



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** January 13, 2025

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**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-3

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for November 2025.

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide an update on operations and programs for Canyon Park and activities related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of November 2025.

**BACKGROUND:** For more than a century, Canyon Park has been a valued recreational destination for both Monrovia residents and visitors. Situated in the scenic foothills, the park provides access to a rich array of natural resources that enhance community well being by offering clean air, wildlife habitat, and tranquil spaces for recreation and environmental connection. These features support both the physical and mental health of residents and encourage a strong sense of environmental stewardship.

After a five year closure resulting from damage caused by the 2020 Bobcat Fire and subsequent heavy rainstorms, Canyon Park officially reopened to the public on June 26, 2025. Today, the park offers a variety of experiences, including special events, naturalist led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, scenic trails, a waterfall, and expansive views of the San Gabriel Valley. Our team of naturalists and volunteers remains committed to preserving the trail network and maintaining park facilities for all to enjoy.

**ANALYSIS:**

**Canyon Park**

During November, maintenance and restoration work continued at Canyon Park, led by the dedicated Canyon Park Volunteers in partnership with the Managed Career Solutions (MCS) crews focusing on improving trail conditions and visitor safety through brush trimming, fallen tree and debris removal, and improving and adding the erosion control measures across multiple trail sections.

In addition to fieldwork, Canyon Park hosted the Kids' Craft in the Canyon event, providing children with a fun, hands on opportunity to explore nature through creative projects and environmental learning activities.

## Hillside Wilderness Preserve

For the month of November, the Ridgeside and Cloverleaf access points continued to show stable recreational use, consistent with data from previous months. This indicates steady visitation to the preserve as we move into the cooler fall season.

At the Cloverleaf access point, we observed an increase in mountain bike activity. Staff will continue to monitor this trend in the coming months to determine whether it represents a onetime occurrence or a developing pattern that may require further evaluation.

Staff also continue to patrol the preserve and collect supplemental data to support the eco-counter touchpoint readings. Combining these on-site observations with automated counts provides a more complete and accurate picture of overall recreational use within the preserve.

<b>November 2025 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log</b>	
<b>Canyon Park and HWP 216 hours of maintenance in November 2025</b>	
November 3	Veterans Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail.
November 5	Waterfall and Veterans Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail. An edge barrier was installed on the trail to prevent trail erosion.
November 7	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail.
November 10	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent trail erosion.
November 12	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail. An edge barrier was installed on the trail to prevent trail erosion.
November 17	Veterans Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail.
November 19	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail.
November 21	Bill Cull and Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail.
November 24	Bill Cull and Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail and helped clear a tree that fell onto the trail.
November 26	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and vegetation on the trail.

November 2024/2025																						
PATROLS			ACTIVITY																			
	# of staff patrols 2024	# of staff patrols 2025	Pedestrians 2024	Pedestrians 2025	Vehicles 2024	Vehicles 2025	Cyclists 2024	Cyclists 2025	Pets 2024	Pets 2025	Public Service Calls 2024	Public Service Calls 2025	Smoking Ban Calls 2024	Smoking Ban Calls 2025	Wildlife Sightings 2024	Wildlife Sightings 2025	Unsecured Gate 2024	Unsecured Gate 2025	Citations 2024	Citations 2025	Activity Totals 2024	Activity Totals 2025
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																						
November 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>60</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>Ridgside</b>																						
November 1-7	14	14	22	25	0	0	6	4	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	33
November 8-14	14	14	24	30	0	0	10	12	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	47
November 15-20	14	14	32	31	0	0	11	11	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	43
November 21-28	14	14	18	25	0	0	12	5	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	34
November 29-30	4	4	26	14	0	0	8	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</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>188</b>	<b>177</b>	
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																						
November 1-7	14	14	22	12	0	0	8	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	24
November 8-14	14	14	18	22	0	0	9	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	27
November 15-20	14	14	27	25	0	0	12	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	34
November 21-28	14	14	18	25	0	0	11	17	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	49
November 29-30	4	4	14	19	0	0	6	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</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>154</b>	<b>162</b>	
<b>Highland</b>																						
November 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>60</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>=</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</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>342</b>	<b>339</b>	

Eco - Counter November 2025					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgside	5,461	182	158	231	11/28/2025
Ridgside In	3,001	100	87	125	11/27/2025
Ridgside Out	2,460	82	70	105	11/28/2025
Cloverleaf	3,156	105	87	142	11/29/2025
Cloverleaf In	1,584	53	44	71	11/29/2025
Cloverleaf Out	1,572	52	43	72	11/29/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist	4,347	145	134	166	11/21/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist In	3,963	132	122	152	11/21/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist Out	384	13	12	15	11/12/2025

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-3, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for November 2025.

**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 November 2025.

**CC-3**