

SUPERINTENDENT'S JUNE 2015 REPORT- 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 our athletic fields to make sure that paying users have a good experience playing on our fields.

Breese Stevens has been heavily used this spring as well. In addition to soccer, we have regularly scheduled games for the Madison Radicals (ultimate Frisbee), we hosted a UW Lacrosse tournament, and we've had football there as well. It's been a challenge to paint lines for multiple sports that use different field dimensions in one location.

We continue to recruit for seasonal labor positions. It's been challenging this year to say the least. This week, I have 18 seasonal labors working for us. I have two more hired and ready to start in a few weeks, and I need to recruit one additional person. We hope to be fully staffed within a few weeks as June usually proves to be a busy month as well.

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 Landscape Maintenance workers started mid-month and are helping beautify the Goodman Pool, Forest Hill Cemetery and many parks as they familiarize themselves with our system. Prior to Memorial Day, we sent four seasonals to the Cemetery to help with string trimming. Our recycling program started Memorial Day weekend as well. In addition, we cleaned up the beaches for Memorial Day weekend.

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 be helping prepare for Ride the Drive Downtown on June 7. We will also be continuing our weekly beach and volleyball court raking at a number of parks. We will also be assisting volunteers with a delivery of new boards for the bike polo court at Reynolds field. We will be putting numerous resources into getting our parks in the fireworks viewing areas ready for Shake the Lake. Although we will be providing fewer services than we did last year for Rhythm and Booms, we still intend to provide some trash and recycling containers for the event, and we anticipate clean-up following the show.

Mall Maintenance:

In May we were able to begin several sizeable projects. The crew completed our mulching projects in our main landscape beds. We began our regular weeding routine, and we started mowing operations. In addition, we aerated all turf areas and began topdressing with compost. Our sidewalk washing program is moving right along, as we are now well on our way to completing the North block of Pinckney. We began installing the decorative lights on the trees in Philosophers Grove and 30 on the Square. We increased staffing for graduation to help make sure our area was in great shape for all of our visitors.

As we head into June, we are preparing for Ride the Drive. We are increasing our staffing for Cars on State and Cows on the Concourse, as we anticipate many visitors for these events. In addition, we will complete our lighting and turf repair projects. We will be washing the bus shelters regularly, and beginning to prepare a number of them for painting as time allows. We are also working with the BID to make sure the Top of State is thoroughly cleaned prior to their many programming events. We will be switching banners over for the summer season. With construction at The Hub drawing to an end, we will be replacing the street furnishings around mid month. Olbrich crews will be planting flowers at the end of the month, and we will partner with Olbrich to maintain them once a week as we have in the past. As always, June will be a very busy and exciting month Downtown.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

West Parks/Summit Maintenance:

Summit mowing crews are working hard to get caught up with our mowing routes. The “loan” of seasonals to the cemetery, the influx of brand-new seasonals in need of basic mowing training, and the Memorial Day holiday have all collaborated, and the upkeep of many of the Westside parks seems not at all up to our standards. Though we’re still trying to hire some additional seasonal help, we’re nearly fully staffed right now, and everyone is anxious to catch up on our mowing and trimming.

We’re looking forward to the 4th of July fireworks at Elver Park, this year held on July 2nd. Our tractor-mounted flail mower is quite busy in June with preparations, as it’s necessary to mow the launch site and surrounding fields multiple times to ensure that the grass is short and that there’s no dry grass lying around to catch fire. We work closely with the Fire Department to make sure that everything meets with their approval.

The weekly food cart event (renamed this year as “Let’s Eat Out”), is taking place in Meadowood Park rather than the empty lot on Raymond Road. The Raymond Road site was a lot more visible, but the new site seems much more pleasant and is certainly safer for pedestrians. It’s also proving to be a lot less work for Parks staff, as we don’t need to move all the picnic tables in and out every week.

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

Forest Hill Cemetery:

Forest Hill enjoyed cool and dry weather the week preceding Memorial Day, which was very convenient for the annual push to mow and trim the entire cemetery that week. We received help preparing for the holiday from many people, both agency- and city-wide.

- We are most grateful, as always, for the help lent by the seasonals from East and Central Parks, as well as by the Summit Maintenance staff. The newly-hired Landscape Maintenance Workers also helped with a total cleanup of a large and neglected planting bed and by replacing some artificial flowers at the mausoleum with real ones for the first time in many years. They also replanted the pots at the cemetery office.
- The cemetery office itself received some much-needed tuckpointing and brick replacement this spring. As of June first, the contractors are mostly finished with the work, with the exception of some stone or brick replacement on the front columns.
- Facilities Maintenance contributed as well, by doing considerable repairs to the water system to get it functional by Memorial Day, and by the construction of a beautiful new trellis for the side of the office.
- The Streets Division sent their large street sweepers, as well as the “pothole patrol”. This really improved the condition of the cemetery roads, due to be completely repaved in the next couple of years.

The Madison Veterans Council again sponsored programs at the Soldiers Rest, Union Rest, and Confederate Rest sections. Despite the rainy morning, there was good attendance. Later that week I got feedback that at least some of the residents on Virginia Terrace enjoy the salutes by the firing squad, though I suspect that it was an abrupt awakening for many.

We’re working to get Forest Hill volunteer gardeners registered with our Volunteer Coordinator, in order that the Parks Division can assume more oversight over the gardens, and so that we will know who to contact with questions, concerns, and appreciation.

Finally, the website “Forest Hill Cemetery: A Guide” (foresthill.williamcronon.net) has gone live and, I think, will prove to be a great resource for staff and visitors. The site was created by a group of graduate students in the Center for Culture, History and Environment at UW-Madison’s Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. The group toured Forest Hill and asked very extensive questions. I had high hopes for the site, and so far what I’ve seen is excellent. There’s even a photo of our resident fox lying on top of a monument.

CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

May is a busy month for weed control in the conservation parks. The crew spent most of the month spraying and pulling garlic mustard, dame’s rocket, burdock, and reed canary grass. Focus areas were the oak savanna restoration sites at North & South Cherokee Marsh, Owen, Prairie Ridge, and Edna Taylor parks. It is crucial to maintain good weed control in the first 3-5 years of the restoration process to allow the native plants (existing and those added as seed) to thrive.

Operation Fresh Start worked on a variety of conservation projects including pulling weeds, planting native aquatics in “starter buckets”, removing old wire screens around planted trees and shrubs, and girdling aspen trees in targeted oak savanna restoration areas in Cherokee Marsh.

Red-headed woodpeckers returned to nest in the restored oak savannas in the North Unit of Cherokee Marsh for a second year. Two nesting pairs were verified recently. These woodpeckers are a special concern species in Wisconsin where their populations have dropped significantly in the past several decades due to habitat loss. Their return illustrates the importance of our restoration efforts.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

June is one of the most beautiful months in the outdoor gardens especially if you like fresh green growth and lush flowers. The peonies in the Event Garden make a major statement in early June and the Kentucky wisteria following in mid-June. Olbrich's innovative Rose Garden celebrates 10 years this June which is also a great time to visit.

Visitor comment:

05/07/2015 "We travel a lot, and everywhere we go, we go to Botanical garden. This one is so peculiar and nice – it amazed us with some flowers and plants unseen before! Thank you so much for keeping this garden so beautiful and unique! ." Vlad & Nadia, Ukraine

April 2015 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2015	2014	Previous 5 yrs. ave.
April 1 - 30	21,465	16,038	17,440
YTD April 30	63,719	59,939	
Total Member Households (individuals*) April 30	6,534 (10,552)	6,2419 (9,974)	

**based on the number of membership cards issued*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 4/30/2015	YTD 4/30/2014
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$16,613	\$18,698
Room Rentals YTD*	\$45,372	\$48,995
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$4,663	\$4,964
TOTAL YTD	\$66,648	\$72,657

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

June 2015 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call 608-246-4550 for more information

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit: Light Gaps, daily through July 12

Guided Garden Strolls, Sundays -- June 7 through Sept 27 @ 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm – free garden walks by Olbrich Gardens Tour Guides

Herb Day 2015 – Sunday, June 7, 10 am – 4 pm by the Madison Herbal Institute

Hosta Sale – Sunday, June 7, 9 am – 3 pm or while supplies last by the Wisconsin Hosta Society

Olbrich Garden Closed – Saturday, June 20 to prepare for Rhapsody in Bloom

Rhapsody in Bloom – Saturday, June 20, 5 – 10 pm

Rose Show -- Sunday, June 21, noon – 5 pm by the Madison Rose Society

Concerts in the Gardens – every Tuesday @ 7 pm, June 23 – July 28

June 23 – Chaos Revolution Theory – Wisconsin stomp rock

June 30 – Trapper Schoepp & the Shades – folk & story songs

Education – June 2015 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit www.olbrich.org

Garden Walks

Rose Garden – Gardens for Every Season, Tues, Jun 2, 6:30 – 8 pm

Atwood Neighborhood Tree Walk, Mon, Jun 15, 6 – 8 pm

Garden Design Walk, Mon, Jun 22, 5 – 6:30 pm

Wellness at the Gardens

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, June 1 – July 6, 6 – 7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Designing a Culinary Herb Garden, Thursday, Jun 4, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Herbal Tea Scoop: From the Garden to the Teacup, Thu, June 11, 6 – 8:30 pm

The Art of Henna, Wed, Jun 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Beginning Papermaking Workshop – Summer, Mon, Jun 22, 6 – 8 pm

Aquaponics for Cold Weather, Sun, Jun 28, 9 am – 4:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Stories in the Garden with Kevin Henkes Books (ages 2 – 4 with adult)

Birds, Tues, June 16, 10 – 11 am

My Garden, Tues, June 23, 10 – 11 am

A Good Day, Tues, June 30, 10 – 11 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	0	0
Pruned by Request	65	107.75
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	0	0
Tree Removal	57	229
Ash Preemptive Removals	52	189
Emerald Ash Borer Treatment	552*	668
Storm Work/Hangers		67
Unfilled vacancy		720

*Only two weeks of treatment occurred in this month.

Both the west and east units were in street tree planting mode for the majority of the month. A total of 1,186 street trees were planted. West unit finished planting first and assisted the east unit by pruning some street trees for upcoming engineering projects. Many request calls for tree maintenance came in so the remainder of the month both east and west units completed work requests and continued with ash preemptive removals. No cycle or small tree pruning took place this month. .

Forestry specialists have been reviewing ash street trees for preemptive removals to stay ahead of treatment crews. Finally, forestry specialists have been attending pre-construction meetings for upcoming engineering projects.

Emerald ash borer treatments began shortly after planting season. Only two weeks of treatment occurred after initial staff training.

RANGER REPORT – JOSH SCHMITT

Included is the Monthly Report on Ranger Logs for the Month of April 2015. During the month of April we are in the mist of hiring and training summer staff. We are very fortunate to have very low turnover and the majority of staff is returning for another season. District Rangers worked hard on the development of a task based training manual and as a result we had the smoothest training season on record. Also during the month of April we began daytime parking enforcement of downtown Parks. For those that are not familiar, a trip Vilas Park Zoo is one of the most popular field trips in the lower half of the state. In years past there existed a chaotic situation of buses reducing driver visibility, large groups of semi supervised children and vehicles being operated at high speed using Vilas Park Drive as a commuter route. In 2014, Parks, Police and the Zoo came designed a plan to ensure a safer experience for the visitors to our city. A bus parking area was established at a nearby park, the police stepped up traffic enforcement in the area and the Zoo provided the means of communication to the school groups. I am proud to report that in by the end of April during just out second year of this action the problem is largely under control and the parking well managed.

We are looking forward to May and the beginning of the busy summer season.

2014 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	5	3	3	8	24	18	22	26	19	3	0	0	131
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	3	12	14	2	3	6	7	0	0	48
Check Area	32	21	25	41	105	55	61	87	59	29	20	18	553
Damage to property	2	2	0	12	12	14	9	10	4	0	2	1	68
Dog violation	6	4	24	100	62	38	30	18	27	17	5	6	337
Drugs	0	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	12
Graffiti	2	1	1	6	3	5	7	9	14	8	3	3	62
No permanent Address issue	7	5	2	19	28	15	23	12	5	3	2	5	126
Incident	2	5	4	3	9	2	5	6	6	0	0	0	42
Maintenance needed	0	0	0	26	31	23	23	20	11	9	26	2	171
Misc	1	1	0	2	2	37	5	9	9	8	0	4	78
Not open/ closed	8	6	5	17	27	26	27	22	22	7	1	1	169
Parking issue	12	2	6	26	54	24	34	26	22	6	0	10	222
Sport without reservation	0	0	8	18	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	32
Total reports	77	52	78	285	373	274	248	250	207	98	59	50	2051

2013 Park Ranger calls for service- for comparison

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	6	3	2	10	18	23	23	8	11	8	0	0	112
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	2	7	26	17	6	16	6	1	0	82
Check Area	26	13	10	29	55	82	152	104	66	51	41	28	657
Damage to property	4	4	0	5	4	4	6	4	4	5	3	1	44
Dog violation	6	4	18	37	34	21	11	13	4	4	7	1	160
Drugs	0	0	2	1	3	1	7	4	4	1	0	0	23
Graffiti	1	0	3	6	13	7	7	6	4	5	0	0	52
No permanent Address issue	11	19	9	12	10	38	28	21	21	9	2	3	183
Incident	13	11	2	4	3	7	10	3	10	8	0	0	71
Misc	1	0	1	2	6	23	2	10	6	1	4	2	58
Not open/closed	1	8	8	18	18	21	15	22	23	25	7	12	178
Parking issue	9	20	11	12	69	50	67	41	23	19	5	0	326
Sport without reservation	0	0	1	29	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	33
Total reports	78	83	67	167	241	303	345	243	192	143	70	47	1979

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

Central Park Skate Park

Drax Company has completed construction of the primary cast-in-place concrete walls for the skatepark. Hardcore Skateparks, the skatepark specialty contractor, is on-site and has completed 80% of the bowl concrete work. Last August the Parks Division applied for a grant under a new Federal program called the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership which is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. On April 21st it was announced the skatepark project was awarded \$295,308. The additional funds will allow Parks to include additional alternates in the contract and also address construction contingencies. The contract completion date is scheduled for August 19th.

Highland Manor Park Storm Shelter

The building is 99% complete. The contractor is on-site pouring curb and sidewalk for the entrance and parking lot. The parking lot asphalt work is scheduled for the last week of May. The contractor, architect and City have a punch list walk through scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th.

Fisher Street Park Playground

The playground replacement at Fisher Street Park is complete. This playground was replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract.

Bowman Field Lighting Phase Two

The new lighting system is fully operational at this time. Additional work will occur this fall (after the softball season) to complete the project.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Cemetery staff and consultants are working to come up with a long range plan that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements would include the irrigation system, addressing stormwater management issues by adding storm sewer where needed and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Staff will work with City Engineering to come up with designs, schedules and estimates for each project. The consultant has been working on the irrigation design. Ramaker and Associates is expected to have the survey field work completed by the end of May.

Brittingham Park at Proudfit

Speedway Sand and Gravel has completed the construction of the paving and seating area improvements. Final site grading and seeding is anticipated to be completed in early June. Although the reviewing agent for the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads provided a favorable review of the requested pedestrian crossing on January 27th, the Commissioner included the requirement for 200 ft of fencing along the rail line to discourage trespassing. The Parks Division and City Engineering are appealing this ruling and no work can be done within the railroad corridor. The appeals process could take several months, delaying the completion of the path extension. The final component of the work may have to be incorporated into a future contract at a later date.

Central Park

The Central Park Phase 1B work is scheduled for construction in 2015. Phase 1B includes a new park entry plaza and pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The crossing is currently open and operational; temporary asphalt has been installed until the full project can be implemented. Bids for the project were received on May 22th with Homburg Contractors as the apparent low bidder at \$491,509.40. Construction will be coordinated with the skate park project.

2014 Athletic Field Improvements

The consultant has finalized the plans for the water line improvements at Elver Park and has delivered them to Parks Operations staff. Construction of the water line system will be completed by Park Operations staff this year.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit

Staff are putting together the design and working with Planning and Zoning regarding parking lot requirements for this project to construct an entry and parking area for the park off of N. Sherman Ave.

Highland Manor Park Improvements

Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$77,865.76 for the new playground, basketball court and path improvements. The contract has started. The storm sewer is in and the contractor expects to start the path and basketball construction during the last week of May.

Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements

Park staff is working with City Facilities Management on a series of clubhouse improvement projects for Yahara Hills. Window replacement is next on the schedule, followed by HVAC work. The Start work letter was issued to allow Joe Daniels Construction time to order any materials which have a long lead time. This work is anticipated to start on the lower level of the building November 2nd. The attic space above the office and restrooms will need to be insulated to facilitate the proposed HVAC work. The HVAC Improvements contract has been approved by the Council and a start work letter will be issued to allow Daniels, as with the windows, time to order any equipment which has a long lead time. Additional asbestos was found in the ceiling spray texture for the office, restroom and stairway and will be abated under a separate contract. The asbestos abatement and spray foam contracts should be bid out in the next couple of months. Most of this work is planned to start after the golf season on November 16th (possibly sooner if the season ends earlier), with construction to be completed by January 29, 2016.

Lake Edge Park Shelter

Staff is working with Facilities Management on the design/construction of the new Lake Edge Park Shelter. Only one bid was received on May 13th so the contract is being re-bid with the new bid due date of June 5th. Construction is to start mid to end of July, 2015, with a completion date of spring 2016 to give more flexibility to potential bidders.

Quann Park Tennis Court Reconstruction Phase 2

Six of the 12 tennis courts at Quann Park were re-built in 2011. The remaining 6 are being re-built in 2015. The asphalt will be pulverized and new asphalt will be put on top of the old surface. The fencing will be repaired and the area around the courts topsoiled, seeded and matted. Low bid was Tri County Paving at \$178,792.70. The pre-construction meeting was held on May 21st. Construction is expected to start June 8th.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Work continues on building improvements at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. This phase consists of the replacement of the boilers. The contract was awarded to Bachmann Construction for \$412,000. The start work letter was issued to Bachmann on May 11th. The preconstruction meeting was held on May 21st and demolition will start on or about June 8th. The boilers will be taken out of service on May 29th and asbestos samples will be taken on the boilers internal gaskets the following week. There is no expected delay for the completion date of September 1st. Conservatory Glass Panels - Wisconsin Solar Design broke two panels while attempting to replace a failed panel. This work will be rescheduled in about six weeks when new panels arrive. They also completed their evaluation and found several panels with failed seals. Replacement cost is slightly above \$35K which requires a BPW contract. These projects are managed by City Facilities Management, in partnership with Parks staff.

Garver Feed Mill

Baum has submitted their rezoning request as the next step in the approval process for their proposal. Staff continues to meet with the development team to resolve issues; a draft CSM is being prepared to define the areas that will be covered by the conditions of the lease agreements.

Wingra Creek Parkway

The contractor has completed dredging and the shoreline work; pulverizing and repaving of the asphalt bike path and touch up landscaping on both sides of the path remain. The contractor has pulverized the existing bike path and plans on paving first week of June. This project is managed by City Engineering, in partnership with Parks staff.

Tenney Park Shoreline

Bids for the project were received on May 22nd with Drax Inc. as the apparent low bidder at \$823,000. Contract approval is underway and work is anticipated to start on July 6, 2015. This project is managed by City Engineering, in partnership with Parks staff.

Dog Park Improvements

Improvements include fencing and paving at Demetral and Warner Parks and paving at Sycamore Park. Bids for paving improvements at Demetral, Sycamore and Warner Park were opened on March 27th and awarded to Badgerland Excavating for the low bid amount of \$59,324.25. Quotations for fencing improvements at Demetral and Warner Park were opened on April 2nd and awarded to American Fence Company for the low bid amount of \$16,965.24. Construction is anticipated to begin in May and be completed by July 1, 2015.

Nakoma Park Improvements

City Facilities Management is working with In Site Architects to develop restoration options for the historic stairs at Nakoma Park. The City Engineering Division also intends to make stream channel improvements in the park this summer. The contract was awarded to Drax Company with the low bid at \$213,000. A&M will be the lead mason on the job. They were also the firm who did the work on the Forest Hill chapel. The Council is expected to approve the contract on June 2nd and the contract will begin routing with an expected start work date of June 22nd. Drax has asked for an early pre-construction meeting of June 4th in order to get the contract's quality control requirements finalized. The soil erosion permit should be issued in the next couple of weeks.

Flad Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Flad Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. This contract includes the replacement of playgrounds at Flad Park, High Point Park, Stevens Street Park and Waltham Park. Bids for the contract were opened on February 20th with Madison Commercial Landscapes being the low bidder at \$213,664.37. Work started in late April at Flad Park and should be completed early June. The entire contract is scheduled to be completed by August 7th.

Stevens Street Park Improvements

Replacement of the playgrounds at Stevens Street Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. Relocation of the drinking fountain is underway. See Flad Park Playground above for more information.

High Point Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at High Point Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. See Flad Park Playground above for more information.

Waltham Park Improvements

Replacement of the playground at Waltham Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. See Flad Park Playground above for more information. Other improvements to the park include resurfacing the existing path system and re-building the basketball court. The re-construction of the path and basketball court is complete except for feathering topsoil and seeding the edges.

Sunridge Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Sunridge Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. This contract includes the replacement of playgrounds at Sunridge Park, Demetral Park, Junction Ridge Park, Bernie's Beach Park, Arbor Hills Park, Tenney Beach Park and Badger Park. Bids for the contract were opened on March 27th and awarded to Dresen Decks and Patios for the low bid amount of \$221,065.78. Work is anticipated to start in early June, with contract completion in December.

Demetral Park Playground

Replacement of a portion of the playground at Demetral Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information. Staff is also coordinating improvements to a portion of the existing playground equipment which will remain on site.

Junction Ridge Park Improvements

Replacement of the playground at Junction Ridge Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information. Other park improvements include reconstruction of the basketball court with new pavement which is complete. The edges of the new asphalt still have to be topsoiled and seeded.

Arbor Hills Park Playground Improvements

Replacement of the playground at Arbor Hills Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information.

Tenney Park Beach Playground Improvements

Replacement of the playground at Tenney Park Beach is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information.

Badger Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Badger Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information.

Bernie's Beach Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Bernie's Beach is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds

Staff held a third meeting with the neighborhood on April 20th to review a revised concept for the fully accessible playground at the main area of the park. The attendees were pleased that the revised concept addressed many of the concerns expressed at previous meetings and staff will move forward with design development of the accessible playground in this location. The neighborhood was also supportive of removing the existing playground near the community gardens and replacing it with earthen mounds and boulders. The revised concept will require significant changes to the current parking lot of off West Washington Avenue so design development is underway (this will be a capital budget request for 2016). Construction of the playground replacement at Brittingham Park Beach and the new earthen mounds and boulders is scheduled for fall of 2015/spring 2016 as part of a separate contract.

Owl Creek Park Improvements

Parks staff wrapped up a robust public participation process for the master plan with a final meeting held at the park on April 15th where attendees were able to vote for the preferred master plan layout. This plan will be taken to the Parks Commission for approval on May 13th. The plans and specifications for the construction of the new recreational amenities were approved by the Board of Public Works on May 20th, with contract bid advertisement anticipated to begin June 19th.

Breese Stevens Field

Phase 2 of the synthetic turf improvements will include the installation of a 10 ft. asphalt maintenance road around the new synthetic turf field. As a part of this contract a concrete pad will also be installed under the press box. This work will be included as a part of our annual paving contract (Park Paving 2015). The concrete has been poured under the press box. The asphalt road will be paved the last week of May. An RFQ (Request for Quotes) was sent out at the end of January for the repair of some of the historic terra cotta roof tiles at Breese Stevens Field that have developed cracks. We received 3 bids with the low bid being B&B Restoration at \$22,770.00. These tiles will be repaired in June, 2015. Purchase orders were also completed for the acquisition of a new scoreboard that will work for multiple sports and new soccer goals.

2015 Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacing

The 2015 Tennis and Basketball Resurfacing contract has been awarded to Farhner Asphalt Sealers, LLC with the low bid of \$88,868.82. This contract includes resurfacing tennis courts at Elvehjem, Olbrich, Rennebohm, Waunona, and Westhaven Trails Parks and resurfacing basketball courts at Warner, Westhaven Trails and Woodland Hills Parks. This contract also includes installing pickleball court lines at Northland Manor Park and Tenney Park. Construction is anticipated to start early May and be complete by June 11th.

2015 Spring Parks Division & Water Utility Landscaping

Greener Valley Landscaping submitted the lowest bid (at \$34,465.00) of the three bids received for the installation and maintenance of plants and shrubs at 8 park properties including Acewood, Droster, Hudson, Linden Grove, Kenneth Neville, Tenney Park Beach, Westmorland and the Yahara River Parkway and two City of Madison Water Utility well sites. Work is anticipated to begin the week of May 18th and be completed by July 1st. Maintenance of the plantings will continue through December 1, 2016.

2015 Parks Division Tree Planting

Dan Larsen Landscaping submitted the lowest bid (at \$36,207.00) to install trees at 13 park properties including BB Clark Beach, Blackhawk, Burr Jones, Burrows, Central, Hudson, Junction Ridge, Olbrich, Richmond Hill, Sherwood Forest, Sycamore, Warner and Wingra Parks in fall 2015 under this contract. Maintenance of the trees will continue through December 1, 2016.

2015 Managed Meadows

Eco-Resource Consulting submitted the lowest bid of the three received at \$14,393.55, for the installation and maintenance work at the new rain garden areas at Tenney Park Beach parking lot and Walnut Grove Dog Park. Work will begin on May 1st and installation will be completed by June 1st. Maintenance work will continue through December 1, 2016.

Allied Drive Improvements

Staff are working with the Allied Drive NRT (Neighborhood Resource Team) on the siting of park improvements in the neighborhood as approved in the 2015 Capital Budget. At their March meeting the CDA board approved the creation of a park on two of their lots in the Allied Drive neighborhood. Design development is underway and an appraisal to value the property is being ordered.

Demetral Park Path Improvements

Staff is working with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. Staff met with the Alder regarding the project and a public input meeting will be scheduled.

Forest Hill Cemetery Buildings

Work continues on building improvements at Forest Hill Cemetery. The projects listed below are managed by City Facilities Management, in partnership with Parks staff. John Catlin Chapel Roof Replacement - Bids were opened April 24th and the contract will be awarded to Millen Roofing for \$95,457. Start time tentatively scheduled for late July to mid August with a completion date of November 20th. Cemetery Office Re-pointing – This work was awarded to A&M Masonry at a cost of \$8,800. Work is underway and should be completed by the first week of June. Forest Hill Mausoleum Restoration – Isthmus Architecture was selected. The study is progressing with Isthmus continuing their evaluation of the exterior walls and will begin work on the roof evaluation.

Other Projects

- Parks staffed the Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee; recommendations from the Committee were introduced to Council on March 3rd and referred to the Park Commission among other Committees. Final adoption of the Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee recommendations was approved by the Council on May 5th.
- Worked with the Lucia Crest neighborhood on the installation of fruit and nut trees on the west end of Lucia Crest Park as part of a City Planning grant. The trees arrived the week of April 13-17 and were planted during a neighborhood-sponsored work day on April 18th.
- Coordinated the installation by Park Operations staff of equipment for the concessions room at the Reindahl Splash Park and wi-fi is being installed by the City IT's contractor.
- Working with Water Utility staff and the local bike polo club on the design and purchase of a pre-fabricated set of dasher boards that will convert one of the tennis courts on the roof of Reynolds Field Water Utility Well into a bike polo rink. The RFQ (request for quotes) came in on April 3rd, with the low bid being Sports Resource Group out of the Twin Cities. Final cost was \$13,850.00. Anticipated delivery is June 5, 2015.
- Working with a consultant at Tenney Park Shelter to come up with solutions to acoustic concerns inside the shelter. The consultant's options are being reviewed by City Facilities Management.

- Working with Warner Park Community Recreation Center staff on re-carpeting the center in 2015. The carpeting was ordered through the State of Wisconsin Purchasing Agreement and we put out a RFQ for the installation. The low bid was Sergenian's. The carpeting is scheduled to be replaced when the Center is closed during their week-long cleaning period at the end of August.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Worthington and University/Hill Farms.
- Working with Operations staff on playground resurfacing projects for Veterans and Lost Creek Parks.
- Working with city staff to implement an online application and review process for two pilot projects for Edible Landscape proposals on city park properties.

Projects Completed in 2015

- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground Replacement
- Electrical line replacement near the softball fields at Warner Park
- Edible landscape in Lucia Crest Park.
- Fisher Street Park Playground Replacement

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- Events at WPCRC
 - Warner Family Fun Nights - WPCRC has hosted our new special events throughout the 2014/15 school year – Warner Family Fun Nights. We have had great responses from the community and have had between 150-250 people each night. We have served over 1,200 residents with these programs – and there are 3 more still scheduled through June.
 - June 12 (last one of the school year)
 - Next year's start with September 11 and October 2
- 2015 Capital Projects
 - WPCRC has been working with Parks Planning on the 2015 Capital project of replacing the carpeting at the WPCRC. Carpeting is scheduled to be replaced during Down Week, August 24-30. All other capital expenditures are being worked on and will be submitted accordingly (including fitness center equipment, community room upgrades, and technology updates).
- YTD Facility Usage Report

WPCRC Facility Usage Report - 2015

	Jan	Feb	March	April	YTD	2014	2013
Facility Rentals	280	378	430	436	1524	3,257	2,849
Pass Visits							
Exercise Room	3689	3279	3203	2533	12704	30,746	34,303
Game Room	148	140	134	140	562	1,658	1,817
Gymnasium	488	344	503	410	1745	4,290	4,078