



Clean Cities Community Clean Teams Weekly Report

September 30, 2021

Reporting Week September 20 through September 26

Week in Review

This week the community clean team focused on two large emphasis areas, Green Lake Park and Cottage Grove Park as well as the various litter and trash pick-up locations citywide. The following summary includes Clean Cities work accomplished by Parks/SDOT Clean Cities Crews.

By the Numbers:

- Trash mitigation completed at 66 locations by Parks/SDOT crews, and 18 additional locations by SDOT crews
- 4,042 needles collected by Parks Crews
- 76,260 lbs. trash collected via Community Clean Teams
- 22 blocks of litter pickup by SDOT crews
- 4.33 miles of vegetation management
- 624 tents counted onsite
- 9 signs of graffiti removed

Kudos to Clean Cities

- *I would like to give a BIG kudos to James Lowman and the Encampment Response Team. As frustrated as I have become with the ongoing destruction of Seattle parks trees, due to fires that have originated from tents under trees in so many of our parks, I was humbled today by James Lowman's ability to identify, support and remain compassionate about the individuals who have lost everything they own due to these fires. I have seen him remain a steadfast and passionate employee of the City of Seattle, that has continuously put himself in parts of Seattle where most of us would never want to be without Police escort. He does this because of his duty to his fellow humans, no matter what their background or history may be. Today at Green Lake, I witnessed him give money from his own pocket to a man that had lost everything he owns to a fire. I still struggle with our City's approach to allowing homeless encampments to thrive in our parks and I do not have an easy answer to the solution, because there is none. The Encampment Team directed by James was extremely quick, efficient and thorough with the task at hand, and had the area cleared of debris in about 15 minutes. At the same time, James instructed the Team to give the homeless individual time and space to sift through his belongings, even though there was really no hope for him to find anything. I cannot imagine what it must be like for James and his incredible Team to do what they do every day or to see what they have to see, or pick up what they have to pick up, on a weekly basis. These individuals deserve a raise and our praise ! Thank you Encampment Crews for all you do! - Sincerely Mark Malone and the Urban Forestry Unit.*

- *THANK YOU and your wonderful crew! At least one neighbor went out to thank them personally, and I did my part by setting up a camping chair and reading a book in the newly cleaned up space. We deeply appreciate your help, and are very excited as a neighborhood to once again have a safe and clean space to enjoy as a community.*

Warmly,

Jack and the Cowen Park/Roosevelt neighborhood

Clean Cities Routes Site Cleaning Examples By 4 Quadrants

NW Community Clean Team

- I-5 and N 92nd St: 1-Tent, 1-Structure, 5-Needles, 300lbs of debris -9/20
- Gas Works Park: 1 block of litter pickup, 1 sign of graffiti cleaned -9/20
- **5th Ave NE and Maple Leaf:** 1-Tent, 17-Needles, 2,700lbs of debris -9/20

Before



After



- Ballard Commons Park: 56-Tents, 8-Structures, 48-Needles, 2,400lbs of debris -9/20, 9/24
- Counterbalance Park: SDOT traffic Control -9/21
- 2815 Boylston Ave E: Pick up no parks from previous work -9/21
- Green Lake: 12-Tent, 5-Needles, 900lbs of debris -9/21, 9/23
- **83rd St and Mary Ave:** 8-Tents, 4-Structures, 10-Needles, 600lbs of debris -9/22

Before



After



Before



During

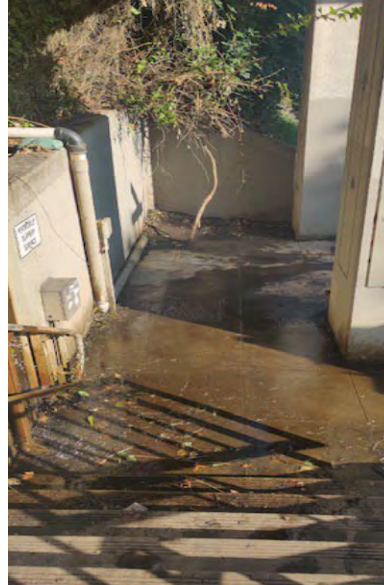


- Bitter Lake CC: 2-Tents, 50-Needles, 3,500lbs of debris -9/22
- Puetz Golf: 16-Tents, 8-Structures, 20-Needles, 700lbs of debris -9/22
- Kinnear Place: 8-Tents, 2-Structures, 25-Needles, 700lbs of debris -9/22
- Cascade Playground: 8-Tents, 33-Needles, 1,260lbs of debris, 1 block of litter pickup -9/22
- **602 Galer St:** 2 blocks of litter pickup, 1 mile of vegetation management, 360lbs of debris, 3 graffiti cleaned-9/23, 9/24

Before



After



- Fremont Canal Park: 5-Tents, 14-Needles, 300lbs of debris -9/23
- Woodland: 8-Tents, 1-Structure, 42-Needles, 600lbs of debris -9/23
- Prospect & Aurora: 1 mile of vegetation management, 1 sign of graffiti cleaned -9/23
- Bitter Lake CC: 1-Tent, 50-Needles, 500lbs of debris -9/24
- Licton Springs Park: 4-Tents, 2-Structures, 10-Needles, 500lbs of debris -9/24
- Ballard Library: 11-Tents, 12-Needles, 100lbs of debris -9/24
- Woodland Park: 100-Tents, 10-Structures, 100-Needles, 2,500lbs of debris -9/24
- Green Lake Park: 19-Tents, 52-Needles, 700lbs of debris -9/24
- Westlake Ave N & Nickerson St: 1 block of litter pickup, 60lbs of debris, 1 sign of graffiti cleaned -9/24

NE Community Clean Team

- Jackson Golf: 1-Tent, 4-Structures, 36-Needles, 780lbs of debris -9/20
- Virgil Flaim: No-Tents, 100lbs of debris -9/20
- Thornton Creek (Homewood): 5-Tents, 1-Structure: 36-Needles, 1,000lbs of debris -9/20
- Thomas St Mini Park: 15-Tents, 10-Needles, 400lbs of debris -9/20
- University Playfield: 5-Tents, 530lbs of debris -9/20, 9/24
- Cowen Park: 1-Tent, 300lbs of debris -9/20
- 19th Ave E & McGraw: 1 sign of graffiti cleaned -9/21
- **East Harvard and Broadway E Northbound I-5 Eastbound 520:** 1-Tent, 1-Structure, 64-Needles, 3,560lbs of debris, 2 miles of vegetation management -9/21

Before/During



After



- NE 45th St Off Ramp from Northbound I-5 Vicinity: 9-Tents, 3-Structures, 42-Needles, 600lbs of debris -9/22, 9/24
- NE 45th St. Northbound I-5 On Ramp Vicinity: 5-Tents, 2-Structures, 52-Needles, 700lbs of debris -9/22, 9/24
- Ravenna Blvd and Olga Park Vicinity: 4-Tents, 32-Needles, 1,100lbs of debris -9/22
- Miller Park: 1 block of litter pickup, 260lbs of debris -9/22
- Louisa Boren Park: No-Tents, 150-Needles, 1 block of litter pickup, 260lbs of debris -9/22
- NE Northlake Way and 6th Ave NE Vicinity: 5-Tents, 24-Needles, 1,200lbs of debris -9/23
- Ravenna Blvd: 3-Tents, 30-Needles, 400lbs of debris -9/24

- **NE 50th St On Ramp:** 6-Tents, 2-Structures, 20-Needles, 800lbs of debris -9/24

Before



During



- **NE 73rd St & 8th Ave NE:** 1 block of litter pickup, 260lbs of debris -9/25

Before/During

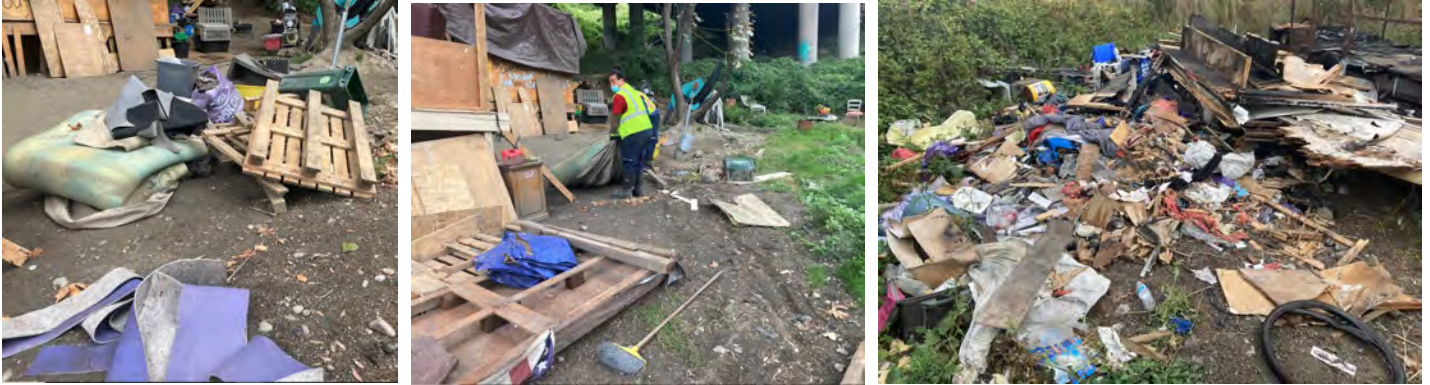


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SW Community Clean Team

- SW Henderson St & 22nd Ave SW: 2 blocks of litter pickup, 20lbs of debris -9/20, 9/24
- Westcrest Park: 5-Tents, 2-Structures, 46-Needles, 1,910lbs of debris, 2 blocks of litter pickup -9/21, 9/24
- SW Juneau St and 26th Ave SW: 8-Tents, 2-Structures, 15-Needles, 500lbs of debris -9/21
- **Airport Way S and S Snoqualmie St. Vicinity:** 30-Tents, 5-Structures, 100-Needles, 4,000lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/23

Before

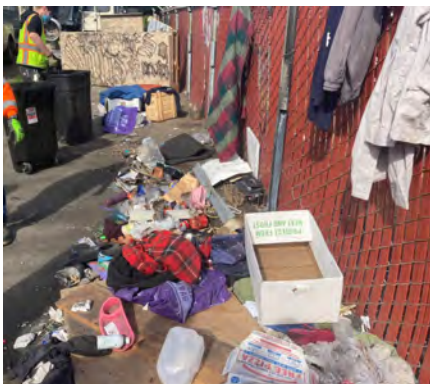


After



- **7th Ave S and S Fidalgo St:** 5-Structures, 5-RV's, 50-Needles, 2,500lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/23

Before



During



After



- 9th Ave S & S Bradford St: SDOT traffic control -9/23
- **1st Ave S and Mead St:** 4-Tents, 4-Structures, 30-Needles, 1,000lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/23

Before

After



- Myers Way S: 4-Tents, 2-Structures, 104-Needles, 2,080lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/24
- North Acres Park: 1-Tent, 300lbs of debris -9/24

SE Community Clean Team

- Beacon Ave S & S Columbian Way: 2 blocks of litter pickup, 240lbs of debris, 2 tree pruned -9/20
- Cal Anderson: 1-Tent, 150lbs of debris -9/20
- Fire House Mini Park: No-Tents, 50lbs of debris -9/20
- Seven Hills Park: 13-Tents, 20-Needles, 700lbs of debris -9/20
- Pratt Park: 2-Tents, 50lbs of debris -9/20
- Dr. Blanche Lavizzo: 2-Tents, 50lbs of debris -9/20

- Poplar Pl S and Dearborn to Bush St Vicinity: 1-Tent, 20-Needles, 500lbs of debris -9/20
- Airport Way S & S Spokane St (I-5 Stairway): 1 sign of graffiti cleaned -9/20
- Prefontaine: No-Tents, 65-Needles, 1,350lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/20, 9/22, 9/25
- Pioneer Square Pergola: 30-Tents, 3-Structures, 170-Needles, 1,100lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/20, 9/22
- **International District and I-5 (8th & King St):** 30-Tents, 6-Structures, 256-Needles, 3,800lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/20, 9/21, 9/24

Before



During/After



- 4th and Yesler Way: 4-Tents, 30-Needles, 200lbs of debris -9/20
- 4th and Royal Brougham: 22-Tents, 2-Structures, 135-Needles, 3,010lbs of debris, SDOT traffic Control -9/20, 9/21, 9/24
- S Jackson between 20th Ave S & 22nd Ave S: SDOT traffic Control -9/20
- **8th and Holgate:** No-Tents, 500lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/21

Before



After



- Beacon Ave S & Ferdinand: 2 blocks of litter pickup, 120lbs of debris, 3 tree pruned -9/21
- 1st Ave S and S Railroad: No-Tents, 200lbs of debris -9/21
- Utah Ave S and S Stacy: 11-Tents, 7-Structures, 50-Needles, 1,000lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control -9/21
- 10th and Dearborn St: 40-Tents, 10-Structures, 489-Needles, 1,500lbs of debris (No- Photo) -9/21, 9/23
- Navigation Center Vicinity (Stairs): 16-Tents, 3-Structures, 139-Needles, 850lbs of debris, SDOT traffic control (No- Photos Provided) -9/22, 9/24
- Judge Charles M. Stokes Park (I-90 Sound Wall): 6-Tents, 1-Structure, 25-Needles, 560lbs of debris, 1 block of litter pickup -9/22
- Brighton Playfield: 2-Tents, 10-Needles, 80lbs of debris (No-Photos Provided) -9/23
- Jose Rizal: 2-Tents, 2-Structures, 250-Needles, 500lbs of debris -9/23
- Daejeon Park: 10-Tents, 2-Structures, 1,050-Needles, 1,300lbs of debris -9/23
- Sturgis Park: 6-Tents, 1-Structure, 25-Needles, no tonnage (No-Photos Provided) -9/23
- Jefferson Park: 10-Tents, 3-Structures, 221-Needles, 1,200lbs of debris -9/23
- **Beacon Ave S & S Cheasty (VA Hospital PS):** 2 blocks of litter pickup, 510lbs of debris, 6 trees pruned, 6 yards wood chips, 10.5 yards mulched, removal of maple saplings, cutback of laurel hedges -9/24, 9/25

Before

After



- Jackson Golf: 4-Tents, 4-Structures, 30-Needles, 600lbs of debris -9/24
- Pioneer Square: 24-Tents, 9-Needles, 920lbs of debris -9/24, 9/25
- Port Side Trail: 7-Tents, 4-Structures, 11-Needles, 100lbs of debris -9/25
- Utah/Stacy/ Atlantic Ave: 3-Tents, 5-Structures, 22-Needles, 1,600lbs of debris -9/25
- Jack Memorial Rd: 4-Tents, 4-Structures, 17-Needles, 2,000lbs of debris -9/25
- 6th /8th and Massachusetts: 2-Tents, 6-Needles, 48-Needles, 2,030lbs of debris -9/25
- 12th Ave s & s Jackson St: 1 sign of graffiti cleaned -9/25
- **Beacon & Cheasty Parking Strips:** 4 blocks of litter pickup, 760lbs of debris, 0.33-mile vegetation management, 6 trees pruned, 6 yards of wood chips, hedged and mulched planting strips from Cheasty to the Jefferson Club house -9/26

North of VA - Before



North of VA - After



North of VA - Before



North of VA - After



Clean Cities Emphasis Areas

- Green Lake Park: 9/21. NW District's Clean City Jamboree was held at Green Lake Park. Staff worked on removing overgrown vegetation along the parking lot bed and the walkway that leads to the Green Lake path. Suckers were removed from the base of trees to prevent them from sapping the energy away from the healthier and more desirable branches on top. Geese droppings was removed from the beach seating area.

Removing overgrown vegetation and weeds along the parking lot bed

Before



Work in Progress



After



Removing overgrown vegetation along walkway to Green Lake path

Before



Work in Progress



After



Removing suckers from base of trees along pathway

Before



Work in Progress



After



Removing goose droppings from beach seating area

Before



Work in Progress



After



- Cottage Grove Park: 9/23. SW District held their jamboree at Cottage Grove Park. The focus was restoring the Recovery Garden a special garden created for the purpose of restoring the soul. The crew removed blackberries, Locust suckers and the many other weeds in the shrub beds on the south end of the park in the Recovery Garden Area. Line trimming was done to take vegetation down to the ground. Brush generated was hauled away using the packer truck.

Recovery Garden Before



Work in progress



Project completed



Look Ahead Week of September 27 to October 3

Emphasis Cleans:

NW: NE Maple leaf pl. & 5th (NE75th St. & 5th Ave NE)

NE: 1st AVE NE behind soundwalk south from 92- 88th St. (WSDOT)

SW: Slip #4

SE: Harbour View emphasis

The Crews will be doing litter picks, trash mitigation; any Bio- Hazard removal that may be required, and related grounds maintenance work. Crews will also be providing maintenance and cleaning efforts both in and around these parks. Field inspections and cleaning of right of way areas will include stairways, multi-use paths, streets, and sidewalks in the immediate vicinity of these parks.