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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 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.**

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## Department Update

### Operations

In May, the Parks Department welcomed three additional seasonal team members to support our core maintenance operations. With their help, we've been able to stay on top of essential daily tasks such as mowing, line trimming, garbage collection, restroom maintenance, ball field preparation, and weeding.

This added capacity also allowed our full-time staff to take on several important projects. These included installing a memorial bench at Lake Tye, conducting thorough playground inspections and completing necessary repairs, performing trail inspections and removing unauthorized camps, and starting up and repairing irrigation systems. Staff also planted donated trees throughout our parks, raised and lowered flags for national observances, addressed vandalism across the park system, and installed hanging flower baskets downtown — beautiful additions that were planted by dedicated community volunteers.



In addition, Public Works helped the department install water access to Currie View Playground and the parks crew installed the infrastructure for a future drinking fountain as well. Repairs were also made to the damaged fence at Sky River Park, where two sections were replaced due to a car accident and storm damage.

The entire crew has been working hard and taking great pride in their work. We hope that dedication is reflected in the spaces we maintain and in the enjoyment our community gets from them.



(Above: Currie View Park)

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## Downtown Flower Baskets

A special thank you to Monroe Garden Club for volunteering to plant our 66 downtown hanging baskets. We are grateful to Pine Creek Farms and Nursery for supplying the flowers, and the staff for helping with the planting, installation, and maintenance of the baskets. A big thank you to Republic Services for their donation of \$500 and Monroe Garden Club for their donation of \$300.



## Currie View Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Friday, May 23, the Parks Department hosted the Grand Opening of the Currie View Park playground. Currie View Park is a 4.3-acre neighborhood park located at 17260 153rd Street, within the Currie View neighborhood. The newly installed playground equipment was thoughtfully designed to encourage multi-generational play and is ADA inclusive, intentionally breaking down physical and social barriers to ensure all children can play together. The equipment also features a playful theme that enhances the visual appeal of the park and includes advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that cater to older children seeking a more adventurous play experience.



## May Events

May brought a few annual events back to Monroe. The first Sunday of the month was the 6th annual Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5k & Battle of the Badges. The idea behind the 5k was to bring the community together, be outside and run in memory of Kaci. The community showed up again in numbers to support this amazing cause and to remember Kaci. The goal is to keep this activity and scholarship going until Kaci would have graduated in 2030. The Battle of the Badges helps to raise funds for this goal

in a fun and only slightly competitive competition. This year, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue pulled out the win.



Placer.ai attendance estimate: Not available at this time.

Next up on May 17 was the eighth annual Flags for our Fallen 5K run/walk. The event remembers and honors the lives of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This year the event was honored to welcome a WWII Veteran who was thrilled to be able to participate in the paved course. All funds raised help support the Ward Roney Jr. VFW Post 7511's crucial work to help local veterans in need and positively impact the Monroe community.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: Not available at this time.



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## 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's website at [MonroeWA.gov](http://MonroeWA.gov) for more information.

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## Park Board

The Monroe Park Board met on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

We introduced 3 new Park Board Members and City Clerk Wycoff presented the Rules of Procedure for Boards, Commissions and Committee's.

Attached to this report are the approved minutes from the February 20, 2025 meeting.

The next scheduled Park Board meeting is Thursday, July 12, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Court Room at 769 Village Way.

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**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 2023 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
5/22	1	8	Al Borlin – Inspections, Camp Cleanup
5/30	2	0	Sky River - 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*

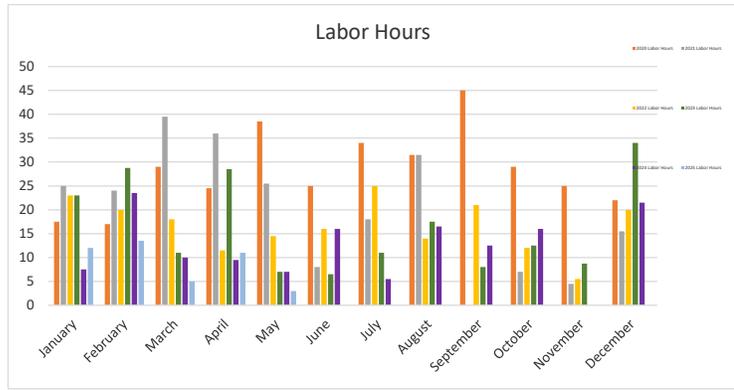
## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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.

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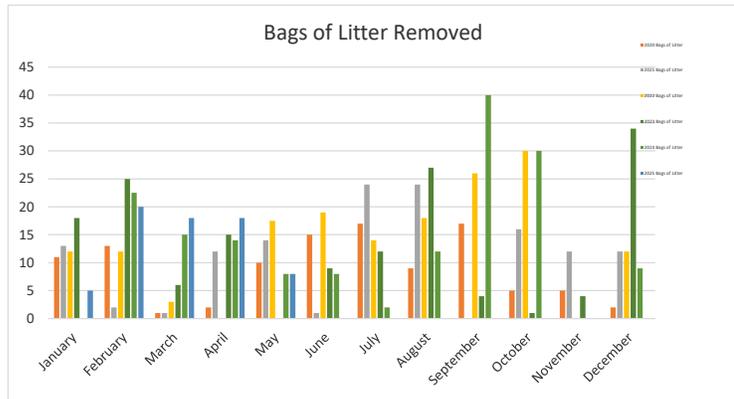
Chairperson

	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	3	8	1
Jun-25			
Jul-25			
Aug-25			
Sep-25			
Oct-25			
Nov-25			
Dec-25			
<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>6</b>

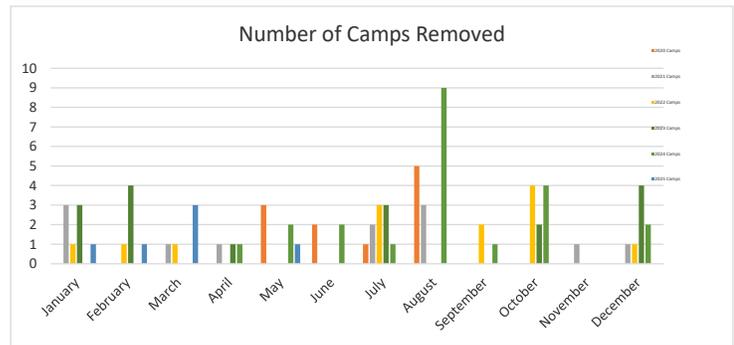


	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-24	7.5	0	0
Feb-24	23.5	22.5	0
Mar-24	10	15	0
Apr-24	9.5	14	1
May-24	7	8	2
Jun-24	16	8	2
Jul-24	5.5	2	1
Aug-24	16.5	12	9
Sep-24	12.5	40	1
Oct-24	16	30	4
Nov-24	0*	0*	0*
Dec-24	21.5	9	2
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>22</b>

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
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>196.5</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>17</b>



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](mailto:srowe@monroewa.gov)