

SUPERINTENDENT'S JANUARY 2017 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary

December 2016 / January 2017

- Cross-Country skiing had an earlier start than in recent years with trails open and groomed on December 12 and continuing until the rain and warmer temps on December 25.
- A collaborative effort with Madison Nordic Ski Club, Madison Winter Festival and Central Cross Country Ski Association is keeping the sledding hill open and a 1km cross-country ski loop open and groomed with machine-made snow.
- Between the snowfalls, Mall/Concourse staff worked with MPD on the abandoned item program. Numerous abandoned items were tagged and removed to keep the area clean.
- Most ice rinks and staffed warming shelters (Elver, Tenney and Vilas) also saw an earlier start and were open over the MMSD winter break. With the snow and warmer temps at the end of December ice rinks struggled to stay open. Diligence and experienced staff helped to keep the downtime to a minimum.
- A new ice planer created by our Parks welder has been a big hit across the general parks divisions giving us the ability to improve the skating conditions quicker than in the past.
- Since Lottery Day (November 15, 2016), nearly 360 shelter reservations have been processed by staff for 2017.
- Park Ranger Tammy Bieberstein received a Lifesaving Commendation for her actions on June 20, 2016. While on patrol at James Madison Park Ranger Bieberstein discovered a driver of a vehicle that had overdosed on heroin and had no pulse. Relying on her training, she called for backup and began chest compressions keeping the person alive until EMS arrived with Naloxone to revive them.
- Warner Family Fun Nights won a 2016 WPRA Silver Star Award for Recreation Programming. WPRA is the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association – the statewide association for our profession.
- OBG saw an increase in attendance over the same time last year, with over 276,000 visitors through November.
- Planning staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed in the City of Madison park system.
- Upcoming and recent public input meetings include: January 10 – Lake Edge playground; January 12 Sauk Creek picnic shelter; January 18 – Tenney playground; January 18 – for Goodman ice rink; and January 23 McGinnis playground.
- Planning staff has begun the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. This phase of the POSP includes participating in the engagement process of Imagine Madison; focus group meetings with neighborhood/community centers and youth through partnerships with the University of Wisconsin Madison Department of Landscape Architecture and Public Health. Additionally, will work with Urban Assets, LLC., who will facilitate 5 community visioning sessions which will begin in January and continue until March.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

Winter arrived hard and fast and created conditions that make it difficult for us to get the rinks going. Cold temperatures at the beginning of the month created a thin layer of ice over the lagoons which created a surface for the falling snow to accumulate on. In turn, this created a situation where we cannot put equipment on to remove the accumulated snow in a safe manner. It's really the worst possible scenario to have happen in early ice season. Never the less, our dedicated crew put many hours into getting the snow off manually, with walk behind snow blowers and every day we made more and more progress. By the beginning of winter break, we were able to have Tenney, Olbrich, and Heritage open. This was no small feat. Many thanks go out to the staff that worked very hard, in difficult conditions to get the rinks open in a small amount of time. Several people came in to work when they had scheduled time off. I'm very thankful for the dedication and passion our staff has for winter recreation.

While we were working on the rinks, we also had to contend with snow on our sidewalk and bus stop routes. Thus far, snow removal operations have gone well with minimal equipment problems. Again, much praise and thanks goes out to our skilled staff.

Finally, the Parks Arborist Crew (who also helped on the rinks) have been working at Odana and Glenway Golf courses. In a short amount of time they have removed over 200 ash trees. This three person crew continually impresses me time and time again. We really are blessed to have such a talented, dedicated, and passionate staff.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

Winter came on quickly in December after a warm and dry November. With sub zero temperatures and a major snow storm almost every weekend we spent a lot of time clearing snow from our routes. The cold temperatures also allowed us to get out on the ice earlier than usual giving us the ability to open our ice skating operations at Vilas before schools got out for winter break. Clearing snow from the ice and a shot of warm weather and rain at the end of the month had us struggling to stay open some days but the diligence and experience of the staff helped to keep the down time to a minimum. A new ice planer created by our Parks welder has been a big hit across the general parks divisions giving us the ability to improve the skating conditions quicker than in the past.

Heading into January we are looking to settle into a routine of ice maintenance as weather allows. We will bring on our winter seasonal the first week of the year to help with ice from Fridays through Mondays. We will continue to perform snow removal from our routes as needed and do any necessary sanding or salting of walks, paths and lots to keep them safe. Our LMW's will be working with the Parks Arborists on EAB removals when not helping Central with snow removal and planning for spring tree orders. When not busy with ice or snow our staff will go over equipment and prepare it for spring as well as repairing and painting picnic tables and trash cans. We are also excited for the posting of the new Parks Worker positions that are scheduled for this month.

Mall Maintenance:

Snow, snow, snow, was the mantra for December including the weeks entering the holiday season. Three winter storms on consecutive weekends kept the crew busy with snow removal. Hauling the snow out of the service area was a continuous priority, with pushouts and hauling of snow on State Street and the Expansion area. Snow tapered off by the end of the month, which helped in keeping the area almost snow-free New Year's weekend.

Between the snowfalls, the crew worked with MPD on the abandoned item program. Numerous abandoned items were tagged and removed to keep the area clean. Bus shelter windows and kiosks were also maintained during absences of snow.

Events winded down at the Mall Concourse, with the only major event being the Santa Run in early December. Holiday shopping with the trolley on State was also ongoing throughout the month to spread the holiday cheer.

Looking ahead, snow removal will be our main focus, as well as normal trash/recycling pickup and sidewalk sweeping.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

As noted in last month's report, leaf baling was cut a little bit short this autumn. While last year we were able to continue working right up to the December holidays, this year the December 4th snow shut that operation down. We've had snow cover since then, and cemetery staff have been helping on snow removal routes, assisting with hockey rink assembly, trimming trees, and handling the regular, ongoing business of the cemetery. As so often happens early in the year, an early blanket of snow can insulate the ground and slow the freezing process. This is both good news and bad news for us; shallower frost means that the frost heaters may not be needed, but it also means that staff must lay plywood to drive equipment on in order to avoid creating muddy ruts.

Throughout the winter, we can expect that Forest Hill staff will continue to handle the day-to-day business of the cemetery, assisting with snow removal on assigned routes when their schedule allows, and helping out with special projects such as installing tree guards.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of December there were eight full-size burials and three cremains burials.

Summit Maintenance:

Madison experienced uncommonly frigid temperatures for a couple of weeks in mid-December. This allowed volunteer ice rinks at Westmorland (hockey rink), Wexford, and Hillington to be ready by winter break. Despite some water level challenges, the rinks at Elver were also ready. Unfortunately, however, we experienced a day of rain on December 25th, and the rink conditions deteriorated. The roller coaster continued, with warmer, then colder weather throughout break, with staff struggling to keep ice in skateable condition.

Volunteer rinks at Nakoma, Rennebohm, and Westmorland (general rink) have been slow to come around this year. Parks staff is responsible for establishing the ice sheet at these locations, but ironically the water nozzles on the flooding truck can freeze up in very cold weather, taking the truck out of commission while the operator thaws the nozzles indoors. Nonetheless, we hope that these final three rinks will be up and running by the first full weekend in January.

The good news is that the sledding hill at Elver came through the weather remarkably well, owing partly to the infusion of artificial snow blown onto the hill by the Nordic ski volunteers. It has seen very heavy and steady use, especially as ice conditions have been unpredictable. One interesting thing we've been noting in recent years is the huge amount of broken sleds left on the hill and next to trash cans at Elver – they seem to crack and break apart quite often. It looks like maybe they don't make 'em like they used to.

We've been in "snow mode" since the December 4th snow. We're working on cross-training staff on multiple routes to make assignments more efficient when people are on vacation or otherwise unavailable. Each route presents its own challenges and takes some time and experience to learn, but any advance exposure people can get speeds up this process. Ideally, cross-training takes the form of "ride-alongs", with experienced staff first showing newer staff how the route is handled, then eventually just riding along and advising until the learner is comfortable. We also have lists of sidewalks, paths, bus stops, and parking lots where we remove snow, and maps are available as well.

We will be bringing 2 seasonal workers on staff to help out with ice maintenance Friday through Monday throughout the rest of the ice season. This ensures that we will have staff available to work on the rinks if we should get snow on these days and permanent staff are needed to provide snow removal on our routes.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

Ski trail grooming began on December 12, and continued through Christmas Eve. The next few days brought rain and warmer temperatures, forcing the closure of most trails for the rest of the month due to poor snow conditions. The exception was the sledding hill and ski trail loops around the ball fields at Elver, where the deep base of artificial snow made by the MadNorSki club continued to be groomed. Updated ski trail maps, printed on permanent metal signs, were received from the Streets Division, and posted at Owen, Odana and Olin-Turville parks. Porta-potties were delivered to ski trailheads at Elver, Odana, and Olin-Turville.

When not working on the ski program, conservation staff installed native seed mixes at Cherokee Marsh (North Unit) and Heritage Prairie, and removed several dead standing trees from a prairie restoration area at Cherokee Marsh (North), to restore habitat and make prescribed burning safer in that area. A couch and other furniture were retrieved from a "party spot" in the south end of Owen.

I completed the city "Supervisors Academy" training in December, and also attended a training on "Bridging Learning Differences" which helped participants understand the different ways people communicate and process information, ideally leading them to more effective teamwork. Lisa Laschinger and I met with management from Operation Fresh Start to strengthen our relationship and discuss future projects. I completed various year-end tasks to manage contracts for restoration work and apply for permits.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

“Thanks for being so kid friendly!” anon., Dec. 2016

November 2016 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2016	2015	Previous 5 yrs avg
November 1 - 30	15,459	12,838	11,681
YTD November 30	276,538	261,812	

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 11/30/16	YTD 11/30/15
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$70,475	\$65,999
Room Rentals YTD*	\$113,615	\$124,551
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$28,286	\$29,330
TOTAL YTD	\$212,736	\$219,880

*accrued at time of booking – up to 21 months before the rental date, ** accrued on a monthly basis following each catered rental

January 2017 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit -- Maria Sibylla Merian: The Suriname Expedition 1699 – 1701,
Through March 5, 2017

Children of the Rainforest: Goongoo Peas,
Saturday, Jan 21, performances at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

Cocktails in the Conservatory with Surf 'n' Turf, Friday, Jan 27, 7 – 11 pm

Education – January 2017 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Wellness at the Gardens

Herbal Nervines – Simple Stress Relief, Thurs, Jan 19, 6:30 – 8 pm

Gentle Kripalu Hatha Yoga, 6 Mondays, Jan 23 - , 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Herbs for Immune System & Winter Wellness, Thu, Jan 26, 6:30 – 8 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays 1/30 – 3/20, 6 – 7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Coiled Basketry: Pine Needles, Sweet Grass, & Broom Corn Workshop,
Sun, Jan 22, 10 - am – 5 pm

Olbrich Book Discussion Group: An Episode of Sparrows by Rumer Godden
Sunday, Jan 22, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Pochoir Workshop (French Stenciling Technique), Sat, Jan 28, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Herbal & Milk-based Soap Making Fun! Old Fashion Soap & Feltmaking,
Sun, Jan 29, 1 – 5 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: (for ages 2 – 4 with an adult)

Reading in the Rainforest:

Orange in January, Tues, Jan 10, 10 – 11 am

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Tues, Jan 17, 10 – 11 am

Oh, No!, Tues, Jan 24, 10 – 11 am

Family Classes

Bats & Bananas, Friday, Jan 20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, (grades K-5 with an adult)

Girl Scout Programs

Bolz Conservatory Special Exhibit (Self-Guided Visits)

Saturdays & Sundays, through 3/5/17, 10 am – 4 pm, Register for a self-guided visit highlighting the adventurous life of naturalist Maria Sibylla Merian. Activities included!

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	387	471
Pruned by Request	420	510
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	1,228	605
Tree Removal	134	335
Ash Preemptive Removals	76	298
Storm Work/Hangers		17
Snow Plow/Shoveling		383

East was able to put more time into small tree cycle pruning in the McClellan Park, Reston Heights and Door Creek neighborhoods. West was able to work both on district cycle pruning in Arbor Hills neighborhood and small tree cycle pruning in the Westmorland neighborhood. Ash preemptive removals continued in designated areas.

Forestry specialists evaluated private developments for street tree impacts. The forestry specialists are also following up evaluating sites for tree replacement after arborists have removed the street trees including ash preemptive removals. Finally, they have been working on the spring 2017 tree order and updating the street tree inventory by adding trees that were planted the last couple of years.

Special projects

Odana Golf Course – Removed trees that posed a risk to the maintenance building.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin

Annual and Daily Permits Processed									
2017 Totals, as of 1/1/2017			2016 Totals			2015 Totals			
	Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily	
Disc Golf	100	0	Disc Golf	1,443	6,173	Disc Golf	1,422	7,195	
Dog	1,029	0	Dog	8,065	543	Dog	7,177	547	
Lake	284	0	Lake	4,339	5,161	Lake	4,123	5,159	
XC Ski	929	0	XC Ski	1,318	476	XC Ski	1,828	550	

Parks began processing 2017 permits on December 1, 2016.

Gift Certificates Processed					
2016		2015		2014	
137 (\$9,585)		200 (\$8,306)		274	

2017 Shelter Reservations that have been processed since Lottery Day (Nov 15, 2016)

Shaded cells are months a shelter is generally closed for the standard reservation season. Online reservations are going well and customers are very pleased with this option.

2017 SCHEDULED SHELTER RESERVATIONS																	
	Jan-Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Total
Shelter Location	W k E n d	W k D a y	W k E n d	W k D a y	W k E n d	W k D a y	W k E n d	W k D a y	W k E n d	W k D a y	W k E n d	W k D a y	W k E n d	W k D a y	W k E n d	W k D a y	
Brittingham	1						3		1		1	1	1	2			10
Burrows							3		3	1	1		3				11
Demetral			1		1		1		5		1						9
Elvehjem																	0
Elver Open Air	1						1		1		1		1				5
Elver Enclosed	8			1			1		2	1	3		3				19
Garner Main					1		2		4		1	2	3				13
Garner Upper							3		1	1	1	1					7
Gates of Heaven	10	13	4	4	4	6	2	5	6	4	2	5	6	6	8	13	98
Highland	2																2
Hoyt							3		2		1	1	2		1		10
Hoyt Roys															1		1
James Madison					1	1			2				1				5
Lake Edge							1										1
Marshall							3										3
Olin	2				6	1	6	1	9	1	3	1	8	1	2		41
Reindahl								1	1		2		1				5
Rennebohm							7	4	1	4	1	4		1			22
Tenney/John Wall	2	1		1	5		6	1	6		3	1	3	1	3	1	34
Vilas	5		1		6	1	6	1	4					1			25
Warner			1		4		4	4		5	1		1		2	2	24
Westmorland	1					2	5	1	1	1							11
Total/Month	33	14	7	6	28	11	57	18	51	17	22	16	33	12	17	16	358

Rangers and Aquatics – Josh Schmitt

Park Ranger Program December Highlights

- Park Rangers are very excited for the opening of ice rinks. It is a great chance to get out into the neighborhoods and interact with people while enjoying some winter activities. Most Rangers will tell you that it is their favorite part of the year. Most patrons will tell you that nothing beats the hot chocolate at our shelters after a day on the ice.

- Yahara Hills Winter Disc Golf Course has been an overwhelming success. The local disc golf group has been sponsoring random draw doubles twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays since the course opened. The terrain of Yahara Hills combined with the snow and cold weather has made it an instant favorite for those hardy souls willing to brave the cold temps and lose a few discs under the snow.
- For what has become a December tradition for the Park Rangers, an all staff meeting was held mid month to recognize individual Park Rangers for their actions during the year.
 - Park Ranger Tammy Bieberstein received a Lifesaving Commendation for her actions on June 20th, 2016. While on patrol at James Madison Park Ranger Bieberstein discovered a driver of a vehicle that had overdosed on heroin and had no pulse. Relying on her training, she called for backup and began chest compressions keeping the person alive until EMS arrived with Naloxone to revive them. We are very proud of Ranger Bieberstein!
 - Park Ranger Kevin Olson received our “Rookie of the Year” commendation. Our Park Rangers have a difficult job and our park system is vast. It is rare that we have a Ranger so intent on learning the system and that is such a natural to the position. Ranger Olsen made it his mission to visit and familiarize himself with every single Park in our system. Kevin is a great asset to have on our team.
 - Park Ranger Ben Jackson was recognized for completing 5 years of service with the Park Ranger unit. Ben is currently assigned to work on the Disc Golf Courses. The Winter Course at Yahara Hills is some of his finest work. Thank you for your service Ranger Jackson.

2016 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	J	F	M	A	M	Jun	Jul	A	S	O	N	D	.	Year to date
Animal Complaint	22	37	106	54	21	54	53	14	12	12	11	5		401
Assist Citizen	10	8	4	11	28	97	60	19	16	8	6	4		271
Assist Fire/Police	1	3	4	4	7	35	23	14	7	7	0	1		106
Check Person	12	24	16	17	20	49	71	29	15	9	9	9		280
Check Area	127	126	238	180	495	815	916	979	979	696	573	505		6629
Behavioral Ban	0	0	1	2	1	3	8	6	6	5	0	0		32
Damage to property	3	8	10	6	5	24	35	3	8	5	2	0		109
Drug Investigation	1	0	1	1	3	9	8	4	12	1	0	0		40
Graffiti complaint	0	2	2	6	3	11	15	9	2	6	3	2		61
Intoxicated Person	2	3	0	0	0	2	7	1	2	2	0	1		20
Information	126	89	65	39	66	217	196	92	110	114	46	44		1204
Liquor Law Violation	11	11	16	11	16	25	22	8	5	2	0	0		127
No permanent Address issue	3	0	0	4	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0		11
Noise complaint	0	2	1	3	2	6	9	7	2	1	0	0		33
Parking Complaint	19	20	14	21	32	67	89	6	12	13	4	3		300
Phone Call	1	8	0	0	5	12	4	0		0	0	1		31
Trespass	1	3	0	0	4	0	3	2	2	2	0	0		17
Total reports	339	344	478	359	708	1426	1522	1194	1190	883	654	575		8894

2015 Parks Ranger calls for service														
Month	J	F	M	A	M	Jun	Jul	A	S	O	N	D	.	Year to date
Animal Complaint	6	7	6	8	25	36	34	50	36	28	21	25		282
Assist Citizen				7	20	18	37	17	18	14	7	4		142
Assist Fire/Police				2	5	5	21	6	6	3	5	1		54
Check Person				13	49	26	47	40	21	25	13	7		241
Check Area	29	26	41	57	169	212	186	370	366	279	152	143		2030
Behavioral Ban	0	0	4	6	5	8	8	10	6	0	2	0		49
Damage to property	3	0	2	10	15	14	6	12	10	5	9	6		92
Drug Investigation	0	1	1	3		3	3	3	3	7	2	0		26
Graffiti complaint	4	2	7	5	6	7	2	12	7	6	4	1		63
Intoxicated Person	0	1	5	3	1	0	4	3	0	0	2			19
Information	7	4	5	28	73	103	126	198	126	107	76	82		935
Liquor Law Violation				5	10	16	9	25	17	10	6	1		99
No permanent Address issue	4	3	3					17	17	0	0			44
Noise complaint				5	3	3	4	12	7	0	1	3		38
Parking Complaint	9	9	6	15	43	42	45	44	32	23	6	5		279
Phone Call	0	0	0	6	21	10	2	4	6	4	0	0		53
Trespass	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	8	9	0	1	0		24
Total reports	62	53	80	174	446	503	538	831	687	511	307	278		3992

Recreation Services- Tracey
Winter Operations Opening Dates

Odana - December 18th
Elver - December 18th
Tenney - December 22nd
Vilas - December 21st
Yahara - 2017

Rinks and trails opened for MMSD winter break on December 22nd, weather permitting.
A manmade ski trail loop was opened at Elver Park on December 28th.

Learn To Series

Learn to Skate – Vilas Park, 1602 Vilas Park Dr.

Led by Volunteer, Nichole Kraemer

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

6 Registered, 50 Maximum

Learn to Cross Country Ski – Odana Hills, 4635 Odana Rd.

Led by Volunteer, Anne Pearce & REI Madison

Saturday, January 28, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

17 Registered, 30 Maximum

Learn to Winter Disc Golf – Yahara Hills, 6701 US Highway 12 and 18

Led by Professional Disc Golfer, Holly Finley

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

0 Registered, 15 Maximum

Learn to Skate – John Wall Pavilion Shelter, Tenney Park, 402 N. Thornton Ave

Led by Volunteer, Nichole Kraemer

Saturday, February 11, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

5 Registered, 50 Maximum

Learn to Snowshoe – Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd.

Partnered with REI Madison

Sunday, February 12, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

20 Registered, 20 Maximum

Learn to Cross Country Ski – Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd.

Partnered with MadNorSki (Included in Madison's Winter Festival)

Sunday, February 19, TBA

Skate with WI Women's Hockey Team

Sunday, January 8, 11:30 – 12:30 PM

Vilas Park, 1602 Vilas Park Dr.

Ice Skating Lessons

Instructor: Nichole Kraemer

Monday, January 16 – Monday, February 20

Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd.

30 minute class sessions

Parent/Child – 5:30 PM – 3 Registered, 12 Maximum

Snowplow Sam – 6:05 PM – 4 Registered, 8 Maximum

Basic 1 – 6:45 PM – 3 Registered, 8 Maximum

Basic 2 – 7:15 PM – 3 Registered, 12 Maximum

Tuesday, January 17 – Tuesday, February 21

John Wall Pavilion Shelter – Tenney Park, 402 N. Thornton Ave

30 minute class sessions

Parent/Child – 5:30 PM – 1 Registered, 12 Maximum

Snowplow Sam – 6:05 PM – 4 Registered, 8 Maximum

Basic 1 – 6:45 PM – 5 Registered, 12 Maximum

Basic 2 – 7:15 PM – 0 Registered, 8 Maximum

Ice Skating Parties

3 Ice Skating Parties scheduled.

Saturday, January 7th, 9:15 – 10:15 PM at Tenney Park.

Wednesday, January 25th, 11:00 – 12:30 PM at Tenney Park.

Wednesday, January 25th, 11:00 – 1:30 PM at Elver Park.

REI Madison event – Where to Go Outside Near Madison

Saturday, January 28th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

REI Madison Store, 7483 W. Towne Way

Madison Parks will have an information table to distribute information on upcoming events and our winter operations.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 4, 3:00 – 5:00 PM & 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Dr.

21 Registered Participants

Music In Motion booked as DJ

Celebrations Entertainment booked for photo booth

Warner Park Community Recreation Center – Jacob Tisue

- Warner Family Fun Nights - WPCRC have been very successful in our 3rd year of Family Fun Nights. They have become a staple of the Northside. Upcoming Dates:
 - Friday, January 13
 - Friday, February, 10
- Warner Family Fun Nights won a 2016 WPRA Silver Star Award for Recreation Programming. WPRA is the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association – the statewide association for our profession.
- WPCRC Advisory Committee Update
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, November 17
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, January 26
 - Committee discussed recommending raising fitness center membership rates for 2017 and possibly expanding the options members have for payment intervals
- Contractor replaced automated blinds – November 2016 (a few more details to wrap up)
- City Engineering completed solar power project at WPCRC – September 2016

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South Side

The four backstop netting poles at the Bowman baseball field require replacement. The project was originally bid in early 2016 but the single bid received was significantly over the project's budget. The project was redesigned by Beacon Athletics in an effort to deliver a project within the current funding. The Public Works contract was re-released for bidding in late October. Containment Systems was the project low bidder at \$117,843.50 and the work is anticipated to begin in early May with final completion by April 12, 2017.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West Side

Cemetery staff and consultants are working on a design and required permits that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Staff is also working on a policy paper to be presented to the Landmarks Commission for approval regarding the tree replacement procedures at the cemetery. Phase 1 improvements for the irrigation and storm sewer and drainage are tentatively scheduled for 2017.

Central Park – Near East Side

The Central Park Phase 1B construction is substantially complete. The work includes a new entry plaza adjacent to the recently completed skatepark and a pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The skatepark plaza, sidewalk crossings and pervious sidewalk installation on Wilson Street are done. The City, in partnership with WisDOT and WSOR, has installed a temporary fence along the park to address safety concerns along the rail corridor. The City is also working with WisDOT and FHWA on acquiring properties located on E. Wilson and Baldwin Streets which would complete the land acquisition for that quadrant of the park. Funds are available from a federal earmark, which would pay for the majority of the land costs. Acquisition of the properties is anticipated in late spring or early summer of 2017.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit – North Side

Excavation and lay-down of gravel to complete the parking lot and walking path connecting to the trailhead area was nearly complete before ground-freeze conditions halted the project. The final work on these items will continue along with finish grading, restoration seeding and the addition of an entry gate in spring 2017.

Garver Feed Mill – East Side

The rezoning and CSM for the project was approved by the Council on August 4, 2015. Conversion paperwork was submitted to the DNR and has been approved. Negotiations with the Baum Development team continue. The Baum team submitted revised storage building and site plans, which are currently being reviewed. Parks staff continues to work with the development team to resolve issues and work on obtaining final zoning approvals. City staff has contracted with SCS Engineers to provide environmental services including soil sampling and a material management plan for managing the contaminated soils on the site.

Tenney Park Shoreline – Near East Side

Shoreline reconstruction and reconstruction of the bike path is complete. Landscaping and invasive plant removal along the shoreline through a separate Public Works Contract began in April. Hundreds of shrubs, acres of native seed, tens of thousands of native wetland and savannah herbaceous plants, and over 150 new trees were planted in April, May and June. Invasive plant removals will continue through December 2017, along with dormant native seeding.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds – Isthmus/Central

The neighborhood has selected a 5-12 age range equipment in lime green and purple from Landscape Structures for the Community Garden playground replacement. At a meeting with the community, equipment from Burke was selected for the main structure for the fully accessible playground. Parks staff will continue to work with the City's accessibility coordinator to refine the design to ensure that it meets accessibility standards and to select additional pieces of stand-alone equipment from a series of vendors to develop the overall playground. Construction of the accessible playground is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2017.

Allied Drive Improvements – South Side

Staff have been working on the final project grading plan and have begun dividing the various project components to add to other Public Works contracts (shelters, paving, playgrounds) going out to bid in 2017 in anticipation that adding these items to applicable other contracts will help to minimize costs to the project overall. A goal of the project is to complement amenities already available at the adjacent City of Fitchburg park by way of maximizing facilities available to both cities. Construction of the park is anticipated to begin in early 2017.

Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central

The Parks Division has contracted with Isthmus Architects to prepare a facility plan for Breese Stevens Field. The facility plan will assess potential improvements to the stadium and field area based on criteria provided by Big Top Events and Parks staff. A draft facility plan is anticipated in late January 2017 for staff review.

Demetral Park Adult Fitness – East Side

Parks staff held a meeting with the public on November 9, 2016 to select the type and location of the adult fitness equipment to be installed at the park in 2017. The neighborhood selected individual stations from Life Trail and an accessible station from Greenfields Outdoor Fitness to be installed at a location proximate to the existing softball facilities and along the recently improved bike path at the park. This project is anticipated to be installed in late summer 2017.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

Phase I of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation includes construction of the new restroom building and associated site work has begun. The contract has been awarded to the low bidder Joe Daniels Construction at \$428,888.00 and is under construction with completion by May 25, 2017. The Engineering Division completed construction of a raingarden and riprap outfall as part of the Phase I improvements for Esther Beach Park in October. Phase II of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation includes upgrading stormwater facilities, shoreline repair, construction of a new canoe/kayak boat launch and reconstructing the existing parking lot. Phase II Improvements were awarded to the low bidder Drax, Inc. at \$238,112.00. Construction of Phase II Improvements are anticipated to begin in June 2017 and be complete by fall 2017.

Penn Park Shelter Replacement – South Side

Destree Architectural Design, Inc. is preparing design drawings for the existing shelter renovation and new restroom/concession building based on input received during the public input process. Parks staff is responsible for the design of the new parking lot and landscape improvements. The project will be presented to the Urban Design Commission on January 11, 2017. A fourth and final public input meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2017. The project is anticipated to go out for bid in March, 2017.

2016 Fall Parks Division and Water Utility Landscaping Contract – City Wide

Greener Valley Landscaping, Inc. completed installation of perennial plants, shrubs and coniferous and deciduous trees at (14) parks, (1) golf course and (1) water utility well site. Maintenance and watering of the plants installed under this contract will continue through December 1, 2017.

2016 Parks Division Rain Garden Management Contract – City Wide

Tallgrass Restoration was contracted for invasive species removal and planting of new plant plugs at Goodman and Olin Parks as well as the planting of perennial upland and prairie species at Central Park was completed in September. This contract includes a year of maintenance at each park site through the 2017 growing season. Work under separate change order, included invasive control in sensitive park areas at James Madison, Merrill Springs and Warner Park sites.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide

Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed in the City of Madison park system. Installation of new trees to replace removed ash trees is underway. Living Landscapes, LLC was awarded both of the fall and spring tree installation contracts that were opened at the end of November. The trees included in these contracts replace approximately 2/3 of those removed due to EAB infestation. Work to install the trees at six parks including Brittingham, Demetral, Olbrich, Reindahl, Sycamore and Warner Parks were completed in June and work to install trees at Elver, Garner, Goodman, Marshall, Olin, Thut and Vilas Parks was completed at the end of October. Both of the contracts include a maintenance year (2017) to help ensure establishment of the trees.

Sugar Maple Park – Far West Side

Rough grading work at the site began in July along with the installation of stormwater lines and inlets. A new path and half basketball court and sun shelter will be constructed with this project. Paving of the path and half basketball court were completed in November. Due to a backlog with the playground equipment supplier, the remaining work will not be completed until early spring.

Waldorf Park Master Planning and Preliminary Park Development – West Side

Site and grading plans are being developed with rough grading and drainage improvements anticipated occurring in early 2017. Construction of park amenities and improvements is scheduled throughout the summer of 2017. A follow-up meeting was held with the neighborhood on November 3, 2016 as part of the 2017 Playgrounds – Group 2 workshop to determine the type of equipment and surfacing to be installed at the park.

Goodman Ice Rink (Franklin Field) - Central/South

Staff is working on design to modify and replace the lighting at the existing ice rink at Goodman (Franklin Field). Work will include replacement of the existing lights with new electric and poles, modifying the existing outlet structure to Wingra Creek used to drain the rink, and possible demolition of the existing warming shelter. Design will occur summer and fall of 2016 with improvements occurring in 2017. A public informational meeting is scheduled for Jan 18th, 2017.

Staff has designed and bid a public works contract for the rehabilitation of the storm sewer draining the ice rink and replacement of the control valve. The storm sewer project has been bid and the City has selected R.P. Cattell Inc as the contractor. Start work is expected in June 2017 and cost is \$33,325.00.

Staff has hired a consultant to do hazardous material testing and analysis on the existing warming shelter and determined it was contaminated with both lead and asbestos. The sanitary sewer that served the building has also failed. Due to its poor condition, the warming shelter is scheduled to be razed in 2017 as part of the ice rink improvements at Franklin Field.

2017 Playground Workshops – City Wide

Staff held three playground workshops that focused on several park playgrounds to provide the opportunity for neighborhoods to learn and share ideas with each other. These projects are part of the 2017 Capital Budget Submission. The first playground workshop was held on October 19th and addressed playground replacement projects at Baxter, Sunridge, Westmorland and Zook Park. The second playground workshop was held on November 3rd and addressed playground replacement projects at Bordner, Country Grove, Waldorf, and Wexford Park. The third playground workshop was held on November 19th and addressed playground replacement projects at Brigham, Lake Edge, McGinnis and Tenney Park (island playground).

Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide

Staff has begun the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. This phase of the POSP includes participating in the engagement process of Imagine Madison; focus group meetings with neighborhood/community centers and youth through partnerships with the University of Wisconsin Madison Department of Landscape Architecture and Public Health; coordinating volunteer efforts for field validated System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities – which has resulted in over 500 observations; review of existing facility uses and reservations; surveys and discussions with existing recreational organizations; and online and paper comment cards at park events as well as nine (9) libraries, thirteen (13) community centers and the senior center to gather input on recreation preferences.

Additionally, staff issued a Request for Proposals for facilitation of community visioning sessions and theme focused events as part of the development of the Park and Open Space Plan. The contract for this proposal has been awarded to Urban Assets, LLC for \$37,048. This contract includes (5) community visioning sessions which will begin in January and continue until March. The Park and Open Space Plan implementation strategy outline was presented to the Long Range Planning Subcommittee on June 28, 2016 with an update provided on September 1, 2016 and October 20, 2016.

Tenney Park (Island Playground) – Central/East

Staff held a playground workshop on November 19th to talk about Tenney Park playground replacement. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on January 18th. Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid in May 2017.

Brigham Park Playground - East

Staff held a playground workshop on November 19th to talk about Brigham Park playground replacement. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 21st. Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid in May 2017.

Lake Edge Park Playground - East

Staff will held playground workshop on November 19th to talk about Lake Edge Park playground replacement. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on January 10th. Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid in May 2017.

McGinnis Park Playground - East

Staff will held a playground workshop on November 19th to talk about McGinnis Park playground replacement. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on January 23rd. Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid in March 2017.

Zook Park Playground - West

Staff held a playground workshop on October 19th to discuss the playground replacements at Baxter, Westmorland, Sunset and Zook Parks. A second neighborhood input meeting was held on December 7th to review the playground design options specific to Zook Park. This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are anticipated to be released for bidding in March 2017.

Sunset Park Playground - West

Staff held a playground workshop on October 19th to discuss the playground replacements at Baxter, Westmorland, Sunset and Zook Parks. A second public input meeting was held on December 15th to review the playground design options specific to Sunset Park. The neighborhood anticipates raising an additional \$9,000 to add a small, nature-based play area to the overall playground replacement project. This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are anticipated to be released for bidding in March 2017.

Westmorland Park Playground - West

Staff held a playground workshop on October 19th to discuss the playground replacements at Baxter, Westmorland, Sunset and Zook Parks. A second public input meeting is scheduled for January 10th to review the playground designs specific to Westmorland Park. This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are anticipated to be released for bidding in March 2017.

Baxter Park Playground - South

Staff held a playground workshop on October 19th to discuss the playground replacements at Baxter, Westmorland, Sunset and Zook Parks. A second public input meeting is scheduled for January 26th to review the playground designs specific to Baxter Park. This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are anticipated to be released for bidding in March 2017.

Bordner Park Playground – West

Staff held a playground workshop on November 3rd to discuss the playground replacements at Bordner, Country Grove and Wexford Parks as well as the new playground coming to Waldorf Park. A second public input meeting was held November 17th to review the playground designs specific to Bordner Park. This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 2 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are anticipated to be released for bidding in late March 2017.

Country Grove Park Playground – West

Staff held a playground workshop on November 3rd to discuss the playground replacements at Bordner, Country Grove and Wexford Parks as well as the new playground coming to Waldorf Park. A second public input meeting was held December 1st to review the playground designs specific to Country Grove Park. This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 2 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are anticipated to be released for bidding in late March 2017.

Waldorf Park Playground – West

Staff held a playground workshop on November 3rd to discuss the playground replacements at Bordner, Country Grove and Wexford Parks as well as the new playground coming to Waldorf Park. A second public input meeting was held December 6th to review the playground designs specific to Waldorf Park. This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 2 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are anticipated to be released for bidding in late March 2017.

Wexford Park Playground – West

Staff held a playground workshop on November 3rd to discuss the playground replacements at Bordner, Country Grove and Wexford Parks as well as the new playground coming to Waldorf Park. At the workshop session, Wexford was represented by a single resident and as such, a second or “re-do” of the workshop meeting was held December 15th to go over the items originally discussed at the workshop. Happily, this second session had over 30 attendees and a follow-up meeting will be held January 19th to review the playground designs specific to Wexford Park. This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 2 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are anticipated to be released for bidding in late March 2017.

Reynolds Tennis- Near East

Staff issued a Request for Quotation for a modular athletic court surfacing for the existing tennis courts at Reynolds Park. The contract was awarded to CDC Holdings Co – Sport Court WI for \$50,013.50. Staff presented this project at the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Meeting on September 8, 2016. This court will be installed in spring 2017.

2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements

Staff is developing the plans and specifications for the 2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements including the following acrylic sport courts: Burr Jones Basketball courts, Heritage Heights Park tennis courts, Vilas Park tennis courts, Westmorland Park tennis courts, Reindahl Park pickleball line painting and Waunona Park pickleball line painting. Plans and specifications were approved by the Board of Public Works on November 16, 2016 and will be advertised to bid on January 6, 2017.

2017 Parks Division Landscaping

Staff are developing the plans and specifications for the 2017 Parks Division Landscaping contract which will include landscaping improvements and installations at the following parks: Cherokee, Glenway Golf course, Heritage Heights, Lerdahl, O.B. Sherry, Quaker, Sugar Maple, Waunona and Washington Manor. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in mid-January.

2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management

Staff are developing the plans and specifications for the 2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management contract which will include invasive species management and rain-garden and prairie species installations at the following parks: Cypress, Door Creek, James Madison and Walnut Grove. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in mid-January.

James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design

Staff is developing a RFP for master planning and shelter building design services for James Madison Park. The RFP is anticipated to be advertised in early 2017.

Other Projects

- Staff worked with consultants for a preliminary concept design and grant application for the Goodman Pool Expansion. Unfortunately the grant was not awarded so this project will not be moving forward at this time.
- Staff is coordinating with volunteers at Glenwood Park for implementation of volunteer-led projects.
- Staff submitted a 2016 update to the Trust for Public Lands parks survey.
- Staff is working with Engineering on preliminary survey work for shoreline projects at Wingra and Yahara Place Park.
- Staff is working with a consultant at Tenney Park Shelter to come up with solutions to acoustic concerns inside the shelter. The consultants have been reviewed by City Facilities Management and staff continues to explore options.
- Staff participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Emerson East – Eken Park – Yahara Neighborhood Plan, Worthington and University/Hill Farms.
- Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory facilities within parks including memorial plaques, benches, trees, etc.
- Staff is coordinating emerald ash borer removals and replacements, and tracking proposed species to meet urban forest diversity guidelines in parks.
- Staff is coordinating with Madison Parks foundation on the installation of memorial benches and other memorials.
- Staff is working on developing walking routes that incorporate paths through park properties, bike trails and sidewalks to create a series of park-oriented walking loops to be mapped via MapMyWalk (or other similar site) and serve as a means to promote Madison's walkability.
- Staff is working with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee on drafting policies related Ice Rinks and Ice Rink volunteer groups.
- Parks Staff is working with Engineering staff to site locations within park properties that may utilize photo voltaic (solar) equipment to help reduce energy costs in future years. 2016 locations included Warner Park and Yahara Hills Golf Course.
- Parks Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Lagoon Planning Grant. The first public input meeting was held in late winter of 2016.
- Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for 2017 in conjunction with exterior improvements being completed by Engineering staff. Staff will work with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine if a more durable variety of flooring will be allowed since Gates of Heaven is on the National Register.
- Staff continues to review and approve landscape permit proposals.
- Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating (either through adaptive re-use or restoration) the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park.
- Staff are working with Engineering to review and approve consultant sketches for the design of the Starkweather Uplands Conservation Park.
- Staff is working with Strand Associates to review structural improvements for the Reindahl Barn at Reindahl Park. Structural stabilization of the beams is anticipated in 2017.
- Staff is working with the University Hill Neighborhood Association to install table tennis and bench improvements as part of a grant obtained by City Planning for neighborhood improvements.
- Staff is working on the annual stormwater management certifications.
- Parks Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Breakwater and Dredging and Boat Launch Repair project.
- Parks staff will be working with Building and Construction Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin to site an assessable fishing pier in Vilas Park on Lake Wingra. Parks staff is exploring possible locations, costs, and required permits.
- Staff is working with CDGB for placemaking improvements in Eken and Pennsylvania Parks in 2017.

- Parks staff is working in conjunction with Engineering, Planning and Traffic Engineering on the Blair Street/John Nolen Drive corridor plan, which also includes Law Park in the study area.
- Staff is work working with the Brentwood Neighborhood Association on the installation of a kiosk at Warner Park.
- Staff is working with the Madison Food Policy group on a report to identify potential community garden locations in the University Hills Neighborhood.
- Staff is working with the City Attorney's office on updating the Madison General Ordinances to allow for Temporary Land Use permits and Art Installation permits for private access and work in parks.
- Staff is working with Olbrich Botanical Society and Engineering for the proposed Olbrich Garden expansion.
- Staff is working with Engineering on the proposed Atwood Avenue improvements, which include improvements in Olbrich Park.
- Staff is working with Veridian Homes on concepts for a proposed park in 1000 Oaks subdivision.
- Staff is working with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District on the design and construction of the new pump station and restroom being constructed at Marshall Park.

Projects Completed in 2016

- Park Impact Fee Needs Assessment and Ordinance re-write.
- Off-Leash Dog Park Policy
- Master Plan Policy
- Staff coordinated invasive plant removals along the Yahara Parkway.
- Staff coordinated installation of additional splash park features at Elver splash park.
- Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements – South East Side
- Parks Project website is complete and up and running. Please visit our site at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/projects> or <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects>
- Aldo Leopold Park Playground
- Cardinal Glenn Park Playground expansion/resurfacing
- Garner Park Pickleball Court Complex
- Honeysuckle Park Playground
- Westchester Gardens Park Playground
- Sycamore Park Playground
- Kingston-Onyx Park Playground
- Honeysuckle Park Playground
- Lerdahl Park Playground
- Midland Park Playground
- Quarry Park Trails Usage Plan
- Reynolds Park field re-grading (ongoing field rest through 2017)
- Rimrock Park Playground
- Brittingham Park Sidewalk Extension
- Sidewalk along Drake Street at Vilas Park
- Parks Division Rain Garden Management (maintenance ongoing)
- Spring Parks Division Tree Planting (maintenance ongoing)
- 2016 Parks Division and Water Utility Landscaping (maintenance ongoing)
- Sun shelter at Cardinal Glenn Park
- Sun shelter at Owl Creek Park
- Sun shelter at Junction Ridge Park
- Sun shelter at Sauk Heights Park
- Sun shelter at Worthington Park
- Demolition of the house located at 2049 Baird Street for expansion of Penn Park.
- 2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements
- Lake Edge Restroom and Shelter
- Rimrock Park basketball court

- Tenney Park restoration including installation of over 30,000 native forbs, grasses, sedges; over 800 shrubs; and over 200 trees.
- Westmorland Park Path
- Berkley Park Playground
- Wheeler Heights Park Playground
- Fall Parks Division Tree Planting (maintenance ongoing)
- Canoe/kayak launch improvements at Cherokee Park
- Reger Park Path Paving and lighting
- Raymond Ridge Park Playground
- Waunona Park Playground
- Installation of additional shade shelters at Reindahl and Elver splash pads.
- Installation of additional splash features at Elver splash pad.
- Staff worked with Purchasing to issue a Request for Quotes for rubbermulch playground safety surfacing which will ensure pricing through 2019 for playground replacement projects.
- Staff worked with Purchasing to issue a Request for Quotes for park benches which will ensure pricing for the Madison Kay Park bench through 2018
- Staff worked with Purchasing to issue a Request for Quotes for concrete and hardscape which will ensure pricing through 2018
- Park Paving- 2016 (various sites)
- Brittingham Dog Park Entrance Improvements
- Demetral Park Path Improvements