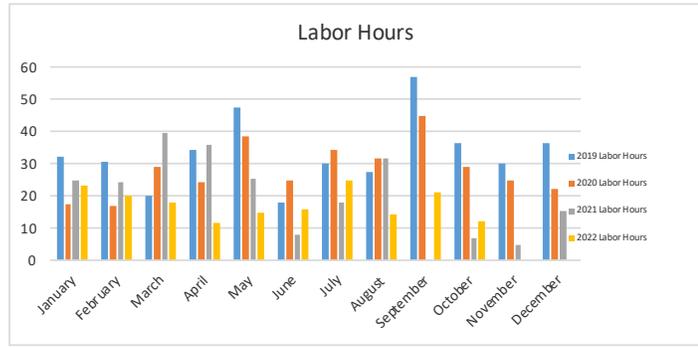
DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
10/11	0	6	Al Borlin – 3 bags & 1 camp, Sky River – 3 bags & 1 camp
10/19	12	24	Al Borlin – 24 bags & 2 camps
Avg.	6	15	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2022

Volunteer Opportunities

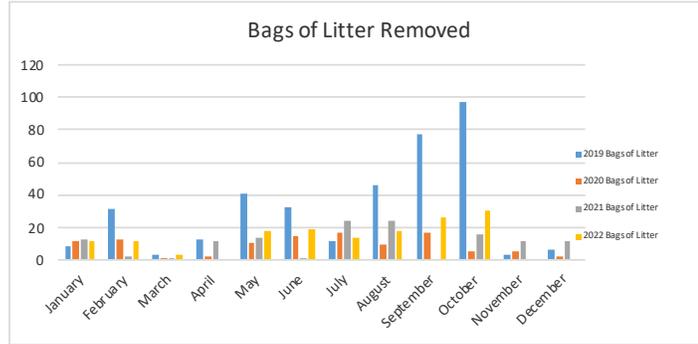
If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Monroe, please contact Makenna Ohlsen at (360) 863-4559. Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.

2019-2022 Park Homelessness Response

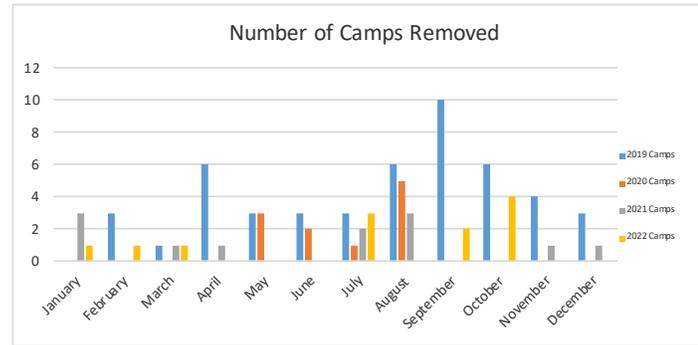
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-22	23	12	1
Feb-22	20	12	1
Mar-22	18	3	1
Apr-22	11.5	0	0
May-22	14.5	17.5	0
Jun-22	16	19	0
Jul-22	25	14	3
Aug-22	14	18	0
Sep-22	21	26	2
Oct-22	12	30	4
Nov-22			
Dec-22			
Total 2022	175	151.5	12



	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