

SUPERINTENDENT'S MARCH 2018 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary

- Ice rinks closed for the season on February 21, allowing for staff to begin the spring-cleaning and beautification process – with tasks such as painting and repairing picnic tables, picking up trash in medians and parks, pruning and mulching.
- Four off-leash dog parks closed indefinitely due to the spring thaw and muddy conditions.
- Following the first public input meeting for improvements at Brittingham Park dog park, planning staff are working on preliminary designs which include synthetic turf. Staff are working with the Alder to schedule a second public input meeting to be held later this spring.
- The two pedestrian bridges at Vilas Park will be replaced this year and are anticipated to be completed by late August. During this time, the shelter is closed to the public and reservations.
- An inclusive playground is coming to Elver Park. Planning staff held a follow-up session with the neighborhood as part of the Elver Park Neighborhood Center's Black History Month Celebration event on February 22.
- Gates of Heaven flooring and roofing are scheduled to be replaced later this year. Staff is working with the State Historical Preservation Office on this project.
- Pruning street trees for 2018 engineering projects took top priority this month for both sides of the city. Forestry specialists have been inventorying and evaluating street trees for the 2018 engineering projects and then advising the design engineers.
- Madison Parks and WPCRC's community outreach continued with a booth at the Wisconsin Fishing Expo, Kids Expo, Lindberg Elementary Literacy Night, Frozen Assets Festival, among others.
- Central Park will be officially renamed to McPike Park in a dedication ceremony at the park on Wednesday, April 4 at 3pm. All are invited to attend.
- Staffing updates: Craig Klinke (East Parks Supervisor) is working as the interim Forestry Operations Supervisor and Kristin Mathews will be working as the interim East Parks Supervisor.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

With the thawing and freezing cycles in February, it was challenging to sneak out a few more weeks of the ice season. Kudos to the crew for stepping up and doing what they could to make it happen! We have now moved into our shop season. Repairing hockey goals, painting table and barrels at three locations. Picking boulevards and high visibility areas when the weather permits.

The Parks Arborist Crew is working with Forestry for a limited time while the ground is too soft to work in parks or golf courses. Our Parks Maintenance Workers will assist Forestry with some Gypsy Moth egg mass scraping on Cottage Grove Road in the near future. In addition, we have finished updating maps of our no mow/low mow maps areas. We are working with Parks Planning to map all mow areas including medians in GT Viewer. We are working with the Landscape Maintenance Workers on a plan to expand our beautification efforts.

In addition, we are looking to collaborate trash collection with the Streets Division starting this spring. We have compiled a list of parks that will be part of this program. Streets will be assisting us in dumping those, freeing up our packer and workers for other assignments.

On a staffing note, Craig Klinke has been provisionally appointed to serve as the Forestry Operations Supervisor until a permanent Supervisor is in place. Kristin Mathews will be serving as the provisionally appointed East Parks Supervisor during this period. We also had a recent retirement of a long-time Parks Maintenance Worker, and we wish him well in his retirement. We look forward to an exciting start to the year.

Enjoy the nice weather! Spring is here...right?!

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks

The first half of February was very active, keeping us busy performing snow removal and ice maintenance. By the end of the month, the temperatures started to climb and the snow melted, allowing us to get out into the parks. In addition to a general refuse cleanup of our parks and boulevards, we were able to start mulching some of our landscape beds. When the weather is not cooperating, we painted picnic tables and trashcans in preparation of spring. The LMW's spent more time on ash tree removals, both with the Parks arborists and alone.

With the ice rinks shut down now, March will be a month of transition into spring. When the weather is conducive, we will work in the parks on pruning, mulching and general cleanup. We will finish up working on picnic tables and barrels in anticipation of placing some towards the end of the month as weather warms up. The skate park will be open when we do not have inclement weather with the skate park friends group helping with opening duties on the weekend. We will keep athletic fields closed until we feel they dry enough to withstand traffic. The LMW's will work on spring planting maps for ash tree replacements when not out in the field assisting with ash removals.

Mall Maintenance:

February was an active weather month, with the crew being busy with snow removal on a daily basis. By mid-February, the downtown was in need of its first snow removal pushout and haul, which the crew executed perfectly. Continued hauling of snow persisted until the Concourse was snow-free by the end of the month. Warmer temperatures invaded the area late in the month, allowing the crew to powerwash the service area.

Looking ahead to March, events will start up again, with the Shamrock Shuffle and St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will continue cross-training, with more loader training from Landscape Construction and working with Forestry regarding tree grate repair. Spring banners will be exchanged for the winter banners to enliven the mood. We will also be replacing numerous bike racks, benches, and trash cans that are rusty or damaged. March will be a busy month for the Downtown!

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

Despite the fact that the recent warm weather has melted most of the snow in Forest Hill, some of the shadier spots still have up to 30" of frost remaining. This means that frost heaters can take 2 days to thaw the ground before a grave can be dug.

Even though the seasons feel like they're changing, we certainly remain ready to address any snow that should fall. On a nice day it's easy to believe that spring is well on the way, but as everyone who's lived here for a few years can affirm, we often get deep and heavy snowfalls in March.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of February there were seven full-size burials and one remains burial. There were no lot sales.

Summit Maintenance:

Skating rinks closed for the season on January 20 due to rain. The artificial snow loop of Nordic ski trails at Elver was able to remain open through the first week of March, however.

The Elver hockey rink has been dismantled and removed, and is drying and awaiting paving in the Elver shelter. We're waiting for the boards at Westmorland to melt out a bit before taking that rink down, but we hope to be able to do it in the next week or two.

Warm weather during the last week of February has resulted in bare ground, with the exception of areas where snow was piled. Parks crews are out picking garbage from medians and parks – always an enormous job this time of year. It's time consuming and expensive, but we have no other effective means of cleaning up the medians.

In the upcoming month, we'll be working with the Forestry section to locate and remove Gypsy Moth egg masses from oak trees in parks and medians. Depending on ground conditions, we would also like to flail-mow some sumac so that the Construction section can access an area of Odana School Park to address an erosion issue, and we will also be assisting with tree removal at Junction Ridge Park so that the remainder of the park can be developed.

As we do every Spring, we will be placing trash barrels back in the parks, increasing the frequency of our garbage collection, and placing benches back in tennis courts after their use in warming shelters. We'll also be repairing hockey goals for next winter and assembling and repairing picnic tables.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

Snow was present during the first full week of February, and ski trails were groomed before weather conditions ended the season mid-month. After that, Conservation staff continued to work on controlling brush and woody invasive species, including some dense buckthorn around the Panther Mound at Edna Taylor. Staff also worked at Prairie Ridge and Stricker's Pond and were able to burn a few brush piles. We inventoried snags and mowed brush in additional management units at North Cherokee Marsh, and contractors completed invasive woody species removal projects at the North and South Units of Cherokee Marsh as well.

I presented a first draft of the Habitat Management Plan for Owen Conservation Park to the Habitat Stewardship Committee this month. This is the first of a series of written plans that will be developed for the conservation parks over the next two years. These site-specific plans will provide more detail than Parks' Land Management Plan, and will explain the specific conservation values and threats, management rationale and objectives, and estimated budgets for each conservation park. I also submitted our Natural Lawn and Prairie Restoration Burn permit application to Madison Fire Department this month.

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	393	360
Pruned by Request	580	1,006
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	338	116
Tree Removal	58	152
Ash Preemptive Removals	269	816
Storm Work/Hangers		12
Snow Plow/Shovel		377

Both east and the west unit was able to work in District Cycle pruning as well as small tree cycle pruning. The west unit was able to get a little bit of Small Tree Cycle pruning completed. Pruning street trees for 2018 engineering projects took top priority this month for both sides of the city.

Forestry specialists have been inventorying and evaluating street trees for the 2018 engineering projects and then advising the design engineers. Private developments have come in at a steady pace which forestry specialist reviews the proposed plan as it relates to street tree removal and/or replacement. Finally, they are working on marking ash preemptive removals in the field and creating work orders for the removals for the forestry forepersons.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

Warner Park Community Recreation Center – Terrence Thompson

- WPCRC Advisory Committee Update
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, January 25 (Did not meet quorum)
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, March 22

WPCRC Facility News

- Received and reviewing quote from (IBS-Integral Building Systems, Inc) for 2017 CIP technology upgrades.

WPCRC Programs & Events News

- Warner Family Fun Nights-Each month the WPCRC attracts more than 200+ participants for Family Fun Nights. We've started off the school year with record high attendance rates and a lot of excitement from our participants.
 - February 9-141 participants
 - Upcoming Dates: March 9, April 13
- Spring Fest Arts and Crafts Fair
 - Saturday April 7, 9:00am-3:00pm
- Community Outreach – WPCRC will be attending a variety of community events to better serve families and to reach out to prospective members and community agencies. At these events we will have a Madison Parks info booth, prizes, signup sheets, and information about WPCRC. A few of the upcoming events we will be set up at:
 - Lindberg Elementary Literacy Night-March 7
 - Mendota Elementary PTO Silent Auction-March 9
 - MSCR Be The Best You at East HS-April 20

WPCRC Facility Usage Report - 2018

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2017	2016
Facility Rentals	368	375											743	5,007	5,711
Pass Visits															
Exercise Room	2705	1549											4,254	26,993	32,539
Game Room	241	236											477	2,187	1,864
Gymnasium	382	325											707	2,820	4,186

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

Annual and Daily Permits Processed (including quantities ordered online)								
	2018 Jan 1- Feb 28		2017 Totals		2016 Totals		2015 Totals	
	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)
Disc Golf	224 (103)	142 (7)	1,456 (503)	6,769 (59)	1,443 (245)	6,248 (14)	1,420 (194)	7,196 (0)
Dog	4,205 (2,658)	75 (5)	7,843 (4,432)	892 (13)	8,221 (4,063)	618 (6)	7,147 (2,628)	592 (0)
Lake	192 (102)	26 (N/A)	3,559 (1,373)	4,937 (N/A)	4,322 (593)	5,192 (N/A)	4,099 (394)	5,205 (N/A)
XC Ski	1,275 (663)	818 (20)	1,325 (743)	500 (14)	1,318 (362)	489 (0)	1,266 (213)	558 (0)

* Annual permit quantities are from Nov 15 of the previous year through Nov 14 of the current year. Daily quantities are from January 1 of the applicable year.
The option for customers to purchase online has been a great success!!

Gift Certificates Processed By Year						
2018 totals, as of Feb 28		2017		2016		2015
12 - \$320		233 - \$10,987		137 - \$9,585		200 - \$8,306

Recreation Services - Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator



Parks Division: Recreation Services
 Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator
 Melissa Zehner, Recreation Services Assistant
 Wednesday, March 14th 2018

Event	Date	Time	Location	Partnering Organization/ Volunteer(s)	People Registered	People Attended	Additional Notes
Learn To Events							
Learn to Cross-Country Ski	1/21/18	9:00am - 10:30am	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	REI	47	19	
Learn to Winter Disc Golf	1/27/18	10:00am - 11:30am	Yahara Hills-6701 US HWY 12/18	Holly Finley- Innova Discs	15	14	
Learn to Cross-Country Ski	2/4/18	10:00am - 11:30am	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	MadNorSki & Winter Fest	47	44	
Learn to Snowshoe	2/9/18	1:30pm - 3:00pm	Elver Park	REI & Aldo Leopold Nature Center	44	25	
Learn to Cross-Country Ski	2/9/18	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Elver Park	REI & MadNorSki	23	22	
Learn to Track Critters	2/9/18	5:00pm- 6:30pm	Elver Park	Paul Noeldner volunteer Bird & Nature Coord.	8	5	
Learn to Broomball	2/10/18	10:00am - 11:30am	Elver Park	Madison Sports & Social Club	4	5	
Learn to Ice Skate	2/25/18	5:30pm-7:00pm	Tenney Park				Cancelled due to weather
Learn to Ice Skate	2/26/18	5:30pm-7:00pm	Vilas Park				Cancelled due to weather
Learn to Ice Skate	2/27/18	5:30pm-7:00pm	Elver Park				Cancelled due to weather
Learn to Cross-Country Ski	2/28/18	6:00pm-7:00pm	Elver Park	REI & MadNorSki	16	13	

Promotional Events							
New Employee Tabling	12/6/17	12:30pm-2:30pm	Police Training Center - 5702 Femrite Dr.			Approx. 30	
Wellness Fair Tabling	1/31/18	11:00am-1:30pm	Wisconsin DPI- 125 S Webster St	WI Department of Public Instruction Wellness Committee		Approx. 100	
Frozen Assets Festival	2/3/18	10:00am-3:00pm	The Edgewater	The Edgewater, Clean Lakes Alliance		110	
Golf Tee Off Party	2/17/18	2:00-7:00pm	Odana Hills Golf Course	First Tee of South Central WI		350	
WI Fishing Expo	2/23/18-2/25/18	Friday 4:00-9:00pm, Saturday 9am-7pm , Sunday 9:00am-4:00pm	Alliant Energy Center			1,700+	Sold 5 Lake Access Permits
Madison Kids Expo	3/3-3/4	10:00am-4:00pm Saturday & Sunday	Alliant Energy Center			People stopping by our booth Sat: 932 Sun: 1,000	
Recreation Events							
Candlelit Hike	12/16/2017	4:30pm-8:00pm	Aldo Leopold, Edna Taylor, Warren Park	Monona Parks and Receptions & Aldo Leopold Nature Center		800	
Groove & Glide	1/19/2018	6:00-8:00pm	Westmorland Park			80	
Winter Disc Golf Tournament	1/27/18	9:00am-5:00pm	Yahara Hills	Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)			
Groove & Glide	2/2/18	6:00-8:00pm	Tenney Park			500+	Rescheduled from 1/26/18 cancellation due to weather
Daddy & Daughter Dance	2/3/18	3:00-5:00pm & 6:00- 8:00pm	WPCRC		1st: 114 2nd:140	1st: 120 2nd:128	
Groove & Glide	2/9/18	6:00-8:00pm	Elver Park			75	
Snow Glow	2/9/18	1:30-8:00pm	Elver Park	MSCR, REI, ALNC, MadNorSki		1,000	
Warner Family Fun Night	2/9/18	5:30-8:30pm	WPCRC	MSCR, WPCRC			
Groove & Glide	2/16/18	6:00-8:00pm	Vilas Park			100	
Candlelit Hike	2/17/18		Cherokee Marsh	Friends of Cherokee Marsh			Rescheduled from 1/27/18 cancelled due to weather
Movie Night -LEAP	2/17/18	6:00-8:30pm	Tenney Park			30	

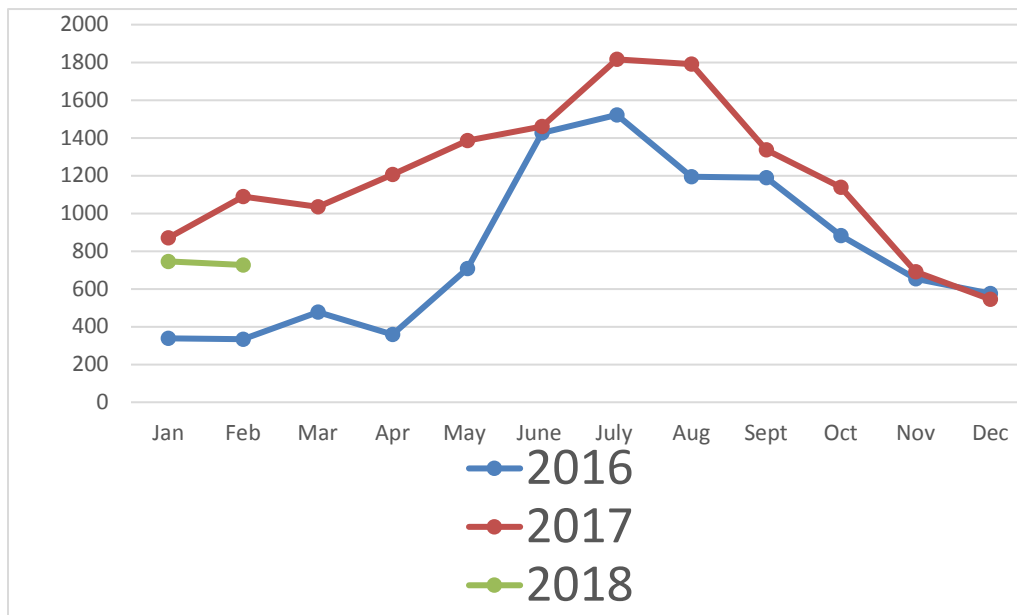
Lessons							
Cross-Country Ski Lessons	Jan: 19, Feb: 9, 16	1:00-3:30pm	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	Waldorf School	20-30		No Equipment Needed, Warming Shelter Open
Ice Skating Lessons	Feb: 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 Mar: 3	Mondays 5:30-7:45pm Saturdays 9:00-11:20am	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.				Cancelled due to weather
Ice Skating Lessons	Feb: 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 Mar: 1	Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30-7:45pm	Tenney Park- 402 N Thornton Ave				Cancelled due to weather
Ice Skating Parties							
Skating Party	1/31/18	12:30-1:30	Tenney Park- 402 N Thornton Ave	Marquette Elementary	92		
Skating Party	2/1/18	5:30-7:30	Tenney Park- 402 N Thornton Ave	Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Assoc.	100+		
Skating Party	2/6/18	12:30-1:30	Tenney Park- 402 N Thornton Ave	Lindberg Elementary	60		
Skating Party	2/9/18	9:15-10:15pm	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	Private Group - Work Party	24		Cancelled
Skating Party	2/10/18	9-10am	Tenney Park- 402 N Thornton Ave	Private Group - Birthday Party	20		
Skating Party	2/12/18	10:45-11:45am, 2-3pm	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	St. Ambrose Academy	23		
Skating Party	2/13/18	10:45-11:45, 12:30-1:30pm	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	St. Ambrose Academy	34		
Skating Party	2/15/18	8:15-10:15pm	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	Amatuer Hockey Assoc. of Missouri Inc.	25		Cancelled due to weather
Skating Party	2/15/18	10:45-11:45am	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	St. Ambrose Academy	19	Rescheduled 2/22/18	Cancelled due to weather
Skating Party	2/18/18	10:00am-12:00pm	Tenney Park- 402 N Thornton Ave	Madison Chemistry Group	40		
Skating Party	2/19/18	11:00am-1:00pm	Tenney Park- 402 N Thornton Ave	Filament Games	30		
Skating Party	2/19/18	2-3pm	Elver Park -1250 McKenna Blvd.	St. Ambrose Academy	16	Rescheduled 2/26/18	Cancelled due to weather
Upcoming Events							
Warner Family Fun Night	3/9/18	5:30-8:30pm	WPCRC	MSCR, WPCRC			
PDGA Disc Golf Tournament	3/10/18	9:00am-5:00pm	Yahara Hills	PDGA			
Learn to Stargaze	3/12/18	7:00-8:00pm	Vilas Park	UW Space Place			
Dog Park Clean Up	3/24/18	10:00am-12:00pm	Various Parks	Dane County Parks			
Promotional Event: New Employee Tabling	3/28/18	12:30-3:00pm	Police Training Center				
Spring Fest	4/3/18	9:00am-3:00pm	WPCRC				
Learn to Bird Watch	4/8/18	9:00-10:30am	Elver Park	Aubon Society			
Learn to Stargaze	4/9/18	7:00-8:00pm	Tenney Park	UW Space Place			

**Rangers & Aquatics – Josh Schmidt
2017**

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	11	6	326
Assist Citizen	11	3	4	12	11	35	19	12	24	4	6	2	143
Assist Fire/Police	6	0	0			2	2	4	1	3	3	0	21
Check Person	24	10	8	12	8	22	4	17	6	4	1	1	117
Check Area	753	969	888	1055	1208	1215	1527	1481	1245	1046	667	535	12589
Behavioral Ban	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	9
Damage to property	2	2	2	9	1	7	11	2	1	7	0	0	44
Drug Investigation	2	0	0	1		0	1	1	2	1	0	0	8
Graffiti complaint	2	6	1	1	7	3	5	4	0	5	0	0	34
Intoxicated Person	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	11
Information	54	65	64	73	100	141	204	193	3	1	2	0	900
Liquor Law Violation	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	0	0	14
No permanent Address issue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	1
Noise complaint		0	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	13
Parking Complaint	3	6	4	5	7	8	22	21	12	30	1	1	120
Phone Call	0					0	6	4	0	1	0	0	11
Trespass	0					1	0		0	2	0	0	3
Total reports	871	1089	1035	1206	1386	1460	1816	1791	1336	1138	691	545	13874

2018

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	14	37											51
Assist Citizen	11	5											16
Assist Fire/ Police		1											1
Check Person	1	3											4
Check Area	633	575											1208
Behavioral Ban	0	0											0
Damage to property	2	1											3
Drug Investigation	0	0											0
Graffiti complaint	3	1											4
Intoxicated Person	0	0											0
Information	78	96											174
Liquor Law Violation	0	0											0
No permanent Address issue	0	0											0
Noise complaint	0	0											0
Parking Complaint	4	7											11
Phone Call	0	0											0
Trespass	0	1											1
Total reports	746	727											1405



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South

Status: Construction

The contractor has started construction of the new backstop at Bowman Field. The project is schedule 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. The contractor is planning to start work on March 12th, 2018.

Garver Feed Mill – East

Status: Construction

The developer obtained their final zoning approvals and closed on the Lot 1 property in early December. S&L Underground was awarded the contract to remove the stockpiled leaf and stump grinding materials, which was completed on January 15th. The contractor will complete temporary seeding this spring.

Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central

Status: Planning

Staff and Isthmus Architecture are finalizing plans for a new concessions and restroom addition to the historic stadium. The project received approval from the Wisconsin State Historical Society in October and City of Madison Landmarks Commission in early December. The project was presented to the Urban Design Commission on January 24th. Per the request of the District 2 alder, the Commission referred the project to the February 21st to allow for additional neighborhood review. The project received final approval from the UDC on the 21st. The project will be released for bids in March 2018, with the majority of the construction occurring during the 2018-2019 off-season.

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.

2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide

Status: On-going

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 in coordination with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

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 will start back up in May 2018 and will continue 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 work under the contract will start back up in May 2018 and continue through December 1, 2018.

Brittingham Dog Park

Status: Planning

Parks staff is developing preliminary designs to redesign Brittingham dog park with synthetic turf. Staff held a public input meeting on January 31st, 2018 and will hold a second public input meeting this spring.

James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design- Near East

Status: Planning

Urban Assets is continuing the public engagement process for the master plan and shelter design. The first stakeholder meeting was held January 10th, 2018, the first public input meeting was held on January 17th, 2018, and the first focus group meeting was held on January 31st. The second stakeholder meeting was held on February 28th, and the second public input meeting was held on February 10th, 2018. All focus group interviews required as part of this project have been completed.

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. 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

Bids for the project to replace the 2 existing pedestrian bridges at the Vilas Lagoon were received on December 15th with R. G. Huston the apparent low bidder. The preconstruction meeting was held on February 27, with construction starting on March 19. The project completion date is August 15, 2018.

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. A new roof for the building is also planned for 2018.

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

Status: Planning

Staff are working with Engineering Facilities who will lead the restroom replacement project which is anticipated to be issued for bid in late March, with construction anticipated to begin in late June 2018. Sitework improvements designed by Parks staff (including the parking lot, basketball court replacement and accessible path connections) will be bid in late 2018 and constructed in 2019.

Eken Park Place making Improvements – East

Status: Planning

Staff re-issued a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the installation of a seating area, landscaping and historical plaque at Eken Park and received two qualified bids at the end of February. Construction of the CDBG funded project is anticipated to begin in April.

Pennsylvania Park Place making Improvements – East**Status: Planning**

Staff continues to work with Madison Arts Commission as they have been finalizing the selection of the artist and piece to be installed at Pennsylvania Park. Parks staff will coordinate the installation of a public art piece in the park following selection by the neighborhood of the chosen artwork. The project is anticipated to be installed in spring 2018.

Wingra Park – Near West**Status: Construction**

Staff is working with Engineering to address shoreline improvements to Wingra Park. Bids were opened by Engineering for this contract on January 25th, 2018 and tentatively awarded to Speedway Sand & Gravel.

Thousand Oaks Park – Far West**Status: Construction**

The developer, Veridian Homes, has completed the majority of the phase 1 work on the grading and storm sewer improvements that were done under a private contract. The second phase of work, including the playground, path and shelter improvements are anticipated to begin this spring. 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 30th and December 18th to discuss the Ocean Road playground replacement. The construction will be completed by Parks Construction crews.

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

Dudgeon School Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which is anticipated to be bid for construction on March 1st. Construction is anticipated to begin in May at Odana Hills, the first of the group 1 sites.

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

Indian Hills Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which is anticipated to be bid for construction on March 1. Construction is anticipated to begin in July at Indian Hills.

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

Odana Hills Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which is anticipated to be bid for construction on March 1. Construction is anticipated to begin in June at Odana Hills, which will be the first site started under the Group 1 contract in recognition that the neighborhood went a full summer (in 2017) without a playground due to the former site's total loss from fire damage.

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

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Acewood Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 6th. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

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

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Elmside Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 11th. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

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

Staff held a public meeting on November 29th to discuss the Washington Manor playground replacement. The second public input was held on January 18th, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

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

Staff held a public input meeting on November 20th, 2017 to discuss the Reger Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on January 23rd, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018. Parks staff is coordinating lighting improvements in the park, 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 was held on January 17th, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

Olin Park Boat Launch Reconstruction – Isthmus/Central**Status: Pending Construction**

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 has been bid and the City has selected Janke Contractors to perform the work.

North Star Park Expansion – Far East**Status: Planning**

Staff received over 150 on-line survey results for the park master plan. The survey is a joint effort to inform the planning process for both North Star Expansion and Camar Park. Staff will hold a follow-up meeting anticipated to be held in April after surveys have been analyzed and schematic designs for the expansion area have been prepared to receive feedback and possible approval as part of a master plan revision.

Camar Park Master Plan – Far East**Status: Planning**

Staff received over 150 on-line survey results for the park master plan. The survey is a joint effort to inform the planning process for both North Star Expansion and Camar Park. Staff will hold a follow-up meeting anticipated to be held in April after surveys have been analyzed and schematic designs for the expansion area have been prepared to receive feedback and possible approval as part of a master plan revision.

Elver Park Inclusive Playground – South/West**Status: Planning**

Staff held a follow-up session with the neighborhood as part of the Elver Park Neighborhood Center's Black History Month Celebration event on February 22nd. At the session, attendees selected the preferred color option and had the chance to review the revised proposal by Little Tykes Commercial, the vendor selected during the first public input meeting. This project is anticipated to be bid in early May, with construction beginning in July 2018.

Greenside Park Master Plan – South / West**Status: Planning**

Staff anticipate holding a public meeting with the neighborhood in April 2018 to discuss master plan development at Greenside Park following a tree survey to be conducted in February to assist in determining the type and quality of canopy trees on the 2.51-acre property.

Meadowood Park Sun Shelter – West**Status: Planning**

Replacement of the park's existing sun shelter is anticipated to be bid beginning on March 8th. Pending a successful bid opening, construction is anticipated to begin in early June. The new shelter will generally sit in the location of the original building.

City-wide Invasive Removal Contract**Status: Planning**

Staff issued an RFP for the city's first city-wide contract to remove invasive plants throughout raingardens, shorelines and greenways in late December. Bids were opened on January 24th and the contract was tentatively awarded to Quercus Land Stewardship, LLC. Installation of native seed and plants will be included in this contract. Prescribed burns as part of this contract will begin in March.

2018 Tennis and Sport Court Resurfacings**Status: Bidding**

Work under this contract includes crack filling, resurfacing and striping of tennis and/or basketball courts at eight parks including Goodman basketball, Nakoma tennis (adding pickleball striping), Odana Hills East tennis, Olbrich tennis, Rennebohm tennis, Richmond Hill basketball and Walnut Grove tennis. This contract will be bid beginning on 3/1 and is anticipated to start on or before 5/14.

2018 West Park Division Fencing and Backstops**Status: Planning**

This contract will be a repurposing of the general fencing and backstops contract which was opened in early March but had all bids rejected due to failure to properly satisfy Small Business Enterprise (SBE) requirements. The new contract will include the work at the west park properties only, including Bordner Park tennis and backstop, Garner Park pickleball, Rennebohm Park backstop and Wingra Park backstop. The remaining east sites will be issued separately under an Request for Quotes (RFQ) as the estimate will not require bidding through Public Works.

Park Paving 2018**Status: Planning**

This contract will be replacing asphalt pavement at three locations.

Garner Park will see a continuation of the path replacement started in 2017 to reconstruct the worst sections of park path and bring them up to modern standards capable of supporting traffic from maintenance vehicles.

Rennebohm Park will see a shift in the existing path to accommodate the community garden expansion.

Indian Hills Park path will be reconstructed and replaced in approximately the same location.

Project is currently being designed and Parks anticipates advertising for bids on March 22nd, 2018. Construction is expected to begin on June 4th and be finished by Sept 7th.

Warner Park Boat Launch Parking Lot replacement**Status: Planning**

This contract will reconstruct the boat launch at Warner Park. The existing asphalt is in poor condition and in need of replacement. The new lot will have the same footprint as the existing lot but will include drainage, layout, and traffic striping upgrades. Staff is currently designing and evaluating several options for the lot. Construction is expected to start in September 2018 and be finished by December 2018.

Other Projects

- 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 working on several repairs to the Reindahl Park barn storage structure including roof and floor replacement.
- 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. 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 is working on getting bids and design to rebuild the maintenance shed and hoop houses at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.
- 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 are coordinating with organizers of the CrossFit games to identify a potential location and installation for adult outdoor fitness equipment.
- Staff is working on planning efforts to site recreational bike facilities within the City. The City is coordinating with a local volunteer organization Capitol Offroad Path Finders (CORP) to establish future off road bike facilities.
- Staff is working with Engineering to add maintenance of landscape plantings within Warner Parking lot to Engineering's city-wide median maintenance contract.
- Staff is working on a plan to final grade Junction Ridge Park. This will create a space for a new soccer field and complete rough grading for a future path.