

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S MAY 2018 REPORT**

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary**

##### **Future Items**

- The goal of this of the Superintendent's Monthly Report is to provide Commissioners and stakeholders a look forward at items of interest likely to come before the Commission over the coming months. This is a new concept and staff will work to make it a more thorough list moving forward.
- Urban Forestry Taskforce Update – The taskforce was created via resolution of the Council with appointments made by the Mayor. The taskforce has met multiple times and Parks staff will provide an update on this work to the Commission in June or July.
- Golf Business Plan – At the May meeting Parks staff will present an outline of the current work being done in relationship to a restructuring plan for the Golf Enterprise. Taking input from the Board will allow staff to continue to work on this matter and report back in June or July.
- Park and Open Space Plan – The POSP is being diligently worked on by the Long Range Planning Subcommittee and staff. An initial draft will come to the BPC over the coming months.
- Events – Parks staff will provide an update on the City's work in reviewing street use events through a Racial Equity and Social Justice process. This will occur after that process is completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2018.
- 2019 Capital Budget – Staff will work to provide an update on the 2019 Budget submission to the BPC in September or October once the Mayor's budget is released.
- Integrated Pest Management – The BPC will review a resolution establishing a task force on reviewing the City's IPM plan at the May meeting. Parks staff will work to provide periodic updates on the work of that task force and will seek guidance from the BPC in regard to its input on matters related to IPM. The first update is likely to occur between August and September.

##### **April / May 2018 Highlights**

- The Earth Day Challenge, delayed by a week due to snow, was held at 27 parks and had 907 volunteers.
- Three of the four recently closed dog parks reopened. Staff is continuing work to restore Odana School, and we hope to have it reopened by Memorial weekend.
- The second public input meeting for Brittingham Dog Park will be held Wednesday, May 23 at 7pm at the Capitol Lakes Retirement Community.
- The Penn Park a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 beginning at 4:00pm.
- A draft of the James Madison Park master plan and shelter design will be presented on Monday, May 14 at Gates of Heaven.
- Construction for the Vilas Park pedestrian bridge replacements has begun with an anticipated completion date of mid-August. The shelter remains closed for this season due to construction equipment, including a large crane, in the areas and needing access.
- Planning staff will be utilizing the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative (RESJI) analysis tool to examine the public input process for the Vilas Park Master Plan in advance of issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a consultant firm or individual(s) to oversee the master plan process.
- The Goodman Pool is slated to open for the season on Friday, June 8. John Hayes with Goodman Jewelers will be sponsoring pool admission for the first 500 kids beginning at noon.

**WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES  
EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR  
Prepared by Kristin Mathews**

The month of April was especially challenging weather wise! We were not able to start our sod repair from plowing until just this week. The Demetral and McCormick dog parks were also closed for a good portion of the month because of muddy conditions. We over seeded and aerated Demetral last week and both parks are now open.

The walls have come down at our winter shelters and are open for business. We started a few seasonals to assist with garbage pickup and shelter cleaning. More will come on board over the course of the month to start mowing. East Parks has staff in on both days of the weekend at this point as well. We had to run several rounds of seasonal interviews to get our needs met this Spring.

Earth Day was a huge success, even though it was rescheduled by a week. There were approximately 60 people at Warner for trash pickup and another 30 at Tenney to help mulch and pick trash. We had Earth Day tree plantings at Elvehjem on May 1<sup>st</sup> and at Warner on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, we will get our recycling carts out by Memorial Day weekend. Have a great May!

**CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR  
Central Parks**

April was a cold month with above average snowfall. This kept us busy with snow removal during the first half of the month. All our picnic tables and trash cans were painted and placed in the parks by the end of the month. A few of our seasonal laborers started mid-month with another four coming on at the end of the month. Both soccer and softball have started and we have completed our renovations at Bowman baseball field. All the spring trees have come in and the LMW's have been out staking locations. After being delayed for a week due to snow, we had volunteers in many of our parks for Earth Day cleanup events.

With warmer temperatures on the way, we will be mowing full time soon in May. The rest of our seasonal laborers should come on board by the end of the month to help with the mowing, garbage and bathroom cleaning. The LMW's will finish staking and start planting trees before moving on to beautification projects. Baseball and softball will ramp up this month so athletic field maintenance will be a priority. Event season begins and reservations increase significantly in May. A number of Park improvements will be completed this month including Olin boat launch, Wingra Park shoreline and Penn Park shelter and concessions with a grand opening scheduled at Penn for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The contractor at Vilas continues to make progress on the bridge replacements.

**Mall Maintenance:**

April was definitely a cool month—even cold, with plenty of snow to clear at the Mall Concourse. Cold temperatures continued throughout the month, halting landscape jobs with needed snow removal. Pulling winter décor from planters was turned into a multi-task chore, with bringing them into the shop to warm them in order to pull the displays. Spring bulbs are finally poking through the landscape beds and trees are starting to get their leaves. The usual mid-April pansy planting was finally completed at the end of the month, adding color to the downtown.

The sidewalk powerwashing program was put on hold due to freezing temperatures most of the month. State Street and the Expansion area will be powerwashed once the weather is suitable. BID programming will kick into full gear soon, complete with their new visitor center booth that was recently installed at the top of State Street. The annual Crazylegs run ends the month of April.

Looking towards May, the BID will start up its daily programming of events, including the Gilman Night Market. Warmer temperatures will also allow Mall staff to complete landscaping jobs such as lawn overseeding and aerating as we transition to outdoor activity weather.

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

### **Forest Hill Cemetery:**

Storm drain and irrigation work continues at Forest Hill. Progress is being made, but it seems like a messy, slow project – particularly in the springtime when we're trying to get things in shape for Memorial Day.

It's a very late and cold spring that we're having this year, with 2 late snowfall setbacks, and the grass only started to green up in earnest the last week in April. There will be something to mow soon at the cemetery.

May at Forest Hill is mainly devoted to spring cleanup and Memorial Day preparations. We have seasonals filtering in (again, late this year) to help with this, and again, we expect to need the assistance of seasonals from other sections.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of April there were five full-size burials, five cremains burials, and two niche interments. There were also six adult lots, three cremation lots, and one mausoleum niche sold.

### **Summit Maintenance:**

Walnut Grove Dog Park now has an expanded graveled area near the entrance. We've also overseeded the entire dog park, and it's back open for business. Odana Dog Park is receiving similar treatment, but will remain closed longer due to the significantly worse conditions.

An unwelcome April 16 snowfall resulted in a rescheduling of Earth Day for the following weekend. I think some volunteers were lost along the way, but judging from the amassed trash we collected afterward, it was still a success.

I expect that we might possibly have some boulevards to mow at the end of the first week in May, but in a "normal" year we'd definitely be ramping up to full mowing operations by this time. Because of the slow start, we only have 2 weekday seasonals as of now, though we'll be getting more in the next few weeks here as well.

We have a new collaboration with the Streets Division, wherein their automated trucks dump some of the park trash cans situated next to the street. So far it's mostly a success, though there have been a few complaints about cans that were relocated to make it easier for the trucks to access.

While we wait for the grass, we're fixing ruts, painting and assembling tables, and picking up trash. Shelter and field reservations have started, and we're now making about two trash runs per week. Shelter restrooms are being cleaned daily. We're looking forward to summer.

## **CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR**

Prescribed burn season was interrupted twice by snowfall this month. Despite this, we were still able to conduct new and additional burns at North Cherokee Marsh, Edna Taylor, Meadow Ridge, and Prairie Ridge, bringing the total acreage for this spring to 209 acres burned. Staff continued to work on burning brush piles from previous buckthorn removal efforts at North Cherokee Marsh, Edna Taylor and Prairie Ridge. They also treated stumps of buckthorn removed by volunteers at Prairie Ridge. The end of April brought very dry weather that prevented us from burning, but we took advantage of this by working on trail improvements at North Cherokee Marsh.

I toured Turville Point with representatives from the Friends of Olin Turville to show them the areas we have been working on and to discuss our work plan for the year. They are eager to coordinate volunteer efforts to assist us with managing this park. I also spent time this month planning and helping to plan volunteer and outreach events in the conservation parks.

## OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

### Visitor comment:

*"Your gardens are "out of this world" and make this world more beautiful, peaceful & calming. Lots of toddlers were inside and what a gift for them and their parents. Really – I do wildlife garden classes in Duluth and everything I saw was so inspirational. Touched the heart."* Pat t, Duluth, 4/22/2018

### March 2018 Numbers

<b>OBG Attendance</b> (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Previous 5 yrs avg</b>
March 1 - 31	23,633	18,382	18,468
YTD March 31	53,108	50,342	
<b>OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories</b> (unaudited)			
	<b>YTD 3/31/18</b>	<b>YTD 3/31/17</b>	
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$15,804	\$10,787	
Room Rentals YTD*	\$21,535***	\$35,966	
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$3,245	\$2,500	
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>\$40,584</b>	<b>\$49,253</b>	

\*accrued at time of booking – up to 21 months before the rental date, \*\* accrued on a monthly basis following each catered rental  
\*\*\*no atrium weddings booked for 2019 (revenue would begin in March 2018)

**May 2018 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens** call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit

[www.olbrich.org/events](http://www.olbrich.org/events)

**Sunday Guided Garden Strolls** @ 1:30 & 3: pm May 6 thru October 14

**Dahlia Tuber Sale** by the Badger State Dahlia Society, Sun, May 6, noon – 3 pm

**Plant Sale With the Pros**, Friday, May 11, 11 am – 5 pm (Early Bird Shopping 9 – 11 am!) & Saturday, May 12, 9 am – 3 pm

**African Violet Sale**, by the Crosstown African Violet Club, Saturday, May 12, 9 am – 4 pm

**Mother's Day Concert**, Sunday, May 13, 2 – 3 pm featuring New Horizons Concert Band

**Bonsai Show** by the Badger Bonsai Society, Sat, 5/19, 9 am – 4 pm & Sun, 5/20, 10 am – 4 pm

**Hosta Auction** by the Wisconsin Hosta Society, Sunday, 5/20, noon – 2 pm

**Education Programs – May 2018** classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>.

### Garden Walks

Tropical Conservatory Walk with the Curator, Sunday, May 6, 4 – 5:30 pm

Sumptuous Containers Walk, Monday, May 21, 6:30 – 8 pm

Pollinator-Friendly Spring Plants Walk, Thurs, May 24, 6:30 – 8 pm

### Classes & Workshops for Adults

Growing & Cooking with Herbs, Thurs, 5/3, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Floral Pastel Interpretations, Sat, 5/5, 10 am – 4 pm

Monotype Printmaking workshop, Sun, 5/6, 12:30 – 4:30 pm

Macro & Close-up Photography – Tools & Techniques, Wed, 5/9, 6:30 – 9 pm

Glorious Groundcovers, Wed, 5/9, 6:30 – 8 pm

Perennials for Sun, Thurs, 5/17, 6:30 – 8 pm

Ornamental Container Gardens Workshop, Tues, 5/22, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

How to Brew Beer at Home, Wed, 5/23, 6 – 8 pm

Make Your Own Bonsai Workshop, Thu, 5/31, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

### Learn & Play Together

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

#### Spring Stories by Diana Hutts Aston

A Rock Is Lively, Monday, May 7, 10 – 11 am

An Egg Is Quiet, Monday, May 14, 10 – 11 am

A Seed Is Sleepy, Monday, May 21, 10 – 11 am

**FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY**

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	659	514
Pruned by Request	148	233.5
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	43	6.5
Tree Removal	39	151
Ash Preemptive Removals	93	1,203
Storm Work/Hangers		29
Snow Removal		126

Both east and the west units were able to work in District Cycle pruning. The west unit was able to get a little bit of Small Tree Cycle pruning completed. The spring planting season start date was delayed a week due to the last snowfall.

Forestry specialists are reporting to the active 2018 engineering projects and then advising on root pruning when contractors are excavating near the street tree. They also checked for underground utility markings for the spring 2018 planting routes and adjusting tree planting locations as needed. Sidewalk inspections in Alder District 16 continued.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK**

**Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin  
Parks Permits**

Annual and Daily Permits Processed <i>(including quantities ordered online)</i>								
	2018		2017		2016		2015	
	Jan 1- April 29		Totals		Totals		Totals	
	Annual <i>(online)</i>	Daily <i>(online)</i>	Annual <i>(online)</i>	Daily <i>(online)</i>	Annual <i>(online)</i>	Daily <i>(online)</i>	Annual <i>(online)</i>	Daily <i>(online)</i>
Disc Golf	456 <i>(243)</i>	327 <i>(7)</i>	1,456 <i>(503)</i>	6,769 <i>(59)</i>	1,443 <i>(245)</i>	6,248 <i>(14)</i>	1,420 <i>(194)</i>	7,196 <i>(0)</i>
Dog	6,296 <i>(3,710)</i>	155 <i>(6)</i>	7,969 <i>(4,432)</i>	892 <i>(13)</i>	8,234 <i>(4,063)</i>	618 <i>(6)</i>	7,140 <i>(2,628)</i>	592 <i>(0)</i>
Lake	623 <i>(368)</i>	63 <i>(N/A)</i>	3,559 <i>(1,373)</i>	4,937 <i>(N/A)</i>	4,322 <i>(593)</i>	5,192 <i>(N/A)</i>	4,099 <i>(394)</i>	5,205 <i>(N/A)</i>
XC Ski	1,277 <i>(663)</i>	830 <i>(20)</i>	1,325 <i>(743)</i>	500 <i>(14)</i>	1,318 <i>(362)</i>	489 <i>(0)</i>	1,266 <i>(213)</i>	558 <i>(0)</i>

\* Annual permit quantities are from Nov 15 of the previous year through Nov 14 of the current year. Daily quantities are from January 1 of the applicable year.  
*The option for customers to purchase online has been a great success!!*

**Parks Gift Certificates**

Gift Certificates Processed By Year			
2018 totals, as of April 4	2017	2016	2015
24 - \$975	233 - \$10,987	137 - \$9,585	200 - \$8,306

**Canoe/Kayak Storage:**

With summer right around the corner, boat storage locations are filling up fast. Madison Parks currently offers a total of 348 spaces, with 290 currently filled. Front staff are reaching out to those on the waitlist to fill the remaining spaces. The new storage rack locations at Olin, Burrows, and Cherokee Marsh South Unit are proving to be very popular.

**Recreation Services - Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator**

<b>Parks Division: Recreation Services</b> <b>Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator</b> <b>Melissa Zehner, Recreation Services Assistant</b> <b>Wednesday, May 9th 2018</b>							
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Partnering Organization/ Volunteer(s)</b>	<b>People Registered</b>	<b>People Attended</b>	<b>Additional Notes</b>
<b>Learn To Events</b>							
Learn to Bird Watch	4/8/18	9:00am-10:30am	Elver Park	Madison Audubon Society	11	11	
Learn to Stargaze	4/9/18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Tenney Park	UW Space Place	8	4	
Learn to Skateboard	5/5/18	10-11:30am	McPike Park	Freedom Skate Shop	20		
Learn to Disc Golf	5/26/18	10-11:30am	Hiestand Park	Mad City Disc Golf, Glide Disc Golf	6 as of 4/30		
<b>Promotional Events</b>							
McPike Park Dedication Ceremony	4/4/18	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Central Park			250	
Madison Night Market	5/10/18	6:00-11:00pm	Peace Park	BID			
Tabling: Employee Wellness Expo	5/21/18	10:00am-1:00pm	3099 E. Washington Ave	WI Department of Corrections	600		
Penn Park Ribbon Cutting	5/23/18	4:00pm	Penn Park				
<b>Recreation Events</b>							
Bird and Nature Festival	4/15/18	1:00-4:00pm	Warner Park	WDNR, Madison FUN		157	Cold and Snowy weather

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – TOM MAGLIO**  
**Planning and Development – April 2018**  
**Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South**  
**Status: Construction**

This project was completed on March 28<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the public works contract requirements.

**Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West**  
**Status: Pending Construction**

Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. The contractor has started work and is expected to be completed by July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Garver Feed Mill – East**  
**Status: Construction**

The developer obtained their final zoning approvals and closed on the Lot 1 property in early December. S&L Underground was awarded the contract to remove the stockpiled leaf and stump grinding materials, which was completed on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will complete temporary seeding in May, 2018.

**Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central**  
**Status: Planning**

Staff and Isthmus Architecture are finalizing plans for a new concessions and restroom addition to the historic stadium. The project received approval from the Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison Landmarks Commission and Urban Design Commission and was presented to the Board of Park Commissioners on March 14. The construction contract was let for bidding on April 26, with bids due March 24. Construction is anticipated to start mid-summer, 2018, with final completion in the spring of 2019.

**Penn Park Improvements – South**  
**Status: Construction**

The project was bid in two phases, one for the shelter and restroom portion of the project and a second contract for the site work and parking lot improvements. The first bid package for the renovation of the existing shelter and the new concession/restroom building is expected to be completed May of 2018. The associated site work for the parking lot improvements is also anticipated to be completed May of 2018.

**Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide**  
**Status: On-going**

Staff developed a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed and replaced in the park system and continues to coordinate with parks operations staff for the citywide replacement of ash trees. Staff has identified the locations for the majority of the spring 2018 planting season and staff will begin planting in early May.

**2018-2023 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide**  
**Status: On-going**

Staff is currently working on revising the draft plan in coordination with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee. Staff met with the Long Range Planning Subcommittee on April 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss revisions which were submitted to the LRP on April 26<sup>th</sup> for discussion at the next Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2017 Parks Division Landscaping – City Wide**  
**Status: Construction / Maintenance**

Work has been completed for the installation of trees and shrubs at various sites in the park system. Maintenance under the contract will start back up in May 2018 and will continue through December 1, 2018.

## **2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management – City Wide**

### **Status: Construction / Maintenance**

Work has been completed for the installation of raingardens at sites in the park system. Maintenance work under the contract will start back up in May 2018 and continue through December 1, 2018.

## **Brittingham Dog Park**

### **Status: Planning**

Parks staff is developing preliminary designs to redesign Brittingham dog park with synthetic turf. Staff held a public input meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, and will hold a second public meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Staff has hired HEIN Engineering and FRS Design to develop construction drawings for the water and irrigation design.

## **James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design- Near East**

### **Status: Planning**

Urban Assets is continuing the public engagement process for the master plan and shelter design. The first stakeholder meeting was held January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the first public input meeting was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and the first focus group meeting was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The second stakeholder meeting was held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and the second public input meeting was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The third stakeholder meeting was held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All focus group interviews required as part of this project have been completed. Additionally, an online survey was available from January 17<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. Draft plans will be presented on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Gates of Heaven.

## **Vilas Park Fishing Pier- Near West**

### **Status: Construction**

Parks staff will be working with Building and Construction Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin to install an accessible fishing pier in Vilas Park on Lake Wingra. Building Trades Council will be responsible for refurbishing an existing City owned pier for use on the site. Building trades has transported the wooden pier to their winter workshop and will finish work on the new decking throughout the winter. Final pier installation will be in spring 2018.

## **Vilas Park Master Plan – Near West**

### **Status: Planning**

Staff will be utilizing the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative (RESJI) analysis tool to examine the public input process for the Vilas Park Master Plan in advance of issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a consultant firm or individual(s) to oversee the master plan process. The RESJI analysis is anticipated to occur in May, to be following by the issue of the RFP in early summer 2018.

## **Vilas Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement- Near West**

### **Status: Construction**

Bids for the project to replace the 2 existing pedestrian bridges at the Vilas Lagoon were received on December 15<sup>th</sup> with R. G. Huston the apparent low bidder. The preconstruction meeting was held on February 27, with construction starting on March 26. The project completion date is August 15, 2018.

## **Gates of Heaven Improvements – Central**

### **Status: Planning**

Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for 2018 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. A new roof for the building is also planned for 2018.

## **Olbrich Park – Walter Street Restroom Building and Site Work Improvements – East**

### **Status: Planning**

Staff are working with Engineering Facilities who will lead the restroom replacement project which is anticipated to be issued for bid in early April, with construction anticipated to be bid in June 2018. Sitework improvements designed by Parks staff (including the parking lot, basketball court replacement and accessible path connections) will be bid in late 2018 and constructed in 2019.



**Eken Park Place making Improvements – East****Status: Planning**

Living Landscapes LLC submitted the lowest qualified bid for the work to install the landscaping, boulder/plaque and concrete path with benches at the park. Construction of the CDBG funded project is anticipated to begin in late May or early June.

**Pennsylvania Park Place making Improvements – East****Status: Planning**

The neighborhood, together with Madison Arts Commission (MAC), selected artist Ray Chi to create original pieces to be installed at Pennsylvania Park. Parks staff continue to work with MAC to finalize the contract with the artist and will coordinate the installation of a public art piece in the park. The project is anticipated to be installed in early summer 2018.

**Wingra Park – Near West****Status: Construction**

Staff is working with Engineering to address shoreline improvements to Wingra Park. Bids were opened by Engineering for this contract on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the contract was awarded to Speedway Sand & Gravel. Construction has begun and is anticipated to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The boat launch will be open on May 1<sup>st</sup> during construction to allow access for fishing.

**Thousand Oaks Park – Far West****Status: Construction**

The developer, Veridian Homes, has completed the majority of the phase 1 work on the grading and storm sewer improvements that were done under a private contract. The second phase of work, including the playground, path and shelter improvements are anticipated to begin this spring. The construction of the park by the developer offsets the Park – Development Impact Fees that would have otherwise been paid to the City.

**Ocean Road Park Playground Replacement – South****Status: Planning**

Staff held a public input meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Ocean Road playground replacement. The construction will be completed by Parks Construction crews.

**Dudgeon School Park Playground Replacement – West****Status: Pre-Construction**

Dudgeon School Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which was opened on March 15<sup>th</sup> and has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc, who submitted the only bid received totaling \$122,248.50. Construction is anticipated to begin in July at Dudgeon School Park.

**Indian Hills Park Playground Replacement – West****Status: Pre-Construction**

Indian Hills Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which was opened on March 15<sup>th</sup> and has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc, who submitted the only bid received totaling \$122,248.50. Construction is anticipated to begin in June at the Indian Hills site.

**Odana Hills Park Playground Replacement – West****Status: Pre-Construction**

Odana Hills Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which was opened on March 15<sup>th</sup> and has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc, who submitted the only bid received totaling \$122,248.50. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-May at Odana Hills, which will be the first site started under the Group 1 contract in recognition that the neighborhood went a full summer (in 2017) without a playground due to the former site's total loss from fire damage.

**Acewood Park Playground Replacement – East****Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Acewood Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in May 2018.

**Elmside Circle Park Playground Replacement – Near East****Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Elmside Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in May, 2018.

**Washington Manor Park Playground Replacement – East****Status: Planning**

Staff held a public meeting on November 29th to discuss the Washington Manor playground replacement. The second public input was held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

**Reger Park Playground Replacement – Near East****Status: Planning**

Staff held a public input meeting on November 20th, 2017 to discuss the Reger Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018. Parks staff is coordinating lighting improvements in the park, funded by CDBG, with the playground installation project. Lighting improvements will take place during July and August 2018.

**Mayfair Park Playground Replacement – Near East****Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Mayfair Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

**Olin Park Boat Launch Reconstruction – Isthmus/Central****Status: Construction**

The project will remove and replace the cracked and deteriorating existing concrete ramps in the same location and will include some small improvements to ramp slope and lake bed stabilization. This project has been bid and the City has selected Janke Contractors to perform the work. Work is now underway and is expected to be completed by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**North Star Park Expansion – Far East****Status: Planning**

Staff held the first public meeting for master planning the North Star Park expansion on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and held the second public meeting in conjunction with the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association's regular meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Staff is developing the master plan and master plan report based on feedback and approval of the concepts at the 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting.

**Camar Park Master Plan – Far East****Status: Planning**

Staff held a follow-up meeting in conjunction with the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association's regular meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> to present schematic designs for the new park and are working with the MPNA to receive candidates for a possible re-naming of the park as part of a master plan approval, which is anticipated to go to the Board of Park Commissioners this summer.

### **Elver Park Inclusive Playground – South/West**

#### **Status: Bidding**

Design development and preparation of construction documents is underway in anticipation that this project will be bid in early May. The new playground will shift to the south at the park – moving it away from the busy traffic along McKenna Blvd and will feature fully ramp-connected Little Tykes Commercial playground equipment and poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing selected by the neighborhood during the meetings process earlier this year. Following a successful bid opening, construction is anticipated to begin in late July 2018.

### **Greenside Park Master Plan – South / West**

#### **Status: Planning**

Staff anticipate holding a public meeting with the neighborhood in May 2018 to discuss master plan development at Greenside Park following a tree survey to be conducted in February to assist in determining the type and quality of canopy trees on the 2.51-acre property.

### **Meadowood Park Sun Shelter – West**

#### **Status: Bidding**

The bid to replace the park's existing sun shelter was successfully opened on April 12<sup>th</sup>, with a single bid received from Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc totaling \$57,762.50 –following award of the contract work is anticipated to begin on the shelter in early July. The new shelter will generally sit in the location of the original building and will feature electric outlets & service.

### **City-wide Invasive Removal Contract**

#### **Status: Planning**

Staff issued an RFP for the city's first city-wide contract to remove invasive plants throughout raingardens, shorelines and greenways in late December. Bids were opened on January 24<sup>th</sup> and the contract was tentatively awarded to Quercus Land Stewardship, LLC. Installation of native seed and plants will be included in this contract. Prescribed burns as part of this contract began in April and have been completed at Brittingham Park, Central Park, Cypress Splash Park, Goodman Park, Olin Park, Reindhal Park, and Tenney Park.

### **2018 Tennis and Sport Court Resurfacings**

#### **Status: Bidding**

Work under this contract includes crack filling, resurfacing and striping of tennis and/or basketball courts at eight parks including Goodman basketball, Nakoma tennis (adding pickleball striping), Odana Hills East tennis, Olbrich tennis, Rennebohm tennis, Richmond Hill basketball and Walnut Grove tennis. This contract is being rebid in May, with an anticipated start date of July. The earlier bid opening in March resulted in zero bids received – which staff learned is due, in part, to staffing shortage within the industry).

### **2018 West Park Division Fencing and Backstops**

#### **Status: Bidding**

Bids for this contract were successfully opened on April 12<sup>th</sup>, with low bidder Century Fence Company anticipated to be awarded the contract for \$44,556.00. The contract includes work at west park properties including Bordner Park tennis and backstop, Garner Park pickleball courts, Rennebohm Park backstop and Wingra Park backstop. The remaining east sites from the earlier fence bid effort will be issued separately under an Request for Quotes (RFQ) as the estimate will not require bidding through Public Works.

### **Park Paving 2018**

#### **Status: Planning**

This contract will be replacing asphalt pavement at three locations.

1. Garner Park will see a continuation of the path replacement started in 2017 to reconstruct the worst sections of park path and bring them up to modern standards capable of supporting traffic from maintenance vehicles.
2. Rennebohm Park will see a shift in the existing path to accommodate the community garden expansion.

3. Indian Hills Park path will be reconstructed and replaced in approximately the same location.

Project has been bid and the City has received bids. The contract is currently being routed for signature and construction is expected to begin on June 4<sup>th</sup> and be finished by Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Warner Park Boat Launch Parking Lot replacement**

#### **Status: Planning**

This contract will reconstruct the boat launch at Warner Park. The existing asphalt is in poor condition and in need of replacement. The new lot will have the same footprint as the existing lot but will include drainage, layout, and traffic striping upgrades. Staff is currently designing and evaluating several options for the lot. Construction is expected to start in September 2018 and be finished by December 2018.

#### **Other Projects**

- Staff is working on the relocation and development of a storage building at Olbrich Botanical Gardens to replace the one that received fire damage.
- Staff is working on several repairs to the Reindahl Park barn storage structure including roof and floor replacement.
- Staff is working with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee on drafting policies related Ice Rinks and Ice Rink volunteer groups.
- Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Lagoon Planning Grant. Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park. InSite Consulting Architects has prepared a Preliminary Assessment that will provide guidance on the fountain restoration.
- 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 on getting bids and design to rebuild the maintenance shed and hoop houses at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.
- Staff are working with City Planning to identify projects at the respective parks that can be constructed with funding provided by Planning through Community Block Development Grants (CDBG)
- Staff is reviewing potential options for new dog parks in accordance with the recently adopted dog park policy.
- Staff are coordinating with organizers of the CrossFit games to identify a potential location and installation for adult outdoor fitness equipment.
- Staff is working on planning efforts to site recreational bike facilities within the City. The City is coordinating with a local volunteer organization Capitol Off Road Path Finders (CORP) to establish future off road bike facilities.
- Staff is working with Engineering to add maintenance of landscape plantings within Warner Parking lot to Engineering's city-wide median maintenance contract.
- Staff is working on a plan to final grade Junction Ridge Park. This will create a space for a new soccer field and complete rough grading for a future path.
- Staff are participating in the development of the Triangle Monona Bay Neighborhood Plan
- Staff is working with Planning on implementation of Planning Neighborhood Grants.
- Staff is coordinating improvements at dog park entrances, including adding concrete to the entrance to McCormick Dog Park.
- Staff are working with Madison Arts Commission (MAC) to identify a potential installation location and associated informational signs / benches for a piece memorializing Marian Harnack.
- Staff is working with Engineering on stormwater improvements to the greenway that is part of Nautilus Point Park. A public meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>.