

Supervisor's Monthly Report for May Mall Concourse

The return of the Farmer's Market highlighted the events for April, which has a different look to it with the Capitol square construction continuing. Crazylegs ended the month, also running around the construction. The flower planters are full of pansies, including the new expansion area planters to match the State Street environment. Blowing and sweeping sidewalks was a constant assignment with the lack of rain for the month. The sidewalk washing program resumed in mid-April, beginning in the Library Mall and the 200 block of State. Winter turf damage was repaired with seed and compost, and aerating the lawns was accomplished easier with the new walk-behind aerator that was purchased. We freshened up all of the landscaped beds by adding a light layer of mulch and even expanded the mulch program to include tree circles in turf areas for a crisp look. We began working with Madison Police Department to manage abandoned property throughout the service area through a safe, proactive, and sensitive process.

Daily trash/recycle pickup, blowing and sweeping sidewalks, and powerwashing will keep the crew busy throughout the month of May. We will begin full mowing operations as well as regular weeding of the entire service area as grass and weeds are starting to grow very quickly. We hope to finish the light pole painting project from last fall, as the remaining poles have been sanded and just await primer and paint. We will continue to work with MPD to manage the abandoned property concerns. Decorative lighting will be added to the Top of State Street staging areas for the upcoming programming events. Major events include the Syttende Mai Run, Madison Half Marathon and of course graduation weekend, and we will work to make sure the service area looks its best for all of our visitors. As usual, we anticipate a very lively summer Downtown, and we look forward to it!