

SUPERINTENDENT'S SEPTEMBER 2016 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary

August / September 2016

- Festivals and city-wide events in parks continued throughout the summer. Thousands of people attended hundreds of events in Parks this summer, and overall complaints and concerns related to events from neighbors were down this year. The 18th Talking Spirits Cemetery Tour will begin in October at Forest Hill Cemetery.
- Parks Construction staff completed work to re-grade and reseed the heavily-used athletic fields / open space at Reynolds Park field to promote positive drainage in August. Currently the field is closed for reservations. The field will be out of play for at least the end of 2017 while the turf is established.
- Madison Parks continues to strive to meet growing and evolving community needs for the parks system. One example is that the Garner Park Tennis to Pickleball Court Conversion was completed the first week of September. A ribbon cutting will be held Thursday, September 15 at 5:30pm. Parks also offered Pickleball Lessons were offered this year in two 6-class sessions at Tenney Park to address the growth in demand for pickleball activities.
- Additionally, our Community Services team continued the Movies with Madison Parks series featuring Neighborhood Resource Team area parks such as Owl Creek, Meadowood and Arbor Hills. The CS team also were instrumental in making West Fest a success on Saturday, August 27th at Elver Park. The rainy weather didn't keep the neighbors away from this unique event. 57 registered vendors and the soaking of the chiefs – MPD Chief Koval and MFD Chief Davis were among participants in the dunk tank.
- Warner Family Fun Night at WPCRC began its 3rd year on Friday, September 9 with the theme "Local Heroes." WPCRC has been working to develop increased community connection for the Center, and the Family Fun Nights have been one of numerous successful avenues in this endeavor.
- Park Rangers reported 4,534 calls for service through July 2016, with "Check Area" as the most frequent type of call. The month of July had an incredible 1,522 service calls compared to just 538 for the same month in 2015.
- Forestry specialists are responsible for following up on complaints about private trees for oak wilt, Dutch elm disease and emerald ash borer (EAB). If trees are found to be diseased or infested they are reported to the Board of Park Commissioners as part of the Madison General Ordinance 23.40 whereby the Board may declare them a nuisance and require property owners to remove them after a public hearing is held.
- Conservation staff directed and supported the Operation Fresh Start crew to improve trails at Owen and Edna Taylor and replacing steps on the eastern overlook platform at Cherokee Marsh North.
- Olbrich Botanical Gardens saw 43,922 visitors in July, up just slightly from 2015. GLEAM: Art in a New Light goes through October.
- Highlights of upcoming events: Movies with Madison Parks – The Italian Job, Men in Black and The Good Dinosaur; Learn to Disc Golf at Hiestand; Trucks & Treasures on September 24 at Reindahl Park.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

Plant growth rates have been and continue to be much higher than normal. The grass and weeds haven't taken a break and continue to demand much of our time and resources. Ordinarily, we are able to shut mowing crews down for a week or two in August to work on other projects. We have not been able to do that this year. The majority of our staff have continued to mow, string trim, and weed to try to keep up with plant growth. It has been a very "green" summer.

The Park Arborist Crew is continuing to move through parks at a highly efficient pace. We've finished our first round of removals in Central's parks and are now working on the west side. We've removed 1,042 ash trees thus far in 2016.

Our seasonal laborer crew is beginning to thin out as they always do this time of year. Students and teachers are headed back to school. We want to thank them for the excellent work they've done for us this summer and wish them well in their future endeavors.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

A wet August kept all our mowing crews busy on their routes just trying to keep up with what almost felt like a second spring. They did an admirable job of not only staying on top of the mowing but also the string trimming and having enough time to complete a few other small projects in the parks. Central Parks continues to be a busy place with most Thursdays in August hosting Central Parks Sessions along with Africa Fest and Yum Yum Fest having their weekends. Other large events this past month included Great Taste at Olin, Orton Fest at Orton Park and Ride The Drive that cruised John Nolen and parts of downtown. Reynolds field has gone from a dirt wasteland to a lush green park in the last month due to Parks Construction's fine grading and diligent watering from Central's staff. Reynolds Park will be out of play for at least the end of 2017 while the turf establishes itself. The landscape crew has been busy performing beautification projects around the city and has received many compliments on their transformations including Demetral Park's sign bed and the juniper pruning on West Shore. The staff has also been grubbing ash tree stumps at the parks and even moved out to Yahara Golf Course to start working on the hundreds of stumps out there.

This month we will probably keep busy mowing until the grass slows hopefully by the end of the month. We also hope to get working on some field renovations and grass seeding projects while the weather is still optimal. Fall softball has started along with youth football and soccer so we will continue to maintain the fields as necessary. The landscape crew will wrap up their beautification projects and start planning for their fall tree planting. The hay wagons will be heading out soon so staff will prepare as needed. My first full month as Central supervisor has flown by and been a fun and educational experience. I look forward to many more in the future.

Mall Maintenance:

The month of August was a busy one downtown! Events were numerous, including the Live on King series, Jazz at 5:00, and the Downtown BID programming at Peace Park and the Top of State Street. Daily trash and recycling collection continues, and our sidewalk powerwashing program is continuing in the expansion area. Sidewalk sweeping with the smaller green machine has let us get into tighter sidewalk areas, especially in the expansion area.

We have added the holiday lighting back at the Top of State, which helps add a festive mood to the students returning to campus. Additional bike racks have also been added to the areas to assist with the bicycle congestion. Hostas, daylilies, and ornamental grasses were added to the landscape beds on the 200, 500, and 600 blocks of State Street to liven up the area. With the help from Forestry, damaged tree grates have been repaired from the numerous construction projects in the downtown area.

Heading into September, the crew will be busy with cleanups from the Taste of Madison and UW football home games. Additional staff will be brought in for the Taste of Madison, one of our signature events, with the grease cleanup to follow!

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Summit Maintenance:

Grass is still growing quickly and thickly in the general parks as well, and staff has their hands full trying to keep abreast of it. Most of our summer seasonals have returned to college, and we're functioning with minimal additional help.

We're allotting quite a bit of time this year to aerating and overseeding athletic fields and miscellaneous other park areas in need. We're hoping that the unusual amount of moisture will make for good grass germination and establishment; this is always a challenge where we don't have the capacity to irrigate newly seeded ground. We will also do some minor renovations to softball diamond #4 at Elver.

West Fest was held at Elver Park the last Saturday in August. Unfortunately it was a very rainy day, causing much adjustment and scaling-back of plans. West Parks staff, along with staff from Central and East, spent many hours putting up and taking down tents and delivering and picking up equipment. There was a delay in the filling of the dunk tank, as we found a skunk occupying the storage room where the hose was kept, but that was eventually resolved and the dunk tank went into play. Even with the less-than-ideal weather, we saw many happy-looking people heading to the festivities.

We continue to do daily shelter cleaning and trash collection through September, though the weekly recycling collection will end after Labor Day.

Forest Hill Cemetery:

We've had a hot and unusually wet summer, and we never really saw the grass slowdown that we usually do in July and August. Cemetery staff has been very busy trying to keep up with the grass while conducting regular cemetery business. Now they're also inspecting the equipment we use for autumn, making sure that everything is ready to go when the leaves begin falling.

As always, we will be baling the vast majority of the leaves that fall in the cemetery. There are far too many to mulch, and baling condenses them for easy removal. Parks staff utilizes some of the bales in the “crash zone” at the bottom of sledding hills, and also around ice rink hydrants as insulation, but most of the thousands of bales we produce are left by the cemetery roads for pickup by anyone who wants them.

The eighteenth Talking Spirits Cemetery Tour is coming up at the beginning of October – more information to come in the October report, but important to know at this time is that the Veteran’s Museum has added candlelit tours on October 8. Also new this year is advance registration, available soon at wisvetsmuseum.com.

In regular cemetery business, there were five full-size interments, nine cremains burials, two entombments, one disinterment, and thirteen lot sales.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

August 2016 Supervisor’s Report

Work in July focused mainly on trail maintenance and invasive species control. Beyond regular trail mowing, staff responded to two storm events in July. The first was on July 5, and all conservation park trails were patrolled for downed trees and cleared within a week. The second was actually two events, with a storm on Thursday, July 21 followed by another on Saturday, July 23. All parks were checked (or re-checked) for damage by the following Tuesday (7/26), and trees were cleared from all trails by Friday (7/29). Staff also directed the Operation Fresh Start crew to improve trails through the woodland in the NW portion of Owen by placing gravel, and to replace the steps on the eastern overlook platform at North Cherokee Marsh. Staff provided support by delivering and staging supplies at both sites.

Invasive species control included mowing known populations of Japanese hedge parsley at Owen, Elvehjem, and North and South Cherokee Marsh. Several new populations of this species were discovered this year at Cherokee. Sweet clover was mowed at Prairie Ridge, and a newer prairie planting at North Cherokee Marsh was mowed to control various weed species and help the native plants become established. Staff also searched for and sprayed several other species including Japanese knotweed at Elvehjem, black locust at Owen, cattails at Cherokee, crown vetch around storm water ponds at Owen and South Cherokee, and purple loosestrife at Acewood Pond.

These two major activities will continue to be the focus in August, as we make use of the OFS crew’s availability and manage vegetation on a timely basis. In addition, I will be working on prescribed burn plans for the 8 burn units we hope to burn this fall, and meeting with the fire department and other Madison-based land managers to discuss coordination, neighbor notifications, and challenges to effective fire management within the city.

September 2016 Supervisor’s Report

Beyond routine trail mowing and maintenance, Conservation work in August largely focused on trail improvements at Owen and Edna Taylor. Continuing the work begun in August at Owen, our staff directed and supported the Operation Fresh Start crew in placing new gravel on the trails in the woodland in the NW portion of the park. At Edna Taylor, staff cleared vegetation and began placing gravel to re-route a section of trail that currently relies on a deteriorating boardwalk that passes through a monoculture of cattails. Moving the trail to dry land will also make it easier to use the trail as a firebreak for controlled burns. The boardwalk will be removed with assistance from Operation Fresh Start.

Restoration work reflected the seasonal lull in the growing season, and was limited to searching for purple loosestrife at Cherokee Marsh and collecting native seed at various parks. We also assisted with a volunteer event hosted by Friends of Olin-Turville on August 31. A group of 25 UW law students worked to remove woody species from the Turville prairie restoration and to collect burdock seed heads in the Olin no-mow area. Staff used the remaining time this month to stockpile a supply of split firewood for fall hayrides and to improve storage in the North Cherokee boathouse.

As a supervisor, I have been meeting with partner agencies, including DNR and the Madison Fire Department, to establish a relationship and begin addressing some hurdles to natural areas management together. I am working to develop burn plans for each prescribed burn that we anticipate, and have established a framework that will ensure timely communication with neighbors, the general public, alders and other officials, regarding our fire management activities. In addition, I have been working on gathering quotes and contracting several small brush and invasive plant removal projects at Edna Taylor, Cherokee Marsh, Owen and Prairie Ridge. These projects are designed to follow-up and complement work completed in 2015, and will occur this fall and through the remainder of 2016.

Next month we will focus on invasive species control and beginning to prepare for the fall burn season.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

"These gardens are gorgeous! Being a fellow garden, I appreciate all the variety. Tram is super too!" Brenda W. New Berlin, WI 8/11/16

June 2016 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2016	2015	Previous 5 yrs avg
July 1 - 31	43,922	43,443	37,330
YTD July 31	174,889	163,680	
Total Member Households (individuals*) 12/31/15	6,224 (9,648)	6,579 (10,575)	

*based on the number of membership cards issued

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 7/31/16	YTD 7/31/15
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$36,932	\$31,410
Room Rentals YTD*	\$78,323	\$73,436
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$12,585	\$15,330
TOTAL YTD	\$127,840	\$120,176

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

September 2016 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

Olbrich's Tram Service daily service through Labor Day, weekends only through mid-October

Guided Garden Strolls – Sundays, June – Sept @ 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm FREE!

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies, through August 7, daily 10 am – 4 pm

Education – September 2016 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit

<http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Wellness at the Gardens

Gentle Kripalu Hatha Yoga, 7 Mondays, Sept 12 – Oct 24, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, 6 Mondays, Sept 12 – Oct 17, 6 – 7 pm

Garden Walks

Creating Great Gardens with Grasses & Sedges Walk, Tues, Sept 6, 7 – 8:30 pm

Small Trees With Big Impact Walk, Mon, Sept 12, 5:30 - 7 pm

Mexican Heirloom Vegetables: An Olbrich Herb Garden Lecture & Walk, Wed, Sept 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Putting Your Garden to Bed Walk, Tues, Sept 20, 5:30 – 7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Organic Landscape Maintenance Practices, Wed, Sept 7, 6:30 – 8 pm,

Bark(ing) Up the Right Tree: Showy Bark for Year-Round Interest, Sun, Aug 14, 1 – 2:30 pm

Orchid Growing for Wimps, by Visiting Author **Ellen Zachos**, Thu, Sept 8, 6:30 – 8 pm

Wisconsin's Aquatic Plants: Identification & Ecology, Sun, Sept 11, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Linocut Block Printing on Fabric, 2 Mondays, Sept 12 & Sept 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Garbage Into Gold, Tues, Sept 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Introduction to Night Photography, Tues, Sept 13 OR Wed, Sept 21, 6:30 – 9 pm

Stirring the Crock: Fermentation Basics & Beyond Workshop, Thu, Sept 15, 6 – 8:30 pm

Maximum Effects with Showy Spring Bulbs, Thu, Sept 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Wet-Felted Laminate (Nuno) Scarf, Sun, Sept 18, 19 am – 2:30 pm

Do-It-Yourself Photovoltaics (Solar Electric) Sun, Sept 18, 9 am – 2 pm

Paired Needle Book Binding, Wed, Sept 28, 6 – 9 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Autumn Stories by Lois Ehlert

Nuts to You! Tues, Sept 13, 10 – 11 am

Pie in the Sky, Tues, Sept 20, 10 – 11 am

Leaf Man, Tues, Sept 27, 10 – 11 am

Family Classes

Flower Fairies, Fri, Sept 23, 6 – 7:30 pm (for ages 5 – 11)

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	32	8
Pruned by Request	143	205
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	174	97
Tree Removal	211	790
Ash Preemptive Removals	121	323
Storm Work/Hangers		358
EAB Treatment		1152

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COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK
Warner Park Community Recreation Center (Jacob Tissue)

- Warner Family Fun Nights - WPCRC is starting our 3rd year of Family Fun Nights. They have become a staple of the Northside.
 - Friday, September 9 – Local Heroes theme (Madison Police, Fire, and Park Rangers will be at event)
 - Friday, October 14
- WPCRC Advisory Committee Update
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, May 26
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, July 28
 - Committee is working on developing a better sense of goals and objectives. Working on continuing efforts in community outreach and looking for new ways to build capacity as we move forward with a possible building expansion planning.
- Down Week for WPCRC (closed for maintenance and cleaning)
 - August 22 – 28, 2016
 - Buffed and refinished all wood floors
 - Buffed and refinished all terrazzo flooring
 - Cleaned carpets with driving carpet cleaner and did other routine maintenance and cleaning
- Working with contractor to replace automated blinds Fall 2016

Special Events (Kelli Lamberty)

2016 Special & Community Event Permits
Count of Event Days
Madison, WI

	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	TOTAL
Park Events	3	1	0	6	22	60	83	52	19	246
Neighborhood Association Park Events	0	0	0	2	4	7	17	5	2	37
Street Use Events	0	3	2	18	27	50	61	71	42	274
Neighborhood Block Parties	0	0	0	1	3	15	15	11	22	67
Downtown Performance Spaces*	0	0	0	6	8	20	28	27	14	103
Totals	0	3	2	20	31	57	78	76	44	727

* includes "Summer In YOUR City" programming

Additional Park Events Permits	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	TOTAL
Beer Selling Permits	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	6	6	21
PA2 Amplification Permits	0	0	0	0	4	9	9	7	6	35

**Number of Park Events Permitted for 2016 as of 9/2/16
(Includes Neighborhood Association Events)**

Park	# Of Event Days	Park	# Of Event Days
Vilas	42	Law Park	2
Central	40	Norman Clayton	2
Marlborough	40	Quann	2
Warner	36	Reindahl	2
Country Grove	29	Sycamore	2
Nakoma	27	Westmorland	2
Cypress Way	16	Yahara	2
Elver	16	Arbor Hills	1
Meadowood	16	Badger	1
Olin	16	Droster	1
Olbrich	10	Eken	1
Brittingham	7	Highland Manor	1
Orton	7	Indian Hills Park	1
Wingra	7	Kennedy	1
Forest Hill Cemetery	6	Lake Edge	1
Hiestand	6	Merrill Springs	1
Elvehjem	5	Orchard Ridge	1
Segoe Park	4	Penn	1
Tenney	4	Period Garden	1
James Madison	3	Reynolds Park	1
Rennebohm	3	Waunona	1
Cherokee	2	Westhaven Trails	1
Demetral	2	Wexford	1
Garner	2	Worthington	1
Goodman	2		

Rangers (Josh Schmidt)

2016 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	22	37	106	54	21	54	53						347
Assist Citizen	10	8	4	11	28	97	60						218
Assist Fire/Police	1	3	4	4	7	35	23						77
Check Person	12	24	16	17	20	49	71						209
Check Area	127	126	238	180	495	815	916						2897
Behavioral Ban	0	0	1	2	1	3	8						15
Damage to property	3	8	10	6	5	24	35						91

Drug Investigation	1	0	1	1	3	9	8							23
Graffiti complaint	0	2	2	6	3	11	15							39
Intoxicated Person	2	3	0	0	0	2	7							14
Information	126	89	65	39	66	217	196							798
Liquor Law Violation	11	11	16	11	16	25	22							112
No permanent Address issue	3	0	0	4	0	0	3							10
Noise complaint	0	2	1	3	2	6	9							23
Parking Complaint	19	20	14	21	32	67	89							262
Phone Call	1	8	0	0	5	12	4							30
Trespass	1	3	0	0	4	0	3							11
Total reports	339	344	478	359	708	1426	1522	0	0	0	0	0		4534
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	25	282	
Assist Citizen				7	20	18	37	17	18	14	7	4	142	
Assist Fire/ Police				2	5	5	21	6	6	3	5	1	54	
Check Person				13	49	26	47	40	21	25	13	7	241	
Check Area	29	26	41	57	169	212	186	370	366	279	152	143	2030	
Behavioral Ban	0	0	4	6	5	8	8	10	6	0	2	0	49	
Damage to property	3	0	2	10	15	14	6	12	10	5	9	6	92	
Drug Investigation	0	1	1	3		3	3	3	3	7	2	0	26	
Graffiti complaint	4	2	7	5	6	7	2	12	7	6	4	1	63	

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	82	935
Liquor Law Violation				5	10	16	9	25	17	10	6	1	99
No permanent Address issue	4	3	3					17	17	0	0		44
Noise complaint				5	3	3	4	12	7	0	1	3	38
Parking Complaint	9	9	6	15	43	42	45	44	32	23	6	5	279
Phone Call	0	0	0	6	21	10	2	4	6	4	0	0	53
Trespass	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	8	9	0	1	0	24
Total reports	62	53	80	174	446	503	538	831	687	511	307	278	3992

Recreation Services (Tracey Hartley)

Play Ball

Make up from the July 7th
 Madison Mallards Stadium – 2920 N. Sherman Ave.
 Monday, August 8, 4:30 – 6:00 PM

30 Kids attended

Children had the opportunity to attend a free baseball clinic led by players of the Madison Mallards. Any attendee also received a free ticket to the Mallards game after the clinic. Mayor Soglin made an appearance at the Clinic as well.



Dinner and a Swim

Friday, August 19, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

264 people attended

Magic 98 was our in kind sponsor with radio advertising and gave away an overnight stay at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells.

4 Food Carts were in attendance – Pots N’ Tots, Zam Zam Catering, Slide, Gigi’s Cupcakes
 Pool Concessions was also open selling Meal Deals.

Learn To Series

Stand Up Paddleboard – Wingra Park, 824 Knickerbocker St.

Partnered with Wingra Boats

Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

80 registered, 23 wait list

40 attended

Canoe – Wingra Park, 824 Knickerbocker St.

Partnered with Wingra Boats

Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

90 registered

56 attended



Stand Up Paddleboard - Olbrich Park Beach, 3330 Atwood Ave.
Partnered with Rutabaga Paddlesports
Monday, August 1, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Make up from June 14th cancellation due to inclement weather
90 registered
70 attended

Stand Up Paddleboard & SUP Polo - Brittingham Boats Beach House, 701 W. Brittingham Place
Partnered with Brittingham Boats
Tuesday, August 9, 6:00 – 7:30
90 registered for SUP, 45 registered for SUP Polo
55 attended for SUP, 25 attended for SUP Polo

Learn To Fish – Warner Park Shelter, 2930 N. Sherman Ave.
Partnered with The Yahara Fishing Club
Tuesday, August 16, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
35 registered
18 attended

Learn To Golf – Yahara Hills Golf Course, 6701 Us Highway 12 And 18
Lead by PGA Professional, Ryan Brinza
Tuesday, September 6, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
25 registered

Learn To Pickleball – Garner Park, 333 S. Rosa Rd.
Led by Volunteer, Norv Bernhardt
Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
34 registered

Learn To Disc Golf – Hiestand Park, 4302 Milwaukee St.
Partnered with Glide Disc Golf
Saturday, September 17, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
17 registered

Pickleball Lessons

Thursdays, August 18 – September 22
(First week of class cancelled (Aug. 11th) due to weather – class extended a week)
Two sessions – 5:30 PM: 9 Participants
6:30 PM: 5 Participants

West Fest

West Fest was held on Saturday, August 27th from 7 AM – 7 PM.
The weather conditions were not ideal as it rained all morning into the afternoon, which left the ground very wet.

West Fest Schedule of events:

- Food Carts (7 – 7 PM)
- Fitness Classes – Yoga, Boot Camp, Zumba (7:30 – 10 AM)
- Nature Walks and Nature Bingo (9 – 10 AM)
- Resource Tent w/ vendors (10 – 6 PM)
- Craft & Gift Market (10 – 4 PM)
- Senior Zone with Bingo, Ma Jiang, Chinese Chess (10 – 2 PM)
- Live Music (10 – 7 PM)
- Teen zone with a DJ from (12 – 5 PM)
- Kids zone with yard games, dunk tank and prizes (12 – 6 PM)



Other Event information:

57 Vendor Registrants

- Resource Tent Vendors: 27 (3 did not show)
- Food Vendors: 6
- Craft Vendors: 11
- Stage Performances: 12
- Fitness: 1
- Dunk Tank participants (Police Chief Koval, Fire Chief Davis, Madison Police Officer and Fire Fighter, Alder Matt Phair and Deputy Mayor Katie Crawley)

Movies in the Park

Meadowood Park – 5810 Thrush Ln.

Thursday, July 28, 8:30 PM

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Cancelled due to weather

Revival Ridge – 2320 Revival Ridge

Wednesday, August 3, 8:30 PM

The Parent Trap

35 attended – ended early due to mosquitoes

Worthington Park – 3102 Worthington Ave.

Saturday, August 6, 8:30 PM

Zootopia

34 attended

Owl Creek Park – 23 Horned Owl Ct.

Wednesday, August 10, 8:30 PM

Zootopia

60 attended

Warner Park – 2930 N. Sherman Ave.

Thursday, August 11, 8:30 PM

Daddy's Home – movie was moved indoors to the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Gym

2 attended

Arbor Hills Park – 3109 Pelham Rd.

Saturday, August 13, 8:00 PM

Aladdin

2 attended – mosquito infestation

Wisconsin Youth Company Gym – 1201 McKenna Blvd.

Wednesday, August 17, 6:00 PM

Pixels

9 attended

Meadowood Park – 5810 Thrush Ln.

Thursday, August 25, 8:00 PM

Up

27 attended

Trucks and Treasures

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Reindahl Park – 1818 Portage Rd.

Trucks and Treasures is a showcase of Madison's premier public service machinery, equipment and employees and also involves a Kids to Kids garage sale where children can register for a table (\$15) and sell any old toys, clothes, games, etc. that they own.

Reserved Hayrides will begin on October 7th

Customer Service/Front Desk (Joanne Austin)

Annual and Daily Permits Processed								
2016 Totals, as of 8/31/16*			2015 Totals, as of 8/31/15*			2015 Totals		
	Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily
Disc Golf	1,433	4,528	Disc Golf	1,402	4,887	Disc Golf	1,422	7,195
Dog	7,235	413	Dog	6,782	358	Dog	7,194	547
Lake	4,118	3,963	Lake	4,168	3,902	Lake	4,251	5,159
XC Ski	485	1,078	XC Ski	1,827	536	XC Ski	2,066	550

*XC Ski Permits are recorded as of processing dates, not permit validity dates

2016 Shelter Reservations through August

Shelter Location	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Total
	Wk End	Wk Day	E	D	E	D	E	D	E	D	E	D	E	D	E	D	
Brittingham	2						1		5		11	5	13	2	12	10	61
Burrows							2		12	2	16	2	14	4	12	6	70
Demetral							3		7		9		8		6		33
Elvehjem									1		7		2	1	7	4	22
Elver #1									4		11	2	14	5	7	2	45
Elver #2		2		1			6	1	7		12	3	12	8	7	4	63
Garner Main							2		9	5	15	5	14	6	8	9	73
Garner Upper							1		6	2	13	2	7	2	3	3	39
Gates of Heaven	3	5	7	3	6	8	8	6	6	10	7	6	8	4	2	6	95
Highland	1		2	1	2	1	7		3		4		6		4		31
Hoyt							2		12	3	18	6	21	4	19	7	92
Hoyt Roys									3	1	11	1	7	1	5	1	30
James Madison							4		5	3	10	10	10	3	6	1	52
Lake Edge											4		5		7		16
Marshall									4	1	11	3	9	1	6	3	38
Olin	1						2		10	6	11	10	10	11	15	10	86
Reindahl							1		3	1	11	2	10		8	1	37
Rennebohm							1		7	5	15	8	12	6	8	5	67
Tenny/John Wall							5	1	11	3	13	6	12	4	15	4	74
Vilas	1						6		13	7	15	11	19	7	14	17	110
Warner							4		8	2	10	7	7	5	8	6	57
Westmorland							1	1	11	4	13	12	10	2	6	1	61
Total/Month	8	7	9	5	8	9	56	9	147	55	247	101	230	76	185	100	1252

Note: Shaded cells are months a shelter is closed for the season.

NEW in 2016!!**Picnic Shelter Reservations through August**

2016 Picnic Reservations	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Acewood						1	4	4	9
Aldo Leopold						1		1	2
Arbor Hills							1		1
Blackhawk						1			1
Bordner									0
Churchill Heights									0
Country Grove						4	6	1	11
Eastmorland									0
Eken						1			1
Everglade									0
Goodman					1	2	5	2	10
Greentree-Chapel Hills									0
Haen Family								1	1
Heritage Heights					1	1			2
Hiestand					1	2	8	1	12
Huegel								1	1
Kennedy				1		1			2
Lake View Heights					2	4	3		9
Lucia Crest					3	11	24	13	51
Marlborough					3	11	24	13	51
Mayfair									0
Meadowood						10	21	12	43
Norman Clayton							2		2
Northland Manor						1	4	4	9
OB Sherry					1				1
Orton					3	18	22	25	68
Paunack									0
Penn				1	2	4	2	29	38
Pilgrim									0
Richmond Hill					1	1	2		4
Segoe						1	4	1	6
Sherman					1				1
Sherry									0
Swallowtail									0
Sycamore							2	1	3
Thut									0
Walnut Grove						2		1	3
Warner North Near Tennis									0
Warner South Near Dog									0
Waunona									0
Westhaven Trails					2		1	2	5
Wexford			1			6	9		16
Worthington									0
Total/Month	0	0	1	2	21	83	144	112	363

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. The project is currently being redesigned by Beacon Athletics in an effort to deliver a project within the current funding. The project is anticipated to be released for bids in mid-September, with an early Spring 2017 completion date.

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. The remaining work includes bollard installations at the Few Street Railroad Crossing, which is anticipated to occur this summer. The City will be working with WisDOT and WSOR on a temporary fence along the park for installation this summer, pending permit approval.

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

Work on the remaining portion of the gravel parking lot and entry area is anticipated to start again in fall and will include completion of the lot, rain garden / stormwater management pond and installation of gate and kiosk at this southern trailhead.

Garver Feed Mill – East Side

The rezoning and CSM for the project was approved by the Council on August 4, 2015. Conversion paperwork was submitted to the DNR and has been approved. Negotiations with the Baum Development team continue. The Baum team submitted revised storage building and site plans, which are currently being reviewed. Parks staff continues to work with the development team to resolve issues and work on obtaining final zoning approvals.

Tenney Park Shoreline – Near East Side

Shoreline reconstruction and reconstruction of the bike path is complete. Landscaping and invasive plant removal along the shoreline through a separate Public Works Contract began in April. Hundreds of shrubs, acres of native seed, and tens of thousands of native wetland and savannah herbaceous plants, and over 150 new trees were planted in April, May and June. Invasive plant removals will continue through December 2017, along with dormant native seeding.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds – Isthmus/Central

Staff have been working with the manufacturer's selected under the 2015 Request for Proposal issued by Purchasing to develop fully accessible equipment layouts meeting site and budget constraints. Staff will share these layouts with the core group of attendees with specific interest in the accessible equipment from the earlier playground meetings to select the playground equipment to move forward to a larger public meeting for voting purposes. Staff have been working with the neighborhood and alder to schedule this meeting, which is anticipated to occur in late September. Construction on the parking lot and playground will occur in 2017 – with the hope that portions of the park will be ready in time for Disability Pride Fest in late July 2017.

Allied Drive Improvements – South Side

Staff have been meeting with the Allied Drive neighborhood at a series of events throughout the summer to obtain input on the design and name for the park. Staff attended the regular meeting of The Brotherhood on June 22nd and discussed park master planning with specific emphasis on the basketball court options, which have been a long-term interest of the group. On June 29th, two groups from MSCR's The Learning Center participated in park master planning exercises – a 2nd-4th grade group and 5th-8th grade, comprising approximately 75 youth from the community. There appears to be intense interest in seeing four square and some play equipment appear at the park as a result of these sessions. Staff met also with youth from Boys & Girls Club and the Prairie Hills Apartments during July and attended the Parks-sponsored movie night (in conjunction with Lets Eat Out) and the Allied Festival and Allied Partners Community Dinner in August. At the community dinner, two schematic master plan designs were reviewed by the neighborhood and these will be taken to the Allied Dunns Marsh Neighborhood Association meeting in September for final voting before moving on the Board of Parks Commissioners regular meeting in October for master plan approval. A goal of the project is to complement amenities already available at the adjacent City of Fitchburg park by way of maximizing facilities available to both cities. Rough grading work for the park is anticipated to occur in late fall 2016 or early 2017 with installation of the basketball court and other amenities in 2017.

Demetral Park Path Improvements – East Side

Staff worked with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. Permitting has been approved by the DNR, and construction begun. Contract bids were opened on June 10th and R.G. Huston Co., Inc. was the low bidder at \$335,395.50.

Berkley Park Playground – North Side

Madison Commercial Landscapes will be starting at Berkley Park in early September and are anticipated to complete the installation of the new equipment, surfacing and benches at the end of the month.

Cardinal Glenn Park Playground – Far West Side

The addition of new 2-5 age range equipment, new surfacing, base course preparation, and the relocation of several pieces of equipment have been completed by Parks Construction staff. Work to install the new asphalt walking path at the park was completed in August under a separate Public Works contract. The installation of new sun shelter and landscaping at the park will also occur under separate Public Works in early fall.

Honeysuckle Park Playground – East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Contract bids were opened on April 8th and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$119,694.05. The Honeysuckle Park playground replacement was completed in late July.

Kingston-Onyx Park Playground – East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Contract bids were opened on April 8th and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$119,694.05. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is currently underway.

Lerdahl Park Playground – North Side

Madison Commercial Landscapes completed the installation of the new 5-12 age range equipment, surfacing, edge restraints and benches at the park at the end of August, in time for the Lerdahl Park Neighborhood Association's annual get-together event, happening in September.

Sycamore Park Playground – East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Contract bids were opened on April 8th and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$119,694.05. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is currently underway.

Raymond Ridge Park Playground – West Side

Construction for the Raymond Ridge Park Playground has been completed. Construction was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60.

Waunona Park Playground – South Side

Construction for the Waunona Park Playground has begun. Construction for the Waunona Park Playground was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60. Construction is anticipated to be completed by fall.

Westchester Gardens Park Playground – North East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Contract bids were opened on April 8th and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$119,694.05. The playground replacement at Westchester Gardens was completed in late July.

Wheeler Heights Park Playground – North Side

Madison Commercial Landscapes anticipates work beginning on the replacement of the equipment, benches and surfacing at Wheeler Heights Park in late September and to be complete by the contract's end time in October.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

Phase I of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation includes construction of the new restroom building and associated site work which was bid on July 15th with bids opened on August 12th. The contract has been awarded to the low bidder Joe Daniels Construction at \$428,888.00 and is anticipated to begin this fall with completion by May 25, 2017. Phase II of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation includes upgrading stormwater facilities, shoreline repair, construction of a new canoe/kayak boat launch and reconstructing the existing parking lot. Phase II Improvements will be presented to the Board of Public Works on September 7th for advertising this fall. Construction of Phase II Improvements are anticipated to begin in June and be complete by fall 2017.

Penn Park Shelter Replacement – South Side

A third public input meeting for the Penn Park shelter replacement was held on May 25th. Topics included the potential rehabilitation of the existing shelter and a proposed parking lot design. Renovating the existing shelter rather than completely removing it was supported by attendees as the existing canopy will be substantially larger than a new structure. An RFP to select an architectural consultant to prepare construction drawings for the shelter renovations was released on August 3. Architectural proposals have been received and the selection process will be completed by mid- September. It is anticipated the project will be released for bids in late 2016. Construction will begin in 2017 with project completion in early spring 2018.

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

The project is to convert the existing two-court tennis at Garner Park to six pickleball courts is currently underway by DRS LTD of Madison and is anticipated to be completed the week of September 6th. This will be the first dedicated pickleball complex in Madison! Parks is working with The Friends of Pickleball, who successfully fundraised in support of the project, to schedule a grand opening event, tentatively scheduled for September 15th at 5:30PM at the courts.

2016 Paving Contract – City Wide

This contract includes construction of paths at Cardinal Glenn Park, reconstruction of basketball courts at Rimrock Park and Aldo Leopold Park, installation of an asphalt path at Village Park and Aldo Leopold Park and pulverize and repaving the path at Westmorland Park. Construction is complete at Rimrock Park, Westmorland Park and has begun at Cardinal Glenn and Aldo Leopold Park. Construction is anticipated to be complete in October.

2016 Sun Shelters Request for Bids and Contract – City Wide

Work by Madison Commercial Landscapes, Inc. continues with the installation of the shelters at Cardinal Glenn and Worthington Parks still to be completed by the end of October. The shelters at Owl Creek, Junction Ridge and Sauk Heights Park are complete.

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

Greener Valley Landscaping, Inc of Janesville began work on the contract in mid-August, installing perennial plants and shrubs 14 parks, 1 golf course and one water utility well site. Installation work on this contract will continue through late October with the installation of hardwood trees at many of the sites. Maintenance and watering of the plants installed under this contract will continue through December 1, 2017.

2016 Parks Division Rain Garden Management Contract – City Wide

Work continues on this contract to remove invasive brush and weeds at Goodman and Olin Parks before planting new plant plugs occurs in September. At Central Park, the planting of native species plugs has been very successful with a robust planting area established in the park's rain garden. This contract includes a year of maintenance (2017 growing season) at each park site and under separate change order, included invasive control in sensitive park areas at Merrill Springs and Warner Park sites.

2016 Dog Park Improvements – City Wide

Construction has begun for entrance improvements at Quann Dog Park. Bids were received in August and awarded to the low bidder Raymond P. Cattell Inc. for \$23,469.00. Staff has received bids for entrance improvements at Brittingham Dog Park to install a double gated entrance and improve accessibility. Bids were received in August and awarded to the low bidder Raymond P. Cattell Inc. for \$21,410.00.

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 at six parks including Brittingham, Demetral, Olbrich, Reindahl, Sycamore and Warner Parks were completed in June and work to install trees at Elver, Garner, Goodman, Marshall, Olin, Thut and Vilas Parks will begin in October. Both of the contracts include a maintenance year (2017) to help ensure establishment of the trees.

Cherokee Park Canoe/Kayak launch – North Side

The neighborhood submitted its choice for the location of the canoe/kayak storage racks at the park, which will be located approximately 100 feet north of the existing, signed launch location. The launch will be re-graded and improved with a gravel base. Additional native plantings will be installed near the racks by way of providing screening. Work on this project is anticipated to begin in fall 2016 to minimize disturbance to the shoreline and reserved rental racks during the summer high-season.

Quarry Park Trails Usage Planning – South Side

The Trail Usage Plan was developed by a group of volunteers over a series of meetings which occurred in January – March of 2016. The purpose of the usage plan is to serve to minimize conflicts between mountain biking/bicycle use and pedestrian/dog-walking. Changes to the plan and ongoing review of conflict areas and suggested trail route or feature alterations will occur on an annual basis by Parks staff and the newly formed, “Friends of Quarry Park” group.

Sugar Maple Park – Far West Side

Rough grading work at the site began in July along with the installation of stormwater lines and inlets. A new path and half basketball court and sun shelter will be constructed with this project. Work is anticipated to be complete in October.

Waldorf Park Master Planning – West Side

Staff has met with City Engineering to determine grading and stormwater drainage options for the site and work out the overall project scope and feasibility. Site and grading plans are being developed with rough grading and drainage improvements are anticipated to occur in late 2016 or early 2017 with construction of park amenities and improvements in 2017. A follow-up meeting will be held with the neighborhood in late 2016 or early 2017 to discuss the playground equipment options.

Brittingham Park Sidewalk Extension

Parks staff is working on design of new sidewalk extending from the existing bike path crossing of North Shore Drive to S. Bedford St. The project was awarded to Speedway Sand and Gravel, Inc for \$74,020. Construction is scheduled to start Sept 12, 2016 and be completed in October of 2016.

Worthington Park Shelter Replacement – East Side

This project was included in the **2016 Sun Shelters Request for Bids and Contract** (see above). The shelter replacement at Worthington Park is anticipated to occur in September of 2016.

Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide

Staff has begun data collection on the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan Update. Staff is coordinating volunteer efforts to for field validated observation of park user in a sample selection of parks and soliciting comments at public meetings and park events. Staff is also distributing comment cards at park events as well as libraries, community centers, neighborhood centers and the senior centers to gather input on recreation preferences. The Park and Open Space Plan implementation strategy outline was presented to the Long Range Planning Subcommittee on June 28, 2016 with an update provided on September 1, 2016.

Reynolds Field Park (Re) Grading – East Side

Parks Construction staff completed the work to re-grade and reseed the heavily-used athletic fields / open space at Reynold’s Field Park to promote positive drainage in August. Currently the field is closed for reservations and signs have been posted asking park visitors to help in the establishment of high-quality turf grass by staying off of the field for the remainder of 2016. Following review by staff in early 2017, a determination will be made as to whether the field will need an additional year of “rest” before being re-opened for reservations.

Reynolds Tennis

Staff has issued a Request for Quotation for a modular athletic court surfacing for the existing tennis courts at Reynolds Park. Staff will be presenting this project at the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Meeting on September 8, 2016.

Goodman Ice Rink (Franklin Field) - Central/South

Staff is working on design to modify and replace the lighting at the existing ice rink at Goodman (Franklin Field). Work will include replacement of the existing lights with new electric and poles, modifying the existing outlet structure to Wingra Creek used to drain the rink, and possible demolition of the existing warming shelter. Design will occur summer and fall of 2016 with improvements occurring fall of 2016 or spring of 2017.

Other Projects

- Staff is coordinating installation of additional shade structures at Elver and Reindahl splash park.
- Staff is working with Engineering on preliminary survey work for shoreline projects at Wingra and Yahara Place Park.
- 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. Improvements are scheduled for 2017.

- 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 coordinating emerald ash borer removals and replacements, and tracking proposed species to meet urban forest diversity guidelines in parks.
- Staff is coordinating the installation of memorial benches at Yahara Place Park, Owen Conservation Area and Tenney Park.
- Staff is working on developing walking routes that incorporate paths through park properties, bike trails and sidewalks to create a series of park-oriented walking loops to be mapped via MapMyWalk (or other similar site) and serve as a means to promote Madison’s walkability.
- Staff is working with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee on drafting policies related to siting of dog parks and dogs in parks.
- Parks Staff is working with Engineering staff to cite locations within park properties that may utilize photo voltaic (solar) equipment to help reduce energy costs. Locations include Warner Park and Yahara Hills Golf Course.
- Parks Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Lagoon Planning Grant. The first public input meeting was held in late winter.
- Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for late 2016. Staff will work with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine if a more durable variety of flooring will be allowed since Gates of Heaven is on the National Register.
- Staff have reviewed and approved two edible landscape permit proposals that were installed at Hollister Avenue Triangle Park and Eken Park in May and continue to receive inquiries about the program and answer questions regarding park site eligibility, the application process and program parameters.
- Staff worked with Purchasing to issue a Request for Quotes for rubbermulch playground safety surfacing which will ensure pricing through 2019 for playground replacement projects.
- Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating (either through adaptive re-use or restoration) the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park.
- Staff are working with Engineering to review and approve consultant sketches for the design of the Starkweather Uplands Conservation Park.
- Staff is coordinating with Engineering for the selection and placement of plants to screen a waste oil tank building to be located at Glenway Golf Course.
- Staff is working with Engineering to review structural improvements for the Reindahl Barn at Reindahl Park. Structural stabilization of the beams is anticipated in the fall of 2016 or spring of 2017.
- Staff is working with the University Hill Neighborhood Association to install table tennis and bench improvements as part of a grant obtained by City Planning for neighborhood improvements.

Projects Completed in 2016

- Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements – South East Side
- Parks Project website is complete and up and running. Please visit our site at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/projects> or <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects>
- Aldo Leopold Park Playground
- Cardinal Glenn Park Playground expansion/resurfacing
- Midland Park Playground
- Lerdahl Playground
- Rimrock Park Playground
- Sidewalk along Drake Street at Vilas Park
- Sun shelter at Owl Creek Park
- Sun shelter at Junction Ridge Park
- Sun shelter at Sauk Heights Park
- Demolition of the house located at 2049 Baird Street for expansion of Penn Park.
- 2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements
- Lake Edge Restroom and Shelter