

## **JUNE 2013 WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR**

May has been a really busy month for us this year. It seems that it's been even busier than in years past. The grass has been and continues to grow very quickly. The vast majority of both our fulltime and seasonal staff have been trying to stay caught up with mowing. In addition to the high grass growth rates, the dandelions have been growing prolifically as well. In many parks the dandelions are growing so quickly that a day or two after we've mowed, it looks like we haven't been there for weeks. It does help that we have all of our seasonals on board now. We put them through an extensive orientation and training program this year to make sure that they are ready to work both safely and efficiently.

In addition to the mowing work, we have been trying to get other projects completed as well. We are almost done overseeding and aerating areas that suffered severe damage from last year's drought and areas that took a beating from heavy athletic use. We have been providing daily maintenance on our diamonds for high schools, MSCR, and other athletic events. We have installed all of the soccer fields needed for this year. We've been working on weeding the beds around our park shelters. Finally, we have been power washing restrooms in addition to daily cleaning.

June looks like it's going to be very busy as well. The rain keeps coming and temperatures have been very favorable for grass growth rates. It's always challenging to try to keep our park system looking its best this time of year. However, we have a great staff that are dedicated and take pride in the jobs they do. We'll continue to work very hard to keep our system looking great!

## **WEST PARKS – LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR**

What a difference a month makes! We waited so long for spring to finally arrive, but once the grass started growing, it didn't stop. It's been a very wet month, and crews found it very challenging to keep up with mowing the grass. Early in the month, we were able to aerivate and seed three of our resting athletic fields at Brittingham, Penn and Rennebohm. We held two sessions of our first formal orientation program, where we laid out expectations and policies with all seasonal staff and provided hands on training on a number of our essential operations. In addition, eight staff from West Parks displayed our machines for Big Rig Gig. We wrapped up the month by assisting the Cemetery with string trimming in preparation for Memorial Day.

We are now at full staff with our seasonal staff with the exception of a student starting in Mid-June. Reservations have picked up dramatically throughout the month. Crews continue to do their best to keep up with the mowing and string trimming, but the grass and dandelions are growing so quickly and going to seed that it's proving to be very difficult. We started out June by helping prepare for Ride the Drive. Crews are currently preparing the pool for its prime season by weeding, mulching and fine detailing.

As we move farther into June, we will be working at Marshall Park to open up site lines and clean-up overgrown areas in order to enhance the overall appearance of the park. We will also be repairing drought damaged park lands by aerivating and overseeding. As time allows throughout the month, we will continue with detailing throughout the park system by weeding and pruning as appropriate. We will also be beginning our summer field mowing operations, with the first stop being Elver to prepare for the fireworks.

## **CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY**

Rainfall was abundant during May with the annual total reaching 8 inches above normal by the end of the month. The wet, cool weather put an end to a very short prescribed fire season.

We did move forward planting over 350 shrubs and trees at the south unit of Cherokee Marsh around the new retention ponds along Wheeler Rd. The youth crew from Operation Fresh Start was instrumental in completing the project. Additional emergent and aquatic plants were planted around the ponds.

Volunteers, staff, and Operation Fresh Start spent many hours pulling garlic mustard and dames rocket at North Cherokee and Turville Point. A contractor sprayed the garlic mustard at South Cherokee as part of the oak savanna restoration between the Wheeler Rd. ponds. We greatly appreciate the volunteer efforts of the Madison Weed Warriors to pull garlic mustard in our conservation parks.

At North Cherokee a contractor completed Phase 1(3.4 acres) thinning trees in an old fencerow dividing two prairie restorations. This is part of a large oak savanna / prairie landscape restoration initiative. We plan to do additional canopy thinning in other units of the park later this year.

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

Though it may not be what we're known best for, Mall/Concourse does maintain just over an acre of grass. It's a pittance compared to the hundreds of acres maintained by other sections of the Parks Division, but for the most part it is extremely high maintenance and, with the exception of four "regular" boulevards on E. Washington Ave, it is mowed entirely by hand. Unfortunately the grass is also extremely heavily used and often abused. Foot traffic from a nonstop flow of extra-excited elementary school field trips, nightly habitation, use as staging areas by Art Fair and Taste of Madison vendors, and occasional disposal site for grease, used charcoal, and animal bedding results in compacted, weedy, worn, and uninviting lawns.

Maintenance of this urban turf has always been a struggle, but we're determined to step up the care of this very visible aspect of the Parks Division. Twice last year we rented a core aerator and aerated the grass islands around the Square, those on East and West Washington, and in Peace Park in an effort to relieve some of the root zone soil compaction. We also overseeded where the grass was thin, applied conventional fertilizer to the turf, and were careful to keep the grass mowed at a considerably longer height. We definitely saw an improvement in the appearance of the grass, except in midsummer when, despite near-daily irrigation, it suffered from the heat just as all the other plants did.

This season we're trying out an organic soil enhancement program, hoping that it will improve the appearance and resilience of our grass. We've identified just over 10,000 square feet of turf to use as a test area which will receive two applications of organic compost and one application of organic fertilizer to add organic matter and nutrients to the soil. Cultural practices (aeration, overseeding, higher mowing height) will remain the same throughout our service area, and turf not in the test area will continue to receive conventional fertilizer. We will monitor the test and non-test areas for any differences in appearance and growth rate. A third facet of an organic program is application of compost tea, which is intended to add microorganisms to the system. A commercial tea "brewer" or application by a third party would be quite expensive, but we're exploring whether it is feasible to make and apply the tea in-house.

### **FOREST HILL CEMETERY – KEVIN SORENSEN**

May is always the focus of our year with Memorial Day ceremonies bringing in thousands of family and friends visiting loved ones. Thanks to West Parks for the use of seasonal employees to help with string trimming. Even though the weather wasn't the greatest, it was another very busy and successful weekend. Of course the cemetery staff deserves much of the credit for the appearance of the grounds as this is the culmination of many months of effort.

May staffing levels are at 5.5 permanent employees and 3 seasonal employees, with one permanent on worker's comp. May burial numbers, lot sales and total monthly revenue are as follows:

Interments: 16    Mausoleum Entombments: 2    Lot Sales: 3    Total Revenue: \$17,246.00

### **OLBRICH GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY**

The stakeholder meetings are completed and HGA's final report should be complete by the end of June. Meanwhile, Olbrich staff are focused on meeting the needs of visitors during the upcoming summer months. The construction on the new roof and accessible restrooms (YAY!) is ongoing throughout the summer and has presented a lot of challenges for both contractors and staff to coordinate activities and schedules so that Olbrich Gardens' rental customers and everyday visitors have a positive experience as they explore the Gardens and facilities.

As of June 1, the Gardens are lush and gorgeous indoors and outdoors, the Tram is operating daily, and our two summer series of Toddler Story and Stroll classes is nearly sold out!

### **Visitor comment from the past month:**

*Thank you Kai! We had a fabulous time! The program was very well organized and right at a first grade level! Thank you! (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher who brought her students to Botany Explorer, Olbrich Education's spring school program)*

## Numbers

<b>OBG Attendance</b> (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
April 1 - 30	13,569	21,453
YTD April 30	52,588	62,890
<b>Total Member Households (individuals*) April 30</b>	6,475 (10,538)	6,319 (9,609)

*\*based on the number of membership cards issued*

<b>OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories</b> (unaudited)	<b>YTD 4/30/2013</b>	<b>YTD 4/30/2012</b>
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$22,945	\$18,862
Room Rentals YTD*	\$45,062	\$46,974
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$4,538	\$3,337
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>\$72,545</b>	<b>\$69,173</b>

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

## June Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call 608-246-4550 for more info

**Bolz Conservatory Light Gaps Exhibit**, through – July 14, 10 am – 4 pm

**Photography by David Ostby**, Sundays, 11 am – 5 pm through July 28

**Leaf Mulch Sale – Load Your Own Bags:** ongoing 10 am - 4 pm daily while supplies last

**Hosta Sale**, Sunday, June 2, 10 am – 2 pm by the Wisconsin Hosta Society

**Iris Show**, Sunday, June 2, noon – 5 pm by the Madison Area Iris Society

**Olbrich Gardens closed**, Saturday, June 15

**Rhapsody in Bloom Garden Gala**, Saturday, June 15, 5 – 10 pm

**Rose Show**, Sunday, June 16, noon – 4 pm by the Madison Rose Society

**Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets**, Sunday, June 23, 1 – 4 pm

**Summer Concerts Begin** Tuesday, June 25, 7 – 8 pm and run every Tuesday evening through July 30

## Education – June classes and programs call 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)

**Guided Garden Strolls – every Sunday, June 2 – September 20 @ 1:30 and 3:30 pm** a drop-in casual overview by Olbrich's expert volunteer guides. Each stroll is 45 – 60 minutes in length and varies by season, peak interest and bloom. Meet near the outdoor garden entrance – rain or shine. (cancelled only in the event of dangerous lightning)

## **NEW! Young Writer's Summer Camp**, Mon – Thurs, August 5 – 8, 9 am – 2 pm

The Greater Madison Writing Project, in partnership with Olbrich is sponsoring a camp for young writers entering grades 3 – 8. The workshop will be led by experienced teachers from the Greater Madison Writing Project. For more information, visit [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) or email questions to [mdziedzic@wisc.edu](mailto:mdziedzic@wisc.edu). \$150.00 fee.

## **Wellness at the Gardens**

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

Yogalates, Wednesdays, June 5 – Aug 28, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, June 3 – Aug 12 (no class July 15), 6 – 7 pm

## **Garden Walks**

Garden Design Walk, Monday, Jun 24, 6:30 – 8 pm

## **Classes & Workshops for Adults**

Painting the Springtime Gardens in Soft Pastel, Mon, June 10, 9:30 am – 4 pm

Growing Food in Small Spaces, Wed, Jun 12, 6:30 – 8 pm

Incorporating Ferns and Mosses into the Garden, Wed, June 19, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Needle-felted Monarch Caterpillar Pendant, Sun, June 23, 1 – 4 pm

Vertical Gardening, Wed, June 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Native Shrubs – a Symbiosis of Site, Structure, & Sanctuary, Thurs, June 27, 6:30 – 8 pm

## **Learn & Play Together**

### **Toddler Story & Stroll: Down by the Pond**

Sensational Snails, Tues, June 18, 10 – 11 am **FULL!**

Terrific Turtles, Tues, June 25, 10 – 11 am **FULL!**

Wonderful Worms, Tues, July 2, 10 – 11 am **FULL!**

## FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section*	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	0	0
Pruned by Request	37	68
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	42	22
Tree Removal	135	381
Storm Work/Hangers		239
Unfilled Vacancy		352

The Forestry Section finished spring planting and moved back to tree maintenance but no district cycle maintenance was done. A severe thunderstorm hit the City on May 30<sup>th</sup> which caused major tree damage. The most significant damage was along Wheeler road and 16 street trees toppled over onto homes. Thankfully no one was hurt.

Forestry Specialists have been reviewing Engineering Reconstruction and Resurfacing projects to make sure contractors are not damaging street trees. The sidewalk replacement program began in alder district 18

## GOLF – RAY SHANE

Mother Nature has not been very cooperative in providing us good golfing weather. The City courses had the latest opening in the past 30 years. Compared to 2012, the earliest opening on record, green fee and league fee revenues are down approximately \$170,000. Hopefully the weather will improve and return to normal temperatures and precipitation..

Clubhouse operations are proceeding smoothly with numerous compliments being received on the changes that have been made. Staffing is getting accustomed to the new procedures and customer service expectations. Adjustments are constantly being made to improve service and productivity  
Golf Course Maintenance is doing a great job in keeping up with all of the maintenance challenges this spring has created. Wet weather has not allowed for mowing to be completed as quickly as we would like, a delay in some aerification projects and adjustments made to staffing levels due to the slow start of the season. Major projects have included the conversion of our irrigation control systems from wide band to narrow band, repair of a broken sewer line and the seemingly endless clubhouse projects.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

### Tenney Park Maintenance Bridge

The bridge was completed per the contract by May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Friday prior to Memorial Day weekend.

### Highland Manor Open Space

We advertised for a consultant to develop the plans and specifications to construct the shelter and supporting infrastructure in April and received 7 submittals. We reviewed submittals and interviewed 3 consultants in May. We hired Assemblage Architects out of Middleton WI. As of the end of May, Facilities Management is working out the contract details with the consultant.

### Blackhawk Park

Shop drawings for the new shelter structure were reviewed and approved by staff. The building permit for the shelter is ready to be pulled. An RFQ is due on June 14<sup>th</sup> for the playground drainage improvements and installing the new play equipment. The playground work is expected to start around July 1<sup>st</sup> and should be completed by the beginning of August. The shelter will be installed in the fall.

### Central Park

The contract for the phase one construction is scheduled to go out for bid in June, with construction estimated to start in early August (getting the project out for bid has been delayed due to the Federal/DOT approval process related to the Federal earmark requirements). 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) is underway. Construction of Phase 1B may not occur until 2014 due to delays from the railroad and the Federal/DOT requirements.

### **Reindahl Park Splash Pad**

The Board of Public Works approved the plans and specifications for the Reindahl Splash Pad on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Department of Safety and Professional Services approved plans on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Plans and specifications will be advertised to bid on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Construction is anticipated to begin in September.

### **Tenney Park/Yahara River Parkway**

Tallgrass Restoration completed invasive removals and native seeding on the southwestern shore of the Yahara River between Williamson Street and Rutledge Street, with the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway assisting in the removal of smaller invasive species. Tallgrass Restoration also completed installation of native forbs and shrubs, along with removal of reed canary grass along the southwestern shore of the Yahara River between East Washington Avenue and East Main Street. Tallgrass Restoration will continue to treat reed canary grass throughout the season and will do a fall seeding of native grasses.

### **Park Native Plantings**

Tallgrass Restoration was awarded the contract for 2013 Park Native Plantings Installation and Maintenance for the low bid of \$36,070.20. Herbicide applications, native seeding and planting were completed at Giddings Park, James Madison Park, and Mayfair Park. Hoyt Park and Baxter Park will be installed with native plants (Hoyt Park) and native seed (Baxter Park) in June.

### **Odana Golf Course**

Staff has been working on developing a design for a visual and sound buffer along the ATC easement to screen the Odana Golf Course from the Beltline Hwy 12/14. This was made necessary by the recent vegetative clearing by ATC along the golf course. ATC is reimbursing the City up to \$100,000 for installation of berms, buffer landscaping and fencing along Odana Golf Course. ATC approved our design for this buffer and payment has been received. Installation of buffer landscaping is anticipated to begin in June, construction of berms and fencing will occur later this year.

### **Reservoir Park**

Staff presented two playground design options at a neighborhood design committee meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The design committee selected one of the options as the final design. This playground replacement project will be combined into one installation contract with several other projects currently underway. Staff will be presenting plans and specifications for advertisement to bid to the Board of Public Works on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Staff is also 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.

### **Reynolds Park Playground**

Staff presented three playground design options at a neighborhood design committee meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Staff revised the playground designs based on input received from the design committee, and will be presenting the final revised concept at a neighborhood design committee meeting on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The installation of this playground will be part of a joint contract.

### **Park Landscaping**

Installation of landscaping is complete at BB Clarke Park, Burrows Park, Glenway Golf Course, Glenwood Park, James Madison Park, Marshall Park, Olive Jones Park, Reindahl Park, Tenney Park, Thut Park, Warner Park, and Westmorland Park. Installation of landscaping at Marshall Park, Odana Golf Course, Water Utility Sites and edible landscaping sites at Hammersley Park, Lost Creek Park, and Hiestand Park will be completed in June.

### **Cypress Spray Park Shade Structure**

Installation of the shade shelter at Cypress Spray Park is complete.

### **Playgrounds**

The installation of a new swing set at James Madison Park is complete; improvements to the playground at Goodman Park are also underway. Discussions with the neighborhood regarding the completion of the playground project at Eastmorland will begin soon.

### **Nakoma Park Playground**

Staff presented two playground options on May 15<sup>th</sup> to the neighborhood playground committee. Since the project's kick-off meeting in April, the community has been fundraising in an effort to add additional equipment to the playground and will be seeking People for Parks matching funds. The overall funding goal is being determined in conjunction with the playground design development. Staff is coordinating construction access and timing with Thoreau Elementary and the Madison Metropolitan School District; construction is anticipated in the fall as part of a joint playground installation contract.

### **Warner Park Boat Launch Dredging**

Bids for this contract were opened March 1<sup>st</sup>, low bid was Raymond P. Cattell, Inc., at \$95,788.50. The DNR permit was received on May 31. The dredging is scheduled to start after the boating season in October, 2013.

### **Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements**

First ad for this contract was May 17<sup>th</sup>. Bids are due and will be opened on June 7<sup>th</sup>. There was a contractor walkthrough on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Breese Stevens Field Concrete Deck Repairs**

This work is to be done in between the spring and fall seasons, anticipated to be July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The contract was put out for bid in April with bids due April 26th. Joe Daniels Construction Company was the low bid at \$93,228.00. The contract is presently being routed for signatures.

### **Tenney Park Lagoon Control Structure**

Bids for the project were opened on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with R.G. Huston Company the apparent low bidder at \$59,365.00. Work is scheduled to start around October 14<sup>th</sup> with a November 8<sup>th</sup> completion date. The delayed start is due to the long lead-time to fabricate the outlet gate assembly.

### **Tenney Park – Thornton Avenue Reconstruction**

Staff is working with Engineering on the reconstruction of Thornton Ave through Tenney Park. Construction started April 3<sup>rd</sup> in part due to the late spring. Even with the late start, the contractor did finish the project per the contract date of May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rennebohm Park Tennis Court Lighting Improvements**

Plans and specs were completed in May. Given the location of the tennis courts adjacent to Eau Claire Ave, we could not meet the ordinance requirement of 0.5 foot candles at 10' off the property line so we were required to go to the Building Code Board for a variance. We presented the plans to the BCB on May 21<sup>st</sup> and were granted a variance. The project is presently out for bid with the first ad being May 31<sup>st</sup>. The lights will be replaced after the tennis season is over (October/November 2013).

### **Bowman Field**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> Strand Associates presented a phased approach to the lighting system improvements at Bowman Field. Phasing includes the installation of a new transformer and distribution system in 2013, with the existing electrical system remaining in place to maintain service. In 2014, new light fixtures will be installed on the existing poles and connected to the new distribution system. The old distribution system will be removed at this time. 75% review drawings for the new distribution system are due on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The second phase lighting improvements have been included in 2014 budget.

### **Wingra Park**

Working with our Construction crew on a minor re-grading plan and a new backstop for the softball diamond at Wingra Park. 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**

Courts to be resurfaced in 2013 are Odana Hills East (3 courts); Wexford (2 courts); and Kennedy Parks (2 courts). The contractor started work on the contract the first week of May and the contract was completed by May 31, 2013.

### **Brittingham Park at Proudfit**

Staff held a second neighborhood meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> to review concepts for the path and seating area. Staff received input on the seating area, path connections, and potential uses for the area. The MPD completed a CPTED analysis of the design and provided comments to staff as well. Initial contact has been made with railroad representatives and the proposed sidewalk crossing will be submitted to the OCR in June.

### **Athletic Field Lighting Upgrades**

Working with maintenance staff on a way to retrofit some of our athletic field lighting with "Control Link" – a program that will allow us to control (turn on/off) the lights from a computer terminal. To start we will be retrofitting the lighting systems for Elver softball, Demetral softball and Garner skating.

### **Warner Park Bike Path**

Staff is working with City Engineering on a project to replace the bike path and associated ancillary trails in Warner Park. The bike path will be upgraded to meet current AASHTO standards, and two bridges will be replaced to meet these standards as well as ADA-accessibility requirements. The project was out for bid in May. Bids came in May 24<sup>th</sup>. The low bid was Parisi Construction at \$844,562.65. Construction is scheduled for August through November, 2013.

### **Olbrich Botanical Complex Roofing Project**

The roof replacement project was advertised and bids were opened in January. Joe Daniels Construction was the low bidder at \$1,060,000. The pre-construction meeting was held in mid-March and construction is underway. Construction is on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in late August.

### **Olbrich Botanical Complex Bathroom Addition**

The ADA-accessible bathroom project at Olbrich was advertised for bid in February. Bids were opened March 1<sup>st</sup> and Scherrer Construction was the low bidder at \$271,826. Construction is underway with an expected completion date in early August. This project is also on schedule.

### **Olbrich Botanical Complex Facility Planning**

The building expansion project held its fifth and final public input meeting on May 20th. The consultant team gave a brief summary of the public input process and presented the preferred design solution. The design has a preliminary cost estimate range of \$14,300,000 to \$17,300,000. A draft of the final report is expected in late June for review by the project's core team. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Forest Hill Cemetery**

Masonry repairs will continue in 2013 for the buildings at Forest Hill Cemetery. Some work was completed in 2012 on the Chapel and the Receiving Vault buildings. The repairs for 2013 had to be rebid due to 5 out of the 6 bidders failing to be responsive to the SBE requirements. The 2nd bidding was awarded to Daniels Construction for \$143,785. This was under budget and will allow for the additional tuck-pointing the Office building. We are presently qualifying the masons for this historic work. This work should complete the preservation of the Receiving Vault and the restoration of the Chapel. The re-pointing of the remainder of the office will be bid out after we evaluate priorities for the remaining funding in 2013. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Garver Mill**

The study is about 75% complete and should be submitted to staff in June. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Northland Manor Storm Sewer Replacement**

Staff is working with City Engineering on a storm sewer replacement project in Northland Manor Park. The existing corrugated metal pipe running southwest to northeast through the park is failing and needs replacement this year. Engineering would also like to install an additional connection from this line south to address some of the flooding and icing issues experienced on Northland Drive as part of the reconstruction of the road this summer. The storm sewer project will be completed by Engineering staff, and the work will be scheduled to minimize impacts to park reservations and activities to the extent possible. This project has been approved administratively by the Parks Superintendent.

### **Booster Pump Station 106 Reconstruction in Reservoir Park**

Staff has been working with the Water Utility regarding the booster pump station reconstruction project at Reservoir Park. Reservoir Park is owned by the Water Utility but used and maintained as a neighborhood park. Staff is coordinating with the Water Utility and assisting in the development of landscape plans that will address the disturbed areas from the construction, but also stabilize the existing slopes around the reservoir. Legislative File ID 28906, 29228, 29498, and 29570 can provide additional details on this project.

### UW Temperature Sensors

The Council approved an agreement with the University of Wisconsin System to install and maintain temperature/humidity sensors on City facilities. Installations were completed in 2012. After a year's worth of data, the UW would like to add some additional installations in Kennedy and Hiestand Parks. The sensors will be installed on existing light poles in the park. These additional locations have been administratively approved by the Parks Superintendent.

### Worthington Park

Staff held a neighborhood meeting for the playground improvements on May 8th. The design process, playground standards and safety surfacing options were discussed. Four neighborhood representatives volunteered to serve on the design committee to help guide play equipment selection. Two concepts will be presented on June 4<sup>th</sup> for review by the committee. The project is part of a larger playground contract that is scheduled to be presented at the Board of Public Works meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Improvements to the park's basketball courts are being designed. The courts will be repaved in late fall 2013 and will have their orientation changed to the correct north-south alignment. New poles, backboards, and hoops will be installed at the same time.

### Other Projects

- Staff has been working with Engineering and the Spring Harbor Neighborhood on the design of the landscaping within the University Avenue right of way along Spring Harbor Park. Landscaping will be installed by July 1.
- Working on designing improvements for Sycamore Dog Park and Quann Dog Park.
- Working with City Engineering on a shoreline restoration project at Paunack Park. Plans and specs are out for bid and construction is anticipated in fall.
- Staff is working with neighborhood representatives and volunteers to coordinate improvements for a variety of parks including Reynolds Park, James Madison Park, Spring Harbor Park and Linden Grove Park.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold and Hoyt Park.
- Staff is assisting the water utility with design of a landscape buffer at Well 14.
- Parks lighting projects are underway to replace lighting with more energy-efficient fixtures. Replacements have been underway at Olbrich Botanical Complex, Brittingham, and Goodman Building B. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff; Parks Operations staff is replacing the fixtures as the new fixtures arrive.
- Working on putting together estimates for a variety of projects for the 2014 Capital Budget.

### WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – BRAD WEISINGER

#### Admissions and Passes

	YTD 2012	YTD 2013	% Rev Budget	% Change
Pass Plans	\$38,771.00	\$37,306.86	59%	-4%
Admissions	\$14,730.00	\$16,393.00	41%	11%

#### Concessions and Catering

Calendar Year	May Revenue	Revenue YTD	% Rev budget	% Change
2012	\$855.57	\$6,374.19		
2013	\$412.65	\$5,141.55	37%	-19%



### Exercise Room, Game Room and Open Gym

	2012	2012	2013	2013
Service Area	May Visits	YTD Visits	May Visits	YTD Visits
Exercise Room	2,450	16,436	2,443	16,516
Game Room	148	1044	155	867
Open Gym	211	1659	193	2750
Combined Totals	2,809	19,139	2,791	20,133

### Facility Rentals

Calendar Year	May rental totals	May No. Free	% Free	Rentals YTD	Free Rentals YTD	% Free YTD	YTD Revenue	% Rev budget
2012	130	42	32%	765	246	32%	\$37,021.51	
2013	101	38	38%	504	194	38%	\$36,343.50	65%

Calendar Year	YTD hrs	YTD hrly participations
2012	1506.45	82,221
2013	1113.50	38,407

### Playroom Revenues

	2008	2008 NPC	Grand Total	2009	2009 NPC	Grand Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Jan	\$105.00	\$37.50	\$142.50	\$81.00	\$37.50	\$118.50	\$75.00	\$279.50	\$107.00	\$103.50	-3%
Feb	\$188.50	\$37.50	\$226.00	\$64.50	\$67.50	\$132.00	\$104.50	\$113.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	7%
Mar	\$236.00	\$37.50	\$273.50	\$137.50	\$37.50	\$175.00	\$63.00	\$148.00	\$79.00	\$52.50	-34%
April	\$130.00	\$37.50	\$167.50	\$89.00	\$37.50	\$126.50	\$69.00	\$79.50	\$31.50	\$70.50	55%
May	\$143.00	\$37.50	\$180.50	\$52.50	\$37.50	\$90.00	\$26.50	\$67.50	\$15.00	\$35.00	130%
Annual Total	\$802.50	\$187.50	\$990.00	\$424.50	\$217.50	\$642.00	\$338.00	\$687.50	\$302.50	\$336.50	11%

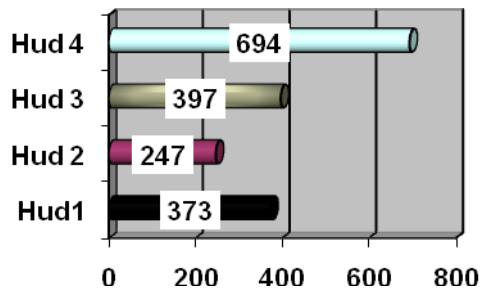
### YTD 2013 Age Profile

2013 Jan-May Preschool – Elementary	240
<b>Middle and High School Activity</b>	
Middle and High School Early Release	751
Middle School Socials	1,083
Youth Basketball Games	900
Youth Basketball Practices	1520
Structured Service	274
Neighborhood Center Nights	450
Total Youth, 74% minority	5,218

## YTD Income Compliance

<b>HUD 1</b>	<b>HUD 2</b>	<b>HUD 3</b>	<b>HUD 4</b>
\$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.



59% compliance - YTD

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES – CHRIS PEDRETTI**

#### **MAY EVENTS:**

- Thursday, May 2: Disc Golf courses officially opened and the new pay-to-play system has been overwhelmingly accepted by the users. Season and daily pass sales have been very strong. All revenues collected will go back into maintaining and improving the disc golf courses. Staff are currently outlining both course maintenance and equipment needs for the courses.
- Sunday, May 5: Big Rig Gig and Kids to Kids Garage Sale was a huge success at Elver Park. The combining of these two events resulted in a big crowd for the garage sales and as always the families love the city vehicles. The hay rides also continued to be popular at this event. We are also planning this same event in the fall at Warner Park.
- Saturday, May 11: Fresh Air Craft Fair at Elver Park was unfortunately cancelled due to weather and extremely high winds at the site. We will be planning another Craft Fair this fall.
- Saturday, May 18: Moonlight Movie Series celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Madison Parks Foundation, and sponsored by Zimbrick, Madison Mallards and Madison Parks was rescheduled from Friday to Saturday due to weather. The weather was perfect and Olbrich Park set a beautiful scene along the lake with downtown Madison in the backdrop. We showed the family movie classic "E.T." and had a crowd of about 150 people. The Movie series was highlighted in the "77 Square" newspaper.
- May 4, May 6, May 22, June 2: Walk with a Doc. Our successful walking program led by local Physicians will continue throughout the year at various park locations.
- May 25-26-27: Multi-Guard beaches at Olbrich, Tenney, Vilas and BB Clarke were scheduled to be open for the holiday weekend, but due to low temperatures, Lifeguards were not scheduled.
- Sunday, June 2, Ride the Drive: The downtown Ride the Drive was held and despite cool, windy conditions in the morning we had another successful event. An estimated 18,000 people enjoyed riding the downtown route and the many activities set up along the way at Olin Park, Brittingham Park, Law Park, and the Capitol Square. Thanks to our sponsors, vendors, volunteers and city staff who made the event a great success.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Saturday, June 8: Rubber Ducky River Race will be held at the Goodman Pool this year. People will have the opportunity to buy rubber ducks and watch them race down the water slide at the pool. The proceeds help to fund the scholarship program for swim lessons at the pool. We will also have many other games and activities going on at the pool.
- Saturday/Sunday, June 8-9: Opening of the Goodman Pool for the summer. The pool will be open regular hours for the weekend, with some limited hours while school is still in session, and then back to normal season hours once school is out. We expect another busy season with open swims, lap swims, new Aqua Zumba classes, American Red Cross Swim Lessons, and the Waves swim team.
- Friday, June 14: The Moonlight Movie Series will continue in cooperation with the Madison Mallards with the movie "How to Train Your Dragon" to be shown at the Warner Baseball Stadium on the Mallard's new video screen. Participants will be invited to spread their blankets on the outfield to watch this family favorite.
- Thursday, June 20, Meet and Eat: The Meet and Eat series will kick off again this season at the Meadowood Shopping Center for a series of 10 events at that site. There will also be 4 Meet and Eats at the Villager Mall on Park Street and 4 Meet and Eats at St. Paul Church on the Northside.

**PARK RANGERS – JOSH SCHMITT**

- Report – May, 2013: The attached report is designed to track the types of contacts that the Park Ranger staff is having and where the contact is located.

**2013 RANGER REPORTS**

Month	Jan 2013	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2013 YTD
Alcohol Related Issue	6	3	2	10	18								39
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	2	7								10
Check Area	26	13	10	29	55								133
Citizen Complaint Taken	0	0	2	4	13								19
Positive Customer Contact	45	70	35	53	134								337
Damage to Property	4	4	0	5	4								17
Dog Violation	4	6	18	37	34								99
Drugs	0	0	2	1	3								6
Event without reservation	1	0	0	0	1								2
Found Property	7	14	4	7	12								44
Graffiti	1	0	3	6	13								23
No Permanent Address Issue	11	19	9	12	10								61
Incident	13	11	2	4	3								33
Maintenance	17	39	7	30	64								157
Misc	1	0	1	2	6								10
Not Open	1	8	8	18	18								53
Overflowing Trash	6	0	2	3	2								13
Parking issue	9	20	11	12	69								121
Sport Without Reservation	0	0	1	29	1								31
Vandalism	2	2	1	0	0								5
Negative Reports	108	140	81	209	322								783
Positive Reports	46	70	35	55	140								347
Ratio Negative Divided by Positive	2.34	2	2.31	3.8	2.3								2.26

**2013 TOP 5 PARKS PER NEGATIVE CALL**

	1	2	3	4	5
Jan	Tenney	Olbrich	Warner	Demetral	Elver
Feb	Warner	Olbrich	Brittingham	Tenney	James Madison
Mar	Olbrich	Warner	Elver	Door Creek	Olin
Apr	Warner	Olbrich	Elver	Brittingham	Hiestand
May	Olbrich	Warner	Vilas	James Mad.	Brittingham

**2013 TOP 5 PARKS PER POSITIVE CALL**

	1	2	3	4	5
Feb	Olbrich	Tenney	Warner	Odana	Elver
Mar	Warner	Reindahl	Marlborough	Brittingham	Tenney
Apr	Veterans memorial	Warner	OB Sherry	Elver	Olin
May	Warner	Tenney	Hiestand	Olbrich	Vilas

**2012 COMPARISON**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>2012 YTD</b>
<b>Alcohol Related Issue</b>	23	15	7	2	3	50
<b>Behavioral Ban</b>	16	4	11	0	0	31
<b>Check Area</b>			1	2	15	18
<b>Citizen Complaint Taken</b>	7	8	6	4	0	25
<b>Positive Customer Contact</b>	38	44	32	2	19	135
<b>Damage to Property</b>	5	4	1	0	1	11
<b>Dog Violation</b>	8	6	2	1	4	21
<b>Drugs</b>			1	0	0	1
<b>Event without reservation</b>	2	1	1	0	0	4
<b>Found Property</b>				3	8	11
<b>Month</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>2012 YTD</b>
<b>Graffiti</b>	5	3	4	1	0	13
<b>No Permanent Address Issue</b>		36	10	6	2	54
<b>Incident</b>			1	0	6	7
<b>Maintenance</b>	18	48	20	0	1	87
<b>Misc</b>	20	46	3	0	0	69
<b>Not Open</b>	9	10	13	2	6	41
<b>Overflowing Trash</b>	3	1	0	0	1	5
<b>Parking issue</b>			4	0	3	7
<b>Sport Without Reservation</b>		1	0	0	0	1
<b>Vandalism</b>	5	3	8	0	1	17
<b>Negative Reports</b>	96	176	80	21	51	404
<b>Positive Reports</b>	58	90	35	2	19	204
<b>Ratio Negative Divided by Positive</b>	1.65	1.88	2.29	10.5	2.68	1.98

**RANGER ROSTER/DUTIES BELOW**

# 2013 Park Ranger Staff



Ranger Tammy Bieberstein- Primary East



Ranger Sayer Larson- Primary West



Ranger Chris Jauch-  
Secondary East  
issues

Ranger Ashley Bowman  
Disc Golf/ 1<sup>st</sup> year staff



Ranger Pete Shaffer  
Secondary West

Ranger Ben Jackson  
Disc Golf/ Homeless



Ranger Darin Hall  
Weekends/ Mallards

Ranger Pirarre Miller  
Summer season 4<sup>th</sup> year



Ranger Vincent Fisher  
Weekends/ Mallards

Ranger Velette Reynolds  
Summer season 2<sup>nd</sup> year

## Ranger hours: 9-2230

### Basic schedule:

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9-1630	Ranger 1 East	Ranger 1 only	Ranger 1 only	Ranger 1 only	Ranger 1 only	Ranger 1 only	Ranger 1 East
9-1630	Ranger 2 West						Ranger 2 West
11-1830	Ranger 3 Split						Ranger 3 Split
16-2330	Ranger 1 East	Ranger 1 East	Ranger 1 East	Ranger 1 East	Ranger 1 East	Ranger 1 East	Ranger 1 East
16-2330	Ranger 2 West	Ranger 2 West	Ranger 2 West	Ranger 2 West	Ranger 2 West	Ranger 2 West	Ranger 2 West

Ranger 3 is assigned additional shifts to cover

- Parking conflict at Mallards games
- Disc Golf course patrols as assigned
- Targeted enforcement in dog parks and reoccurring issues
- Specific areas with frequent Behavioral issues when needed

Contact	Phone	Radio
<b>Supervisor- Josh Schmitt</b>	261-9295	PC #701261
<b>Manager on Duty 24/7 Emergency</b>	239-7187	
<b>East Park Ranger</b>	235-0448	Ranger 1
<b>West Park Ranger</b>	235-0449	Ranger 2
<b>Disc golf/ special assignment</b>		Ranger 3

### Ranger priorities:

1. Public Safety- Identify and report any hazards, dangerous conditions or maintenance issues to proper department.
2. Shelter reservations- Provide service to shelter reservations and address user conflicts.
3. Boat Launches- Oversee boat launches for proper ordinance compliance and operations.
4. Dog Parks- Patrol Dog Parks to address user needs and ordinance compliance.
5. Disc Golf- Operate Elver and Hiestand Disc Golf Course and patrol for permit compliance
6. General patrols- Patrol Parks for ordinance violations and respond to user complaints with in the parks
7. Behavioral Policy- Administration and enforcement of Parks Behavioral Policy

### Park Rangers issue two types of citations

1. Ordinance Violation notices- internal Parks tickets for parks related permits
2. Municipal citation- general municipal citations for certain ordinance violations

### List of ordinances Park Rangers can enforce

<b>7.32</b>	Deposit of refuse	<b>8.32</b>	Regulation of Disc Golf
<b>7.321</b>	Deposit of human waste	<b>8.36</b>	Play of Golf on City Lands Restricted to Golf Courses
<b>7.322</b>	Failure to remove animal waste	<b>8.37(1)</b>	Play of Tournament Without Permit Prohibited
<b>8.11</b>	Regulation of Forest Hill cemetery	<b>8.4</b>	Preservation of Conservation Parks
<b>8.15</b>	Private use of Parks lands	<b>8.42</b>	Feeding of birds on Public Property
<b>8.16</b>	Unauthorized Vehicles On Park Land	<b>9.13(1)</b>	No License for Selling on Public Streets
<b>8.17</b>	Vending On Public Property W/Out Permit	<b>9.54</b>	Permits for Information Tables and Street Vending
<b>8.18</b>	Parking in parks regulated	<b>10.056</b>	Street Use Permit Violation
<b>8.185</b>	Watercraft Or Equipment Storage On City Property	<b>10.101</b>	Trimming or Removing a Street Tree Regulated
<b>8.188</b>	Anchoring Or Mooring Of Watercraft Regulated	<b>23.05(4)d</b>	Smoking Prohibited in Posted City Parks and Beaches
<b>8.19</b>	Animals Prohibited In Certain Areas	<b>23.06</b>	Damage to Property
<b>8.21</b>	Public Park To Be Closed During Certain Hours	<b>23.065</b>	Placing of Scratchiti or Etching Acid
<b>8.215</b>	Lake Access Permit Regulations	<b>23.07(2)</b>	Unlawful Trespass
<b>8.23</b>	Use of Public Golf Course restricted to golfing purposes	<b>23.19</b>	Destruction of Birds
<b>8.24</b>	Alcohol Beverage and Container Control	<b>23.21</b>	Pruning or Removing Trees in Public Highways
<b>8.25</b>	Trapping on Public Lands Prohibited Except by Permit	<b>23.24</b>	Breaking Injuring Trees or Shrubs
<b>8.26</b>	Temporary Structure Prohibited Without Permit	<b>23.32(1)</b>	Dogs and Cats Not Permitted to Run at Large
<b>8.265</b>	Lodging in Parks Prohibited	<b>23.32(2)</b>	Dog at Large Permit Conditions (Dog Park Violation)
<b>8.27</b>	Snow Mobile and Cross Country Ski Regulations	<b>23.4</b>	Dutch Elm, Oak Wilt and Emerald Ash borer Protections
<b>8.27</b>	No Cross Country Ski Pass	<b>24.04</b>	Prohibition of Noises Disturbing the Public Peace
<b>8.29</b>	Public Address Systems in Parks	<b>25.05</b>	Sparklers Prohibited in Public Parks
<b>8.3</b>	Radio Controlled Toys Prohibited in Parks	<b>38.07(4)</b>	Possess Alcohol Beverage in City Park After 10:00 pm
<b>8.31</b>	Bicycles in Parks Prohibited		