

Monthly Parks Report for August Mall Concourse Maintenance

The month of July saw the much anticipated end of the Capitol Square Construction. The crew has installed the majority of the bike racks, benches, and trash cans that were relocated or removed prior to construction in March. Irrigation and turf repairs will continue, mostly on Mifflin Street. The Mall was not short of events for the month, Art Fair on and off the Square, Maxwell Street Days, and Concerts on the Square kept us busy with deliveries and cleanup. The BID programming has continued with events at the Top of State and Peace Park quite regularly. July ended with the parks sponsored "Ride the Drive," with extra staff scheduled in to make the event a success once again. Daily maintenance of the service area continued, trash, recycling, sidewalk sweeping, and power washing sidewalks have kept the crew busy. A couple of storms provided the crew with some small chainsaw work and debris removal.

Moving into August, events will start to slow down slightly, but we will see the end of the Concerts on the Square and beginning of Jazz at 5 in addition to the ongoing Summer in Your City programming. We expect the service area will continue to be busy as people enjoy the beautiful weather. We will also be planting perennials in the landscaped beds on State Street, as we are currently working with contractors to secure them. We will continue to partner with MPD to manage abandoned property appropriately. The program has been highly successful with the help of MPD. We will be losing some seasonal help by the end of the month when they return to school and plan accordingly going into fall and winter. The Mall Concourse will definitely stay busy throughout the month of August.