

REPORT ON MALL CONCOURSE MAINTENANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS
Submitted to the DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE on November 21, 2013

MALL CONCOURSE – TOM SKAIFE, SUPERVISOR; LAURA BAUER, LEADWORKER

Downtown Madison survived another Freakfest. Though there were still some arrests made, overall the event seemed very calm by the time crews came in to clean up and we have not yet noted any damage to city amenities. We'd like to offer thanks to Parks Conservation and East and West Parks for their staffing help, and to the Goodman Field Mower shop for help in readying our equipment. The Bicycle Recovery unit of the Police Property Room has also been a huge help again this year. We had many bicycle racks to remove and they were very proactive in tagging and removing the bikes so that we could do this efficiently.

Mall staff will be putting trash cans, planters and bicycle racks back on the sidewalk as soon as possible. Approximately 13 racks, 3 planters, and six trash cans had to be removed this year.

Staff is completing what will likely be our last round of mowing this week, and then mowing equipment will be changed over for snow removal. We'll also be installing plows and salt spreaders and acquainting our new staff with the equipment of winter operations.

The leaves seem to be hanging on the trees especially long this fall, probably mostly due to the late spring and mild fall. While most of the State Street leaves are down and collected, we see green leaves on much of the Square. We'll be out collecting these leaves, as well as those that blow over from the Capitol side, for a few weeks yet. When we start seeing snow in the forecast, we'll wrap up that project and install the large salt spreader on the truck that now contains the leaf box.

SPECIAL EVENTS – ERIC KNEPP, ASSISTANT PARKS SUPERINTENDENT & KELLI LAMBERTY, COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR

2013 was another busy and active year for events in the City of Madison, particularly downtown. Attached to this report is a table showing the number of street use permits over the past four years, which shows that the City issued about 50 more permits in 2013 than in 2010. Also attached to this report is the current calendar for 2014 Street Use Events. Staff continue to work with organizers to ensure that events are well planned and successfully implemented. Parks staff have been working with the Park Commission and Long Range Planning Subcommittee to establish event standards and appropriate fees for Park based events. This process will likely incorporate a review of the street use process in 2014 as well, due to the fact that many of these events have both a street use and park event permit. The list of remaining permitted events for 2013 downtown is below, as well as the Street Use Staff Commission's planned meeting dates for 2014.

Downtown Street Use Events for the Remainder of 2013:

November 16, UW Football Home Game 11:00 AM
November 29, Downtown Madison Holiday Open House, Peace Park 10 AM – 4 PM
November 30, UW Football Home Game Time TBD
December 14, Run Santa Run, Start on the 200 Block of MLK, 7 AM – 2:30 PM

The Street Use Staff Commission will meet on the following dates in 2014. All meetings are in the Parks Division Conference Room 108 of the City County Building at 210 MLK, Jr. Blvd.

January 22, 2014
February 5, 2014
February 19, 2014
March 5, 2014
March 19, 2014
April 2, 2014
April 17, 2014 (Thursday
Meeting)

April 30, 2014
May 14, 2014
May 28, 2014
June 11, 2014
June 25, 2014
July 9, 2014
July 23, 2014
August 6, 2014

August 20, 2014
September 3, 2014
September 17, 2014
October 1, 2014
October 15, 2014
October 29, 2014
November 12, 2014