



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 age's 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 December, the parks crew worked on landscape projects such as continuing leaf mulching and pruning flower beds in various parks. The staff took some time to complete trainings which included CPR Training and Pesticide Application Training. They performed needed maintenance on equipment such as mowers, tractors, and trailers and additionally made repairs on the Tri Swing at Lake Tye Park and the Lewis Street Park Music Ball. After the flooding there was cleanup and damage repair needed at both Al Borlin Park and at the South Parking lot of Sky River Park. Both parks are now fully open. Lastly, the parks crew cleaned the roof at Lewis Street Park. It was a busy month!



Left: Parks staff working on cleaning the roof at Lewis Street Park. Right: Flooding Damage at Al Borlin Park.
Next Page: Flooding at Sky River Park.



Bird Flu Update

The last potential case of bird flu was reported on November 27, and it appears the outbreak at Lake Tye has passed. However, [Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife \(WDFW\)](#) recommends keeping the warnings in place through the winter due to outbreaks in other areas of Snohomish County and the potential of infected birds migrating to Lake Tye area. Any questions call WDFW at (360) 902-2200.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Monroe, please contact our Parks and Recreation Admin Assistant at (360) 863-4559 or sign up for notifications at <https://bit.ly/3uLsNjW>. Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information.

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 & Sky River Trails

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
12/18	2		Al Borlin – Inspection
12/19	15	4	Al Borlin – 4 camps found & inspected Sky River – 4 bags & 1 shopping cart found
12/20	17	30	Al Borlin – 10 yards of garbage removed
Avg.	11.33	11.33	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2023

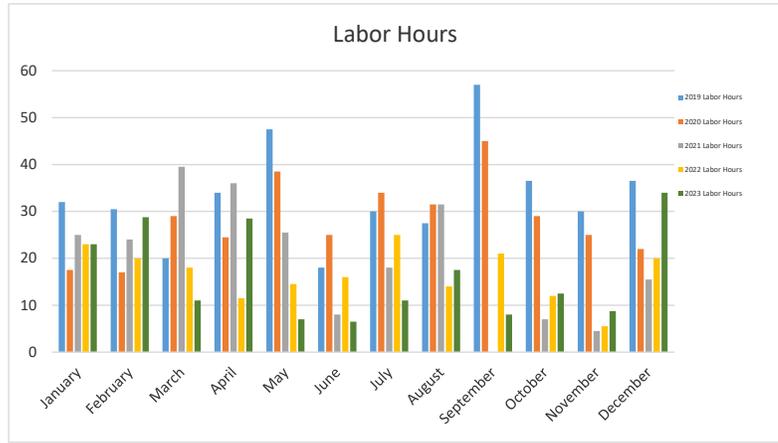
Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board December meeting was cancelled.

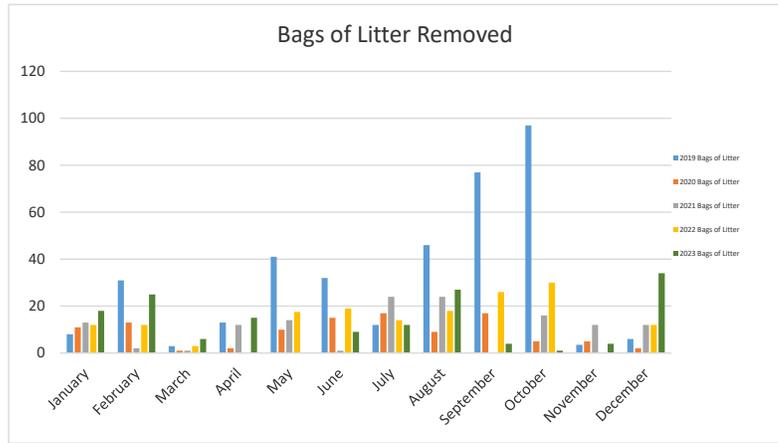
The next scheduled Park Board meeting is Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Court Room at 769 Village Way.

Parks Homeless Response Data 2023

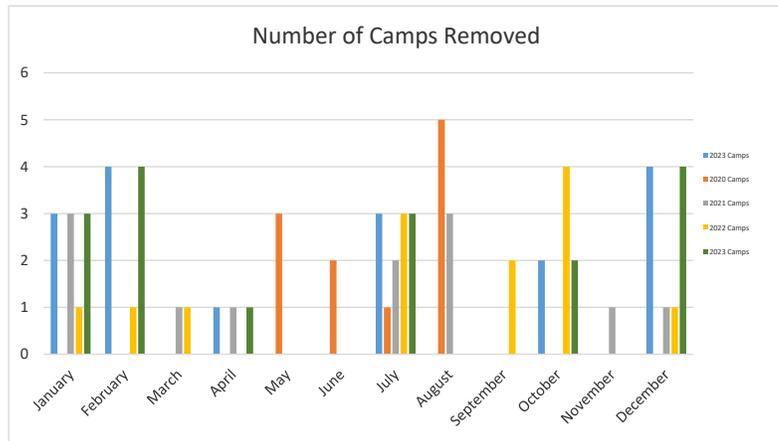
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-23	23	18	3
Feb-23	28.75	25	4
Mar-23	11	6	0
Apr-23	28.5	15	1
May-23	7	0	0
Jun-23	6.5	9	0
Jul-23	11	12	3
Aug-23	17.5	27	0
Sep-23	8	4	0
Oct-23	12.5	1	2
Nov-23	8.75	4	0
Dec-23	34	34	4
Total 2023	196.5	155	17



	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