

SUPERINTENDENT'S OCTOBER 2014 REPORT- COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

- **Communication from Ed Rogers regarding potential Adopt Ice Rink at Segoe Park**

Staff has investigated the neighborhood's request to establish an Adopt Ice rink at Segoe Park. No existing infrastructure exists at the park for an ice rink (water line, light, warming hut, etc.). Only one water truck will be available this winter to fill and maintain our existing rinks that don't have a separate water source. Staff have communicated to Mr. Rogers that an ice rink at Segoe Park is not feasible in the near term without a significant investment of capital funds. There are existing ice rinks less than a mile to the north at Rennebohm Park and less than a mile to the east at Westmorland Park.

- **Communication from Tom DeChant regarding expansion of ski trails at Olin-Turville Park**

Friends of Olin-Turville have been working with Madison Nordic Ski to discuss the winter trails at Olin and Turville Point Parks. Potential concepts have been provided to expand winter trails in the parks. The proposals are under review by Parks staff.

- **Communication from Jeff Rosenberg regarding potential partnership opportunities**

Veridian Homes would like to discuss the potential to partner with the City on the planning and implementation of parks within new neighborhoods. The Parks Superintendent will be scheduling a meeting with Jeff Rosenberg of Veridian Homes to discuss this proposal further.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR

Conditions have been favorable for grass growth this year, and this did not change in September. The two – three weeks we shut mowing crews down in August caused us to fall a little behind in our routes. We were able to get caught back up again in September. Our seasonal employees will be leaving us on October 10th. We will focus on getting as much done to carry us thru the rest of the season before they leave.

This is, also, the time of the year we really focus on athletic field renovation. I'm confident that our fields will be in the best condition they've been in going into 2015 than they've been in many years. We've used a more aggressive approach to create conditions that favor grass growth over broadleaf weeds. I expect very few complaints about our fields in 2015.

Our mower shop has completed maintenance on all of our winter equipment. Soon, we'll be taking off the mowing decks and installing the blowers and brooms. We've received the updates for our snow routes this year. We have 36 additional bus stops to do and 2 new plowing segments.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks

The weather has drastically changed over the last couple of weeks. We were thankful to have had a short-lived break in mowing, but we found it very challenging to keep up with the grass throughout September. However, as the leaves have begun changing colors and dropping, the grass does appear to have finally slowed. We continued our preparation work with the help of Parks Construction at Leopold and are pleased that it is ready for contractors to come in and put on the final touches. We began our regular fall aeration of all of our athletic fields. Immediately following the last event at Central Park, we completed serious repair work, consisting of heavy aerating, overseeding and fertilizing. We continue to work with the irrigation contractor to insure the system is functioning properly and that our efforts are successful so we can get off to a good start at Central Park in the spring.

As we move into October, we will begin our fall field mowing operations. We will be beginning ball diamond renovations at Bowman and Goodman. The softball and baseball seasons are drawing to an end, but the crew will continue to maintain football fields throughout the month. Our mechanics have begun pulling in machines to begin switching them over for winter use. We will be losing seasonals earlier than usual this year, but plan to get as far ahead with them here as possible. Crews are starting to equip machines with mulching plates, as we will be in full leaf mulching mode in the very near future. Beginning the second half of the month, we will be pulling in tables and barrels. The majority of our shelters will be winterized for the season as well. Halloween will be here before we know it and we will be providing barrels for a gathering at Penn Park.

Mall Concourse

The month of September brought a good deal of activity to the Mall Concourse. We had a number of large events, including the Taste of Madison, Iron Man, and the final concerts of Jazz at 5 and Live on King. In order to insure the service area was in great shape for high volumes of visitors, schedules were adjusted and additional staffing was brought in for both Taste of Madison and Iron Man. The crew spent a significant amount of time cleaning-up grease stains from Taste, but the walks are finally back to their pre-event condition. We brought a look of autumn to State Street when we changed out the banners mid-month. In addition to our normal operations of cleaning the walks, picking trash and mowing, we also continued with the maintenance of our landscaped beds by pruning and weeding.

As we move into October, leaves have begun to fall, and we continue to remove them on a daily basis. We will be wrapping up our sidewalk washing program by the end of the month, we have begun work on Carroll Street. As the weather turns colder, we will remove annuals from the pots and ground beds as necessary. We will cut back perennials and clean up landscape beds as necessary. We will also continue to collaborate with other City agencies and organizers as we prepare for Freakfest at the end of the month. We are beginning to switch gears and prepare equipment for the winter months ahead.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

West Parks

After a very short mowing break this past summer, the grass growth is finally slowing down. This is fortunate, as it's also the time of year when we lose most of our seasonal help. We're mowing as needed, grinding out stumps, and will be aerating athletic fields as the aerator becomes available. We're also taking a good look at our snow removal routes and making any needed changes after the reorganization from two parks sections into three this past spring.

Adopt-A-Tree proposals are trickling in very slowly. So far we've marked two treated trees at Lucia Crest Park, and I've received an application for two more, this time at Hillington Green. As it's getting quite late in the season, the Hillington trees may not see treatment until next spring.

The long-awaited dog park at Walnut Grove is set to open on October 13th. The fence has been up for a few weeks now, but we've been waiting for the grass to fill in a little better, as it's almost impossible to establish grass in a dog park once it's open. As with all of our dog parks, Walnut Grove promises to be very popular, and we're excited about having such a nice dog park in an underserved area of the city.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Olbrich Gardens staff has been on site, rehabilitating the flower gardens at the Forest Hill office. Formerly tended by office staff and volunteers, they had fallen into disrepair after the volunteers retired. Olbrich has recontoured the beds by the front door and has replanted them with matching boxwood and dogwood, accented with purple asters in old concrete planters.

The rectangular bed on the side of the building has been converted into a gravel garden and retains the original clematis. Parks carpenters will be designing and constructing a larger and more appropriate trellis for next spring.

This new professional design looks very appropriate for the site, and we very much appreciate Olbrich's help.

In regular cemetery business, there were 6 full-size and 12 cremains interments, 2 entombments, 1 disentombment, and 11 lot sales. We're also in the process of filling the Cemetery Operations Leadworker position, vacant since mid-summer.

As October begins, cemetery staff is gearing up for the annual leaf collection. As usual, we will be baling the leaves and allowing the public to pick up what is not needed in Parks. We're moving equipment around and planning for the most efficient use of staff resources during this very busy time.

CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

September's dry and warm weather allowed us to move forward with a number of vegetation management projects. We worked on spraying herbaceous exotics (oriental bittersweet, Japanese knotweed, and burdock at Owen, Edna Taylor, Cherokee Marsh, and Elvehjem. Cut and treated exotic brush at Heritage Prairie to expand the prairie remnant.

The crew repaired washed out trails at Owen Park by adding crushed limestone, and water diversion bars. We completed trimming back vegetation along trails at Owen, South Cherokee, and Turville Point to prepare for the winter cross country ski season.

Our oak savanna restoration moved forward with a contractor thinning the tree cover along N. Sherman Ave. near the site of a future public access point in the 5th addition property of North Cherokee. Some of the trees (mostly black locust) were cut high as 15-20 "stumps" to provide future nest cavity sites for red-headed woodpeckers and other bird species.

I led a public nature walk on September 17 at Edna Taylor Conservation Park highlighting the oak savanna restoration project. Walk was attended by 16 people.

Our wetland restoration partnership with the U.S.F.W.S. moved forward at North Cherokee. A contractor used bull dozers to fill 3,500 feet of drainage ditches in an area that was used as a sod farm prior to public acquisition. This is a continuation of our efforts to restore the natural hydrology in this large peat wetland that is a State of Wisconsin designated Natural Area. With completion of this project we have filled 1.75 miles of ditches in the past 3 years. About a decade ago we worked in partnership with the Dane County Regional Airport to fill 2 miles of drainage ditches north of the airport at no cost to City of Madison. There remains 1.5 miles of ditches to be filled in our East Marsh located east of North Sherman Ave. These ditches were dug in the mid-1970's when Cherokee Park, Inc. had plans to develop a second golf course at that location.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – KELLI LAMBERTY

**2014 Permitted Activities - Street Use
Madison, WI**

	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	TOTAL
Events	1	1	2	19	38	35	56	54	206
Block Parties	0	0	0	0	0	8	13	23	8
Amp Permits	0	0	0	5	7	11	5	11	39
Total	1	1	2	24	45	54	74	88	289

**2013 Permitted Activities - Street Use
Madison, WI**

	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	TOTAL
Events	0	1	2	15	28	39	43	51	179
Block Parties	0	0	0	0	2	14	12	12	40
Amp Permits	0	0	0	3	3	13	3	7	29
Total	0	1	2	18	33	66	58	70	248

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Two great celebrations were held in September – Thai Fest 2014 and Crackle: Fire and Froth. The celebration of Thai culture, with the help of the Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago performers was a great success – despite the iffy weather. The Thai Student Association from the University of Wisconsin Madison also performed and hosted a booth about Thailand. Olbrich was graced by General Consul Sukchan who presented a check to sponsor the event.

Crackle: Fire and Froth is a fundraising event that features cash bars with micro brews featured, 9 bonfires, a great band – Wheelhouse – and food by Market Street Diner and Tex Tubb’s Taco Palace. The décor was enhanced by 60 fantastically carved pumpkins!

Horticulture staff are preparing the gardens for winter; Conservatory staff are nurturing Poinsettias and fall pruning in the Conservatory itself; event and gift shop staff are getting ready for the holidays. Everyone else is working hard!

Visitor comment(s) from the past month :

09/15/2014 *“I visited this weekend and was delightfully impressed with the gardens! I enjoyed the variety of types of gardens and it looked wonderfully maintained. Thank you for making it available for free!”* via the donations web page

09/10/2014 *“I appreciate the great labels! Thank-you.”* Laura R., Greeley, CO

May Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2014	2013	Previous 5 yrs average
August 1 - 31	41,077	36,824	34,033
YTD August 31	210,036	184,849	
Total Member Households (individuals*) August 31	6,628 (10,663)	6,732 (11,280)	

**based on the number of membership cards issued*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 8/31/2014	YTD 8/31/2013
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$54,200**	\$59,864
Room Rentals YTD*	\$94,009	\$88,972
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$14,894	\$19,044
TOTAL YTD	\$163,103	\$167,880

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

October 2014 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information

TRAM Service – WEEKENDS ONLY through October 12, 10 am – 5 pm

Bulk Leaf Mulch Sale, Saturday, Oct 4 & 11, 9 am – 1 pm

African Violet Show and Sale, Sat & Sun, Oct 11 & 12, Sat: noon – 5 pm, Sun; 10 am – 4 pm

Education – October 2014 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit www.olbrich.org

Garden Walks

Great Plants for the Autumn Garden Walk, Wed, Oct 22, 5 – 6:30 pm

Wellness at the Gardens

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, Sept 8 – Oct 13, 6 – 7 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Maximizing the Winter Landscape, Wed, Oct 1, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

All About Plant Guilds in Permaculture, Thurs, Oct 2, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Restoring Your Woodland to Health, Tues, Oct 7, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Underutilized Woody Plants for Wisconsin Landscapes: Part II, Thu, Oct 9, 6:30 – 8 pm

Introduction to Painting in Soft Pastel, Sun, Oct 12, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Basic Handmade Book Structures, Sat, Oct 18, 10 am – 4:30 pm

Garden Design for Plantaholics, Tues, Oct 21, 6:30 – 8 pm

Inspirations from European Gardens: The 2012 Chelsea Flower Show, Floriade, & More, Thurs, Oct 23, 6:30 – 8 pm

Wet-felted Clutch Purse, Sat, Oct 25, 1 – 5 pm

Fun With Acrylic Paint! Mini Workshop, Sun, Oct 26, 1 – 4 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Fall Fun (ages 2 – 4 with adult)

Bats, Fri, Oct 17, 10 – 11 am

Owls, Fri, Oct 24, 10 – 11 am

Pumpkins, Fri, Oct 31, 10 – 11 am

I Wonder.....Series

Do Mandrakes Scream? Harry Potter's Plants, Fri, Oct 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Morning in the Rainforest, Sat, Oct 25, 8:30 – 9:30 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	0	0
Pruned by Request	158	306
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	111	34.5
Tree Removals (non EAB preemptive)	224	854.5
Storm Work/Hangers		75.5

The Forestry Section completed Emerald Ash Borer treatments for the year. Just over 4,000 ash street trees were treated. Both the forestry forepersons and forestry specialists continued the process of inspecting ash street trees to add to treatment this year and preparing for 2015.

Cycle tree pruning did not occur on either side of the city. West forestry unit was able to do a little small tree cycle pruning. Tree care operations mainly involved request pruning and removals.

Forestry specialists have been resolving issues on engineering projects, following up Building Inspection requests for inspections and assisting with the Sidewalk Repair Program as needed. And as mentioned above reviewing ash street trees for next year's treatment areas.

Special project for the month was pruning and removing street trees for a house move on W. Main Street.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – DAWN GROSDIDIER

The following report was submitted by Ranger Supervisor Josh Schmitt

During the month of September we are ramping down service levels after a busy summer. Home Badger games have us busy on Saturdays and cooler weather is beginning to slow activity in the parks. We are hitting our target patrol objectives with check area assignments and parking monitoring. We had a few alcohol issues over the summer, but the temporary no alcohol parks rules were a valuable tool in helping encourage positive use.

2014 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	5	3	3	8	24	18	22	26					109
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	3	12	14	2	3					35
Check Area	32	21	25	41	105	55	61	87					427
Damage to property	2	2	0	12	12	14	9	10					61
Dog violation	6	4	24	100	62	38	30	18					282
Drugs	0	1	0	4	3	1	0	0					9
Graffiti	2	1	1	6	3	5	7	9					34
No permanent Address issue	7	5	2	19	28	15	23	12					111
Incident	2	5	4	3	9	2	5	6					36
Maintenance needed	0	0	0	26	31	23	23	20					123
Misc	1	1	0	2	2	37	5	9					57
Not open/ closed	8	6	5	17	27	26	27	22					138
Parking issue	12	2	6	26	54	24	34	26					184
Sport without reservation	0	0	8	18	1	2	0	2					31
Total reports	77	52	78	285	373	274	248	250	0	0	0	0	1637

2013 Park Ranger calls for service- for comparison

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	.	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	6	3	2	10	18	23	23	8	11	8	0	0	.	112
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	2	7	26	17	6	16	6	1	0	.	82
Check Area	26	13	10	29	55	82	152	104	66	51	41	28	.	657
Damage to property	4	4	0	5	4	4	6	4	4	5	3	1	.	44
Dog violation	6	4	18	37	34	21	11	13	4	4	7	1	.	160
Drugs	0	0	2	1	3	1	7	4	4	1	0	0	.	23
Graffiti	1	0	3	6	13	7	7	6	4	5	0	0	.	52
No permanent Address issue	11	19	9	12	10	38	28	21	21	9	2	3	.	183
Incident	13	11	2	4	3	7	10	3	10	8	0	0	.	71
Misc	1	0	1	2	6	23	2	10	6	1	4	2	.	58
Not open/ closed	1	8	8	18	18	21	15	22	23	25	7	12	.	178
Parking issue	9	20	11	12	69	50	67	41	23	19	5	0	.	326
Sport without reservation	0	0	1	29	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	.	33
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Total reports	78	83	67	167	241	303	345	243	192	143	70	47	.	1979

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

Highland Manor Park

Bids were received on the storm shelter building and parking lot on July 2, 2014. Low bid was Miron Construction at \$1,323,045.58. While construction was anticipated to start around September 15th they did not start until the last week of September.

Tenney Park – Marston and Sherman Avenue Bridges

The project was complete, other than some minor patch work, by the contract completion date of August 1st. The contractor is coming back to re-do patches that are too grey as they do not match up with the overall color of the bridge.

Central Park Skate Park

On June 6th bids were opened and only one bid was received; it was 40% higher than the consultant's cost estimate for the project. The bid was rejected and the project is anticipated to be re-bid this fall.

Westport Meadows Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Westport Meadows Park was completed in September as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 1 contract. All five playground replacements under this contract have been completed.

Huegel Park Playground

Work for the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes for the low bid amount of \$137,466.77. This playground replacement is anticipated to begin in October with completion this fall. Additional playgrounds may be completed as weather permits. The entire contract is anticipated to be complete by July 2015.

Burrows Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract. Please see Huegel Park Playground for additional details.

Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract.

Fisher Street Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract.

Aldo Leopold Park Shelter

The contract to install the shelter was awarded to Joe Daniels Construction, Inc. for \$36,659.95 at the September 16th meeting of the Common Council. Work will begin the week of October 13th and is anticipated to be complete on or before the end of November.

Bowman Field Lighting Phase Two

Bids for Bowman Phase Two were opened on August 8th and Joe Daniels Construction was the only bid received at \$460,949. The bid was accepted and the contract has been approved. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for October 3rd. The work is scheduled for late fall to avoid conflicts with league play at the fields and will continue over the winter.

Breese Stevens Field Artificial Turf

The contractor started work August 18th. The topsoil was removed and trucked to Yahara Hills Golf Course by our own crews. The under drain system, gravel base and carpet have been installed. All that remains is the installation of the infill (mix of sand and rubber) and some repairs of storm inlets. The contract is anticipated to be complete by the October 17th contract date. Before the field can be available for use, our Construction crew will re-grade and seed the area where the topsoil was stockpiled.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Working with cemetery staff and Feick Design – an irrigation design company - to replace the water line system at the cemetery. Staff is also working with City Engineering to address stormwater management issues and reconstruct the road system in the cemetery. An application has been submitted to the State Historical Society for permission to conduct soil borings in the cemetery. We expect to hear back from them soon and anticipate the soil borings to be performed in late October.

Brittingham Park at Proudfit

Speedway Sand and Gravel was the low bid at \$47,579. The pre-construction meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 9th; construction may not begin until 2015 as the contractor is busy with other city projects which need to be completed before winter. Staff continues to work with City Engineering to put together the applications needed to secure right-of-way access from WisDOT and railroad crossing improvements from Wisconsin Southern Railroad. The WSR will complete the path work at the railroad crossing, connecting to the work completed by Speedway Sand and Gravel.

Westside Dog Parks

The asphalt path and fencing have been installed at Walnut Grove Dog Park. A ribbon cutting ceremony has tentatively been scheduled for October 13th to open this facility.

Park Paving – 2014

The status of tasks under this contract is as follows:

- Installation of a new accessible asphalt path at Churchill Heights Park; project was started the third week of July and was complete by August 1st.
- Installation of a culvert crossing and accessible asphalt path at Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park. The project was started the first week of August and was complete by August 18th.
- Re-construction of the asphalt path system at Kennedy Park. The project was complete as of August 15th.

- Installation of an asphalt path connecting the existing asphalt path with the new dog park at Walnut Grove Park – completed August 15th.
- Re-construction of the Tenney Park Beach parking lot. Construction started September 15th. As of the end of September the contractor has everything graded, storm sewer is in and the curb is ready to pour.
- Small connector asphalt paths to playgrounds in Spring Harbor, Olbrich, Glacier Hill, Valley Ridge, and Heritage Heights Parks. These paths will be paved in October.

2014 Spring Park Landscaping

Fall dormant seeding at Aldo Leopold Park, the final installation component of this contract, is anticipated the week of October 13th. The contractor will continue to maintain the trees and plants in spring 2015 to ensure establishment of the material.

2014 Fall Park Landscaping

Landscaping as part of the 2014 Fall Parks Landscaping and Maintenance Contract will pick back up the week of October 13th with the installation of shrubs at Hoyt Park and tree plantings at Central, Elver, Mohican Pass and Tenney Parks. The contractor will continue to maintain the installations in spring 2015 to ensure establishment of the material.

2014 Managed Meadows / Natives Landscaping

The installation of native plants at Filene Park, James Madison Park, Vilas Park and Warner Park was completed in early September by Tallgrass Restoration, LLC and fall dormant seeding of restoration areas at Hoyt Park and Rimrock Park will occur the week of October 13th. The contractor will continue to maintain the installations to help to ensure establishment during the spring of 2015.

Central Park

The Central Park Phase 1B work is scheduled for construction in 2015. Phase 1B includes a new park entry plaza and pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street.

2014 Athletic Field Improvements

An irrigation consultant has been hired to size the water line system for the Elver Park softball diamonds; the system will be sized to ensure it is adequate for potential future irrigation of these ballfields. Construction of the water line system will be completed by Park Operations staff.

Cherokee Conservation Park N. Sherman Parking Lot

Planning staff have been working with Conservation staff to create a schematic layout for a new parking area at Cherokee Conservation Park off of N. Sherman Road. A public input meeting will be scheduled in the future to discuss this project with the neighborhood.

Highland Manor Park Improvements

Staff held a public input meeting on September 18th to discuss the improvements to Highland Manor Park, including a new playground. A second meeting will be scheduled to review playground designs later this year. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015.

Garver Mill

The RFP to repurpose the Garver building was finalized at the Committee's September 4th meeting and is currently being reviewed by various Committees and the Council before it is issued. It is scheduled to be reviewed by the Park Commission on October 15th.

James Madison Park Shelter

Last fall the public input meeting yielded a wide variety of ideas regarding improvements to the park and shelter. On August 27th a web-based park usage survey was released for visitor input. Notices of the online survey were posted in the park and hard copies are available at the Central Library. To date over 60 responses to the online survey have been received. The survey will remain open until November 28th.

Yahara Hills Clubhouse

Improvements include replacement of the roof with added insulation and other improvements to the building envelope to improve energy-efficiency for winter operations in the future. An evaluation of the HVAC system is also underway. The first contract is to replace the roof on the clubhouse. The contract was awarded to Maly Roofing for \$122,500.00. Staff attended the pre-construction meeting on October 2nd and the project is scheduled to begin November 3rd. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Prototype Shelter Development

The consultant is working on development of the prototype shelter / restroom options during the design development stage. The first project using the prototype design will be Lake Edge Park. Construction drawings should be developed later this year with construction scheduled for 2015. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Forest Hill Cemetery Buildings

Work continues on the buildings at Forest Hill Cemetery. The stonework repairs have been completed on the Chapel and an RFP will be issued for the masonry repairs on the mausoleum. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Work continues on the HVAC improvements for the complex; the consultant has developed a layout which will replace the existing system (replacement parts are not longer available) and also includes space for additional boilers and chillers when the facility expands in the future. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Wingra Creek Parkway

Staff is working with City Engineering on the Phase 3 Wingra Creek Parkway improvements. The stretch of creek that will be improved is from the railroad bridge just south and west of Goodman Maintenance Facility to Olin Avenue (approximately 2,000 linear feet of creek). Improvements will include dredging to an approximate depth of 5 ft; creating meanders through the installation of littoral shelves; bank stabilization and a canoe launch. Work is anticipated to start in the spring of 2015. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

Nakoma Park Improvements

The stone stairs at the western entrance to Nakoma Park along Cherokee Drive are deteriorating. An RFP was issued for the design needed to repair these stairs; consultant submissions are under review. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Stevens Street Park Improvements

This project is part of the 2015 Capital Budget submission. The first neighborhood meeting for the replacement of these playgrounds was held on September 3rd. It is the first of two public input meetings for the project. In addition to the playgrounds, other improvements may be made to the park including a seating area and resurfacing the basketball court. Construction is anticipated for spring of 2015.

Flad Park Playground Replacement

This project is part of the 2015 Capital Budget submission. The first neighborhood meeting for the replacement of the playground was held on September 10th. It is the first of two public input meetings for the project. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015.

High Point Park Playground Replacement

This project is part of the 2015 Capital Budget submission. The first neighborhood meeting for the replacement of the playground was held on September 17th. It is the first of two public input meetings for the project. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015.

Waltham Park Playground Replacement

This project is part of the 2015 Capital Budget submission. The first neighborhood meeting for the replacement of the playground was held on September 23rd. It is the first of two public input meetings for the project. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015.

Sunridge Park Playground

This project is part of the 2015 Capital Budget submission. Staff held a public input meeting on September 30th to discuss the proposed playground replacement at Sunridge Park. A second meeting will be scheduled to review playground designs later this year. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015.

Badger Park Playground

This project is part of the 2015 Capital Budget submission. Staff will hold a public input meeting on October 2nd to discuss the proposed playground replacement at Badger Park. A second meeting will be scheduled to review playground designs later this year. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015.

Other Projects

- On August 30th a large oak tree fell and severely damaged the cottage at Merrill Springs Park. Staff is working with City Facilities Management on plans and approvals for demolition of the cottage. The demolition permit application has been submitted and is scheduled for the Oct. 27th Plan Commission meeting. The cottage will be removed and the site stabilized.
- Staff met with members of the Dog Park friends on September 22nd to discuss the proposed improvements to existing dog parks for 2015. Improvements may include fencing and paving improvements at Quann Dog Park, Sycamore Dog Park, and Warner Dog Park, with the potential of including some improvements to Demetral and McCormick dog parks as funding permits.
- Working on plans and specifications to repair winter heaving to the limestone steps along the shore line at Wingra Park. This area will be repaired after the boating season in October. Bids came in September 25th. Low bid was Greener Valley Landscaping at \$13,600. Work is anticipated to start on October 13th.
- Staff is working with the Lucia Crest neighborhood on the installation of fruit and nut trees on the west end of Lucia Crest Park as part of a City Planning grant. The location has been approved by the Parks Superintendent; requested tree species and the management plan are under review.
- Staff is working on improvements to address stormwater issues at Hoyt Park. Staff is also working with American Fence Company to repair a railing and gate due to storm damage.
- Working with Purchasing on adding more storm sewer/gutters to the Tenney Park shelter to eliminate the freeze/thaw issues on the concrete around the shelter. Bids came in on September 18th with the low bid being Badgerland Excavating at \$7,500.00.
- Staff attended the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference on September 13th and led both a "lunch huddle" and "ideas forum" to discuss neighborhood involvement in our parks.
- Staff is working with City Engineering on stabilizing the shoreline along the Yahara River at East Main. These repairs are anticipated to be completed this winter by City Engineering staff.
- Staff is working on outfitting the concessions room with equipment and wi-fi for the newly completed splash park building at Reindahl Park.
- Staff is working with neighborhood volunteers and CDBG to install a protective 4' high welded wire mesh at the Aldo Leopold Park community gardens.
- Staff are researching replacement tree types for ash trees removed (or slated for removal) due to EAB infestation as well as trees that were lost in our parks due to storm damage.
- Staff is working with neighborhood representatives and volunteers to coordinate improvements for a variety of parks including Aldo Leopold Park, Reynolds Park, James Madison Park, Spring Harbor Park, Nakoma Park and Linden Grove Park.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Worthington and University/Hill Farms.

Projects Completed in 2014

- Warner Park Boat Launch Dredging
- Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements
- Reservoir Park Playground
- Central Park – Phase 1A
- Odana School Park Dog Park
- Elver Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Elver Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Reindahl Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Churchill Heights Park Asphalt Path
- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Culvert Crossing
- Kennedy Park Asphalt Path Reconstruction
- Marston and Sherman Avenue (Tenney Park) Bridge Reconstruction
- 2014 Parking and Water Utility Landscaping
- Sauk Creek Park Playground
- Droster Park Playground
- Haen Family Park Playground
- Pilgrim Park Playground
- Everglade Park Playground
- Westport Meadows Park Playground
- Reindahl Park Splash Park
- Elver Park Splash Park
- Backstop replacement at Badger Park
- Backstop replacement at Oak Heights Park

- Backstop replacement at Indian Hills Park
- Renovation of 2 backstops at Walnut Grove Park
- Tennis court fencing repairs at Wexford Park
- Walnut Grove Park Dog Park
- Yahara River Parkway Bank Stabilization