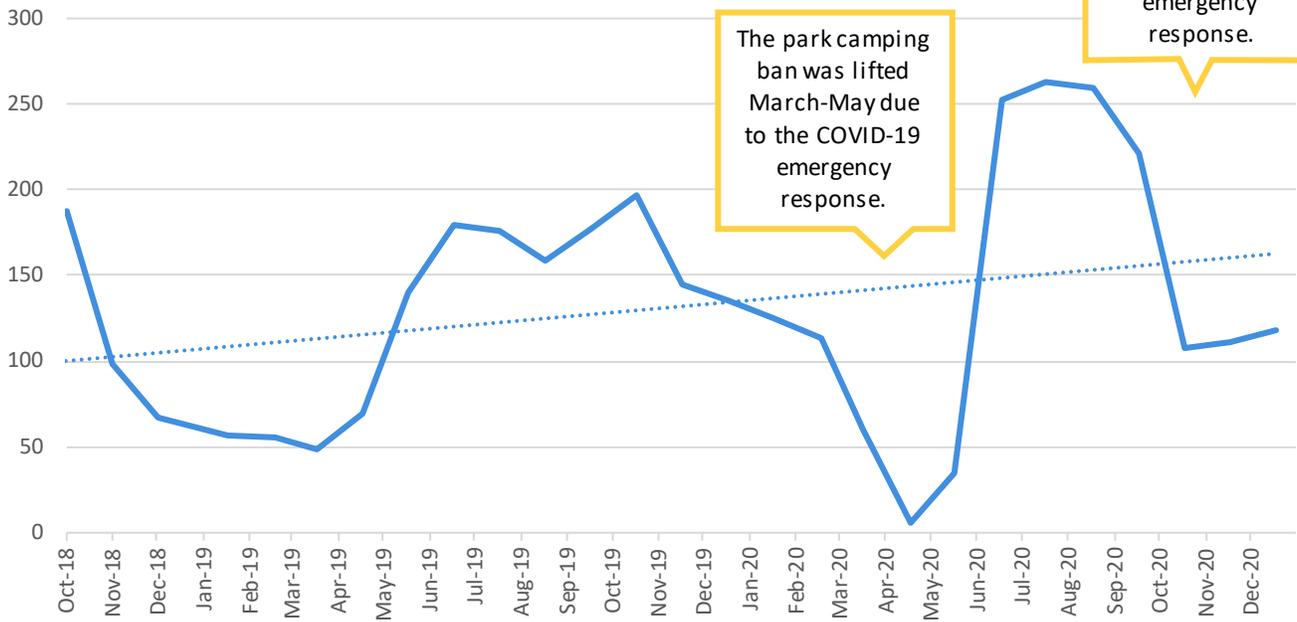


# PARK WATCH REPORT

4th Quarter 2020  
(October - December)

Camps Posted in Eugene Parks  
Oct 2018 - Dec 2020



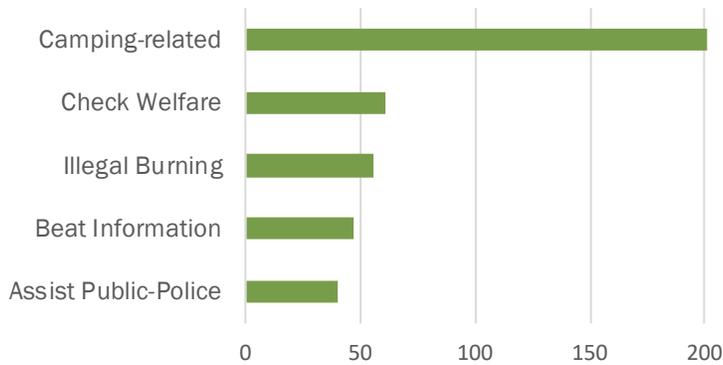
The park camping ban was lifted March-May due to the COVID-19 emergency response.

Park camping ban lifted a second time due to the COVID-19 emergency response.

Bags of Camper Garbage Removed	7,412
Needles Removed	270
Sheriff Work Crew Hours	504
EPD Incidences in Parks	1,210



## Top 5 Incident Types in Parks



## ⚠ Parks with Increased Activity

- Washington/Jefferson
- Westmoreland Park
- Amazon Corridor
- Lone Oak Park
- MLK Jr. Park

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

\*Patrol checks (308) omitted from top 5 list

Public Comments on Camping via Park Watch - 190 comments\*

\*See back for highlights.

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

12/11/20      Washington Jefferson Park

One photo with the camp site is at the stop sign is at 5th and Jefferson. Two more photos show campsites under I-105 at Washington and Jefferson. Four photos show a campsite under the Washington Street up-ramp, a site just to the west of that up-ramp, tents next to the big red sculpture along 7th Avenue, a site under the Jefferson St. off-ramp, and a horrendous mess next to the off-ramp to 6th Avenue. This last one is the one you folks did such a great job cleaning up a couple of weeks ago (thank you!!), but unfortunately, it's a mess again. One photo I didn't take was of a site at the corner of 6th and Madison, wedged in between the off-ramp and private property. Thanks for taking care of these messes.

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11/22/20      Washington Jefferson Park

Sometime overnight, someone erected a non-portable structure at the corner of Jefferson & Clark. It appears to have solid walls and a solid roof (not a pop-up tent or a tent that is used for temporary camping). It looks as if it is intended to be a semi-permanent structure instead of a temporary respite.

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11/16/20      Lone Oak Park

Tons of people camping in the park. I picked up two used needles this morning. A camper in the park as well that's been there for over a week possibly closer to two weeks.

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11/8/20      Washington Jefferson Park

My husband counted 73 tents in the ODOT space on Washington and Jefferson St. between 1st and the river. The illegal camping is such a burden on our neighborhood. Our household has barely slept through the night once in the past month due to middle-of-the night yelling and loud vehicle traffic. We've been told that the parks department's hands are tied but we've contacted everybody and haven't been given a clear answer about why the camping ordinance is not being enforced under the direction of the city attorney's office. I have never felt unsafe living in this neighborhood until this year and I feel so defeated about this whole situation. In talking to my neighbors, I know that we are not alone in our anger and frustration. Is it possible to at least have someone pick up their trash? There are quite a few bags of trash that have been placed on the curb. If there is anything else I can do to address this situation, please let me know.

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10/28/20      Gudukut Natural Area

Tent set up, 4-5 people in the area. Smoke was reported coming from the tent this morning, indicating some kind of warming effort. We are concerned about the fire hazard here in the condos just to the north of the natural area.

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10/12/20      Amazon Park

Illegal camping on Amazon Creek just downstream of Fox Hollow Road on the west bank of the creek. I reported this a week ago and camping is still occurring. The City spent a very large amount of stormwater funds to restore this spot for water quality and habitat. I regularly bring elementary school field trips to this spot. Illegal camping in this spot is not acceptable.