

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – DECEMBER, 2011  
EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE**

The weather in November was very favorable, allowing us to continue to work on projects that we couldn’t normally do this late into the season. We have been working at Tenney Park, and continue to do so. Most of our work has been along the shoreline. Now that the shelter construction is almost complete, we will begin working inside the shelter. We will prepare the bathrooms, seating area, the garage, etc., to have it ready for winter use.

We are continuing to prune trees (many oaks and elms) and mulching leaves throughout our park system. We finished softball field restoration, and aerated more areas than we ever have before. Lastly, we are converting equipment for winter use.

We look forward to December and the colder temperatures to come. We are excited to begin ice rink operations, and are prepared to meet the challenges of the upcoming snowfalls. We look forward to another great season of cooperation between city staff and volunteers for the *Adopt an Ice Rink* program.

**WEST PARKS – KRISTIN MATHEWS, INTERIM PARKS SUPERVISOR**

With the wonderful weather in November, West Parks has been able to accomplish a lot of grounds maintenance work. In most instances, we were able to mulch our parks more than once. Our new agrimedial rear mount blower proved to be very useful and only took one person to operate, which was beneficial. The Elver ball diamond was regraded, new material was added, and we touched up with new sod as well. We wrapped up the hayrides just before Thanksgiving and the wagons are in storage until next season. We laid off the rest of our seasonal staff for the remainder of the year. It was certainly nice to have the extra help on board for so long. All of the barrels and picnic tables that need refurbishing are in the shop for yearly maintenance. We will continue trimming trees in the parks while the weather allows.

**MALL CONCOURSE – TOM SKAIFE, SUPERVISOR; LAURA BAUER, LEADSWORKER**

As November ends, we’re installing and servicing the last of our snow removal equipment. We have salt for the walks in our shop, and are now ready for snow. We’re also excited about incorporating two seasonal employees into our winter operation this year. Their assistance will greatly help us in improving our coverage.

Our trees have a few leaves remaining and of course the leaves from the Capitol lawn still continue to blow around as they will all winter; but the majority have been collected and are now composting peacefully behind the *Garver Feed Mill*.

The winter pine bough arrangements were placed in the planters by a contractor chosen by the *Business Improvement District*, the snowflake lights have been hung by the Facilities Maintenance crew, and East Forestry trimmed, leveled, and refilled our tree grates (a huge job, and much-needed). We appreciate everyone’s contributions that were made to the safety and festive appearance of the downtown area.

As we wait for winter weather, we are collecting rubbish, recycling, and sweeping the sidewalks, as conditions allow.

**EVENTS COORDINATOR – KELLI LAMBERTY**

	November 2011	November 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010
Street Use Events	15	10	251	229
Block Parties	0	0	68	70
Amplification Permits	1	1	51	73
Total	16	11	370	372

2012  
 Calendar of Events  
 Madison, WI  
 All Information Subject to Change  
 For additional information regarding this calendar please call:  
 Event Coordinator's Office, 266-6033

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>JANUARY</b>		
14 Sa	Kids Ice Fishing	Brittingham Park
21 Sa	12pm start Freeze For Food <a href="http://www.rpcvmadison.org">www.rpcvmadison.org</a>	Vilas Park
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
17-19 F-Su	Madison Winter Festival <a href="http://www.winter-fest.com/">www.winter-fest.com/</a> (608) 385-8864	Capitol Square
18 Sa	Special Olympics Polar Plunge <a href="http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org">www.specialolympicswisconsin.org</a>	Olin Park
<b>MARCH</b>		
17 Su	10am start Shamrock Shuffle <a href="http://www.shamrock-shuffle.org/">www.shamrock-shuffle.org/</a> (608) 223-1301	400 State St.
	1:30pm start St. Patrick's Day Parade <a href="http://www.stpatsmadison.com">www.stpatsmadison.com</a> (608) 258-0243	Capitol Square
<b>APRIL</b>		
14, 21, 28 Sa	6am–2pm Dane County Farmers' Market <a href="http://www.dcfm.org">www.dcfm.org</a> (608) 455-1999	Capitol Square
14 Sa	6:30am start Mad City 100K <a href="http://www.madcity100k.com">www.madcity100k.com</a>	Vilas Park
18, 25 W	8:30am-2pm Dane County Farmers' Market	200 MLK Jr. Blvd..
21 Sa	8am start American Cancer Society <a href="http://www.cancer.org">www.cancer.org</a>	Warner Park
21-28 W	All Campus Party - Bucky State Fair	UW -Campus Library Mall/Podium
	- Wear Red/Get Fed <a href="http://www.uwalumni.com/home/students/students.aspx">www.uwalumni.com/home/students/students.aspx</a>	Podium/700 State
28 Sa	10am start Crazylegs Classic <a href="http://www.crazylegsclassic.com">www.crazylegsclassic.com</a>	Capitol Square to Camp Randall
<b>MAY</b>		
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 W	8:30am-2pm Dane County Farmers' Market <a href="http://www.dcfm.org">www.dcfm.org</a>	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
5 Sa	Mifflin St. Block Party	Mifflin Street
5, 12, 19, 26 Sa	6am-2pm Dane County Farmers' Market <a href="http://www.dcfm.org">www.dcfm.org</a> (608) 455-1999	Capitol Square

5	Sa	8am - start	March for Babies <a href="http://www.marchofdimes.com">www.marchofdimes.com</a> (608) 243-7764	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
5	Sa	8:30am start	HOPES Walk <a href="http://www.hopes-wi.org">www.hopes-wi.org</a>	Olin Park
5	Sa	9:30am-4:30pm	Madison Audubon Society Art Fair <a href="http://www.madisonaudubon.org">www.madisonaudubon.org</a>	Warner Park
5	Sa		Muscular Dystrophy Association Great Walk	Warner Park
6	Su	8:00am start	Walk MS <a href="http://www.nationalmssociety.org">www.nationalmssociety.org</a>	Warner Park
6	Su	3pm	USA Cycling Collegiate Criterium <a href="http://www.usacycling.org">www.usacycling.org</a>	Capitol Square
13	Su	7am-7pm	Wheels on Willy <a href="http://www.brazendropouts.org">www.brazendropouts.org</a>	
17	Th	7pm start	Aquathon Series <a href="http://www.racedayeventsllc.com">www.racedayeventsllc.com</a>	Warner Beach
18	F		WI Professional Police Pancake Breakfast <a href="http://www.wppa.com">www.wppa.com</a>	Olin Park
18	F	Noon	Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Parade <a href="http://www.wlem.com">www.wlem.com</a>	N. Hamilton walkway
19	Sa	7:30am - start	Syttende Mai Run <a href="http://www.stoughtonwi.com">www.stoughtonwi.com</a> (608) 873-7912	Capitol Square to Stoughton
19	Sa		Rubber Ducky River Race <a href="http://www.cityofmadison.com">www.cityofmadison.com</a>	Tenney Park
19	Sa	?	Dyslexia Walk	Vilas Park
20	Su	8am-8pm	WORT - Backporch Radio Broadcast <a href="http://www.wort-fm.org">www.wort-fm.org</a> (608) 256-2695	600 W. Doty St.
26	Sa	9:00am-start	Brat Fest Run	Start/Finish at Alliant Center
27	Su	7:30am - start	Madison Marathon <a href="http://www.madisonfestivals.com/">http://www.madisonfestivals.com/</a> (608) 310-7294	Start/Finish at Capitol Square
<b>JUNE</b>				
2	Sa	8am - start	Komen Race for the Cure <a href="http://www.madisonraceforthecure.com">www.madisonraceforthecure.com</a> (608) 273-0413	start at Alliant Energy Center
2	Sa	8am-1pm	Cows on the Concourse	Main St. / on the Square/100-200 MLK
2	Sa	10am-5pm	Cars on State <a href="http://www.carsonstate.com/">http://www.carsonstate.com/</a>	100-400 State St.
2	Sa	4pm start	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation <a href="http://www.cdfa.org">www.cdfa.org</a>	Warner Park
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Sa	6am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market	Capitol Square
3	Su	8am-2pm	Ride the Drive <a href="http://www.cityofmadison.com">www.cityofmadison.com</a>	throughout the isthmus
6, 13, 20, 27	W	8:30am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market <a href="http://www.dcfm.org">www.dcfm.org</a> (608) 455-1999	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
9	Sa	8am-1pm	Safety Saturday <a href="http://www.madisonfire.org">www.madisonfire.org</a>	Main St. on the Square/100-200 MLK

9	Sa		Junior Palooza	Rotary Plaza/100 N. Pinckney
9-10	Sa-Su	noon	<a href="http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/">www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/</a> Marquette N.A. Waterfront Festival	Yahara Place
11, 18, 25	M	6pm	North/Eastside Senior Coalition	Warner Park
			<a href="http://www.nescoinc.org">www.nescoinc.org</a>	
14, 21, 28	Th.		Capitol City Band Concerts	Rennebohm Park
14	Tu	noon	Flag Day Ceremony (608) 833-1936	S. Hamilton Walkway
14	Th	7pm	Aquathon	Warner Beach
			<a href="http://www.racedayeventllc.com">www.racedayeventllc.com</a>	
16	Sa	10a-1p	Busking for Books	State St. corners
			<a href="http://www.litnetwork.org">www.litnetwork.org</a>	
16	Sa	11a	World Naked Bike Ride	
16	Sa		Lake Clean Up/Jazz in The Park	Wingra Park
			<a href="http://www.dmna.org">www.dmna.org</a>	
16	Sa		Juneteenth Day	Penn Park
16	Sa	noon-9pm	Madison Blues Society Picnic	Warner Park
			<a href="http://www.madisonbluessociety.com">www.madisonbluessociety.com</a>	
22-23	F-Sa		Team Survivor Dragon Boat Festival	Vilas Park
			<a href="http://www.teamsurvivor.org">www.teamsurvivor.org</a>	
23	Sa	7am	Soap Box Derby	S. Rosa Rd
			<a href="http://www.midwestfamilybroadcasting.com">www.midwestfamilybroadcasting.com</a>	
27	W	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Concert on the Square WI Chamber Orchestra	King St. Walkway
			<a href="http://www.wcoconcerts.org">www.wcoconcerts.org</a> (608) 257-0638	
30	Sa		Rhythm and Booms	Warner Park
			<a href="http://www.rhythmandbooms.com">www.rhythmandbooms.com</a> (608) 833-6717	
30	Sa	10:30am	Capitol City Band	S. Hamilton Walkway
<b>JULY</b>				
1	Su		Tour of America's Dairyland	Capitol Square
3	T		Elver Park Fireworks	Elver Park
			<a href="http://www.cityofmadison.com">www.cityofmadison.com</a>	
4	W		Westmoreland N.A. Fourth of July	Westmoreland Park
4	W		Meadowood N.A. Fourth of July	Elver Park
4	W		Elvehjem N.A. Fourth of July	Elvehjem Park
4	W		Hill Farms N.A. Fourth of July	Rennebohm Park
4, 11, 18, 25	W	8:30am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
			<a href="http://www.dcfm.org">www.dcfm.org</a> (608) 455-1999	
4, 11, 18, 25	W	7pm	Concerts on the Square	King St. Walkway
			<a href="http://www.wcoconcerts.com">www.wcoconcerts.com</a>	
5-8	Th-Su		Le Fete de Marquette	
			<a href="http://www.marquette-neighborhood.org">www.marquette-neighborhood.org</a>	
5, 12, 19, 26		7pm	Capitol City Band	Rennebohm Park
7, 21, 28	Sa	6am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market	Capitol Square
9, 16, 23, 30	M		North/Eastside Senior Coalition	Warner Park
12	Th	7pm	Aquathon	Warner Beach

14	Sa	6am–2pm	<a href="http://www.racedayeventllc.com">www.racedayeventllc.com</a> Dane County Farmers' Market (relocated due to Art Fair)	10 E. & W. Wilson St.
14	Sa	9am-6pm	Art Fair ON the Square Madison Museum of Contemporary Art <a href="http://www.mmoca.org">www.mmoca.org</a> (608) 257-0158	Capitol Square
14	Sa	9am-6pm	Art Fair OFF the Square WI Alliance of Artists and Craftspeople <a href="http://www.artcraftwis.org">www.artcraftwis.org</a>	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
15	Su	10am-5pm	Art Fair ON the Square	Capitol Square
15	Su	10am-5pm	Art Fair OFF the Square	200 MLK Jr. Blvd
18	W	TBD	Parks Open House <a href="http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks">www.cityofmadison.com/parks</a> (608) 241-1518	100 MLK Jr. Blvd.
20-22	F-Su		Maxwell Street Days <a href="http://visitdowntownmadison.com/">http://visitdowntownmadison.com/</a>	State Street
21	Sa	10am	Paddle & Portage <a href="http://www.sportsinwisconsin.com">www.sportsinwisconsin.com</a>	Capitol Square
21	Sa	7pm	Opera in the Park <a href="http://www.madisonopera.org">www.madisonopera.org</a>	Garner Park
22	Su	3pm-start	Capitol Mile races <a href="http://www.witrackclub.org">www.witrackclub.org</a>	Capitol Square
28	Sa		5K Run/Walk for Organ, Eye & Tissue Donation <a href="http://www.kidneywi.org/">www.kidneywi.org/</a>	Cap Square to Alliant
28	Sa	Noon-7pm	Atwood Summerfest <a href="http://www.goodmancenter.org/">http://www.goodmancenter.org/</a>	2000-2200 Atwood Ave.
28-29	Sa-Su		Greekfest <a href="http://www.agocwi.org">www.agocwi.org</a>	N. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street
29	Su	10 start	Johnny Winston, Jr. Streetball <a href="http://www.madisonstreetball.com">www.madisonstreetball.com</a>	Penn Park
<b>AUGUST</b>				
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	W	8:30am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market <a href="http://www.dcfm.org">www.dcfm.org</a> (608) 455-1999	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
1	W	7pm	Concerts on the Square WI Chamber Orchestra <a href="http://www.wcoconcerts.com">www.wcoconcerts.com</a>	King St. Walkway
2	Th	7pm	Aquathon	Warner Beach
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Th.		Capitol City Band Concerts	Rennebohm Park
4, 11, 18, 25	Sa	6am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market	Capitol Square
4	Sa		Kids-to-Kids Garage Sale	100 MLK Jr. Blvd
5	Su	10am-7pm	ACT 9 – WI AIDS ride <a href="http://www.actride.org">www.actride.org</a>	100 MLK Jr. Blvd.
8, 15, 22, 29	W	5 pm	Jazz at Five concerts <a href="http://www.jazzat5.org">www.jazzat5.org</a>	100 State St.
10-12	Sa		Great Taste of the Midwest <a href="http://www.mhtg.org">www.mhtg.org</a>	Olin Park
11	Sa		State Fire Softball Tournament	Elver Park

16	Th	7pm	Aquathon <a href="http://www.racedayeventllc.com">www.racedayeventllc.com</a>	Warner Beach
18	Sa		Clean Lakes Festival	Olin & Brittingham Parks
18	Sa	7am – Start	Madison Mini-Marathon <a href="http://www.madisonminimarathon.com">www.madisonminimarathon.com</a>	Start/Finish – 800 Langdon St.
18	Sa		Africa Fest	Warner Park
18	Sa	10a – 1p	India Day	100 MLK Jr. Blvd
18	Sa	10a-3p	Motorcycles on State	
18	Sa	12p	Woof's Pride	
19	Su	Noon	Pride Parade	Capitol Square
19	Su	11am-6pm	Triangle Ethnic Fest <a href="http://www.bayviewfoundation.org">www.bayviewfoundation.org</a> (608) 256-7808	Bayview Community Ctr.
24-26	Fr-Su		Orton Park Festival	Orton Park
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
1	Sa	2:30pm-8pm	Taste of Madison	Capitol Square
2	Su	11am-6pm	<a href="http://www.madisonfestivals.com">www.madisonfestivals.com</a>	
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Sa	6am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market	Capitol Square
3	M		Safe Harbor Run <a href="http://www.safeharbor-dc.org">www.safeharbor-dc.org</a>	Vilas Park
5	W	5 pm	Jazz at Five concerts	100 State St.
5-9	W-Su		Ironman Expo <a href="http://www.ironmanwisconsin.com">www.ironmanwisconsin.com</a>	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
5, 12, 19, 26	W	8:30am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market <a href="http://www.dcfm.org">www.dcfm.org</a>	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
8	Sa	11am	Kids for Peace Day <a href="http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.com">www.madisonchildrensmuseum.com</a>	100 State St.
9	Su		Ironman Triathlon <a href="http://www.ironmanwisconsin.com">www.ironmanwisconsin.com</a>	throughout the City
9	Su		Madison Walk for PKD <a href="http://www.pkdcure.org">www.pkdcure.org</a>	Elver Park
15	Sa	8am-1pm	Food for Thought Festival <a href="http://www.reapfoodgroup.org">www.reapfoodgroup.org</a> (608) 256-6445	Main St. on the Square/100-200 MLK
15-16	Sa-Su		Willy Street Fair <a href="http://www.marquette-neighborhood.org">www.marquette-neighborhood.org</a>	Williamson St
16	Su		Pancreatic Cancer Purple Stride Walk <a href="http://www.pancan.org">www.pancan.org</a>	Elver Park
20	Th		Leukemia/Lymphoma Light the Night Walk <a href="http://www.lighthenight.org">www.lighthenight.org</a>	Olin Park
23	Su		Juvenile Diabetes Research Found. Walk <a href="http://www.jdrf.org">www.jdrf.org</a>	Warner Park
23	Su		Zoo Run Run	Vilas Park
29	Sa		Alzheimer's Memory Walk <a href="http://www.alzheimers.org">www.alzheimers.org</a>	Warner Park
29	Sa		Brain Injury Walk <a href="http://www.biaaw.org">www.biaaw.org</a>	Vilas Park
29-30	Sa-Su		Great Midwest Marijuana Harvest Fest	Podium/700 State
30	Su	noon start	1000 Mile Journey Walk	Capitol Square

## OCTOBER

3, 10, 17, 24, 31	W	8:30am-2pm	Dane County Farmers' Market <a href="http://www.dcfm.org">www.dcfm.org</a> (608) 455-1999	200 MLK Jr. Blvd.
6, 13, 20, 27	Sa	6am–2 pm	Dane County Farmers' Market	Capitol Square
7	Su		NAMI Walks For the Mind of America <a href="http://www.nami.org">www.nami.org</a>	Olin Park
7	Su		National Lung Cancer Partnership free to Breathe Walk	Warner Park
7	Su	10am start	Literacy Network Run/Walk <a href="http://www.litnetwork.org">www.litnetwork.org</a> (608) 244-3911	400 State St.
7	Su	1pm	Dane Co. Fire Chief's Assoc. Parade <a href="http://www.madisonfire.org">www.madisonfire.org</a>	State St./Capitol Sq.
TBD			UW Homecoming <a href="http://www.uwalumni.com/homecoming/">www.uwalumni.com/homecoming/</a> (608) 262-2551	UW- Campus
13	Sa		American Heart Association Walk <a href="http://www.americanheart.org">www.americanheart.org</a>	Warner Park
27	Sa	7p-1:30a	Freakfest	100-600 State St.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
3	Sa	6am–2 pm	Final Saturday Farmers' Market	Capitol Square
4	Su		Madison College Turkey Trot Race	Warner Park
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
8	Sa	10:30 start	Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run <a href="http://www.arthritis.org">www.arthritis.org</a>	Vilas Park
31	M	5-10pm	US Bank Eve <a href="http://usbankeve.usbank.com">http://usbankeve.usbank.com</a>	Capitol Square/various

*The Event Coordinator's Table of Permitted Activities for 2007 through 2011 follows this report*

#### **FOREST HILL CEMETERY – KEVIN SORENSEN**

November was a good month for blowing and baling leaves. Even though our staff endured some cold and windy weather, we were able to get through each section multiple times. This is crucial because of the volume of leaves and that many trees held on to their leaves until the very last. Having this job complete we'll be in much better shape going into spring cleanup, especially when compared to the last few years. Thanks to Parks Maintenance for the use of three tractors for blowing and baling equipment. This operation wouldn't have been possible without the extra equipment.

Current staffing levels are at 6.5 permanent employees and two seasonal employees. November burial numbers, lot sales and total monthly revenue are as follows:

Interments: 14                      Lot Sales: 3                      Revenue: \$15,932.00

#### **OLBRICH GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY**

##### **People and Gardens**

November saw a great turnout for the Bolz Conservatory's 20<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary events. It was wonderful to hear the reminiscences of staff and volunteers who were present for the opening of the Conservatory in November, 1991 as part of the Reunion Luncheon. Dr. Margaret Lowman was a passionate speaker, encouraging children to study science and showcasing many of her on-the-ground projects in rainforest countries to help local people make money by not chopping the forest down. She was inspirational when she spoke of all her ground-breaking scientific work around the world.

Visitor comment from the past month:

11/15/11 "Love, love, love the "Treasures of the Rainforest" exhibit!! Especially good for kids to see the familiar finished products – please consider repeating in the future!!! Great!!!!" anon.

### Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2011	2010
Oct 1 - 31	19,298	19,285
YTD Oct 31	208,393	221,683
Total Member Households (individuals*) Sept 30	6,109 (9,296)	5,528 (8,329)

\*based on the number of membership cards issued

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories	YTD 10/31/2011	YTD 10/31/2010
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$36,763	\$42,768
Room Rentals YTD*	\$103,925	\$112,137
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$21,663	\$31,234

\*accrued at time of booking – up to 21 months before the rental date

\*\* accrued on a monthly basis following each catered rental

Website Visits	Oct 2011	Oct 2010
Total Visits	12,965	11,004
Unique Visitors	10,378	8,743
New Visits	66%	68%

### Events

- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Exhibit: Learn about the history of the Bolz Conservatory and see the winners of the photo contests, Oct 2 – Jan 8, Sundays, 11 – 5 pm
- Olbrich's Holiday Express Flower and Model Train Show, Dec 3 – 31, 10 am – 4 pm; closed Dec 24 at 2 pm and Dec 25
- US Bank Eve at Olbrich, Sat, Dec 31, 5 – 8 pm. Enjoy New Year's Eve family fun in the Bolz Conservatory and Olbrich's Holiday Express! Sponsored by U.S. Bank – Madison.

### Education

#### Learn & Play Together

- Nighttime in the Jungle: grades K – 3 with adult Nature's Castles: Trees of the Rainforest, Fri, Dec. 9, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

#### Wellness at the Gardens

- Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)
- Yoga Flow, Wed, Sept 7 – Dec 28 (no class Nov 23), 5:30 – 6:30 pm

#### Classes & Workshops for Adults

- From Curd to Plate: Holiday Herbal Cheese Making, Sat, Dec 10, 1:30 - 4 pm

### CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

Staff completed the construction and signage for new hiking trails at Hiestand Park. These trail links will improve public access to the conservation park located at the north end of the Hiestand Park. The Parks' construction crew completed grading on the trail linkages at Door Creek Park. This will enable us to open the first phase of a new ski trail system this winter. It will be on a limited basis, and when there is adequate snow cover. We are anticipating opening additional trails next year, following the installation of three creek crossings.

We finished trimming along ski trails in preparation for the winter cross-country ski season and have now started installing trail signage. New trail signage was installed at Door Creek Park using permanent *Carsonite* posts (these flexible posts are very durable and do not pose a hazard to skiers). We began moving ski equipment into our winter locations at Elver Park and Odana Golf Course.

We leased a Forestry mower in order to move forward with oak savanna and prairie restoration projects at Prairie Ridge and Owen Conservation Parks. We were able to clear brush from approximately seven acres in less than a week. The areas mowed will require follow up treatment with an herbicide, and native seeds will be sown to increase plant diversity.

We have received a \$10,000 grant from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to restore 13-acres of oak savanna at Edna Taylor Conservation Park. We plan to lease a Forestry mower this winter



and staff will clear the exotic brush and small trees to start the restoration process.

## FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	225	385
Pruned by Request	264	450.75
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	303	102.5
Tree Removal	211	434.5
Storm Work/Hangers		65
Unfilled Vacancies		320

Once fall planting was completed, both East and West Forestry arborists moved back into pruning and removal work. The West Forestry unit did get some time to do some cycle pruning whereas, the East unit did not.

Special projects include:

- Prune oaks near the playground at Glenwood Park
- Remove trees for Door Creek Cross-country Ski trail
- Prune oaks near Glen Oak Hills Park playground
- Dead tree removal at Hoyt Park along Regent Street
- Brush pick up for Olbrich Ball Diamond Renovations
- Dead elm removals along the Southwest Bike Path
- Oak tree pruning at Orton Park
- Prune low hanging trees at BB Clarke Beach for construction clearance
- Repair and level tree grates around the Capitol Square and along State Street
- Remove dead trees in Meadow Ridge Park behind Veith Avenue properties

## GOLF – RAY SHANE

The golf season came to an end with Monona and Odana Hills closing on November 21. Glenway closed on November 6 and Yahara Hills on November 16. The end of year reports have not been completed, but it appears that the program will have another financially successful year.

Staff is being kept busy preparing the courses and buildings for the winter months. Snow mold protection products have been applied to the greens and most of the tees at all four courses. Irrigation systems have been winterized, and buildings have been shut down for the winter months. All of our mowing equipment has been transported out to the maintenance building at Yahara for sharpening and annual maintenance.

Plans are being finalized for the upcoming 2012 season. We are reviewing green fee prices and programs along with completing ending inventories, so that items we will need to purchase can be bid on.

I want to thank all of the staff in both the clubhouse operations and the course maintenance for all of the hard work and dedication to the Parks Division. **A special “Thank You” is extended to Bob Farr.** Bob has announced his retirement and will be leaving us in January. Bob has been the Greenskeeper at Glenway for the past several seasons and his leadership and experience will be greatly missed. We all wish him and his family the very best.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

### Rennebohm, Wingra and Door Creek Path Paving

Construction is complete for the paving of paths at Rennebohm, Wingra and Door Creek Parks, including installation of a new backstop at Rennebohm Park.

### Warner Park Parking Lot

The Parks Division will be reconstructing the Warner Park parking lot in three phases over the

next three years. In Phase 1, fall 2010, we replaced the storm sewer and built two retention ponds that will hold all of the parking lot run off prior to it going into the channel and lagoons. Bays 2, 3, and the roadway binder are complete. We are working on plans and specifications for phase 3 to be done in spring 2012. Phase 3 includes bay 4 (in front of the park shelter), bay 5 (in front of the Mallards office and bay 5 (new parking bays by the soccer fields).

#### **Olbrich Park Softball Light Replacement**

This project is 75% complete. The old lights came down the last week of October. All trenching and conduit installation should be done by the start of November. The new lights are up and all wiring complete. Landscaping is to start the first week of December, with testing to follow.

#### **Quann Tennis Courts**

The reconstruction of 6 of the 12 tennis courts at Quann Park is about 75% complete. The color will be done in spring, 2012, under separate contract. The refurbishing of the net posts will be done by our staff this winter.

#### **Thut Park**

We are the constructing a berm and corresponding inlet to address stormwater concerns.

#### **Cherokee Park**

We coordinated with the Alder, neighborhood representatives, vendors, and staff to identify the location of the new playground and potential playground components. The prepared presentation materials are to be unveiled at the Neighborhood Holiday party to kick off fundraising efforts.

#### **Tenney Park Pavilion**

Installation of heating and electrical systems was completed by the end of November, along with painting the interior, finishing the bathrooms, and the concession area. Coordinated interior wiring for telephone and potential WiFi by IT is to be done by a contractor; working with AT&T to get telephone and DSL service installed. Final trade inspections were signed off on November 30, and a certificate of occupancy was issued. Staff training was held on November 30, as well. Punch list items have been generated and Findorff is working to resolve outstanding issues. We are waiting to receive receipt of as-builts and O&M manuals.

#### **Tenney Park Maintenance Bridge**

In mid October, we hired *Bloom Companies* through our RFP (Request for Proposal), process. We met with the consultant to start the design process on October 28, 2011. We are completing additional survey work to facilitate design development.

#### **Playgrounds, Paths and Basketball**

Pathways are complete at Odana, Monona, Secret Places, Goodman and James Madison Parks. Playgrounds are complete at Klief, Monona, and James Madison Parks with the exception of completing final punch list items (swings at James Madison will be replaced at a later date). At the Alder's request, we sent out notification letters to neighbors adjoining Northland Manor Park prior to moving forward with installation of the playground surfacing; playground surfacing scheduled for replacement this week.

#### **Park Landscaping**

Fall landscaping is complete. This included screening plantings and trees at Rennebohm Park, and landscaping of the new parking lot as part of the Warner Park Parking Lot project.

#### **Olive Jones Park**

The contract has been issued for the design work needed to prepare plans and specifications for the retaining wall repairs/reconstruction. This work will be incorporated into the Board of Public Works contract that will include re-paving and the fence replacement around the balance of the perimeter next year. Soil borings should occur the first weekend in December to facilitate the design of the retaining walls. Additional paver inscriptions and installations to the amphitheater were completed.

#### **Marshall/Spring Harbor Park Dredging**

Marshall Park dredging is about 80% complete. Scheduled start for Spring Harbor is December 5.

We expect the completion of both projects by December 16.

### **Park and Open Space Plan**

Remaining sections of the report were submitted to Long Range Planning on November 7 for their review and comment. A draft of the plan was also presented to Department Heads and Dane County Parks Division for their review and comment. A complete revised draft will be presented to the Long Range Planning Sub Committee on December 12.

### **Hudson Park**

Parks and Engineering staff met with the neighborhood to discuss three options for improvements to Hudson Park on October 25, 2011. The neighborhood chose a final option with some additional suggestions for changes, which were discussed with the DNR along with permitting requirements for the project. We are continuing to evaluate design changes suggested by the neighborhood. The Alder sponsored a capital budget amendment for additional funding to support these changes, which was approved.

### **Other Projects**

- Continuing to work with Parks and Engineering staff to site amenities for the Cannonball Trail junction at Knollwood Park and the UW Arboretum.
- Continuing to work with the Glen Oak Hills volunteers and Alder to provide trees for their ongoing planting days with funds from the Neighborhood Association and matched through the People for Parks program.
- Kiosk and trail construction have been completed at Hiestand Park, along with the informational materials for the kiosk.
- Worked with the Planning Department to coordinate materials and installation for placement of City landmark plaques in various parks (Breese Stevens, Tenney Park, Yahara Parkway and Owen Parkway).
- Working with Planning on the Arbor Hills/Leopold Neighborhood Plan and Hoyt Park Neighborhood Plan.
- Working with the Engineering staff to confirm location of Kingswood Park trail link to the developing neighborhood to the south across Midtown Rd.
- Evaluating proposed improvements at Stevens Street Playground as requested by the Alder for capital budget amendment.
- Completed Kaboom Let's Play Spruce grants for various park playground improvements completed in 2011.
- Working on developing a new ski trail map for Elver Park.

### **Updates to Park Inventory:**

- Leopold: has soccer and a softball backstop
- Arbor Hills: sledding hill
- Badger: softball backstop
- Goodman: volleyball
- Hammersley: no playground
- Hillington: ice rink
- Hoyt: softball backstop
- Ice Age: no playground
- Junction Ridge: soccer
- Law: dog on leash area
- Lucia Crest: dog on leash area and softball backstop
- Maple Prairie: softball backstop
- Marlborough: softball backstop
- Meadowood: drinking fountain
- Norman Clayton: nonreservable shelter
- Oak Park Heights: softball backstop

### **Updates to Park Inventory, cont.:**

- Odana Hills School: no playground

- Olin Turville: softball backstop
- Orchard Ridge Valley: no drinking fountain
- Penn: shelter reservable, softball backstop
- Quarry Cove: playground
- Summit: parking lot, restrooms
- Vilas: softball backstop
- Westmorland: softball backstop
- Wexford: ice rink
- Zook: softball backstop

**WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – BRAD WEISINGER**  
**Admissions and Passes**

	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	% Rev Change	% Change
Pass Plans	\$58,777.50	\$51,094.30	90%	-13%
Admissions	\$26,044.00	\$23,585.00	67%	-9%

**Facility Reservations**

Calendar Year	September Rental Totals	No. Free	% Free	Rentals	Free Rentals YTD	% Free YTD	YTD Revenue	% Rev Budget
2010	95	33	35%	754	291	39%	\$45,480.00	
2011	103	44	43%	1019	340	33%	\$54,158.22	106%

Calendar Year	YTD hrs	YTD hrly participations
2010	2,024.5	106,960
2011	2,552.10	128,368

**YTD 2010 Age Profile**

*Preschool – 149; Elementary School – 221; Middle School – 146; High School – 161; Adult – 1,428; Senior 60+ 787*

**YTD Income Compliance**

*Income levels are based on households with 1-8 family members.  
 61% compliance - YTD*