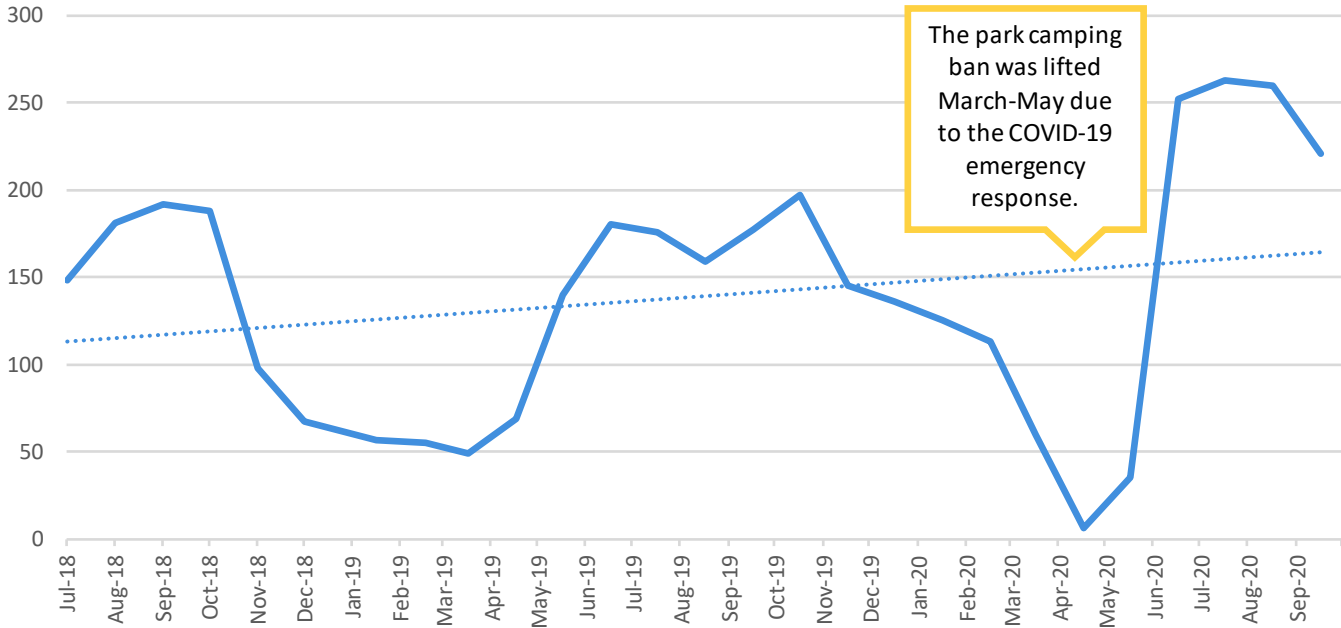


# PARK WATCH REPORT

3rd Quarter 2020  
(July - September)

Camps Posted in Eugene Parks  
July 2018 - September 2020

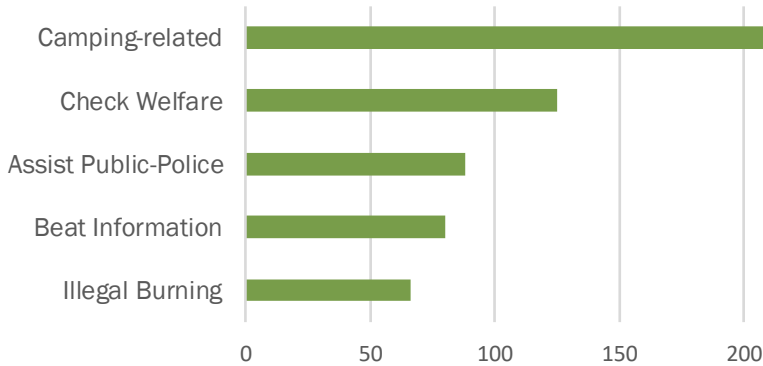


The park camping ban was lifted March-May due to the COVID-19 emergency response.

Bags of Camper Garbage Removed	8,505
Needles Removed	300
Sheriff Work Crew Hours	560
EPD Incidences in Parks	1,776



## Top 5 Incident Types in Parks



## Parks with Increased Activity

- Washington/Jefferson
- Scobert Gardens Park
- Skinner Butte Park
- Oak Patch West
- Amazon Corridor

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

\*Patrol checks (337) omitted from top 5 list

Public Comments on Camping via Park Watch - 235 comments\*

\*See back for highlights.

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

9/16/20            Washington Jefferson Park

Number of tents on the west side of Jefferson north of 1st has grown from 1 to around 10 within the last week. This encampment is showing signs of turning into a problematic camp similar to the one that was in the same area in June. There have been multiple reports of illegal burning and yesterday I had to stop one of the campers from igniting a "cooking fire" 5 feet from the unmowed ODOT grass. This incident was reported to police, but I anticipate there will be more as long as this group is allowed to stay there.

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8/12/20            Monroe Park

We are experiencing a slow but steady increase in homeless campers in our small community park. They are co-opting the picnic tables, leaving trash around the park, and now they are bringing additional friends to come live there. The community is pretty unhappy that our little park has become the target of the homeless community. Passed out on the picnic tables, waiting in their cars for dark so they can set up their tents, etc.. drug use, dogs not on leash, and a steady increase in the count. Many with California plates. We are sick of it and we want our park back!! Thank you!

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8/11/20            West Bank

Several long-term illegal campers (3 weeks) getting drunk/high, shouting, lighting fires, lighting illegal fireworks in the middle of the night (sound like gunshots or bombs), throwing trash on ground/bushes/behind trees, draping blankets, sleeping bags and clothing over neighbors fence for several days. Lying/sleeping in footpath causing neighbors to take new route.

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7/26/20            North Bank

My immediate concern is all the homeless once more camping along the river path although there are a couple tents that have been there since last Oct. I know an effort was made to clear them out after the lockdown expired, but they are back in increasing numbers especially on the north bank in between the hotel and Alton Baker. There are piles of trash everywhere and one camp even nailed a beware of dog sign on a tree. The river path and parks have been more important than ever during this difficult time and besides endangering the health of the river banks, they are monopolizing the trails the community normally would use. I've even just noticed tents appearing on the south bank below the large play ground, parking lot and community building.

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7/25/20            Scobert Gardens Park

Greeting my name is Christopher Gadsby and I Chair the Whiteaker Community Council. My friend runs the Whiteaker Market which is located at Scobert park and it has a group of unsanitary campers who are going to diminish the markets impact to our community which is substantial. The food and social interactions are something this community needs once a week during our pandemic. The folks are camping on both sides of the street which has become a traffic hazard as well as biohazard. Our park is not sustainable for tent camping and social distancing ... Please help...

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7/6/20            Amazon Corridor

Large amount of debris associated with a camp in the willows for the past three or four weeks. It looks as if the debris has now spread out to the east and west along the bike path. There is a trash filled grocery cart just east of Bailey Hill on the path. There is more trash west of the spot indicated on the map. There is another camp/debris pile at the bridge across the Amazon at Wallis. With all of the grocery carts, I think you might need at least two pickups.