



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

April marked the start of the crew's busy season. Three seasonal employees joined the team at the beginning of the month, with another three coming on board by the end of April. The crew wrapped up the communication board installation at Sky River Park, completing the project that began last year. Work continued bringing playgrounds up to safety standards with the ongoing installation of play chips throughout the park system.

Aeration efforts began on the sports fields and other underperforming turf areas to support stronger grass growth as spring progresses. Irrigation repairs also got underway, including the installation of new budgeted clocks to update our battery-operated controllers. Flowers and soil were delivered to the school district to kick off the growing process for this year's displays along Main and Lewis Streets. Meanwhile, Pine Creek Nursery started work on the hanging basket flowers, which are scheduled to be planted in mid-May.



(Above: Crew adding more play chips Park Meadows and repairing PIP at Sky River)

Additionally, the crew removed and repaired damaged sections of poured-in-place (PIP) surfacing at both Sky River and Lake Tye playgrounds. On the maintenance side, daily mowing has resumed, and staff have started pressure washing fixtures, signs, and fences across the park system.

Currie View Playground Update

Currie View Playground is nearing completion. All play structures have been installed and are awaiting final inspection. The surfacing on the west section has been completed, while the poured-in-place (PIP) rubber surfacing is scheduled for installation on May 8. Rain delays have impacted the PIP installation timeline, but with improved weather conditions, we are hopeful the work will be completed by the weekend. Once the PIP is in place, the turf team will return to install the seam between the two surfacing sections. Benches and tables were installed on May 7. The remaining tasks include the final inspection, completion of punch list items, and removal of the construction fencing. If all proceeds as planned, the playground will be ready to open next week.



2025 City of Monroe Events Brochure

The 2025 City of Monroe events brochure was published in April and mailed to 14,402 residents. The brochure was also inserted into the April utility bill in both an English and Spanish version of the brochure. Additional copies are available to our community at multiple locations such as the Visitor Center, Monroe Library, Snohomish PUD, and the Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA. We will continue to distribute the brochure at upcoming event and additionally offer a digital copy available through the city's website.

Arbor Day / Earth Day Celebration

Since 2019, the City of Monroe has continued to maintain a Tree City USA by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management. These standards include maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day. More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree city USA.



On Friday, April 25, Mayor Thomas led a planting of a Red Sunset Maple donated by the Monroe Garden Club in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day. Mayor Thomas, Diane Carlson from Monroe Garden Club, Councilmember Beaumont, Councilmember Fulcher, Councilmember Walker, and Molly Barns from the Monroe School District Board of Directors all spoke at the event. This was the eighth-year Mayor Thomas has led a ceremonial tree planting in recognition of Arbor Day and Earth Day. The planting took place just West of the Skate Park. Students from Kelly Harper's 4th grade class from Fryeland's Elementary School

attended the event and assisted in the planting.

Bark in the Park

Organized by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and previously known as the Wiggly Walk, Bark in the Park returned to Sky River Park on Saturday, April 26. This event brings the community and dogs together for some free fun. The Chamber reported that many adoptions were made at the event, and a lot of support was given to rescues and those providing resources for dogs in our community.

Kudos from Monroe Chamber Director: "Bark in the Park was a HUGE success. I believe around 800 people came to that event. We were busy from noon to 4pm and event ended at 4:30p. The crowds were unbelievable, apparently other cities locally (Bothell/Woodinville) stopped doing them except for Marysville. Every vendor loved Sky River, they complimented how well the park was maintained, how amazing the dog park is and the bathrooms so I wanted to share that to all the Parks Dept. Great job team!"

Placer.ai attendance estimate: 849



Kid's Fishing Derby at Lake Tye

We were thrilled to have the Kid's Fishing Derby return to Lake Tye on Sunday, April 27. Snohomish Sportsmen's Club decided to move their event from Blackman's Lake to Lake Tye to increase attendance and grow their event. Plus, our community missed the 2024 event and were



thrilled to have a fishing day back. The event offered free fishing in the freshly stocked lake from 8am-1pm for children 5-15. They encouraged participants to bring their own gear, but did have some donated items available for those in need so all could participate. Once a fish was caught, participants received a raffle ticket and a chance to win a prize.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: 840

Monroe Community Egg Hunt

The annual Monroe Community Egg Hunt took place April 19 at Lake Tye Park and was a success. We had 29 businesses/organizations show up to host a booth for the event. We had about 5 volunteers to help with the event who came from Fred Meyer, 2 from Kiwanis, and 2 from our community that returned to volunteer from last year.

We'd like to give a special thank you to our sponsors for helping to make this event possible: Monroe Walmart who stepped up this year and donated the prizes and grand prizes for 44 winning participants, Galaxy Theater for donating an amazing grand prize-winning package, EvergreenHealth Monroe and Rotary Club of Monroe for funding the majority of the 25,000 eggs.

Additional sponsors included: Park Place Community Church, Republic Services, Ward Roney Jr. VFW Post 7511, and lastly, our fearless DJ who cheerfully returns every year Jerry Dixon with Big Dogs. We could not run this event without the support of all of our community partners. Thank you!



Placer.ai attendance estimate: 2,700



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 Board’s meeting in March was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2025.

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
4/1	9	18	Sky River Park – Inspections Al Borlin – Inspections
4/30	2	0	Al Borlin – Inspections
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2023



MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2025, 7:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online Meeting Platform & In-Person at the Parks & Public Works Building at
769 Village Way

Park Board Members:
Amy Martin, Chair
Ron Petrick, Vice Chair
Vacant, Member
Brady Welever, Member
Abdul Salama, Member
Vacant, Member
Lisa Brown, Member

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson 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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Martin	Chairperson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	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 type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brown	Board Member

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Downtown Revitalization Project was presented by Patrick Doherty.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion was made by Board Member Petrick, seconded by Board Member Welever, to approve the January 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. STAFF/BOARD DISCUSSION

6.1. Parks Department Report - *Mike Farrell*

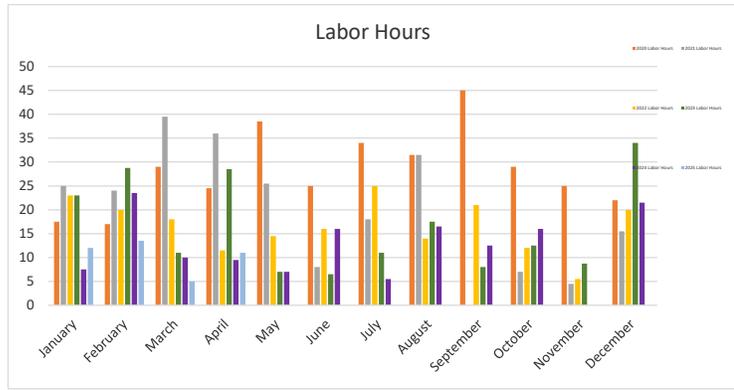
6.2. Community Development Department Report - *Mike Farrell*

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1. Board Member Welever motioned to adjourn and Board Member Petrick seconded. Motioned passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

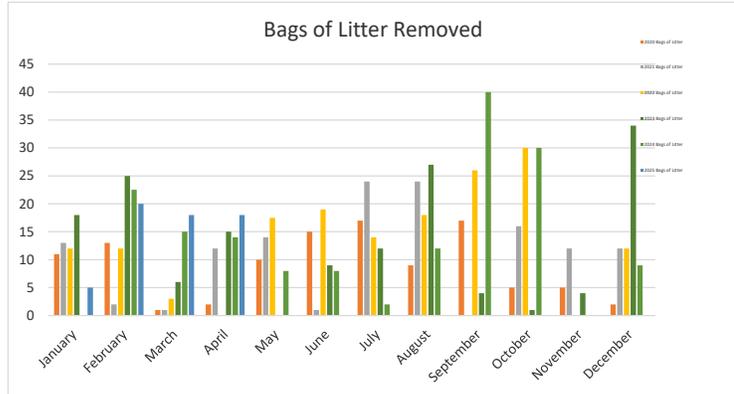
Chairperson

	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-25	12	5	1
Feb-25	13.5	20	1
Mar-25	5	18	3
Apr-25	11	18	0
May-25			
Jun-25			
Jul-25			
Aug-25			
Sep-25			
Oct-25			
Nov-25			
Dec-25			
Total 2025	41.5	61	5

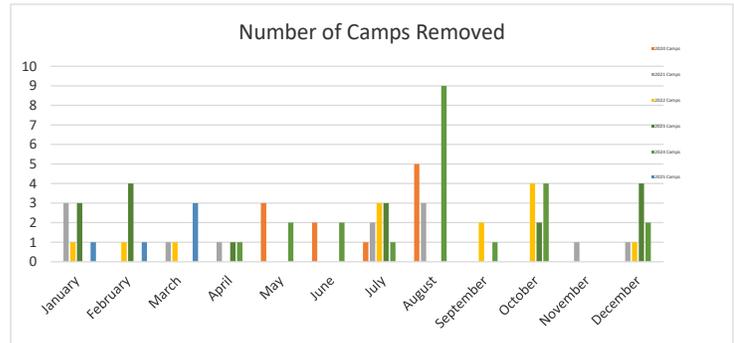


	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-24	7.5	0	0
Feb-24	23.5	22.5	0
Mar-24	10	15	0
Apr-24	9.5	14	1
May-24	7	8	2
Jun-24	16	8	2
Jul-24	5.5	2	1
Aug-24	16.5	12	9
Sep-24	12.5	40	1
Oct-24	16	30	4
Nov-24	0*	0*	0*
Dec-24	21.5	9	2
Total 2024	145.5	160.5	22

Note: * No trail inspections due to storm event and training



	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



2019-2022 data is shown only on the graphs. If you would like the full data breakdown, please reach out to Shelley Rowe srowe@monroewa.gov