

## **Mall Concourse Maintenance October Report**

The month of September brought a good deal of activity to the Mall Concourse. We had a number of large events, including the Taste of Madison, Iron Man, and the final concerts of Jazz at 5 and Live on King. In order to insure the service area was in great shape for high volumes of visitors, schedules were adjusted and additional staffing was brought in for both Taste of Madison and Iron Man. The crew spent a significant amount of time cleaning-up grease stains from Taste, but the walks are finally back to their pre-event condition. We brought a look of autumn to State Street when we changed out the banners mid-month. In addition to our normal operations of cleaning the walks, picking trash and mowing, we also continued with the maintenance of our landscaped beds by pruning and weeding.

As we move into October, leaves have begun to fall, and we continue to remove them on a daily basis. We will be wrapping up our sidewalk washing program by the end of the month, we have begun work on Carroll Street. As the weather turns colder, we will remove annuals from the pots and ground beds as necessary. We will cut back perennials and clean up landscape beds as necessary. We will also continue to collaborate with other City agencies and organizers as we prepare for Freakfest at the end of the month. In addition, we have begun prepping some bus shelters to paint and prime yet this fall. We are beginning to switch gears and prepare equipment for the winter months ahead.