

FEBRUARY 2013 WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR

For most of January temperatures have been favorable for making ice and performing ice maintenance. We have received quite a few compliments on the quality of the ice. There have been some warm patches though, and we've struggled to get our land rink at Heritage Heights open. We finally opened it on 1/23. It will be interesting to see how well it held up during this latest patch of warm weather. We plan on continuing to perform ice maintenance and to work on the rinks into February, as weather conditions permit.

We didn't receive too much snow in January. The few snow events we did have went extremely well. We've continued to work on our newly added bus stop clearing operations. In East Parks alone we have added almost 500 bus stops to our snow removal work compared to previous seasons. As you can imagine this has been quite challenging, we have done our best to adapt to it and are getting to them as quickly as we can so we can get back to our ice rinks.

As we move into February, we will continue to keep the rinks open as long as possible, we will respond to snow events, and we will work on other projects as well. Some of these other projects include: pruning, brush cleanup, maintenance on picnic tables, benches, hockey sections, and garbage cans.

WEST PARKS – LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR

Overall, January was a great month to be able to get out and enjoy winter activities. We experienced a bit of everything in terms of weather conditions, but we were still able to have all of our major rinks up and running the majority of the month and all of the rinks open for a portion of the month. Record highs the last week of January followed by significant snowfall has left the ice in less than ideal conditions, however, with some help from Mother Nature, hard work and a lot of water, we should be able to have the rinks back up and open the first part of February.

In addition to our regular winter tasks of ice maintenance and snow removal, staff will continue with dormant pruning in the parks. We will also begin to prepare for spring by repairing picnic tables and barrels for spring. Towards the end of the month as ice conditions begin to deteriorate, we will be removing hockey boards and repairing those as needed. Staff will also begin servicing equipment in preparation for spring. We will also be assessing our staffing needs and beginning the hiring process for seasonal personnel over the course of the upcoming month.

CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

January brought us the traditional thaw during the middle of the month halting cross-country ski grooming operations. At the end of the month we received over 1 inch of rainfall on January 29, followed by 6-8 inches of snow. There were also some periods of extreme cold with temps in the negative digits which allowed for snow making for the Elver Park sledding hill.

During the thaw we spent some time doing follow up work at Edna Taylor cutting buckthorn and honeysuckle in areas not accessible to the forestry mower. Operation Fresh Start continued to work on oak woodland management at North Cherokee.

Contractors completed tree clearing projects at Westport Meadows and the 5th Addition acquisition at North Cherokee Marsh. At Westport Meadows a strip of box elders were removed along the edge of the wetland to restore a view from the park. Cottonwoods, honeysuckle, and box elder were cleared from an old borrow pit at Cherokee Marsh. This site will be used to receive dredged sediment from boat launch at Warner Park. This will help restore the topography and will be seeded with native prairie this fall. In spring 2014 the adjacent cropland will be seeded to prairie.

MALL CONCOURSE – TOM SKAIFE, SUPERVISOR; LAURA BAUER, LEADSWORKER

Very warm temperatures and rain in January melted most of the snow from December's blizzard. Much of the snow was then replaced on January 30. This was another snowfall with difficult conditions – it rained the entire day before, changing over into snow overnight. This leaves a layer of slush under the snow in many places, but fortunately we had more than a day to get the walks cleared of snow and slush before the temperatures plummeted again.

In coming days we will be clearing benches and bike racks, as well assisting the Parks Construction crew as they haul away the snow.

Construction of the 100 Block Foundation Project has begun on State Street. This necessitated street furniture removal so that the contractor could build a covered sidewalk. We're hopeful that with the reconstruction wrapping around onto Fairchild Street, some accommodation for our snow removal equipment can be incorporated. Currently we're not able to fit most of our equipment through on that block.

Coming up in February is the Madison Winter Festival, when the streets around the Capital will be transformed into a Nordic ski course. Snow is made off-site, trucked in for the event, and then trucked out again

Olbrich at Garden Expo, Feb 8 – 10: visit OBG's booth and get your gardening questions answered!
Children of the Rainforest: Muntu Dance Theatre Group, Sat, Feb 16, performances at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm, 2 and under free, \$2 ages 3 – 12, \$3 ages 13 and up
Indulgence, Wine & Chocolate Tasting, Sat, Feb 23, 5:30 – 8:30 pm (advance tickets recommended)

Education – January classes and programs call **608/246-4550** for information and to register
Wellness at the Gardens

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)
 Yogalates, Wednesdays, Jan 9 – May 22 (no class 10/31 & 11/28), 5:30 – 6:30 pm
 Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, Jan 14 – Mar 11, 6 – 7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

All About Figs, Sat, Feb 2, 1-3 pm
 Introduction to Home Cheese Making, Sat, Feb 2, 10 am – 4 pm
 Do-It-Yourself Permaculture - Water Solutions for Your Property, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 Sustainable Landscaping 101, Thu, Feb 7, 6:30-8:30 pm
 You CAN Draw! For the Absolute Beginner, Sat, Feb 9, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
 Beginner Book Making: Sticky Note Books with Thai Paper Covers & Embellishments, Sat, Feb 9, 1:30 – 2:30
 Inspirations from Olbrich Gardens: The 2012 Chelsea Garden Show & Floriade, Tue, Feb 12, 6:30 – 8 pm
 Heirloom Gardening, Wed, Feb 13, 6:30 – 8 pm
 The Urban Gardener: Laying the Groundwork for a Productive Year, Tue, Feb 19, 6 – 8 pm
 Potager, A French Kitchen Garden, Thu, Feb 21, 6:30 – 8 pm
 Introduction to Painting in Soft Pastel, Sun, Feb 24, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
 The Moonlit Garden, Wed, Feb 27, 6:30 – 8:30
 Small Trees with Big Impact, Thu, Feb 28, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Rainforest Romp Series

Elephants, Fri Feb 8, 10 – 11 am **or** Sat, Feb 9, 10 – 11 am
Monkeys, Fri Feb 15, 10 – 11 am
Tigers, Fri, Feb 22, 10 – 11 am

I Wonder...Series (In honor of the 75th anniversary of the Caldecott Medal for distinguished picture books, Olbrich is kicking off a new series of evening classes that combines literacy and science to explore the natural world.) *grades K-3 with an adult*

What are Tails For? Fri, Feb 15, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	476	459
Pruned by Request	125	102.5
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	507	139
Tree Removal	153	419
Storm Work/Hangers		280

West forestry continued district cycle pruning in Forestry Maintenance District 5. The east side finished district cycle pruning in Forestry Maintenance District 8. The next east side district pruning will occur in Forestry Maintenance District 6. The month of January was filled with tree removals associated with the December storm.

Special projects for the month include:

- Tree pruning/removal at Odana Golf Course

- Tree pruning/removal at Monona Golf Course
- Bear Mound Park removal
- Parks storm damage
- Assisted with sign removal at Reindahl park

Forestry Specialists prepared their final nursery order for spring 2013 and prepared for tree assessments for new plots. We have a new process for reviewing private development plans which includes Forestry Section reviewing the plans that are submitted to Park Planning. Forestry Specialists are now a part of the process to review existing trees impacted by the proposed development and determining replacements when necessary.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – CHRIS PEDRETTI

Park Programs – Anne Whisner/Laura Whitmore

Even with the erratic winter weather, the ice rinks are having a much better year than last. The big three rinks, Tenney, Elver, and Vilas are having excellent years in concessions/rentals at the sites. Adopt Ice Partners are working hard to continue to provide good skating conditions at the neighborhood rinks. Madison Parks began offering skating lessons at Elver and Tenney rinks this year, with over 60 participants registered for the program. Continuing with our Walk with a Doc program, we offered Ice Skate with a Doc and Cross Country Ski with a Doc programs in January. Our Groove and Glide skating parties each Friday evening at rotating rinks have been very successful when the weather has cooperated. The UW Women's Hockey Team drew a large crowd despite cold temperatures at a skate around event at Vilas Park on Jan. 20. Continuing our "Learn to" series, our Learn to Snowshoe event at Elver Park drew a large crowd of over 150 people. The Learn to Ice Skate program was very popular and despite the lack of snow, the Learn to Cross Country Ski program still drew a group of 25 new participants. We partnered with the Friends of Cherokee Marsh for a candlelight ski event at Cherokee Marsh drew over 150 participants.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, Feb. 6: Madison Parks is very excited to partner with the Madison Parks Foundation to present an outdoor screening of the movie "Miracle," the story of the 1980 USA Gold Medal Hockey Team. Special guests and Gold Medal winners Mark Johnson and Bob Suter will be joining the community for a free skate around at Tenney Park during the movie.
- Saturday, Feb. 9: The Daddy/Daughter dance will be held at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Registration is required and is expected to reach capacity.
- Thursday, Feb. 14: A special Groove and Glide party will be held at Tenney Park for Valentine's Day
- Monday, March 4: The Volunteer Recognition Banquet will be held at Olbrich Gardens.
- Friday, March 11: The Mother Son Beach Party will be held at WPCRC.
- Ride the Drive: Planning for the events is in full swing, the date of the downtown event will be Sunday, June 2, with the neighborhood Ride the Drive being held on Sunday, Aug. 18. A west side location is being evaluated for the neighborhood event.

Westside Dog Park

The survey instrument, along with notification postcards to the three neighborhood associations that surround Walnut Grove Park, has been sent out regarding the potential dog park at Walnut Grove Park. The survey will be completed on Friday, Feb. 8 and results will be tabulated and presented at a West Side Dog Park meeting in the future. Staff also attended the neighborhood association's annual meeting on January 20th to discuss the potential dog park. Additional sites on the west side are under evaluation.

Community/Street Events – Kelli Lamberty

There were no street use events in the month of January.

Park Rangers – Josh Schmitt

- Report – December, 2012: The attached report is designed to track the types of contacts that the Park Ranger staff is having and where the contact is located.

	Alcohol	Behavioral	Check area	Complaint	Customer contact	Damage	Dog Violation
August	23	16		7	38	5	8
September	15	4		8	44	4	6
October	7	11	1	6	32	1	2
November	2	0	2	4	2	0	1
December	3	0	15	0	19	1	4

	Drugs	Event without reservation	Found Property	Graffiti	Homeless Issue	Incident	Maintenance
August		2		5			18
September		1		3	36		48
October	1	1		4	10	1	20
November	0	0	3	1	6	0	0
December	0	0	8	0	2	6	1

	Misc	Not open	Overflowing trash	Parking	Sport without reservation	Vandalism
August	20	9	3		0	5
September	46	10	1		1	3
October	3	13	0	4	0	8
November	0	2	0	0	0	0
December	0	6	1	3	0	1

Top Five Parks in Frequency of Calls per Month

Column1	1	2	3	4	5
August	Warner	Olbrich	Britt	Reindahl	Olin
September	Warner	Reindahl	Britt	Tenney	Olbrich
October	Warner	Olin	Vilas	Reindahl	Tenney
November	Warner	Mayfair	Olin	Penn	Brittingham
December	Tenney	Warner	Garner	Door	Olbrich

GOLF – RAY SHANE

The preparation for the 2013 golf season is in full swing. All of the leagues have been contacted and several have already returned their league reservation information. We have also booked a couple of special events and have met with associations to get their events put into the 2013 calendar.

The Odana Clubhouse is in the process of some remodeling and getting the floor in the concession area replaced. We will also be upgrading the clubhouse facilities at Glenway and Monona to bring them in compliance to the new codes.

The selection process for both the Clubhouse Operations Supervisor and for the Assistant Golf Professionals are well into the selection process.

The staff has had a busy winter with equipment repairs, plowing and grooming of x-country ski trails.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

Tenney Park Maintenance Bridge

Demolition of the old bridge was completed during the week of November 19-23. The pilings for the new abutments were driven in November 26-28. The abutments were poured the first week of December. The abutment walls were poured the second week of December. The plywood forms for the bridge span were delivered to the site on December 17th. The project was shut down for the winter at the end of December. All re-bar is in place and they are ready to pour the deck. If we get a spring thaw that lasts a week they may start up again and pour the deck. If not, they will be back on site as soon as weather allows.

Tenney Park Tennis Court Lighting Improvements

Work is essentially complete on the new tennis court lights as of November 23rd. Met with our maintenance staff to do a final walk-through on December 4th. Some repairs are needed to the asphalt patches where the old lights inside the fence were removed; they will be re-done in spring.

Playgrounds 2012

The installation of new playground timbers and surfacing has been completed for the playground at Jana Lane in Sycamore Park, and for Westhaven Trails Park. The installation of a new swing at James Madison Park is also underway, as well as improvements to the playground at Goodman Park. Work will continue in the spring.

Highland Manor Open Space

A grant application was submitted for a FEMA Grant to assist with the majority of funding needed to construct a 'Safe Room' Shelter in the Highland Manor Open Space. City staff will continue to provide information as requested but final award won't be announced until later this year.

Blackhawk Park

Development of plans to incorporate two additional playground components and resolve drainage issues is underway. The neighborhood has provided their share of the funding to move forward with the project (\$15,000); playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed in the spring. A proposed shelter design and preliminary cost estimate has been developed. An RFQ for the structure is anticipated to be released in early March after getting input from the neighborhood.

Central Park

Final plans and specifications are nearly complete for Phase 1A of the construction in 2013; comments have been received from the DOT and are being addressed. The contract will go out for bid in the spring, with construction estimated to start in June. Real Estate has completed the acquisition of the necessary ROW easements for the construction of the Few Street Crossing; development of the construction drawings for Phase 1B (including the transportation/bike path improvements along Wilson Street) will begin shortly. Construction for this project is also scheduled in 2013.

Olbrich Botanical Complex

Bids have been received on the Olbrich Roof Replacement, with bids coming in within budget for the project. Bidding is currently underway for the accessible restroom at Olbrich. The first public input meeting was held on January 15th for the Olbrich Public Buildings project. The second information meeting is scheduled for February 21st. The project's core team continues to meet bi-weekly to discuss and review materials prepared by the design consultant.

Reindahl Park Softball Complex

Two meetings with the Technical Committee have been held on the development of a softball complex at Reindahl. Discussion continues on field configuration, structures, and maintenance requirements. The final preferred option is scheduled to be presented to the Goodman Foundation on February 19th.

Reindahl Park Splash Pad

The RFP (Request for Proposal) to hire a consultant to assist us in the planning and design for the proposed splash pad at Reindahl Park was awarded to Water Technology Inc. for a fee of \$39,450.00. Staff has been working with the consultant on conceptual designs which will be presented at a public input meeting in February.

Tenney Park/Yahara River Parkway

Staff met with the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway on November 29th to discuss 2013 projects including landscaping and invasive removals. Additionally, staff has been working with the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway to coordinate removal of 7 declining trees within Tenney Park along the Yahara River as part of the Thornton Avenue reconstruction project.

Reservoir Park

Staff is working with the Water Utility on the design and plans for slope stabilization along the reservoir in conjunction with the construction of the new Booster Pump Station at Reservoir Park. Staff is also beginning the initial research and design of playground improvements at Reservoir Park, with neighborhood meetings to be scheduled in the near future.

Park Native Plantings

Staff is working on plans and specifications for City-wide native planting contract. Staff will be issuing a request for quotes to contractors for installation and maintenance of native plants at multiple parks.

Odana Golf Course

Staff is working on design improvements for the HWY 12 landscape buffer at the Odana Golf Course related to the ATC construction. Design improvements include landscaping, fencing and berms to provide a visual and sound buffer between the golf course and HWY 12.

Park Landscaping

The annual park landscaping contract was advertised to bid on January 25th with bids due on February 15th. These plans include landscaping at Burrows Park, BB Clarke Park, Glenway Golf Course, Glenwood Park, Hammersley Park, Hiestand Park, Lost Creek Park, Marshall Park, Odana Golf Course, Olive Jones Park, Tenney Park, Vilas Park, Warner Park and memorial tree plantings, including pilot edible landscaping projects and park signs that do not have existing landscaping.

Cypress Splash Pad

Bids were received for the shade structure at Cypress Park. The low bidder was CoverWorx Recreational Architecture at \$11,167.00. Staff has submitted plans and specifications for the building permit and will be issuing a request for quotes to contractors for installation of the shade structure and associated site work.

Warner Park Boat Launch Dredging

Final plans/specifications were completed for the dredging of the boat launch, scheduled as a 2-phase project in 2013. We will be removing around 300 CY of material in spring before the opening fishing day, then come back in December 2013 to complete the project. The DNR permit application is complete and has been submitted. First ad is February 1, 2013.

Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements:

We are working with Strand Engineering on costs and packaging options for the installation of a new PA system and new more efficient light fixtures for Breese Stevens Field. Presently we are looking at options for the PA system with lights to follow. These improvements have been budgeted for in 2013, with installation planned for October/November.

Breese Stevens Field Concrete Deck Repairs:

We are working with Graef – USA Engineers to come up with plans and specs to repair deck de-lamination areas along the main walkway at Breese. This work is to be done in between the spring and fall seasons, anticipated to be July 29th to August 23rd.

Rennebohm Park Tennis Court Lighting Improvements

Started working on plans and specs for the removal/replacement of the tennis court lights at Rennebohm Park. The lights will not be replaced until after the season (October/November, 2013).

Bowman Field

The RFP (Request for Proposal) to secure an electrical engineering firm to assist us in the analysis of the electrical service for Bowman Field has been posted to the City website. Proposals are due February 13th. Included in the work to be performed by the consultant will be plans, specifications and estimates for the upgrading of the electrical distribution system, the removal/replacement of the athletic field lights for the baseball diamond as well as input/costs as to the removal and replacement of the softball diamond lighting systems in out years. The baseball lighting improvements and distribution improvements have been budgeted for in 2013.

Tenney Park Lagoon Control Structure

The proposed control structure improvements are currently being reviewed by the DNR. Approval for the requested changes is anticipated in early February. We are currently preparing bid drawings and specifications for release in mid-March.

Wingra Park

Working with our Construction crew on a re-grading plan and a new backstop for the Wingra Park softball diamond. Plans are to replace the old backstop and feather topsoil onto the softball diamond outfield to remove the "humps/dips" that have appeared over the years.

Tennis Court Resurfacing

Plans and specs were completed for the annual tennis court resurfacing contract. Courts to be resurfaced in 2013 are Odana Hills East (3 courts); Wexford (2 courts); Kennedy Parks (2 courts). Cracks are filled, a leveler course is installed to fill puddles, a resurfacer course, then finally the new (green) color coat is applied.

Brittingham Park

Staff met with representatives from the neighborhood and the Alder on January 23rd regarding the path and seating area project in Brittingham Park, at the intersection of Proudfit and North Shore Drive (201 Proudfit Street). Coordination issues were discussed and a tentative neighborhood meeting schedule established. Staff has also reached out to the Railroad regarding the railroad crossing to connect to the bikepath to the east; research and discussions are underway.

Other Projects

- Working with City Engineering on a shoreline restoration project at Paunack Park.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold and Hoyt Park.
- Working in coordination with Park Operations to install park signs where needed. Also coordinating the fabrication and installation of Stewardship signs on property acquired with Stewardship grant funding.

WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – BRAD WEISINGER

Admissions and Passes

	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	% Rev Budget	% Change
Pass Plans	\$62,540.30	\$60,751.00	107%	-2%
Admissions	\$27,545.00	\$25,957.00	74%	-5%

Concessions and Catering

Calendar Year	December Revenue	Revenue YTD	% Rev budget	% Change
2011	\$2,656.50	\$15,792.70		
2012	\$536.30	\$15,447.36	138%	-2%

Exercise Room, Game Room and Open Gym

	2011	2011	2012	2012
Service Area	December Visits	YTD Visits	December Visits	YTD Visits
Exercise Room	3,253	34,778	2,583	32,955
Game Room	169	2,590	111	2,029
Open Gym	510	4,177	612	3,317
Combined Totals	3,932	41,545	3,306	38,301

Facility Rentals

Calendar Year	December rental totals	December No. Free	% Free	Rentals YTD	Free Rentals YTD	% Free YTD	YTD Revenue	% Rev budget
2011	106	45	42%	1346	473	35%	\$63,579.38	125%
2012	85	40	47%	1,437	523	36%	\$65,845.50	129%

Facility Rentals, continued

Calendar Year	YTD hrs	YTD hrly participations
2011	3,377.35	195,264
2012	3,316.20	180,205

Playroom Revenues

	2008	2008 NPC	Grand Total	2009	2009 NPC	Grand Total	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Jan	\$105.00	\$37.50	\$142.50	\$81.00	\$37.50	\$118.50	\$75.00	\$279.50	\$107.00	-61%
Feb	\$188.50	\$37.50	\$226.00	\$64.50	\$67.50	\$132.00	\$104.50	\$113.00	\$70.00	-38%
March	\$236.00	\$37.50	\$273.50	\$137.50	\$37.50	\$175.00	\$63.00	\$148.00	\$79.00	-47%
April	\$130.00	\$37.50	\$167.50	\$89.00	\$37.50	\$126.50	\$69.00	\$79.50	\$31.50	-60%
May	\$143.00	\$37.50	\$180.50	\$52.50	\$37.50	\$90.00	\$26.50	\$67.50	\$15.00	-77%
June	\$144.50	\$37.50	\$182.00	\$76.50	\$37.50	\$114.00	\$13.50	\$24.50	\$46.00	88%
July	\$50.00	\$37.50	\$87.50	\$53.50	\$37.50	\$91.00	\$21.00	\$19.00	\$29.00	53%
August	\$28.00	\$37.50	\$65.50	\$49.50	\$37.50	\$87.00	\$6.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	7%
September	\$212.50	\$37.50	\$250.00	\$90.00	\$37.50	\$127.50	\$67.50	\$78.00	\$154.00	97%
October	\$182.50	\$37.50	\$220.00	\$79.00	\$37.50	\$116.50	\$111.00	\$51.00	\$98.50	93%
November	\$163.00	\$37.50	\$200.50	\$75.00	\$37.50	\$112.50	\$136.50	\$67.00	\$42.00	-37%
Annual Total	\$1,583.00	\$412.50	\$1,995.50	\$848.00	\$442.50	\$1,290.50	\$693.50	\$954.00	\$701.00	-27%

YTD 2012 Age Profile

2012 Jan-December Preschool – Elementary	388
Middle and High School Activity	
Middle and High School Early Release	1,035
Middle School Socials	1,981
Youth Basketball Games	1,875
Youth Basketball Practices	2,560
Structured Service	361
Neighborhood Center Nights	1,600
Total Youth	9,800

YTD Income Compliance

HUD 1	HUD 2	HUD 3	HUD 4
\$0-\$29,000	\$15,351-\$48,300	\$25,601-\$75,900	\$40,250-\$75,900+

Income levels are based on households with 1 – 8 family members.
62% compliance - YTD

