
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

December was an especially demanding month for the Parks Department, with ongoing vandalism issues and significant flooding impacting several areas across the city. Sky River Park and Al Borlin Park both experienced heavy floodwaters, leaving trails, access roads, and the south parking lot at Sky River covered in river silt and mud. Once the water receded, crews were met with extensive debris, erosion, downed branches, damaged trees,



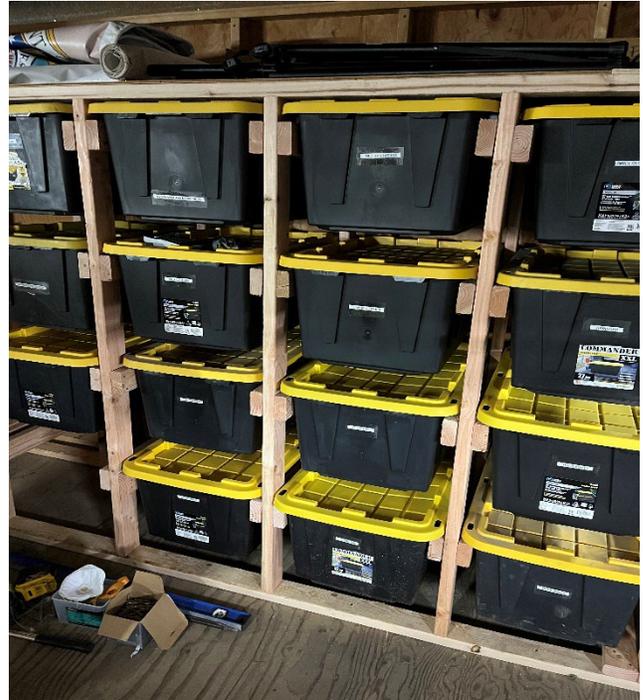
exposed holes, and scattered logs throughout both parks. A large portion of the month was

dedicated to flood recovery, and cleanup efforts are still continuing as conditions allow.



Despite these challenges, the team also completed repairs to a roughly 100-foot section of white vinyl fencing at Sky River that had been damaged by a vehicle. Inside the park shop, staff made good progress on remodeling and reorganizing the upstairs area, improving both functionality and overall workflow.

Alongside these larger efforts, the department stayed on top of routine responsibilities, including regular trail inspections, camp removals, and general park maintenance. Even with the added demands of weather-related damage, the crew remained flexible and responsive, keeping park safety and access a priority throughout the month.



(Crew repairing fence & the shop organization)

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 bit.ly/3uLsNjW. Visit the City's website at MonroeWA.gov for more information.

Park Board

The Monroe Park Board's December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 7 p.m. The Park 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,

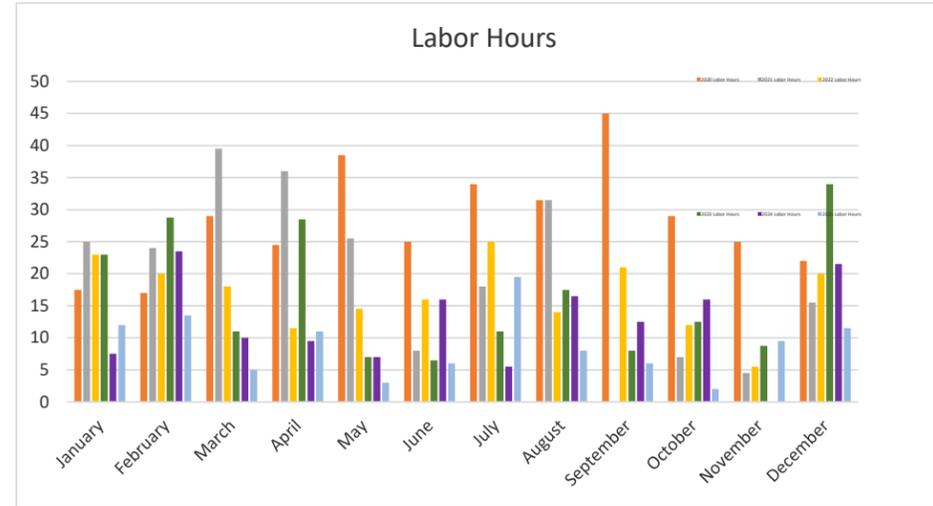
any unlawful encampments that may be occurring in City parks. Attached is the comprehensive data from 2023 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month.

Locations: Al Borlin Park, and Sky River Park Trails

Date	Total Labor Hours	Number of Bags of Litter Collected	Notes
12/29	8.5	14	Al Borlin Park – Inspections Library – Inspections/Cleanup
12/30	3	8	Rotary – Inspections/Camp Removal & Cleanup Sky River Park – Inspections
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2023 - 2025

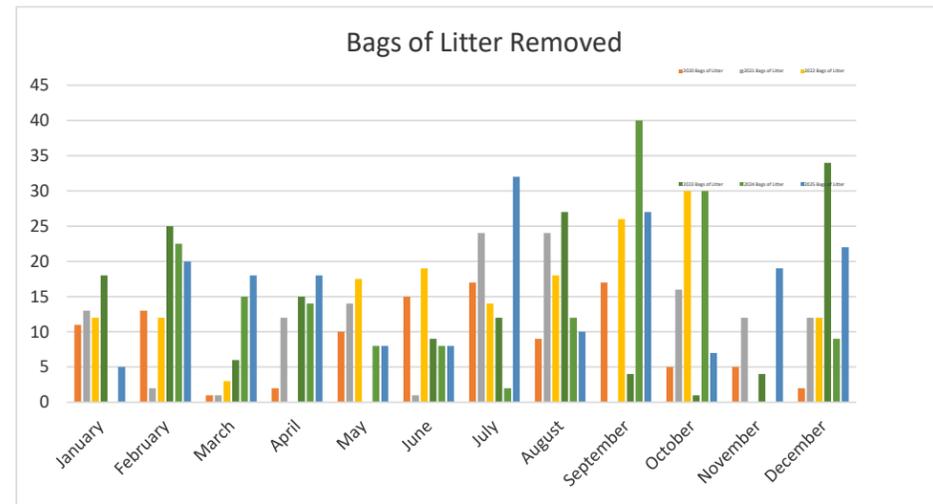
Parks Homeless Response Data 2025 - edited

	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	2	7	0
Nov-25	9.5	19	0
Dec-25	11.5	22	2
Total 2025	107	194	16

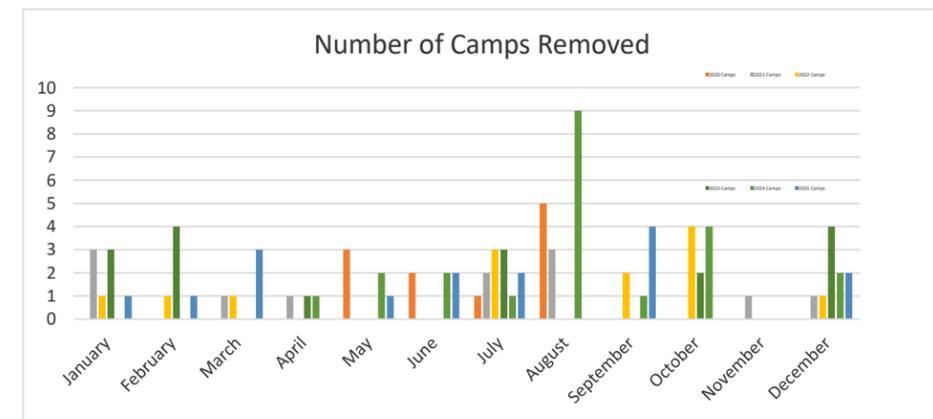


	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-24	7.5	0	0
Feb-24	23.5	22.5	0
Mar-24	10	15	0
Apr-24	9.5	14	1
May-24	7	8	2
Jun-24	16	8	2
Jul-24	5.5	2	1
Aug-24	16.5	12	9
Sep-24	12.5	40	1
Oct-24	16	30	4
Nov-24 0*	0*	0*	0*
Dec-24	21.5	9	2
Total 2024	145.5	160.5	22

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