



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

February, 2021

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## Mission

**Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails. Provide citizens of all age's positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.**

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## Department Update

### **Governor's Office COVID-19 Update:**

On January 5, 2021, Governor Inslee announced the [Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery plan](#), which lays out the process to safely reopen Washington state. The plan includes guidance for certain businesses and industries including outdoor recreation activities to help protect Washingtonians and minimize the spread of COVID-19. This plan replaces the Governor's previous Safe Start Reopening Plan

The full Healthy Washington phased chart is available [here](#).

Updated Guidance for Sports, Recreation and Fitness:

- [Fitness and Training](#)
- [Outdoor Recreation](#)
- [Water Recreation](#)
- [Sporting Activities: recreational, K-12, higher education and professional](#)
- [Racing: non-motorized and motorized](#)
- [Golf](#)

To find more information about City Operations during the COVID 19 pandemic visit go [here](#).

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### **Operations**

Parks and Recreation Department team members completed a lot in February. Regular duties included scheduled maintenance, park improvements and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas. Specific projects included the installation of a new concrete picnic table pad at Travelers Park and installation of new dog waste stations at various parks around the City.



Left and center: Parks crew members cleaned up and mulched City Hall and the North Kelsey roundabout. Right: A new dog waste station at Currie View Park.



Installation of the new picnic table concrete pad at Travelers Park.

In addition to the above tasks, the crew installed a plaque on the Guardian of the Mountain Pass sculpture at the corner of Main & Lewis.



Parks Lead Mike Thomas installing a plaque on the Guardian of the Mountain Pass sculpture at the corner of Main and Lewis Streets.



## Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

In August 2020, the City of Monroe began updating its Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan to identify community priorities, funding options, tourism impacts, and recommendations to improve and enhance parks, recreation facilities, trails, programs, events, and related services in our community. Our state Growth Management Act requires that the plan be updated every 6 years in order to be eligible for grant funding programs to support park capital improvement projects.

As part of the planning process, an online survey was conducted from December 16, 2020 to January 19, 2021, inviting community members to provide input on the state of parks and recreation, current needs, funding priorities, and funding mechanisms. The input received will help shape the goals and strategies of the Plan, expected to be completed and adopted in January 2022.

A link to the questionnaire was posted on the City's website and distributed via email, social media, press releases, School District information and other outreach methods. A total of 996 responses were received. Several questions allowed respondents to write in responses. Write-in responses will be included as an Appendix within the Plan. This community survey received more than 3-times the number of participants than the last PROS Plan update 6 years ago. Thank you to our community. Key takeaways and the final summary of findings will be presented to the City Council March 16, 2021 and posted on the city website.




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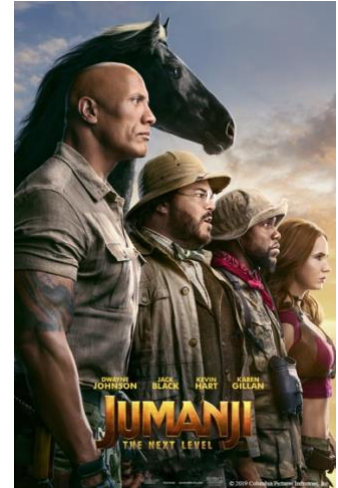
## Monroe Park Board

During their February 2021 meeting, the Monroe Park Board listened to a presentation of the City of Monroe Economic and Regional Demand Analysis Discussion Draft prepared by High Peak Strategy, and shared their feedback with Economic Development Specialist James Palmer who is compiling feedback to aide in refining the final report.

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## Movies Under the Moon Series

Our Movies Under the Moon partners have selected our 2021 movies and tentatively set a schedule for the outdoor movies on Friday evenings in August, subject to being allowed under Governor Inslee's Roadmap to Recovery Plan. The proposed showings and dates would be: August 6<sup>th</sup> - *War With Grandpa*, August 13<sup>th</sup> - *Frozen II*, August 20<sup>th</sup> - *The Lion King*, August 27<sup>th</sup> - *Jumanji: The Next Level*. We appreciate our movie rights sponsor Republic Services for helping us make this event happen. A thank you to our other partners as well; Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Boys & Girls Club, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Community Band, Monroe Public Schools Foundation, Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA and Sno-Isle Libraries.



### 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 2017 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

#### Locations: Al Borlin Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
2/2	5	0	
2/9	6.5	0	
2/16	6.5	2	
2/23	6	0	
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.5</b>	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2020

### Volunteer Opportunities

Due to COVID-19 the City of Monroe’s volunteering has been temporarily suspended. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519.

Visit the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programs and events.

**2017-2020  
Park Homelessness Response**

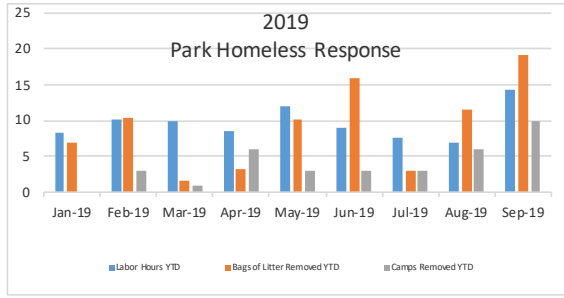
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	6.25	3.25	3
Feb-20	6	0.5	0
Mar-20			
Apr-20			
May-20			
Jun-20			
Jul-20			
Aug-20			
Sep-20			
Oct-20			
Nov-20			
Dec-20			
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>12.25</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>3</b>



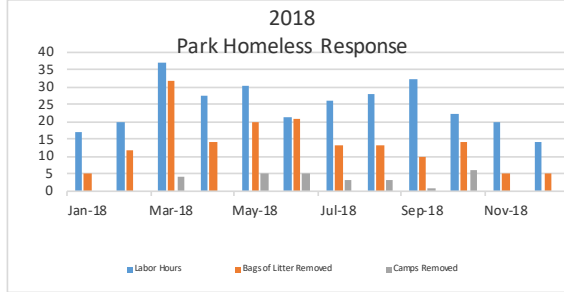
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	8.75	5.5	0
Feb-20	5.67	4.33	0
Mar-20	7.25	0.25	0
Apr-20	4.9	0.4	0
May-20	9.625	2.5	3
Jun-20	6.25	3.75	2
Jul-20	8.5	4.25	1
Aug-20	7.875	2.25	3
Sep-20	9	3.4	0
Oct-20	7.25	1.25	0
Nov-20	6.25	1.25	0
Dec-20	5.5	0.5	0
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>86.82</b>	<b>29.63</b>	<b>9</b>



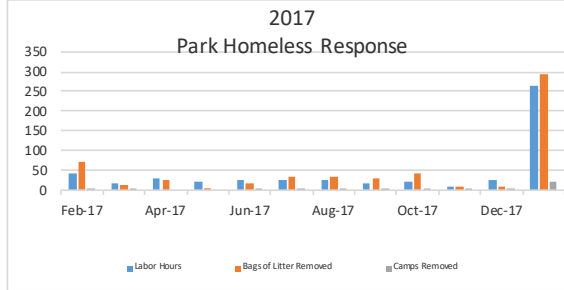
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-19	8.3	7	
Feb-19	10.2	10.3	3
Mar-19	10	1.5	1
Apr-19	8.5	3.25	6
May-19	11.9	10.25	3
Jun-19	9	16	3
Jul-19	7.5	3	3
Aug-19	6.9	11.5	6
Sep-19	14.25	19.25	10
Oct-19	7.3	19.4	6
Nov-19	7.5	0.875	4
Dec-19	7.3	1.2	3
<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>108.65</b>	<b>103.525</b>	<b>48</b>



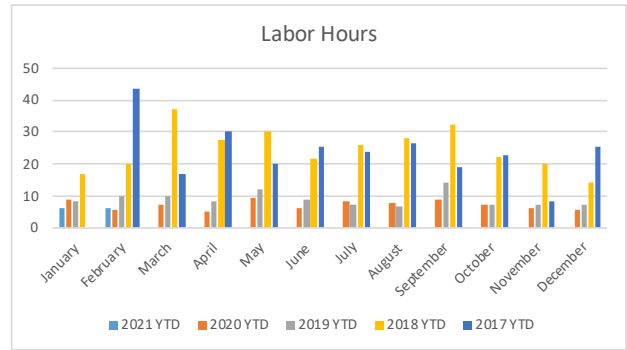
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Jan-18	17	5	0
Feb-18	20	12	0
Mar-18	37	32	4
Apr-18	27.5	14	0
May-18	30.5	20	5
Jun-18	21.5	21	5
Jul-18	26	13	3
Aug-18	28	13	3
Sep-18	32.5	10	1
Oct-18	22.5	14	6
Nov-18	20	5	0
Dec-18	14	5	0
<b>Total 2018</b>	<b>296.5</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>27</b>



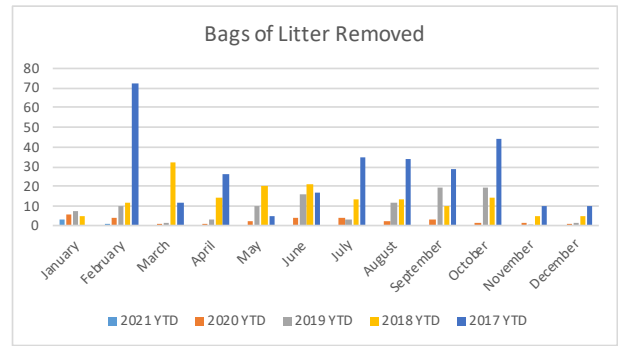
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Feb-17	43.5	72.5	4
Mar-17	17	12	3
Apr-17	30	26	0
May-17	20	5	0
Jun-17	25.5	17	2
Jul-17	24	35	3
Aug-17	26.5	34	3
Sep-17	19	29	2
Oct-17	23	44	1
Nov-17	8.5	10	3
Dec-17	25.5	10	1
<b>Total 2017</b>	<b>262.5</b>	<b>294.5</b>	<b>22</b>



Labor Hours	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	6.25	8.75	8.3	17	0
February	6	5.67	10.2	20	43.5
March	7.25	10	37	17	
April	4.9	8.5	27.5	30	
May	9.625	11.9	30.5	20	
June	6.25	9	21.5	25.5	
July	8.5	7.5	26	24	
August	7.875	6.9	28	26.5	
September	9	14.25	32.5	19	
October	7.25	7.3	22.5	23	
November	6.25	7.5	20	8.5	
December	5.5	7.3	14	25.5	



Bags of Litter Removed	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	3.25	5.5	7	5	0
February	0.5	4.33	10.3	12	72.5
March		0.25	1.5	32	12
April		0.4	3.25	14	26
May		2.5	10.25	20	5
June		3.75	16	21	17
July		4.25	3	13	35
August		2.25	11.5	13	34
September		3.4	19.25	10	29
October		1.25	19.4	14	44
November		1.25	0.875	5	10
December		0.5	1.2	5	10



Camps Removed	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	3	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	3	0	4
March		0	1	4	3
April		0	6	0	0
May		3	3	5	0
June		2	3	5	2
July		1	3	3	3
August		3	6	3	3
September		0	10	1	2
October		0	6	6	1
November		0	4	0	3
December		0	3	0	1

