

## Supervisor's Monthly Report for February Mall Concourse

January gave us some chances to continue learning our routes and to identify opportunities for improvements as we went along. Since we have so many new staff members, the crew is growing together and learning how to effectively work as a team. The relative lack of snow throughout the month allowed us the opportunity to continue to haul snow, and we were very pleased that the entire Mall Concourse was nearly snow-free until the late January storm, from which we are still digging out. Minor equipment issues have occurred, such as broken hydraulic lines and John Deere broom issues, but we were able to keep operations moving efficiently.

Besides snow removal, the crew was able to take down the decorative banners on the Capitol square which are to be refurbished. Blowing and sweeping also needed to be done mid-January when nearly all of the snow was hauled. Rusty bike racks were removed during this low bike use season, and replaced with refurbished ones.

As we move into February, most likely, snow removal will keep us busy throughout the month with a possible large storm that is in the forecast. We are very pleased to note that our newest Parks Maintenance Worker, Tyler VandeBogert, started with us on February 1, which means we are now fully staffed. We look forward to working with Tyler and introducing him to our operations in the coming weeks and months. Winterfest will be our first event this year in February, with a large crowd expected.