

SUPERINTENDENT'S SEPTEMBER 2017 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

- The accessible playground at Brittingham Park opened for play on August 25th. The community garden playground also recently opened.
- Allied Park is nearing completion and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 4:30pm on Friday, September 29.
- Both the Allied and Brittingham projects featured a robust engagement process with extensive outreach, promoting equity in our planning processes.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 24th for Sugar Maple Park on Madison's far west side. President Wallner, Alderperson Skidmore, Jeff Rosenberg from Veridian, and many residents were on hand to cut the ribbon on Madison's newest park. The park was developed in collaboration with Veridian Homes to allow it to develop on a more expeditious schedule.
- Gleam: Art in a New Light at OBS continues through September 30 and OBG is also hosting Thai Fest on Sunday, September 24.
- 2017 will complete the new park ash tree adoptions available. Removals continue in west parks and will move back to the east side to perform the final round of removals.
- Talking Spirits Cemetery Tour at Forest Hill begins on September 30.
- A large number of events were hosted at Quann and Olin parks during the Crossfit Games earlier this summer.
- Mall Concourse crew repainted three bus shelters on the Capitol Square, added new plants to the 500 and 600 blocks of State Street and assisted Forestry staff in adding washed stone to some of the tree grates.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

The rain finally slowed a bit and, subsequently, grass growth rates did as well. We were periodically able to shut down or reduce mowing operations to get some much needed project work done. We were finally able to tackle the Pennsylvania Park brush/tree removal project. We worked on filling in and seeding low spots and we got some much needed pruning work done. We also started working on our late summer fertilizer applications and have gotten ready for fall soccer.

The Park Arborists have continued to work on the west side of town when we haven't had storm work to clean up. They spent about a week last month helping Forestry with storm calls. We hope to finish up our first round of ash removals on the west side of the city within a month or two and then we'll move back to the east side to perform the final round of removals in east parks.

Several of our seasonal employees have either returned to school or resumed their teaching careers. Overall, we were very fortunate to have such capable employees this season. We wish them the best and hope that most will be able to return to work for us next year.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

The summer finally dried out in August, giving us time to catch up with all our mowing and string trimming before we started losing seasonal help. In athletics we transitioned from summer softball to fall softball and have started prepping our football fields. We had a number of large events with Crossfit at Quann and Olin parks as a new event drawing large crowds. In addition we also had Central Park Sessions and Africa Fest at Central, Great Taste of the Midwest at Olin and Orton Park Fest. The LMW's continue with beautification projects and have been planning out for fall tree planting. Esther Beach new shelter was finished and opened up this month and the Penn Park remodel is coming along with the contractors

working on the path and starting the concession building. A number of our seasonal staff left at the end of the month to return to school, either as students or teachers.

September is usually a bit of a transition month as grass growth typically starts to slow down. Home UW football games mean increased activity in the surrounding parks on the weekends. Football, softball and baseball field prep will continue through the month. As the fields finish for the year we will aerate, fertilize and overseed as needed. The LMW's will be working on some planting and landscaping projects before they start fall tree planting. Central Park Sessions has one more date early in the month after which we will work on some Great Lawn rehab at Central Park.

Mall Maintenance:

Student move-ins kept the crew busy with large item collection throughout the month of August. "The James" new building as well as "The Hub" and other apartments presented new challenges as students disposed of moving and unwanted materials, which required team effort between East Streets and Mall Concourse staff to keep the service area clean. Regular sidewalk sweeping and trash/recycle collection was extremely busy with the summer crowds.

Numerous people attended Mall Concourse events throughout the month. Jazz at 5 continued its Wednesday evening shows, and a new concert, "Madison's Favorites" closed the 100 block of State Street for a highly successful event. The "Live on King" series continued throughout the month and will wrap up in September. The Pride Parade was also well attended in the middle of the month.

Besides the regular maintenance, the crew completed repainting of three bus shelters on the Capitol Square. We also helped out Forestry with adding washed stone to some of the tree grates. New plants were added to the 500 and 600 blocks of State Street to fill in some bare spots among the planters. Two of the three seasonal workers that helped with these tasks have returned to college, their help will be missed.

Looking toward September, the Mall Crew will keep busy with events. The annual Taste of Madison is Labor Day weekend, with extra staff being brought in to help clean. The following weekend will be Ironman, which is another popular Mall Concourse event. UW-Football home games will also start, with three Saturday home games to keep the crew busy.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

It's starting to feel a little like fall at the cemetery. The leaf baler has been tuned up, so we're ready when the leaves start to fall. As in past years, we will be leaving the majority of bales beside the cemetery roads for anyone to take. While we wait for the leaves, there is still a lot of grass to cut and trim.

2017 will be the nineteenth year of the Talking Spirits Cemetery Tour. For just the second year, candlelit tours are available on September 30, and the public daytime tours are on October 1. School tours are October 2-5. This year's tour features Frederick Dyke, an infantry drummer, Hugh Lewis, an immigrant soldier, Emilie Quiner, a teacher and war nurse, and Asa Green, the army chaplain responsible for the Soldier's Lot in Forest Hill. Advance registration for the public tours will be available at wisvetsmuseum.com.

Following up on the adoption of the new decoration policy this past spring, this fall we will be tagging and removing all decorations that are not in compliance in conjunction with our usual fall clean-up. The items will be stored and offered for owners to claim.

In regular cemetery business, there were five full-size interments, fifteen cremains burials, one inurnment, and nine lot sales (six cremation lots and one full-size lot) in August.

Summit Maintenance:

West Fest was held at Elver Park on August 26 this year. The weather was much improved from last year, with only a few spotty showers in the afternoon. This year Parks teamed up with the Boys and Girls Club, and the annual backpack distribution was held during West Fest. 3000 backpacks were given away, along with lots of assorted school supplies. There was also a craft and resource fair, a community meal, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, the ever-popular dunk tank, and performing groups on the showmobile stage.

Our autumn flail mowing will commence soon. The tractor has 2 new flail units and has had a recent service check, so we're hopeful that we won't run into the same maintenance and mowing unit mismatch issues that caused 2016 to be relatively unproductive.

There is a Thursday evening softball league scheduled at Elver this year, as well as Little League games. MSCR is also still trying to finish up Wednesday evening makeup games, so our softball diamonds are still seeing regular use. We've also marked the field corners for fall soccer leagues, and we're working through a list of parks that need aerifying.

2017 is the last year for new EAB adoptions, and this is about the time of year that the treatments should be wrapping up. 2016 was our biggest year by far, but there have also been a few adoptions this summer. West Parks crews will be out this late summer grubbing, filling, and seeding the stumps from the ash trees removed this year by the arborist crew.

We continue to do daily shelter cleaning and trash collection through September, though the weekly recycling collection will end after Labor Day.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

Conservation work in July and August focused largely on trail maintenance and improvements and on invasive species control. Staff spread gravel and installed, maintained, or replaced water bars at Edna Taylor, Elvehjem, Meadow Ridge, Owen, South Cherokee Marsh and Turville Point. In addition, downed trees were cleared from the ski trails at Elver and from hiking trails at various conservation parks. All trails were mowed and trimmed to control encroaching brush. A Toolcat or tracked Bobcat was borrowed from other sections on ten different days in order to complete all this trail work.

Prairie restorations at South Cherokee Marsh and Prairie Ridge were mowed to control sweet clover and wild parsnip, while Japanese knotweed was spot-mowed with brush cutters at Turville Point. Japanese hedge parsley was hand-pulled at Prairie Ridge, Owen and Cherokee Marsh, as was cattail in the storm water ponds at South Cherokee Marsh. Spotted knapweed was pulled at Prairie Ridge and Cherokee Marsh. Staff also worked to control porcelain-berry at Owen, Asian bittersweet at Owen and Stricker's Pond, Japanese hops at Knollwood, silver-grass (*Miscanthus*) at Cherokee Marsh, and teasel in the no-mow area adjacent to Sandburg Woods. Acewood Pond and Cherokee Marsh were scouted for purple loosestrife, but none was found.

Operation Fresh Start removed rocks and installed gravel along the trail at Stricker's Pond and constructed a wooden foot bridge across a drainage way to make the trail more accessible. Water bars and gravel were installed at Edna Taylor and Elvehjem Sanctuary, and they continued to remove abandoned sections of boardwalk from Edna Taylor and from North Cherokee Marsh as well.

The Briarpatch "Streets Crew" worked on a variety of tasks during their time with us in July and August. They pulled sweet clover and Japanese hedge parsley at Cherokee Marsh, Prairie Ridge and Turville point. They also collected burdock seed-heads in the managed meadow at Olin, picked up litter along the shoreline at Turville Point, and spread gravel on the new trail they cleared in June at Turville.

I led the conservation park tour in July at Prairie Ridge and in August at Cherokee Marsh - South Unit. 10 people attended in July, while rain kept all but 3 people away in August. I also planned and solicited quotes for two brush control projects that will occur at North and South Cherokee Marsh this winter.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

"Thanks for the marvelous experience. The plants are so well cared for and beautiful. What a treasure to appreciate & to experience it for free! Thanks!" 8/17/2017

July 2017 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2017	2016	Previous 5 yrs avg
July 1 - 31	44,229	43,922	38,427
YTD July 31	191,700	174,899	
OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)			
	YTD 7/31/17	YTD 7/31/16	
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$38,332	\$36,932	
Room Rentals YTD*	\$72,877	\$78,323	
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$11,858	\$12,585	
TOTAL YTD	\$123,067	\$127,840	

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

September 2017 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

Gleam: Art in a New Light, Thu, Fri, Sat, Aug 31 – Sept 30, 7:30 – 10:30 pm (last ticket sold at 10 pm) & Oct 1 – 31, 6:30 – 9:30 pm (last ticket sold at 9 pm)

Olbrich's Tram – operating daily (weather permitting) through Labor Day

Sunday Guided Garden Strolls – every Sunday @ 1:30 and 3:00 pm through October 15

Thai Fest, Sunday, Sept 24, 11 am – 4 pm

Crackle: Fire & Froth, Friday, Sept 28, 7 – 10 pm

Education Programs – Sept 2017 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Garden Walks

Perennial Combinations for Sunny Locations Walk, Thurs, Sept 7, 6 – 7:30 pm,

Putting Your Garden to Bed Walk, Mon, Sept 11, 5:30 – 7 pm

Wellness at the Gardens

Gentle Kripalu Hatha Yoga, 8 Mondays, Sept 11 – Oct 30, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, 6 Mondays, Sept 11 – Oct 16, 6 – 7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Drawing: The Next Step, Sun, Sept 10, 10 am – 4 pm

Hydrangeas for the Home Garden, Mon, Sept 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Shibori Infinity Scarves, 2 Tuesdays, Sept 12 & 19, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Beginning Chair Caning, 3 Tuesdays, Sept 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Wet-felted Small Vessle/Pouch, Sun, Sept 17, 9 am – noon

Wet-felted Laminated (Nuno) Scarf, Sun, Sept 17, 1 – 4 pm

Do-It-Yourself Photovoltaics, Sun, Sept 17, 9 am – 2 pm

Ornamental Grasses, Mon, Sept 25, 6:30 – 8 pm

Sustainable Landscaping – Beauty Today and a Green Tomorrow, Tues, Sept 26, 6:30 – 8 pm

GLEAM: Art in a New Light Programs

GLEAM, ART IN A NEW LIGHT EXHIBIT WALKS WITH DAVID WELLS

- Tuesday, September 19, 7:30-8:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 19, 9-10 pm
- Tuesday, September 26, 7:30-8:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 26, 9-10 pm
- Tuesday, October 3, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 3, 8-9 pm
- Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 10, 8-9 pm

INTRODUCTION TO NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY LECTURE

(THIS IS A LECTURE STYLE CLASS ONLY. TO PHOTOGRAPH GLEAM, ART IN A NEW LIGHT SIGN UP FOR THE NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY - GLEAM EXCLUSIVE PHOTO SHOOT.)

- Wednesday, September 13, 6:30-9 pm *OR*
- Wednesday, September 20, 6:30-9 pm

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY - GLEAM EXCLUSIVE PHOTO SHOOT

- Tuesday, September 19 [rain date September 26], 7:30-9:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 26 [rain date October 3], 7:30-9:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 3 [rain date October 10], 6:30-8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

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

Fall into Autumn with Stories by April P. Sayre

- Shadows,** Tues, Sept 12, 10 – 11 am **OR** Fri, Sept 15, 10 – 11 am
- Let’s Go Nuts!,** Sept 19, 10 – 11 am **OR** Fri, Sept 22, 10 – 11 am
- Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep,** Tues, Sept 26, 10 – 11 am **OR** Fri, Sept 29, 10 – 11 am

Flower Fairies (grades K-5 with an adult), Fri, Sept 22, 6:30 – 8 pm

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	0	0
Pruned by Request	342	563
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	20	7
Tree Removal	184	719
Ash Preemptive Removals	99	631
Storm Work/Hangers		147

In August there was no cycle pruning. Forestry received over 400 request calls for service which includes pruning or tree removal. West side did get some small tree pruning completed. We also make a specific effort to prune trees in school zones prior to school beginning. EAB treatments also continued.

Forestry specialists worked on EAB treatment inspections, reviewing plans for private developments, sidewalk inspection, and tree replacement checks.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK
Recreation Services – Tracey Hartley

Event	Date	Time	Location	Partners	Register	Attend	Additional Notes
Learn To Events							
Learn to Backpack	7/30/17	10:00 - 11:30am	Marhsall Park	REI	19	16	
Learn to Skateboard	8/1/17	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Central Park	Freedom Skate Shop	9	4	
Learn to Fall Camp/Prepare for Outdoors	9/10/17	10:00 - 11:30am	Brittingham Park	REI	2		
Learn to Stargaze	9/18/17	7:00pm - 8:00pm	James Madison	UW Space Place	30		
Learn to Play Pickleball	9/28/17	5:00 - 6:30pm	Garner Park Pickleball Courts	Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker			
Learn to Stargaze	10/9/17	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Rennebohm Park	UW Space Place	14		
Volunteer Events							
Volunteer Appreciation Night	8/10/17	10:00 - 11:00am	Madison Mallard Duck Pond Stadium	Madison Mallards	70	40	200 volunteers invited. A night of games, food, and fun! There will be a presentation to show our volunteers the impact they make in our parks and during our special events.
Other Upcoming/Past Events							
A Wild Rumpus	Mondays 6/19/17- 8/14/17	4:30- 7pm	Reindhal Park	Madison Public Library	1,079		Participation Numbers: wk 1 - 45, wk 2 - 78, wk 3 - 123, wk 4 - 159, wk 5 - 133, wk 6 - 137, wk 7 - 144, wk 8 - 136, wk 9 - 124
A Wild Rumpus	Wednesdays, 6/21/17- 8/16/17	4:30- 7pm	Haen Family Park	Madison Public Library	881		Participation Numbers: wk 1 - 135, wk 2 - 35, wk 3 - 42, wk 4 - 145, wk 5 - 185, wk 6 - 40, wk 7 - 122, wk 8 - 144, wk 9 - 33
Pickleball Lessons	Thursdays, 8/10/17 - 8/31/17	Ses. 1: 5:00- 6:00pm Ses. 2: 6:00- 7:00pm	Garner Park Pickleball Courts	Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker	Ses. 1: 6 Ses. 2: 13		Class times moved up 30 minutes from previous lessons due to no lights at Garner courts

Movie - 2014 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	8/15/17	8pm	Worthington Park			55	
Movie - Moana	8/16/17	8pm	Owl Creek Park				CANCELLED - Weather
Movie -Kong Skull Island	8/17/17	8pm	Meadowood Park				CANCELLED - Weather
Dinner & A Swim	8/18/17	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Goodman Pool	Magic 98		158	Food Carts: Kona Ice, Toast, Silk Road, Gourmet FIB's
Movie -Roman Holiday	8/19/17	8pm	Peace Park			82	
Movie - Back to the Future	8/20/17	8pm	Lake Edge Park			18	
Movie -2016 Ghostbusters	8/21/17	7:45pm	Olin Park Pavilion			3	Moved indoors due to weather
Movie -Moana	8/23/17	7:45pm	Allied Park			65	
Ribbon Cutting - Sugar Maple	8/24/17	4:00pm	Sugar Maple Park			150	
Movie -2016 The Jungle Book	8/24/17	7:45pm	Elver Park			49	
Back2School Bash & Westfest at Elver Park	8/26/17	8am-4pm	Elver Park - 1250 McKenna Blvd.	Boys & Girls Club of Dane County		5,000	over 3,000 backpacks with supplies given away for free, basketball tournament, craft/ vendor fair, kids games, food, music, an overall enjoyable Community Event
Movie Night - SING	8/29/17	7:30pm	Aldo Leopold Park			78	Food Cart: Noosh
Movie Night - Finding Dory	8/31/17	7:30pm	Hammersley Park			56	
Pickleball Lessons	Thursdays, 9/7/17 - 9/28/17	11:30am - 12:30pm	Garner Park Pickleball Courts	Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker	14		A patron requested daytime lessons so we are trying one session to see what the demand is.

Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin

Annual and Daily Permits Processed (including quantities ordered online)								
2017 Totals, as of 09/5/2017*			2016 Totals			2015 Totals		
	Annual (online)	Daily (online)		Annual (online)	Daily (online)		Annual (online)	Daily (online)
Disc Golf	1,437 (501)	4,835 (50)	Disc Golf	1,443 (245)	6,174 (14)	Disc Golf	1,420 (197)	7,195 (0)
Dog	7,160 (3,857)	526 (9)	Dog	8,270 (4,132)	588 (6)	Dog	7,162 (2,656)	547 (0)
Lake	3,483 (1,419)	3,619 (N/A)	Lake	4,322 (607)	5,207 (N/A)	Lake	4,099 (408)	5,159 (N/A)
XC Ski	1,325 (744)	416 (14)	XC Ski	1,318 (362)	486 (0)	XC Ski	1,266 (213)	548 (0)

*Parks began processing 2017 annual permits on December 1, 2016.
Purchasing permits online has been a great success!!

Gift Certificates Processed By Year		
2017	2016	2015
116 (\$5,686)	137 (\$9,585)	200 (\$8,306)

Warner Park Community Recreation Center

- WPCRC Advisory Committee Update
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, July 27
 - Discussed Facility Manager hiring process, Wanda Fullmore Intern, cross-training front desk/building cleaner positions, Connecting Children to Nature mural, fitness equipment purchases, 2017 expansion planning
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, September 28
- Chad Norquist, WPCRC Operations, has completed his sustainable facility efforts at the Goodman Complex; including the pool, maintenance facility, and outbuildings. Chad worked a few days per week during June, July and August at the Goodman Complex
- Successful Down Week- August 20-26

WPCRC Programs & Events News

- Warner Family Fun Nights
 - May 12 – 182 participants
 - June 9 – 197 participants
 - Upcoming Dates: September 8 & October 13
- Upcoming/New Program Ideas
 - Northside Winter Farmers' Market
 - Sundays, October 29 – December 17
 - HolidayFest
 - Saturday, December 2

WPCRC Community Outreach News

- Youth Day/Mural Painting – Connecting Kids to Nature, Dane Arts Mural Arts, Public Health Madison and Dane County
 - Wednesday, August 2

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South Side

Status: Pending Construction

Joe Daniels Construction is anticipated to start construction after October 2, 2017, with final completion before April 1, 2018, to avoid conflicts with current field reservations.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West Side

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.

Central Park – Near East Side

Status: Planning

The City has purchased the lands previously owned by the Sands Trust and are working with FHWA and WDOT on reimbursement through the Federal Earmark. The City will hire a consultant to manage the properties and to relocate the existing tenants. Once all the tenants are relocated the City will do a future project to demolish the buildings.

Garver Feed Mill – East Side

Status: Design

Parks staff continues to work with the development team to resolve issues and work on obtaining final zoning approvals. City staff has contracted with SCS Engineers to provide environmental services including soil sampling and a material management plan for managing the contaminated soils on the site.

Tenney Park Shoreline – Near East Side

Status: Construction

Landscaping and invasive plant removal along the shoreline are continuing. Hundreds of shrubs, acres of native seed, tens of thousands of native wetland and savannah herbaceous plants, and over 150 new trees were planted in April, May and June of 2016. Invasive plant removals will continue through December 2017, along with dormant native seeding.

Brittingham Park Accessible Playground – Isthmus/Central

Status: Complete

Work is complete at the site and was opened for play on August 25, 2017. The park features a fully ramp-connected main play structure, contiguous poured-in-place rubber play surface, concrete edge restraint that doubles as a highly-contrasting route of travel around the active play zones of the equipment, three-bay swing with two-accessible swing seats and several stand-alone play pieces with a focus on side-by-side play. A ribbon-cutting is anticipated for late September or early October.

Brittingham Park Community Garden Playground – Isthmus/Central

Status: Complete

Work is complete at the community-garden playground site. Contractor Madison Commercial Landscapes finalized the sitework and removed the construction fence in mid-August. The playground features a new 5-12 play structure, new rubber mulch surfacing and edge restraints, new 2-bay swing, 3 new benches and an accessible path connecting to the park's main asphalt path system.

Allied Park Improvements – South Side**Status: Construction**

Parks Facilities staff installed the pedestal service cabinet to connect to the fiber line and MGE have added a transformer and service line for the electric to the shelter – City of Madison IT staff now will be programming to complete wifi service to the shelter. The installation of the playground is nearly complete and work to pave the asphalt path and basketball court is anticipated in early September.

An acrylic color coating and striping to the basketball and four square courts will also be completed at the end of the month. A park opening event is scheduled for September 29 to coincide with the Community Meal held at the Boys & Girls Club to be sponsored by the Allied Stakeholders Neighborhood Resource Team.

Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central**Status: Planning**

Isthmus Architecture completed the Breese Stevens Facility Plan in June. The second phase of Isthmus Architecture's contract is anticipated to start in September and potentially includes the design of a new concessions addition to the stadium.

Demetral Park Adult Fitness – East Side**Status: Pending Construction**

The installation of adult fitness equipment and associated site work is anticipated in late September – early October 2017.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side**Status: Complete**

Construction of both Phase I and Phase II of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation is complete. Native plants will be installed along the shoreline and in the raingarden in 2018.

Penn Park Improvements – South Side**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 completed May of 2018.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide**Status: On-going**

Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed in the City of Madison park system. The trees included in two contracts replace approximately 2/3 of those removed due to EAB infestation. Both of the contracts include a maintenance year (2017) to help ensure establishment of the trees.

Sugar Maple Park – Far West Side**Status: Complete**

A new path, half basketball court, playground and sun shelter have been constructed and the playground is now open! A ribbon cutting was held on August 24th with a large turnout. Veridian homes will continue to finish up the remaining items left before the work is accepted. Upon acceptance Veridian will be responsible for maintenance for 3 years and after that the Parks Division will take over the maintenance.

Waldorf Park Preliminary Park Development – West Side**Status: Construction**

Grading of the site has started and construction will continue throughout the summer. Final paving of the path and basketball court in September. The construction of the playground at the park will be part of the 2017 – Group 2 contract.

Goodman Ice Rink (Franklin Field) - Central/South**Status: Construction**

The storm sewer project has been completed.

Staff has bid a design to modify and replace the lighting at the existing ice rink at Goodman (Franklin Field). Work will include replacement of the existing lights with new electric and poles. Nickels Electric is expected to begin the lighting work Sept 6th and will be completed by November 15th.

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.

Tenney Park (Island Playground) – Central/East**Status: Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Tenney Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 19, 2017 and was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and fall at the various sites.

Brigham Park Playground – East**Status: Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Brigham Park (along with 3 other park sites) was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and fall at the various sites.

Lake Edge Park Playground – East**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Lake Edge Park (along with 3 other park sites) was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and fall at the various sites.

McGinnis Park Playground – East**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at McGinnis Park (along with 3 other park sites) was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and fall at the various sites.

Zook Park Playground – West**Status: Construction**

This project will be done in-house with Parks Construction staff.

Sunset Park Playground – West**Status: Construction**

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract and will be completion by September. The neighborhood raised an additional \$12,500 to add a nature-based play area to the overall playground replacement project.

Westmorland Park Playground - West**Status: Construction**

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract and will be completion by September. The neighborhood raised an additional \$11,600 to add a nature-based play area and additional equipment to the overall playground replacement project.

Baxter Park Playground - South**Status: Construction**

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract and will be completion by September.

Bordner Park Playground – West**Status: Construction**

Work at the Bordner Park playground by contractor Madison Commercial Landscapes began at the end of August and is anticipated to be completed in mid-September.

Country Grove Park Playground – West**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Country Grove Park (along with 6 other park sites) has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. Work at Country Grove is anticipated to begin in late September and to be completed in October.

Waldorf Park Playground – West**Status: Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Waldorf Park (along with 6 other park sites) has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. Work at Waldorf Park is anticipated to begin in early October and be completed that month.

Wexford Park Playground – West**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Wexford Park (along with 6 other park sites) has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. Work at Wexford Park is anticipated to begin in late September and be completed in October.

2017 Parks Division Landscaping – City Wide**Status: Construction**

Work under the 2017 Parks Division Landscaping has been completed at Cherokee, Lerdhal, OB Sherry, Quaker, Waunona and Washington Manor. Installation of trees and shrubs at Sugar Maple Park will occur in mid-September 2017. Maintenance under the contract continues through December 1, 2018.

2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management – City Wide**Status: Construction**

Work under the 2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management contract has been ongoing with invasive species management at the Door Creek, James Madison and Walnut Grove sites in addition to several change order locations including Merrill Springs. Rain garden and prairie species installations will occur in September at James Madison and Walnut Grove. Maintenance under the contract continues through December 1, 2018.

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

Staff issued a Request for Proposals for the master plan and shelter building design. Proposals are due on September 8, 2017. Staff completed the RESJ (Racial Equity Social Justice) process as part of development of this RFP. The RESJ recommendations for engagement during the planning process are included in the RFP.

Vilas Park Fishing Pier- Near West**Status: Pending 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. A design for a pier and abutment have been completed and a permit applied for with WDNR. Building trades is currently working on selecting a contractor to complete the work. Building Trades Council will be responsible for refurbishing an existing City owned pier for use on the site. An individual permit has been submitted to DNR and has been approved.

Park Paving 2017 – City Wide

Status: Construction

Staff has design and bid plans and specifications for the 2017 Paving Contract which includes construction of paths at Waldorf Park, Allied Park, and Garner Park as well as basketball courts at Allied, Waldorf, Arbor Hills, Lerdahl, and Westchester Gardens Park. DRS has started work and will be complete with all sites by Oct 31st.

Gates of Heaven Improvements – Central

Status: Planning

Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for 2017 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 Side

Status: Planning

Staff are working with Facilities to develop schematic designs for the restroom building replacement and site work improvements to take to a neighborhood input meeting anticipated to occur in early fall.

Eken Park Place making Improvements – East Side

Status: Design

Staff issued a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the installation of a seating area and historical plaque at Eken Park that unfortunately did not receive any bids. The RFQ will be re-issued. As a result of the re-bid, the work may necessarily be delayed until Spring 2018 to allow for proper curing of the concrete.

Yahara Place Park and BB Clarke Park Shoreline Improvements

Status: Construction

Staff is working with Engineering to replace the steel abutment walls at Yahara Place Park with two stepped stone revetments for canoe/kayak access. This contract will also include maintenance to the existing stepped stone access at BB Clarke Park. The contract was awarded to Greener Valley Landscaping, Inc. The project will be completed fall 2017.

Wingra Park

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 will hold a public informational meeting on this project on September 7, 2017.

Patriot Park

Status: Planning

Staff is beginning the Patriot Park Master Plan design process. A public meeting was held on July 10th to discuss this project with the neighborhood.

Thousand Oaks Park

Status: Planning

Staff is coordinating with Veridian Homes on master plan development of Thousand Oaks Park. A public meeting was held on August 10th to discuss this project with the neighborhood.

North Shore Drive Sidewalk Extension (Railroad Crossing)

Status: Construction

Staff is coordinating WSOR to complete the last phase of new sidewalk construction in Brittingham Park along North Shore Drive. Previous phases of the project have installed sidewalk from S Bedford St to the Capital City Bike Path and from the WSOR crossing to Lorillard Ct. This phase builds the last section across the WSOR rail corridor and connects to the previously installed sidewalk at Capital City Bike Path.

Other Projects

- Staff is coordinating with volunteers at Glenwood Park for implementation of volunteer-led projects.
- 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. The first public input meeting was held in late winter of 2016. Consultant selection will occur in September of 2017.
- Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating (either through adaptive re-use or restoration) the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park. InSite Consulting Architects will prepare a Preliminary Assessment that will provide guidance on the fountain restoration.
- Staff is working with the University Hill Neighborhood Association to install table tennis and bench improvements as part of a grant obtained by City Planning for neighborhood improvements.
- Staff is working in conjunction with Engineering, Planning and Traffic Engineering on the Blair Street/John Nolen Drive corridor plan, which also includes Law Park in the study area.
- 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.

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