



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2024

PREPARED BY: Eugene Suk,
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

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

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on maintenance, progress updates for Canyon Park Infrastructure Improvement Project and activities related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of September 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. At this time, the park remains closed while we complete the Infrastructure Improvement Project.

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.

ANALYSIS:

Canyon Park

For the month of September Canyon Park Volunteers and Managed Career Solutions (MCS) crews performed majority of the work on the Ben Overturff Trail. A few opportune days allowed the team to work on the Bill Cull and Overlook Trail. MCS cleared brush improved the trail path clearing falling debris to creating a wider hiking trail on narrow portions of the trail system. Canyon Park Volunteers continued to clear brush that fell onto the trail and removed numerous fallen and dead trees blocking the hiking path.

The Canyon Park Infrastructure Improvement Project updates for this month include the following:

- The sidewalk and curb forms along the cabin conference center parking lot has been and poured and prepped for the surface pour.
- The roll curb along the Canyon Park entrance trail has been extended from the Ranger Station to the Trask Boy scout Camp junction.
- The Cabin Conference Center ADA curbs have been formed and poured to get ready for the parking stalls

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Sidewalk curb near amphitheater



Roll curb



Cabin ADA



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For the month of September, the data from the Eco-Counter showed consistent numbers in trail use compared to the August month. Hotter temperatures in the first part of the month compared to lower temperatures in the second half brought higher numbers of trail use in the latter part of September. The last weekend of September gave us the highest activity in the month due to decent weather and ideal hiking opportunities.

A breakdown of the information of activity and patrols can be found below.

September 2024	
Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log	
Canyon Park and HWP 188 hours of maintenance in August 2024	
September 3	Ben Overturff – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.
September 4	Ben Overturff – Canyon Park Volunteers removed large trees that fell onto the trail blocking the hiking path.
September 9	Ben Overturff – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail.
September 11	Ben Overturff – Canyon Park Volunteers removed large trees that fell onto the trail blocking the hiking path.
September 13	Veterans Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers removed large trees that fell onto the trail blocking the hiking path.
September 16	Canyon Park Volunteer worked in the tool shop to prepare equipment items for a future trail project.
September 18	Canyon Park Volunteer worked in the tool shop to prepare equipment items for a future trail project.
September 20	Canyon Park Volunteer worked in the tool shop to prepare equipment items for a future trail project.
September 23	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail
September 25	Overlook - Canyon Park Volunteers removed large trees that fell onto the trail blocking the hiking path.
September 27	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail
September 30	Ben Overturff – Canyon Park Volunteers removed brush growing onto the trail

September 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
Sleepy Hollow																						
September 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 29-30	4	4	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
Ridgeside																						
September 1-7	14	14	54	48	0	0	5	5	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	61
September 8-14	14	14	46	45	0	0	2	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	57
September 15-20	14	14	50	35	0	0	1	3	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	40
September 21-28	14	14	53	41	0	0	5	4	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	49
September 29-30	4	4	23	28	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	30
Total	= 60	60	226	197	0	0	15	17	32	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	273	237
Cloverleaf																						
September 1-7	14	14	28	35	0	0	2	5	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	45
September 8-14	14	14	32	15	0	0	3	4	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	28
September 15-20	14	14	30	25	0	0	6	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	30
September 21-28	14	14	23	30	0	0	7	4	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	39
September 29-30	4	4	24	19	0	0	2	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	25
Total	= 60	60	137	124	0	0	20	19	23	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	167
Highland																						
September 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 29-30	4	4	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
Grand Total	= 240	240	363	321	0	0	35	36	55	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	453	404

Eco - Counter September 2024					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	5,450	182	150	256	9/29/2024
Ridgeside In	3,072	102	83	149	9/29/2024
Ridgeside Out	2,378	79	67	107	9/29/2024

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

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