



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

During September, the crew transitioned to a Monday-Friday work week. Key accomplishments included two playground repairs at Lake Tye, replacement of four irrigation valves in neighborhood parks, four turf repairs at the Lake Tye synthetic field, and grading of the road and parking areas at Al Borlin Park. The team also supported multiple events, completed weekly mowing, garbage collection, litter removal, and playground inspections. Toward the end of the month, they began pruning trees that will be difficult to access during the winter.



(Above: Crew fixing playground toys and pruning trees)

September Events

September brought one last hurrah of events the first weekend of the month. R/C Unlimited Model Boat Racing returned to Lake Tye Saturday and Sunday, September 7-8. During the *Apple Cup* radio-controlled model boats race through an obstacle course just offshore. These boats are capable of 60 mph.

Belonging returned to Sky River Park September 7 and entertained attendees with performances, art, food, education, and vendors throughout the day.



(Above: RC Boat Racing & Belonging)

Swift Night Out also returned the evening of September 7. The event organizers estimated more attendees than last year, roughly 400. Unfortunately, only 8 swifts showed up and flew around the chimney before leaving to roost somewhere else for the night, likely attributed to the heat wave we had the week prior and a Merlin chasing them off.



Tourism Data

Reading the visitation analytics through Placer.ai from September 1-27 Monroe had 230,000 visitors which are individuals who visit Monroe excluding those that live and work here. This number includes all visitors, not just overnight stays.

Attached to this report you will see the Tourism Report for the first half of the year. Monroe had 37,900 visitors which is the total number of separate overnight trips including multiple trips by the same person and 117,100 visit nights which is the total number of overnight stays.

These stays resulted in an estimated spending potential of \$25.7M.

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.

Park Board

The Monroe Parks Board met on Thursday, September 19 and business consisted of electing new Chairperson (Amy Martin) and Vice Chairperson (Ron Petrick) as well as making a recommendation approving staff’s annual CFP recommendations, which will be reviewed and adopted by Council this fall.

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 |
|------|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 9/18 | 10 | 36 | Sky River Park – Inspections, Garbage Removal Al Borlin – Inspections, Garbage Removal |
| 9/30 | 2.5 | 4 | Sky River Park – Inspections, Garbage Removal Al Borlin – Inspections, Garbage Removal |
| | | | See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2023 |



MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2024, 7:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online Meeting Platform & In-Person at the Parks & Public Works Building at
769 Village Way

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Martin called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:02pm, hybrid via Zoom and in-person in the Court Room at 769 Village Way.

2. ROLL CALL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Martin | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abdul Salama | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brady Welever | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Petrick | Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brown | Board Member |

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1. Motion was made by Board Member Petrick, seconded by Board Member Welever, to approve the April 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4- 0
- 4.2. Motion was made by Board Member Petrick, seconded by Board Member Welever, to approve the June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4- 0
- 4.3. Motion was made by Board Member Brown, seconded by Board Member Welever, to approve the August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4- 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Park Board Election

Board Member Welever nominated Vice Chair Martin to become the new Chair. Motion was made by Board Member Welever, seconded by Board Member Brown. Motion carried 4- 0

Board Member Welever nominated Board Member Petrick to become the new Vice Chair. Motion was made by Chair Martin, seconded by Board Member Welever. Motion carried 4- 0

6.2. Parks and Rec 2025-2030 CIP- Mike Farrell

Mike Farrell reviewed the Parks CIP. Board Member Welever motioned to forward approval of CIP to Council, Chair Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0

7. STAFF/BOARD DISCUSSION

7.1. Parks Department Report - *Mike Farrell*

Mike Farrell highlighted the Parks Crew Operations and Events from August.

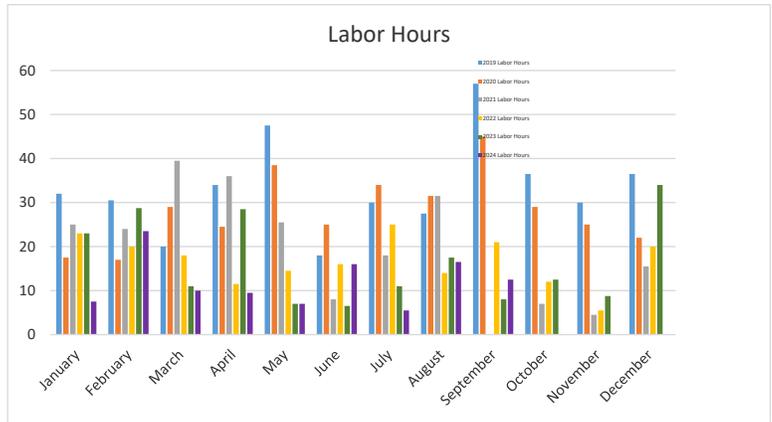
7.2. Community Development Department Report - *Mike Farrell*

8. ADJOURNMENT

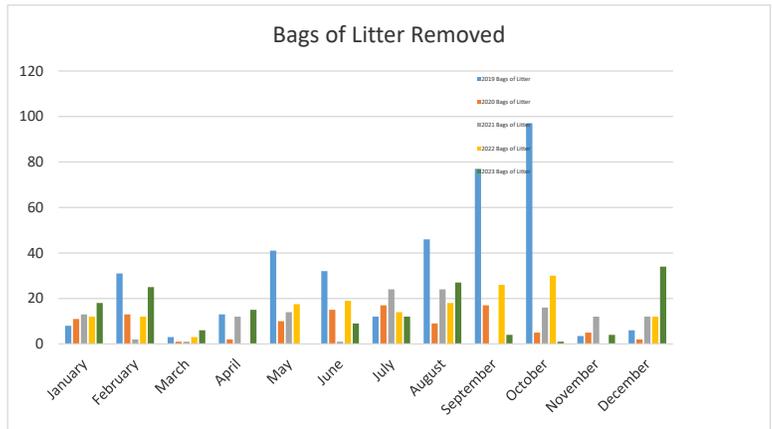
8.1. Chair Martin motioned to adjourn and Board Member Welever seconded. Motioned passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

Chairperson

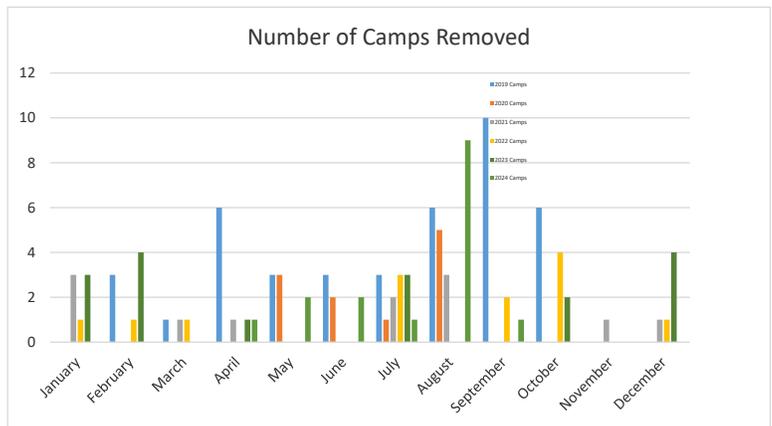
| | Labor Hours YTD | Bags of Litter Removed YTD | Camps Removed YTD |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Jan-24 | 7.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Feb-24 | 23.5 | 22.5 | 0 |
| Mar-24 | 10 | 15 | 0 |
| Apr-24 | 9.5 | 14 | 1 |
| May-24 | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| Jun-24 | 16 | 8 | 2 |
| Jul-24 | 5.5 | 2 | 1 |
| Aug-24 | 16.5 | 12 | 9 |
| Sep-24 | 12.5 | 40 | 1 |
| Oct-24 | | | |
| Nov-24 | | | |
| Dec-24 | | | |
| Total 2024 | 108 | 121.5 | 16 |



| | 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 |



2019-2021 data is shown only on the graphs. If you would like the full data breakdown, please reach out to Shelley Rowe srowe@monroewa.gov

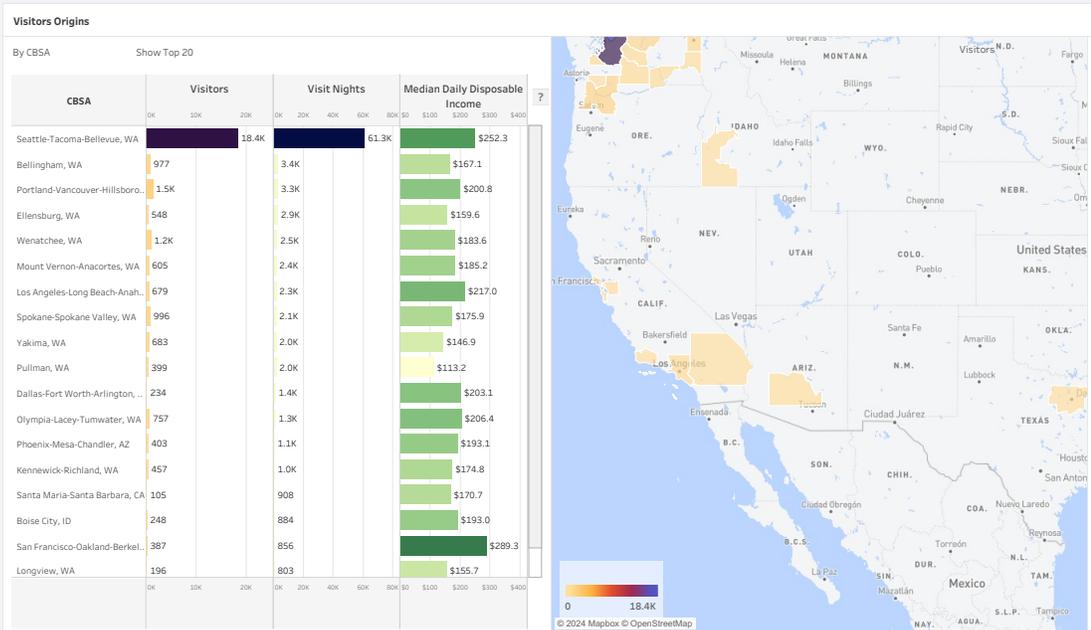


Domestic Travel & Tourism Report | Analysis of people traveling from their primary residence and visiting a city of interest for up to 31 days (Note: Only overnight stays are counted)

Select a Region: **City - Monroe, WA** From: **January 24** To: **June 24**

Visitors **37.9K** -4.3% YoY **Visit Nights** **117.1K** +12.4% YoY **Estimated Visitors' Spending Potential** **\$25.7M** +10.7% YoY

Show By: **Visitor Origins** Local Destinations



Visitor Metrics

