
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

From maintenance projects to community events, our crew covered a lot of ground across the parks system in September. We completed encampments cleanups at Al Borlin and Lake Tye Park. Crews did some major tree and shrub removals at Travelers Park to open up visibility and promote safety for park patrons there. At Sky River Park,



the spiral slide was repaired and baseball Field #3 received renovations, while Stanton Meadows playground got a new slide to replace the damaged one. The crawl tube at Lake Tye Park was fixed, and new



playground chips were added at both Rainier and Cedar Grove Park to improve safety and play conditions. Along with these projects, our crew carried out routine playground and trail inspections, stayed on top of mowing and general maintenance, and supported a busy lineup of community events, including the Color Run, R/C Model Boat Racing, Belonging, Swift Night Out, and several cross country meets.



(Crew repairing play equipment)

September Events

We saw fewer events in September as our primary event season has come to an end. The first weekend, brought four events to Lake Tye Park and Sky River Park, these included:

Belonging

The fourth annual Belonging event returned to Sky River Park on Saturday, September 6. The event included DJ Big Rez, Jump Rattle & Roll's foam cannon, food, live music, dance, demonstrations, learning/sharing, and speakers. One of these special guests included Monroe's own Miss Wheelchair NW, Giusana Prosser who spoke about belonging in a community. A new event feature this year - the event partnered with a Kid's Market called [Children's Entrepreneur Market](#). These young business owners worked hard on their booth displays and their unique goods.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: 487

**Due to this attendance threshold we aren't able to accurately estimate where attendees are coming from.*

Swifts Night Out

The annual Swift Night Out also returned on September 6. We were pleased to see that the swifts were active in the chimney leading up to the event. The event included an educational presentation on swifts and a food truck – offering attendees a full night of entertainment. The Facebook social media post for this event received over 90,000 views – our highest post for the month of September.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: We are unable to track data through Placer.ai for locations that are in the vicinity of schools.

Color Walk

The Rainbow Color Walk which is hosted by Sultan-Monroe Masonic Lodge #160 returned to Sky River Park on September 7. The course starts and ends in the park but also travels through Al Borlin and Lewis Street Park. The event is designed to support the future education of students in the Cities of Sultan and Monroe and the Grand Worthy Advisor's Service Project. The event organizer has voiced that they would like to increase promotion for this event starting next year as they are ready to see it grow.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: 1,100

Model Boat Racing

This event has been hosted in Monroe since 2022 but up until the past year, was quite under the radar. The City ran an article in the May Monroe Magazine showcasing the event as a unique event our community might not know about. The event organizers reached out after the event to thank us for our efforts as they were excited to see an increase in spectators. They said, "thanks to your PR efforts we had a good number of people and a lot of families show up to watch the race. We had some extra time, so we allowed the public to come into the pit area and look at the boats up close. There were a lot of kids that came through."

Placer.ai attendance estimate: 183

**Due to this attendance threshold we aren't able to accurately estimate where attendees are coming from.*



Spartan Race

The annual Spartan Race returned to just outside Monroe again this year. The entrance to the event location changed this year. This year, attendees entered off Main Street and 177 Ave SE which caused some traffic back ups. We were thankful to our off-duty Police officers that were

there to help mitigate the traffic flow. The event itself, is held on private property just outside the City limits. Please see the enclosed pdf for the origin of attendees.

Placer.ai attendance estimate: 10,200

In addition to these annual events, we hosted two Monroe School District cross country events held within our Parks. Park Place Middle School had a meet at Sky River Park and on the same day, Monroe High School held a meet at Lake Tye. The high school had not held a meet at Lake Tye since 2021, so we were glad to have them return.

Festival Lot Update

Parks staff have designed a new sign for installation on the City-owned property located on West Main Street—the future site of the Festival Lot. The sign will inform the public that this location is the planned home of the Festival Lot, a versatile public space intended to host a variety of community and cultural events. It also features a QR code that links directly to the project's webpage, providing more information and updates.

Future home of the City of Monroe's **FESTIVAL LOT**



Imagine a multi-purpose gathering space for community events.



Scan the QR code to learn more or visit MonroeWA.gov/1266.



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 for more information.

Park Board

The Monroe Park Board met on Thursday, September 18, 2025 and was presented with the overview of the 2026 Legislative Priorities.

The next scheduled Park Board meeting is Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 7 p.m. The Parks Board currently has two vacancies.

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 be occurring 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
9/2	6	8	Al Borlin – Inspections
9/23	6	19	Al Borlin – Inspections/Camp Removal Sky River – Inspections Lake Tye – Inspections/Camp Removal
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2023 - 2025



2025 Seattle Spartan

Alaska

99672 Sterling	AK	14
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Total	14
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Arkansa

72901 Fort Smith	AR	18
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Total	
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Arizona

86005 Flagstaff	AZ	24
85050 Phoenix	AZ	18
85023 Phoenix	AZ	16
85531 Central	AZ	13
85122 Casa Grande	AZ	12
85212 Mesa	AZ	10
85383 Peoria	AZ	9

Total	102
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California

92084 Vista	CA	47
95118 San Jose	CA	43
95023 Hollister	CA	43
90723 Paramount	CA	33
94070 San Carlos	CA	32
95603 Auburn	CA	28
92026 Escondido	CA	26
92117 San Diego	CA	24
94510 Benicia	CA	23
90638 La Mirada	CA	18
92069 San Marcos	CA	15
95762 El Dorado Hills	CA	11
92320 Calimesa	CA	10

Total	353
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Colorado

80817 Fountain	CO	39
80513 Berthoud	CO	13
80601 Brighton	CO	11
80833 Rush	CO	7

Total	70
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Florida

34203 Bradenton	FL	52
32952 Merritt Island	FL	31
32807 Orlando	FL	16
32530 Bagdad	FL	15
34771 Saint Cloud	FL	8

Total	122
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Georgia

30319 Atlanta	GA	16
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Total	16
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Hawaii

96793 Wailuku	HI	11
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Total	11
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Idaho

83835	Hayden	ID	37
83854	Post Falls	ID	33
83646	Meridian	ID	28
83655	New Plymouth	ID	18
83864	Sandpoint	ID	11
83616	Eagle	ID	8
83202	Pocatello	ID	7

Total	142
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Indiana

46013	Anderson	IN	20
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Total	20
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Kentucky

42071	Murray	KY	7
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Total	7
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Louisiana

70663	Sulphur	LA	7
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Total	7
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Maryland

20646	Ironsides	MD	10
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Total	10
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Maine

4345	Gardiner	ME	11
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Total	11
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Michigan

48127	Dearborn Heights	MI	31
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Total	31
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Montana

59801	Missoula	MT	46
59714	Belgrade	MT	29
59715	Bozeman	MT	17
59752	Three Forks	MT	13
59405	Malmstrom AFB	MT	11
59828	Corvallis	MT	10

Total	126
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North Dakota

58504	Bismarck	ND	15
58201	Grand Forks	ND	13

Total	28
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New Mexico

87507	Santa Fe	NM	17
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Total	17
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Nevada

89011	Henderson	NV	5
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Total	5
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New York

10036	New York	NY	30
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Total	30
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Ohio

45014	Fairfield	OH	16
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Total	16
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Oregon

97236	Portland	OR	63
97202	Portland	OR	54
97220	Portland	OR	49
97478	Springfield	OR	48
97223	Portland	OR	47
97224	Portland	OR	41
97113	Cornelius	OR	40
97132	Newberg	OR	37
97317	Salem	OR	37
97838	Hermiston	OR	37
97003	Beaverton	OR	35
97086	Happy Valley	OR	34
97306	Salem	OR	30
97058	The Dalles	OR	28
97045	Oregon City	OR	28
97756	Redmond	OR	27
97225	Portland	OR	26
97504	Medford	OR	25
97055	Sandy	OR	22
97229	Portland	OR	22
97006	Beaverton	OR	21
97060	Troutdale	OR	20
97230	Portland	OR	20
97267	Portland	OR	18
97524	Eagle Point	OR	17
97124	Hillsboro	OR	16
97030	Gresham	OR	16
97846	Joseph	OR	15
97089	Damascus	OR	15
97304	Salem	OR	13
97322	Albany	OR	12
97056	Scappoose	OR	12
97402	Eugene	OR	11
97527	Grants Pass	OR	11
97364	Neotsu	OR	11
97138	Seaside	OR	11
97024	Fairview	OR	10
97355	Lebanon	OR	9
97114	Dayton	OR	9
97479	Sutherlin	OR	8

Total	1005
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South Dakota

57701	Rapid City	SD	25
57719	Box Elder	SD	8

Total	33
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Tennessee

37919	Knoxville	TN	11
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Total	11
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Texas

75009	Celina	TX	19
77340	Huntsville	TX	16
76020	Azle	TX	12
75703	Tyler	TX	12
77306	Conroe	TX	9
76244	Keller	TX	9
78152	Saint Hedwig	TX	6
79928	El Paso	TX	5
76227	Aubrey	TX	5
76177	Fort Worth	TX	4

Total	97
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Utah

84604	Provo	UT	35
84404	Ogden	UT	30
84062	Pleasant Grove	UT	17
84057	Orem	UT	15
84315	Hooper	UT	9

Total			106
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Washington

98052	Redmond	WA	224
98258	Lake Stevens	WA	205
98272	Monroe	WA	179
98208	Everett	WA	165
98226	Bellingham	WA	165
98229	Bellingham	WA	162
98374	Puyallup	WA	145
98270	Marysville	WA	132
98133	Seattle	WA	130
98012	Bothell	WA	113
98277	Oak Harbor	WA	113
98043	Mountlake Terrace	WA	106
99019	Liberty Lake	WA	106
98042	Kent	WA	103
98366	Port Orchard	WA	98
98011	Bothell	WA	91
98005	Bellevue	WA	87
98296	Snohomish	WA	84
98125	Seattle	WA	82
98026	Edmonds	WA	80
98198	Seattle	WA	77
98223	Arlington	WA	76
98409	Tacoma	WA	75
98367	Burley	WA	75
98023	Federal Way	WA	73
98383	Silverdale	WA	72
98502	Olympia	WA	71
98056	Renton	WA	70
98264	Lynden	WA	69
98040	Mercer Island	WA	69
98499	Lakewood	WA	68
98112	Seattle	WA	68
98055	Renton	WA	68
98070	Burton	WA	64
98372	Puyallup	WA	64
98328	Eatonville	WA	64
98203	Everett	WA	62
98275	Mukilteo	WA	61
98422	Tacoma	WA	61
98221	Anacortes	WA	61
98387	Spanaway	WA	59
98388	Steilacoom	WA	59
98271	North Lakewood	WA	57
98059	Renton	WA	57
98032	Kent	WA	56
99203	Spokane	WA	55
98371	Puyallup	WA	54
98115	Seattle	WA	53
98037	Lynnwood	WA	52
98038	Maple Valley	WA	50
98642	Ridgefield	WA	50
98058	Renton	WA	50
98006	Bellevue	WA	48
98290	Snohomish	WA	47
98092	Auburn	WA	47

98087	Lynnwood	WA	47
98498	Tacoma	WA	47
98119	Seattle	WA	47
98513	Olympia	WA	47
98644	Seaview	WA	47
99206	Spokane	WA	46
98445	Tacoma	WA	46
98117	Seattle	WA	44
98625	Kalama	WA	44
98802	East Wenatchee	WA	44
98273	Mount Vernon	WA	43
98926	Ellensburg	WA	43
98230	Blaine	WA	42
98632	Longview	WA	41
98446	Tacoma	WA	40
98033	Kirkland	WA	40
98370	Poulsbo	WA	40
98102	Seattle	WA	39
98199	Seattle	WA	39
98356	Morton	WA	39
98671	Washougal	WA	39
98252	Granite Falls	WA	37
98360	Orting	WA	37
98065	Snoqualmie	WA	37
98373	Puyallup	WA	36
99208	Spokane	WA	36
98433	Tacoma	WA	36
98338	Graham	WA	36
98512	Olympia	WA	36
98020	Edmonds	WA	35
98022	Enumclaw	WA	35
98660	Vancouver	WA	34
99223	Spokane	WA	33
99205	Spokane	WA	32
98019	Duvall	WA	32
98362	Port Angeles	WA	31
98007	Bellevue	WA	31
98232	Bow	WA	31
98105	Seattle	WA	31
98027	Issaquah	WA	31
98284	Sedro Woolley	WA	31
98686	Vancouver	WA	30
98072	Woodinville	WA	30
98292	Silvana	WA	30
98031	Kent	WA	29
98121	Seattle	WA	29
99403	Clarkston	WA	28
98233	Burlington	WA	28
98036	Lynnwood	WA	26
98375	Puyallup	WA	26
99301	Pasco	WA	26
98155	Seattle	WA	26
98075	Sammamish	WA	26
98053	Redmond	WA	26
98028	Kenmore	WA	25
98029	Issaquah	WA	25
98405	Tacoma	WA	25
98312	Bremerton	WA	24
98201	Everett	WA	24
99016	Greenacres	WA	24
98908	Yakima	WA	24
99021	Mead	WA	23
98004	Bellevue	WA	23
98407	Tacoma	WA	22
98439	Lakewood	WA	22

98604	Battle Ground	WA	21
98146	Seattle	WA	21
98021	Bothell	WA	21
99204	Spokane	WA	21
98580	Roy	WA	20
98662	Vancouver	WA	20
98321	Buckley	WA	20
98576	Rainier	WA	20
98843	Orondo	WA	19
98354	Milton	WA	18
98168	Seattle	WA	18
98516	Olympia	WA	18
98332	Gig Harbor	WA	18
98034	Kirkland	WA	18
98685	Vancouver	WA	18
98329	Gig Harbor	WA	17
98406	Tacoma	WA	17
99027	Otis Orchards	WA	17
98045	North Bend	WA	17
98225	Bellingham	WA	17
98683	Vancouver	WA	16
98645	Silverlake	WA	16
99362	Walla Walla	WA	16
98030	Kent	WA	16
98836	Monitor	WA	15
98349	Lakebay	WA	15
98607	Camas	WA	15
98629	La Center	WA	15
98380	Seabeck	WA	15
98337	Bremerton	WA	15
99101	Addy	WA	15
98314	Bremerton	WA	15
98424	Fife	WA	14
98247	Everson	WA	14
98606	Brush Prairie	WA	14
98327	Dupont	WA	13
99207	Spokane	WA	13
98503	Lacey	WA	13
98363	Joyce	WA	13
99354	Richland	WA	13
98047	Pacific	WA	13
98848	Quincy	WA	13
98639	North Bonneville	WA	13
99004	Cheney	WA	13
99212	Spokane	WA	12
98001	Auburn	WA	12
98310	Bremerton	WA	12
98942	Selah	WA	12
98444	Tacoma	WA	11
98391	Bonney Lake	WA	11
98584	Shelton	WA	11
98674	Woodland	WA	11
98589	Tenino	WA	10
98315	Silverdale	WA	9
98597	Yelm	WA	8
99169	Ritzville	WA	8
98402	Tacoma	WA	7
98823	Ephrata	WA	7
98101	Seattle	WA	4

Total		7,799
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West Virginia

25813	Beaver	WV	6
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Total		6
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MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2025, 7:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online Meeting Platform & In-Person at the Parks & Public Works Building at 769 Village Way

Park Board Members:
Lisa Brown, Chair
Ryan Olson, Vice Chair
Brady Welever, Member
Abdul Salama, Member
Katie Kohler, Member
Claire Robinson, Member

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brown called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:00pm, hybrid via Zoom and in-person in the Court Room at 769 Village Way.

2. ROLL CALL

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ryan Olson | Co-Chairperson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Katie Kohler | Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Abdul Salama | Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vacant | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Claire Robinson | Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vacant | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lisa Brown | Chairperson |

Board Member Salama's was considered excused.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Board Member Olson, seconded by Board Member Robinson, to approve the August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(This time is set aside for members of the public to speak to the Park Board on any issue related to the City of Monroe; except any quasi-judicial matter subject to a public hearing. Three minutes will be allowed per speaker.)

Oral public comments during a meeting are limited to in-person only. Remote oral comment is not permitted other than as allowed by RCW 42.30.240(2)

Written comments can be emailed to SRowe@MonroeWA.gov, and must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. Pursuant to Rules of Procedure, written comments will not be read into the record and will be forwarded to Boardmembers.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. 2026 Legislative Priorities - *Liam McKorkle*

Liam McKorkle reviewed the 2026 Legislative Priorities.

7. STAFF/BOARD DISCUSSION

7.1. Parks Department Report - *Kevin Teague*

Parks Director Kevin Teague introduced himself to the Park Board and gave them some of his background. He then reviewed the August Department Report with the board.

8. ADJOURNMENT

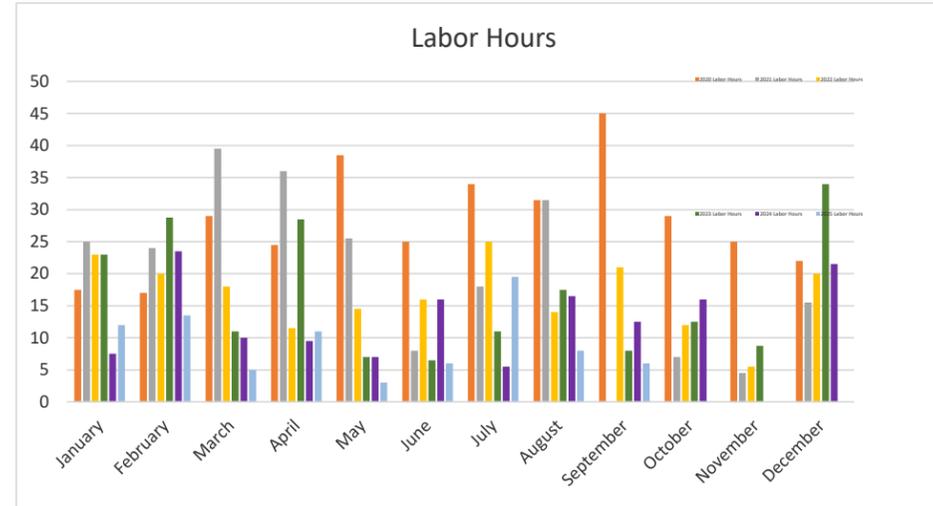
8.1. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 16, 2025**

8.2. There being no further business, and no objections, Chairperson Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Chairperson

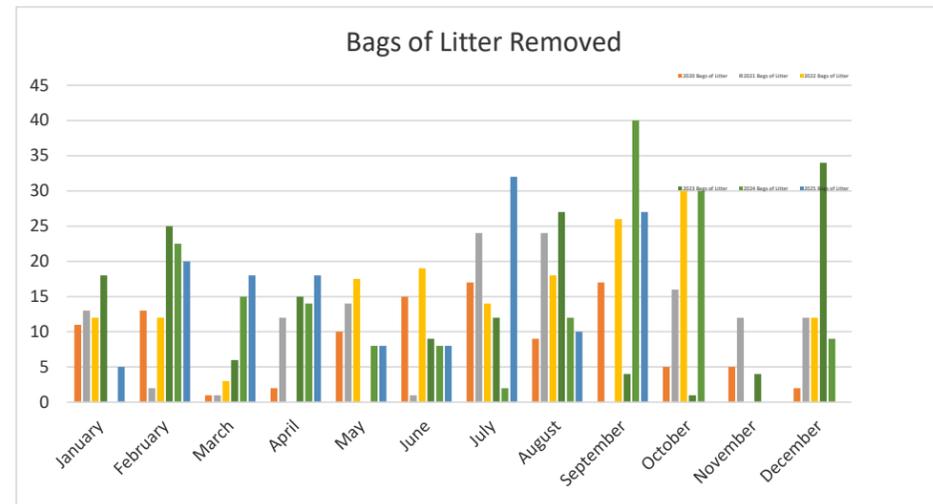
Parks Homeless Response Data 2025 - edited

	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	19.5	32	2
Aug-25	8	10	0
Sep-25	6	27	4
Oct-25			
Nov-25			
Dec-25			
Total 2025	84	146	14

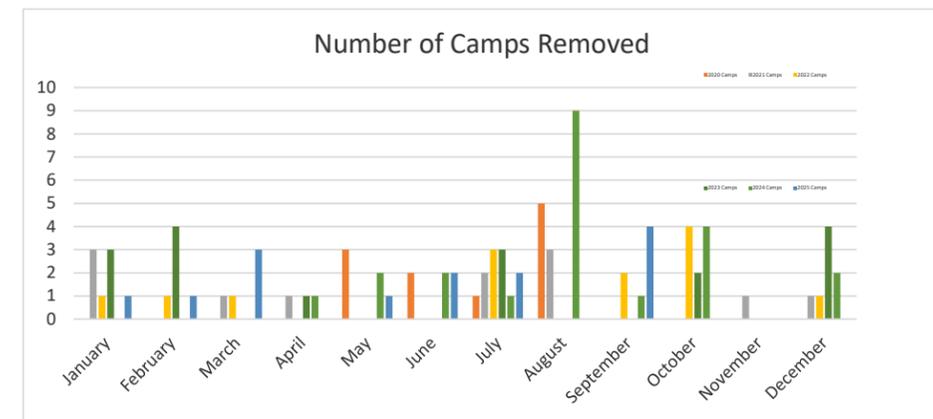


	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-24	7.5	0	0
Feb-24	23.5	22.5	0
Mar-24	10	15	0
Apr-24	9.5	14	1
May-24	7	8	2
Jun-24	16	8	2
Jul-24	5.5	2	1
Aug-24	16.5	12	9
Sep-24	12.5	40	1
Oct-24	16	30	4
Nov-24 0*	0*	0*	0*
Dec-24	21.5	9	2
Total 2024	145.5	160.5	22

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