

SUPERINTENDENT'S DECEMBER 2015 REPORT- COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks staff is busy in the transition into winter activities. Staff have been working on installation of the downtown holiday décor (snowflake lights), removal of trash barrels and picnic tables, converting equipment for plowing, cutting back brush along ski trails and installing hockey boards on a few ice rinks, and preparing for operating the warming houses at Tenney, Elver, Vilas and Odana.

The Tenney Park shoreline reconstruction and reconstruction of the bike path are complete. This project offers multiple benefits. One of those benefits is the improved access for staff to maintain the ice, so we expect to have even better ice than we've had before. Additionally, Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner and Engineer Sally Swenson are working with Alder Skidmore on a presentation to the Wisconsin ASLA conference on this project and how it brings together shoreline stabilization, stormwater management, park design improvements, natural restoration, and recreational access in our historic Tenney Park.

Forestry has done great work with the fall planting season which concluded mid-November. A total of 968 street trees were planted by forestry staff. In addition 193 trees were planted by parks staff in parks as a part of the EAB mitigation plan.

Our Community Services staff, consisting of Joanne, Nancy, Nicole, Kelly, Carrie, Mark, Kelli, Tracey, and Becky, did a phenomenal job at our annual lottery for 2016 shelter reservations. They completed 94 reservations during the actual lottery process and made a grand total of 124 reservations that day, which generated nearly \$50,000 of revenue towards supporting the parks system.

Olbrich's Holiday Express began on December 5 and continues daily through December 31. Plan to get out and see this impressive show.

Warner Park Community Recreation Center was featured in November's monthly segment on NBC15's Morning Show. The 16th Annual HolidayFest was held Saturday, December 5.

Landscape Architect Tom Maglio, after 31 years and Conservation Resources Supervisor Russ Hefty, after 35 years are retiring in early 2016. Both Russ and Tom have made significant contributions towards Madison Parks over the years and it will be impossible to replace their expertise and personalities.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

The weather in November was much warmer than normal. As a result we had the opportunity to work on some projects later into the year than we normally could. Some examples include: aerating fields; blowing leaves off of Hiestand Disc Golf; and renovation work on diamond # 3 at Demetral. Some of the other projects we've been working on in November include: pruning projects; moving and straitening park rules signs; aerating athletic fields and parks; mulching and blowing leaves; picking trash; working on signature signs; and flail mowing.

We have also been getting ready for winter. The hockey boards are up at Olbrich. The stakes for the hockey rink at Tenney are in. The shelter at Tenney has matting down and tables and benches will be installed for the skaters. Warner Shelter will be ready for skating season soon as well. Facility Maintenance Staff turned the water on at Olbrich and Tenney as well so that the floating rinks will begin to fill and cool.

We have been converting equipment over for winter use. We have updated our plowing routes and maps. Our first plowing event of the season went well. We have been staking parking lots and bike paths so we know where obstacles lie when everything is snow covered.

We look forward to December and the colder temperatures to come. We are excited to begin ice rink operations. We are prepared to meet the challenges of snow. We look forward to another great season of cooperation between City staff and volunteers for the Adopt an Ice Rink program.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR Central Parks:

Our fall season is winding down although it has been a very warm month. Crews spent a good portion of the month doing fall clean up tasks, including mulching leaves and cutting back perennials in many of our parks. We prepped snow routes by staking and marking hazards. Just prior to Thanksgiving, the crews had their first turn at snow removal for the season. The stakes were put in at Vilas and the warming house is ready to go for the season. Additionally, the Landscape Maintenance Workers, with the help of the Parks Arborists, completed our first round of Fall planting with a total 195 trees in just over 4 weeks.

As we head into December, we will continue our regular winter operations. We will maintain our plowing routes as necessary. We will finish pulling in tables for the season. As time allows we will begin repair and painting of tables and barrels. Our EAB work will consist of the Landscape Maintenance Workers helping the Parks Arborist Crew for the duration of the winter and hauling for Forestry throughout the winter when we are not working on ice rinks. We will continue with our dormant pruning as we are able. By the end of the month, weather permitting, we are hoping to have winter ice operations in full swing.

Mall Maintenance:

Continued warm weather conditions have kept the sweeping and leaf collection operations at the Mall busy well into the beginning of the snow season. A small snow disturbance gave the crew, especially some of the new ones, practice with snow removal in the downtown area which can be extremely challenging. With the snow season starting, winter shifts have been activated to cover snow removal coverage from 4 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday and 6 am to 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The downtown holiday décor is complete with the help of Parks Facilities Maintenance crew handling the snowflakes, and the Mall crew putting up the holiday/winter banners. Doug Duren completed the decorations with sprucing up the flower planters with evergreen boughs.

The expansion area, weather permitting, will have some of the furniture installed to bring the area closer visually with the existing mall concourse. Specialized snow removal equipment, such as the mini-bobcat, also received its first test and handled extremely well.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR**Summit Maintenance:**

This time of year we change our focus from leaf mulching to snow removal and ice maintenance. Though we're keeping a couple of mulchers in reserve in case things dry out enough to use them, most of our summer equipment has either been transported for end-of-season maintenance or converted for snow removal. Winter equipment was promptly put to the test, as the west side of Madison got 6-7" inches of snow on November 20th and 21st. Though much of it quickly melted off hard surfaces, we still had around 2" to remove from our sidewalks, bike paths, and bus stops.

The Elver sledding hill was a popular spot for the few days that the snow lasted, as it was ample and ideal sledding snow. Unfortunately for the sledders, the snow only lasted a few days and was gone by Thanksgiving.

We've been watching the weather closely, as we're trying to figure out when best to put up the hockey boards at Westmorland Park. The boards are held up by heavy stakes, but the ground is not yet frozen and we're afraid that if we put up the boards too soon, their own weight might pull them (and the stakes) down – especially if it's windy. We'd like to get the boards up as soon as possible so that they're ready for the volunteer flooding as soon as weather allows, but we're being cautious.

Elver, our other skating rink, is still completely ice-free as of this writing. We've heard varied reports about this upcoming El Niño winter – whether there will be more snow than normal or less seems to be up in the air, but it does look to be warmer than usual. This is certainly not good news for our ice rinks, as it's often a struggle to keep them going in a "regular year".

Forest Hill Cemetery:

The rainy weather which started the week before Thanksgiving has put an end to the leaf baling operation at Forest Hill. Much of the leaf blowing equipment has either been converted for snow removal or returned to the section that lent it to us. For the 2015 season, we made 3285 bales of leaves on site. The baler also went "on the road" on two days, and 242 bales of leaves were removed from Nakoma and Hoyt Parks. If the remaining leaves at Forest Hill dry out before they freeze down or get covered by snow, we will continue to mulch them; otherwise whatever remains will have to be dealt with in the spring.

In regular cemetery business, there were six adult burials, three cremains burials, and one inurnment in the mausoleum. There were also four single grave spaces and three cremation spaces sold.

Cemetery staff continues burials all winter long, though the process takes longer because frost must be melted before a grave can be dug. In addition to regular burial duties and other cemetery tasks, the Forest Hill staff helps out on the parks snow removal routes, as well as with large tasks such as the assembly of hockey rink boards.

CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

The warm fall weather impeded some of our prescribed burning plans. Without a hard freeze cool season grasses (invasives) stayed green making it difficult to burn some of prairie areas. So we switched gears and burned some of our higher quality prairies at Prairie Ridge, Owen, and Turville Point parks. At the North Unit of Cherokee Marsh we burned a high quality wet prairie remnant, and sedge meadow area that had not been burned in over a decade. Our new water pumper allowed us to lay down several hundred feet of hose to successfully and safely burn this area near Cherry Island. Wet weather conditions did not allow us to conduct any oak woodland burns this fall.

The crew spent a week cutting back the brush along the ski trails at Elver Park. They treated the stumps of the invasive shrubs that were cut and chipped the brush onsite. It will take several years to complete this project along all the trails (10 km), but will reduce our maintenance costs in the long run and provide a more aesthetic trail experience for hikers/skiers.

We worked on maintenance and setup of equipment to prepare for the cross-country ski season. With the forecast calling for an El Niño event this winter it is likely to be a challenging year for winter sports.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

November "Gardens are beautiful. Thai Gardens and Pavilion are magnificent! So unusual for Wisconsin. Conservatory is so informative" 11/5/15 - Richard & Lucille R. Waukesha, WI

October 2015 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2015	2014	Previous 5 yrs avg
October 1 - 31	21,415	15,481	17,229
YTD October 31	248,974	235,287	
Total Member Households (individuals*) June 30	6,507 (10,482)	6,314 (10,085)	

**based on the number of membership cards issued – membership report not available as of Sept 30*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 10/31/2015	YTD 10/31/2014
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$64,016	\$60,548
Room Rentals YTD*	\$116,936	\$111,573
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$24,653	\$25,703
TOTAL YTD	\$205,605	\$197,824

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

December 2015 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit – Chocolate: The Bitter and the Sweet, through Feb 28, 2016

Olbrich's Holiday Express: Flower & Model Train Show Dec 5 thru 31, 10 am – 4 pm daily

Holiday Express again features Lego© sculptures provided by the Wisconsin Lego© Users Group, as well as a wide variety of live plants and cut trees.

Holiday Express Member Preview Party, Fri, 12/4 from 3 – 7 pm

Holiday Concert Series, Sundays in December from 2 – 3 pm

12/6 Capital Chordsmen

12/13 Suzuki Strings

12/20 Madison Brass Band

12/27 Fresco Opera Theatre

Education – December 2015 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit www.olbrich.org

Wellness at the Gardens

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Evergreen Holiday Wreaths With Natural Materials Workshop, Thu, 12/3, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Successfully Grow Apples & Pears, Tues, 12/8, 6:30 – 8:30

Piano Hinge Book, Tues, 12/8, 6:30 – 8 pm

Drawing: The Next Step, Sat, 12/12, 9:30 – 4:30 pm

Herbal Gift Making: Hands-on, Interactive, and Fun!, Sat, 12/12, 1 – 5 pm

Learn & Play Together

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

Deserts, Tues, Dec 1, 10 – 11 am **or** Sat, Dec 5, 10 – 11 am

Rainforests, Tues, Dec 8, 10 – 11 am **or** Sat, Dec 12, 10 – 11 am

Arctic, Tues, Dec 15, 10 – 11 am **or** Sat, Dec 19, 10 – 11 am

I Wonder....Series (grades K – 3 with an adult)

What is the Arctic? Fri, Dec 11, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	330	186.75
Pruned by Request	54	135
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	330	121
Tree Removal	79	204.5
Ash Preemptive Removals	34	112
Storm Work/Hangers		50.5

*Partial data through November 25th.

Fall planting season concluded by middle of the month. A total of 968 street trees were planted. After planting, the west unit was able to work both in cycle pruning and small tree cycle pruning as well as request pruning and removals. We also moved a west crew in to preemptively remove ash trees on the west side in addition to the east preemptive ash removal crew.

East unit was able to only do some small tree cycle pruning along with request pruning and removals.

Forestry specialists have been finalizing the fall planting, following up ash replacement inspections as well as preparing for spring planting and securing tree nursery stock. Also they worked on engineering projects (tree inventory), tree layout for completed engineering projects, and scheduling routine tree replacements.

RANGER REPORT – JOSH SCHMITT

Attached is the report of Park Ranger calls for service for the Month of October 2015. October signifies the 3rd month of our Dogs in Parks Pilot Program and was our 4th busiest month in terms of calls for service. In fact, during October 2015 Park Rangers took 5 times the amount of calls compared to October 2014. Since the introduction of the Dogs in Parks Pilot Program, Park Rangers have undergone a significant program of educating park users on the pilot program and how to use the designated areas within the limits of the program. Garner Park, Walnut Grove, and Wingra Park are pilot parks that we have seen a high amount of use and have therefore focused on regulating. We have also been responding to complaints about dogs running at large in non-pilot program parks. Olbrich and Yahara Place have both received stepped up enforcement as a result of citizen complaints. Park Ranger trainings held in the spring have paid dividends when it comes to approaching these people to person interactions positively. At the end of the month of October Park Rangers moved toward minimum staffing in preparation for Winter and reduced park use.

2015 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	6	7	6	8	25	36	34	50	36	28			236
Assist Citizen				7	20	18	37	17	18	14			131
Assist Fire/ Police				2	5	5	21	6	6	3			48
Check Person				13	49	26	47	40	21	25			221
Check Area	29	26	41	57	169	212	186	370	366	279			1735
Behavioral Ban	0	0	4	6	5	8	8	10	6	0			47
Damage to property	3	0	2	10	15	14	6	12	10	5			77
Drug Investigation	0	1	1	3		3	3	3	3	7			24
Graffiti complaint	4	2	7	5	6	7	2	12	7	6			58
Intoxicated Person	0	1	5	3	1	0	4	3	0	0			17

2015 Parks Ranger calls for service, continued

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Information	7	4	5	28	73	103	126	198	126	107			777
Liquor Law Violation				5	10	16	9	25	17	10			92
No permanent Address issue	4	3	3					17	17	0			44
Noise complaint				5	3	3	4	12	7	0			34
Parking Complaint	9	9	6	15	43	42	45	44	32	23			268
Phone Call	0	0	0	6	21	10	2	4	6	4			53
Trespass	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	8	9	0			23
Total reports	62	53	80	174	446	503	538	831	687	511	0	0	3470

2014 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	5	3	3	8	24	18	22	26	19	3	0	0	131
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	3	12	14	2	3	6	7	0	0	48
Check Area	32	21	25	41	105	55	61	87	59	29	20	18	553
Damage to property	2	2	0	12	12	14	9	10	4	0	2	1	68
Dog violation	6	4	24	100	62	38	30	18	27	17	5	6	337
Drugs	0	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	12
Graffiti	2	1	1	6	3	5	7	9	14	8	3	3	62
No permanent Address issue	7	5	2	19	28	15	23	12	5	3	2	5	126
Incident	2	5	4	3	9	2	5	6	6	0	0	0	42
Maintenance needed	0	0	0	26	31	23	23	20	11	9	26	2	171
Misc	1	1	0	2	2	37	5	9	9	8	0	4	78
Not open/ closed	8	6	5	17	27	26	27	22	22	7	1	1	169
Parking issue	12	2	6	26	54	24	34	26	22	6	0	10	222
Sport without reservation	0	0	8	18	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	32
Total reports	77	52	78	285	373	274	248	250	207	98	59	50	2051

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT

Central Park Skate Park

Madison's first skatepark was officially opened on September 10th. The issue of the lien claim filed by the subcontractor against the general contractor has been resolved. The skatepark is currently closed for the season.

Bowman Field Lighting Phase Two

The four custom poles have been installed by Joe Daniels Construction, completing the lighting project. A separate project is underway to replace the baseball diamond netting and support poles to be completed prior to open of softball season in the spring of 2016. Strand Associates has been hired to conduct the structural analysis for the pole footings.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Cemetery staff and consultants are working to come up with a long range plan that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Staff is also working on a policy paper to be presented to the Landmarks Commission for approval regarding a tree replacement policy for the cemetery. Improvements for the irrigation and storm sewer and drainage are tentatively scheduled for 2017.

Central Park

The Central Park Phase 1B construction is underway. The work includes a new entry plaza adjacent to the recently completed skatepark and a pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The plaza, sidewalk crossings, and previous sidewalk installation on Wilson Street are completed. Final project completion is anticipated in early December.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit

Construction of Phase I of the parking lot improvements will begin in early December. These improvements will include the gravel parking lot base, raingarden for stormwater capture, and a landscape berm.

Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements

Park staff is working with City Facilities Management on a series of clubhouse improvement projects for Yahara Hills. Window replacement and HVAC work will move forward next. Both of these contracts have been awarded to Joe Daniels Construction. Additional asbestos was found in the ceiling spray texture for the office, restroom and stairway and will be abated under a separate contract. We are also presently pursuing options to insulate the attic space. Most of this work is planned to start after the golf season ends on November 16th.

Lake Edge Park Shelter

Staff is working with Facilities Management on the construction of the new Lake Edge Park Shelter. As of the end of November, the underground utilities are in, the walls are complete, the beams are up and the roof is 75% complete. A good portion of the restoration is also complete. Construction will continue through the fall and winter as weather permits.

Garver Feed Mill

The rezoning and CSM for the project was approved by the Council on August 4th. Draft lease conditions are being negotiated. Conversion paperwork was submitted to the DNR and has been approved. Negotiations with the Baum Development team continue. Winter stabilization of the structure has been installed by Bachmann Construction. Staff continues to work with the development team to resolve issues.

Tenney Park Shoreline

Shoreline reconstruction and reconstruction of the bike path is complete. Landscaping along the shoreline through a separate Public Works Contract will begin with native seeding in early December and planting in Spring 2016. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

Nakoma Park Improvements

The replacement of the historic stairs at Nakoma Park was completed on October 2. Site stabilization measures will remain in place until the slope vegetation cover is established.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds

Parks is currently working with the Department of Civil Rights and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiatives Team (RESJI Team) to begin the equity analysis process for this project. The RESJI team met with stake holders on November 18th. More information regarding the project's next steps will be provided as the process continues; improvements to the playgrounds at Brittingham Park are on hold pending the outcome of this process.

Allied Drive Improvements

Staff is working with the Allied Drive NRT (Neighborhood Resource Team) on the proposed park improvements in the neighborhood as approved in the 2015 Capital Budget. At their March meeting the CDA board approved the creation of a park on two of their lots in the Allied Drive neighborhood. The park design consists of a full basketball court, an asphalt path and an open play area that will also serve as a youth soccer field. Staff continues to work with CDA on the land transfer. A survey has been completed and an appraisal to value the property has been received and is under review. Design development is 75% complete.

Demetral Park Path Improvements

Staff is working with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. A public input meeting was held on October 14th. Engineering is working on plans and specifications and construction is anticipated to start in spring of 2016.

Playground Workshops

Staff held three playground workshops that focused on several park playgrounds to provide the opportunity for neighborhoods to learn and share ideas with each other. These projects are part of the 2016 Capital Budget Submission. The first playground workshop was held on October 14th and addressed playground replacement projects at Aldo Leopold Park, Rimrock Park, Midland Park, and Raymond Ridge Park. The second playground workshop was held October 28th and addressed playground replacement projects at Kingston – Onyx Park, Honeysuckle Park, Sycamore, and Waunona Park. The third playground workshop was held on November 5th and addressed playground replacement projects at Lerdahl Park, Berkley Park, Westchester Gardens Park, and Wheeler Heights Park. Staff also issued a request for proposals for playground designs from playground manufacturers for 2016 playground improvements. The City selected several manufacturers' designs including nature-based themed designs to present to neighborhoods as part of the 2016 playground design public input process.

Aldo Leopold Park Playground

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 2nd. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Berkley Park Playground

Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 3. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early March.

Honeysuckle Park Playground

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on October 28. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Kingston-Onyx Park Playground

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 17. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Lerdahl Park Playground

Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 10. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early March.

Midland Park Playground

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 2nd. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Sycamore Park Playground

Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 3. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Rimrock Park Playground

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 12th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Raymond Ridge Park Playground

Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 3rd. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Waunona Park Playground

Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 8th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Westchester Gardens Park Playground

Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 10. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early February.

Wheeler Heights Park Playground

Staff will hold a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 17. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early March.

Esther Beach Park Improvements

The design has begun for improvements identified in the Esther Beach Park Master Plan including a new restroom building, open air shelter, swings, path system, storm water improvements and improvements to the existing parking lot. Staff will hold a public input on the design on December 16th to discuss the design. Construction of the restroom building is anticipated in 2016. Final site improvements are anticipated in fall of 2016 or spring of 2017.

Penn Park Shelter Replacement

The public input process for Penn Park shelter replacement will begin in January 2016. Three public meetings are scheduled during January and February. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in May. The project will include replacement of the existing shelter and other park amenities, as identified in the public input meeting process.

2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements

Staff is developing the plans and specifications for the 2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements including the following acrylic sport courts: Bordner Park tennis courts; Brittingham tennis courts; Huegel Park tennis courts; Olbrich Park basketball courts; Tenney Park tennis courts; Door Creek youth line painting; and Richmond Hill Park pickleball line painting. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in January.

2016 Paving Contract

Staff is developing the plans and specifications for the 2016 Paving Contract which includes construction of paths at Cardinal Glenn Park, reconstruction of basketball courts at Rimrock Park, Arbor Hills Park, and Aldo Leopold Park and pulverize and repaving paths at Westmorland Park. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in April.

2016 Sun Shelters Request for Bids and Contract

Staff issued a Request for Bids in late November for the selection of a sun shelter manufacturer. The shelters are to be installed under a separate public works contract at park properties in 2016 including: Cardinal Glenn; Esther Beach; Junction Ridge; Owl Creek; Sauk Heights; and Worthington Parks.

2016 Fall Parks Division and Water Utility Landscaping Contract

Staff is developing plans and specifications for the 2016 Fall Parks Division and Water Utility Landscaping contract which include installation of trees, shrubs and perennial plants at many park properties and a water utility well site. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in February.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation

Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed in the City of Madison park system. Installation of new trees to replace removed ash trees is underway. Living Landscapes, LLC was awarded both of the fall and spring tree installation contracts that were opened at the end of November. The trees included in these contracts replace approximately 2/3 of those removed due to EAB infestation. Work to install the trees will begin in mid-May 2016.

Sugar Maple Park Master Planning

With the support of the neighborhood, the master plan for the park went to the Park Commission for approval on October 21st. The City is working with the developer, Veridian Homes, to enter into a contract to complete rough grading of the site in the fall of 2015 or spring of 2016. Park improvement construction is anticipated to be completed by the developer in the spring of 2016. The developer will receive credit for the park construction that will offset the park development fees for the plat. A second meeting with the neighborhood will be held in early 2016 to discuss playground equipment selection.

Waldorf Park Master Planning

Staff held a public input meeting to determine a master plan layout with the Waldorf Park neighborhood on October 22nd. Grading and stormwater drainage at the site will be one challenge to the project and follow-up meetings with City Engineering are being scheduled to determine the overall project scope. Rough grading and drainage improvements are anticipated to occur in 2016 with construction of park improvements in 2017. A follow-up meeting will be held with the neighborhood in early 2016 to discuss the playground equipment options.

Other Projects

- Staff is working with a consultant at Tenney Park Shelter to come up with solutions to acoustic concerns inside the shelter. The consultants have been reviewed by City Facilities Management and staff continues to explore options.
- Staff participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owl Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Emerson East – Eken Park – Yahara Neighborhood Plan, Worthington, and University/Hill Farms.
- Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory facilities within parks including memorial plaques, benches, trees, etc.
- Staff is working with City's Information Technology staff to increase information on the City Park Division's website regarding current design and construction projects.
- Staff is working with West Parks Maintenance on the development of a development plan for Quarry Park which will lay out areas where mountain bikes and dog walkers/pedestrians can co-exist.
- Staff is working on acquiring the property at 2049 Baird Street for the expansion of Penn Park. The City is tentatively set to close on December 9th. Demolition of the existing single family home is anticipated in late winter or early spring.

Projects Completed in 2015

- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground replacement
- Electrical line replacement near the softball fields at Warner Park
- Edible landscape in Lucia Crest Park
- Fisher Street Park Playground replacement
- Reynolds Park Bike Polo installation
- Demetral Park Dog Park fencing and paving improvements
- Warner Park Dog Park fencing and paving improvements
- Sycamore Park Dog Park paving improvements
- Stevens Street Park Playground replacement
- Tenney Park Beach Playground replacement
- Demetral Park Playground replacement
- Breese Stevens Field asphalt path
- Reindahl Splash Park concessions
- Elvehjem Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Olbrich Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Rennebohm Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Waunona Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Westhaven Trails Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Warner Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Westhaven Trails Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Woodland Hills Park Basketball Court Resurfacing

- 2015 Spring Parks Division & Water Utility Landscaping including new landscaping at Acewood, Droster, Hudson, Linden Grove, Kenneth Newville, Sherwood Forest Park, Tenney Park Beach, Westmorland, the Yahara River Parkway, two City of Madison Water Utility well sites, Tenney Park Beach parking lot, and Walnut Grove Park dog park rain garden installations.
- Highland Manor Park Improvements including the storm shelter
- Flad Park Playground replacement
- High Point Park Playground replacement
- Quann Park Tennis Court Reconstruction Phase 2
- Waltham Park Improvements including new basketball court, play equipment and the asphalt path.
- Warner Park Community Recreation Center re-carpeting
- Brittingham Park at Proudfit – construction of the paving and seating improvements completed however improvements for the pedestrian crossing of the rail road tracks has been delayed until 2016.
- 2015 Group 2 Playground replacements at Arbor Hills, Badger, Bernie's Beach, Demetral, Junction Ridge, Tenney Beach, and Sunridge Parks
- 2015 Parks Division Tree Planting installation of coniferous and hardwood trees at 13 park properties including BB Clark Beach, Blackhawk, Burr Jones, Burrows, Central, Hudson, Junction Ridge, Olbrich, Richmond Hill, Sherwood Forest, Sycamore, Warner, and Wingra Parks in October 2015.
- Highland Manor Park Storm Shelter
- Owl Creek Park Improvements – Phase 2
- Goodman Topsoil Shed
- Breese Stevens Field Repair of the historic roof tiles
- Wingra Creek Parkway Phase 3 – dredging and shoreline repair
- Breese Stevens Field interlocking synthetic turf protection system to be used as protection of the new synthetic turf during special events.
- Tenney Park telephone line repair into the shelter
- Work is completed at Forest Hill Cemetery. The projects listed below are managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.
 - John Catlin Chapel Roof Replacement
 - The Cemetery Office Re-pointing work
 - Forest Hill Mausoleum Restoration
- Work is completed on building improvements at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Improvement made this year are as follows:
 - Replacement of the boilers.
 - HVAC controls were installed to the three air handlers units.
 - Broken glass panels were replaced in the conservatory.

WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – JACOB TISUE

- Warner Family Fun Nights - WPCRC has hosted our WFFN in September, October, and November. Themes have been a lot of fun and events have been well attended.
 - Next one – December 11
- HolidayFest Art and Craft Fair – December 5th
 - Vendors are full at just over 80. We are marketing the program and hope to have a good turn out this year.
- 2015 Projects
 - Carpet Replacement – complete
 - Concrete pad for dumpster area - complete
 - Compressor replacement for air conditioning unit - complete
 - Kitchen replacements
 - garbage disposal - complete
 - dishwasher - NESCO (Northeast Senior Coalition) has committed to donating \$3,000 towards the dishwasher replacement – scheduled for replacement end of November
- 2015 YTD Facility Usage Report

WPCRC Facility Usage Report – 2015

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2014	2013
Facility Rentals	280	378	430	436	412	359	543	449	389	473			4149	3,257	2,849
Pass Visits															
Exercis. Rm	3689	3279	3203	2533	2350	2622	2620	1766	2278	2643			26983	30,746	34,303
Game Rm	148	140	134	140	108	103	88	80	193	213			1347	1,658	1,817
Gym	488	344	503	410	374	209	116	191	324	366			3325	4,290	4,078

June/July numbers do not include gym usage by the MSCR Summer Camp

Game room numbers do not include multiple youth groups and organizations that use the area