



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** June 11, 2024

**PREPARED BY:** Eugene Suk,  
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**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-3

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for May 2024.

**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 May 2024.

**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. 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. Since then, limited hiking opportunities in San Gabriel Valley has increased amount of daily visitors to HWP, primarily in Ridgeside and Cloverleaf access points.

Staff has been intimately involved with the cleanup and rehabilitation towards Canyon Park roads, trails and infrastructure. Over the last few years Staff has diligently worked to identify damages from the bobcat fire and heavy rainstorm disasters, identify infrastructure repairs, and has looked at the potential of upgrades to Canyon Park.

In March 2024, City Council awarded the contract for the Canyon Park infrastructure improvement project to the Pokrajac Corporation. The general scope of work will include:

- Replacing roadway in segments of the park
- Changing the cross-slope of the roadway to prevent future debris from flowing directly down the center of the park
- Replacing all parking lots and adding approximately 24 new parking spaces
- Replacing the water main, installing a booster pump to feed water from the Oakglade tank
- Removing the old Canyon Park water tank, installing a 6" sewer line and removing septic tanks,
- Repairing damaged culverts, guardrails, walls, etc.
- Park enhancements including enhanced education space, new picnic benches and enhanced staff kiosk.

The timeline of the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024, reopening the park by early 2025.

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**ANALYSIS:** During the month of May 2024, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 84 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, trail repairs, fallen tree removal, and trail improvements to prevent trail erosion.

Managed Career Solutions (MCS) continues to assist the Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve team and volunteers with post rainstorm disaster clean up, trail repairs and invasive species removal. For the month of May MCS has concentrated on brush clearance and invasive species removal in various areas of the Hillside Wilderness Preserve trails.

The month of May 2024, Eco-Counter has continues to be a great resource collecting data of trail use at the Ridgeside access point. This months data confirms the consistant trail use during the mid morning hours of the day, slowing with traffic at the top of the day, with another increase in trail use during the mid afternoon. We also were able to identify the busiest trail use day that was on a Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day. Staff continues to monitor trail usage when patrolling the HWP access points to give comparable data from the eco-counter, and gather additional data in areas outside of Ridgeside access.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-3, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for May 2024.

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED:** If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-3 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for May 2024.

<b>May 2024 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log</b>	
<b>Canyon Park and HWP 84 hours of maintenance in April 2024</b>	
May 1	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.
May 3	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.
May 6	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer removed brush growing onto the trail.
May 8	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer removed brush growing onto the trail.
May 10	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers along a portion of trail to prevent trail erosion.
May 20	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed a tree that fell onto the trail.
May 22	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.
May 24	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.
May 27	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.
May 29	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.
May 31	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.

# May 2023/2024

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2023	# of staff patrols 2024	Pedestrians 2023	Pedestrians 2024	Vehicles 2023	Vehicles 2024	Cyclists 2023	Cyclists 2024	Pets 2023	Pets 2024	Public Service Calls 2023	Public Service Calls 2024	Smoking Ban Calls 2023	Smoking Ban Calls 2024	Wildlife Sightings 2023	Wildlife Sightings 2024	Unsecured Gate 2023	Unsecured Gate 2024	Citations 2023	Citations 2024	Activity Totals 2023	Activity Totals 2024	
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																							
May 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
May 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
May 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
May 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
May 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ridgeside</b>																							
May 1-7	14	14	75	54	0	0	21	15	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	75	
May 8-14	14	14	82	65	0	0	18	18	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	91	
May 15-20	14	14	95	54	0	0	9	21	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	90	
May 21-28	14	14	93	55	0	0	15	14	19	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	81	
May 29-31	6	6	51	35	0	0	7	11	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	55	
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>392</b>	
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																							
May 1-7	14	14	60	48	0	0	22	12	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	66	
May 8-14	14	14	52	37	0	0	12	10	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	55	
May 15-20	14	14	40	42	0	0	8	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	51	
May 21-28	14	14	35	29	0	0	16	15	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	48	
May 29-31	6	6	25	15	0	0	5	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	23	
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>243</b>	
<b>Highland</b>																							
May 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>= 248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>635</b>	

Eco - Counter May 2024					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	7,759	250	210	366	5/27/2024
Ridgeside In	4,783	154	130	255	5/27/2024
Ridgeside Out	2,976	96	80	142	5/27/2024