



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

During July, the Parks Maintenance & Operations crew began repairing a few trails by removing buckled asphalt, gridding tree stumps, and repaving with the Public Works crew. Parks also teamed up with Public Works on improving the drainage system plans from the Sky River playground installation a few years ago. Parks, with the oversight of Police, removed an encampment in Al Borlin Park. At the end of the month, staff prepared for August's big events, like National Night Out and Lake Tye Tri, by completing grounds maintenance (mowing, weed eating, edging, and blowing) and assisting admin staff with the event set up.



Trail repairs and stump gridding



Removing encampments at Al Borlin



Sky River Drainage Project

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.

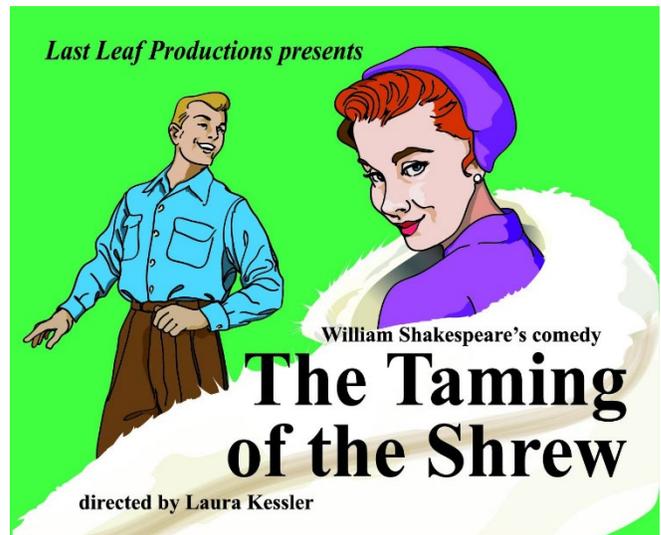
July Events

The parks continue to buzz with activity and events in July. Our annual **Music in the Park** returned and was lucky to have beautiful weather for each concert every Friday night in July. The lineup included Soul Searching Band, Stacy Jones Band, Brickhouse, and Hair Nation. Our local breweries hosted the beer garden, including Crooked Label, Bugu Brewing, Good Brewing, and Dreadnought Brewing. A variety of food trucks attended as well, such as Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Anthony's Finn, Black Sea, The Cheese Pit, Seoul Bowl, and Split Open & Melt.



Shakespeare in the Park returned to Sky River Park on July 9th with Shakespeare's comedy: the Taming of the Shrew.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue hosted a **Water Safety Camp** at Lake Tye on July 11th and 14th. Both dates sold out once again. These free camps teach kids awareness and safety skills while they are out on the water. Attendees rotated through four hands-on stations, teaching them necessary skills. Stay tuned next April/May to register for the 2024 camps.

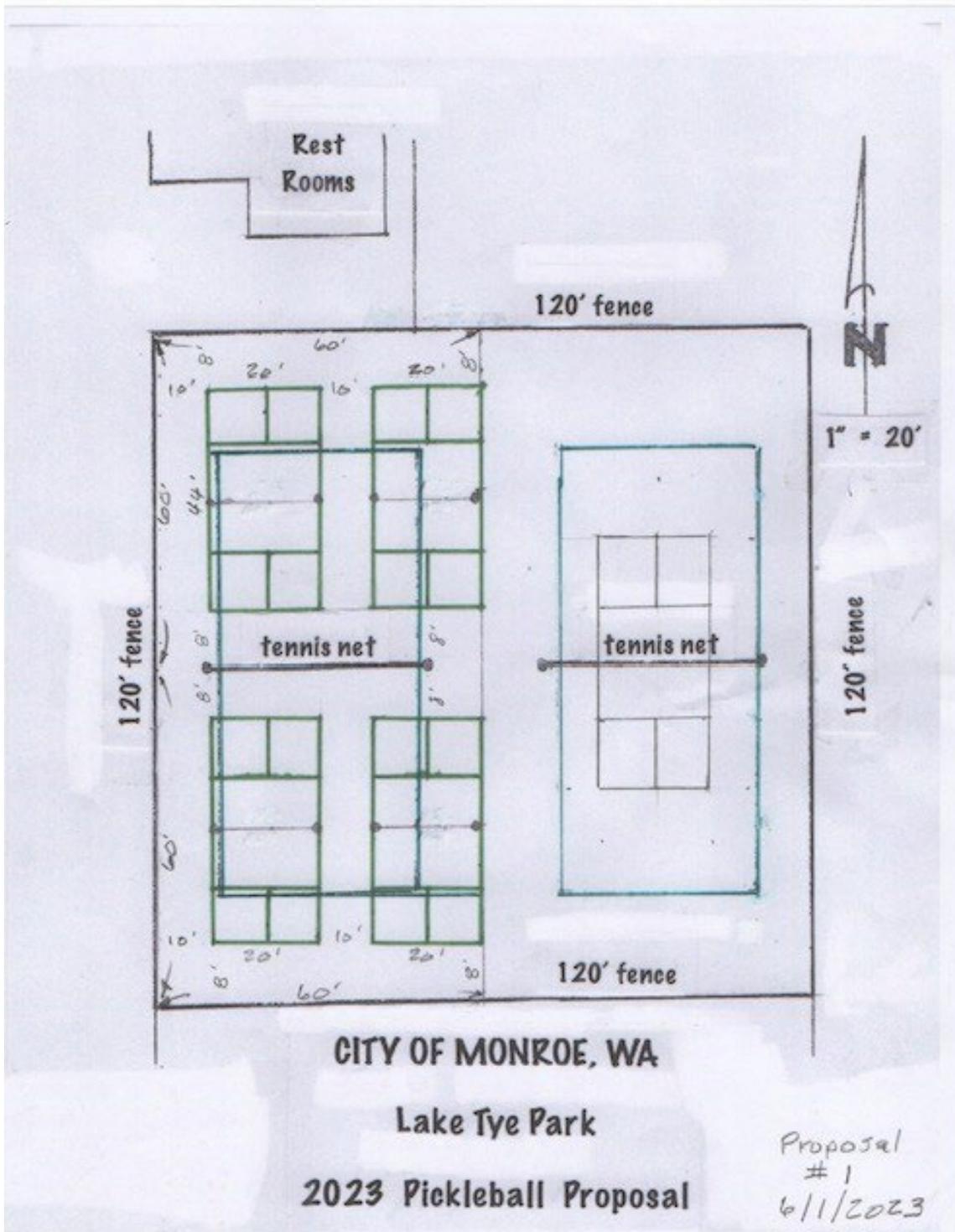


Lastly, the City of Monroe partnered with the Snohomish Conservation District to host the first **Lake Tye Science Day** on July 29th. This was a free, educational event with hands-on activities and games such as water monitoring, watershed demonstrations, rain barrel stations, and additional educational games. The event was a way for kids and families to learn how to be water caretakers and help protect the lakes and streams around us.

Pickleball Project

The Parks Department is contracting a company to resurface all of the existing sports courts at Lake Tye Park, including the basketball courts and the two combo tennis/pickleball courts. The re-lining of the courts will include reconfiguring the layout of the pickleball courts to increase the total number of pickleball courts from the current two, to five. Four will be on the west court, and one will be on the east court. A small storage container will be on site that will contain portable pickleball nets/stands for the 4 courts on the west court, with the expectation that park users store them in the container when not in use. At Sky River Park, we will develop two dedicated pickleball courts between the playground and the exercise stations. We received input from two

local pickleball enthusiast groups, in which we received great ideas for our final layout design. The total estimated cost of these projects is \$60,000, which is in the City Council-approved Parks Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Fund. As well, a \$10,000 Snohomish County Small Capital Projects Partnership grant was awarded. Staff have designed the project, applied for all applicable permits, prepared bid documents for resurfacing and anticipate the completion of the project by the end of Fall 2023. If any unexpected permit or bid delays occur, completion may be delayed to Spring 2024 if we miss the good weather window.



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 & Station Trail

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
7/24	5	10	3 camps removed at Al Borlin
7/26	2		1 camp found at Al Borlin
7/27	4	2	1 camp found at Stanton Trail
Avg.	3.67	4	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2023

Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board met on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Becky Hasart, Finance Director and Project Manager for the Branding Project, updated the Board Members with the most recent data collected from the outreach portion of the Branding Project.

Ben Swanson gave an update on the City Hall remodel project and the Trails Master Plan Capital Project.

Davin Aslin, owner of Fyre Sauna, presented his request to utilize the parking lot at Lake Tye Park for his mobile sauna trailer. Board members unanimously voted to deny the current request for this project due to strong recommendations from the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) and suggested Davin find private property to host his sauna trailer.

Attached to this report are the approved June 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes.



MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2023, 7:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online Meeting Platform & In-Person at City Hall

Park Board Members:
Jessie Robinson, Chair
Amy Martin, Vice Chair
Keith Dahlenburg, Member
Brady Welever, Member
Ron Petrick, Member
Mariana Medina, Member
Scot Noel, Member

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robinson called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:00pm, hybrid via Zoom and in-person at Monroe Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessie Robinson	Chairperson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Martin	Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keith Dahlenburg	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brady Welever	Board Member
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Board Members Dahlenburg and Noel were absent.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion was made by Board Member Welever, seconded by Board Member Martin, to approve the May 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. STAFF/BOARD DISCUSSION

7.1. Parks Department Report - *Ben Swanson*

Ben highlight the month's maintenance projects and events. Then explained the RFP process to select a consultant for the Trails Master Plan Project.

7.2. Community Development Department Report - *Ben Swanson*

Ben noted the continuous work on the Comprehensive Plan.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1. Chair Robinson motioned to adjourn and Board Member Welever seconded. Motioned passed 5-0 and the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

8.2. After the adjournment of regular agenda items, Board Members will began site visits to the following parks at the estimated listed times:

7:30pm - **Trombley Park** (134th St SE and 191st Ave SE)

8:00pm - **Lake Tye Park** (14964 Fryelands Blvd)

8:30pm - **Skykomish River Park** (413 Sky River Pkwy)

8:45pm - **Julia V. Morris Food Bank Garden** (816 Village Way)

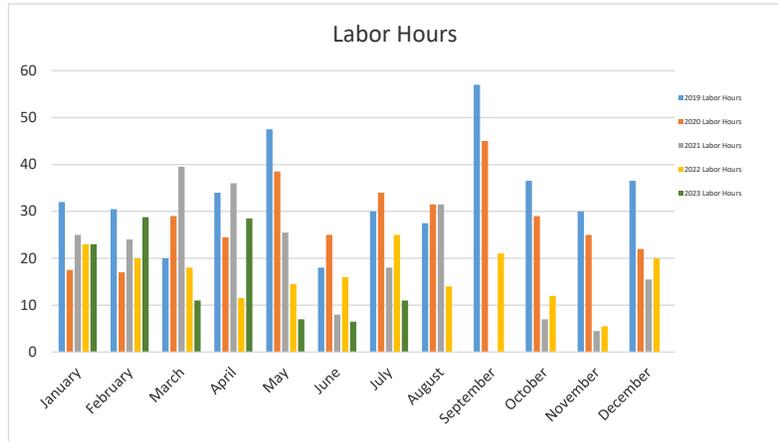
8.3. The next meeting, and continuously until further notice, will be held in the Court Room in the Parks and Public Works Building located at **769 Village Way**.



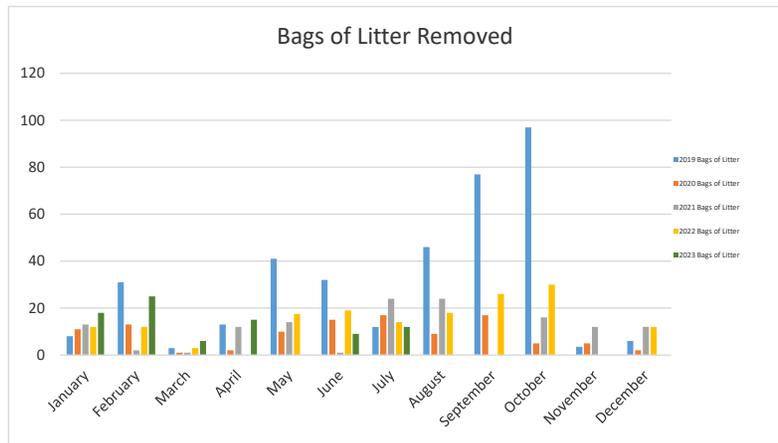
Chairperson

Parks Homeless Response Data 2023

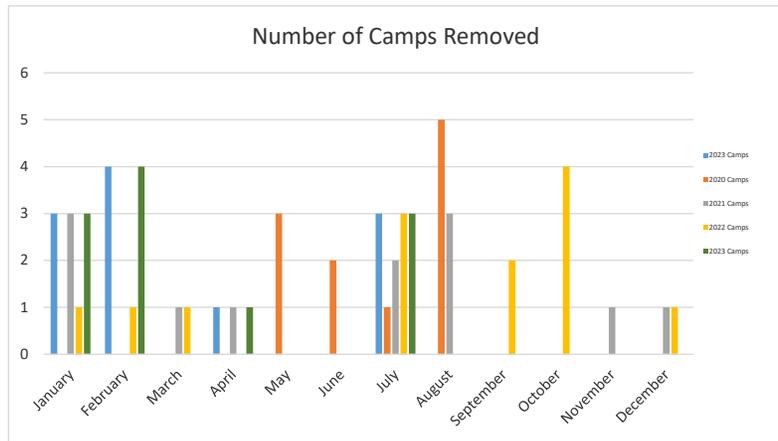
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-23	23	18	3
Feb-23	28.75	25	4
Mar-23	11	6	0
Apr-23	28.5	15	1
May-23	7	0	0
Jun-23	6.5	9	0
Jul-23	11	12	3
Aug-23			
Sep-23			
Oct-23			
Nov-23			
Dec-23			
Total 2023	115.75	85	11



	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
Total 2022	200.5	163.5	13



	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



2019 & 2020 data is shown only on the graphs. If you would like the full data breakdown, please reach out to Makenna Ohlsen, mohlsen@monroewa.gov