

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOVEMBER 2016 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary
October / November 2016

- Numbers are in for the Goodman Pool 2016 season. Nearly 20,000 admissions; nearly 10,000 admission scholarships visits and 668 swim lesson scholarships were provided. The Waves swim team had 111 members and 16 scholarships.
- All remaining seasonal employees have finished for the year. Athletic activities have essentially ended for the season allowing staff to work on field maintenance. Winter preparations have begun. Most shelters have been closed and winterized; snow fencing and hockey boards are getting installed.
- Parks staff contributed to a successful Freakfest in 2016. Preparations for the one day event are a month long and include the removal of plantings, benches and bike racks on State St. Late night cleanup ran smoothly with staff from east, west and central assisting.
- Hayrides at special events continue this year with a new offering at the Warner Family Fun Night on Friday, November 11.
- Lottery Day – next Tuesday November 15 is the first day we begin to take shelter reservations for 2017. Last year over 100 shelter reservations for 2016 were made on Lottery Day.
- Conservation has finalized their prescribed fire plan which are anticipated to begin this month. A blog from Paul Quinlan, which includes a system-wide map of burn locations, was posted on our website in late October.
- Overall year-to-date visitors to Olbrich Botanical Gardens is up slightly over 2015. Holiday Express begins December 3 and continues through the end of the year.
- Staff hosted a series of public input meetings for the playgrounds at Brittingham Park. The community was invited to give input on the selection of equipment for both the accessible playground and the playground replacement at the community gardens. The final meeting will be held November 21 with construction anticipated to begin in spring 2017.
- Phase I construction began this fall at Esther Beach Park and includes a new restroom building and associate site work with an estimated completion of late May 2017. Phase II improvements are anticipated to begin in June 2017 and include a new canoe/kayak launch.
- Penn Park will be closed all of 2017 for shelter renovations and a new restroom/concession building.
- Staff has begun data collection for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan update. Staff is coordinating volunteer efforts for field validated observation of park users in a sample selection of parks. Volunteer efforts thus far have resulted in approximately 500 observations.
- A playground workshop will be held on November 19 and will address replacements at Brigham, Lake Edge, McGinnis and Tenney playgrounds.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

October 21st was the last day for our remaining seasonal employees for this year. Overall, they did fantastic job. Some far exceeded our expectations. As always, we wish them the best and look forward to their return next year.

We have begun the process of preparing for winter in earnest. Cabs are being mounted onto the tractors. Blowers, brooms, and plows are being installed. We will soon start installing snow fence in areas that drift a lot. The shelter sides have been installed and the hockey boards at Olbrich will go up in the next week or so. Some of the other activities we've been working on include:

- Mowing and leaf mulching
- Aerating and overseeding
- Helping with the Parks hayride program
- Cutting at treating black locust at Warner

- Performing fall flail mowing operations
- Performing a final cleaning of restroom and shelter facilities
- Fall tree planting
- Helping out with Freak Fest

In November, we will continue to prepare for winter and work on park improvement projects. Fall is a great time of year and as the temperatures get colder it allows us to perform work that we can't do when the parks are busy. We look forward to the changing of the seasons.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE- CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

As autumns go in Wisconsin this has been a great one so far. The temperatures and rainfall have extended the growing season enough to keep us busy mowing longer than usual. With the nice weather our LMW's, along with help from the parks arborists, were able to get the fall tree planting done weeks ahead of last year. All athletics, with the exception of some soccer, came to an end this month giving us a chance to work on field maintenance. Our one big renovation at Reynolds Park came in beautifully and hopefully after next year we will be able to open it back up for play. Events at Olin Park and Penn Park at the end of the month wrapped up our season as we winterized the last of our shelters. Penn will be closed all next year for shelter remodeling and Esther Beach is in the process of getting a new shelter right now. All our field mowing has been completed for the year as have most of our aerations. We said goodbye to the last of our seasonal for the year and acknowledge all the hard work they do to make our parks look the way they do.

Going into November we will concentrate on final mowing and leaf mulching/cleanup in the parks. The LMW's will spend time pruning and cleaning up at the pool as well as at other sites before moving on to help the Parks arborists with EAB removals through the winter. Tables and garbage barrels will be brought in where necessary for winter maintenance. We will continue converting equipment over from summer to winter operations and we will go through snow routes to make sure they are clear of any obstacles or encroaching brush. Stakes for the Vilas hockey rink will be installed and all ice maintenance equipment will be inspected so it is ready. At Olin the Fantasy in Lights display will start going in reminding us all how close winter is. Hayrides will be offered every weekend in November at different sites across the city so we will coordinate the wagons as necessary.

Mall Maintenance:

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

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

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

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

The annual leaf baling has begun at the cemetery. As of the end of the last Friday in October, staff had produced 1256 bales. The trees seem to be keeping their leaves long this year – lots of trees are even still green. Unfortunately this may mean a prolonged baling season; this is always risky because of the possibility of the whole operation getting shut down by snow.

Summit Maintenance staff will be lending a hand at Forest Hill when conditions are good (dry and not too windy), so that leaf blowers and the baler can all operate at the same time and make the most of good weather.

The water system replacement is still in planning stages. We're looking at spots to eliminate faucets and ways to re-work the configuration to conserve the healthiest of our old trees. The current system is very old and tree roots have grown around it; to simply replace the current system in the same configuration would mean the loss of many trees in otherwise good shape. We're hoping to strike a balance between conserving the character of the cemetery while providing convenient water access for visitors' and our own use.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of October there were eleven full-size burials, twenty-two cremains burials, and one disinterment. There were also three full-size and four cremains lot sales.

Summit Maintenance:

Grass continues to grow and maintenance staff continues to mow it, mulching fallen leaves along with the grass. Usually this time of year we're primarily focusing on areas with a lot of leaf drop, but this year all areas continue to need our attention. It's been challenging this fall, as we continue to have more rain than normal and it is difficult for mowers to access some of our wetter locations.

The flail mower also continues to cut whenever possible. Realizing that we're somewhat behind and that we may not get to all areas this year, we've begun to prioritize the work to make sure we cut the areas being actively managed. The tractor will continue to go out as long as conditions allow – if snow comes late this year we yet may end up catching up.

In other news of the season, shelters have either been winterized or enclosed for winter activities (thanks, as always, to the Facilities Maintenance crew!), the garbage truck is only going out twice a week, and we're trying to find time to pick up trash barrels from smaller parks which don't receive garbage service in the winter. We will also need to bring in many picnic tables for repair and painting, but we will likely need to wait for the ground to dry out or freeze before we do that.

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CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

The extended growing season this year required Conservation staff to mow the trails one last time in October. Some heavy rains washed out fresh gravel on the steeper slopes around the loop trail at Owen. Although the trail has water bars here, the volume of water appears to have been great enough to top them and carry the gravel. The water bars did function, though, and the loose gravel was unfortunately diverted right off the trail. We plan to re-grade these portions of trail to break up the hard-packed layer of older gravel and allow better consolidation of new material. Operation Fresh Start worked on removing the deteriorating boardwalk that was made obsolete by the recent trail re-route at Edna Taylor.

Porcelain berry and Oriental bittersweet were targeted for control at Owen, and staff used a combination of mowing and foliar spray and basal bark herbicide applications, depending on the size and growth habit of individual plants. We found that Porcelain berry has really spread across this park in the last year, despite previous management efforts. At Edna Taylor, buckthorn and honeysuckle were cut and treated with herbicide on the drumlin in the NE portion of the property. This area has been the focus of intense savanna restoration work in recent years, and this follow-up work is important for the continued habitat improvement there.

Firebreaks were cleared at Prairie Ridge and Cherokee Marsh in preparation for the fall burn season. Our standard burn plan template was reviewed and finalized for this season, using the “Boulder Woods” unit at Edna Taylor as an example. Burn plans are being drafted for 10 more burn units that we hope to burn this fall. The template will be copied and updated for each unit, incorporating maps that have been created for each. I wrote a blog entry about prescribed burning for the Parks website, and Sarah Lerner created a system-wide map that highlights the parks where burns are planned for this fall.

A contractor began a project to control periwinkle on approximately 3 acres at Owen, and contracts were awarded for forestry mowing work at Owen and for porcelain berry control at Kettle Pond. Information about the Kettle Pond project was submitted to DNR to apply for grant funding that will reimburse our costs.

Next month, we will prepare trails and equipment for ski season, and hopefully conduct a few burns. I will also begin working on an update to our Land Management Standards document.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

“This is without a doubt the most beautiful botanical garden I’ve ever been in. We stayed for many hours- could have stayed all day. Spiritual, refreshing, contemplative.” Mary C., Goleta, CA 10/11/2016

September 2016 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2016	2015	Previous 5 yrs avg
September 1 - 30	37,668	42,213	37,710
YTD September 30	212,567	205,893	

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 9/30/16	YTD 9/30/15
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$58,361	\$55,607
Room Rentals YTD*	\$93,397	\$88,903
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$19,973	\$15,330
TOTAL YTD	\$171,731	\$159,840

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

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

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit -- Maria Sibylla Merian: The Suriname Expedition 1699 – 1701, opens Nov 5, 2016

Olbrich's Growing Gifts Holiday Kick-Off Sale, Saturday & Sunday, Nov 19 & 20, 10 am – 4 pm
Cocktails in the Conservatory, Friday, Nov 18, 7 – 11 pm with DJ Boyfrriend & Sola

Education - November 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, 7 Mondays, Nov 7 – Dec 19, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, Mon, Sept 12 – Oct 17, 6 – 7 pm OR Mon., Oct 24 – Nov 28, 6 – 7 pm

Local & Sustainable Herbs for Diabetes, Wed, 10/5, 6:30 – 8 pm

From the Garden: Herbal Infused Oils, Salves, and Lotions, Sat, 11/19, 1 - 5 pm

Garden Walks

Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour, Sat, Nov 12, 1 – 2:30 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Decorative Winter Container Workshop, Wed, 11/2, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Teneriffe Lace Woven Ornaments, Sun, 11/6, 1 – 5 pm

Visiting Author Kerry Ann Mendez has been featured on HGTV and in magazines including *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening*, *Garden Gate*

Design Tips for Traffic-Stopping Curb Appeal, Sunday, Nov 6, 1:30 – 3 pm
& Book Signing 3 – 3:30 pm

Making Finnish Glass Ice Lanterns, Wed, 11/9, 6:30 – 8 pm

Botanical Art – English Watercolor with Artist Mary Bauschelt, Sun, 11/13, 9 am - 3 pm

Designing Attractive Native Gardens for Home & Business, Tues, 11/15, 6:30 – 8 pm

Scrapbooking Without Scraps, Wed, 11/16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (**National Parks Theme**) & Thur, 12/1, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (**Dahlia Theme**)

From the Garden: Herbal Infused Oils, Salves, & Lotions, Sat, 11/19, 1 – 5 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll:

Festive Fall Stories by Pat Hutchins

Ten Red Apples, Fri, 11/4, 10 – 11 am

The Wind Blew, Fri, 11/11, 10 – 11 am

Sparking Curiosity with Stories about Scientists

Summer Birds – the Butterflies of Maria Merian, Tues, 11/15, 10 – 11 am

Me & Jane – Story of Jane Goodall, Tues, 11/22, 10 – 11 am

The Humblebee Hunter, Charles Darwin & His Children, Tues, 11/29, 10 – 11 am

Family Classes

I Wonder.....Series

Who is Georgia O'Keefe? Fri, Oct 7, 6:30 – 7:30 pm (grades K - 3)

Girl Scout Programs

Every Drop Counts, Sat, 11/19, 10 – 11:30 am

Bolz Conservatory Special Exhibit (Self-Guided Visits)

Saturdays & Sundays, 11/5/16 – 3/5/17, 10 am – 4 pm, Register for a self-guided visit highlighting the adventurous life of female naturalist Maria Sibylla Merian. Activities included!

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

In October both east and west units worked on multiple facets. East was able to put more time into small tree cycle pruning in the McClellan Park and Door Creek neighborhoods. West was able to get a bit more done in district cycle pruning in Arbor Hills neighborhood. Ash preemptive removals continued in designated areas. Fall planting began the week of October 24th.

Forestry specialists worked on fall planting routes and checking for underground utility conflicts before planting season began. Specialists also began reviewing upcoming engineering reconstruction projects to advise engineering on impacts to the street trees. The forestry specialists are also following up evaluating sites for tree replacement after arborists have removed the street trees.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin

This has been another successful shelter reservation season. Not only did we have reservations at our main shelters, we also began reserving picnic shelters in 2016. Our customers have been very pleased with the addition of these picnic shelters. Below are total reservation counts for the main shelters/pavilions and picnic shelters.

We are diligently preparing for Lottery Day, Tuesday, November 15th. Lottery Day is the first day we begin processing reservations for 2017.

2016 Shelter Reservations through October

Shaded cells are months a shelter is generally closed for the standard reservation season.

Shelter Location	Jan-Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Total
	Wk E n d	Wk D a y	Wk E n d	Wk D a y	Wk E n d	Wk D a y	Wk E n d	Wk D a y	Wk E n d	Wk D a y	Wk E n d	Wk D a y	Wk E n d	Wk D a y	Wk E n d	Wk D a y	
Brittingham	2		1		5		11	5	13	2	12	10	10	5	3		79
Burrows			2		12	2	16	2	14	4	12	6	9	1			80
Demetral			3		7		9		8		6		1				34
Elvehjem					1		7		2	1	7	4	3			1	26
Elver #1					4		11	2	14	5	7	2	9	1			55
Elver #2		3	6	1	7		12	3	12	8	7	4	9		4	1	77
Garner Main			2		9	5	15	5	14	6	8	9	12	7	2	1	95
Garner Upper			1		6	2	13	2	7	2	3	3	4	1	1		45
Gates of Heaven	16	16	8	6	6	10	7	6	8	4	2	6	8	4	9	10	126
Highland	5	2	7		3		4		6		4		3		9		43
Hoyt			2		12	3	18	6	21	4	19	7	12	6	2		112
Hoyt Roys					3	1	11	1	7	1	5	1	3				33
James Madison			4		5	3	10	10	10	3	6	1	8	1	3		64
Lake Edge							4		5		7		3	2	2		23
Marshall					4	1	11	3	9	1	6	3	6		1		45
Olin	1		2		10	6	11	10	10	11	15	10	10	8	14	17	135
Reindahl			1		3	1	11	2	10		8	1	6	2	1		46

Rennebohm			1		7	5	15	8	12	6	8	5	9	5	5	3	89
Tenny/John Wall			5	1	11	3	13	6	12	4	15	4	10	8	12	6	110
Vilas	1		6		13	7	15	11	19	7	14	17	12	12	6		140
Warner			4		8	2	10	7	7	5	8	6	7	1	5		67
Westmorland			1	1	11	4	13	12	10	2	6	1	13		2		76
Total/Month	25	21	56	9	147	55	247	101	230	76	185	100	167	64			2802

NEW in 2016!!

Picnic Shelter Reservations through September

2016 Picnic Reservations	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
Acewood						1	4	4			9
Aldo Leopold						1		1			2
Arbor Hills							1				1
Blackhawk						1			1		2
Bordner									1		1
Country Grove						4	6	1			11
Eken						1					1
Everglade										1	1
Goodman					1	2	5	2	1		11
Haen Family								1	3	1	5
Heritage Heights					1	1			1		3
Hiestand					1	2	8	1	1		13
Huegel								1			1
Kennedy				1		1				1	3
Lake View Heights					2	4	3		1	2	12
Lucia Crest					3	11	24	13	3	1	55
Marlborough					3	11	24	13	1		52
Meadowood						10	21	12			43
Norman Clayton							2				2
Northland Manor						1	4	4			9
OB Sherry					1						1
Orton					3	18	22	25	2		70
Penn				1	2	4	2	29	27	14	79
Richmond Hill					1	1	2				4
Segoe						1	4	1			6
Sherman					1						1
Sycamore							2	1			3
Walnut Grove						2		1		1	4
Warner North Near Tennis									1		1
Warner South Near Dog									1		1
Waunona									1		1
Westhaven Trails					2		1	2			5
Wexford				1		6	9		1		17
Total/Month	0	0	1	2	21	83	144	112	46	21	430

Permits: Below is a recap of the four permits processed thus far in 2016, including how many were processed by this time last year and a total processed in 2015. Please note that we begin processing the next years' permits on December 1 of the previous year.

Example: 2015 dog park permit processing began December 1, 2014

. Annual and Daily Permits Processed								
2016 Totals, as of 10/25/16			2015 Totals, as of 10/25/15			2015 Totals		
	Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily
Disc Golf	1,443	5,682	Disc Golf	1,421	6,767	Disc Golf	1,422	7,195
Dog	7,561	530	Dog	7,092	490	Dog	7,177	547
Lake	4,204	5,008	Lake	4,111	4,976	Lake	4,123	5,159
XC Ski	1,318	485	XC Ski	1,827	548	XC Ski	1,828	550

Recreation Services – Tracey Hartley

Winter Operations

We are preparing for Winter Operations, which includes hiring attendant staff and an attendant coordinator. New this year will be the opening of Yahara Hills Golf Course for cross country ski rentals, concessions and a winter disc golf course. Also, we are in the process of planning winter learn to events and other community events.

Activities

Learn To Series

Learn To Disc Golf – Hiestand Park, 4302 Milwaukee St. Partnered with Glide Disc Golf

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

17 registered; 3 attended

Learn To Pickleball – Garner Park, 333 S. Rosa Rd. Led by Volunteer, Norv Bernhardt

Tuesday, September 28, 6:00 – 7:30 PM (re-scheduled due to rain)

Cancelled due to rain; 43 registered

Learn To Pickleball – Garner Park, 333 S. Rosa Rd. Led by Volunteer, Norv Bernhardt

Thursday, October 6, 6:00 – 7:30 PM (re-scheduled due to rain)

43 registered; 7 attended

Stargazing – Tenney Park 1402 Thorton Ave. Led by: UW Space Place

Monday, October 10, 7pm

28 registered; 22 attended

Movies in the Park

Penn Park – 2101 Fisher St.

Friday, September 2, 7:30 PM; Open Season Scared Silly

47 people attended

Peace Park – 452 State St.

Saturday, September 10, 7:30 PM; Despicable Me

167 people attended

Elver Park – 1250 Mckenna Blvd.

Friday, September 16, 7:30 PM; The Italian Job

9 people attended

Owl Creek Park – 23 Horned Owl Ct.

Saturday, September 17, 7:30 PM; Back To the Future

50 people attended

Marlborough Park – 2222 Whenona Dr.
Friday, September 23, 7:00 PM; Men In Black
3 people attended

Elvehjem Park – 1202 Painted Post Rd.
Saturday, September 24, 7:00 PM; The Good Dinosaur
80 people attended

Reserved Hayrides

Cherokee Marsh North Unit – 6098 N. Sherman Ave.
Friday, October 21st – 1 reservation (No show)

Olin Park – 1156 Olin-Turville Ct.
Sunday, October 9th – 1 reservation (24 people attended)
Saturday, November 19th – 1 reservation
Monday, November 21st – 2 reservations
Tuesday, November 22nd – 2 reservations

Warner Park – 2930 N. Sherman
Saturday, November 12th – 1 reservation

Special Event Hayrides

Saturday, October 22
1:00pm to 4:00pm
Hayrides & Hikes
Cherokee Marsh North Unit - 6098 N. Sherman Ave.
120 attended

Wednesday, October 26
3:00pm to 6:00pm
Halloween Hayrides
Capitol Square – 8 S. Carroll St.
Weather was rainy & windy
70 attended hayrides & many more stopped for Trick or Treat candy

Friday, November 11
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Hayrides with Warner Family Fun Night
Hayrides will be offered the evening of Warner Family Fun Night at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Enjoy a tractor-pulled wagon ride through Warner Park

Sunday, November 20
6:00pm to 10:00pm
Hayrides at Holiday Fantasy in Lights
Enjoy the Holiday Fantasy in Lights aboard a tractor-pulled hay wagon! Participants will enjoy a warm campfire and a wagon ride through the park.

Aquatics & Rangers – Josh Schmitt

Admission visits (entrance swipes) – 19,951

Admission scholarships visits individual, family & groups – 9,869

- Admission scholarships community groups served – 25
- Swim lesson scholarships provided – 668
- Waves swim team members – 111
- Waves swim team members on scholarship – 16
- Swims at All City Meet – 157
- Swims at Finals at All City Meet – 17

2016 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	22	37	106	54	21	54	53	14	12				373
Assist Citizen	10	8	4	11	28	97	60	19	16				253
Assist Fire/Police	1	3	4	4	7	35	23	14	7				98
Check Person	12	24	16	17	20	49	71	29	15				253
Check Area	127	126	238	180	495	815	916	979	979				4855
Behavioral Ban	0	0	1	2	1	3	8	6	6				27
Damage to property	3	8	10	6	5	24	35	3	8				102
Drug Investigation	1	0	1	1	3	9	8	4	12				39
Graffiti complaint	0	2	2	6	3	11	15	9	2				50
Intoxicated Person	2	3	0	0	0	2	7	1	2				17
Information	126	89	65	39	66	217	196	92	110				1000
Liquor Law Violation	11	11	16	11	16	25	22	8	5				125
No permanent Address issue	3	0	0	4	0	0	3	1	0				11
Noise complaint	0	2	1	3	2	6	9	7	2				32
Parking Complaint	19	20	14	21	32	67	89	6	12				280
Phone Call	1	8	0	0	5	12	4	0					30
Trespass	1	3	0	0	4	0	3	2	2				15
Total reports	339	344	478	359	708	1426	1522	1194	1190	0	0	0	6836

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

Events – Kelli Lamberti

**2016 Special & Community Event Permits
Count of Event Days
Madison, WI**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Park Events	3	1	0	6	22	60	83	52	22	48	21	32	350
Neighborhood Association Park Events	0	0	0	2	4	7	17	5	2	7	1	1	46
Street Use Events	0	3	2	18	27	50	61	71	42	36	9	1	320
Neighborhood Block Parties	0	0	0	1	3	15	15	11	22	3	0	0	70
Downtown Performance Spaces*	0	0	0	6	8	20	28	27	24	5	1	0	119
Totals	3	4	2	33	64	152	204	166	112	99	32	34	905

* includes "Summer In YOUR City" programming

Additional Park Events Permits	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Beer Selling Permits	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	6	6	0	0	0	21
PA2 Amplification Permits	0	0	0	0	4	9	9	7	6	0	0	0	35

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 was originally bid in early 2016 but the single bid received was significantly over the project's budget. The project was redesigned by Beacon Athletics in an effort to deliver a project within the current funding. The Public Works contract was re-released for bids on October 14 with bids due November 4. The work is anticipated to occur in early spring 2017.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West Side

Cemetery staff and consultants are working on a design and required permits 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 installation 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, which will be constructed in late October. The City is also working with WisDOT and FHWA on acquiring properties located on E. Wilson and Baldwin Streets which would complete the land acquisition for that quadrant of the park. Funds are available from a federal earmark, which would pay for the majority of the land costs. Acquisition of the properties is anticipated in late spring or early summer of 2017.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit – North Side

Work on the remaining portion of the gravel parking lot and entry area began in mid-October with the excavation of the rain garden / stormwater management pond. Excavation and laydown of gravel to complete the parking lot and walking path connecting to the trailhead area will follow before work concludes for the season.

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, 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, along with dormant native seeding.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds – Isthmus/Central

Staff have a series of meetings scheduled for October 26th, 27th and November 21st to review and select equipment for both the accessible playground and the playground replacement at the community garden site. Staff will continue to work with the core group of citizens to refine the equipment and design of the site prior to the public meeting, which has been scheduled for November 21st at the Bayview International Center for Education and the Arts. Construction of the accessible playground is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2017.

Allied Drive Improvements – South Side

Along with the master plan a new name for the park, "Allied Park" was approved by the Board of Park Commissioners on October 5th. Staff are working with planning to put forward a recommendation sponsored by Alder Maurice Cheeks to re-zone the park to TR-C3, in which "park and recreation" is already an approved use. 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 late fall 2016 or early 2017 with installation of the basketball court and other amenities under public works contract in 2017.

Demetral Park Path Improvements – East Side

Staff worked with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. Construction was substantially completed in October.

Berkley Park Playground – North Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Construction for the Berkley Park Playground has been completed.

Cardinal Glenn Park Playground – Far West Side

Improvements to the park are complete with the construction of a new, open-sided sun shelter following the expansion of the playground to include 2-5 age range equipment, new surfacing and edge restraints. A new asphalt walking path landscaping at the park were completed in August and September-October, respectively.

Lerdahl Park Playground – North Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Construction for the Lerdahl Park Playground has been completed.

Sycamore Park Playground – East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. Work for the contract includes four playground replacements and is currently underway.

Westchester Gardens Park Playground – North East Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. The playground replacement at Westchester Gardens has been completed.

Wheeler Heights Park Playground – North Side

This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 3 contract. Construction for the Wheeler Heights Park Playground has been completed.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

Phase I of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation includes construction of the new restroom building and associated site work has begun. The contract has been awarded to the low bidder Joe Daniels Construction at \$428,888.00 and is anticipated to begin this fall with completion by May 25, 2017. The Engineering Division completed construction of a raingarden and riprap outfall as part of the Phase I improvements for Esther Beach Park in October. Phase II of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation includes upgrading stormwater facilities, shoreline repair, construction of a new canoe/kayak boat launch and reconstructing the existing parking lot. Phase II Improvements were opened on October 7, 2016 and go to Common Council on November 1, 2016 for approval of the low bidder Drax, Inc. at \$238,112.00. Construction of Phase II Improvements are anticipated to begin in June 2017 and be complete by fall 2017.

Penn Park Shelter Replacement – South Side

Destree Architectural Design, Inc is preparing construction drawings for the existing shelter renovation and new restroom/concession building. Parks staff will complete the design work for the new parking lot and site path improvements. The project is anticipated to go out for bid in March, 2017.

2016 Paving Contract – City Wide

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. Paving and restoration is complete at all parks.

2016 Sun Shelters Request for Bids and Contract – City Wide

Work by Madison Commercial Landscapes, Inc. continues with the installation of the shelter at Worthington Park anticipated to be complete by mid-November. The shelters at Cardinal Glenn, Owl Creek, Junction Ridge and Sauk Heights Parks are complete.

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

Greener Valley Landscaping, Inc of Janesville completed installation of perennial plants, shrubs and coniferous and deciduous trees at 14 parks, 1 golf course and one water utility well site. Maintenance and watering of the plants installed under this contract will continue through December 1, 2017.

2016 Parks Division Rain Garden Management Contract – City Wide

Invasive species removal and planting of new plant plugs by Tallgrass Restoration at Goodman and Olin Parks as well as the planting of perennial upland and prairie species at Central Park was completed in September. This contract includes a year of maintenance (2017 growing season) at each park site and under separate change order, included invasive control in sensitive park areas at James Madison, Merrill Springs and Warner Park sites.

2016 Dog Park Improvements – City Wide

Construction is complete for entrance improvements at Quann Dog Park. Staff has received bids for entrance improvements at Brittingham Dog Park to install a double gated entrance and improve accessibility. Bids were received in August and awarded to the low bidder Raymond P. Cattell Inc. for \$21,410.00. Work is underway at Brittingham and is expected to be complete by November 11th.

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 were completed in June and work to install trees at Elver, Garner, Goodman, Marshall, Olin, Thut and Vilas Parks was completed at the end of October. Both of the contracts include a maintenance year (2017) to help ensure establishment of the trees.

Cherokee Park Canoe/Kayak launch – North Side

Work on the project to re-grade and improve the canoe/kayak launch site at Cherokee Park was completed on October 20th. The neighborhood's choice to relocate the existing canoe/kayak storage racks at the park approximately 100 feet north of the improved launch location will be completed by Parks staff by the end of the month. Additional native plantings will be installed near the racks by way of providing screening in spring 2017 under a separate contract.

Sugar Maple Park – Far West Side

Rough grading work at the site began in July along with the installation of stormwater lines and inlets. A new path and half basketball court and sun shelter will be constructed with this project. Paving of the path and half basketball court will be completed by the end of September. The remaining work is anticipated to be complete by mid November.

Waldorf Park Master Planning – West Side

Site and grading plans are being developed with rough grading and drainage improvements are anticipated to occur in late 2016 or early 2017 with construction of park amenities and improvements in 2017. A follow-up meeting will be held with the neighborhood on November 3, 2016 as part of the 2017 Playgrounds – Group 2 workshop to determine the type of equipment and surfacing to be installed at the park.

Brittingham Park Sidewalk Extension

Work has been completed on a new section of sidewalk extending from the existing bike path crossing of North Shore Drive to S. Bedford St. The project was awarded to Speedway Sand and Gravel, Inc for \$74,020.

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 be completed in November 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 for field validated observation of park users in a sample selection of parks. Volunteer efforts thus far have resulted in approximately 500 observations. Staff is also distributing comment cards at park events as well as libraries, community centers, neighborhood centers and the senior centers to gather input on recreation preferences. Comment cards are being distributed in English, Hmong and Spanish languages. Staff also distributed a Request for Proposals for a consultant to facilitate community visioning sessions and engagement workshops as part of the development of the Park and Open Space Plan. Parks is also involved in the Planning Division's Comprehensive Park Plan interagency core team and will coordinate efforts with the Comprehensive Plans adopted Engagement Strategy. The Park and Open Space Plan implementation strategy outline was presented to the Long Range Planning Subcommittee on June 28, 2016 with an update provided on September 1, 2016.

Reynolds Tennis- Near East

Staff issued a Request for Quotation for a modular athletic court surfacing for the existing tennis courts at Reynolds Park, the contract was awarded to CDC Holdings Co – Sport Court WI for \$50,013.50. Staff presented this project at the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Meeting on September 8, 2016. This court will be installed in spring 2017.

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 in 2017. Staff has designed and will bid a public works contract for the rehabilitation of the storm sewer draining the ice rink and replacement of the control valve. First Ad is expected to be Dec 9th and start work is expected in June 2017. Estimated cost for storm sewer repair is \$47,000.

Reger Park - East

Staff has designed a temporary asphalt drive apron serving the path at Reger Park from Oak St. An asphalt drive apron has been added here and is expected to be sufficient until a permanent concrete apron can be placed as part of the reconstruction in the next few years. Approx 140' of the asphalt path through Reger Park has been replaced to align with the new drive apron and avoid a large Elm tree in the street terrace. This work has been awarded to Raymond P Cattell Inc by change order in the amount of \$19,825.50. Work was completed on Oct 24th, 2016.

Playground Workshops – City Wide

Staff will hold three playground workshops 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 2017 Capital Budget Submission. The first playground workshop was held on October 19th and addressed playground replacement projects at Baxter, Sunridge, Westmorland and Zook Park. The second playground workshop will be held on November 3rd and will address playground replacement projects at Bordner, Country Grove, Waldorf, and Wexford Park. The third playground workshop will be held on November 19th and will address playground replacement projects at Brigham, Lake Edge, McGinnis and Tenney Park (island playground).

Tenney Park (Island Playground) – Central/East

Staff will hold a playground workshop on November 19th to talk about Tenney Park playground replacement. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract).

Brigham Park Playground - East

Staff will hold a playground workshop on November 19th to talk about Tenney Park playground replacement. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract).

Lake Edge Park Playground - East

Staff will hold a playground workshop on November 19th to talk about Tenney Park playground replacement. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract).

McGinnis Park Playground - East

Staff will hold a playground workshop on November 19th to talk about Tenney Park playground replacement. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract).

Goodman Pool Expansion- Central / South

Staff has been coordinated with the Madison Parks Foundation to create designs and cost estimates for a grant application for expansion of the Goodman Pool.

Other Projects

- Staff submitted a 2016 update to the Trust for Public Lands parks survey.
- 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 and Owen Conservation Area.
- 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 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 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.
- Staff worked with Purchasing to issue a Request for Quotes for the weeding maintenance of Warner Park traffic islands near the Mallards complex
- Staff will begin working on completing stormwater management annual certifications. These need to be completed by Nov 30th, 2016.
- Parks Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Breakwater and Dredging project. The first public input meeting was held on October 17th.
- Parks staff will be working with Building and Construction Trades Council Of South Central Wisconsin to site an assessable fishing pier in Vilas Park on Lake Wingra. Parks staff is exploring possible locations, costs, and required permits.

Projects Completed in 2016

- Staff coordinated invasive plant removals along the Yahara Parkway.
- Staff coordinated installation of additional splash park features at Elver splash park.
- 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
- Cardinal Glenn Park Playground expansion/resurfacing
- Garner Park Pickleball Court Complex
- Honeysuckle Park Playground
- Kingston-Onyx Park Playground
- This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. The Kingston-Onyx Park playground replacement was completed in late September.
- This project was bid with the 2016 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract. The Honeysuckle Park playground replacement was completed in late July.
- Lerdahl Playground
- Midland Park Playground
- Quarry Park Trails Usage Plan
- Reynolds Park field re-grading (ongoing field rest through 2017)
- Rimrock Park Playground
- Sidewalk along Drake Street at Vilas Park
- Parks Division Rain Garden Management (maintenance ongoing)
- Spring Parks Division Tree Planting (maintenance ongoing)
- Sun shelter at Owl Creek Park
- Sun shelter at Junction Ridge Park
- Sun shelter at Sauk Heights Park
- Demolition of the house located at 2049 Baird Street for expansion of Penn Park.
- 2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements
- Lake Edge Restroom and Shelter
- Rimrock Park basketball court
- Tenney Park restoration including installation of over 30,000 native forbs, grasses, sedges; over 800 shrubs; and over 200 trees.
- Westmorland Park Path
- Berkley Park Playground
- Wheeler Heights Park Playground
- Sun shelter at Cardinal Glenn Park
- Fall Parks Division Tree Planting (maintenance ongoing)
- Canoe/kayak launch improvements at Cherokee Park
- Brittingham Park Sidewalk Extension

- Reger Park Path Paving and drive apron
- Raymond Ridge Park Playground
- Waunona Park Playground
- Installation of additional shade shelters at Reindahl and Elver splash pads.
- Installation of additional splash features at Elver splash pad.
- Installation of memorial benches at Tenney Park.
- 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 worked with Purchasing to issue a Request for Quotes for park benches which will ensure pricing for the Madison Kay Park bench through 2018