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## 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.**

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## Department Update

### Operations

In the month of December, the crew has been pruning trees on a trail between 174<sup>th</sup> Ave and Lin Ave. We have contracted out for a removal of one hazardous tree and an arborist report of the remaining trees along the trail. That project will commence mid-January. The crew has been repairing a cracked section of the slide at the Lake Tye park, and repairing damages from the consistent vandalism incidents from various locations, including Lake Tye Park and the Tester/522 Roundabout. With the recent storms, the crew has been removing snow and ice from the parking lot and sidewalks at City Hall. Lastly, the Sky River concession building has been drying out due to a water leak caused by the cold weather. Minor repairs will be made when the building is dry.



Before & after of the 174<sup>th</sup> and Lin Ave Trail



Vandalism at Tester/522 Roundabout

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### Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 15 was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023.

### Public Video System (PVS)

In addition to the PVS already installed at Lewis Street Park, the City will install two cameras at Lake Tye Park in the vicinity of the skatepark and the synthetic fields to allow to maximum coverage of the park. The project originally included a camera installed at the WWTP overlooking Sky River Park, but after evaluation of the location, it was decided to install at a later date with a new plan. The installation of the Lake Tye cameras will begin mid-January.

### Joint Partnership with Snohomish County – Winter Dog Park

Looking ahead to January, the City of Monroe has partnered with Snohomish County and the Evergreen State Fair Park to open a Winter Dog Park on January 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a pilot project that will run January 9<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>, open dawn to dusk, located in the covered Judging Arena #606. More information can be found on the County’s Website: [www.evergreenfair.org/293](http://www.evergreenfair.org/293).





## WINTER DOG PARK @ THE FAIR PARK





We are excited to announce a pilot project between the City of Monroe and The Evergreen State Fair Park.

**Where:**  
Evergreen State Fair Park, Monroe, Wa • Covered Judging Arena #606

Enter off Cascade View Drive, park in the Yellow parking lot and walk your dog to the arena across from Event Center.

**When:**  
January 9 - February 28  
Dawn to Dusk

Dates subject to change. Please keep your pet on a leash outside of the dog park and remember to pick up after your pet.

**December Events**

The City’s event season has ended, but the offseason brings some planning for 2023 events. City staff have been working to update the Special Events Application and contacting prior event organizers to secure 2023 dates. Check for event dates on our Community Events Calendar on the City’s Website at [www.monroewa.gov/calendar](http://www.monroewa.gov/calendar) and stay tuned for the release of the events brochure in April!

**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: Sky River & Al Borlin**

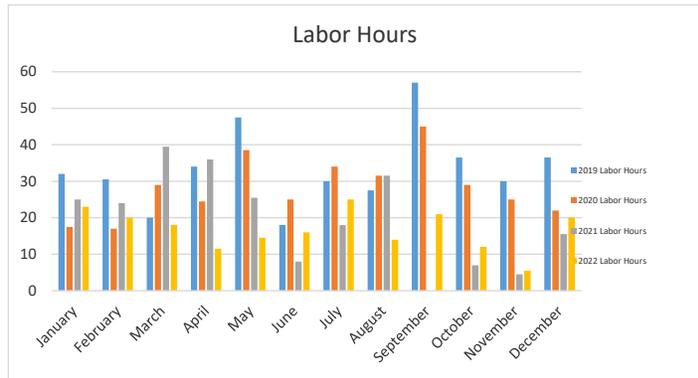
DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
12/28	10	7	1 camp found at Sky River, 1.5 truckloads of materials
12/28	10	5	
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2022

**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](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programs and events.

## 2019-2022 Park Homelessness Response

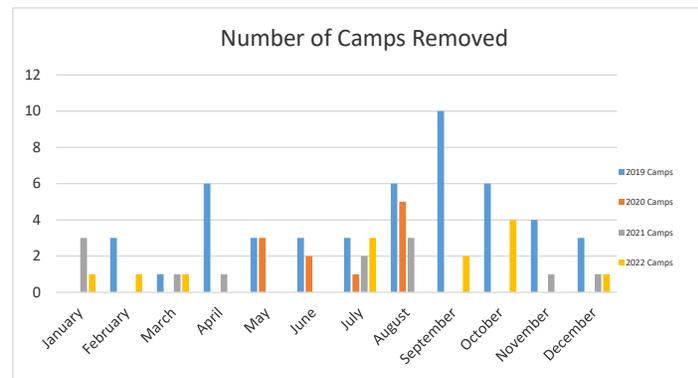
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-22	23	12	1
Feb-22	20	12	1
Mar-22	18	3	1
Apr-22	11.5	0	0
May-22	14.5	17.5	0
Jun-22	16	19	0
Jul-22	25	14	3
Aug-22	14	18	0
Sep-22	21	26	2
Oct-22	12	30	4
Nov-22	5.5	0	0
Dec-22	20	12	1
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>200.5</b>	<b>163.5</b>	<b>13</b>



	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
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>234.5</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>12</b>



	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
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>11</b>



	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
<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>399.5</b>	<b>369.5</b>	<b>48</b>