



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** January 13, 2025

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**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-4

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 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 December, maintenance and restoration efforts continued at Canyon Park under the leadership of the dedicated Canyon Park Volunteers. Work focused on improving trail conditions and enhancing visitor safety through brush trimming, graffiti removal, removal of fallen trees and debris, and the improvement and installation of erosion control measures across multiple trail segments.

In addition to fieldwork, Canyon Park hosted the final Kids' Craft in the Canyon event of 2025. The program provided children with a fun, hands on opportunity to explore nature through creative projects and environmental learning activities. The Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation has been a valuable partner in supporting the Canyon Park team in hosting these programs.

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## Hillside Wilderness Preserve

For the month of December, 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 winter season.

At the Cloverleaf access point, we overserved the number of mountain biking trend back to previous numbers before the increase in November showing consistency in through the 2025 year. 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>December 2025 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log</b>	
<b>Canyon Park and HWP 236 hours of maintenance in December 2025</b>	
December 1	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 3	Bill Cull, Memorial and Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 5	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 8	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned brush and debris that fell onto the trail and installed an edge barrier to prevent trail erosion.
December 10	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned brush and debris that fell onto the trail and removed graffiti on the lookout bench.
December 12	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 15	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer removed a large tree that fell onto the trail.
December 17	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier to prevent trail erosion.
December 19	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 22	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier to prevent trail erosion.
December 28	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer removed a large tree that fell onto the trail.

December 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>																							
December 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</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>0</b>
<b>Ridgeside</b>																							
December 1-7	14	14	22	18	0	0	15	5	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	25
December 8-14	14	14	38	35	0	0	11	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	37
December 15-20	14	14	33	36	0	0	10	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	44
December 21-28	14	14	27	29	0	0	8	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	32
December 29-31	6	6	10	5	0	0	1	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</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>197</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																							
December 1-7	14	14	28	30	0	0	4	8	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	43
December 8-14	14	14	19	22	0	0	11	14	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	38
December 15-20	14	14	28	15	0	0	14	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	17
December 21-28	14	14	27	26	0	0	5	5	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	35
December 29-31	6	6	15	10	0	0	6	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</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>175</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Highland</b>																							
December 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</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>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>= 248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</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>372</b>	<b>295</b>

Eco - Counter December 2025					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	5,041	163	121	281	12/28/2025
Ridgeside In	2,773	89	68	152	12/28/2025
Ridgeside Out	2,268	73	54	130	12/28/2025
Cloverleaf	3,198	103	75	183	12/28/2025
Cloverleaf In	1,587	51	38	90	12/28/2025
Cloverleaf Out	1,611	52	38	93	12/28/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist	1,330	43	49	25	12/31/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist In	1,029	33	41	11	12/31/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist Out	301	10	8	14	12/30/2025

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-4, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 2025.

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED:** If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-4 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 2025.

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