

July Supervisor's Report Mall/Concourse

The month of June has brought many exciting changes and events. The crew started out the month with lawn renovation work consisting of aerating and compost topdressing. In addition, crews continued with the landscape maintenance that we've brought back in house for this season by weeding and mulching. As part of the Clean Downtown initiative, crews installed decorative lighting of trees within the Philosopher's Stone Grove and at 30 on the Square. The crew has also taken on maintenance of the chalkboards that were installed mid-month in the Philosopher's Stone Grove. The scenery has changed significantly as we have officially shifted from spring to summer with the changing of the banners and Olbrich's planting of the annual flowers. In addition, the first Concert on the Square of the season was held and crews made all necessary deliveries for the event.

The most significant change this month has been the loss of Laura Bauer from our team. We wish Laura luck as she takes on the role of leading West Parks. Laura is a great resource and continues to field questions as necessary. In addition, members of the crew have stepped up a bit to insure we maintain quality service levels.

As we move into July, we continue with our regular maintenance activities of trash and recycling patrols, picking and powerwashing the walks and maintaining the landscaped beds. In addition, we will begin watering the annual flowers on Wednesdays with the help of Olbrich Staff. We plan on finishing the landscape enhancements we began in the 400 and 500 block of State Street by installing sod in the bed along the Towers after the holiday weekend. We will also see a number of other special events including a continuation of the Concerts on the Square, Art Fair on the Square and Maxwell Street Days that will require our assistance with the delivery of materials. We also plan on developing a more regular schedule for cleaning of bus stop and bench areas.