

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S DECEMBER 2017 REPORT**

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

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary  
November / December 2017

- Breese Stevens Field – Concession/Restroom Addition: Planning staff have been working with Isthmus Architecture on a new concession and restroom building addition to Breese Stevens Field. The addition will be approximately 2,500 sf and located west of the athletic field, adjacent to the older 1925 portion of the stadium. The 3-season addition building includes a walk-in cooler, grill, food prep area, multiple customer service stations and additional restrooms. The addition's configuration and amenities were developed with input from Big Top Events, the facility's current operator. The project has received initial approval from the State of Wisconsin Historical Society and will be presented to the City of Madison Landmarks Commission on December 11<sup>th</sup> and will also be reviewed by the Urban Design Commission in early 2018. Construction documents are anticipated to be released for bidding in March 2018, with the majority of the construction work occurring during the event off-season of 2018-19. The work will also include some masonry restoration of the existing stadium's historic exterior and the addition of rain gutters to existing roof canopy. Design details for the single story addition include brick fascia for the restroom wings and a metal panel wall system at the service windows, similar to panel system used on the new press box.
- All golf courses are closed for the 2017 season; Odana Hills was open in December for the second time in its history.
- Section supervisors and staff are ready for winter – tuning up snow removal equipment, calibrating salting equipment, flooding floating ice rinks, and getting the warming shelters ready.
- Heritage Heights Park ice rink, which is maintained with assistance through the Adopt Ice Partnership Program has a new *Nicerink* for this year.
- Warner Family Fun Night continues to be a successful event with October seeing 191 participants and November hosting 244 participants.
- The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual HolidayFest at Warner Park Community Recreation Center had 1,572 shoppers and visitors.
- Tennis reservation at Quann and Rennebohm topped the list of 2017 athletic reservations.
- Planning staff has hosted and will be hosting a number of public input meetings including master planning for Camar, North Star expansion, and James Madison Parks.

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES**

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

The weather in November was much warmer than normal. As a result, we had the opportunity to work on some projects later into the year than we normally could. Some examples include: aerating/overseeding fields, blowing leaves off of Hiestand Disc Golf, and woody invasive removals. Some of the other projects we've been working on in November include: pruning projects, moving and straitening park rules signs, mulching and blowing leaves, picking trash, working on signature sign planting beds, and flail mowing.

We have also been getting ready for winter. The hockey boards are up at Olbrich. The stakes for the hockey rink at Tenney are in. The shelter at Tenney will soon have matting down and tables and benches will be installed for the skaters. Warner Shelter will be ready for skating season soon as well. Facility Maintenance Staff turned the water on at Olbrich and Tenney, so that the floating rinks will begin to fill and cool.

We have been converting equipment over for winter use. We have updated our plowing routes and maps. We have been staking parking lots and bike paths so we know where obstacles lie when everything is snow covered.

We look forward to December and the colder temperatures to come. We are excited to begin ice rink operations (especially the new Nicerink at Heritage Heights). We are prepared to meet the challenges of snow. We look forward to another great season of cooperation between city staff and volunteers for the Adopt an Ice Rink program.

## **CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR**

### **Central Parks:**

Weather-wise, November has been a beautiful month for us to complete work. With mostly dry conditions and above average temperatures we have been able to do a thorough job of cleaning up our parks and mulching leaves. The picnic tables and trash cans that come in for the winter have been removed.

Goodman ice rink is filled and holding water well after having some culvert work done to it this summer along with new efficient field lights installed. The stakes for Vilas hockey boards are in and the area is flooded in anticipation of the cold weather eventually showing up. Bowman baseball is getting a new backstop netting system and Central Parks and Parks Construction installed a brand new warning track at the end of the month to the field. The LMW's have been working on pruning and EAB stump removals.

Heading into December, we will continue to prepare for snow removal and ice maintenance. All equipment will be serviced to prepare for the first snowfall. Any spare time we have will be spent fixing picnic tables and painting garbage cans. Tree and bush pruning is another task that we will continue to work on when not busy with snow or ice. The LMW's will spend the month working mainly on stump removals in the parks and on golf courses. At the beginning of the month we will welcome on 1 of three new Parks Workers.

### **Mall Maintenance:**

Where is the snow? November had above temperatures, which has led to extended leaf cleanup. However, we calibrated our salting equipment, tuned up snow removal equipment, and prepared the shop for our winter season. The salt calibration is a new addition to our maintenance, and will be added to our plan on a yearly basis. The snow will find us soon.

Events continued on the Mall Concourse, with the debut of the downtown BID's "Shine on" event, with extra décor placed throughout the Mall Concourse. Extra light displays coordinated with clustered planters decorated with holiday trees and intricate displays. The Mall crew stepped up the holiday décor once again, with our own bough displays throughout the service area and helping out, where needed, with the BID event. The Farmer's Market has come to a close, with another successful year. We look forward to the crowds next year.

Looking forward to December, the crew is prepared for snow removal, but will continue with general maintenance such as sidewalk sweeping and finalizing the leaf cleanup. Bus shelters are receiving a final powerwashing with the warm temperatures. December will also have a small event, the Run Santa Run, for the last scheduled event of the year. UW football is having a successful season, which will keep the downtown busy the next couple of weeks of cleanup!

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

### **Forest Hill Cemetery:**

It was an unusual November in Madison this year. Extremely warm temperatures and relatively little rain and wind have resulted in a slow leaf drop. There is always spring leaf cleanup to do, but we're expecting more than usual in 2018. As of the first week in December, 4589 bales of leaves have been produced, including 95 bales from Hoyt Park and 164 from Nakoma. The weather seems to be turning and there's a possibility of snow in the forecast, so we may be coming to the end of the baling season.

Forest Hill staff is finishing preparing equipment for winter use, and will be calculating how much salt we use when spreading sand/salt mixture with our 1-ton truck.

Burials continue as usual. There is no frost in the ground yet, but there will be soon, and we'll need to begin using the frost heaters.

In regular cemetery business, there were nine interments, eight cremains burials, seven lot sales, and 4 mausoleum spaces sold in November.

**Summit Maintenance:**

Summit staff has been out mulching leaves for most of November; the late leaf drop has resulted in some areas being addressed a few times, instead of once or twice.

Summit Maintenance is also calculating how much salt is spread in the sand/salt mixture by our Toolcats and 1-ton spreader.

Stakes for hockey boards have been installed at Westmorland and Elver parks. Elver is a “floating rink”, and is being flooded – we’ll install the actual hockey boards once we have ice that will hold them (and us). Westmorland, however, is a “land rink”, and so we’ll be able to install those boards once the stakes begin to freeze in solidly. It looks like that will be happening during the first full week in December, and we hope to put up the boards this week. The ice volunteers will then be able to begin flooding as soon as the temperatures are consistently below freezing. The goal is always to have skatable ice by winter break, but whether that happens is ultimately determined as much by the weather as by the efforts of Parks staff or volunteers.

Parks will also be borrowing the water truck from West Streets for flooding the general rink at Westmorland, as well as for establishing the initial sheets of ice at Nakoma and Wexford. This will start as soon as the ground gets a few inches of frost; starting any sooner just results in the water soaking in before freezing.

Our autumn flail mowing has been relatively uneventful this year, and our operator has been able to concentrate on cutting some areas he hasn’t been able to get to in recent years. It’s amazing how quickly an area can get brushy and overgrown when it is not cut regularly.

In the coming month we certainly expect to begin snow removal operations on our assigned routes. We do have some additional sidewalks and bike paths in the McKee Road area that have been incorporated into our Toolcat routes. We will also be flooding to establish ice at our adopt-ice rinks, and we hope that enough ice will form at Elver that we can put up the hockey boards before winter break.

**CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR**

In November, ski trail preparation continued with mowing, trimming and leaf blowing at Elver and Odana. Snow making equipment was repaired and tested, and tracks were installed on one Polaris Ranger, which was delivered to Yahara Hills along with a groomer.

Honeysuckle and buckthorn were cleared from two areas at Edna Taylor, porcelain-berry and Asian bittersweet were controlled at Owen and Cherokee Marsh, and a portion of prairie restoration at North Cherokee Marsh was mowed to facilitate reed canary grass control planned for spring. Conservation staff also conducted controlled burns at North and South Cherokee Marsh, as well as Knollwood Conservation Park. A burn was attempted at Heritage Sanctuary, but conditions prevented an effective fire, so the burn was aborted. A contractor was able to fill about 1,000 feet of a ditch at the North Unit of Cherokee Marsh before conditions became too wet. This project will continue next year.

Ann Shea and I met with representatives from the Friends of Cherokee Marsh, who will be submitting a proposal this winter for funding, design and installation of a trailhead kiosk at the new parking lot at the North Unit of Cherokee Marsh.

## OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

### Visitor comment:

"The tropicals in the Conservatory are UNBELIEVABLE!!! It is truly a paradise!!!" Casey D, Madison, WI

### October 2017 Numbers

<b>OBG Attendance</b> (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Previous 5 yrs avg</b>
October 1 - 31	23,005	26,901	19,175
YTD October 31	289,003	261,079	
<b>OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories</b> (unaudited)			
	<b>YTD 10/31/17</b>	<b>YTD 10/31/16</b>	
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$69,767	\$66,187	
Room Rentals YTD*	\$107,788	\$111,561	
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$27,071	\$27,982	
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>\$204,626</b>	<b>\$205,730</b>	

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

**December 2017 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens** call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit [www.olbrich.org/events](http://www.olbrich.org/events)

**Bolz Conservatory Exhibit**, through March 3, 2018, Maria Sibylla Merian: The Suriname Expedition  
1699 - 1701, 10 am – 4 pm daily

**Olbrich's Holiday Express: Flower and Train Show**, daily Dec 2 – 31 (closed @ 2 pm Dec 24 and all day Dec 25) 10 am – 4 pm

#### **Holiday Concert Series -- Sundays, 1 – 2 pm**

December 3 – Madison Red & the Band That Time Forgot

December 10 – John C Van Orman

December 17 – Suzuki Strings

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

#### **Wellness at the Gardens**

Gentle Kripalu Hatha Yoga, 7 Mondays, Nov 6 – Dec 18, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

#### **Classes & Workshops for Adults**

Decorative Boxes, Sat, Dec 2, 1 – 4:30 pm

Funky Bird Ornament, Tues, Dec 5, 6 – 8:30 pm

Evergreen Swag Making Workshop, Tues, Dec 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Herbal Gift Making: Hands-on Fun! Sat, Dec 9, 1 – 5 pm

#### **Learn & Play Together**

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

#### **December Delights**

Whistling Trains, Sat, Dec 2, 10 – 11 am **OR** Tues, Dec 5, 10 – 11 am

Splendid Gingerbread, Sat, Dec 9, 10 – 11 am **OR** Tues, Dec 12, 10 – 11 am

Marvelous Peppermint, Sat, Dec 16, 10 – 11 am **OR** Tues, Dec 19, 10 – 11 am

<b>Forestry Section</b>	<b>Total Trees</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Cycle Pruning	102	89
Pruned by Request	69	176
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	25	21
Tree Removal	28	144
Ash Preemptive Removals	324	1,677
Storm Work/Hangers		12

**FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY**

The first part of the month was spent on planting. After planting the majority of the time was spent on preemptively removing ash trees.

Forestry specialists worked on laying out trees for new plats and engineering projects as well as following up on replacement trees. Reviewing private developments for tree issues were also on the docket. Finally, the specialists began working with design engineers on 2018 reconstruction projects.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK**

**Warner Park Community Recreation Center – Terrence Thompson**

- WPCRC Advisory Committee Update
  - Last Meeting – Thursday, November 30 (Did not meet quorum)
  - Next Meeting - Thursday, January 25

**WPCRC Facility News**

- 2017 CIP technology upgrades
  - Video monitoring
  - PA system for community rooms
  - Video/telephone conferencing
- Nature Play Area installation completed
- LED lighting retrofit completed
- Building closings:
  - Sunday December 24, Monday December 25, Sunday December 31, Monday January 1

**WPCRC Programs & Events News**

- Warner Family Fun Nights
  - October 13 – 191 participants
  - November 10 – 244 participants

- Upcoming Dates: December 8, January 12
- Holiday Fest Arts and Craft Show
  - Saturday, December 2-1,572 participants

**WPCR Facility Usage Report - 2017**

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Facility Rentals	346	408	468	400	417	352	454	425	379	503	454		<b>4608</b>
<b>Pass Visits</b>													
Exercise Room	3212	2805	2850	2209	2244	2005	1828	1591	1803	2016	2174		<b>24,737</b>
Game Room	146	198	244	218	182	190	196	151	153	183	166		<b>2,027</b>
Gymnasium	302	278	339	256	233	144	170	148	157	239	294		<b>2,560</b>

June/July numbers do not include gym usage by the MSCR Summer Camp (approx. 1200 visitors per month)  
 Game room numbers do not include multiple youth groups and organizations that use the area  
 Also doesn't include members that check into one area, then use another area during the same visit

**Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin, Customer Services Coordinator**

**2018 Lottery Day Reservations**

“Lottery Day” is the first day Madison Parks customers can begin reserving their special shelter for the upcoming year. There is a lot of planning and preparation for this day and everyone gets very excited, both customers and staff. Tuesday, November 14, 2017 was our big day! We had approximately 150-200 customers in attendance! We issued application forms and lottery tickets at 7:30am and began the lottery drawing at 8:00am. Community Services staff entering 78 shelter reservations before 10:30am! That’s amazing!! We received numerous compliments from both customers and staff members of the building regarding how smooth and easy the process was. A huge thanks goes out to all Parks staff that make this day a great success.

**2017 Shelter Reservations:**

Large Shelter Reservations – 1,619 reservations  
 Picnic (smaller) Shelter Reservations – 336 reservations  
Total Shelter Reservations – 1,955 (includes external customers, special events, community events, elections, etc.)

**2017 Boat Storage/Mooring**

There were 300 boat storage spots available-- 23 more spaces than in 2016. All storage spots were filled, with 277 being held by residents, and 23 by non-residents. There are currently 71 people on the waiting list.

33 boat mooring spaces were available and every space was filled. 20 people are on the waiting list for a mooring spot.

### 2017 Athletic Reservations

Athletic reservations are finished for the season, but don't believe we're not thinking about athletics at this time of year. We're already preparing for the 2018 season.

#### Top Twenty Reserved Parks for Athletics in 2017

Park	# of Reservations	Primary Reservation
Quann Park	1309	Tennis (1236)
Rennebohm Park	1081	Tennis (853)
Reindahl Park	882	Soccer (777)
Olbrich Park	858	Softball (318)
Warner Park	712	Warner (Softball)
Garner Park	444	Lacrosse (220)
North Star Park	405	Ultimate (405)
Elver Park	302	Soccer (101)
Country Grove Park	280	Soccer (280)
Kennedy Park	262	Soccer (202)
Manchester Park	254	Ultimate (254)
Midtown Commons	232	Ultimate (232)
Demetral Park	227	Softball (225)
Goodman Park	191	Softball (180)
High Point Park	176	Soccer (176)
Bowman Park	149	Baseball (81)
Wingra Park	145	Soccer (133)
Wexford Park	129	Soccer (69)
Whitetail Ridge Park	113	Soccer (113)
Door Creek Park	109	Tennis (60)

#### Annual and Daily Permits Processed *(including quantities ordered online)*

2017 Totals, as of 11/27/2017*			2016 Totals			2015 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>
Disc Golf	1,455 <i>(503)</i>	6,561 <i>(59)</i>	Disc Golf	1,443 <i>(245)</i>	6,174 <i>(14)</i>	Disc Golf	1,420 <i>(197)</i>	7,195 <i>(0)</i>
Dog	7,446 <i>(4,092)</i>	677 <i>(13)</i>	Dog	8,270 <i>(4,132)</i>	588 <i>(6)</i>	Dog	7,162 <i>(2,656)</i>	547 <i>(0)</i>

Lake	3,570 (1,425)	4,875 (N/A)	Lake	4,322 (607)	5,207 (N/A)	Lake	4,099 (408)	5,159 (N/A)
XC Ski	1,326 (744)	416 (14)	XC Ski	1,318 (362)	486 (0)	XC Ski	1,266 (213)	548 (0)

\*Parks began processing 2017 annual permits on December 1, 2016.

*Purchasing permits online has been a great success!!*

Gift Certificates Processed By Year		
<b>2017 totals, as of 11/27/2017*</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
137 - \$6,446*	137 - \$9,585	200 - \$8,306

\*December will include many additional gift certificates, as the holidays draw near.

### Street Use and Special Events – Kelli Lamberty

#### 2017 Permitted Event Days Madison, WI

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Street Use Events	2	6	6	23	45	41	59	66	57	36	7	1	349
Park Events	7	5	1	12	32	100	89	45	23	20	16	33	383
Block Parties	0	0	0	1	3	15	14	14	34	8	0	0	89
NA Events	0	0	0	5	2	7	20	8	6	7	0	2	57
Amp Permits	0	0	1	9	15	24	17	22	9	5	1	0	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>981</b>

\* includes "Summer In Your City" programming

Park	Events
Central	44
Olin	20
Warner	12

#### 2016 Permitted Event Days Madison, WI

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Street Use Events	0	3	2	18	27	50	61	71	42	36	9	1	320
Park Events	3	1	0	6	22	60	83	52	22	48	21	32	350
Block Parties	0	0	0	1	3	15	15	11	22	3	0	0	70
NA Events	0	0	0	2	4	7	17	5	2	7	1	1	46
Amp Permits	0	0	0	6	8	20	20	27	14	5	1	0	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>887</b>

\* includes "Summer In Your City" programming



## Rangers & Aquatics – Josh Schmidt

### 2017 Park Ranger Incidents

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	11	28	64	35	39	23	12	29	39	29			309
Assist Citizen	11	3	4	12	11	35	19	12	24	4			135
Assist Fire/ Police	6	0	0			2	2	4	1	3			18
Check Person	24	10	8	12	8	22	4	17	6	4			115
Check Area	753	969	888	1055	1208	1215	1527	1481	1245	1046			11387
Behavioral Ban	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	1	1			9
Damage to property	2	2	2	9	1	7	11	2	1	7			44
Drug Investigation	2	0	0	1		0	1	1	2	1			8
Graffiti complaint	2	6	1	1	7	3	5	4	0	5			34
Intoxicated Person	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1			11
Information	54	65	64	73	100	141	204	193	3	1			898
Liquor Law Violation	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	1	2			14
No permanent Address issue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
Noise complaint		0	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	1			13
Parking Complaint	3	6	4	5	7	8	22	21	12	30			118
Phone Call	0					0	6	4	0	1			11
Trespass	0					1	0		0	2			3
<b>Total reports</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1386</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>1816</b>	<b>1791</b>	<b>1336</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12666</b>

### 2016 Park Ranger Incidents

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	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
<b>Total reports</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>1426</b>	<b>1522</b>	<b>1194</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>8894</b>

### **Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South**

#### **Status: Pending Construction**

Joe Daniels Construction has started construction of the new backstop at Bowman Field. The project is scheduled for final completion prior to April 1, 2018, to avoid conflicts with current field reservations.

### **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. Phase 1 contract has been awarded to Drax Inc. The contractor is planning to start work in spring 2018.

### **Garver Feed Mill – East**

#### **Status: Pending Construction**

The developer has obtained their final zoning approvals and will be closing on the property in early December. City staff will be working with Baum's contractors on construction coordination. Parks staff have also released a BPW contract to remove the stockpiled leaf and stump grinding material from the site on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Bids were received on November 3 and the contract is in the process of being awarded to S&L Underground with a low bid of \$214,355.00. Removal operations are anticipated to begin in mid-December.

### **Tenney Park Shoreline – Near East**

#### **Status: Construction**

Landscaping and invasive plant removal along the shoreline has been completed for 2017. The shoreline will undergo a prescribed burn in spring of 2018 with ongoing invasive removals in 2018. 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 of 2016.

### **Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central**

#### **Status: Planning**

Isthmus Architecture is working on the design of a new concessions and restroom addition to the stadium. Isthmus Architecture and Parks staff met with City of Madison Landmarks Commission and Wisconsin Historical Society staff to discuss the proposed improvements. The project is scheduled for review by the Landmarks Commission on December 11<sup>th</sup> with UDC and Plan Commission reviews occurring in early 2018.

### **Demetral Park Adult Fitness – East**

#### **Status: Complete**

The installation of adult fitness equipment and associated site work was completed in late November by Contractor Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. The surface-mounted equipment sits on a concrete slab base adjacent to the recently-improved asphalt path and includes a total of 9 fitness stations including 2 fully accessible pieces that closely mimic the workout to be found in an indoor fitness gym.

### **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.

**Goodman Ice Rink (Franklin Field) - Central/South****Status: Complete**

The contractor has installed the lighting replacement at the ice rink. The work has been completed with the exception of the push button control which is expected to be installed in December. The rink has successfully been filled with water and is almost to winter skating levels. It is awaiting ice making temperatures.

**2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide****Status: Ongoing**

Staff has completed most of the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. Staff is currently working on developing the draft plan and using the Racial Justice and Social Equity Toolkit as a guide for analysis as part of the plan development.

**Tenney Park (Island Playground) – Central/East****Status: Complete**

Work on this playground is complete.

**Brigham Park Playground – East****Status: Complete**

Work on this playground is complete.

**Lake Edge Park Playground – East****Status: Complete**

Work on this playground is complete.

**McGinnis Park Playground – East****Status: Complete**

Work on this is complete.

**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 continues 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 under the contract continues through December 1, 2018.

**James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design- Near East****Status: Planning**

Ken Saiki Design, Inc. has been tentatively awarded design contract for the James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design for the amount of \$203,340. The contract was approved by the Board of Public Works on October 18, 2017 and the Common Council on October 31, 2017. The first public input meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**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. The concrete pier abutment has been installed. 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 Pedestrian Bridge Replacement- Near West****Status: Construction**

Strand and Associates is working with staff to design the replacement of 2 pedestrian bridges within the park that are located at the lagoon. The project is currently out to bid. Staff continues to coordinate the timing of the bridge removal and replacement. The new bridges are tentatively scheduled for installation in May of 2018.

#### **Park Paving 2017 – City Wide**

##### **Status: Complete**

The Paving Contract including construction of paths at Waldorf Park, Allied Park, and Garner Park as well as basketball courts at Allied, Waldorf, Arbor Hills, Lerdahl, and Westchester Gardens Park has been completed with the exception of some final restoration work at Arbor Hills Park which will be finished in December.

#### **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.

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

##### **Status: Planning**

A public input meeting was held on October 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the replacement of the restroom building and planned sitework improvements to the park. The basketball court near the existing shelter will also be relocated. Engineering Facilities anticipates that the contract to construct the building will be issued in early 2018, with construction anticipated to begin in June 2018. Sitework improvements (including the parking lot) will occur in 2019.

#### **Eken Park Place making Improvements – East**

##### **Status: Design**

Staff re-issued a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the installation of a seating area and historical plaque at Eken Park but did not receive any bids. As a result, the work will need to be re-bid in late winter 2017 and work delayed until spring 2018.

#### **Wingra Park – Near West**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff is working with Engineering to address shoreline improvements to Wingra Park. Staff met with park stakeholders in April and had a second stakeholder meeting in August. Staff held a public informational meeting on this project on September 7, 2017. Work is tentatively scheduled for 2018, pending permit approvals.

#### **Patriot Park – North**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff is near completion of the Patriot Park Master Plan design process. A public meeting was held in July to discuss this project with the neighborhood. A second public meeting was held in October where the neighborhood selected a final master plan which will be presented to the Board of Park Commissioners.

#### **Thousand Oaks Park – Far West**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff has completed the master plan development of Thousand Oaks Park. The developer, Veridian Homes, will be working on park improvements under a private developer contract. The improvements will be phased with grading and storm sewer work in the fall and playground, path and shelter improvements in 2018. 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> to discuss the Ocean Road playground replacement. This project will be constructed in 2018. A second public input meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2017.

**Dudgeon School Park Playground Replacement – West****Status: Planning**

Staff will hold a second meeting with the neighborhood on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Wingra School to vote on the equipment to be installed at Dudgeon School Park in 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with two other playground sites and is anticipated to be bid for construction in 2018.

**Indian Hills Park Playground Replacement – West****Status: Planning**

Staff held a second public input meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> with the neighborhood intended to vote on the equipment to be installed at the park but unfortunately there were no attendees at the session. Parks is working with the alder to determine how best to get input from the neighborhood on the project. This project will be combined into a contract with two other playground sites and is anticipated to be bid for construction in 2018.

**Odana Hills Park Playground Replacement – West****Status: Planning**

Staff will hold a second public input meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> with the neighborhood to vote on the equipment to be installed at the park in 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with two other playground sites and is anticipated to be bid for construction in 2018.

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

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Acewood Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

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

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Elmside Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

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

Staff held a public meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Washington Manor playground replacement. The second public input meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

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

Staff held a public input meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to discuss the Reger Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018. Parks staff will also be coordinating the installation of lighting improvements, funded by CDBG, with the playground installation project.

**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 is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

#### **Olin Park Boat Launch Reconstruction – Isthmus/Central**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff held a Public Informational meeting on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the replacement of the concrete boat launch ramps at Olin Park. The proposed 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. The project will begin at ice out in the spring and be complete by early May 2018. This project is currently advertised for bid.

#### **North Star Park Expansion – Far East**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff will hold a public meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss park improvements to the expanded, unimproved section of North Star Park.

#### **Camar Park Master Plan – Far East**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff will hold a concurrent meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the North Star Park Expansion meeting to discuss the master plan for Camar Park. The parks are located approximately ½ mile from each other and the discussion will focus on how to maximize amenities between the two locations by way of economizing resources.

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

Staff is putting together the first city-wide park and engineering contract to removal invasive plants throughout city raingardens, shorelines, greenways, and along bike paths. Installation of native seed and plants will be included in this contract. This contract will include invasive removals at: Brittingham Park, along the Capital City Trail (Engineering), Central Park, Cypress Splash Park, Esther Beach Park, Furey St at Jacobson Avenue (Engineering), Giddings Park, Goodman Park, Hillcrest Greenway (Engineering), Merrill Springs Park, Merry Street Cul de Sac (Engineering), Olin Park, Penn Park, Reindahl Park, Southwest Commuter Path (Engineering), Starkweather Creek East and West Branch (Engineering), Tenney Park, Warner Park, Wingra Creek Parkway (Engineering) and Yahara River Parkway. This contract will be advertised to bid in December.

#### **Other Projects**

- Staff is working on replacement of portions of the Duck Blind facilities that were destroyed by fire.
- Staff is beginning the initial research necessary for the Brittingham dog park artificial turf project.
- 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 coordinating with volunteers at Glenwood Park for implementation of volunteer-led projects.
- 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. Montgomery Associates Resource Solutions LLC has been selected as the consultant for this project.
- 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 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 is coordinating prescribed burns for recent restoration projects at Tenney Park and Warner Park.
- Staff is coordinating a possible pilot for fat biking during winter and is working with volunteer groups to determine feasibility.
- Staff are coordinating with organizers of the CrossFit games to identify a potential location and installation for adult outdoor fitness equipment.

### **Projects Completed in 2017**

- Cherokee Marsh North Unit Parking Lot
- Warner Park Breakwater and Dredging and Boat Launch Repair
- 2017 Parks Division Sun Shelters Installation (Allied, Norman Clayton and Sauk Creek Parks)
- 2017 Brittingham Park Accessible Playground
- 2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements
- Reynolds Park Tennis
- Marshall park restroom construction in conjunction with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District.
- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park seating area with Planning Grant award
- Brittingham Park Community Garden Playground
- Sugar Maple Park Development
- Baxter Park Playground
- Sunset Park Playground
- Westmorland Park Playground
- Allied Park Development (shelter, playground and basketball)
- Bordner Park Playground
- Esther Beach Shelter and site improvements
- Central Park Land Acquisition
- North Shore Drive Sidewalk Extension at the Railroad Crossing
- Country Grove Park Playground
- Wexford Park Playground
- Zook Park Playground
- Yahara Place Park and BB Clarke Park Shoreline Improvements
- Waldorf Park development (Playground, paths and fields)
- Rennebohm Park table tennis and chess table installation
- Blair Street Planning Study