

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S SEPTEMBER, 2015 REPORT- WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES**

### **EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR**

August was a fairly dry month (as usual) and that afforded us the opportunity to shut down mowing crews to work on other projects. We continued to work on grubbing ash stumps. We were able to grub, add topsoil, and seed over 160 stumps. While the grubbing was going on, we continued to preemptively remove ash trees. We removed 125 ash trees in August. We also worked on weeding garden beds, pruning trees and shrubs, performing field renovation work, and other projects to improve the aesthetics and quality of our parks.

The end of August also marks the time that our students leave us and go back to school. Seven students left at the end of the month and we want to thank them for the great work they performed this season. Overall, we had an exceptional crew this year. Several of our employees far exceeded the expectations we had for them. Now that the students have left, we have twelve seasonal employees left to finish out the rest of the season.

### **WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR**

#### **Summit Maintenance:**

Treatment of six ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer has been completed in Wexford Park. We're grateful to the neighborhood for stepping up to sponsor these trees, especially since the park lost so many others this summer. These treatments will need to be repeated in 2 years for continued control of EAB.

West Parks crews have been busy grubbing, filling, and seeding the stumps left from EAB removals this summer. We have completed this work at Garner and Wexford. More than 40 stumps at Elver, as well as various stumps in other, smaller parks, will be addressed in the next few weeks.

MSCR summer softball should be wrapped up by September. There were lots of make-up games to fit in, mostly on Mondays, but games should be completed the last week of August. We will be aerating and overseeding the fields this fall.

The majority of our seasonal staff has returned to college, which always presents a challenge at this time of year. We hope to be able to hire a few more seasonals to finish out the season, both at Summit Maintenance and at Forest Hill for the leaf collection season.

#### **Forest Hill Cemetery:**

There were six adult burials and eight cremains burials at Forest Hill in August. There was also one cremains lot sold.

August was a dry month, and cemetery staff was able to catch up on string trimming in the sections. They were also able to spread soil and seed over some bare areas, necessitating a daily watering rotation. This, along with watering the annual and perennial flowers, was something that had to be attended without fail, as it's difficult to keep grass seedlings alive in mid-summer. We expect that September will bring cooler weather and that the watering may become less frequent.

Contractors arrived the last Monday in August to begin work on the Catlin Chapel. They're surrounding the building with scaffolding in preparation for roof replacement, and there will be some masonry restoration as well. Fortunately no unsightly dumpster will be necessary, as the contractors will be hauling all debris away from the site daily. There also will be no porta-potty sitting out; the "old cemetery shop" will be made available as a restroom facility.

### **CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY**

Generally dry weather during August allowed us to continue working on trail maintenance projects in the conservation parks. The conservation crew completed gravelling a section of trail adjacent to the effigy mounds at Edna Taylor Park. We began work on repairing a badly eroded trail segment at Elvehjem Sanctuary. The washout in the middle of the trail is being filled with 3-inch crushed limestone. We are using our Polaris Ranger to haul the gravel to this steep trail segment. This is a temporary fix as we are looking to relocate the trail in the future to a location that will travel across the slope instead of down the slope.

At North Cherokee a contractor forestry mowed the brush on the drumlin on our southeast boundary. A temporary cover of Regreen (a sterile wheat hybrid) was seeded on the slope. In the future this area will be planted to native prairie on this northwest facing slope. Large tree "stumps" 10-15 ft. tall were left to provide future nest cavities for birds and other wildlife. Hopefully this expanded habitat will be used by the red-headed woodpeckers that have nested in the park the last two seasons.

A Operation Fresh Start youth crew pulled and removed weeds from the pollinator garden that was installed along the shoreline at Brittingham Park this spring. They also installed several gravel paths to direct park visitors through the garden to the rip rapped shoreline.

**OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY****Visitor comment:**

08/22/2015 "Superlative job of upkeep. The gardens in .....(nearby city) have nothing on your care!."

**July 2015 Numbers**

<b>OBG Attendance</b> (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Previous 5 yrs average</b>
July 1 - 31	43,443	41,086	36,793
YTD July 31	163,680	160,272	
<b>Total Member Households (individuals*) June 30</b>	6,507 (10,482)	6,314 (10,085)	

\*based on the number of membership cards issued

<b>OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories</b> (unaudited)	<b>YTD 6/30/2015</b>	<b>YTD 6/30/2014</b>
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$31,410	\$32,287
Room Rentals YTD*	\$73,436	\$88,757
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$15,330	\$14,239
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>\$120,176</b>	<b>\$135,283</b>

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

**September 2015 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call 608-246-4550 for more information**

**Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies**, through August 9, 10 am – 4 pm

**Bolz Conservatory Exhibit – Integrated Pest Management**, through Oct 25

**Guided Garden Strolls**, Sundays -- through Sept 27 @ 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm – free garden walks by Olbrich Gardens Tour Guides

**GLEAM: Art in a New Light** evening viewing in Sept and Oct on Wed, Thu, Fri, from 7:30 – 10:30 pm

**Jurassic Park - Member Movie Night** Fri, Sep 11, 7 – 10 pm (rain date Sep 18)

**The Seed Underground** by Janisse Ray, Book Discussion Group, Sun, Sep 13, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

**Fall Bulk Mulch Sales** Saturdays, Sept 19 & 26, October 3 & 19, 9 am – 1 pm

**Crackle – Fire & Froth**, Fri, Sep 25, 7 – 10 pm

**Smithsonian Museum Day Live!**, Saturday, Sep 26, [www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/)

**Education – July 2015** classes and programs 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)**Garden Walks**

Perennial Combinations for Sunny Places Walk, Thu, Aug 25, 6 – 7:30 pm

Small Trees with Big Impact Walk, Wed, Sep 9, 5:30 – 7 pm

Native Plants in the Landscape Walk, Thu, Sep 10, 6 – 7:30 pm

Backyard Foraging Lecture and Walk, Mon, Sep 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Italian Heirloom Vegetables Lecture and Walk, Tue, Sep 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Olbrich's Night Landscape Lighting Walk, Tue, Sep 15, 7:30 – 9 pm

Putting Your Garden to Bed, Tue, Sep 22, 5:30 – 7 pm

Creating Great Gardens with Grasses & Sedges Walk, Wed, Sep 23, 5 – 6:30 pm

**Wellness at the Gardens**

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, Sep 14 – Oct 19, 6 – 7 pm

**Classes & Workshops for Adults**

Tree & Shrub Planting Workshop, Tue, Sep 1, 6 – 7:30 pm (rain date Sept 8)

Plantings for Extended Autumn Interest, Wed, Sep 2, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

A Healthy Lawn for a Healthy Community, Tue, Sep 8, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Sewn Books: Pamphlet & Stab Bindings, Wed, Sept 9 & 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Introduction to Botanical Watercolor Painting, Sun, Sep 13, 9 am – 3 pm

Mixed Media Collage: Fabric Papers, Sat, Sep 19, 1 – 4 pm

**Visiting Author Ellen Zachos**

Ellen Zachos is an instructor at the NY Botanical Garden where she teaches for Continuing Education and the School of professional Horticulture. She has published and lectures on a wide variety of topics for horticultural organizations around the world.

**Orchid Growing for Wimps**, Sun, Sep 13, 1:30 – 3 pm

**Backyard Foraging Lecture & Walk**, Mon, Sep 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

### Visiting Author Leda Meredith

Leda Meredith is an instructor at the NY Botanical Garden and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, a certified ethnobotanist, and the author of 4 books on the subjects of plants and food.

**The Herbal Pantry, Tue, Sep 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Non- Adhesive Books, Wed, Sept 23 & 30m 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Beginning Papermaking Workshop – Fall, Thu, Sep 24, 6 – 8 pm

Wet-felted Clutch Purse, Sun, Sep 27, 1 – 5 pm

Stirring the Crock: Fermentation Basics & Beyond Workshop, Tue, Sep 29, 6:30 -8:30

Saving & Storing Seeds, Tue, Sep 29, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

### Learn & Play Together

**Toddler Story & Stroll: Autumn Adventures (ages 2 – 4 with an adult)**

**Squirrels**, Tue, Sep 15, 10 – 11 am or Sat, Sep 19, 10 – 11 am

**Leaves**, Tue, Sep 22, 10 – 11 am or Sat, Sep 26, 10 – 11 am

**Apples**, Tue, Sep 29, 10 – 11 am or Sat, Oct 3, 10 – 11 am

### FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	8	4
Pruned by Request	268	530
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	22	4
Tree Removal	244	697
Ash Preemptive Removals	75	249
Emerald Ash Borer Treatment		
Storm Work/Hangers		115.5
Tree Watering		174.5

\*Partial hours and counts for this month because of reporting due date

In August both East and West units have focused primarily on tree removals – dead & declining trees and ash preemptive removals, and some request pruning and removals. West unit did get to a little cycle or small tree pruning.

Forestry specialists have been reviewing ash street trees for preemptive removals to stay ahead of treatment crews. The specialists also spent a significant amount of time checking sites for replacement as we have been finding a lot of dead trees since spring leaf out. Engineering projects also kept specialists busy.

Emerald ash borer treatments have continued to move along at the expected pace. Treatment crews are currently working their way through the west side districts.

### RANGER REPORT – JOSH SCHMITT

Attached is the monthly report of Park Ranger Activities for July 2015.

From the high call numbers one can clearly see that summer is in full swing. We have been very active in the central core of the city as this is the center of activity. Proactive patrols of Burr Jones and Yahara River Parkway have resulted in lower rates of incident compared to previous years. This is a direct result of the cooperative relationship between Parks and Police in identifying areas in need of positive activities and quick action in dynamic environments. As always communication and training have been key to this success. This spring's identified goal of providing new Ranger recruits with an improved training program involved many hours of preseason preparation. I am proud to say that the time invested in this program saved us considerable time when the procedures were put into practice and the end result was a safer Ranger staff and a better relationship with the community.

## 2015 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	6	7	6	8	25	36	34						122
Assist Citizen				7	20	18	37						82
Assist Fire/ Police				2	5	5	21						33
Check Person				13	49	26	47						135
Check Area	29	26	41	57	169	212	186						720
Behavioral Ban	0	0	4	6	5	8	8						31
Damage to property	3	0	2	10	15	14	6						50
Drug Investigation	0	1	1	3		3	3						11
Graffiti complaint	4	2	7	5	6	7	2						33
Intoxicated Person	0	1	5	3	1	0	4						14
Information	7	4	5	28	73	103	126						346
Liquor Law Violation				5	10	16	9						40
No permanent Address issue	4	3	3										10
Noise complaint				5	3	3	4						15
Parking Complaint	9	9	6	15	43	42	45						169
Phone Call	0	0	0	6	21	10	2						39
Trespass	0	0	0	1	1	0	4						6
<b>Total reports</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1619</b>

## 2014 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	5	3	3	8	24	18	22	26	19	3	0	0	131
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	3	12	14	2	3	6	7	0	0	48
Check Area	32	21	25	41	105	55	61	87	59	29	20	18	553
Damage to property	2	2	0	12	12	14	9	10	4	0	2	1	68
Dog violation	6	4	24	100	62	38	30	18	27	17	5	6	337
Drugs	0	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	12
Graffiti	2	1	1	6	3	5	7	9	14	8	3	3	62
No permanent Address issue	7	5	2	19	28	15	23	12	5	3	2	5	126
Incident	2	5	4	3	9	2	5	6	6	0	0	0	42
Maintenance needed	0	0	0	26	31	23	23	20	11	9	26	2	171
Misc	1	1	0	2	2	37	5	9	9	8	0	4	78
Not open/ closed	8	6	5	17	27	26	27	22	22	7	1	1	169
Parking issue	12	2	6	26	54	24	34	26	22	6	0	10	222
Sport without reservation	0	0	8	18	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	32
<b>Total reports</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2051</b>

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE**

### **Central Park Skate Park**

The skatepark is approximately 95% complete. The skatepark specialty contractor has finished all of the skate features and the electrical contractor is completing the lighting system. Remaining work includes the security fence and stormwater pump that drains the bowls. The substantial completion date for the skatepark is August 29<sup>th</sup> and the grand opening ceremony is scheduled for Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. The mayor approved the grant agreement with the National Parks Service completing the grant acceptance process.

### **Highland Manor Park Storm Shelter**

The building is 100% complete; the contractor is working on punch list items. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff received quotes for the purchase of tables and chairs for the shelter on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The low bid was Interior Investments at \$19,986.80. The contract for landscaping at the storm shelter and parking lot was awarded to Dan Larsen Landscaping for the low bid amount of \$19,254.00. The landscaping will be started mid September.

### **Bowman Field Lighting Phase Two**

The new lighting system is fully operational at this time. Additional work will occur this fall (after the softball season) to complete the project. Four custom poles will be installed replacing the temporary poles currently being used to support the new light fixtures; these are expected to be delivered in September.

### **Forest Hill Cemetery**

Cemetery staff and consultants are working to come up with a long range plan that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements will include the irrigation system, addressing stormwater management issues by adding storm sewer where needed and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Feick Design has completed a preliminary water system design which has been given to maintenance staff for review. Staff is meeting with Engineering to start storm sewer design.

### **Brittingham Park at Proudfit**

Speedway Sand and Gravel has completed the construction of the paving and seating area improvements. Although the reviewing agent for the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads provided a favorable review of the requested pedestrian crossing on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Commissioner included the requirement for 200 ft of fencing along the rail line to discourage trespassing. The Parks Division and City Engineering appealed this ruling and now have a tentative agreement with the OCR, Wisconsin Southern Railroad and Wisconsin DOT to allow the pedestrian crossing to move forward.

### **Central Park**

The Central Park Phase 1B preconstruction meeting was held on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The general contractor, Homburg, anticipates starting work in early September. Phase 1B includes a new park entry plaza and pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The work includes a new concrete plaza at the entrance to the skatepark. The contractor is required to provide access to the skatepark during all construction operations and will submit an access plan for review by Parks staff.

### **Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit**

Staff is putting together the design and working with Planning and Zoning regarding parking lot requirements for this project to construct an entry and parking area for the park off of N. Sherman Ave. Construction is anticipated to begin in October.

### **Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements**

Park staff is working with City Facilities Management on a series of clubhouse improvement projects for Yahara Hills. Window replacement and HVAC work will move forward next; both contracts have been awarded to Joe Daniels Construction. Additional asbestos was found in the ceiling spray texture for the office, restroom and stairway and will be abated under a separate contract. Most of this work is planned to start after the golf season ends on November 16<sup>th</sup> (possibly sooner if the season ends earlier), with construction to be completed by January 29, 2016.

### **Lake Edge Park Shelter**

Staff is working with Facilities Management on the construction of the new Lake Edge Park Shelter. The pre-construction meeting was held on August 19, 2015. Anticipated construction start date is August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Quann Park Tennis Court Reconstruction Phase 2**

Six of the 12 tennis courts at Quann Park were re-built in 2011; the remaining 6 are being re-built in 2015. By the construction completion date of August 21<sup>st</sup>, all work was completed except removing the erosion control which has to wait until at least 75% grass seed germination/coverage.

### **Olbrich Botanical Gardens**

Work continues on building improvements at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. This phase consists of the replacement of the boilers. Work continues to proceed on schedule. Plumbing, venting and electrical are being run to the boilers and pumps. There was an issue with the bidding of the controls for this contract. Both bidding contractors interpreted the specifications such that the City would be supplying the controls outside of the contract. A change order of \$26,837 will be processed to include the controls. Boilers are expected to be operational by the scheduled start date of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Garver Feed Mill**

Baum has submitted their rezoning request as the next step in the approval process for their proposal. Staff continues to meet with the development team to resolve issues; the rezoning and CSM for the project was approved by the Council on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Draft lease conditions are also under development. Conversion paperwork was submitted to the DNR. Negotiations continue.

### **Wingra Creek Parkway**

All dredging, shoreline and path work was completed in June. The dredge spoils spent the summer in a pile on the adjacent soccer field at Quann Park drying out. The contractor mobilized on August 17<sup>th</sup> to re-grade the dredge spoils pile on top of the soccer field. Topsoil will then be spread on top of the dredge materials and the area reseeded. It is anticipated that this phase of the project will be completed mid September. The project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks.

### **Tenney Park Shoreline**

Construction is underway for the bike path reconstruction and shoreline restoration at Tenney Park, and is anticipated to be complete by mid November. Landscaping along the shoreline will begin in fall 2015 through a separate Public Works Contract. The Tenney Park Shoreline Native Vegetation Installation and Maintenance Contract, along with a contract to replace over 300 ash trees removed, was advertised to bid on August 14<sup>th</sup>, bids will be opened on September 4, 2015. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Nakoma Park Improvements**

Drax Inc. started dismantling the historic stairs in early June. As stones are removed they are cataloged and placed in a designated layout area by the contractor. Excavation for the footing reinforcements has begun as well. A source of replacement stone has been secured that provides an excellent match. Footings are in the process of being poured this week. Reconstruction of the step walls are anticipated for the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> at the soonest. The project is still behind schedule due to excavation/shoring issues and the contractor may not be able to have the steps ready for use by August 31<sup>st</sup> as required by the contract. The Alder and the school have been notified.

### **Waltham Park Improvements**

Replacement of the playground at Waltham Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. Other improvements to the park include resurfacing the existing path system and re-building the basketball court. The reconstruction of the path and basketball court is complete except for feathering topsoil and seeding the edges. The new playground at Waltham Park is completed as well.

### **Stevens Street Park Improvements**

Replacement of the playgrounds at Stevens Street Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. Replacement of the equipment is underway and the project is anticipated to be completed in September.

### **Badger Park Playground**

Replacement of the playground at Badger Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. Construction for the new playground at Badger Park is underway and anticipated to be completed in early September.

### **Bernie's Beach Park Playground**

Replacement of the playground at Bernie's Beach is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. Construction for the new playground at Bernie's Beach Park is anticipated to begin in October.

### **Arbor Hills Park Playground Improvements**

Replacement of the playground at Arbor Hills Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. Construction for the new playground at Arbor Hills Park is anticipated to begin in September.

### **Junction Ridge Park Improvements**

Replacement of the playground at Junction Ridge Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. Construction for the new playground at Junction Ridge Park is anticipated to begin in October. Other park improvements included the reconstruction of the basketball court with new pavement which is completed.

### **Sunridge Park Playground**

Replacement of the playground at Sunridge Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. Construction for the new playground at Sunridge Park is anticipated to begin in November. Work for the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract is scheduled to be completed in December.

### **Brittingham Park Playgrounds**

After the third public meeting for this project the Parks Division was contacted by representatives of Freedom Inc. regarding the proposed playground improvements. Their concern is the replacing the existing playground next to the community gardens with landforms to create a more natural play area. Staff has met several times with Freedom Inc. regarding their concerns; Parks is currently working with the Department of Civil Rights and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiatives Team to begin the equity analysis process for this project. More information regarding the project's next steps will be provided as the process continues; improvements to the playgrounds at Brittingham Park are on hold pending the outcome of this process.

### **Owl Creek Park Improvements**

Parks Construction began working on the regrading of the site in the beginning of July. By the end of August the park has been completely re-graded, seeded and matted. Phase 2 of the project is being done by a contractor. Plans and specifications for that part of the project were advertised to bid on June 19<sup>th</sup> and bids were received on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Low bidder was Madison Commercial Landscapes at \$69,766.82. The contract consists of the installation of the play equipment, asphalt on the path and basketball court; installation of the basketball poles/backboards, rims and nets and miscellaneous topsoiling and seeding along the edges of the newly installed facilities. Phase 2 of this project has a start date of September 8, 2015.

### **Breese Stevens Field**

An RFQ went out for the repair of the historic roof tiles along the Paterson St side of Breese Stevens in spring. The low bid was B&B Restoration at \$22,770.00. The work is underway and will be completed by mid September 2015. Purchase orders were also completed for the acquisition of a new scoreboard that will work for multiple sports and new soccer goals. Staff has received proposals for the purchase and delivery of an interlocking synthetic turf protection system that can be laid on the turf for protection during concerts and other functions unrelated to athletics. An order will be placed with the approved bidder soon.

### **2015 Parks Division Tree Planting**

Dan Larsen Landscaping submitted the lowest bid at \$36,207 to install trees at 13 park properties including BB Clark Beach, Blackhawk, Burr Jones, Burrows, Central, Hudson, Junction Ridge, Olbrich, Richmond Hill, Sherwood Forest, Sycamore, Warner and Wingra Parks in fall 2015. Maintenance of the trees will continue through December 1, 2016.

### **Goodman Topsoil Shed**

Cleary Building Corporation submitted the lowest bid (at \$24,400) for construction of a topsoil storage shed at Goodman Maintenance Facility. Construction is underway and anticipated to be completed by fall.

### **Allied Drive Improvements**

Staff are working with the Allied Drive NRT (Neighborhood Resource Team) on the siting of park improvements in the neighborhood as approved in the 2015 Capital Budget. At their March meeting the CDA board approved the creation of a park on two of their lots in the Allied Drive neighborhood. Design development is underway, a survey has been completed and an appraisal to value the property has been received and is under review.

### **Demetral Park Path Improvements**

Staff is working with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. Staff met with the Alder regarding the project and a public input meeting will be scheduled. According to our Engineering staff, this joint project is scheduled to go to the BPW on September 16 and first ad for bid is October 23, 2015. Construction is anticipated to start in spring of 2016.

### **Forest Hill Cemetery Buildings**

Work continues on building improvements at Forest Hill Cemetery. The projects listed below are managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff. John Catlin Chapel Roof Replacement – Preconstruction meeting was held in August with work scheduled to start the last week of August. Cemetery Office Re-pointing – Work is complete. Forest Hill Mausoleum Restoration – Core samples of the roof were taken and showed moisture in insulation at the lower section of the roof. Believed to be coming through the deteriorated stone joints rather than the roofing membrane. Staff is still waiting for the final report from Isthmus with recommendations for scope of work for the design development phase. Plans and specs are planned for the fall of 2015 with work to start in the spring of 2016.

## **2016 Playground Request for Proposals**

Staff issued a request for proposals for playground designs from playground manufacturers for 2016 playground improvements. The city will select several manufacturer designs including nature based themed designs to present to neighborhoods as part of the 2016 playground design public input process. Staff is currently reviewing playground designs.

## **Other Projects**

- The consultant has finalized the plans for the water line improvements at Elver Park and has delivered them to Parks Operations staff. Construction of the water line system will be completed by Park Operations staff this year.
- Working with a consultant at Tenney Park Shelter to come up with solutions to acoustic concerns inside the shelter. The consultant's options are being reviewed by City Facilities Management.
- Working with Warner Park Community Recreation Center staff on re-carpeting the center in 2015. The carpeting was ordered through the State of Wisconsin Purchasing Agreement and we put out a RFQ for the installation. The low bid was Sergenian's and the carpeting has been installed. Also working with WPCRC staff on placement of a concrete pad adjacent to the building that will be used as a pad for the buildings refuse dumpster. Fencing will be placed around the dumpster pad in spring, 2016.
- 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.
- Working with Operations staff on playground resurfacing projects for Veterans, Carpenter-Ridgeway and Lost Creek Parks.
- Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees adopted and removed in the City of Madison park system.
- Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory facilities within parks including memorial plaques, benches, trees, etc.
- Staff is working with Urban Assets on the Ho-Chunk Planning process.

## **Projects Completed in 2015**

- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground replacement
- Electrical line replacement near the softball fields at Warner Park
- Edible landscape in Lucia Crest Park
- Fisher Street Park Playground replacement
- Reynolds Park Bike Polo installation
- Demetral Park Dog Park fencing and paving improvements
- Warner Park Dog Park fencing and paving improvements
- Sycamore Park Dog Park paving improvements
- Tenney Park Beach Playground replacement
- Demetral Park Playground replacement
- Breese Stevens Field asphalt path
- Reindahl splash park concessions
- Elvehjem Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Olbrich Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Rennebohm Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Waunona Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Westhaven Trails Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Warner Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Westhaven Trails Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Woodland Hills Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Demetral, Sycamore and Warner Dog Park Paving and Fencing Improvements
- Tenney Park Beach Playground replacement
- 2015 Spring Parks Division & Water Utility Landscaping including new landscaping at Acewood, Droster, Hudson, Linden Grove, Kenneth Newville, Sherwood Forest Park, Tenney Park Beach, Westmorland and the Yahara River Parkway and two City of Madison Water Utility well sites, and the Tenney Park Beach parking lot and Walnut Grove Park dog park raingarden installations
- Reynolds Park bike polo court
- Highland Manor Park Improvements including the storm shelter
- Flad Park Playground replacement
- High Point Park Playground replacement



## **WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – JACOB TISUE**

- We will continue our new special events – Warner Family Fun Nights, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night of each month during school (September – June) we will play host to affordable, family entertainment. Activities include a bouncy house in the gym, family fitness classes, art and pottery projects, and other fun. September’s theme is “Local Heroes” and will showcase visits from Madison Police, Fire, and Park Rangers.
- WPCRC has been working on many projects throughout the month of August. We recently replaced a compressor on our air conditioning chiller unit (\$13,000+).
- August 24-30 we were closed to the public for down week and we accomplished a lot. Hardwood floors were sanded and refinished (\$1600+), terrazzo floors were buffed and sealed (no cost), and all the carpet was replaced as part of the 2015 CIP (\$55,000+).