

SUPERINTENDENT'S JULY 2017 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

- Phase I of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation is complete and included construction of the new restroom building. Phase II of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation has begun and includes upgrading stormwater facilities, shoreline repair, construction of a new canoe/kayak boat launch and reconstructing the existing parking lot and are anticipated to be complete by fall 2017.
- Conservation staff installed 1,800 plugs of emergent aquatic plant species in the new storm water pond near Bonner Lane at South Cherokee, and received assistance from 8 volunteers at an event on June 3. About 200 plugs and bare-root aquatic plants were also installed in the pond by the new parking lot at North Cherokee. Operation Fresh Start installed 2,600 native plant plugs, with some minor assistance from staff, in the wetland scrape adjacent to the new storm water pond at South Cherokee Marsh.
- Conservation Park Tours, a monthly, staff-guided conservation park tour continues through October. Staff hosted 23 at June's tour of Cherokee Marsh North.
- Forestry devoted time to cycle pruning and storm calls, which totaled 371 hours in June.
- Olbrich Botanical Gardens will host the first in a series of "meet and greet" on-site visits with the Parks Leadership Team.
- Blooming Butterflies at OBG begins July 20 and continues through August 13.
- We continue our partnership this summer with Madison Public Library offering "A Wild Rumpus: An Anji Play Experience" in a weekly program at Haen Family Park and Reindahl Park.
- Get Your Play On, a campaign initiative through the National Recreation and Parks Association, celebrating July's National Park & Recreation Month. Madison Parks has partnered with MSCR to offer a month full of park activities.
- Staff is preparing for Ride the Drive 2017, happening Sunday, July 16 from 10am to 2pm. The 4-mile route features stops at three downtown area parks – Brittingham, Olin and Law.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S JUNE ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

It's hard to believe its July already. We have all of our seasonals in that are scheduled to be working for us this year. Everybody has picked things up quickly and is doing a fantastic job. The majority of our crew has been focused on mowing and trimming. However, we have been able to send some staff out to weed and prune. In addition to the routine activities, we've also had to do a bit of storm cleanup this month. June's weather was unpredictable and we've had multiple trees and branches come down. A big thank you goes out to Forestry for helping with the larger trees.

We've spent a significant amount of time working our Integrated Pest Management Program for our athletic fields in June. James has been working across the city with the intent on improving the turf quality and, subsequently, improving the playability of our fields. User groups have taken notice and we've received more compliments than complaints this year.

Our Park Arborist Crew continues to remove ash trees on the west side of town. We think we'll be finishing up with our first round of removals by the end of August. Once that is complete, we'll have been to every park across the city once. When round 1 is complete, the crew will return to the east side to begin working on the final round of removals. The final round will remove every ash tree in mowed areas that have not been adopted.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

June was another wet month and with ideal growing temperatures for the grass it was a challenge to keep up with mowing. The LMW's spent the month on beautification, concentrating on many of the parks along Lake Monona preparing for Shake the Lakes. A number of our PMW's and seasonal laborers also worked hard to make sure all the Central Parks and medians were mowed and string trimmed in time for the Shake the Lakes event, which went well despite some inclement weather. Our field mower kept busy spot mowing invasive species in the our no mow areas. Olin Park hosted the inaugural Half Ironman in June which drew a large crowd and also seemed to be well received. The last of our seasonal laborers start in June giving us a needed boost of help for our busy time.

July doesn't show any signs of slowing down. A couple of our big events include La Fete De Marquette, Ride the Drive and Isthmus Paddle and Portage. Athletic fields will remain busy and growing conditions look to be ideal through the beginning of the month which will keep our mowing crews busy. The LMW's will continue working on beautification projects across the city. The process of hiring on our new PMW is moving along and we hope to complete interviews by the end of the month. Our next Parks Worker, Josh Haq, will start his rotation with us after the Fourth of July.

Mall Maintenance:

The Capitol Square construction is finally wrapping up on the Mall Concourse, just in time for the traditional Concerts on the Square. The crew has been busy replacing the furniture, such as trash and recycle cans, benches, and bike racks. The King Street corner is open for business, with the first concert taking place this past week. Due to the rain, attendance was low, but I'm sure in the following weeks it will be a popular place to be on Wednesdays during the summer. Other events in the month of June included the popular Cows on the Concourse, Safety Saturday, and the new "Zappos" event which was held at the top of State. BID programming has continued, with many events at the Forum of Origin, Philosopher's Grove, and Concrete Park.

With the help of Olbrich Gardens, the Mall's planters have transitioned from spring plants to summer plants supplied by the horticulturists from Olbrich. They also planted the Triangle Market landscape bed for the second year in a row with a fantastic display. Weekly watering of the beautiful plantings will be shared by the Mall crew.

The seasonal banners are undergoing refurbishment to enliven the colors on the picturesque banners that hang throughout the Mall Concourse. Refurbishing furniture also continues, in particular, adding renewed bike racks and benches in the expansion area.

Looking ahead to July, events will pick up with the Concerts on the Square every Wednesday, Art Fair on and off the Square, and the popular Maxwell Street Days—with extra help to be brought in with the busy event. The sidewalk powerwashing program will continue and the construction area sidewalks will be able to be cleaned. July will definitely be a busy month for the Mall Concourse.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

So far, this summer is shaping up to be another wet one. This means, of course, that the grass growth has not really slowed down as we normally expect it to, and staff has been kept very busy mowing and trimming. The upside to this for us is that everything still looks very green and lush.

Cemetery staff have been mowing and trimming within the cemetery as well as in nearby parks. They're taking care of lot sales and burials as they're scheduled, and they will begin to tag and subsequently remove items disallowed by the new decoration policy.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of April there were six full-size burials, twelve cremains burials, 1 entombment, and 1 enurnment. There were also sixteen full-size lots and two cremains lots sold.

Summit Maintenance:

West parks welcomed a new Parks Worker on July 1. He'll be with us for ten weeks, and we're looking forward to the help, as well as to showing him all the interesting things that happen here in West Parks.

Parks crews are still mowing and trimming on routes as usual, as there has been no real slowdown in grass growth yet. We're fitting in some detailing of the parks as we can – before neighborhood events if possible. We're also spot-mowing invasive weeds in no-mow areas with our flail mower.

The wet weather has made for a challenging start to the beach season. Lake Mendota has seen some gross and smelly algae blooms, affecting Marshall and Spring Harbor Beaches, as well as Marshall Boats. We continue to rake the beach sand weekly, but unfortunately this does nothing to help conditions in the water.

MSCR summer meals continue at Elver again this summer – this year with a flashy new food-delivery truck donated by an area business. Organizers report that attendance at Elver was not what they expected last year, and they're working hard to make sure people know about the site. Mayor Soglin, the Water Utility, the City Clerk's office (with voting booth) and Parks were all on hand for the kickoff in June, which seemed a success despite some blustery weather.

Opera in the park is July 22 this year. As usual, we will have a seasonal attendant on duty for this event. We'll also be spending considerable time at Garner the weeks prior to make sure that the park looks its best. We're hoping for a drier year than last – the soggy turf at the bottom of the hill definitely took a beating.

We continue to chip away at small projects at the Elver Athletic Complex. We have done some much-needed fence repairs and have received input that it's improved the play experience (players had been occasionally losing balls as they rolled under fences). Unfortunately, the fences at Elver are old and there's only so much that can be done once the chain-link gets stretched out. We will consider replacing sections of the fence in upcoming budget cycles.

New this year, Parks is partnering with the Madison Library for the new "A Wild Rumpus" program on Tuesday afternoons through the end of July, as the library provides opportunities for Anji Play at Haen Family Park. Anji Play is an early-childhood curriculum originating in China, where children are provided the opportunity to direct their own play. Items and materials (and supervision) are provided, but play is minimally structured (different from what traditional playground games or art projects would be, for example), and children are allowed to make up their own projects and games. Madison Public Library is bringing a version of Anji Play to us. As part of this partnership, we have converted the volleyball court from grass to sand, and we're providing a truck for the library to use to pull a trailer containing supplies.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

In June, conservation staff completed garlic mustard and dame's rocket control at North and South Cherokee Marsh, as well as at Owen, where they also made herbicide treatments to Asiatic bittersweet. Brush along all trails was trimmed back to control encroaching branches and vines, and downed trees were removed at several parks following storms. Staff installed 1,800 plugs of emergent aquatic plant species in the new storm water pond near Bonner Lane at South Cherokee, and received assistance from 8 volunteers at an event on June 3 to do so. About 200 plugs and bare-root aquatic plants were also installed in the pond by the new parking lot at North Cherokee. Other work included mowing at North and South Cherokee to control wild parsnip and sweet clover, and hand cutting (with a shovel) wild parsnip at Heritage Prairie. A small patch of Japanese knotweed was also cut at Elvehjem Sanctuary to force it to re-sprout before it is treated with herbicide later in summer. Work continued on several contracts designed to control reed canary grass, bird's-foot trefoil, and burdock at Cherokee Marsh, garlic mustard and dame's rocket at Owen, and porcelain berry at Kettle Pond.

Operation Fresh Start installed 2,600 native plant plugs, with some minor assistance from staff, in the wetland scrape adjacent to the new storm water pond at South Cherokee Marsh. At Acewood Conservation Park, they cut a new path through the woods to help deter geese from nesting on a point in the pond. They also worked on placing fresh gravel along the trail at Edna Taylor and removing the rest of the old boardwalk there.

The Briarpatch “Streets Crew” began working at Turville Point this month. They met me and members of Friends of Olin-Turville, on June 28, and endured very wet weather to learn about the human history of the land and to clear a new walking path near the former house sites. The youth have been given the opportunity to name the trail, and we will erect a small sign to recognize their service.

I attended a poster presentation session at LaFollette High School on June 8. Brad Harrison has been working with his Advanced Placement science class at Edna Taylor for several years, and current students shared their findings from data they and previous classes have collected. I led the June conservation park tour at Cherokee Marsh - North Unit, which was attended by 23 people. I also provided support to the city Building Inspection department through plant identification and advice for noxious weed control.

Finally, Erick Fruehling began work on June 5 as a seasonal Conservation Worker (hourly) assigned to Hoyt Park for the summer under an arrangement funded by the Friends of Hoyt Park.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

“This garden park is by FAR the BEST botanical garden we’ve ever experienced. (as a former garden club member we’ve visited numerous gardens but this one surpasses all! Thank you! ☺)” Cassa B, Huron, OH 6/29/2017

May 2017 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2017	2016	Previous 5 yrs avg
May 1 - 31	39,372	36,711	32,263
YTD May 31	119,084	104,485	
OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)			
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$24,993	\$28,738	
Room Rentals YTD*	\$50,723	\$61,353	
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$3,999	\$5,985	
TOTAL YTD	\$79,715	\$96,076	

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

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

Zoethica, bioinspired art by Peter Krsko and his UW-Madison students, daily through August 6

Olbrich’s Tram – operating daily (weather permitting) through October 15

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

Fri – Sun, July 7 – 9, 8 am – 5 pm, Madison Area Iris Society’s **Iris Sale** (parking lot)

Sun, July 9, 11 am – 3 pm, Wisconsin Daylily Society’s **Dazzling Daylily Show**

Fri, July 14 & Sat, July 15, 9 am – 3 pm, Olbrich’s Home Garden Tour featuring **Enviably Eastside Gardens**

Mon – Wed, July 17 – 19, **Bolz Conservatory CLOSED** to prepare for Blooming Butterflies

Thurs, July 20 – Sun, Aug 13, Daily 10 am – 4 pm, **Olbrich’s Blooming Butterflies**

Summer Concert Series – Tuesdays, 7 – 8 pm

July 11	<i>Americana Spectacular - A collaboration between Lost Lakes and the Backroom Harmony Band, with special guests Evan Murdock and Josh Harty, performing variations on the genre.</i>
July 18	<i>Peter and Lou Berryman - Folk / Cabaret</i>
July 25	<i>Madtown Mannish Boys - Blues</i>

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

Garden Walks

- To Bee or Not to Bee Lecture & Walk**, Thurs, 7/13, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Creating & Maintaining Meadow Gardens Walk**, Thurs, 7/13, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Summer Tree & Shrub Walk**, Sun, 7/16, 1 – 2:30
- Olbrich's Night Landscape Lighting Walk**, Tues, 7/18, 9 – 10:30 pm
- Summer Herb & Wild Food Walk**, Wed, 7/19, 6 – 8:30 pm

Wellness at the Gardens

- Gentle Kripalu Hatha Yoga**, 6 Mondays, June 5 – July 17 (no class Jul 3); 6 Mondays, July 24 – Aug 28, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
- Tai Chi Meditation**, 6 Mondays, June 5 – July 10; 5 Mondays, Jul 24 – Aug 21, 6 – 7 pm
- Yoga Flow in the Gardens**, Thursday, 6/13, 6 – 7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

- Non-Adhesive Books**, Wed, 7/12, 1- :30 pm
- Landscape Design for Curb Appeal**, Wed, 7/12, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Etegami: Japanese Style Summer Messages**, Sun, 7/16, 9 am – 5 pm
- Double Knit Basics**, Thurs, 7/20 & 7/27, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Gardening for Pollinators**, Wed, 7/26, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Creative Native Bee Houses Workshop**, Thurs, 7/27, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Felted Multi-Cord Necklace**, Mon, 7/31, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

- Toddler Story & Stroll:** (ages 2 – 4 with an adult)
 - Explore Summer Bugs with Stories by Eric Carle**
 - The Very Hungry Caterpillar**, Fri, 7/28, 10 – 11 am
- Little Sprouts Gardening:** (ages 2 – 5 with an adult)
 - Animals in the Garden**
 - Curious George & the Pizza Party**, Thurs, 6/15, 10 – 11 am
 - Little Red Hen**, Thurs, 6/22, 10 – 11 am
 - Peter Rabbit**, Thurs, 6/29, 10 – 11 am
 - Family Meditation & Movement in the Garden** (for adults & children ages 5 – 9. Adult is free with up to two age-appropriate children) Wed, 7/12, 10 – 11 am
 - Carnivorous Plants**, ages 5 – 8, Sun, 7/16, 1 – 2 pm
 - Carnivorous Plants**, ages 9 - 11, Sun, 7/16, 2:30 – 3:30 pm
 - Make Your Own Felted Butterfly**, (for 1 child K-4 + 1 adult) Mon, 7/31, 1:30 – 3 pm

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	457	367
Pruned by Request	156	241
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	25	19
Tree Removal	142	458
Ash Preemptive Removals	107	754
Storm Work/Hangers		371

In June, forestry devoted time to cycle pruning. Request calls have been coming in steady averaging 20 calls per day. The storms that have come through did produce some tree emergencies of trees down and broken & hanging branches the occupied 371 hours this month. The east side had more hours devoted to storm work than the west side.

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	Partnering Organization/ Volunteer(s)	People Registered	People Attended	Notes
Learn To Events							
Learn to Hike	Sun, June 11	10:00am - 11:30am	Cherokee Marsh	REI	13	4	Fire w/ S'mores
Learn to Log Roll	Tues, July 25	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Wingra Park	Madison Log Rolling	14		
Learn to Backpack	Sun, July 30	10:00am - 11:30am	Marhsall Park	REI	8		
Learn to Skateboard	Tues, August 1	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Central Park	Freedom Skate Shop	0		
Learn to Fall Camp/Prepare for Outdoors	Sun, Sept 10	10:00am - 11:30am	Brittingham Park	REI	0		
Learn to Stargaze	Mon, Sept 18	7:00pm - 8:00pm	James Madison Park	UW Space Place	18		
Learn to Stargaze	Mon, Oct 9	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Rennebohm	UW Space Place	8		
Volunteer Events							
Ride the Drive Volunteer Training	Saturday, July 8	10:00 - 11:00am	Goodman Maintenance Facility		73		
Other Upcoming/Past Events							
A Wild Rumpus	Mondays, June 19- August 14	4:30-7pm	Reindahl Park	Madison Public Library		W1- 45 W2 – 78 W3 - 123	Free lib. prog - inter play

A Wild Rumpus	Wed, June 21- Aug 16	4:30-7pm	Haen Family	Madison Public Library		135 - first week	Free lib. prog - inter play
Movie - Back to the Future	Sat, June 3	8:45pm	Peace Park	Downtown Madison BID			CANCELLED
Pickleball Lessons	Every Thurs June 15 - July 6	Ses. 1: 5:30-6:30pm Ses. 2: 6:30-7:30pm	Garner Park Pickleball Courts	Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker	Ses. 1: 12 Ses. 2: 12	Full	
Movie Night - The BFG	Sat, June 17	8:45pm	Peace Park	Downtown Madison BID			CANCELLED
Conservation Park Tour	Wed, July 19	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Prairie Ridge				
Dinner & A Swim	Friday, June 23	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Goodman Pool	Magic 98		395	Food Carts
Movie Night - Space Balls	Saturday, July 15	8:45pm	Peace Park	Downtown Madison BID			
Pickleball Lessons	Every Thursday July 13 - Aug. 3	Ses. 1: 5:30-6:30pm Ses. 2: 6:30-7:30pm	Garner Park Pickleball Courts	Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker	Ses. 1: 9 Ses. 2: 9		
Ride The Drive	Sunday, July 16	10:00am - 2:00pm	Brittingham Park, Law Park, Olin Park				
Dinner & A Swim	Friday, July 14	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Goodman Pool	Magic 98			Food Carts
Movie Night - Rogue One: Star Wars	Sat, July 22	8:45pm	Central Park				
Pickleball Lessons	Every Thurs Sept. 7 - 28	11:30am - 12:30pm	Garner Park Pickleball Courts - 333 S. Rosa Rd.	Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker	0		Daytime lessons

Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin

Annual and Daily Permits Processed								
2017 Totals, as of 07/03/2017*			2016 Totals			2015 Totals		
	Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily
Disc Golf	1,353	2,341	Disc Golf	1,443	6,174	Disc Golf	1,420	7,195
Dog	6,685	343	Dog	8,270	588	Dog	7,162	547
Lake	2,621	1,198	Lake	4,322	5,207	Lake	4,099	5,159
XC Ski	1,325	416	XC Ski	1,318	486	XC Ski	1,266	548

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

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Gift Certificates Processed By Year		
2017	2016	2015
110 (\$5,011)	137 (\$9,585)	200 (\$8,306)

Aquatics/Rangers – Josh Schmitt

Aquatics Highlights

- Opening day for the Goodman pool was June 9. Goodman Jewelers sponsorship the Grand Opening and allowed the first 500 kids to enter the pool for free. The weather was very hot and we reached this number by mid afternoon.
- Waves registration is up to 140 kids. We have a dedicated Friend of the Waves group that has taken a leadership role in the development of the team and talented coaching staff. On June 24, at our home swim meet, the Goodman Waves were victorious against Maple Bluff giving the Waves their first win in our seventh year as a team. We are very proud of the hard work of our team, parents and coaching staff.
- Swimming lessons have filled up fast. Session 3 will begin next week. Boys and Girls Club Scholarship lessons began on June 26th. For the first Monday of lessons, 86 kids from Boys and Girls Club attended lessons throughout their morning sessions.
- Thank you to our sponsors of Shelley Glover Foundation, Goodman Foundation and Madison Parks Foundation to support the Waves, scholarship admissions and scholarship lessons.

Rangers Highlights

- This spring hiring was completed for the Park Ranger Leadworker position. Ashley Bowman was promoted from her position of District Park Ranger to our first ever Park Ranger Leadworker. She has been in this position since Memorial Day Weekend and has been a great addition to command staff.
- Also of note, Hourly Park Ranger Kevin Goke was promoted to District Park Ranger to fill the vacancy created by Ashley Bowman's promotion.
- Spring hiring is complete and we welcomed 5 new Hourly Park Rangers.
If you see them out and about please welcome
 - Erik Hanewold
 - Adam Poch
 - Alex Cassell
 - Luiz Rivera
 - Peter Castro
- In the Madison Disc Golf World, the 25th annual MadCity Open was held June 10th and 11th at Elver and Hiestand Park. We were able to show off the many improvements that Pay to Play has brought in the last 3 years and the organizers stated that the courses are in the best shape they have even been in.

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							200
Assist Citizen	11	3	4	12	11	34							75
Assist Fire/Police	6	0	0			1							7
Check Person	24	10	8	12	8	10							72
Check Area	753	969	888	1055	1208	1214							6087
Behavioral Ban	0	0	0	1	1	2							4
Damage to property	2	2	2	9	1	7							23
Drug Investigation	2	0	0	1		1							4
Graffiti complaint	2	6	1	1	7	3							20
Intoxicated Person	2	0	0	1	1								4
Information	54	65	64	73	100	167							523
Liquor Law Violation	1	0	0	1	1	2							5
No permanent Address issue	0	0	0	0	0	1							1
Noise complaint		0	0	0	2								2
Parking Complaint	3	6	4	5	7	11							36
Phone Call	0												0
Trespass	0					1							1
Total reports	871	1089	1035	1206	1386	1477	0	0	0	0	0	0	6782

2016 Parks Ranger Incident

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 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. Staff is currently working with the contractor to get the contract finalized and select a start work date. The contractor has the option to start work in either fall 2017 or spring 2018.

Central Park – Near East Side

Status: Planning

The City is working with WisDOT and FHWA on acquiring properties located on E. Wilson and Baldwin Streets which would complete the land acquisition for that quadrant of the park. Funds are available from a federal earmark, which would pay for the majority of the land costs. Acquisition of the properties is anticipated in July 2017.

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: Pending Construction**

Work began on the project in mid-June with the excavation for the playground's footprint and the relocation of the storm sewer project area drain in mid-June. The contract was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes with an completion date of early September.

Brittingham Park Community Garden Playground – Isthmus/Central**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at the Brittingham Park community garden area (along with 5 other park sites) was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in early July with the replacement of the Brittingham playground.

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

The contract to construct the open-sided sun shelter was completed by Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. in late June. Parks Facilities staff will be installing an electric pedestal and work with MGE to bring the electric service to the building, while the city's IT contractor will be installing the fiber lateral along the right-of-way on Revival Ridge. The installation of the playground will be by Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. and work on the playground is anticipated to begin in early July, followed closely by the work by DRS LTD., who will complete the paving of the main path and basketball court. Following asphalt lay-down at the basketball court, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC will be adding acrylic color coating and striping to the basketball and four square courts. The park's drinking fountain will also be installed under separate contract.

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

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

Demetral Park Adult Fitness – East Side**Status: Design**

The contract to install the LifeTrail and Greenfields Outdoors equipment selected by the neighborhood and concrete pad that it will be located on is currently out to bid with an anticipated opening date of July 7th. Following a successful bid opening, the installation of adult fitness equipment and associated site work is anticipated to be installed in late September – early October 2017.

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

Phase I of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation is complete and included construction of the new restroom building and associated site work has begun. Phase II of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation has begun and includes upgrading stormwater facilities, shoreline repair, construction of a new canoe/kayak boat launch and reconstructing the existing parking lot. Phase II Improvements were awarded to Drax, Inc. The construction of Phase II Improvements are anticipated to be complete by fall 2017.

Penn Park Improvements – South Side

Status: Pending 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 was awarded to Sullivan Construction with a completion date of May 15, 2018. S&L Underground and Trucking is anticipated to complete the site work by May 15, 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 these contracts replace approximately 2/3 of those removed due to EAB infestation. Work to install the trees at six parks including Brittingham, Demetral, Olbrich, Reindahl, Sycamore and Warner Parks were completed in June and work to install trees at Elver, Garner, Goodman, Marshall, Olin, Thut and Vilas Parks was completed at the end of October. Both of the contracts include a maintenance year (2017) to help ensure establishment of the trees.

Sugar Maple Park – Far West Side

Status: Construction

A new path, half basketball court, playground and sun shelter will be constructed with this project. Due to a backlog with the playground equipment supplier and scheduling with the sun shelter installer, the remaining work will be completed in early July.

Waldorf Park Preliminary Park Development – West Side

Status: Construction

Site and grading plans have been developed. Grading of the site has started and construction will continue throughout the summer. Final paving of the path and basketball court in October. 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 in August and will be completed by November 15th.

2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide

Status: Ongoing

Staff continues the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. This phase of the POSP includes participating in the engagement process of Imagine Madison; focus group meetings with neighborhood/community centers and youth through partnerships with the University of Wisconsin Madison Department of Landscape Architecture and Public Health; coordinating volunteer efforts for field validated System for Observing Play and Recreation in; review of existing facility uses and reservations; surveys and discussions with existing recreational organizations; and online and paper comment cards to gather input on recreation preferences. Staff is working with Urban Assets to finalize the outreach and engagement effort and report.

Staff is working with the University of Wisconsin Department of Landscape Architecture to hold six (6) focus group discussions with groups and community organizations including the Madison Senior Center, Kennedy Heights Community Center, North East Senior Coalition, Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, Meadowood Community Center, Vera Court, and East Madison Community Center.

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

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

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

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes with completion by Sep 15, 2017. 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: Pending Construction**

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes with completion by Sep 15, 2017. 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: Pending Construction**

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes with completion by Sep 15, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reynolds Park Tennis - Near East**Status: Pending Construction Complete**

A modular athletic court surfacing was installed by CDC Holdings Co – Sport at Reynolds Park. Construction is complete.

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

Work under the 2017 Parks Division Landscaping by contractor Dan Larsen Landscaping, Inc. of Cedarburg, WI, has been completed at Cherokee, Lerthal, OB Sherry, Quaker, Waunona and Washington Manor. Installation of trees and shrubs at Sugar Maple Park will occur in fall 2017 following completion of the park master plan improvements and work at the Glenway site will be in spring 2018 or later due to a delay in City Engineering's release of the oil storage building contract. 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 by contractor Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, 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 the fall at James Madison and Walnut Grove. Maintenance under the contract continues through December 1, 2018.

2017 Parks Division Sun Shelters Installation – West Side**Status: Complete**

Work on the 2017 Parks Division Sun Shelters Installation contract was completed at the end of June. Contractor Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc., completed the new open-sided shelters at Allied, Norman Clayton and Sauk Creek Parks in time for several neighborhood-association sponsored July 4th events.

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

Staff is developing a RFP for master planning and shelter building design services for James Madison Park. Staff reviewed the RFP with the Alder and neighborhood representatives on April 17th. Staff continues to work on the RESJ (Racial Equity Social Justice) process prior to issuing in summer 2017.

Vilas Park Fishing Pier- Near West

Status: Design

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: Pending 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, Lerdaahl, and Westchester Gardens Park. DRS is expected to start work August 7th.

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 are working with City Planning, Community Block Development Grants (CDBG) and with residents of the Eken Park for the installation of a seating area and historical plaque at the park. The project will be completed by October 2017.

Yahara Place Park and BB Clarke Park Shoreline Improvements

Status: Pending 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. Construction is anticipated to begin and be complete in August.

Wingra Park

Status: Planning

Staff is working with Engineering to address shoreline improvements to Wingra Park. Staff met with park stakeholders in April and will be having a second stakeholder meeting in July.

Patriot Park

Status: Planning

Staff is beginning the Patriot Park Master Plan design process. A public meeting has been scheduled for 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.

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. Engineering will issue an RFP for consultant selection in May.
- 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. Two Public Informational Meetings were held with a 3rd meeting tentatively scheduled for July.
- 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 is working with Veridian Homes on concepts for a proposed park in 1000 Oaks subdivision.
- Staff is working with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District on the design and construction of the new pump station and restroom being constructed at Marshall 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) in Pennsylvania and Eken Park.
- Staff is reviewing potential options for new dog parks in accordance with the recently adopted dog park policy.
- Staff is coordinating the installation of a seating area at Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park as part of a Planning Grant award to the Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association.

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
- 2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements