

August Supervisor's Report Mall/Concourse

There has been an abundance of activity on the Mall for throughout the month of July. We increased staffing and adjusted hours to prepare for the busy weekends of Art Fair on the Square and Maxwell Street Days. The wildly successful Concerts on the Square have ended for the season. Crews continued with routine work of trash and recycling pick up and sidewalk maintenance. The sidewalk cleaning program seems to be moving along well despite having slowed down a bit on the corner of Pinckney, Main and King due to a number of factors. The Hub construction project is nearing an end and we were able to re-install all appropriate trash and recycling containers and bike racks on the exterior of the development. The programming directed by the BID at the Top of State has brought a lot of activity to the area, and the crews diligently work to make sure the areas are clean for each event. In addition, crews have been working hard to keep up on weeding, pruning and maintenance of the planting beds throughout the service area.

As we move into August, we will be re-visiting the turf repairs we made earlier in the season and continue to adjust the irrigation systems. We're hoping with less traffic on the islands and more help from Mother Nature we will have more success with our repairs. We are preparing for the expansion that will become effective September 1, 2015, by hiring new staff, ordering new furniture and going over the new areas with staff. We will continue to set-up/clean-up for special events, as Jazz at Five will be starting and Live on King Concert Series continues. By the end of the month we're planning to have some newly re-painted bus stops and light poles.