

SUPERINTENDENT'S JANUARY 2018 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary

Staff braved the brutal temps and wind chills at the end of the year to install hockey boards at several locations and groom the ice at rinks. Most of the ice rinks opened, hopefully for the season, on December 26. The new NiceRink at Heritage Heights is already proving to be an asset by retaining water and allowing for a quicker re-freeze.

The public engagement process for the James Madison Park master plan and shelter design will begin with a community kick-off meeting on January 17 at Central Library.

In its second year of production, the Madison Parks Calendar proved to grow in community engagement and popularity with the last calendar sold on December 20.

In 2017, WPCRC served over 221,000 visitors in a variety of events, programs and rentals.

Park Ranger numbers for 2017 over 2016 show significant increase in "check area" requests and a decrease in number of "animal complaints."

Staff and Isthmus Architecture are finalizing plans for a new concessions and restroom addition to the historic Breese Stevens stadium. The project is anticipated to be released for bids in March 2018, with the majority of the construction occurring during the 2018-2019 off-season.

Volunteer naturalist Paul Noeldner continues to lead the way for Bird & Nature Outings, with eight free events offered each month and a newly added location for 2018. On the first Saturday of each month, a guided walk along Lake Mendota and the Yahara River Parkway bike path will begin at the Tenney Park beach shelter.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

Winter has finally come in full force. We've had a few minor snow events to contend with along with brutally cold temperatures. That being said, we've had pretty good conditions for getting our rinks up and running. At the end of December, we had all of Tenney, Heritage Heights, and the general rink at Olbrich open. Much thanks and appreciation goes out to our staff that worked through these brutal conditions during the holiday season. Without their efforts, we would not be in as good of shape as we are. After the first of the year, we'll have a Parks Worker to help us in our efforts as well as three additional seasonals to help cover weekend ice maintenance.

The Park Arborist Crew is still working for Forestry thru the end of the year. After the first of the new year, we'll be working in some park locations that are typically wet, and we can only get equipment in when the ground is frozen. After that, we'll shift our focus back to Yahara Golf Course. We still have many, many trees to remove from the course.

Aside from that, we've been working on year end budget spending, planning for next mowing season, pruning trees, and flail mowing. Our staff loves the challenge the winter brings to Park Operations and we hope to have a long winter recreational season for our residents to enjoy!

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks

December was a bit of a roller coaster ride for temperatures, starting out warm and ending the month in a deep freeze. The warm spells made establishing ice take a little longer than anticipated but we were able to get both Vilas and Goodman open the last week of December. Snowfall totals for the month were way below normal, however, giving us a chance to work out in the parks for longer than usual. The Landscape Maintenance Workers (LMW's) were able to spend a considerable amount of time grinding ash tree stumps in the parks and golf courses. We welcomed Laurel Franklin on as our new Parks Worker. She will be with us until March before moving on to West Parks.

As we move into January, maintaining the ice rinks and snow removal from our paths and walks will be our two priorities. Our winter seasonal will come on board after the first of the year to assist with ice maintenance Friday through Monday. The LMW's will continue to grind stumps when they can and assist the Park's Arborists as needed. When not busy with snow and ice, the PMW's will maintain snow equipment and work on painting picnic tables and garbage cans. Spring will be here before we know it so any spare time will be spent preparing summer equipment for next season.

Mall Maintenance:

Lack of a major snowstorm was the headline for the month of December at the Mall Concourse. The crew only had a few dustings to try out the snow removal equipment. However, the lack of snow allowed all of the salting equipment to be calibrated. For the first time at the Mall Concourse, all equipment has been calibrated to disperse the proper amount of salt with snow removal operations. The Mall also has a new drop spreader attachment for the toolcat, which will limit salt accumulation next to the foundations of buildings.

Due to the limited snow removal operations, the crew has been busy refurbishing furniture in the service area. Wooden benches, bus shelter repairs, and bicycle rack replacements have had extra attention during the month.

The BID's "Shine On Madison" event is starting to wind down, with their holiday lights and trees making the downtown look spectacular. The Mall is excited for the new year!

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

The snowfall the week before Christmas has shut down the last of our leaf removal operation at the cemetery. Staff is busy now helping to get the skating rinks up and running, as well as continuing with burial operations and lot sales. We will also be removing snow from sidewalk and bike routes, as well as cemetery roads and lots.

In regular cemetery business, there were twelve interments, one cremains burial, 3 entombments, and 1 inurnment.

Summit Maintenance:

We have officially moved into winter operations. We're working on establishing the ice sheet at Westmorland and at the Nakoma and Rennebohm volunteer rinks, using the water tanker truck. The volunteers have done a great job getting Wexford, Westmorland hockey, and Hillington up and running. The Elver hockey boards went up on December 27 after a surprisingly slow ice build, especially considering the frigid temperatures.

We're also doing snow & ice removal on our assigned routes, including a significant expansion of sidewalk and bike path on McKee Road.

If it continues to be a light year for snow, we will be working on constructing, repairing, and staining/painting picnic tables and benches, as well as pruning trees out in the parks. We will be running our garbage truck once or twice per week.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

In December, Conservation staff performed additional repair and maintenance on our snow making equipment, and were able to make snow on the sledding hill at Elver during the last week of December. While our high-pressure pump was rebuilt this year, the snow guns are 20 years old and will require several thousand dollars to refurbish. New equipment may be more cost effective in the long run, at this point.

Conservation staff continued with invasive woody species control (buckthorn and honeysuckle) at Cherokee Marsh, Edna Taylor, Heritage Sanctuary, Owen, and Prairie Ridge. Custom native seed mixes were developed and purchased for selected areas at Cherokee Marsh, Edna Taylor, Owen, and Prairie Ridge. Depending on the site, seed will be sown this winter or early next spring, following prescribed burns.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

"We had fun going to the Olbrich garden. I liked smelling the flowers. I really, really liked the trains."
12/20/2017 by TJG, age 3

November 2017 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2017	2016	Previous 5 yrs avg
November 1 - 30	10,877	15,459	12,799
YTD November 30	299,880	276,538	
OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)			
	YTD 11/30/17	YTD 11/30/16	
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$72,369	\$70,455	
Room Rentals YTD*	\$117,812	\$113,615	
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$27,071	\$28,286	
TOTAL YTD	\$217,252	\$212,376	

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

January 2018 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit, through March 3, 2018, Maria Sibylla Merian: The Suriname Expedition
1699 - 1701, 10 am – 4 pm daily

Children of the Rainforest, Ayodele Drum & Dance -- Sat, Jan 20 @ 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

The Chicago-based Ayodele Drum & Dance all-female group educates and entertains through engaging performances of the songs and dances of the African diaspora. Don't miss this high-energy synthesis of dance, rhythm, and song!

Cocktails in the Conservatory - Queer Pressure Collective featuring DJ Boyfrriend & Sarah Akawa
Friday, Jan 26, 7 – 11 pm

Education Programs – January 2018 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Wellness at the Gardens

Gentle Flow Yoga, 6 Wednesdays, 1/17 – 2/21 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Yin Yoga, 6 Wednesdays, 1/17 – 2/21, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Gentle Kripalu Hatha Yoga, 6 Mondays, 1/22 – 2/26, 5:30 – 6:45 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, 8 Mondays, Jan 22 – Mar 12, 6 – 7 pm

From the Garden: Herbal Infused Oils, Salves, & Lotions Workshop, Sat, 1/27, 1 – 5 pm

From Observation to Poem, Evening Walks in the Gardens, 4 Tuesdays, Jan 30 – Feb 20, 6 – 7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Home Creamery: Let's Make Cheese Curds Workshop, Wed, 1/17, 6 – 8:30 pm
From the Garden: All About Soap Making Workshop, Sun, 1/28, 10 am – 5 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: (ages 2 – 4 with an adult)

Adventures Among Trees

The Lorax, Fri, Jan 12, 10 – 11 am **OR** Tues, Jan 16, 10 – 11 am

Where the Wild Things Are, Fri, Jan 19, 10 – 11 am **OR** Tues, Jan 23, 10 – 11 am

The Great Kapok Tree, Fri, Jan 26, 10 – 11 am **OR** Tues, Jan 30, 10 – 11 am

Warm Up & Write! Young Writers Poetry & Writing Workshop

Sat, Jan 27, 9 am – 4 pm; grades 3 - 12 register at http://go.wisc.edu/068k06
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FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	390	433
Pruned by Request	423	326
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	346	102
Tree Removal	134	396
Ash Preemptive Removals	85	579
Storm Work/Hangers		89

*Numbers are incomplete due to timing of report.

The month included cycle pruning on the east side, pruning work for engineering projects, and small tree cycle pruning on the west side. Also, ash preemptive removals continued.

Forestry specialists continued to work with design engineers for 2018 reconstruction projects. The also finished ordering remaining trees for spring 2018 planting season. Tree layout for new plats, engineering projects following up replacement trees continued. Finally, reviewing proposed private development plans for street tree issues continue.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

Recreation Services, Tracey Hartley

Winter Operations Update

- 2017/2018 winter season opened 12/26 for skate at Tenney, Vilas & Elver & 12/22 for ski at Elver.
- Hired 36 winter attendants (15 new hires and 21 returning hires)
- Yahara Hills Golf Course New location for ski rental and concession (Sat-Sun 8:30 am-4pm). Winter Disc Golf course back for second year as well.
- New ski and skate equipment added to rental inventory.
- Parks swag merchandise for sale.

Summary of 2016-2017 Winter Season				
Location	Tenney Park	Elver Park	Vilas Park	Odana
Offering	Skate, Concessions	Ski, Skate, Sled, Concessions	Skate, Concessions	Ski, Concessions, 2 Indoor Golf Simulators
Hours	Mon-Thur 3pm-9pm Fri 3pm-9pm Sat 10am-9pm Sun 10am-9pm	Mon-Thur 4pm-8pm Fri 4pm-9pm Sat 11am-9pm Sun 11am-8pm	Mon-Thur 4pm-8pm Fri 4pm-9pm Sat 11am-9pm Sun 11am-8pm	Sat 8:30am-4pm Sun 8:30am-4pm
Open Date	December 22, 2016	December 22, 2016	December 21, 2016	December 18, 2016
Close Date	February 12, 2017	February 20, 2017	February 12, 2016	February 6, 2017
Total Patrons*	17,328	3,903	7,576	247
# Hot Cocoa Sold	1,507	314	733	N/A
Skate Adult	3,513	459	1,383	
Skate Child	2,202	488	1,136	
Ski Adult		456		177
Ski Child		182		45
Hockey Stick	520	87	216	
Sled		170		
Learn to Ice Skate	21 participants		24 participants	
Learn to Ski		20 participants		40 participants
WI Women's Hockey Skate w/ Bucky			384 participants	

*Based on hourly counts of people using the facility by the winter attendants

Rental Prices

Adult Skate (1st Hour): \$6.00
hour

Child Skate (1st Hour): \$3.00
\$30.00

Each Additional Hour: \$2.00

Child: Age 15 and under

Adult Ski (1st Hour): \$9.00

Child Ski (1st Hour): \$5.00

Each Additional Hour: \$5.00

Sled Rental: \$2.00 per

Ski Permit Annual:

Ski Permit Daily: \$7.00

Front Desk - Joanne Austin

Annual and Daily Permits Processed (including quantities ordered online)								
	2018 11/15/17- 12/29/17		2017 Totals		2016 Totals		2015 Totals	
	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)
Disc Golf	64 (41)	249 (6)	1,456 (503)	6,602 (59)	1,443 (245)	6,174 (14)	1,420 (194)	7,195 (0)
Dog	1,148 (1,138)	186 (4)	7,721 (4,360)	785 (13)	8,221 (4,072)	588 (6)	7,143 (2,629)	547 (0)
Lake	56 (25)	65 (N/A)	3,559 (1,373)	4,901 (N/A)	4,322 (593)	5,207 (N/A)	4,099 (394)	5,159 (N/A)
XC Ski	375 (322)	98 (1)	1,325 (743)	416 (14)	1,318 (362)	486 (0)	1,266 (213)	548 (0)

* Permit quantities are from Nov 15 of previous year through Nov 14 of the current year.

Gift Certificates Processed By Year		
2017 totals, as of 12/29/2017	2016	2015
232 - \$10,812	137 - \$9,585	200 - \$8,306

2017 Shelter Reservations, Location of Residence

- Dane County Residents – 90%
- Non-Dane County Residents – 10%
- Madison Residents – 79%

Warner Park Community Recreation Center-Terrence Thompson

- WPCRC Advisory Committee Update
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, November 30 (Did not meet quorum)
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, January 25

WPCRC Facility News

- In 2017, WPCRC served over 221,000 visitors in a variety of weddings, workshops, events, fitness classes and members, volleyball and basketball programs, youth camps, and other rentals and programs.
- Met with Boyce Johnson (City TV Channel) and Kevin Judd (IBS-Integral Building Systems, Inc) to discuss possibilities for 2017 CIP technology upgrades. IBS is generating an estimate and recommendations based on facility needs.

WPCRC Programs & Events News

- Warner Family Fun Nights-Each month the WPCRC attracts more than 200+ participants for Family Fun Nights. We've started off the school year with record high attendance rates and a lot of excitement from our participants.
 - November 10-244 participants
 - December 8 – 272 participants
 - Upcoming Dates: January 12, February 9
- Daddy Daughter Dance
 - Saturday, February 3

WPCRC Facility Usage Report - 2017															
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2016	2015
Facility Rentals	348	408	468	400	417	352	454	425	379	503	453	400	5007	5,711	5,016
Pass Visits															
Exercise Room	3212	2805	2850	2209	2244	2005	1828	1591	1803	2016	2174	2256	26,993	32,539	32,455
Game Room	146	198	244	218	182	190	196	151	153	183	166	160	2,187	1,864	1,677
Gymnasium	302	278	339	256	233	144	170	148	157	239	294	260	2,820	4,186	4,203
June/July numbers do not include gym usage by the MSCR Summer Camp (approx. 1200 visitors per month)															
Game room numbers do not include multiple youth groups and organizations that use the area															
Also doesn't include members that check into one area, then use another area during the same visit															

Recreation Supervisor (Aquatics and Rangers), Josh Schmitt

Aquatics

2017 was a great year at the Goodman Pool. We are extremely proud of what we have achieved this past summer. We had another year with no major incidents, tons of great programs and the community became more involved in our long term goals. Our guards this year successfully built a cooperative relationship with the Clean Lakes Alliance, which allowed us to be responsive and knowledgeable of changing conditions with Madison's lakes. This also allowed us to better serve the community and gather solid data on our beaches.

The Goodman Waves won their first meet since their inception, followed by their second meet at their home pool. For a program that focuses more on building strong swimmers and building community, where winning is not emphasized as much as learning and growing individually. This was an extremely positive summer for the team and the swimmers really worked hard for all they achieved. This would not have been possible without the tremendous support of the Goodman Foundation, Shelley Glover Foundation and Parks Foundation who have been key in building the Goodman Pool into a community resource and allow those who may not have a chance to swim, a chance to compete and learn.

At the Goodman Pool, we saw an active community usage. We are proud to be fulfilling the Goodman Pool's mission which was devised when it was built: to be a true community resource. We have also been heavily working on bettering our internal training process and progressive certification of our staff. This past year, we implemented a Lifeguard Instructor program to allow staff to achieve and maintain higher levels of certification. The Goodman Pool serves the best community around and our goal is to have the best lifeguard staff.

Pool Daily Visits (Non Pass)	30955
Pool Pass	4182
Pool Total visits	46468
Lessons provided	1851
Group scholarships	10124
Indiv. admission scholarships	1159
Individual lessons scholarships	307
Waves scholarships	32

Building off the 2017 season, our goals for 2018 are to focus on our lessons program and develop instructors. We are developing a training track for instructors which will allow them to reach the highest level of certification. We are also working to develop our concessions menu to include new menu offerings for the community. We are proud to serve the community and will continue to be a resource to aquatic recreation for the City of Madison and its neighboring communities. Thanks to great organizations such as the Shelley Glover Foundation, the Goodman Foundation and the Madison Park Foundation, we are able to offer our services at an affordable cost to members of the community while not allowing their financial status to hinder their ability to learn how to swim or use the pool with their family and friends. We are proud to have the support of these foundations, the community, the Board of Parks Commissioners and the City of Madison itself.

Rangers

2017 Parks Ranger Incidents

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	11	28	64	35	39	23	12	29	39	29	11	6	326
Assist Citizen	11	3	4	12	11	35	19	12	24	4	6	2	143
Assist Fire/ Police	6	0	0			2	2	4	1	3	3	0	21
Check Person	24	10	8	12	8	22	4	17	6	4	1	1	117
Check Area	753	969	888	1055	1208	1215	1527	1481	1245	1046	667	535	12589
Behavioral Ban	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	9
Damage to property	2	2	2	9	1	7	11	2	1	7	0	0	44
Drug Investigation	2	0	0	1		0	1	1	2	1	0	0	8
Graffiti complaint	2	6	1	1	7	3	5	4	0	5	0	0	34
Intoxicated Person	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	11
Information	54	65	64	73	100	141	204	193	3	1	2	0	900
Liquor Law Violation	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	0	0	14
No permanent Address issue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	1
Noise complaint		0	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	13
Parking Complaint	3	6	4	5	7	8	22	21	12	30	1	1	120
Phone Call	0					0	6	4	0	1	0	0	11
Trespass	0					1	0		0	2	0	0	3
Total reports	871	1089	1035	1206	1386	1460	1816	1791	1336	1138	691	545	13874

2016 Parks Ranger Incidents

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	22	37	106	54	21	54	53	14	12	12	11	5	401
Assist Citizen	10	8	4	11	28	97	60	19	16	8	6	4	271
Assist Fire/Police	1	3	4	4	7	35	23	14	7	7	0	1	106
Check Person	12	24	16	17	20	49	71	29	15	9	9	9	280
Check Area	127	126	238	180	495	815	916	979	979	696	573	505	6629
Behavioral Ban	0	0	1	2	1	3	8	6	6	5	0	0	32
Damage to property	3	8	10	6	5	24	35	3	8	5	2	0	109
Drug Investigation	1	0	1	1	3	9	8	4	12	1	0	0	40
Graffiti complaint	0	2	2	6	3	11	15	9	2	6	3	2	61
Intoxicated Person	2	3	0	0	0	2	7	1	2	2	0	1	20
Information	126	89	65	39	66	217	196	92	110	114	46	44	1204
Liquor Law Violation	11	11	16	11	16	25	22	8	5	2	0	0	127
No permanent Address issue	3	0	0	4	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	11
Noise complaint	0	2	1	3	2	6	9	7	2	1	0	0	33
Parking Complaint	19	20	14	21	32	67	89	6	12	13	4	3	300
Phone Call	1	8	0	0	5	12	4	0		0	0	1	31
Trespass	1	3	0	0	4	0	3	2	2	2	0	0	17
Total reports	339	344	478	359	708	1426	1522	1194	1190	883	654	575	8894

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South

Status: Pending Construction

Joe Daniels Construction has started construction of the new backstop at Bowman Field. The project is scheduled for final completion prior to April 1, 2018, to avoid conflicts with current field reservations.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West

Status: Pending Construction

Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Phase 1 contract has been awarded to Drax Inc. The contractor is planning to start work in spring 2018.

Garver Feed Mill – East

Status: Pending Construction

The developer obtained their final zoning approvals and closed on the Lot 1 property in early December. S&L Underground was awarded the contract for removal of stockpiled leaf and stump grinding materials, with a low bid of \$214,355. Removal operations have begun and are anticipated to be completed by the late January, 2018.

Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central

Status: Planning

Staff and Isthmus Architecture are finalizing plans for a new concessions and restroom addition to the historic stadium. The project received approval from the Wisconsin State Historical Society in October and City of Madison Landmarks Commission in early December. The project will be reviewed by the Urban Design Commission on January 31, 2018. The project is anticipated to be released for bids in March 2018, with the majority of the construction occurring during the 2018-2019 off-season.

Penn Park Improvements – South

Status: Construction

The project was bid in two phases, one for the shelter and restroom portion of the project and a second contract for the site work and parking lot improvements. The first bid package for the renovation of the existing shelter and the new concession/restroom building is expected to be completed May of 2018. The associated site work for the parking lot improvements is also anticipated to be completed May of 2018.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide

Status: On-going

Staff developed a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed and replaced in the park system and continues to coordinate with parks operations staff for the citywide replacement of ash trees.

2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide

Status: Ongoing

Staff has completed most of the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. Staff is currently working on developing the draft plan and using the Racial Justice and Social Equity Toolkit as a guide for analysis as part of the plan development.

2017 Parks Division Landscaping – City Wide

Status: Construction / Maintenance

Work has been completed for the installation of trees and shrubs at various sites in the park system. Maintenance under the contract continues through December 1, 2018.

2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management – City Wide

Status: Construction / Maintenance

Work has been completed for the installation of raingardens at sites in the park system. Maintenance under the contract continues through December 1, 2018.

James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design- Near East**Status: Planning**

Ken Saiki Design, Inc. has been awarded design contract for the James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design for the amount of \$203,340. The public engagement plan is being developed and the first public input meeting is scheduled for January 17th, 2018.

Vilas Park Fishing Pier- Near West**Status: Construction**

Parks staff will be working with Building and Construction Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin to install an accessible fishing pier in Vilas Park on Lake Wingra. Building Trades Council will be responsible for refurbishing an existing City owned pier for use on the site. Building trades has transported the wooden pier to their winter workshop and will finish work on the new decking throughout the winter. Final pier installation will be in spring 2018.

Vilas Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement- Near West**Status: Construction**

Strand and Associates is working with staff to replace 2 pedestrian bridges within the park that are located at the lagoon. Bids for the project were received on December 15th with R. G. Huston the apparent low bidder at \$773,996.17. Pending final approval of the construction contract, work is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2018 with final completion by August 15, 2018.

Gates of Heaven Improvements – Central**Status: Planning**

Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for 2018 in conjunction with exterior improvements being completed by Engineering staff. Staff will work with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine if a more durable variety of flooring will be allowed since Gates of Heaven is on the National Register.

Olbrich Park – Walter Street Restroom Building and Site Work Improvements – East**Status: Planning**

A public input meeting was held in October to discuss the replacement of the restroom building and planned sitework improvements to the park. Engineering Facilities will lead the project and it is anticipated that the contract to construct the building will be issued in early 2018, with construction anticipated to begin in June 2018. Sitework improvements (including the parking lot) will occur in 2019.

Eken Park Place making Improvements – East**Status: Planning**

Staff will re-issue a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the installation of a seating area and historical plaque at Eken Park in early 2018 with construction anticipated in spring 2018.

Wingra Park – Near West**Status: Planning**

Staff is working with Engineering to address shoreline improvements to Wingra Park. Staff met with park stakeholders in April and had a second stakeholder meeting in August. Staff held a public informational meeting on this project on September 7, 2017. Work is tentatively scheduled for 2018, pending permit approvals.

Thousand Oaks Park – Far West**Status: Construction**

Staff has completed the master plan development of Thousand Oaks Park. The developer, Veridian Homes, will be working on park improvements under a private developer contract. The improvements will be phased with grading and storm sewer work in the fall and playground, path and shelter improvements in 2018. The construction of the park by the developer offsets the Park – Development Impact Fees that would have otherwise been paid to the City.

Ocean Road Park Playground Replacement – South**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public input meeting on October 30th and December 18th to discuss the Ocean Road playground replacement. The construction will be completed by Parks Construction crews.

Dudgeon School Park Playground Replacement – West**Status: Planning**

Staff held a second meeting with the neighborhood on December 12th at Wingra School to vote on the equipment to be installed at Dudgeon School Park in 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with two other playground sites and is anticipated to be bid for construction in March 2018.

Indian Hills Park Playground Replacement – West**Status: Planning**

Staff held a second public input meeting on November 29th with the neighborhood intended to vote on the equipment to be installed at the park but unfortunately there were no attendees. Parks worked with the alder and neighborhood association to make the proposals available on Next Door. This project will be combined into a contract with two other playground sites and is anticipated to be bid for construction in March 2018.

Odana Hills Park Playground Replacement – West**Status: Planning**

Staff held a second public input meeting on December 7th with the neighborhood to vote on the equipment to be installed at the park in 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with two other playground sites and is anticipated to be bid for construction in March 2018.

Acewood Park Playground Replacement – East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Acewood Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 6th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

Elmside Circle Park Playground Replacement – Near East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Elmside Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 11th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

Washington Manor Park Playground Replacement – East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public meeting on November 29th to discuss the Washington Manor playground replacement. The second public input meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 18th, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

Reger Park Playground Replacement – Near East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public input meeting on November 20th, 2017 to discuss the Reger Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting is scheduled for January 23rd, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018. Parks staff will also be coordinating the installation of lighting improvements, funded by CDBG, with the playground installation project.

Mayfair Park Playground Replacement – Near East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Mayfair Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting is scheduled for January 17th, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

Olin Park Boat Launch Reconstruction – Isthmus/Central**Status: Pending Construction**

The proposed project will remove and replace the cracked and deteriorating existing concrete ramps in the same location and will include some small improvements to ramp slope and lake bed stabilization. The project will begin at ice out in the spring and be complete by early May 2018. This project has been bid and the City has selected Janke Contractors to perform the work.

North Star Park Expansion – Far East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public meeting on December 4th to discuss park improvements to the expanded, unimproved section of North Star Park in conjunction with the master plan development of Camar Park (see below). Staff issued an online survey as part of the master planning process and mail paper surveys to residents in January.

Camar Park Master Plan – Far East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public meeting on December 4th to discuss master plan development for the new park property along with the expansion area at North Star Park (see above). Staff issued an online survey as part of the master planning process and mail paper surveys to residents in January.

Elver Park Inclusive Playground – South/West**Status: Planning**

Staff will hold a public meeting with the neighborhood to kick-off planning for the addition of an inclusive playground at Elver Park to replace the existing playground near McKenna Blvd. This meeting is scheduled for January 18 at the Elver Park Neighborhood Center / Wisconsin Youth Company.

Greenside Park Master Plan – South / West**Status: Planning**

Staff anticipate holding a public meeting with the neighborhood in spring 2018 to discuss master plan development at Greenside Park following a tree survey to be conducted in January to assist in determining the type and quality of overstory trees on the 2.51-acre property.

Meadowood Park Sun Shelter – West**Status: Planning**

Staff are currently working with District 20 Alder and the neighborhood association to determine whether a public meeting process is necessary for the replacement of the existing shelter at the park with a new open-sided, reservable shelter in 2018. This project is anticipated to be bid in March 2018.

City-wide Invasive Removal Contract**Status: Planning**

Staff is putting together the first city-wide park and engineering contract to removal invasive plants throughout city raingardens, shorelines, greenways, and along bike paths. Installation of native seed and plants will be included in this contract. This contract will be advertised to bid in December.

Other Projects

- Staff is working on replacement of portions of the Duck Blind facilities that were destroyed by fire.
- Staff is working on the relocation and development of a storage building at Olbrich Botanical Gardens to replace the one that received fire damage.
- Staff is working with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee on drafting policies related Ice Rinks and Ice Rink volunteer groups.
- Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Lagoon Planning Grant. Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park. InSite Consulting Architects has prepared a Preliminary Assessment that will provide guidance on the fountain restoration.

- Staff is working with the Madison Food Policy group on a report to identify potential community garden locations in the University Hills Neighborhood.
- Staff is working with the City Attorney's office on updating the Madison General Ordinances to allow for Temporary Land Use permits and Art Installation permits for private access and work in parks.
- Staff is working with Olbrich Botanical Society and Engineering for the proposed Olbrich Garden expansion.
- Staff is working with Engineering on the proposed Atwood Avenue improvements, which include improvements in Olbrich Park.
- Staff are working with City Planning to identify projects at the respective parks that can be constructed with funding provided by Planning through Community Block Development Grants (CDBG)
- Staff is reviewing potential options for new dog parks in accordance with the recently adopted dog park policy.
- Staff are coordinating with organizers of the CrossFit games to identify a potential location and installation for adult outdoor fitness equipment.
- Staff is working on planning efforts to site recreational bike facilities within the City. The City is coordinating with a local volunteer organization Capitol Offroad Path Finders (CORP) to establish a winter Fat Bike route in 2018 and plan for future off road bike facilities.

Projects Completed in 2017

- Cherokee Marsh North Unit Parking Lot
- Warner Park Breakwater and Dredging and Boat Launch Repair
- 2017 Parks Division Sun Shelters Installation (Allied, Norman Clayton and Sauk Creek Parks)
- 2017 Brittingham Park Accessible Playground
- 2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements
- Reynolds Park Tennis
- Marshall park restroom construction in conjunction with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District.
- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park seating area with Planning Grant award
- Brittingham Park Community Garden Playground
- Sugar Maple Park Development
- Baxter Park Playground
- Sunset Park Playground
- Westmorland Park Playground
- Allied Park Development (shelter, playground and basketball)
- Bordner Park Playground
- Esther Beach Shelter and site improvements
- Central Park Land Acquisition
- North Shore Drive Sidewalk Extension at the Railroad Crossing
- Country Grove Park Playground
- Wexford Park Playground
- Zook Park Playground
- Yahara Place Park and BB Clarke Park Shoreline Improvements
- Waldorf Park development (Playground, paths and fields)
- Rennebohm Park table tennis and chess table installation
- Blair Street Planning Study
- Demetral Adult Fitness
- Glenwood Park Slope Stabilization by Volunteers
- Tenney Park (Island Playground)
- Brigham Park Playground
- Lake Edge Park Playground
- McGinnis Park Playground
- Tenney Park Shoreline
- Goodman Ice Rink Lighting

- Park Paving 2017
- Patriot Park Master Plan