



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: May 9, 2023

PREPARED BY: Eugene Suk,
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for April 2023.

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 April 2023.

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; Naturalist led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Naturalists and volunteers maintain the trail systems 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 and 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 September 2020, the Bobcat Fire forced the closure of Canyon Park and HWP for an extended period of time, as the areas were unsafe and significant repairs were needed.

Due to minimal damage in HWP following the Bobcat Fire, the trail systems reopened on November 16, 2020. Limited hiking opportunities in San Gabriel Valley such as Canyon Park, Sturdevent Falls, Hwy 39, and Eaton Canyon has increased amount of daily visitors to HWP, primarily in Ridgeside and Cloverleaf access points.

Staff worked diligently to repair trails and remove hazards in an effort to open Canyon Park as soon as possible. On August 30, 2021 Canyon Park was reopened to the public through a reservation system to ease visitors back into the Park.

The first significant rain event following the Bobcat Fire occurred on December 13, 2021. The National Weather Service reported that the event accumulated over 5 inches of rain which caused significant damage to Canyon Park. Monrovia Canyon Park will remain closed indefinitely for a period of time. During the duration of the closure, photos, aerial footage, and much more information will be shared with the community.

Staff has been intimately involved with cleanup and rehabilitation towards Canyon Park roads, trails and infrastructure. Over the next several months Staff will continue to assess and identify damages from the December 2021 rainstorm clean up, identify infrastructure repairs, and oversee the possibilities of upgrades to Canyon Park.

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ANALYSIS: During the month of April 2023, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 108 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included debris removal from the trail, installation of trail retention walls to prevent trail erosion, and clearing overgrown brush along the trails.

April 8 – Canyon Park Staff assisted with the Annual Spring Egg Hunt & Healthy Kids Day Hunt event at Recreation Park. This event brought the community together celebrating the spring season with community partner info booths, crafts, games, bunny photo opportunities, and a community egg hunt.

April 22 – Canyon Park staff hosted the Junior Park Naturalist Day Camp at the Monrovia Community Center. Kids from the age of 7 to 12 participated by learning about our local ecology and wildlife, while enjoying a full day of crafts, games, interpretive lessons, and meeting some of our Canyon Park animals.

April 22 – Canyon Park staff celebrated Arbor Day and Earth Day at the Library Park Rotary Club Bandshell. TAB and Youth Commissioners supported our annual Arbor day by recognizing our City as a Tree City USA as well as planting our new Coast Live Oak tree. The ceremony was followed by a community Earth Day event where City Departments: MAP, Public Works, Monrovia Public Library, and Community Services offered an afternoon full of fun. Activities included face painting, crafts, earth day giveaways, and a scavenger hunt. This event brought conservation awareness, and opportunities where we as a community can find ways to be better stewards to our planet.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for April 2023.

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 April 2023.

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**April 2023
Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log**

Canyon Park and HWP 108 hours of maintenance in April 2023

April 3	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 5	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 7	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 10	Ben Overturff Trail- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree that fell onto the trail and cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 12	Ben Overturff Trail Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 14	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 17	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 19	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 21	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 26	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.
April 28	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush off the trail.

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PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2022	# of staff patrols 2023	Pedestrians 2022	Pedestrians 2023	Vehicles 2022	Vehicles 2023	Cyclists 2022	Cyclists 2023	Pets 2022	Pets 2023	Public Service Calls 2022	Public Service Calls 2023	Smoking Ban Calls 2022	Smoking Ban Calls 2023	Wildlife Sightings 2022	Wildlife Sightings 2023	Unsecured Gate 2022	Unsecured Gate 2023	Citations 2022	Citations 2023	Activity Totals 2022	Activity Totals 2023	
Sleepy Hollow																							
April 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	= 60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
April 1-7	14	14	87	65	0	0	12	12	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	83	
April 8-14	14	14	79	75	0	0	6	12	5	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	99	
April 15-20	14	14	125	52	0	0	18	16	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	155	82	
April 21-28	14	14	116	61	0	0	29	8	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151	74	
April 29-30	4	4	52	38	0	0	8	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	46	
Total	= 60	60	459	291	0	0	73	54	33	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	565	384	
Cloverleaf																							
April 1-7	14	14	62	42	0	0	12	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	52	
April 8-14	14	14	44	36	0	0	18	21	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	65	
April 15-20	14	14	69	27	0	0	17	18	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	57	
April 21-28	14	14	73	27	0	0	25	17	6	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	61	
April 29-30	4	4	22	18	0	0	6	8	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	32	
Total	= 60	60	270	150	0	0	78	70	24	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	372	267	
Highland																							
April 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 8-14	14	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
April 15-20	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
April 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 29-30	4	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
	60	60	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	
Grand Total	= 240	240	733	441	0	0	152	124	58	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	943	651	