

SUPERINTENDENT'S JUNE 2016 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Memorial Day Weekend marked the opening of the splash parks and lifeguard staffing at our four regional beaches. Splash parks are opening one hour earlier this season, at 10:00am. The Goodman Pool officially opens Friday, June 10th.

Tree Planting – Forestry completed spring planting in the last month. 1,460 trees were planted on the street terraces, of which 474 were ash tree replacements.

Tree Planting – Parks completed ~ 475 tree plantings this spring. All planted trees are ash tree replacements.

In addition to the many events organized by Madison Parks (upcoming ones listed below), we permit hundreds of other events throughout our parks and streets such as Yoga in the Olin Park Pavilion, Juneteenth Festival (Penn), Summer Concert Series (Warner), Live on King St., and La Fete de Marquette. These events are an important part of Madison's culture and Parks staff looks forward to working with the many Friends groups and organizations who promote and manage these events.

Forest Hill Cemetery staff had a busy Memorial Day holiday program in Section 35, the Union Rest and Confederate Rest sections. The staff spend a great deal of time and effort getting ready for this very important day, and the cemetery looked great this year. The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation also recently recognized the City for its excellence in historic preservation work on the Caitlin Chapel.

Upcoming events:

Bird & Nature Walks (special Saturday walk at Owen on June 4), Learn to Kayak (June 7 at Brittingham), Legacy Golf Outing (June 9 at Yahara Hills), Free Golf Instruction Saturdays (June 11 at Monona, June 25 at Odana); Warner Family Fun Night June 10; Learn to Stand Up Paddleboard (June 14 at Olbrich); Lake Edge Park Shelter ribbon cutting (June 16 at 6 PM); Pickleball Lessons (6-classes beginning June 16); Learn to Log Roll (June 28 at Wingra); Ride the Drive (Sunday, July 31); and Elver Park Community Event (Saturday, August 27).

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

As usual, May was a very busy month for Park Operations. It's always challenging to try to stay caught up with mowing and string trimming responsibilities this time of year. The grass growth rates are very high and the dandelions grow even faster. That being said, all of our routes have been mowed every 7-10 days and in some cases, even more frequent than that. We've focused additional resources on keeping up on our athletic fields to make sure that paying users have a good experience playing on our fields. Our new crew of seasonals have been picking things up quickly and have been doing a fantastic job. I think our parks look the best that I've seen in May this season.

The Parks Arborist Crew has finished helping Forestry with the spring planting and are back working on ash removals. We've been jumping around a bit the last couple of weeks, but soon we'll be starting near the Yahara River and working westward through Central Parks. We have recently partnered with Wisconsin Urban Wood (WUW) in an attempt to better utilize cut ash logs. We'll be letting WUW know where we will be cutting and they will go out and mark trees that they wish to utilize. We hope that this will be beneficial to our crews (efficiencies gained), WUW, and the residents of Madison. It's an exciting partnership.

Our athletic fields are all being heavily used now. High school softball just finished up, but we have many softball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and football reservations. I have been very impressed by our staff whom have all stepped up and done more as we don't currently have an Athletic Field Leadworker. It can be stressful trying to get all of the fields installed whilst performing daily prep work on the diamonds. The crew has done an excellent job.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

May has passed very quickly, as the grass is growing very quickly and reservations and events have picked up significantly. We welcomed new and returning seasonals throughout the month, and we went through orientation and hands-on training with all of them. We increased staffing for graduation weekend to assist with an increased number of reservations. Our first ever round of spring tree planting in the Parks concluded with the Landscape Maintenance Workers planting 195 trees throughout the system. Prior to Memorial Day, seasonals staff helped with string trimming at the Cemetery and the LMW's did some beautification projects. Athletic reservations picked up with the start of the MSCR softball season. We completed aeration and fertilization on Central Park's great lawn and hope to give the turf at Quann a boost with a fertilizer application as well. Our recycling program started Memorial Day weekend. The beaches and Cypress Splash Park were cleaned up for the holiday weekend as well.

Since we are now at full staff with students, crews continue to do their best to keep caught up with the mowing and string trimming. We are finishing up mulching, weeding and planting flowers at the pool before it opens for the season. We will continue our weekly beach and volleyball court raking at a number of parks. We will be putting numerous resources into getting our parks in the fireworks viewing areas ready for Shake the Lake. The LMW's will continue with beautification projects across the system, and develop watering routes for the trees planted last fall and this fall if the weather dries out.

Mall Maintenance:

The month of May definitely got us back in the groove with downtown events. Peace Park concerts, the Synttende Mai Run and Madison ½ Marathon kept us on our toes with cleanup and event setups. Decorative lighting has been added to the top of State Street to promote the festive atmosphere. Our sidewalk washing program is in full gear, and over half of State Street has been cleaned. Warm weather has also meant mowing and pulling weeds on a weekly basis. We also have started burning weeds with a propane torch, mainly in sidewalk cracks, with positive results. Other landscaping tasks completed for the month of May included deadheading our tulip and daffodils, and pruning dead limbs from trees with the arborist that we have on staff. The abandoned property program completed its first month, with positive results working with the Madison Police Department. The seasonal workforce has been added to help out with weekend coverage and extra tasks during the week.

Looking ahead, June's events will keep us busy with Cars on State, Cows on The Concourse, and the new Milkman Triathlon. The popular "Concerts on the Square" will start their six week program at the end of the month, and the "Live on King" programming begins with deliveries and cleanup. Daily trash, recycling, and sidewalk sweeping will continue, as well as cleaning bus shelters more often. The Olbrich gardening staff will assist the downtown, by switching the pansy planters over to exotic plants for the summer and fall months. June will be a very busy month for the Mall Concourse Maintenance Staff.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

Memorial Day is our big event at Forest Hill, and the weather this year definitely cooperated. After an overcast Saturday morning, visitors began coming out in droves. We had staff in the office until early afternoon all weekend, and we were kept very busy with people coming in looking for help in locating graves. We hosted the normal Memorial Day services at Soldiers' Rest, Union Rest, and Confederate Rest, and all events were very well attended.

As always, we relied heavily on seasonal help from other sections to prepare for the holiday, and as always we're very grateful for their assistance. We really couldn't do it without them. If it seemed like our regular staff at Forest Hill wasn't able to pitch in as much as normal with the string trimming, that's absolutely true; we had 15 burials to prepare for in the two weeks prior to the holiday. This is a tremendous amount of work and of course required staff attendance at the burials in addition to site preparation.

Landscape Maintenance Workers from Central Parks were made a visit to Forest Hill as well. All of our planters in front of the office and the mausoleum have real flowers again, and it really seems to make a difference. We look forward to seeing the planters fill out as the summer progresses.

Madison's Trust for Historic Preservation recognized the restoration of the Catlin Chapel at their *2016 Madison Area Historic Preservation Awards* event in May. As noted in previous monthly reports, contractors were on site much of last summer, repairing stonework and replacing the asphalt roof with slate, and it's very nice to see that the work has been noticed. Thanks also to the Engineering Department for coordinating the project.

In regular cemetery business, April saw nine full-size burials, thirteen cremains burials, one mausoleum inurnment, one disinterment of an ash urn, and seven lot sales.

Summit Maintenance:

At Summit Maintenance we're beginning to settle down into our "normal" summer mowing routine. We try to assign specific routes to specific people in order to provide some consistency. Sometimes this works better than other times, as there are different factors in play every day, but we do make the effort. This spring we've had an uncommonly difficult time keeping all of our gang mowers in service – it seems like there has always been one or two in for repair at any given time. We've been able to lower the flail mowing decks on the tractor to about 3" and this has helped some, but it's pretty slow going with the tractor, as compared to the regular mowing units.

Trash volume in the parks is really picking up, and we need to do a trash run every day. We will also be putting out recycling containers in the first week of June. We have a new employee training for his CDL exam – he'll be getting some time in on the packer now that we're past Memorial Day.

Noon meals will be served at Elver Park this summer, starting as soon as school lets out. The meals are intended for children and their caregivers, and will be served at the new shelter every day. It promised to be a good and much-needed program for the neighborhood, and we're preparing for a lot of kids at the shelter, the spray park, and the playground every day.

In other food news, the "Let's Eat Out" food cart event will continue on Thursdays at Meadowood Park this summer, beginning June 16. We will be adding picnic tables and extra trash barrels to the park before the first evening.

June will bring, as always, mowing, trimming, and detailing of our mowing routes, an increased trash pickup schedule, and continued athletic field, shelter and restroom maintenance.

COMMUNITY SERVICES - CLAIRE OLEKSIK

Front Desk (Joanne Austin)

- **Permits – 2016 Annual Permits processed from January 1 – May 31 2016.** This reporting does not include daily permits.
 - Disc Golf Annual Permits 1007
 - Dog Park Annual Permits 6278
 - Lake Access Annual Permits 2388
 - Cross Country Ski Annual Permits 1314
- **Large Shelter Reservations**
 - Total reservation counts for 2016 - 1,304 of which 141 were reserved online.
- **Picnic Shelters –**
 - 247 Picnic shelter reservations have been made for 2016.
Please note: this number is less than what was reported last month (374), which included picnic shelter maintenance reservations.

Recreation Services (Tracey Hartley)

- **Summer Learn – To Series**
 - Pickleball Lessons - Tenney Park
Led by Volunteers, Roxie and Jerry Gottsacker
Six-class series Thurs, June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 at 5:30 & 6:30 pm
5 participants at 5:30 PM & 7 participants at 6:30 PM. Max 8/session.
 - Identify and Remove Invasive Species – Olin Park Pavilion
Partner with Madison Area Weed Warriors
Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
13 participants
 - Disc Golf – Hiestand Park
Partner with Glide Disc Golf
Saturday, May 28, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
14 participants
 - Kayak (Accessible to all) – Brittingham Boats Beach House
Partner with Brittingham Boats and Madison SCI (Spinal Cord Injury – will provide 4 volunteers & 2 accessible kayak)
Tuesday, June 7, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
60 registered
 - Stand Up Paddleboard – Olbrich Park
Partner with Rutabaga Paddlesports
Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
80 registered, 12 on waitlist
 - Log Roll – Wingra Park
Partner with Madison Log Rolling
Tuesday, June 28, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
16 registered
 - Stand Up Paddleboard – Wingra Park
Partner with Wingra Boats
Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
43 registered
 - Canoe – Wingra Park
Partner with Wingra Boats
Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
2 registered

- Pickleball – Garner Park
Led by Volunteer, Norv Bernhardt
Tuesday, August 30, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
4 registered
- **Ride the Drive**
Sunday, July 31st at 10 am – 2 pm. Currently we have 31 volunteers signed up. Parks is working with partners, vendors and sponsors to plan activities at the Villages (rest stops) located at the Capitol Square, Brittingham Park, John Nolen Drive and Olin Park.
- **Elver Community Day – New name of Madison West Fest (still being confirmed)**
Saturday, August 27th. Completed three community meets attended by 25 participants. Volunteers for event have formed committees to plan activities such as fitness activities, entertainment, resource tents, craft market and food.

Warner Park Community Recreation Center (Jacob Tisue)

- **Warner Family Fun Nights** - WPCRC is closing in on our 2nd full school year of hosting Family Fun Nights. They have become a staple of the Northside and will continue next year starting in September.
 - Friday, May 13 – 167 participants
 - Friday, June 10 – will be offering hayrides and activities outside
- **Down Week** for WPCRC (closed for maintenance and cleaning)
 - August 22 – 28, 2016
- **Facebook** page for WPCRC has 175 likes (launched as of March 2016)
 - Find us by searching; Warner Park Community Recreation Center
- **Advisory Committee** Updates
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, May 26
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, July 28
 - Committee is working on developing a better sense of goals and objectives. Working on continuing efforts in community outreach and looking for new ways to build capacity as we move forward with a possible building expansion planning.

Aquatics & Rangers (Josh Schmidt)

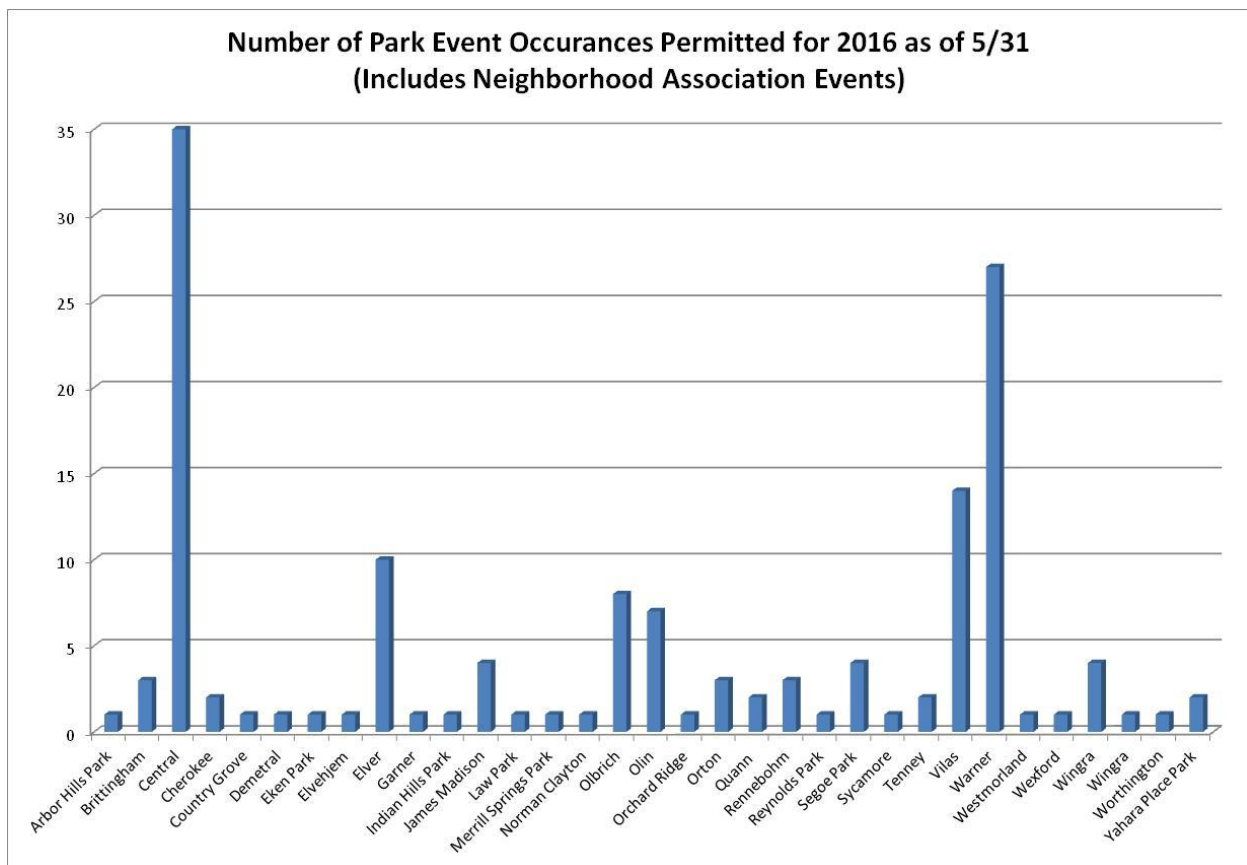
- Hired 77 lifeguards to cover Goodman Pool & Beaches
- Goodman Pool & Splash Parks
 - Parks has invested in new variable frequency main pump at the pool designed to reduce energy consumption and wear on the fixtures.
 - Working with community partners and individuals to distribute scholarship admissions and swim lesson passes
 - Splash Parks opened Saturday, May 28th
 - Goodman pool will open at noon on Friday June 10th (soft opening Saturday, June 4th if weather is favorable)
- Beaches
 - Opened Regional Beaches (Vilas, Tenney, Olbrich & BB Clark) on Saturday, May 28th to large crowds over memorial day weekend
 - Project to open neighborhood beaches Saturday June 4th
 - Vilas Park will be piloting selling ice cream and light concessions
 - Partnering with Clean Lakes Alliance to conduct water quality monitoring for Lakeforecast.org two times per week

| 2015 Parks Ranger calls for service | | | | | | | | | | | | | Year to date |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Month | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
| Animal Complaint | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 25 | 36 | 34 | 50 | 36 | 28 | 21 | 25 | 282 |
| Assist Citizen | | | | 7 | 20 | 18 | 37 | 17 | 18 | 14 | 7 | 4 | 142 |
| Assist Fire/Police | | | | 2 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 54 |
| Check Person | | | | 13 | 49 | 26 | 47 | 40 | 21 | 25 | 13 | 7 | 241 |
| Check Area | 29 | 26 | 41 | 57 | 169 | 212 | 186 | 370 | 366 | 279 | 152 | 143 | 2030 |
| Behavioral Ban | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 49 |
| Damage to property | 3 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 14 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 92 |
| Drug Investigation | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 26 |
| Graffiti complaint | 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 63 |
| Intoxicated Person | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 19 |
| Information | 7 | 4 | 5 | 28 | 73 | 103 | 126 | 198 | 126 | 107 | 76 | 82 | 935 |
| Liquor Law Violation | | | | 5 | 10 | 16 | 9 | 25 | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 99 |
| No permanent Address issue | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | | 44 |
| Noise complaint | | | | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 38 |
| Parking Complaint | 9 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 43 | 42 | 45 | 44 | 32 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 279 |
| Phone Call | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 21 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 53 |
| Trespass | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 |
| Total reports | 62 | 53 | 80 | 174 | 446 | 503 | 538 | 831 | 687 | 511 | 307 | 278 | 3992 |

Special Events (Kelli Lamberty)

- Parks staff is currently working with Information Technology to convert to an online application format. We anticipate to "go live" with online accessibility within the next six months.

| 2016 Special & Community Event Permits | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Count of Event Days | | | | | | |
| | Jan-2016 | Feb-2016 | Mar-2016 | Apr-2016 | May-2016 | TOTAL |
| Block Parties | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Downtown Performance Spaces* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Neighborhood Association Park Events | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Park Events | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 22 | 32 |
| Street Use Events | 0 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 27 | 50 |
| Totals | 3 | 4 | 2 | 33 | 64 | 106 |



OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

“Saw plants we did not even see in Ecuador! Wonderful conservatory!” May 17, 2016

March 2016 Numbers

| OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants) | 2016 | 2015 | Previous 5 yrs avg |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| April 1 - 30 | 23,639 | 21,465 | 17,724 |
| YTD April 30 | 67,774 | 63,719 | |
| Total Member Households (individuals*) December 31 | 6,224 (9,648) | 6,579 (10,575) | |

**based on the number of membership cards issued*

| OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited) | YTD 4/30/2016 | YTD 4/30/2015 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD | \$21,070 | \$16,613 |
| Room Rentals YTD* | \$49,625 | \$45,372 |
| Catering Percentage Revenue YTD** | \$4,971 | \$4,663 |
| TOTAL YTD | \$75,666 | \$66,648 |

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

May 2016 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

- Bolz Conservatory Exhibit – Light Gaps**, daily through July 10
- Olbrich’s Tram Service** daily service Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Guided Garden Strolls** – Sundays, June – Sept @ 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm FREE!
- Hosta Sale** – Sunday, Jun 12, 9 am – 3 pm or while supplies last
- Olbrich Gardens CLOSED** - Saturday, June 18 for Rhapsody in Bloom preparations
- Rhapsody in Bloom: Wisco Polka Dot** Saturday, June 18, 5 pm – 11 pm
- Rose Show**, Sun, Jun 19 from noon – 5 pm by the Madison Rose Society
- Concerts in the Gardens:** Tuesdays from 7 – 8 pm
 - 6/21 - The Blues Party
 - 6/28 - Sena Ehrhardt & Cole Allen Acoustic Duo

Education – May 2016 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**, 4 Mondays, Jun 6 – 27, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
- Tai Chi Meditation**, Mondays, Jun 6 – Jul 11 (no class Jul 4), 6 – 7 pm
- Beginner’s Eye: A Contemplative Photography Workshop**, Sat, May 7, 9 am – 5 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

- The Fundamentals of Residential Landscape Design**, Mon, 6/6, 6:30 – 8 pm,
- The Art of Henna**, Thu, 6/9, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Perennials for Sun & Shade**, Thu, 6/23, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Wrapped Journal Workshop**, Wed, 6/29, 1 – 4 pm

Learn & Play Together

- Toddler Story & Stroll: Exploring Our World with Stories by Mary Lyn Ray**
 - Stars**, Wed, 6/15, 10 – 11 am
 - Red Rubber Boot Day**, Wed, 6/22, 10 – 11 am
 - Mud**, Wed, 6/29, 10 – 11 am
- Little Sprouts Gardening: What Makes a Garden Grow?**
 - Tiny Seed**, Sat, 6/25, 10 – 11 am

Family Classes

- Flower Fairies**, Fri, 6/3, 6 – 7:30 pm

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

| Forestry Section | Total Trees* | Total Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Cycle Pruning | 0 | 0 |
| Pruned by Request | 68 | 94.5 |
| Small Tree Pruning Cycle | 94 | 45 |
| Tree Removal | 54 | 170 |
| Ash Preemptive Removals | 31 | 337 |
| Storm Work/Hangers | | 27 |
| Tree Planting | | 1863 |
| EAB Treatment | | 448 |

*partial data due to deadline of report.

After the spring planting season ended on May 20, both east and west units began working on request pruning and tree removals that have built up during the planting season. No cycle pruning was scheduled in either unit; however, some small tree cycle pruning did occur on the east side. During the planting season there was a crew devoted to ash preemptive removals that were in conflict with sidewalk repair. The treatment of ash street trees for Emerald Ash Borer began immediately after the planting season. The goal is to treat 3,000 ash street trees.

Forestry specialists have been dedicating much of their time to inspecting sites where sidewalks have been heaved by trees and determining if Forestry needs to be on site during construction to help guide root cutting by the contractors. Private developments have come in at a steady pace which forestry specialist reviews the proposed plan as it relates to street trees. Forestry specialists are also monitoring street reconstruction projects to make sure street trees are protected during the construction process.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South Side

The four backstop netting poles at the Bowman baseball field require replacement. Strand Associates has been hired to design and prepare bid documents for the replacement poles. The project was released for bidding on January 29, with bids due February 19. Joe Daniels Construction was the low bidder \$119,460.00. This is 26% higher than the project budget and the bid was declined. The project will be redesigned and bid in an effort to deliver a project within the current funding.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West Side

Cemetery staff and consultants are working to come up with a long range plan that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Staff is also working on a policy paper to be presented to the Landmarks Commission for approval regarding the tree replacement procedures at the cemetery. Improvements for the irrigation and storm sewer and drainage are tentatively scheduled for 2017.

Central Park – Near East Side

The Central Park Phase 1B construction is substantially complete. The work includes a new entry plaza adjacent to the recently completed skatepark and a pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The skatepark plaza, sidewalk crossings and pervious sidewalk installation on Wilson Street are done. The remaining work includes bollard installations at the Few Street Railroad Crossing, which is tentatively scheduled for late June.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit – North Side

Work on the remaining portion of the gravel parking lot and entry area is anticipated to start again in mid-summer, weather permitting.

Lake Edge Park Shelter – East Side

The shelter is completed and officially open! A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held June 16, 2016.

Garver Feed Mill – East Side

The rezoning and CSM for the project was approved by the Council on August 4, 2015. Conversion paperwork was submitted to the DNR and has been approved. Negotiations with the Baum Development team continue. The Baum team submitted revised storage building and site plans, which are currently being reviewed. Parks staff continues to work with the development team to resolve issues.

Tenney Park Shoreline – Near East Side

Shoreline reconstruction and reconstruction of the bike path is complete. Landscaping and invasive plant removal along the shoreline through a separate Public Works Contract began in April. Over 500 shrubs were installed in April and May, along with over 70 trees. Landscaping will continue until July and invasive plant removals will continue through December 2017. An update of the project was recently written in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Newsletter.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds – Isthmus/Central

Parks issued a press release at the end of February announcing that the Department of Civil Rights and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiatives Team (RESJI Team) equity analysis had been used to make a conscious decision for the future of the three playgrounds at the park. The release stated that a fully accessible playground will be built at the park shelter location, that the playground equipment will be replaced at the area adjacent to the community garden space and that a nature-based playground, the first within the Madison Parks system, will be installed near Brittingham Beach. Staff anticipates a public input process to select the playground equipment to begin in summer 2016, construction contracts completed in fall of 2016 and construction to begin in the spring of 2017.

Allied Drive Improvements – South Side

Staff is working with the Allied Drive NRT (Neighborhood Resource Team) on the outreach plan and public input process for the proposed park improvements as approved in the 2015 Capital Budget. The proposed improvements include a full basketball court and other amenities which will complement those already available at the adjacent City of Fitchburg park. Rough grading work for the park is anticipated to occur in fall 2016, with installation of the basketball court and other amenities in 2017.

Demetral Park Path Improvements – East Side

Staff is working with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. A public input meeting was held on October 14, 2015. Engineering is working on plans and specifications. The City will submit for a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Development at Historic Fill Site or Licensed Landfill Exemption Application for approval for the proposed bike path work. Permitting from the DNR is required for work within the landfill and may delay the project. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2016, upon permitting from the WIDNR.

Playground Workshops – City Wide

Staff held three playground workshops in the fall of 2015 that focused on several park playgrounds to provide the opportunity for neighborhoods to learn and share ideas with each other. These projects are part of the 2016 Capital Budget Submission. The first playground workshop was held on October 14th and addressed playground replacement projects at Aldo Leopold Park, Rimrock Park, Midland Park, and Raymond Ridge Park. The second playground workshop was held October 28th and addressed playground replacement projects at Kingston – Onyx Park, Honeysuckle Park, Sycamore Park, and Waunona Park. The third playground workshop was held on November 5th and addressed playground replacement projects at Ler Dahl Park, Berkley Park, Westchester Gardens Park and Wheeler Heights Park. Staff also issued a request for proposals for playground designs from playground manufacturers for 2016 playground improvements. The City selected several manufacturers' designs including nature-based themed designs to present to neighborhoods as part of the 2016 playground design public input process.

Aldo Leopold Park Playground – South Side

Construction for the Aldo Leopold Park Playground was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60. Construction of this playground has been completed.

Berkley Park Playground – North Side

This project was bid as part of the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Contract bids were opened on May 6th with Madison Commercial Landscapes as the low bidder at \$112,935.55. Work for the contract includes three playground replacements and is anticipated to start in July 2016.

Cardinal Glenn Park Playground – Far West Side

Improvements at this park approved as part of the master plan design and implementation will be completed by Parks Construction staff (to include playground expansion, path excavation and gravel lay-down) and as part of other Public Works contracts recently awarded (asphalt paving, sun shelter installation, landscaping.) Work at the park is anticipated to begin in June 2016.

Honeysuckle Park Playground – East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Contract bids were opened on April 8th and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$119,694.05. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is anticipated to start in early June.

Kingston-Onyx Park Playground – East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Contract bids were opened on April 8th and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$119,694.05. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is anticipated to start in early June.

Ler Dahl Park Playground – North Side

This project was bid as part of the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Contract bids were opened on May 6th with Madison Commercial Landscapes as the low bidder at \$112,935.55. Work for the contract includes three playground replacements and is anticipated to start in July 2016.

Midland Park Playground – Central/South Side

Construction for the Midland Park Playground was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60. Construction of this playground has been completed.

Sycamore Park Playground – East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Contract bids were opened on April 8th and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$119,694.05. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is anticipated to start in early June.

Rimrock Park Playground – South Side

Construction for the Rimrock Park Playground was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60. Construction of this playground has begun and is anticipated to be completed by July 1st.

Raymond Ridge Park Playground – West Side

Construction for the Raymond Ridge Park Playground was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60. Construction is anticipated to begin in early summer and be completed by fall.

Waunona Park Playground – South Side

Construction for the Waunona Park Playground was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60. Construction is anticipated to begin in early summer and be completed by fall.

Westchester Gardens Park Playground – North East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Contract bids were opened on April 8th and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$119,694.05. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is anticipated to start in early June.

Wheeler Heights Park Playground – North Side

This project was bid as part of the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Contract bids were opened on May 6th with Madison Commercial Landscapes as the low bidder at \$112,935.55. Work for the contract includes three playground replacements and is anticipated to start in July 2016.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

The design has begun for improvements identified in the Esther Beach Park Master Plan including a new restroom building, swings, path system, storm water improvements and improvements to the existing parking lot. Staff held a public input on the design on December 16th to discuss the design. Staff submitted a conditional use application on February 3rd with which was approved by the Plan Commission on March 21st. Staff has received all applicable DNR and City of Madison permits related to shoreline grading and construction. Construction of the restroom building is anticipated to begin in 2016. Final site improvements are anticipated to begin in spring/summer of 2017.

Penn Park Shelter Replacement – South Side

A second public input meeting for the Penn Park shelter replacement was held on February 25th. Approximately 15 area representatives attended the meeting. Topics included schematic shelter options, preliminary cost estimates and feasibility studies of other potential site amenities. A third public meeting was held on May 25th and topics included the potential rehabilitation of the existing shelter and a proposed parking lot design. An RFP will be completed in late spring and early summer to select a consultant for the design development, which is anticipated to occur over the next 7-9 months, with project going out to bid in late 2016 or early 2017. Construction will begin in 2017 with project completion in early spring 2018.

2016 Garner Park Tennis to Pickleball-Court Conversion – West Side

This project is to convert the existing two-court tennis at Garner Park to six pickleball courts. This will be the first dedicated pickleball complex in Madison. The project was bid in late April and there was a single bid received on May 6th. The bid was opened but not awarded due to omission of the proper bid bond form by the contractor. The project is currently being rebid and will be opened on June 6th at a special bid opening. The Friends of Pickleball group has successfully fundraised the required \$20,000 match to make this project a reality!

2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements – City Wide

Plans and specifications were advertised on January 8, 2016 and were opened on January 22, 2016. The contract was awarded to low bidder Poblocki Paving for the bid amount of \$44,870.18. Construction is underway and is anticipated to be complete in June.

2016 Paving Contract – City Wide

Plans and specifications for the 2016 Paving Contract were opened on May 6, 2016. The contract was awarded to low bidder Raymond P. Cattell, Inc. This contract includes construction of paths at Cardinal Glenn Park, reconstruction of basketball courts at Rimrock Park and Aldo Leopold Park, installation of an asphalt path at Village Park and Aldo Leopold Park and pulverize and repaving the path at Westmorland Park.

2016 Sun Shelters Request for Bids and Contract – City Wide

Work by Madison Commercial Landscapes, Inc. has begun with the installation of the shelter at Owl Creek Park which will also be officially opened at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 22nd. Madison Commercial Landscapes, Inc. will continue with installations of the remaining four shelters through the summer at Sauk Heights, Cardinal Glenn, Junction Ridge and Worthington Parks.

2016 Fall Parks Division and Water Utility Landscaping Contract – City Wide

The bid for this contract was awarded to Greener Valley Landscaping, Inc. of Janesville, Wisconsin who submitted the lowest proposal at \$86,230.00 for the installation of trees, shrubs and perennial plants at 14 parks, 1 golf course and one water utility well site. Work on this contract is anticipated to begin in August 2016.

2016 Parks Division Rain Garden Management Contract – City Wide

Tallgrass Restoration, Inc. Work on this contract has begun with herbicide application at Central Park to remove the established turfgrass at the planting site. Follow-up planting of native species plugs will complete installation at this site in early summer. Work to remove invasive brush and weeds will continue at Goodman and Olin Parks this summer and installation of new planting plugs will be completed in the fall. This contract includes a year of maintenance (2017 growing season) at each park.

2016 Dog Park Improvements – City Wide

Staff is developing plans and specifications for entrance improvements at Quann dog park. Staff met with the Dog Park User Group on September 21, 2015. Staff has submitted the required Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Development at Historic Fill Site or Licensed Landfill Exemption Application for approval for the proposed entrance improvements. Plans will be advertised to bid once the City of Madison has received permission from the DNR to proceed.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide

Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed in the City of Madison park system. Installation of new trees to replace removed ash trees is underway. Living Landscapes, LLC was awarded both of the fall and spring tree installation contracts that were opened at the end of November. The trees included in these contracts replace approximately 2/3 of those removed due to EAB infestation. Work to install the trees at six parks including Brittingham, Demetral, Olbrich, Reindahl, Sycamore and Warner Parks began on May 9th, installations will be complete by mid-June. Both of the contracts held by Living Landscapes, LLC include a maintenance year (2017) to help ensure establishment of the trees.

Cherokee Park canoe/kayak launch – North Side

The neighborhood submitted its choice for the location of the canoe/kayak storage racks at the park, which will be located approximately 100 feet north of the existing, signed launch location. The launch will be re-graded and improved with a gravel base. Additional native plantings will be installed near the racks by way of providing screening. Work on this project is anticipated to begin in summer 2016.

Quarry Park Trails Usage Planning – South Side

The Trail Usage Plan was developed by a group of volunteers over a series of meetings which occurred in January – March of 2016. The purpose of the usage plan is to serve to minimize conflicts between mountain biking/bicycle use and pedestrian/dog-walking. A meeting on the plan was held on April 25th, 2016 and comment/review period was concluded on May 9th. It was suggested that one last review be completed by the neighborhood and interested parties prior to finalizing the plan. At the suggestion of the Alder, Parks staff will meet for an additional review session of the Quarry Park trails usage plan on June 13th.

Sugar Maple Park Master Planning – Far West Side

Staff continues to coordinate with the Developer, Veridian Homes, on this project – rough grading work is anticipated to begin in June. The Developer's Agreement has been completed by the City and Veridian Homes and the Veridian Homes is working to select a contractor for the project.

Waldorf Park Master Planning – West Side

New Parks staff (Corey) has met with City Engineering to determine grading and stormwater drainage options for the site and work out the overall project scope and feasibility. New grading and water infiltration options are being incorporated now that a storm sewer easement providing site drainage is no longer an option. Rough grading and drainage improvements are anticipated to occur in late 2016 with construction of park improvements in 2017. Following a final determination of the site drainage option that will be used, a follow-up meeting will be held with the neighborhood in early 2016 to discuss the playground equipment options.

Brittingham Park Sidewalk Extension

Parks staff is working on design of new sidewalk extending from the existing bike path crossing of North Shore Drive to S. Bedford St. Preliminary plans have been prepared and the project is scheduled to go to the June 8th Board of Public Works for approval of plans and specs and authorization to advertise and receive bids. Staff coordinated with Engineering to schedule the lining of an existing metal storm sewer pipe near the proposed sidewalk. Construction is scheduled to start Sept 6, 2016.

Worthington Park Shelter Replacement – East Side

This project was included in the **2016 Sun Shelters Request for Bids and Contract** (see above). The shelter replacement at Worthington Park is anticipated to occur in early fall of 2016.

Other Projects

- Staff worked with Engineering to develop plans for installation of a sidewalk along Drake Street at Vilas Park. Construction is currently underway.
- Staff is working with Engineering to implement path improvements at Demetral Park.
- Staff is working with a consultant at Tenney Park Shelter to come up with solutions to acoustic concerns inside the shelter. The consultants have been reviewed by City Facilities Management and staff continues to explore options. Improvements are scheduled for 2017.
- Staff participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Emerson East – Eken Park – Yahara Neighborhood Plan, Worthington and University/Hill Farms.
- Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory facilities within parks including memorial plaques, benches, trees, etc.
- Staff is coordinating emerald ash borer removals and replacements, and tracking proposed species to meet urban forest diversity guidelines in parks.
- The City has acquired the single family property at 2049 Baird Street for the expansion of Penn Park. The hazardous material abatement is completed and Habitat ReStore has salvaged all the materials from the house. Demolition of the structure by City crews is scheduled after Memorial Day.
- Staff is working on developing walking routes that incorporate paths through park properties, bike trails and sidewalks to create a series of park-oriented walking loops to be mapped via MapMyWalk (or other similar site) and serve as a means to promote Madison's walkability.
- Staff is working with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee on drafting policies related to siting of dog parks and dogs in parks.
- Staff is working on outlining steps for the Park and Open Space Plan. Plan revisions will occur in 2017.
- Parks Staff is working with Engineering staff to cite locations within park properties that may utilize photo voltaic (solar) equipment to help reduce energy costs. Locations being reviewed include Warner Park and Yahara Hills Golf Course.
- Parks Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Lagoon Planning Grant. The first public input meeting will be held in late February or early March.
- Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for late 2016. 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.
- Staff have reviewed and approved two edible landscape permit proposals that were installed at Hollister Avenue Triangle Park and Eken Park in May and continue to receive inquiries about the program and answer questions regarding park site eligibility, the application process and program parameters.

Projects Completed in 2016

- Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements – South East Side
- Parks Project website is complete and up and running. Please visit our site at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/projects> or <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects>