

SUPERINTENDENT'S JULY 2016 REPORT COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARY

- Madison Parks in partnership with Madison Metropolitan School District and REAP Food Group celebrated the beginning of the community-wide MMSD Summer Food Program at Elver Park on June 20.
- Lake Edge's new shelter is now open. Parks staff, along with Alders Ahrens and Baldeh, the Mayor, BPC President Wallner and over 100 neighbors were in attendance at the ribbon cutting on June 16.
- Staff and volunteers have begun data collection for the 2018-2022 Park & Open Space Plan update. This data collection includes direct observational research in select parks across the system.
- Staff is actively engaging with the Allied Drive neighborhood in a public input process for the proposed park improvements for our newly acquired park.
- Public input continued for the Penn Park shelter and attendees supported renovation of the existing shelter rather than completely removing it. An RFP will be released to select an architectural consultant to prepare the construction drawings for the shelter renovations.
- Staff anticipates a public input process to select the playground equipment at Brittingham Park to begin later this summer.
- Warner Family Fun Night at WPCRC completed its 2nd full school year on June 10. They'll begin again in September.
- Forestry has installed tree guards in the downtown area on a handful of smaller trees protecting them from damage caused by outside sources including bicycle parking. The pilot project will determine how well the tree guards protect the newly planted trees.
- Elver and Hiestand disc golf course are hosting the 2016 PDGA Amateur and Junior Disc Golf World Championships July 9-16.
- Staff Updates: Paul Quinlan, Conservation Resource Supervisor began on June 20; Chad Hughes was promoted to Central Park/Mall Concourse Supervisor and will begin on July 18.
- Recent events: Learn to Kayak (fully accessible class) had 65 participants; Learn to Stand Up Paddleboard had 40 participants (make-up event added due to weather for August 1); Dinner & A Swim on Friday, June 24 had 509 participants; Learn to Log Roll had 88 participants. Learn to Stand Up Paddle Board July 5. Additionally, parks hosted numerous community events including Juneteenth at Penn Park and Shake the Lake downtown on June 25.
- Highlights of upcoming events: Free Golf Instruction Saturdays continues on July 9 at Yahara Hills; Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies begins July 14 and continues through August 7; Bird & Nature Walks continue on Sundays and a special Saturday walk at Owen on July 16; Learn to Canoe at Wingra Park on July 12; Dinner & A Swim at Goodman Pool on July 15; Concert in the Breeze at Breeze Stevens on July 19; 8th Annual Ride the Drive (Sunday, July 31); Learn to Stand Up Paddleboard (August 1 at Olbrich Beach); Pickleball Lessons #2 (6-classes beginning August 11); Learn to Fish at Warner Park on August 16; West Fest at Elver Park on Saturday, August 27.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

It's been a good year for plant growth thus far. Although things are starting to slow now, crews have spent a lot of time mowing, trimming, and pulling weeds. Noxious weeds such as thistle, wild parsnip, and burdock are blooming now. Therefore, we have begun flail mowing these plants down before they go to seed and after they've used up energy reserves producing flowers.

As always, this is a very busy time of the year for special events and reservations. I'm proud to say that I haven't received any complaints about how we've set up and prepared for the events and about the cleanliness of our facilities. Staff has been doing an excellent job.

Our Parks Arborist Crew has been through every park on the east side once, performing the first round of ash removals. We are now working in Central Parks and the crew has moved shop to Goodman.

Our first year seasonal staff have learned and are learning quickly. We are at full staffing levels now. I am very pleased with the work that has been performed overall. We have a great group of employees this year.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

June was a very productive month for Central Parks. Mowing operations have begun slowing, so crews have worked on some detailing projects and catching up with their string trimming. Beach raking operations continued and have been more challenging in some places than others due to the amount of weeds. Juneteenth was back at Penn park this year, and staff spent time cleaning up the park prior to the event. The Landscape Maintenance crew worked hard to prep the Goodman Pool and Cypress Splash Park for the opening of the aquatics season. In addition, the Landscape Maintenance Crew with the help of other staff prepped Law, Olin, BB Clarke and Brittingham Parks in anticipation of the Shake the Lake Fireworks. Similar to last year, we furnished trash and recycling, provided an attendant for the hours leading up to the event and brought in staff on Sunday morning to clean up major viewing areas. Overall, the event went very well.

As we move into July, crews are continuing with mowing operations as needed, but will spend the majority of their time on detailing projects and keeping up with the landscape maintenance at the pool. The Landscape Maintenance Worker crew will continue on with maintenance of Beautification projects and look to expand where we are able. We will begin field mowing operations to control invasive species throughout our parks. La Fete de Marquette kicks off festival season at Central Park and we will work with event organizers to make sure expectations regarding tent staking and railroad trespassing are clearly understood. We are excited to welcome Chad Hughes as the Central Parks/Mall Concourse Supervisor starting on July 9. Chad's previous work history with both the City and in the landscaping industry and his work ethic will serve him well in the position.

Mall Maintenance:

The first part of summer has been very busy at the Mall as usual. Along with normal trash, recycling and sidewalk cleaning duties, the crew has been very busy with weeding and pruning in the landscaped planting beds as well as the tree grates and cracks in the sidewalks. All planters and remaining annual flower beds were prepped, and Olbrich did a great job of planting of the annual flowers once again. We have received a number of compliments on the renovated planting in front of Triangle Market on the 300 block of State. The sidewalk washing program is progressing very nicely as the crew completed State Street and are now working in the expansion areas and adjacent side streets. We have brought on additional seasonal staff to help with the workload and are busy getting them up to speed. Events have kept us very busy, starting with Cows on the Concourse and Cars on State, as well as the beginning of the Concerts on the Square and Live on King concert series and a number of music/staging a events at Peace Park and the Top of State through the Summer in Your City programming.

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 continue watering the annual flowers on Wednesdays with the help of Olbrich Staff. We anticipate another busy month with special events including a continuation of the Concerts on the Square and Art Fair ON and OFF the Square, Maxwell Street Days and Parks-sponsored Ride the Drive that will require our assistance with the delivery of materials. We will continue to assure that the Top of State and Peace Park looks their best for the BID programming. We plan to enhance a number of landscaping beds along State Street particularly on the 200, 500 and 600 blocks. In addition, as construction on the Square progresses, we will work to take back the landscaping and re-install the furniture that was relocated. We are looking forward to bringing Chad Hughes on board as the Central Parks/Mall Concourse Supervisor starting on July 18. He has a wealth of experience, and the mall is fortunate to have him!

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Summit Maintenance:

Our tractor with flail mowers is preparing to go out again for the mid-summer cuttings, provided it is cleared for use after a traffic accident on June 24. We do our best to mow invasive weeds before they go to seed, and we also use this mower to keep field areas which are not finish-mowed clear of brush.

We're working on preparing Garner Park for the annual Opera in the Park, on July 23 this year. With the help of some young volunteers from the Briarpatch program, we will be weeding, trimming, and mulching so that the park looks its best for the Opera. We will also have one seasonal staff member on hand during the event on the 23rd.

It's quite a change not having 4th of July festivities at Elver Park this year. There are various neighborhood holiday celebration in parks, but nothing on the scale that Elver used to be, and none with fireworks permits. Westmorland Park is having their 75th anniversary celebration in conjunction with the usual 4th of July festivities. The event features a the additions of dunk tank, bounce house, and petting zoo for this year, and of course there will be the traditional bike decoration and parade.

Elver is by no means quiet, however, as it will be hosting the 2016 PDGA Amateur & Junior Disc Golf World Championships July 9-16. West Parks staff is assisting ranger staff with course preparation, and we expect to see more people in the park practicing before the competition.

Also at Elver this summer is the MSCR Summer Meals Program. MSCR staff is on hand every weekday to serve noon meals to kids and their chaperones. It seems like the program is starting out a little slow, and they're looking for ways to increase participation.

Grass growth has slowed to a more reasonable rate and we're getting caught up with all of our routes and associated string trimming. If this continues, it should allow us some time to work on tree and shrub trimming, and other projects we don't find time for when all resources are going toward grass cutting.

West Parks is fortunate to be able to send two employees to Severe Weather Spotter Training on July 6. This should be a benefit to the entire community.

We continue to do daily shelter cleaning, athletic field preparation, trash collection, and we alternate the weekly recycling collection route with Central Parks.

Forest Hill Cemetery:

After the flurry of preparation for Memorial Day, it feels nice to get into a normal summer routine of mowing and trimming at Forest Hill. Staff generally rotates through the sections, giving all sections attention according to their needs. Some sections are extra-shady and don't need weekly mowing, while others are sunnier, have new sod over recent burials, and require more work to keep them looking neat. We're also watering the sod and new seeding as necessary.

Cemetery staff also continues to handle their own parks mowing route, consisting of parks and medians near the cemetery.

In regular cemetery business, there were ten full-size burials, eight cremains burials, and thirteen lot sales.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

"The most beautiful gardens that we have visited over the years! Great Job!" June, 2016

May 2016 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2016	2015	Previous 5 yrs avg
May 5 - 31	36,711	32,495	30,350
YTD May 31	104,485	96,214	
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 5/31/16	YTD 5/31/16
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$28,738	\$23,372
Room Rentals YTD*	\$61,353	\$55,590
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$5,985	\$4,663
TOTAL YTD	\$75,666	\$66,648

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

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

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit – Light Gaps, daily through July 10

Olbrich's Tram Service daily service Memorial Day through Labor Day

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

Home Garden Tour – Featuring Gardens of Nakoma & Arbor Hills, Friday, July 8 from 10 am – 4 pm & Saturday, July 9, from 9 am – 3 pm

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies, July 14 – August 7, daily 10 am – 4 pm

Concerts in the Gardens: Tuesdays from 7 – 8 pm

7/5 - The Blues Party

7/12- Sena Ehrhardt & Cole Allen Acoustic Duo

7/19 – Bird's Eye

7/26 - Stone Barone & the Mad Tones

Education – July 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**, 4 Mondays, Jul 11 – Aug 1, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
- Tai Chi Meditation**, Mondays, July 18 – Aug 15, 6 – 7 pm
- Meditation & Movement in the Garden**, Thursdays, Jul 7 – 28, 6:30 – 8 pm

Garden Walks

- Atwood Neighborhood Tree Walk**, Tues, Jul 12, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Gorgeous Gravel Gardens Walk**, Mon, Jul 18, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Elements of Herbalism: Sensory Plant Walk**, Wed, Jul 27, 6 – 8:30 pm
- Pollinator-Friendly Plants Walk**, Thu, Jul 28, 1:30 – 3 pm OR Thu, Aug 4, 1:30 – 3 pm
- Hydrangeas & Summer Flowering Shrubs Walk**, Thu, Jul 28, 6 – 8 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

- Hostas & Companion Plants**, Thu, Jul 28, 6:30 – 8 pm,
- Introduction to Urban Beekeeping**, Tues, Jul 26, 6:30 – 8 pm OR Tues, Oct 25, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Needle-Felted Monarch Caterpillar**, Thu, Jul 28, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Summer Bugs!

- Monarchs**, Fri, 7/22, 10 – 11 am
- Bees**, Fri, 7/29, 10 – 11 am
- Ladybugs**, Fri, Aug 5, 10 – 11 am

Little Sprouts Gardening: What Makes a Garden Grow?

- Tiny Seed**, Thurs, 7/28, 10 – 11 am
- Planting a Rainbow**, Sat, 7/9, 10 – 11 am OR Thurs, 7/21, 10 – 11 am

Family Classes

- Breakfast for the Butterflies**, Wednesdays, 8:30 – 9:30 July 20 OR July 27 OR Aug 3
- Make Your Own Felted Butterfly**, Thurs, 7/28, 1:30 – 3 pm

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY, FORESTER

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	0	0
Pruned by Request	234	471
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	321	189
Tree Removal	263	826
Ash Preemptive Removals	104	497
Storm Work/Hangers		203
EAB Treatment		1083

*partial data due to deadline of report.

Trees have put on some very lush growth this spring. Pruning requests have been plentiful which has led to no cycle pruning in either unit; however, some small tree cycle pruning did occur on the east side. The preemptive removal of ash streets trees is occurring on the west side in the spring harbor neighborhood which borders Middleton. The treatment of ash street trees has been going well. The cool and wet weather helps in the uptake of TREEage.

Forestry has installed some tree guards in the downtown area. This is a pilot project to see how well the tree guards protect newly planted trees from vandalism, delivery trucks and bicycle parking. They were installed the last half of the month.

Forestry specialists have been dedicating much of their time to inspecting and providing direction to contractors for various engineering projects (sidewalk repair and reconstruction of streets). Private developments have come in at a steady pace which forestry specialist reviews the proposed plan as it relates to street trees. Finally, forestry specialists are preparing tree replacement plans.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – CLAIRE OLEKSIK, MANAGER

WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – JACOB TISUE

Warner Family Fun Nights - WPCRC has completed our 2nd full school year of hosting Family Fun Nights. They have become a staple of the Northside. We will start again in September.

- WPCRC has a new Facebook page as of March 2016.
 - Find us by searching; Warner Park Community Recreation Center
- 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.
- WPCRC welcomes a Wanda Fullmore intern this summer – Kaniya Washington
- Down Week for WPCRC (closed for maintenance and cleaning)
 - August 22 – 28, 2016

WPCRC Facility Usage Report - 2016

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	2015	2014	2013
Facility Rentals	448	484	497	508	486	431	2854	5,016	3,257	2,849
Pass Visits										
Exercise Room	3416	3426	3266	2826	2474	2385	17,793	32,455	30,746	34,303
Game Room	174	190	217	184	215	151	1,131	1,677	1,658	1,817
Gymnasium	700	585	411	328	295	222	2,541	4,203	4,290	4,078

*June/July numbers do not include gym usage by MSCR Summer Camp (approx. 1200 visitors/month)

**Game room numbers do not include multiple youth groups and organizations that use the area

***Does not include when a member checks into one area, then use another area during the same visit

RECREATION SERVICES – TRACEY HARTLEY, COORDINATOR

- **Activity Summary – June 2016**
 Kayak (Accessible to all) Learn To – Brittingham Boats Beach House
 Partnered with Brittingham Boats and Madison SCI (Spinal Cord Injury – will provide 4 volunteers & 2 accessible kayak)
 Tuesday, June 7, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 80 registered, 15 wait list
 65 participated, 2 participants used accessible kayaks

 Stand Up Paddleboard Learn To – Olbrich Park
 Partnered with Rutabaga Paddlesports
 Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 80 registered, 15 on wait list
 40 people participated



Event rescheduled for August 1st due to weather (Location moved to Olbrich Beach due to excessive amounts of weeds at boat launch)

Dinner and a Swim – Goodman Pool

Friday, June 24, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

509 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 – Melted, Pots N' Tots, Bubbles' Doubles, Rockin Ryan's Ice Cream.

There are two more events scheduled on July 15 and August 19.

Bicycle Resource Fair (coordinated by the BID)- Top of State

Tuesday, June 28, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

2 staff presented an informational table of Madison Parks events.

Log Roll Learn To – Wingra Park

Partnered with Madison Log Rolling

Tuesday, June 28, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

99 registered, enrolled from wait list and last minute registrations

88 participated

- **Activities Planned – July & August 2016**

Stand Up Paddleboard Learn To – Wingra Park

Partnered with Wingra Boats

Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

80 registered, 23 wait list

Canoe Learn To – Wingra Park.

Partnered with Wingra Boats

Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

40 registered

Stand Up Paddleboard Learn To - Olbrich Park Beach

Partnered with Rutabaga Paddlesports

Monday, August 1, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Make up from June 14th cancellation due to inclement weather



Stand Up Paddleboard & SUP Polo Learn To - Brittingham Boats Beach House

Partnered with Brittingham Boats

Tuesday, August 9, 6:00 – 7:30

80 registered for SUP, 8 registered for SUP Polo

Fish Learn To – Warner Park Shelter

Tuesday, August 16, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Pickleball Learn To – Garner Park

Led by Volunteer, Norv Bernhardt

Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

12 registered

Learn To Disc Golf – Hiestand Park

Partnered with Glide Disc Golf

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

- **Pickleball Lessons - On Going**

Two sessions – 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM are both full with 8 participants each. A total of 16 new paddles and outdoor pickleballs were bought from Dick's Sporting Goods. Instructors are available for an additional class late Summer/early Fall Class.

- **Ride the Drive – Sunday, July 31**

Visited businesses around Capitol Square and State Street and invited them to be a vendor at the event. Peace Park (420 State Street) has been added as a fifth village along the route. We currently have 62 volunteers willing to help.

- **Elver Community Event = West Fest, Saturday, August 27**

Volunteers for the event have formed committees. Madison Parks foundation will accept payments for the event. Event will include Madison PD mounted patrol and fire trucks, craft market and bingo, fitness activities, food carts and potential donations from Culver's (Custard), Madison Area Chef Network, entertainment, resource tent from Wisconsin Youth Company

COMMUNITY/CUSTOMER SERVICES - JOANNE AUSTIN, SUPERVISOR

- Large Shelter Reservations scheduled in 2016: 1,478, of which 222 were reserved online.
- Picnic Shelters Reservations scheduled in 2016: 315 reservations
- Athletic field use: 33,511 hours of reserved athletic used thus far in 2016. This does not account for first come first serve use at many athletic locations.
- Canoe/Kayak Storage Agreements: 271 rack spaces available, of which 232 have annual permit agreements. Additional rack spaces will soon be available and customers on the waiting list will be contacted regarding availability.
- Mooring Agreements: 31 locations, of which 25 have annual permit agreements.
- Permits (Dog, Disc Golf, Cross Country Ski and Lake Access).

**Below is a comparison of 2015 permits and current 2016 permits processed through June 30, 2016.*

PERMIT TYPE	2015 DAILY	2015 ANNUAL	2016 DAILY	2016 ANNUAL
DISC GOLF	7195	1419	705	1150
DOG	547	607	222	598
LAKE ACCESS	5159	4231	516	3093
X-COUNTRY SKI	548	1504	485	1078
TOTALS	13449	7761	1928	5919

SPECIAL EVENTS - KELLI LAMBERTY, COORDINATOR

**2016 Special & Community Event Permits
Count of Event Days**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL
Block Parties	0	0	0	1	3	15	19
Downtown Performance Spaces*	0	0	0	6	8	20	34
Neighborhood Association Park Events	0	0	0	2	4	7	13
Park Events	3	1	0	6	22	52	84
Street Use	0	3	2	18	27	50	100
Totals	3	4	2	33	64	144	250

* includes "Summer In Your City" programming

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL
Beer Selling Permits	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
PA2 Amplification Permits	0	0	0	0	4	9	13

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

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.

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 mid-summer and will include completion of the lot, rain garden / stormwater management pond and installation of gate and kiosk at this southern trailhead.

Lake Edge Park Shelter – East Side

The shelter is completed and officially open! A ribbon cutting ceremony was held June 16, 2016 and had a great turn out! Minor landscaping around the building will be completed early this fall or next spring.

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. An update of the project was recently written for the Wisconsin State Journal's "Just Ask Us" Section.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds – Isthmus/Central

Parks issued a press release at the end of February announcing that the Department of Civil Rights and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiatives Team (RESJI Team) equity analysis had been used to make a conscious decision for the future of the three playgrounds at the park. The release stated that a fully accessible playground will be built at the park shelter location, that the playground equipment will be replaced at the area adjacent to the community garden space and that a nature-based playground, the first within the Madison Parks system, will be installed near Brittingham Beach. Staff anticipates a public input process to select the playground equipment to begin in late summer 2016, construction contracts completed in fall of 2016 and construction to begin in the spring of 2017.

Allied Drive Improvements – South Side

Staff has begun meeting with the Allied Drive neighborhood for the public input process for the proposed park improvements. 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. Staff learned of the intense interest in seeing four square and tether ball facilities appear at the park from these sessions! Staff will meet with more youth from Boys & Girls Club and the Prairie Hills Apartments during July before hosting a session (possibly at the park property) with the neighborhood at-large, among other events. 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 fall 2016, with installation of the basketball court and other amenities in 2017.

Demetral Park Path Improvements – East Side

Staff is working with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. Contract bids were opened on June 10th and R.G. Huston Co., Inc. was the low bidder at \$335,395.50. Engineering has submitted for a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Development at Historic Fill Site or Licensed Landfill Exemption Application for approval for the proposed bike path work. Permitting from the DNR is required for work within the landfill and may delay the project. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2016, upon permitting from the WIDNR.

Playground Workshops – City Wide

Staff held three playground workshops in the fall of 2015 that focused on several park playgrounds to provide the opportunity for neighborhoods to learn and share ideas with each other. These projects are part of the 2016 Capital Budget Submission. The first playground workshop was held on October 14th and addressed playground replacement projects at Aldo Leopold Park, Rimrock Park, Midland Park, and Raymond Ridge Park. The second playground workshop was held October 28th and addressed playground replacement projects at Kingston – Onyx Park, Honeysuckle Park, Sycamore Park, and Waunona Park. The third playground workshop was held on November 5th and addressed playground replacement projects at Lerdahl Park, Berkley Park, Westchester Gardens Park and Wheeler Heights Park. Staff also issued a request for proposals for playground designs from playground manufacturers for 2016 playground improvements. The City selected several manufacturers' designs including nature-based themed designs to present to neighborhoods as part of the 2016 playground design public input process.

Berkley Park Playground – North Side

This project was bid as part of the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Contract bids were opened on May 6th with Madison Commercial Landscapes as the low bidder at \$112,935.55. Work for the contract includes three playground replacements and is anticipated to start in July 2016.

Cardinal Glenn Park Playground – Far West Side

Improvements at this park approved as part of the master plan design and implementation will be completed by Parks Construction staff and will include playground expansion, path excavation and gravel lay-down. Separate Public Works contracts recently awarded asphalt paving, sun shelter installation, landscaping. Work at the park is underway and will be completed this 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. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is currently underway.

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

This project was bid as part of the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Contract bids were opened on May 6th with Madison Commercial Landscapes as the low bidder at \$112,935.55. Work for the contract includes three playground replacements and is anticipated to start in July 2016.

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.

Rimrock Park Playground – South Side

Construction for the Rimrock Park Playground is completed. Construction of the Rimrock Park Playground was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60. Construction of this playground has begun and is anticipated to be completed by July 1st.

Raymond Ridge Park Playground – West Side

Construction for the Raymond Ridge Park Playground was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract for \$168,497.60. Construction is anticipated to begin in early summer and be completed by fall.

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 begin in early summer and 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. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is currently underway.

Wheeler Heights Park Playground – North Side

This project was bid as part of the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Contract bids were opened on May 6th with Madison Commercial Landscapes as the low bidder at \$112,935.55. Work for the contract includes three playground replacements and is anticipated to start in July 2016.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

The design has begun for improvements identified in the Esther Beach Park Master Plan including a new restroom building, swings, path system, storm water improvements and improvements to the existing parking lot. Staff held a public input on the design on December 16th to discuss the design. Staff submitted a conditional use application on February 3rd with which was approved by the Plan Commission on March 21st. Staff has received all applicable DNR and City of Madison permits related to shoreline grading and construction. Construction of the restroom building is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2016. Final site improvements are anticipated to begin in summer of 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 will be released to select an architectural consultant to prepare the construction drawings for the shelter renovations. 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

This project is to convert the existing two-court tennis at Garner Park to six pickleball courts. This will be the first dedicated pickleball complex in Madison. The project rebid resulted in the successful award of the contract to DRS Ltd of Madison, WI. A prebid meeting with the Contractor will be held in early July, with work anticipated to start promptly the week of July 11th and is anticipated to be completed on or before August 19th. The Friends of Pickleball group has successfully fundraised the required \$20,000 match to make this project a reality!

2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements – City Wide

The 2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements contract is complete. Resurfacing, restriping, and surface repair for 2016 were completed at Door Creek Park tennis courts, Border Park tennis courts, Brittingham Park tennis courts, Huegel Park tennis courts, Olbrich basketball courts, and Richmond Hill Park tennis courts. Plans and specifications were advertised on January 8, 2016 and were opened on January 22, 2016. The contract was awarded to low bidder Poblocki Paving for the bid amount of \$44,870.18. Construction is underway and is anticipated to be completed in June or early July.

2016 Paving Contract – City Wide

Plans and specifications for the 2016 Paving Contract were opened on May 6, 2016. The contract was awarded to low bidder Raymond P. Cattell, Inc. 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 anticipated to begin in July and 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 shelter at Sauk Heights Park which began the week of June 27th. The shelter at Owl Creek Park was completed the week of June 20th. Work to install the remaining shelters will continue with installations of three shelters through the summer at Cardinal Glenn, Junction Ridge and Worthington Parks.

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

The bid for this contract was awarded to Greener Valley Landscaping, Inc. of Janesville, Wisconsin who submitted the lowest proposal at \$86,230.00 for the installation of trees, shrubs and perennial plants at 14 parks, 1 golf course and one water utility well site. Work on this contract is anticipated to begin in late August 2016.

2016 Parks Division Rain Garden Management Contract – City Wide

Tallgrass Restoration, Inc. Work on this contract continues with removal of invasive brush and weeds at Goodman and Olin Parks occurring in early July. At Central Park, follow-up planting of native species plugs was completed at the end of June after herbicide was used to remove established turfgrass from the planting area. Work to remove invasive brush and weeds will continue at Goodman and Olin Parks this summer and installation of new planting plugs will be completed in the fall. This contract includes a year of maintenance (2017 growing season) at each park.

2016 Dog Park Improvements – City Wide

Staff is developing plans and specifications for entrance improvements at Quann dog park and Brittingham dog park. Staff met with the Dog Park User Group on September 21, 2015. Staff has received the required Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Development at Historic Fill Site or Licensed Landfill Exemption approval for the proposed entrance improvements. Plans will be advertised to bid this summer for work in the fall.

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 began on May 9th, installations will be complete by mid-June. Both of the contracts held by Living Landscapes, LLC 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. A meeting on the plan was held on April 25th, 2016 and it was suggested by the Alder following the comment period that one last review be completed by the neighborhood and interested parties prior to finalizing the plan. This meeting was held on June 13th, and the public comment period will close on July 11th. After this date, changes to the plan and ongoing review of conflict areas will occur on an annual basis by Parks staff and the newly formed, “Friends of Quarry Park” group.

Sugar Maple Park Master Planning – Far West Side

Staff continues to coordinate with the Developer, Veridian Homes, on this project – rough grading work is anticipated to begin in July.

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 with construction of park amenities and improvements in 2017. Following a final determination of the site drainage option that will be used, 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. Plans have been prepared and the project is currently out to bid. Bids are scheduled to be awarded Aug 2nd and construction is scheduled to start Sept 6, 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 early fall 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. The Park and Open Space Plan implementation strategy outline was presented to the Long Range Planning Subcommittee on June 28, 2016.

Reynolds Field Park (Re) Grading – East Side

Planning staff developed a design and obtained permits on behalf of Parks Construction staff for the work to re-grade the heavily-used athletic fields / open space at Reynold's Field Park to promote positive drainage across the field space. Work is anticipated to begin on this project in early July 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
- Midland Park Playground
- Sidewalk along Drake Street at Vilas Park
- Sun shelter at Owl Creek Park
- Demolition of the house located at 2049 Baird Street for expansion of Penn Park.