



Imagination Center site showing demolition of park shelter. Photo provided by CCI.

Imagination Center at Reindahl Park Update

It's been an incredibly exciting month for the Imagination Center project, as we've seen the construction of a new bike path in the park, some landscaping work to remove identified trees, and the demolition of the old park shelter. Material removal from the demolition continues through early July. Current work focuses on temporary power installation and site grading operations, which will prepare the site for the next phase of construction. Monthly updates are available on the [Engineering Department's project page](#) and shared out through the Library's email newsletter, too. We will submit our first Flexibility Facilities Program payment request in July and begin the long process to finalize the Imagination Center operating budget at our upcoming July 8 meeting.

We recently had the opportunity to engage with neighborhood residents through a Parks Alive event at the nearby Sandburg Park, with two other Parks Alive events scheduled throughout the summer. In July, we'll put out a call for public art submissions for the new facility through the Madison Art Commission.

Sadly, we lost a dedicated advocate with the recent passing of former Alder Joe Clausius, who has been an integral part of the Imagination Center project since it was just a neighborhood dream. If you haven't already, I'd invite you to review [Alder Madison's blog post & Council resolution](#) honoring Mr. Clausius. I only met him a few times, but his enthusiasm for the Imagination Center and passion for bringing services to his east side neighborhood have inspired me throughout the last year as the Imagination Center became a reality.