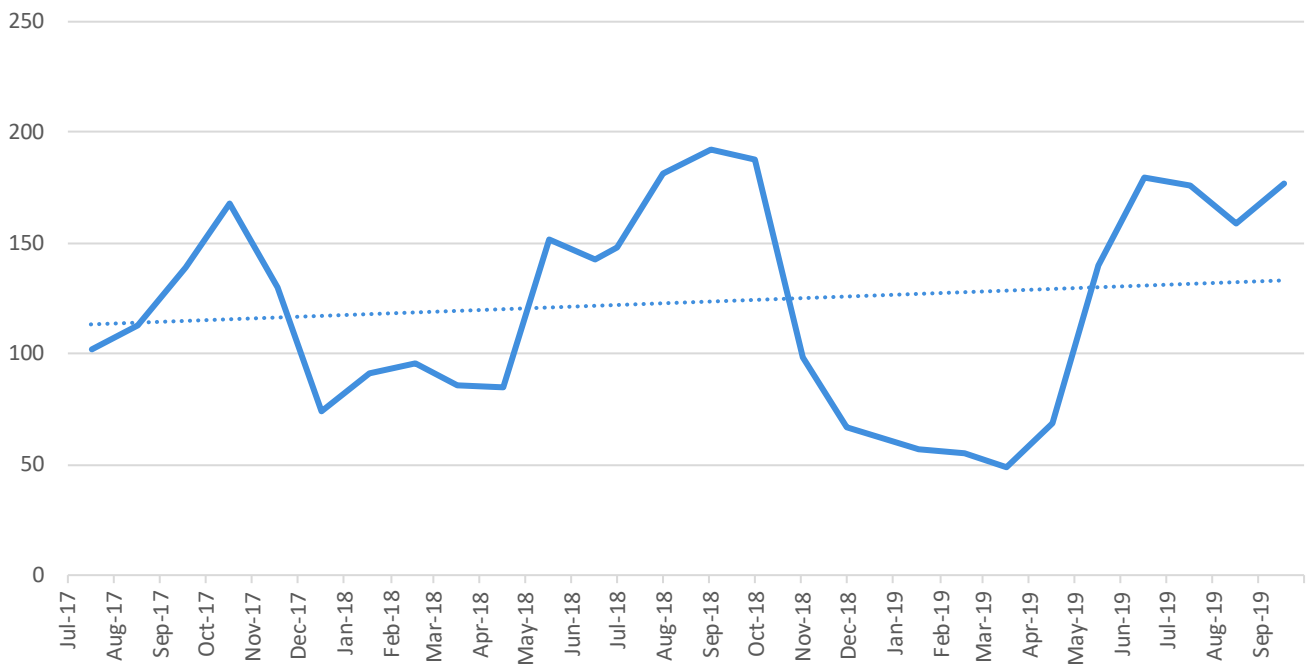


PARK WATCH REPORT

3rd Quarter 2019
(July - September)

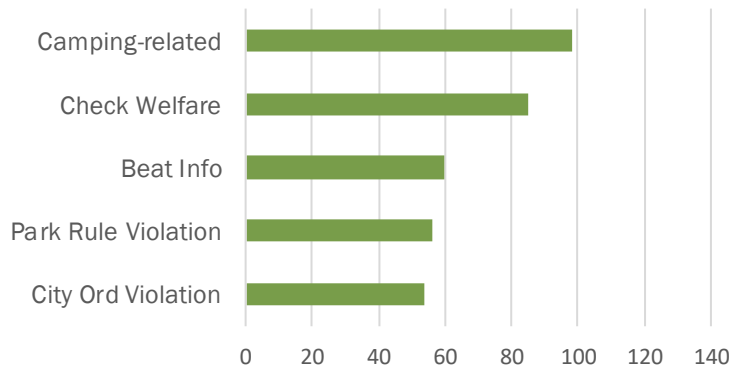
Camps Posted in Eugene Parks, July 2016 - September 2019



Bags of Camper Garbage Removed	6,804
Needles Removed	420
Sheriff Work Crew Hours	784
EPD Incidences in Parks	1,590



Top 5 Incident Types in Parks



Parks with Increased Activity

- Washington/Jefferson
- Amazon Park
- Alton Baker
- Skinner Butte Park
- Amazon Corridor (Fern Ridge Bike Path)

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

*Patrol checks (315) omitted from top 5 list

Public Comments on Camping via Park Watch - 62 comments*

*See back for highlights.

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

9/30/2019 HILYARD COMMUNITY CENTER

We are continuously having problems with two campers who sleep on our patio almost every night. They are leaving tons of trash, including toilet paper and female hygiene products in the bushes. It's taking staff at least 20 minutes every morning to clean up these days. Just hoping to find out what else we can be doing to try to discourage this behavior.

9/9/2019 WEST BANK

At least two tents and several men camping along the river between Arbor and East Hillcrest Drive. Downstream from the tent closer to Arbor is a lot of cigarette butts and garbage in the river.

8/13/2019 ACORN PARK

Illegal camping, possible drug use, trash along Amazon creek bed. One of the group followed myself and my dog into the wooded area. Shirtless guy in mid-thirties with lots of tattoos. Large group along creek bed all yelling at one another Monday August 12. Along fern ridge trail between street with Habitat for Humanity and next bridge west. Near large wooded area.

8/13/2019 MATHEWS COMMUNITY GARDEN

At the Fern Ridge bike path and the Garfield street bridge, at least 3 illegal campers are living under the bridge with numerous piles of trash on the bike path, in the creek and on the other side of the creek under the bridge.

8/2/2019 NORTH BANK

I'm not sure if this is where to report such things, but on Tuesday, 7/30/19, while riding my bike I saw a particularly large transient encampment (family-style tent, shopping carts, plastic bags, etc.) set up along the river off the north bank bike path just west of Exit 2 on I -105. Please note that dirt trails leading to the river in this area often end with encampments. The north side of the river is less frequented and thus provides a better hiding place for illegal campers. I also saw that transient encampments building up on the nearby island were finally being cleaned up by a Sheriff's work crew. Thank you for your efforts to deal with this difficult problem.

7/29/2019 SKINNER BUTTE PARK

Illegal camping on the small island downriver from Ferry Street Bridge, across the Willamette River from McMenemy's. I was riding on the north bank bike path this morning and saw several tents on the island.

7/11/2019 ALTON BAKER PARK: WHILAMUT

Active and recently used campsites in this area, both upriver and downriver from the large sandy area that was the old boat launch. Evidence of a sizable campfire in the sand and areas of human waste and toilet paper down each of the paths.