



**CITY OF MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Public Services

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2019

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 2019

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on incidents, maintenance, and public comments related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of August 2019.

BACKGROUND: For over a century, Canyon Park has been used as a recreational park by visitors and Monrovia residents. Services in Canyon Park include special events, staff led hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, access to trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, the staff and volunteers maintain the trail system and facilities.

In 2016, the City opened over 4.5 miles of HWP trails providing passive recreational opportunities for the community. Park Naturalists patrol the HWP as well as urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, and foot. Park Naturalists also respond to calls related to Monrovia's Smoking Ban Ordinance in parks.

The included HWP and Canyon Park Log provide additional information related to the Comments, Maintenance, Incidents, and Events for August 2019.

ANALYSIS: During the month of August 2019, Park Naturalist and Volunteers worked on maintaining Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserves' hiking trails. Park Naturalists and Volunteers completed 112 hours of maintenance throughout the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and 114 hours in Canyon Park. The maintenance included brush clearance, erosion control, facility grounds maintenance, and invasive species removal.

Park Naturalist assisted the Monrovia Fire Department, Monrovia Police Department, and Los Angeles County Search and Rescue on Monday, August 12 with a lost hiker who went off trail near the Canyon Park Waterfall. The hiker was located and brought to safety by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's helicopter team.

Park Naturalist and Volunteers hosted a Family Hike and Campout Event on Saturday, August 24 to Sunday, August 25. Participants enjoyed day and night hikes, family craft activities, library story time, s'mores, and other camping related activities. Kids Craft in the Canyon was hosted on Sunday, August 25 at the Nature Center. Participants had an opportunity to learn about wildlife food sources and create healthy snacks for their hike to the waterfall.

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On Sunday, August 26, Park Naturalists assisted Monrovia Fire, Monrovia Police, Los Angeles County Search and Rescue, and Park Naturalist assisted Los Angeles County Sheriffs with a search for a missing person. After an extensive search, Los Angeles County Sheriffs determined that Canyon Park was clear and the search concluded.

On Monday, August 26, a portion of the Cloverleaf hiking trail was temporarily closed because of a large tree that fell onto the trail. On Saturday, August 30, West Coast Arborist removed the tree and the trail was reopened to the public.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 2019.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 2019.

**August 2019
HWP AND CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG**

HWP Maintenance – 112 Hours of Maintenance Work in August

August 1	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 2	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 5	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 6	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 9	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
	Highland-Park Naturalist cleared approximately ¼ of an acre of invasive species.
August 12	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 75 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 13	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 15	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 16	Highland-Park Naturalist cleared approximately ¼ of an acre of invasive species.
August 20	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 21	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 26	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 27	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 28	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 29	Ridgeside-Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 30	Cloverleaf-Park Naturalist assisted West Coast Arborist contractors in removing a fallen tree blocking the trail.

Canyon Park Maintenance – 114 Hours of Maintenance Work in August

August 1	Ranger Station-Canyon Park Naturalist cleared brush around the Ranger Station.
August 2	Ben Overturf-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 5	Ben Overturf-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 7	Ben Overturf-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 9	Bill Cull-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail and placed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion.
August 12	Ben Overturf-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 13	Canyon Park-Canyon Park Naturalist cleared 75 yards of brush along both sides of the road.

August 14	Ben Overturf-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 15	Nature Center-Canyon Park Naturalist cleared tree canopy around the picnic grounds.
August 16	Ben Overturf-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 19	Ben Overturf-Canyon Park Volunteers placed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion.
August 21	Waterfall-Canyon Park Volunteers placed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion
August 21	Nature Center-Canyon Park Naturalist cleared tree canopy around the picnic grounds.
August 23	Overlook-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 26	Waterfall-Canyon Park Volunteers placed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion
August 27	Nature Center-Canyon Park Naturalist cleared tree canopy around the picnic grounds.
August 28	Ben Overturf-Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
August 30	Waterfall-Canyon Park Volunteers placed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion
August 30	Waterfall-Canyon Park Naturalist removed a fallen tree obstructing the trail.
Canyon Park Incidents	
August 12	Waterfall Trail-Monrovia Fire, Monrovia Police, Los Angeles County Search and Rescue, and Park Naturalist responded to a call about a hiker who was lost near the waterfall. Los Angeles Sheriffs were able to retrieve the lost hiker and bring him back to safety.
August 26	Ben Overturf Trail-Monrovia Fire, Monrovia Police, Los Angeles County Search and Rescue, and Park Naturalist assisted Los Angeles County Sheriffs with searching the area of a possible missing person. After an extensive search, Los Angeles County Sheriffs determined that Canyon Park was clear from signs of the possible missing person in the surrounding area.
Canyon Park Events	
August 24-25	Canyon Park hosted the Family Hike and Campout event at the Fireman's Flats Campground.
August 25	Nature Center- Park Naturalist hosted the Kids Craft in the Canyon; participants made Scat Snacks.

August 2018/2019

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2018	# of staff patrols 2019	Pedestrians 2018	Pedestrians 2019	Vehicles 2018	Vehicles 2019	Cyclists 2018	Cyclists 2019	Pets 2018	Pets 2019	Public Service Calls 2018	Public Service Calls 2019	Smoking Ban Calls 2018	Smoking Ban Calls 2019	Wildlife Sightings 2018	Wildlife Sightings 2019	Unsecured Gate 2018	Unsecured Gate 2019	Citations 2018	Citations 2019	Activity Totals 2018	Activity Totals 2019	
Sleepy Hollow																							
August 1-7	14	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
August 8-14	8	16	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
August 15-21	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 22-28	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
August 29-31	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total =	47	64	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	
Ridgeside																							
August 1-7	19	14	14	16	0	0	5	8	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	31	
August 8-14	18	16	15	20	0	3	0	7	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	38	
August 15-21	13	14	12	20	0	0	2	13	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	41	
August 22-28	15	14	24	30	0	0	4	10	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	53	
August 29-31	3	6	5	10	0	0	2	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20	
Total =	68	64	70	96	0	3	13	40	23	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	183	
Cloverleaf																							
August 1-7	22	14	21	13	0	0	1	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	21	
August 8-14	20	16	20	19	0	0	1	5	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	34	
August 15-21	15	14	17	13	0	2	3	8	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	28	
August 22-28	12	14	15	8	0	1	5	5	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	18	
August 29-31	3	6	20	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	6	
Total =	72	64	93	59	0	3	10	20	10	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	107	
Highland																							
August 1-7	16	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
August 8-14	16	16	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
August 15-21	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 22-28	11	14	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
August 29-31	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total =	56	64	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Grand Total =	243	256	168	165	0	6	23	61	33	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	224	304	