

## November Supervisor's Report Mall Concourse

Warm weather brought out numerous costumes for the annual Freakfest, which was successful again with only minor disturbances. Preparations for the one-night event were month-long for the Mall Concourse maintenance staff. Removal of plantings, benches, and bike racks kept the crew busy leading up to the event. Late night cleanup went smoothly, with the help of East, West, and Central Parks. The combination of a UW-home football night game led to a large crowd on State Street after the game. Other October Mall Concourse events included the Fire Chief's parade and the new Trick or Trot run, which debuted two weeks before Freakfest.

Mounting a bus shelter roof gave the crew an unusual task to accomplish after the roof was knocked off by a delivery truck. Sidewalk powerwashing was wrapped up for the year, with State Street and the expansion area being completed. Fall bulb planting continued in the service area from last year, with another 500 daffodil and tulip bulbs added to landscape areas. Leaf cleanup continues, with State Street being mostly complete with the honeylocust leaves, and the Capitol Square remaining with maples and lindens.

Entering November, the crew will continue with leaf cleanup and prepare for the upcoming winter by getting snow removal equipment ready. Events will be winding down with the Farmer's Market closing for the year. November will be a transition month for the Mall Concourse.