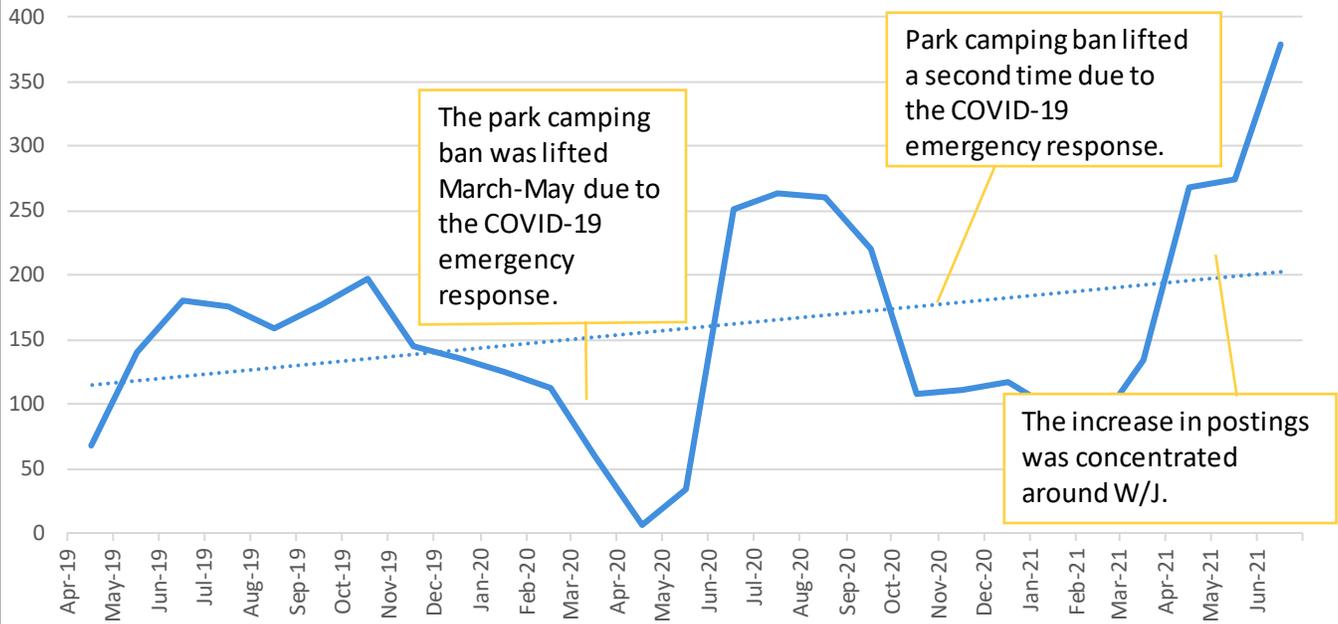


# PARK WATCH REPORT

2nd Quarter 2021  
(April-June)

Camps Posted in Eugene Parks  
April 2019 - June 2021



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.

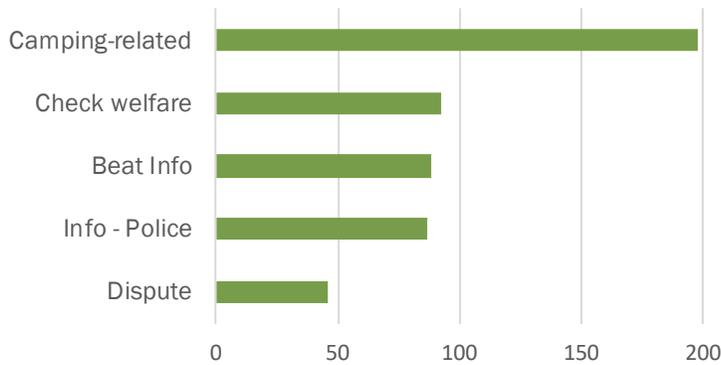
The increase in postings was concentrated around W/J.

Bags of Camper Garbage Removed	9,599
Needles Removed	90
Sheriff Work Crew Hours	168
EPD Incidences in Parks	1,493



Sheriff work crew hours are low because the majority of this work is now done by the Illicit Activities team and Park

## Top 5 Incident Types in Parks



\*Patrol checks (261) omitted from top 5 list



## Parks with Increased Activity

- Washington/Jefferson
- Amazon Park
- Scobert Gardens Park
- West Bank
- Maurie Jacobs Park

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

Public Comments on Camping via Park Watch - 232 comments\*

\*See back for highlights.

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

6/25/21 Amazon Park

On the bike/pedestrian path, at the entrance to Amazon Park. E. 30th and Hummingbird, where Amazon Parkway crosses Amazon creek. A couple, with their pile of belongings, have started camping next to the bike/pedestrian path and the homes at the dead-end of E. 30th. Their stuff is spread out onto the sidewalk, obstructing passage. They have been there for about a week. Last night, another pair of people have begun camping there, also. Stuff all over, including food waste and garbage. Where are these people relieving themselves? Unsanitary and unsafe. I fear that this encampment will continue to grow. Please, look at this problem for my family and my neighbor's families.

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6/17/21 Skinner Butte Park

Camp moving closer to children's playground, human feces and toilet paper under many of the trees making recreation for park users impossible without being exposed to dangerous waste.

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6/10/21 Maurie Jacobs Park

Folks camped along the river where my kids play. Yelling from these folks has scared my child away from the area. Please ask folks to move on. Area affected is just beyond Maynard Park North entry to bike path at Formac Ave. and Copping St. closer to the river.

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5/25/21 West Bank

Multiple people camping in car hidden in the trees. Last week they were driving their cars on the sidewalk and bike path. We got chased on our bikes from dogs off leash. They are ruining the wildlife habit with the cars and garbage everywhere. They've been there for months.

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5/22/21 Alton Baker Park

I'm a veteran, fisherman and senior citizen. I was trying to go fishing but there are tents with nasty people throwing trash and feces in river on the trail between boat ramp and other end of trail near where the canal enters the river.

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4/7/21 Washington/Jefferson Park

Violations of "Covid 19 public health criteria for temporary camping". Tents are not 12 ft apart; it is NOT possible for the public to reasonably maintain 6' of distance from persons camping and their property at all times. Camp does NOT allow access to sidewalks or paths. Camp does not maintain a clean and healthy space and has significant debris and garbage. Camp is NOT safe in there's evidence of drug use or other paraphernalia. Campsite is negatively impacting properties. Campsite is negatively impacting nearby business activities. Campsite is disturbing vegetation. Campsite is damaging or preventing maintenance of park infrastructure. Lots of foot traffic going across 7th into camps. Camp continues to grow by the day with more things being brought over and more people gathering around socializing or using barbecue pit. More graffiti and damage to onramp to freeway as well.