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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

June was a busy month for the Parks & Recreation Department. Our maintenance staff planted begonias in the end caps on Main Street and Lewis Street. At Lake Tye, staff cleaned up the garden beds by weeding, pruning, and raking. They also painted over graffiti at the Lake Tye restroom in hopes to keep the area looking nice. Our staff also did some necessary irrigation repairs in different areas around the city to keep everything watered. In addition to a couple of great events the crew helped to prep and manage the fields for Kaci Edelbrock Memorial Tournament on Father's Day weekend - June 14 and 15.



(Above: Main Street End Caps)

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## June Events

The Lake Tye Challenge returned for the second year on June . This is a 12-hour, 6-hour and 3-hour ultramarathon around Lake Tye. Participants complete as many laps as they can within that time frame. All profits raised from this event go to the Wild Sky Community Trails Association.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: Due to the logistics of this event, we are unable to estimate the number of attendees/spectators at the park for this particular event. However, the event had roughly 75 registered runners – a slight decrease from last year.

PRIDE returned to Sky River Park Sunday, June 8 and had yet another beautiful, warm event day. This year, the attendance greatly exceeded past years with a steady flow of visitors throughout the event duration.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: 3,200



Amateur Radio Field Day returned to Lake Tye on June 28-29. This Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club is a group of volunteer emergency responders serving the City of Monroe, EvergreenHealth Monroe, Police, Fire, search and rescue and local events such as the Lake Tye Challenge and the Lake Tye Triathlon. The club provides equipment and expertise to assure that responders and event staff can easily communicate to timely provide their needed services. This event provides the public a hands-on demonstration of this club and what they do.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: Due to the logistics of this event, we are unable to estimate the number of attendees.

## Placer.ai Data from May

After a hiccup with our Placer.ai dashboard in May we are now fully operational and have the data to report from our May community events which was missing in last month's report.

May 4: Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5k & Battle of the Badges Placer.ai attendance estimate: 2,400

May 17: Flags for our Fallen 5K run/walk Placer.ai attendance estimate: 539

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## **MONROE Magazine Discussion with the Economic Development Advisory Board**

Katie Darrow presented to the Economic Development Advisory Board on Thursday, June 26 regarding the May MONROE Magazine. The discussion included changes that were made this year, publication feedback, feedback on the cover, the city's digital business campaign, the city's outreach effort to potential advertisers, and the increase in Ad Sales. We are happy to report that the publication saw an all-time high in ad sales which shows us the project and the city's mission for the project is supported by our business owners.



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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, June 12, 2025.

City Administrator, Deborah Knight presented the Parks Department Long-Range Planning Framework and 2025 Park Board Work Plan.

The next scheduled Park Board meeting is Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 7 p.m.

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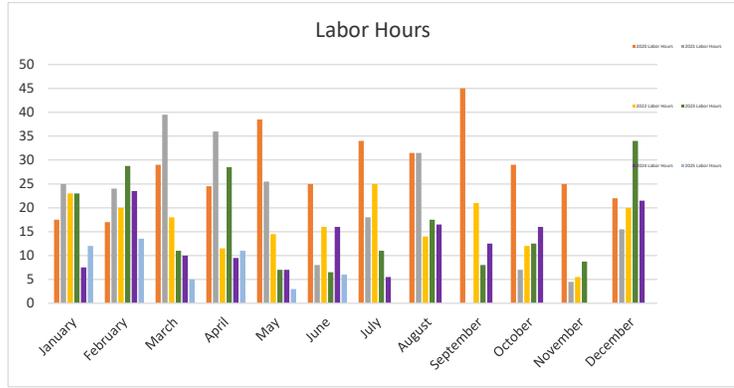
## City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

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, Rotary, & Sky River Trails

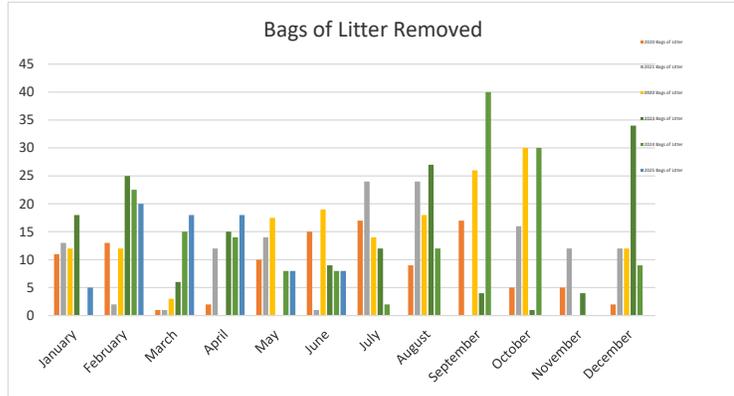
DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
6/9	2	2	Sky River– Inspections
6/25	4	6	Al Borlin, Sky River, Rotary - Inspections
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2023 - 2025

	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	6	8	2
Jul-25			
Aug-25			
Sep-25			
Oct-25			
Nov-25			
Dec-25			
<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>8</b>

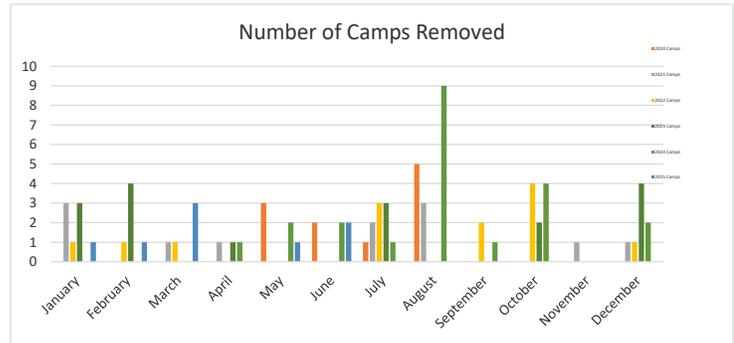


	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-24	7.5	0	0
Feb-24	23.5	22.5	0
Mar-24	10	15	0
Apr-24	9.5	14	1
May-24	7	8	2
Jun-24	16	8	2
Jul-24	5.5	2	1
Aug-24	16.5	12	9
Sep-24	12.5	40	1
Oct-24	16	30	4
Nov-24	0*	0*	0*
Dec-24	21.5	9	2
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>22</b>

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>



2020-2022 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)