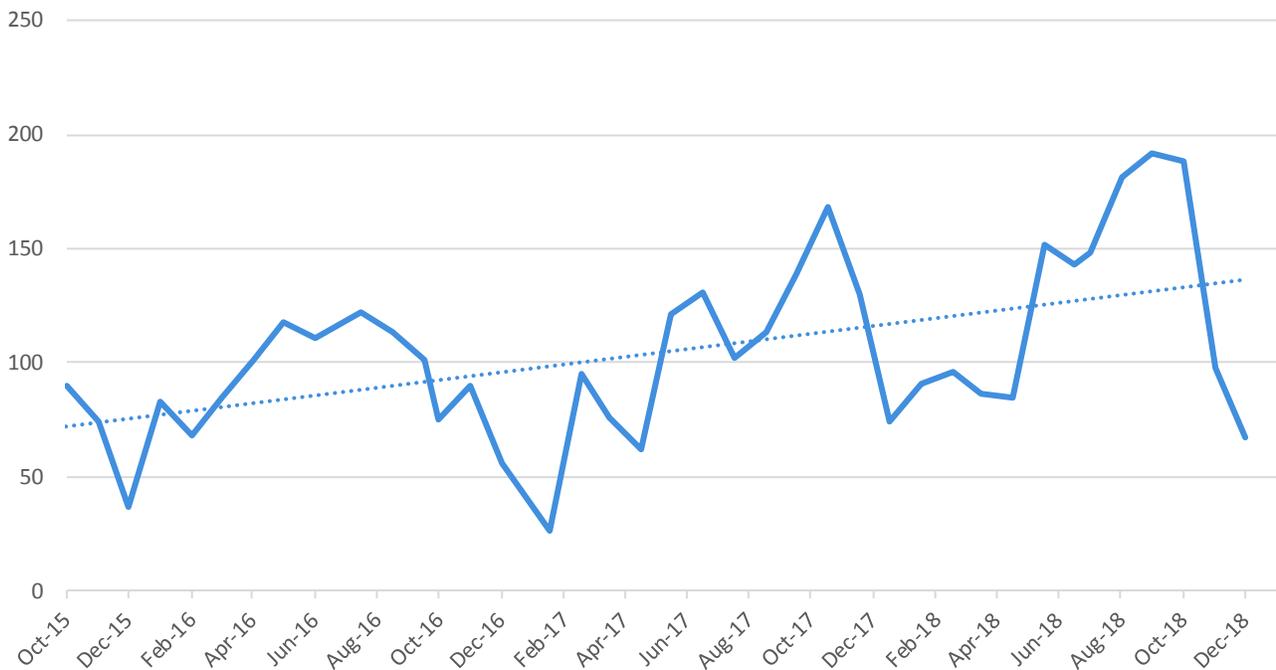


PARK WATCH REPORT

4th Quarter 2018
(Oct 1 - Dec 31)

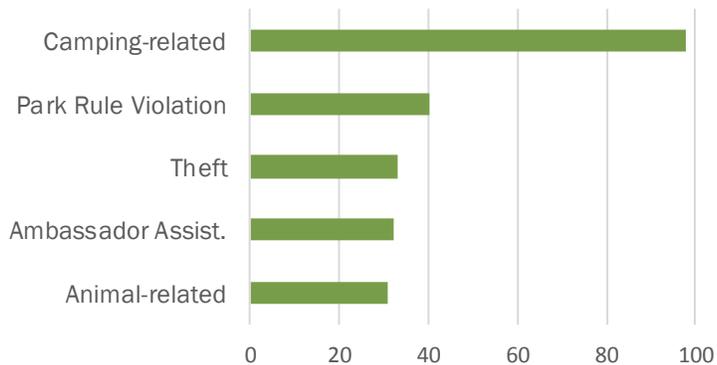
Camps Posted in Eugene Parks, October 2015 - December 2018



Bags of Camper Garbage Removed	3,159
Needles Removed	510
Sheriff Work Crew Hours	952
EPD Incidences in Parks	1,042



Top 5 Incident Types in Parks



Parks with Increased Activity

- Skinner Butte Park
- Bertelsen Nature Park
- Whilamut Natural Area
- East Bank of Ruth Bascom Bike Path

EPD and/or Park Ambassadors have seen an increase in activity in these locations in the past 30 days

*Patrol checks (353 in 2018 Q4) omitted from top 5 list

Public Comments on Camping via Park Watch (2018 Q4) - 55 comments*

**PARK WATCH REPORT:
PARTIAL LIST OF CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ILLEGAL CAMPING**

12/20/2018 BERTELSEN NATURE PARK

Tent set up at bridge north of commerce street, other campsites on north side of the bridge as well.

12/14/2018 AMAZON CORRIDOR: CHAMBERS ST. TO TERRY ST.

A group of men has been camping here for a week or so, drinking loads of beer and amassing a sizable collection of grocery carts.

12/12/2018 ALTON BAKER PARK: WHILAMUT

FIRE ! Fire lots of smoke at tree area noted yesterday. Blue tent/tarp just N of fire.

11/19/2018 TUGMAN PARK

There is a black tent and a white bicycle stationed under the big oak tree at the top of the hill to the southwest corner of the park. Thank you.

11/1/2018 MATHEWS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Same two guys camping under tree along Fern Ridge bike path just east of Grant St. They have been reported previously for a 4 night stay with tarps, left for 1 night, and now have returned - here 2 nights in a row.

10/29/2018 WEST BANK

There seems to be an abandoned camp on the gravel bar south of Marist rapids. I'm worried it will be swept into the river as it rises. I hope there is nobody in it because i have seen no activity for a week. A welfare check may be in order

10/16/2018 ALTON BAKER PARK: WHILAMUT

There is a growing problem of motorhomes and other transient vehicles setting up camp in the Whilamut parking lot near Autzen Entry 4 and Leo Harris. This is during the day time. I don't go over there at night. Trash, human waste, debris are starting to collect in the area. I have found numerous needles and empty oxycontin packages. One motorhome has a large pit bull type dog consistently off leash but the dog has not been aggressive. Trash and feces are in the bushes around the vehicles. Frequent short stay traffic is associated with the largest of the motorhomes. My family and I do not feel safe having to wade through the vehicles, trash, poop, and transients to get to the park so we have stopped going. Essentially the transients have taken over the parking lot. I was going to try and attach photos but drop by and see for yourself. The number of motorhomes parked there (taking up public parking for the park) ranges from 4 to 8 the last few days. By the way, your parks employees have done a wonderful job cutting back the brush and treating invasive plants this last week. I just wish we could enjoy it. It is very wrong that taxpayers are shut out of the parks that they pay for but that is essentially what is happening. Thank you for doing anything you can about the problem. Keep up the good work.