

SUPERINTENDENT'S DECEMBER 2014 REPORT- COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

- **Appeal from George Stulgaitis, 4108 Maher Avenue, regarding encroachments into Lake Edge Park**

Mr. Stulgaitis was sent a letter on October 31, 2014 regarding a number of encroachments into Lake Edge Park (gravel drive and block border, fence and gate, shed wall, greenhouse wall, clothesline post, garden, compost bin and other materials including a trailer stored in the park). His appeal was submitted to the Clerk's office within 15 days as required by ordinance. Staff spoke with Mr. Stulgaitis and he preferred to have his appeal heard by the Park Commission at their meeting in January.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR

The weather in November was much colder than normal. As a result we had to shut down some projects we were working on early. Some examples include: aerating fields, aerating Hiestand Disc Golf, and renovation work on diamond # 2 at Olbrich. 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 will have matting down soon and tables and benches will be installed for the skaters. Warner Shelter will be ready for skating the first week of December. 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 and are preparing for increased responsibility to take over clearing snow at 36 additional bus stops. 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:

It looks and feels as though winter is upon us! 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 completed renovation work on Goodman's softball diamond just in time for our first snow event. Crews prepped snow routes by staking and pruning. We've had plenty of practice on the snow routes as well, since we've had two snow events already. Hockey boards were installed at Westmorland and the stakes were put in at Vilas. Vilas' warming house is ready to go for the season. Extreme cold temperatures have given the ice season a boost so far, as the Vilas lagoon froze over mid-month. Our hayride season concluded just before Thanksgiving.

As we head into December, we will continue our regular winter operations. We will maintain our plowing routes as necessary. It seems we are looking at another early ice season as the weather conditions continue to be ideal for making ice. We will finish pulling in tables and barrels for the season. As time allows we will begin repair and painting of tables and barrels. We are also in the process hiring seasonal staff to assist with the weekend ice maintenance operations after the holidays. We will continue with our dormant pruning as we are able.

Mall Concourse:

It's hard to believe it, but winter and the holiday season are upon us. Freakfest maintenance activities went very well. The crew worked hard to prepare for the event and to restore the area to ideal conditions. We aerated Lisa Link Peace Park to relieve the compaction caused by the large crowds. Throughout the month of November, the crew continued to clean leaves from the walks. The scenery changed to reflect the upcoming season as boughs were installed in the planters and snowflake lights were hung. The same week the snowflake lights were installed, we removed the lights from the trees at the top of State Street. In addition, the majority of the construction on the 700 and 800 blocks of State Street came to an end for the season and the walks were opened to pedestrians. New members of the crew worked to learn snow removal responsibilities, and were able to get some good experience as we had several events in the second half of the month.

As we head into December, we will finish hanging the light pole banners to complete the festive decor. We have changed staff schedules in order to have coverage from 4:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, and we are continuing our usual weekend coverage. Snow removal and keeping the walks clean and safe will be our priority, and the way the winter is starting out we will likely be very busy with these tasks. We will continue with our normal trash and

recycling duties as necessary. In addition, we will continue to support the Public Restroom and Philosopher Stone committee work.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

West Parks:

The unseasonable weather has pushed the Summit crew into winter mode a little earlier than usual. We've worked our snow routes four days already, and it's only the first of December. There have been some additions of bus stops, as always, and the crew is working to learn where they best fit on the route. We also have two new members, and they're integrating well into the routes.

As always happens at this time of year, everyone is getting excited about the upcoming skating season. Community Services has held an Adopt-Ice meeting for the volunteers, and I have had a private meeting with the Westmorland group. Hockey boards have been installed at Westmorland and Rennebohm, flooding by the volunteers has begun, and everyone is very hopeful for an early ice season.

We've been busy preparing the warming shelters as well. Protective rubber matting has been laid on the concrete floors, and we're making sure that all the sites have a reasonable number of tables both inside and out. Trash barrels and hockey goals will be delivered to the rinks when the ice is ready for skating.

Forest Hill Cemetery:

We're pleased to announce that the position of Cemetery Operations Leadworker has been filled by John Bennett, a longtime cemetery employee and most recently the Equipment Operator at that site. John brings decades of experience to the position and will continue to be a key factor in the smooth running of the cemetery.

Rainy, cold weather and an early snowfall on November 17th ended the cemetery's leaf-baling season before we would have preferred. Over two thousand bales were produced (and almost immediately collected), but this is far short of the potential, had the weather cooperated. Summit staff joined forces with cemetery staff during Thanksgiving week to blow what leaves we could onto the cemetery roads for collection by Streets, but the leaves were wet and hard to move and unfortunately we didn't get very far before it started snowing and we had to switch over to a plowing operation. We're not pleased with the amount of leaves that will overwinter on the ground in Forest Hill, and it will be a large job to clean them up in the spring.

The Forest Hill staff has also been working on learning one of the West Parks snow removal routes. They have a pickup truck well-suited to this particular route, which contains a lot of bicycle paths, and they have been riding along and studying maps in anticipation of assuming responsibility for it.

CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

The weather in November was colder than normal (-6 degrees) and slightly below average in precipitation. Winter seems to be arriving early this year.

Staff completed installation of cross country ski trail signage and prepared grooming equipment for the winter season. NOAA prognosticators predict a warmer than normal December, but time will tell if that comes true.

In spite of the challenging weather conditions we did manage to complete a prescribed prairie burn at North Cherokee. Staff also continued work on the oak savanna restoration there cutting and treating buckthorn and honeysuckle.

We worked on trail maintenance at Owen and Edna Taylor parks filling worn spots with gravel to restore a level hiking surface.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

November was a busy month behind the scenes at Olbrich – staff prepared the outdoor gardens for winter and prepared the indoor gardens for the heating season – AND designed and installed the Holiday Express Flower and Train Show which is a major Madison attraction in December from the 1st Saturday through New Year's Eve Day.

Madison's climate is very challenging as the seasons progress from warm to cold. The freeze requires that all of the outdoor water features are drained and winterized, the irrigation system is turned off and 'blown out', and all of the tender perennials and tropicals are moved into winter quarters. Hoopouses are prepared to receive some of those plants. Staff and volunteers take cuttings from some of the tender perennials to save room in the greenhouse. Meanwhile, thanks to the long dark nights of October, the poinsettia crop developed the colorful bracts the plants are grown for.

The Bolz Conservatory was also readied for winter. Seventeen new actuators were installed by Olbrich's maintenance staff in September. City Engineering purchased the equipment because many of the old actuators were 'frozen' in the open position, which meant that they always allowed heat out into the Conservatory, even when the environmental control system didn't 'ask' for heat – such as on days when the solar gain is substantial. The new actuators will help conserve energy and provide more even heating of the Conservatory environment for which the plants are very grateful.

Visitor comment(s): 10/12/2014 "These gardens are the best we have ever gone to and we have gone to gardens all over the U.S." J.W., Delton, MI

10/03/2014 "Always enjoy arrangement (outdoor) at front entrance – today's especially nice. – a member

October Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2014	2013	Previous 5 yrs average
October 1 – 31	15,481	16,333	17,575
YTD October 31	243,974	220,120	
Total Member Households (individuals*) September 30	6,249 (9,847)	6,261 (10,115)	

*based on the number of membership cards issued

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 10/31/2014	YTD 10/31/2013
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$60,548	\$65,672
Room Rentals YTD*	\$111,573	\$111,895
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$25,703	\$25,486
TOTAL YTD	\$197,824	\$203,413

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

December 2014 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit: Innovations Inspired by Rainforests, Nov 1 – Mar 1, 10 am – 4 pm daily

Explore the ways rainforests have inspired objects and processes that have improved our lives.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens' Holiday Express: December 6 – 31, daily 10 am – 4 pm (closes at 2 pm Dec 24 and all day Dec 25) \$3 age 13 and up; \$2 age 3 - 12

Holiday Concerts: every Sunday in December @ 2 pm, \$1 suggested donation

Dec 7 – Russian Folk Orchestra

Dec 14 – Suzuki Strings

Dec 21 -- Waunakee Community Band Big Band

Dec 28 – A Perfect Fifth Brass

Education – December 2014 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, Wed, Dec 3, 6:30 – 8:30 pm FULL!

Basic Flower Arranging with Native Plants & How to Grow Them, Sat, Dec 6, 1:30 – 3 pm

Herbal Gift Making: Hands-On, Interactive, & Fun! Sat, Dec 13, 1 – 5 pm FULL!

Learn & Play Together

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

Over in a River, Tues, Dec 2, 10 – 11 am **or** Sat, Dec 6, 10 – 11 am

Over in the Jungle, Tues, Dec 9, 10 – 11 am **or** Sat, Dec 13, 10 – 11 am

Over in the Arctic, Tues, Dec 16, 10 – 11 am **or** Sat, Dec 20, 10 – 11 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	66	80.5
Pruned by Request	266	207
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	24	13.5
Tree Removals (non EAB preemptive)	75	341
Storm Work/Hangers		16

The Forestry Section completed fall planting in the early part of November.

Cycle tree pruning only occurred on west side of the city. East unit primarily worked on tree removals and request pruning.

Forestry specialists worked on planning and scheduling street tree replacements for spring 2015 planting season in order to reserve tree stock from the nursery. Also, they are inventorying and evaluating street trees located in engineering reconstruction project areas for 2015.

Special projects include:

Tree removals at Forest Hill Cemetery

COMMUNITY SERVICES – DAWN GROSDIDIER

The following report was submitted by Ranger Supervisor Josh Schmitt

During the monthly of October, we saw no major incidents. Staffing numbers fell dramatically as sports wrapped up for the year and shelter reservations reduced in numbers. The end of October saw winterization begin of shelters and preparations begin for the winter season. Overall numbers will be skewed when compared to last year's numbers due to staffing efficiencies targeting reallocations of hourly wages. Our number one call for service was to check area which meets our goal of getting staff out into the parks to interact with patrons. Alcohol issues arose at Eastmorland Park, which prohibits alcohol by ordinance, however the issues were quickly resolved by Park Rangers and Police with the support of the neighborhood and Alder. The Park will be monitored heavily this spring as traffic increases.

Park Rangers completed a fall turf repair and reseeded project at Hiestand Disc Golf course in October. The project was designed to repair fairways capable of growing turf and was assisted by East parks aerating and blowing leaves to increase the impact of the project. It was a big step in improving play at the course and was received well by the disc golf community.

Moving into November, we are reducing hours to minimum staffing and completing projects designed to improve efficiency of operations and prepare for the winter season.

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			131
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	3	12	14	2	3	6	7			48
Check Area	32	21	25	41	105	55	61	87	59	29			515
Damage to property	2	2	0	12	12	14	9	10	4	0			65
Dog violation	6	4	24	100	62	38	30	18	27	17			326
Drugs	0	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	3	0			12
Graffiti	2	1	1	6	3	5	7	9	14	8			56
No permanent Address issue	7	5	2	19	28	15	23	12	5	3			119
Incident	2	5	4	3	9	2	5	6	6	0			42
Maintenance needed	0	0	0	26	31	23	23	20	11	9			143
Misc	1	1	0	2	2	37	5	9	9	8			74
Not open/closed	8	6	5	17	27	26	27	22	22	7			167
Parking issue	12	2	6	26	54	24	34	26	22	6			212
Sport without reservation	0	0	8	18	1	2	0	2	0	1			32
Total reports	77	52	78	285	373	274	248	250	207	98	0	0	1942

2013 Park Ranger calls for service - for comparison

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	6	3	2	10	18	23	23	8	11	8	0	0	112
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	2	7	26	17	6	16	6	1	0	82
Check Area	26	13	10	29	55	82	152	104	66	51	41	28	657
Damage to property	4	4	0	5	4	4	6	4	4	5	3	1	44
Dog violation	6	4	18	37	34	21	11	13	4	4	7	1	160
Drugs	0	0	2	1	3	1	7	4	4	1	0	0	23
Graffiti	1	0	3	6	13	7	7	6	4	5	0	0	52
No permanent Address issue	11	19	9	12	10	38	28	21	21	9	2	3	183
Incident	13	11	2	4	3	7	10	3	10	8	0	0	71
Misc	1	0	1	2	6	23	2	10	6	1	4	2	58
Not open/closed	1	8	8	18	18	21	15	22	23	25	7	12	178
Parking issue	9	20	11	12	69	50	67	41	23	19	5	0	326
Sport without reservation	0	0	1	29	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	33
Total reports	78	83	67	167	241	303	345	243	192	143	70	47	1979

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

Highland Manor Park

Bids were received on the storm shelter building and parking lot on July 2, 2014. Low bid was Miron Construction at \$1,323,045.58. While construction was anticipated to start around September 15th they did not start until the last week of September. Foundation has been poured. Walls arrived on site first week of November. The building should be entirely closed in by mid-December.

Central Park Skate Park

On June 6th bids were opened and only one bid was received. The single bid was rejects as it was 40% higher than the consultant's cost estimate. The project is being re-bid this fall with the first ad on October 31st and bids due on December 12th. The pre-bid meeting will be held on December 5th.

Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground

Work for the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes for the low bid amount of \$137,466.77. This playground will be replaced as part of this contract in spring; the entire contract is anticipated to be complete by July 2015.

Fisher Street Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract in 2015.

Aldo Leopold Park Shelter

Installation of the shelter by Joe Daniels Construction, Inc. was completed at the end of November. The new asphalt path connecting the shelter to the existing park path will be completed in Spring 2015.

Bowman Field Lighting Phase Two

Bids for Bowman Phase Two were opened on August 8th and Joe Daniels Construction was the only bid received at \$460,949. The bid was accepted and the contract has been approved. The pre-construction meeting was held on October 3rd. The contractor is coordinating the pole fabrication with Musco Lighting with an expected lead time of 4-6 weeks for the pole delivery.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Working with cemetery staff and Feick Design – an irrigation design company - to replace the water line system at the cemetery. Staff is also working with City Engineering to address stormwater management issues and reconstruct the road system in the cemetery. An application was submitted to the State Historical Society for permission to conduct soil borings in the cemetery; soil borings were performed the last week of October. Staff will work with Engineering over winter to come up with designs and schedules for each project.

Brittingham Park at Proudfit

Speedway Sand and Gravel was the low bid at \$47,579. The contractor does not anticipate starting construction until 2015 as they are currently busy with other city projects that need to be completed before winter. Staff has submitted the hearing request to the OCR and continues to work with City Engineering to secure right-of-way access from WisDOT.

Central Park

The Central Park Phase 1B work is scheduled for construction in 2015. Phase 1B includes a new park entry plaza and pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The crossing is currently open and operational; temporary asphalt has been installed until the full project can be implemented.

Garver Mill

The RFP to repurpose the Garver building has been advertised; Real Estate staff have been busy with prospective applicants and their requests to view the building. Submissions are due Dec. 19th.

2014 Athletic Field Improvements

An irrigation consultant has been hired to size the water line system for the Elver Park softball diamonds; the system will be sized to ensure it is adequate for potential future irrigation of these ballfields. Construction of the water line system will be completed by Park Operations staff.

Cherokee Conservation Park N. Sherman Parking Lot

The Assured Wetland Delineation by Stantec Consulting, Inc. revealed that the proposed area for improvements at the N. Sherman area of Cherokee Marsh was not within a wetland area. A public input meeting to discuss the proposed improvements will occur in January 2015.

Highland Manor Park Improvements

Staff held a second public input meeting on November 20th to discuss the improvements to Highland Manor Park, including a new playground. The playground project may be combined into a contract with the basketball court and path improvements and bid out for construction in early 2015.

James Madison Park Shelter

The online visitor input survey has received over 130 responses to date and will remain open until November 28th. Staff will utilize results from the online survey, as well as hardcopies received from Central Library and the Children's Museum to assist in master planning efforts for the park.

Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements

Improvements include replacement of the roof with added insulation and other improvements to the building envelope to improve energy-efficiency for winter operations in the future. The first contract is to replace the roof on the clubhouse. The contract was awarded to Maly Roofing for \$122,500.00. Staff attended the pre-construction meeting on October 2nd and the project is scheduled to begin November 3rd.

Staff also met with Facilities Management and an architectural consultant to go over options to remove/replace the windows at the clubhouse. An evaluation of the HVAC system has also been completed. Replacement of the glass and the HVAC improvements will be separate contracts out for bid in December. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Prototype Shelter Development

The consultant is working on development of the prototype shelter / restroom options during the design development stage. Feedback on the design was received from the Urban Design Commission November 19th. The first project using the prototype design will be Lake Edge Park. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Lake Edge Park Shelter

Staff is working with Facilities Management on the design/construction of the new Lake Edge Park Shelter. Soil borings were performed and design is underway; Parks staff is looking at site considerations as it relates to siting the new shelter. A public input meeting is scheduled for December 17th.

Forest Hill Cemetery Buildings

Work continues on the buildings at Forest Hill Cemetery. The stonework repairs have been completed on the Chapel and an RFP has been issued for the masonry repairs on the mausoleum; applicant proposals are under review. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Work continues on the HVAC improvements for the complex; the consultant has developed a layout which will replace the existing system (replacement parts are not longer available) and also includes space for additional boilers and chillers when the facility expands in the future. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Wingra Creek Parkway

Staff is working with City Engineering on the Phase 3 Wingra Creek Parkway improvements. The stretch of creek that will be improved is from the railroad bridge just south and west of Goodman Maintenance Facility to Olin Avenue (approximately 2,000 linear feet of creek). Improvements will include dredging to an approximate depth of 5 ft; creating meanders through the installation of littoral shelves; bank stabilization and a canoe launch. Work is anticipated to start in the spring of 2015. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

Tenney Park Shoreline

Staff is working with City Engineering on the preliminary research and public outreach for shoreline improvements to address erosion along the Tenney Park lagoon. Staff met with members of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association and the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway on October 22nd, will present the project at the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Meeting on December 11th and will hold a public input meeting on January 13th. Work is anticipated to start in the summer of 2015. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

Dog Park Improvements

Improvements may include fencing and paving improvements at Sycamore and Warner Dog Parks, with the potential of including some improvements to Demetral dog park as funding permits. Design development is underway.

Nakoma Park Improvements

The stone stairs at the western entrance to Nakoma Park along Cherokee Drive are deteriorating. An RFP was issued for the design needed to repair these stairs; consultant submissions have been reviewed and a consultant selected to begin design. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Stevens Street Park Improvements

The second public input meeting is scheduled for December 10th to review playground designs. In addition to the playgrounds, other improvements will be made to the park including a seating area and resurfacing the basketball court. Construction is anticipated for spring of 2015 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract.

Flad Park Playground

The second public input meeting was held on October 29th to review playground designs. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract.

High Point Park Playground

The second public input meeting was held on October 21st to review playground designs. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract.

Waltham Park Improvements

The second public input meeting to review playground designs is scheduled for December 2nd. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. Other improvements include resurfacing the existing path system and re-building the basketball court. The re-construction of the path and basketball court is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the 2015 Park Paving Contract.

Sunridge Park Playground

The second public input meeting to review playground designs is scheduled for December 4th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds (Group 2 Playground Contract) and bid out for construction in 2015.

Junction Ridge Park Improvements

Staff held a public input meeting on October 7th to discuss the proposed playground replacement at Junction Ridge Park; a second meeting will be scheduled in January. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds (Group 2 Playground Contract) and bid out for construction in 2015. Other improvements include reconstructing the basketball court which will be part of the 2015 Park Paving Contract.

Demetral Park Playground

Staff held a public input meeting on October 20th to discuss the proposed playground replacement at Demetral Park. A second meeting will be scheduled to review playground designs in January 2015. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015.

Arbor Hills Park Playground

A second public input meeting is scheduled to review playground designs on December 15th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015 (Group 2 Playground Contract).

Tenney Park Beach Playground

A second public input meeting will be scheduled to review the playground designs early in 2015. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015 (Group 2 Playground Contract).

Badger Park Playground

A second public input meeting is scheduled for December 4th to review playground designs. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015 (Group 3 Playground Contract).

Bernie's Beach Park Playground

Staff held a public input meeting on October 16th to discuss the proposed playground replacement at Bernie's Beach Park and a second meeting is scheduled for December 18th to review playground designs. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015 (Group 3 Playground Contract).

Brittingham Park Playground

Staff held a public input meeting on November 20th to discuss the proposed playground replacements at Brittingham Park and a second meeting will be held in early January to review playground designs. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015 (Group 3 Playground Contract).

Breese Stevens Field Artificial Turf

Phase 2 of the synthetic turf improvements will include the installation of a 10' asphalt maintenance road around the new synthetic field. As a part of this contract a concrete pad will also be installed under the press box.

2015 Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacing

Staff is developing plans and specifications for improvements to tennis courts at Olbrich, Elvehjem, Waunona, Westhaven Trails and Rennebohm Parks and Warner, Westhaven Trails, and Woodland Hills Parks basketball courts. This project is anticipated to go to the Board of Public Works for approval to advertise on January 21st.

2015 Spring Parks Division & Water Utility Landscaping

Staff are developing planting lists and plans for landscaping projects in multiple parks as well as two Water Utility sites. This project is anticipated to go to the Board of Public Works for approval to advertise on January 21st.

2015 Parks Division Tree Planting

Staff are developing species lists and plans for tree plantings to occur in multiple parks. This project is anticipated to go to the Board of Public Works for approval to advertise on January 21st.

Allied Drive Improvements

Working with the Allied Drive NRT (Neighborhood Resource Team), and staff on the siting of park improvements in the neighborhood as approved in the 2015 Capital Budget.

Other Projects

- The demolition permit was approved by the Plan Commission on Oct. 27th to remove the damaged cottage at Merrill Springs Park. In November Forestry removed the tree, Engineering staff completed the cottage demolition and Construction is completing the restoration of the site.
- Parks is staffing the Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee; the first meeting was held on November 18th.
- Staff is working with the Lucia Crest neighborhood on the installation of fruit and nut trees on the west end of Lucia Crest Park as part of a City Planning grant. The location has been approved by the Parks Superintendent; requested tree species and the management plan have been reviewed.
- Staff is working with City Engineering on stabilizing the shoreline along the Yahara River at East Main. These repairs are anticipated to be completed this winter by City Engineering staff; plantings will be part of the Spring Landscaping Contract.
- Staff is working on outfitting the concessions room with equipment and wi-fi for the newly completed splash park building at Reindahl Park.
- Staff is working with neighborhood volunteers and CDBG to install a protective 4' high welded wire mesh at the Aldo Leopold Park community gardens.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Worthington and University/Hill Farms.
- Staff met with members of the Emerson Eken Park Yahara Neighborhood Planning Team on October 8th to discuss and hear ideas for improvements to Demetral Park.
- Working with Engineering staff on large scale bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area.

Projects Completed in 2014

- Warner Park Boat Launch Dredging
- Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements
- Reservoir Park Playground
- Central Park – Phase 1A
- Odana School Park Dog Park
- Elver Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Elver Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Reindahl Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Churchill Heights Park Asphalt Path
- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Culvert Crossing
- Kennedy Park Asphalt Path Reconstruction
- Marston and Sherman Avenue (Tenney Park) Bridge Reconstruction
- 2014 Parking and Water Utility Landscaping
- Sauk Creek Park Playground
- Droster Park Playground
- Haen Family Park Playground
- Pilgrim Park Playground
- Everglade Park Playground
- Westport Meadows Park Playground
- Reindahl Park Splash Park
- Elver Park Splash Park
- Backstop replacement at Badger Park
- Backstop replacement at Oak Heights Park
- Backstop replacement at Indian Hills Park
- Renovation of 2 backstops at Walnut Grove Park
- Tennis court fencing repairs at Wexford Park
- Yahara River Parkway Bank Stabilization
- Walnut Grove Dog Park
- Tenney Park Beach Parking Lot Reconstruction
- Breese Stevens Field Artificial Turf
- Hoyt Park Stair Improvements
- Wingra Park Shoreline Limestone Step Reconstruction
- Huegel Park Playground

- Burrows Park Playground
- 2014 Managed Meadows / Natives Landscaping
- 2014 Spring Landscaping
- 2014 Fall Landscaping
- Burrows Park Playground
- 2014 Managed Meadows / Natives Landscaping
- 2014 Spring Landscaping
- 2014 Fall Landscaping

WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – JACOB TISUE

- We hosted our new special events – Warner Family Fun Nights on November 14th and December 12th (upcoming). We had over 200 people in October and November. The 2nd Friday night of each month during school (September – June) we will play host to affordable, family entertainment. Activities include a bouncy house in the gym, family fitness classes, art and pottery projects, and other fun.
- WPCRC and Madison Parks were collaborative sponsors of the Northside Youth Empowerment Summit (Y.E.S.) on Friday, November 14. Over 100 middle and high school students attending the day – which included opening ceremony with keynote speaker, educational workshops, dance programs, job/college fair with local booths and representatives, and performances. WPCRC was the host site and Jacob was on the planning committee and day-of-operations team.

Facility	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD	2013
Rentals	248	290	287	281	279	204	345	214	262	364			2774	2,849
Pass Visits														
Exercise Room	3205	2889	3067	2865	2288	2275	2210	1692	2231	2568			25290	34,303
Game Room	195	204	240	162	104	112	109	119	106	117			1468	1,817
Gymnasium	450	396	594	446	319	118	129	123	342	364			3281	4,078