



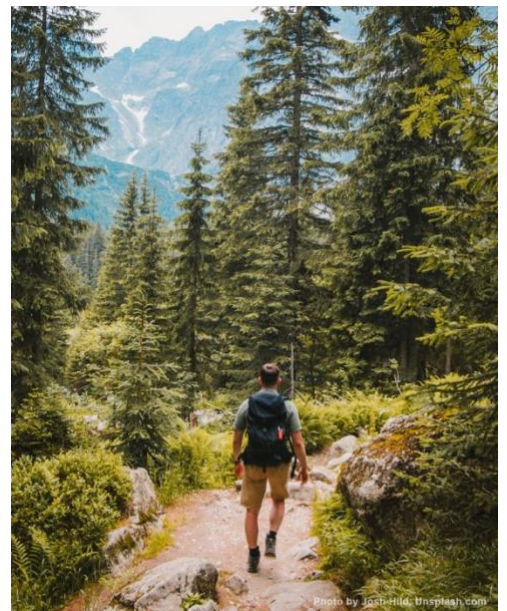
Mission

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.

Department Update

Parks & Recreation Department COVID-19 Response Actions

- In compliance with the April 27, 2020 Proclamation by the Governor amending previous proclamations adjusting the Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order, the City of Monroe will open up limited parking for day use hiking and fishing access at city public parks beginning Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Staff will open parking lots at Al Borlin, Lewis Street, Sky River, and Lake Tye Parks.
- Under the current State order, all other existing city park facility closures shall remain in effect to fully comply with the social distancing and coronavirus related hygiene requirements of the Governor's order through Phase 1. Gatherings are still not permitted. Only members of the same household may travel and recreate together. Physical distancing is required. Keep six feet between individuals outside your immediate household.
- All park restrooms, neighborhood park parking lots, sports courts, athletic fields, play structures, picnic shelters, skate park and Wiggly Field dog park remain closed as gatherings are still not permitted due to having high-touch surfaces and/or encourage gathering. Under the current order and through Phase 1, only members of the same household may travel and recreate together. Physical distancing is still required, keeping six feet between individuals outside of immediate households.



Operations

In April, Parks Department Crew members have been continuing to perform regular tasks such as pressure washing, cleaning, trail inspections, garbage/camp clean-up and mowing.

Arbor Day Tree Planting

On April 24th in honor of Arbor Day, and Earth Day, while following social distancing, staff of the Parks Department planted a Pacific Sunset Maple at Lake Tye Park. The city is fortunate to have two red maple trees donated this year; the first was received from a group of gardening friends in honor of the Monroe Garden Club, and Mayor Geoffrey Thomas donated the second. Both trees will be planted on either side of the concrete stage at the south end of Lake Tye, with the second tree to be received and planted at a later date when we hope to hold a delayed public celebration.



Parks Department Supervisor Dale Olsen and lead Mike Thomas plant a Red Maple at Lake Tye while social distancing

Julia V Morris Centennial Garden Update

The JVM Garden is starting to bloom. Cabbages and lettuce have been planted while other items continue to grow; peas, parsley, raspberries, blueberries and garlic. The tomatillos have been transplanted to larger pots to accommodate their growth. There are now 36 Multimates, which are being grown under light. They will hopefully be transplanted outside within the next 2-3 weeks. The cucumber starts are also starting to emerge. Then, a much-needed fence repair spearheaded by a volunteer has begun.



Left: Cucumber starts emerging, Right: Tomatillos growing under lights.

Monroe Park Board

Due to COVID-19 the April Park Board meeting was cancelled and activities put on hold.

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 preview. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Lake Tye Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
4/8	9.5	0	
4/10	2	2	Possible camp North of Lake Tye. Police contacted.
4/14	4	0	
4/21	5	0	
4/28	4	0	
Avg.	4.9	.4	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2020

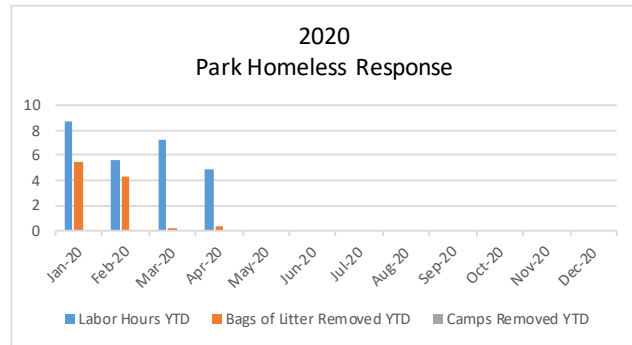
Volunteer Opportunities

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.

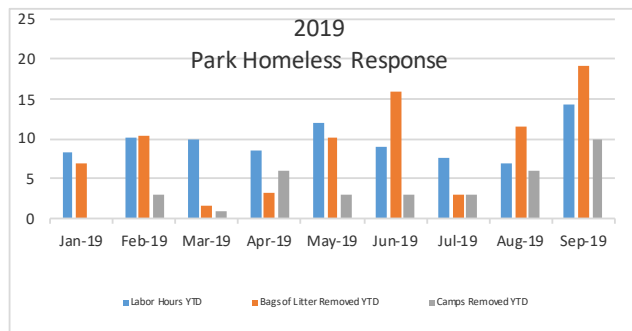
Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.

2017-2020
Park Homelessness Response

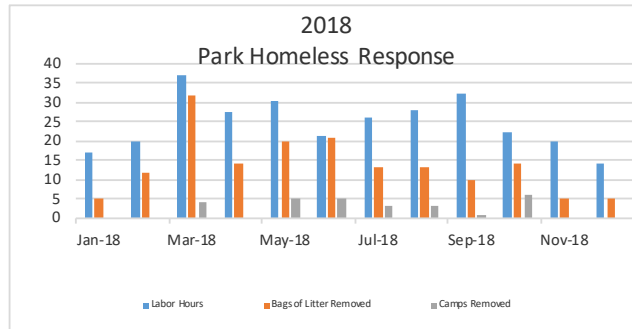
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	8.75	5.5	0
Feb-20	5.67	4.33	0
Mar-20	7.25	0.25	0
Apr-20	4.9	0.4	0
May-20			
Jun-20			
Jul-20			
Aug-20			
Sep-20			
Oct-20			
Nov-20			
Dec-20			
Total 2020	26.57	10.48	0



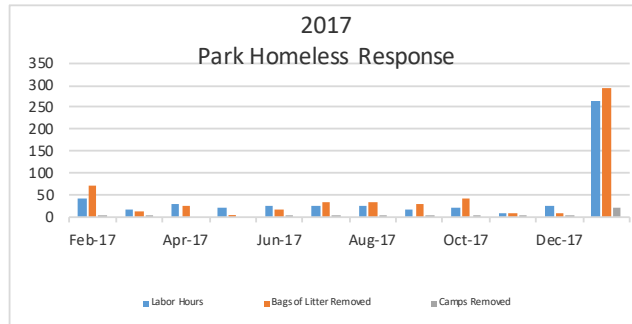
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-19	8.3	7	
Feb-19	10.2	10.3	3
Mar-19	10	1.5	1
Apr-19	8.5	3.25	6
May-19	11.9	10.25	3
Jun-19	9	16	3
Jul-19	7.5	3	3
Aug-19	6.9	11.5	6
Sep-19	14.25	19.25	10
Oct-19	7.3	19.4	6
Nov-19	7.5	0.875	4
Dec-19	7.3	1.2	3
Total 2019	108.65	103.525	48



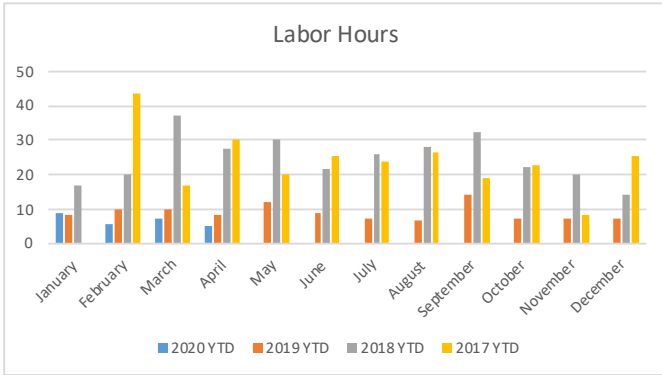
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Jan-18	17	5	0
Feb-18	20	12	0
Mar-18	37	32	4
Apr-18	27.5	14	0
May-18	30.5	20	5
Jun-18	21.5	21	5
Jul-18	26	13	3
Aug-18	28	13	3
Sep-18	32.5	10	1
Oct-18	22.5	14	6
Nov-18	20	5	0
Dec-18	14	5	0
Total 2018	296.5	164	27



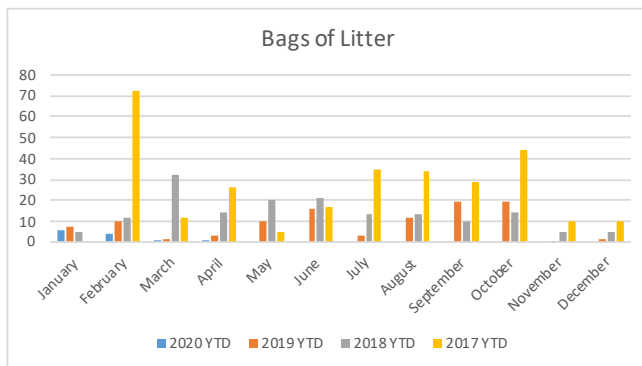
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Feb-17	43.5	72.5	4
Mar-17	17	12	3
Apr-17	30	26	0
May-17	20	5	0
Jun-17	25.5	17	2
Jul-17	24	35	3
Aug-17	26.5	34	3
Sep-17	19	29	2
Oct-17	23	44	1
Nov-17	8.5	10	3
Dec-17	25.5	10	1
Total 2017	262.5	294.5	22



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



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



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

