

July Supervisor's Report Mall/Concourse

The month of June has brought many exciting events as well as some changes. The crew made great progress in making repairs to damaged turf areas. Crews continued with weeding and pruning in the landscaped planting beds as well as the tree grates and cracks in the sidewalks. Decorative lighting was installed once again on some of the trees within the Philosopher's Stone Grove and at 30 on the Square. The banners were changed from Spring to Summer. All planters and remaining annual flower beds were prepped, and Olbrich did a great job of planting of the annual flowers once again. The crew has washed the Philosopher's Grove and 30 on the Square multiple times in preparation for the BID's Top of State Programming. In addition, the first Concert on the Square of the season was held and crews made all necessary deliveries for the event.

We have seen some changes in staffing this month. The first was with Tony Rosen returning to Forestry. John Martin, who has been with the crew for nearly a year and a half has stepped up to act as the Leadworker for the time being and has done a very nice job so far. With Tony's departure, we brought on one more Parks Maintenance Worker (PMW), who is learning our operations quickly. We experienced another loss at the end of the month when one of our newest PMW's accepted a position outside of the City, leaving us short one PMW, but we plan to have the position filled by the end of the month. The crew overall has done a great job of stepping up during this difficult time to get work done and make sure we do not sacrifice any level of quality.

As we move into July, we continue with our regular maintenance activities of trash and recycling patrols, picking and powerwashing the walks and maintaining the landscaped beds. In addition, we will begin watering the annual flowers on Wednesdays with the help of Olbrich Staff. We will see a number of other special events including a continuation of the Concerts on the Square and Art Fair ON and OFF the Square and Maxwell Street Days that will require our assistance with the delivery of materials. We will continue to assure that the Top of State looks it's best for the BID programming. As time allows, we will begin to prep bus shelters for painting.