

SUPERINTENDENT'S JANUARY 2016 REPORT-

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARY

December 2015 / January 2016

Parks staff continues to be busy with the transition into winter. Trails were groomed at Elver, Odana Hills and Yahara Hills after the first measurable and sustainable snowfall on December 28. The first ice rinks of the season opened on January 4 at Olbrich, Elver and Hillington Triangle. Many Parks field staff participated in the Safety and Woods Worker Chainsaw training during December at Odana Hills.

Improvements to Yahara Hills Clubhouse began after the extended golf season concluded. There will be mechanical upgrades including new ductwork and new hot water radiators. Other improvements include replacement of windows and doors. Lake Edge Shelter's underground utilities are in and walls are complete as of the end of December. Construction will resume in the spring. Planning staff recently hosted numerous workshops and public input meetings on upcoming 2016 projects.

Winter activities were featured in January's monthly segment on NBC15's Morning Show which aired Sunday, January 10.

Recent Events:

HolidayFest on December 5 at WPCRC had over 80 vendors and over 1500 shoppers.

Olbrich's Holiday Express concluded on December 31 and received many positive comments.

Upcoming Events:

Four Groove & Glide events happening Friday evenings: January 15 at Elver, January 22 at Westmorland, January 29 at Vilas and February 12 at Tenney. A new program at WPCRC, Saturday Night at the Movies is free to attend and begins January 23. The Wisconsin Women's Hockey will be at Vilas on Sunday, January 17. Friends groups and partners of Madison Parks will host three candlelight events including snowshoeing at Cherokee Marsh on January 30.

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

December was unseasonably warm and wet in 2015. Almost all of the precipitation that fell was rain. There were only three dates that enough snow fell that warranted sending our crews out. Due to the lack of snow and warmer temperatures, we were able to work on other projects. Those projects included:

- Grinding ash stumps
- Pruning trees
- Removing invasive species
- Assisting Forestry by driving brush trucks
- Mulching leaves

It, finally, looks like temperatures will start dropping in January. Adopt an Ice volunteers are eager to get out to the rinks to start working on them. Staff is looking forward to providing the unique services that make Madison an enjoyable place to recreate. We are fully prepared to handle winter operations and we are excited to fill our vacant Athletic Leadworker position that posted in December.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

We've had an unseasonably warm start to our winter season. We've spent most of December doing our usual fall activities including leaf removal and general park clean-up. We also took advantage of the mild weather to complete some dormant pruning projects. All staff with exception of our Mechanic participated in SAWW Chainsaw training mid-month. We welcomed our new Operations Leadworker, John Martin, who has worked as a PMW for East Parks and Mall Concourse for the past two years. John is working at learning the system and already helping identify areas of improvement. Our Landscape Maintenance Workers spent the entire month working with the Parks Arborists and East Forestry on Ash tree removals. In preparation for the ice season, we painted our hockey boards for Vilas and repaired/painted our hockey goals. Just before the holidays we spent a good portion of time removing organic material from the shorelines of the lagoon and the edges of the floating rinks at Vilas. We were greeted with snow storm complete with freezing rain at the end of the month that left the crew digging out up until the New Years' holiday.

Moving into January, our ice season is slowly moving along as we work along the shorelines to expose the ice and continue daily flooding of the rinks and lagoon. Unfortunately, with less than desired ice thickness and warm temps forecasted, we don't anticipate installing hockey boards until the second week of January at the earliest. Crews will continue with snow removal duties as necessary on assigned sidewalk routes. We are making preparations for our seasonal ice maintenance laborers to begin working mid-month, and we work to bring them up to speed on proper procedures. The LMW's will continue to work with the Parks Arborist crew on EAB pre-emptive removals throughout the winter. As time allows, we will work on dormant pruning, picnic tables and trash cans. We are hopeful that once we get up and running we have a great winter season.

Mall Maintenance:

The unusually warm weather continued early in December allowing us to powerwash bus shelters and sidewalks. Expansion furniture was installed including trash/recycle cans, bike racks, and benches to associate the new area with the State Street surroundings. Much needed tree pruning along State, the Capitol Square, and side streets was also accomplished due to the lack of winter weather. However, major snow removal operations started in late December just in time for the holidays with a strong storm with sleet, rain and wet snow. Continued piling and hauling of snow is on the current agenda.

Looking ahead to January, snow removal is at the top of the list, to make room for more snow. Continued trash and recycling cleanup has slowed down, therefore leaving more time and effort for the snow cleanup. Documented snow routes are also being drawn up as we have learned a great deal from the first run at snow removal and look to make our process more efficient.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

Leaf sweeping and collection continued at Forest Hill right up to the Christmas holiday, but ended abruptly with the snowstorm of December 28th. This is an unusually long time to be able to collect leaves, and we hope the efforts will be reflected in an easier spring cleanup. Cemetery staff is now working on preemptive ash removals when they are not engaged with regular cemetery business or snow removal. Staff also lent a hand when the hockey boards at Westmorland were put up – this helped us get them up in record time.

Frost has begun building in the ground, though it is only a few inches deep right now. The mud present through all of December is disappearing and we will soon need to use the frost heaters before digging graves.

As we move through the winter, cemetery staff will be taking care of regular burials, they will continue removing ash trees, and they will help out with snow removal when needed.

In December, there were 4 adult, 3 infant, and 7 cremation burials. There was also 1 disinterment from the mausoleum.

Cemetery staff sold 1 cremation burial space and 33 full-size lots.

Summit Maintenance:

With the abrupt change in weather between the Christmas and New Year's holidays, parks staff has officially switched into "winter mode". Our primary responsibility is keeping sidewalks, bike paths, parking lots, and bus stops clear and safe. This usually requires work days after the actual snowfall because windrows frequently get plowed back into crosswalks.

We're also trying to get our ice rinks in shape, but so far we've lacked the prolonged cold without precipitation that allows for quick, high quality ice development. Even so, we've been able to open the "general skating" portion of the Elver rink, and we hope to have the hockey rink open in time for the long weekend of January 16th – 18th.

Some of our adopt-ice groups have been hard at work as well. Hillington Green is nearly ready to open; we delivered goals there on the 4th. The Westmorland volunteer group has made significant progress in only 2 evenings and hopes to have the hockey rink open by their neighborhood "play date" the weekend of the 9th & 10th.

While we struggle to open skating rinks, sledding and cross-country skiing are going amazingly well. The 6" of heavy snow that fell on the 28th have the hills at Elver and Garner well-covered, crowded, and very fast. Even neighborhood parks like Lucia Crest are seeing sledders. The ski trails at Elver and Odana are open and groomed, and various parks, including Glenway Golf Course, are seeing a lot of snowshoers and skiers blazing their own trails. There seem to be a lot of people out taking advantage of the snow while we have it.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

December *"How many poinsettias are in the train show? FABULOUS SHOW! Thank you!"* 12/12/15 – Linda J. Cross Plains, WI Staff responded by post card – "450 poinsettias used in the show"

November 2015 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2015	2014	Previous 5 yrs avg
November 1 - 30	12,838	13,572	11,009
YTD November 30	261,812	248,859	
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 Nov 30*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 11/30/2015	YTD 11/30/2014
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$65,999	\$62,644
Room Rentals YTD*	\$124,551	\$118,246
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$29,330	\$27,731
TOTAL YTD	\$219,880	\$208,801

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

January 2016 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
Children of the Rainforest Performances: Saturday, Jan 23 at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm
Zhong Yi Kung Fu Association
Cocktails in the Conservatory, Friday, Jan 29, 7 – 11 pm featuring DJs Surf 'n' Turf

Education – January 2016 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Wellness at the Gardens

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)
Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, Jan 25 – Mar 14, 6 -7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Landscape Screening, Mon, Jan 11, 6:30 – 8 pm
Suminagashi Floating Inks, Sun, Jan 17, 1 – 4 pm
Hardscaping & Permeable Pavers, Tues, Jan 19, 6:30 – 8 pm
Henna Design Gift Box Workshop, Wed, Jan 20, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Garden Monotypes Workshop, Sun, Jan 24, 1 – 4 pm
Spoon Carving, Sat & Sun, Jan 30 & 31, 9:30 am – 5 pm
All About Figs!, Sat, Jan 30, 1 – 3 pm
Herbal Soap Making Fun!, Sat, Jan 30, 1 – 5 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Life in the Canopy (ages 2 – 4 with an adult)
Snakes, Tues, Jan 12, 10 – 11 am or Friday, Feb 5, 10 – 11 am
Sloths, Tues, Jan 19, 10 – 11 am or Fri, Feb 12, 10 – 11 am
Frogs, Tues, Jan 26, 10 – 11 am or Fri, Jan 29, 10 – 11 am
I Wonder....Series (grades K – 3 with an adult)
Where Does Chocolate Come From? Fri, Jan 22, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Girl Scout Programs

What is a Tropical Rainforest? Sat, Jan 16, 10 – 11:30 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	430	309
Pruned by Request	74	200
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	429	162
Tree Removal	82	270.5
Ash Preemptive Removals	339	825
Storm Work/Hangers		43

*Partial data through December 22nd.

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 into preemptively remove ash trees on the west and east side.

East unit was able to only do some cycle pruning and small tree cycle pruning along with request pruning and removals. Also east unit continued ash preemptive removals on the east side. This work included the designated east preemptive ash removal crew and crews involved in cycle pruning.

A snow storm hit the last week of December but this only disrupted forestry for a couple of days. Otherwise snow has been a non-issue.

Forestry specialists have been 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), private development reviews for street tree issues, tree layout for completed engineering projects, assessable tree layout in new plats and scheduling routine tree replacements.

RANGER REPORT – JOSH SCHMITT

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	21		257
Assist Citizen				7	20	18	37	17	18	14	7		138
Assist Fire/Police				2	5	5	21	6	6	3	5		53
Check Person				13	49	26	47	40	21	25	13		234
Check Area	29	26	41	57	169	212	186	370	366	279	152		1887
Behavioral Ban	0	0	4	6	5	8	8	10	6	0	2		49
Damage to property	3	0	2	10	15	14	6	12	10	5	9		86
Drug Investigation	0	1	1	3		3	3	3	3	7	2		26
Graffiti complaint	4	2	7	5	6	7	2	12	7	6	4		62
Intoxicated Person	0	1	5	3	1	0	4	3	0	0	2		19
Information	7	4	5	28	73	103	126	198	126	107	76		853
Liquor Law Violation				5	10	16	9	25	17	10	6		98
No permanent Address issue	4	3	3					17	17	0	0		44
Noise complaint				5	3	3	4	12	7	0	1		35
Parking Complaint	9	9	6	15	43	42	45	44	32	23	6		274
Phone Call	0	0	0	6	21	10	2	4	6	4	0		53
Trespass	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	8	9	0	1		24
Total reports	62	53	80	174	446	503	538	831	687	511	307	0	3744

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

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South Side

The four backstop netting poles at the Bowman baseball field require replacement. Strand Associates has been hired to design and prepare bid documents for the replacement poles. The project is anticipated to go out for bid in February with an April construction start date. Construction should be completed prior to opening season.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West Side

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 the tree replacement procedures at the cemetery. Improvements for the irrigation and storm sewer and drainage are tentatively scheduled for 2017.

Central Park – Near East Side

The Central Park Phase 1B construction is substantially complete. 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 skatepark plaza, sidewalk crossings and pervious sidewalk installation on Wilson Street are done.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit – North Side

Construction of Phase I of the parking lot improvements began in early December. Parks staff are working with Engineering staff to modify the required stormwater rain garden to allow for a feature which is both shallower and more organic in form while still meeting rainwater detention requirements.

Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements – South East Side

Park staff is working with City Facilities Management on a series of clubhouse improvement projects for Yahara Hills. The project got a later start due to the nice fall weather which extended the golf season a couple of weeks but the Asbestos Abatement was completed, which allowed the contractors to proceed with Mechanical upgrades.

Currently the new forced air mechanical equipment is being set and the connections are being made to the new ductwork. The hot water radiators in the main area are being installed next week. All of the Mechanical work is scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of January. The windows and doors are also in process of replacement and are expected to be substantially completed by January 22nd. The new insulation is scheduled to be installed this week.

Lake Edge Park Shelter – East Side

Staff is working with Facilities Management on the construction of the new Lake Edge Park Shelter. As of the end of December, the underground utilities are in and the walls are complete, the beams are up and the roof is 90% complete. The Contractor is waiting for material orders and will continue with window installation as weather permits. Construction has been halted for the winter and will resume again once weather allows.

Garver Feed Mill – East Side

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 – Near East Side

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

Brittingham Park Playgrounds – Isthmus/Central

Parks is currently working with the Department of Civil Rights and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiatives Team (RESJI Team) on the equity analysis process for this project. The RESJI team met with stake holders on November 18th. The RESJI team has completed the RESJ tool in late December and will be providing their final report and recommendations to the Parks Division in the near future. 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 – South Side

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. A survey has been completed and an appraisal to value the property has been received and is under review. Design development is 75% complete. Staff continues to work with CDA on the land transfer.

Demetral Park Path Improvements – East Side

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 – City Wide

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 Park, 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 – South Side

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 specification go to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Berkley Park Playground – North Side

Staff held 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 April.

Cardinal Glenn Park Playground – Far West Side

Staff will hold a public input meeting on January 14 to discuss improvements to the park. Improvements include a paved walking path, sun shelter, tree plantings, and an additional piece of equipment and surfacing at the playground. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specifications go to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Honeysuckle Park Playground – East Side

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 – East Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 17. Design revisions based on attendee comments have been made. 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 – North Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 10. At this meeting the neighborhood requested revisions to the design concepts shown; a third option was sent to the neighborhood at the end of December for review. 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 April.

Midland Park Playground – Central/South Side

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 specification go to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Sycamore Park Playground – East Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 3. Design revisions based on attendee comments regarding the proposed equipment are being made. 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 – South Side

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 specification go to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Raymond Ridge Park Playground – West Side

Staff held 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 specification go to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Waunona Park Playground – South Side

Staff held 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 specification go to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Westchester Gardens Park Playground – North East Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 10. Design revisions based on attendee comments regarding the proposed equipment have been made. 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 – North Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 17; however, there were no attendees present for this session. At the request of the Alder, Parks staff will host another meeting, to be held on January 25 at a location immediately adjacent to the park. The Alder is also assisting with spreading the word via Next Door and another area contacts. 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 April.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

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 held a public input on the design on December 16th to discuss the design. Staff is preparing DNR chapter 30 and conditional use applications to be submitted in February, 2016. 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 – South Side

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 for the shelter construction are anticipated to be advertised in May. The project will include replacement of the existing shelter and other park amenity improvements as identified during the public input meeting process.

2016 Garner Park Tennis to Pickleball-Court Conversion – West Side

Staff is developing plans and specifications for the conversion of the existing tennis courts at Garner Park (two side-by-side courts) to six pickleball courts to include new benches, nets, fencing and striping for pickleball play. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised on February 5, 2016.

2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements – City Wide

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 on January 8, 2016.

2016 Paving Contract – City Wide

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 the path at Westmorland Park. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in April.

2016 Sun Shelters Request for Bids and Contract – City Wide

Staff issued a request for bid (RFB) for pricing on open air shelters for the 2016 season. Gerber Leisure, Inc. (dealers of ICON shelters) submitted the lowest qualified bid for the 2016 sun shelters. Five shelters will be installed at parks including Cardinal Glenn, Junction Ridge, Owl Creek, Sauk Heights and Worthington in 2016 under a separate public works contract to be advertised for bid in late April.

2016 Fall Parks Division and Water Utility Landscaping Contract – City Wide

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

2016 Dog Park Improvements – City Wide

Staff is developing plans and specifications for entrance improvements at Quann dog park. Staff met with the Dog Park User Group on September 21, 2015 to discuss proposed improvements. Plans and specification go to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016, with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide

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.

Quarry Park Trails Usage Planning – South Side

Parks staff held a meeting with the neighborhood on December 14, 2015 to discuss trails usage plan options at the park to designate areas of the park for mountain biking/bicycle use and pedestrian/dog-walking by way of minimizing conflicts between the two groups. At the request of the Alder, a working group of meeting attendees was identified that will continue to further the plan. A follow-up meeting with the neighborhood to present the concept is anticipated to be held in early spring 2016.

Sugar Maple Park Master Planning – Far West Side

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. Staff continues to coordinate with the Developer on this project.

Waldorf Park Master Planning – West Side

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 have been held to determine the overall project scope and feasibility. Rough grading and drainage improvements are anticipated to occur in mid to late 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.

Worthington Park Shelter Replacement – East Side

A public input meeting was held on December 17th for this shelter replacement project. Plans and specifications for the shelter construction are anticipated to be advertised in May. The project will include replacement of the existing shelter and an extension of the existing asphalt path for shelter access.

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 Owls 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.
- The City has acquired the property at 2049 Baird Street for the expansion of Penn Park. Demolition of the existing single family home is anticipated in late winter or early spring. Staff is working on the demolition permit.

Projects Completed in 2015

- Central Park Skate Park
- 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
- Nakoma Park stair restoration
- 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.

