



# Planning and Development Update

Presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners  
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Door Creek Shelter



The Parks Division is working with City Engineering and Aro Eberle Architects on a new, multi-season shelter building for Door Creek Park. The new shelter was identified as a desired park amenity in the adopted park master plan. The project is part of the Parks Division's continuing effort to implement master plan recommendations. T

The proposed building (shown above) will be reviewed by the Urban Design Commission on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The project is scheduled for public works bidding in late 2022, and construction is anticipated to begin in 2023. The building is on-track for LEED Silver Certification when completed.

Warner Park Beach Shelter and Tenney Park Beach Shelter



A clean beach system is coming to Warner and Tenney. City Engineering and Parks worked together to replace the existing beach shelter at Warner. The same team is working on the Tenney beach shelter. Both shelters are designed to accommodate the equipment necessary to run a clean beach system. The one at Warner will be installed this coming spring for the 2022 swim season. Then, assuming all goes well with the construction of the Tenney Beach Shelter and assuming that the clean beach system at Warner performs as planned, a clean beach system will be installed at Tenney. The system creates a swim area and takes the lake water out of the lake, runs it through a sand filter, applies reverse osmosis and sends it back into the swim area. Dane County developed this system and has found that the outcome is a great reduction in the number of days that the beach is closed due to water quality issues.



Parks staff are currently working on the sitework layouts for Rennebohm and Warner Park inclusive playgrounds following a successful series of public input meetings that were held in November and December 2021 to discuss the projects with the respective neighborhoods. During those sessions, attendees were able to choose from among three playground manufacturers (Burke, Landscape Structures and Little Tykes Commercial) selected earlier through a competitive RFP process. Both the Rennebohm and Warner Park attendees selected Burke as their preferred design/equipment manufacturer, albeit with slight modifications and color preference.

Parks staff continue to coordinate with the Madtown Mommas and Disability Advocates group on the playground designs and will be adding a stand-alone piece from Landscape Structures (the “We-Go-Spin” at Rennebohm and the “We-Go-Swing” at Warner) through their continued advocacy for inclusive equipment with wide-ranging appeal. The projects are anticipated to be bid in early spring and construction is planned to begin in May 2022.

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How Lovely are thy Branches Temporary Art Installation at Olbrich



Photos by Lillian Sizemore, Creator  
of How Lovely are thy Branches



How Lovely Are Thy Branches is an 89-foot diameter temporary walking Labyrinth constructed from recycled holiday tree branches. How Lovely Are Thy Branches was conceived, designed, and facilitated by local Madison artist, Lillian Sizemore. This project was commissioned by Madison Arts Commission Blink program.

The opening ceremony will have a special "glowing" hoop performance by Madison Circus Space members to open and energize the labyrinth. The public is invited to bring a light (no open flames are allowed). The Taco Local food truck will be at opening day selling snacks, soups and warm drinks. Kite Aerial Photographer, Craig Wilson, will be documenting the opening ceremony from the air.

The project 'How Lovely Are Thy Branches' Labyrinth offers the opportunity to get outdoors, into nature, and amongst community, to carry on the goodwill and festive atmosphere after the holidays! The project will emphasize the life cycle of the humble Christmas tree. Open and free to all, the public will be invited to walk amongst fragrant pine boughs, for about one month, from late Jan. through Feb. 2022.