

June Supervisor's Report Mall/Concourse

The first part of summer has been very busy at the Mall as usual. Along with normal trash, recycling and sidewalk cleaning duties, the crew has been very busy with weeding and pruning in the landscaped planting beds as well as the tree grates and cracks in the sidewalks. All planters and remaining annual flower beds were prepped, and Olbrich did a great job of planting of the annual flowers once again. We have received a number of compliments on the renovated planting in front of Triangle Market on the 300 block of State. The sidewalk washing program is progressing very nicely as the crew completed State Street and are now working in the expansion areas and adjacent side streets. We have brought on additional seasonal staff to help with the workload and are busy getting them up to speed. Events have kept us very busy, starting with Cows on the Concourse and Cars on State, as well as the beginning of the Concerts on the Square and Live on King concert series and a number of music/staging a events at Peace Park and the Top of State through the Summer in Your City programming.

As we move into July, we continue with our regular maintenance activities of trash and recycling patrols, picking and powerwashing the walks and maintaining the landscaped beds. In addition, we will continue watering the annual flowers on Wednesdays with the help of Olbrich Staff. We anticipate another busy month with special events including a continuation of the Concerts on the Square and Art Fair ON and OFF the Square, Maxwell Street Days and Parks-sponsored Ride the Drive that will require our assistance with the delivery of materials. We will continue to assure that the Top of State and Peace Park looks their best for the BID programming. We plan to enhance a number of landscaping beds along State Street particularly on the 200, 500 and 600 blocks. In addition, as construction on the Square progresses, we will work to take back the landscaping and re-install the furniture that was relocated. We are looking forward to bringing Chad Hughes on board as the Central Parks/Mall Concourse Supervisor starting on July 18. He has a wealth of experience, and the mall is fortunate to have him!