

## **MAY 2013 WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES**

### **EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR**

The weather has continued to be a major issue for us this spring. The cold and snow lasted longer than normal, and once it warmed up a bit, the rain started. As a result we had to cancel every athletic event for about three weeks. Parks did a really good job publishing and sharing our field cancelation notices. As a result, we only had two fields that suffered significant turf damage.

We have been very busy installing soccer and lacrosse fields. We've also been doing everything we can to try to get softball games in. Our crew has done a fantastic job getting everything we needed done in a small amount of time.

We are almost done hiring our vacant Parks Equipment Mechanic 1 position. Overall, we had very strong candidates and I'm confident that whomever we decide to hire will work out great. Our seasonal hiring process is complete as well. In late April, we started to bring a small number of seasonals back for the season. We are just waiting for the grass to start growing again before we bring in additional staff.

We had a great Earth Day event again this year. We want to thank all the hard working volunteers that help keep our parks looking great. Some other projects we've been working on include: turf repair, trash picking, restroom/shelter cleaning, pruning, brush pickup, converting equipment over for summer use, and getting things ready for mowing season. Special events are picking up too. It's going to be a busy and productive spring.

### **WEST PARKS – LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR**

Throughout April, we wrapped up winter operations by finishing repairing and painting hockey boards and switching equipment over for the growing season. In addition, crews made great progress in picnic table and trash barrel maintenance despite being behind schedule from the winter. Over the last half of the month tables and barrels were moved back into the parks. The most challenging part of the month, once again, was the weather and the extreme moisture conditions. All of our fields were closed for nearly two weeks, causing teams to cancel some games and start practices later. The athletic crew was able to begin grooming all ball diamonds and fields are now playable. Conditions and workload did not warrant bringing seasonal staff as normal this time of year, instead four returning seasonals started the last week of the month. We wrapped up the month with staff leading the Earth Day Challenge in Olin, Vilas and Marlborough, in addition to the efforts of volunteers many neighborhood organized events.

Heading into May, it looks like we are off to yet another rainy start. Crews continue to prepare the parks for the growing season by repairing snow plow damage, picking trash, debris and branches. We are taking advantage of the weather by doing some field repairs, consisting of aerivating and overseeding. In addition, we're gearing up for full staffing levels, which we will reach by the end of the month. We will also be implementing a new orientation program for our seasonal staff as they come on board. Reservations are beginning to pick up and the landscape is starting to come to life. We will likely begin mowing operations the first week of May as necessary. In addition we will be scheduling a clean-up project in at the Goodman Pool prior to it's opening in early June. It will be a great month for all to get out and enjoy the parks.

### **CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY**

April showers would be a vast understatement of the amount of rain received during the month. January thru April 2013 was the all-time wettest start of the year in recorded history in Wisconsin. A combination of factors exacerbated by the excess rainfall, have caused flooding along the Yahara River in Cherokee Marsh. Lake Mendota (which effects water levels in the Upper Yahara) exceeded the summer maximum elevation for most of April. Flooding causes "bogs" to break free in Cherokee Marsh causing habitat loss, and nutrients deposited in the remaining peat wetlands degrades them

Wet conditions challenged our ability to perform controlled burns. We did complete burns at North Cherokee, and Owen. Hope to get in a few more in May before it gets too green.

The Operation Fresh Start crews continued to make good progress on the oak savanna restoration initiative at Cherokee Marsh, Edna Taylor, and Turville Point. They are cutting exotic shrubs, and thinning the tree canopy around large oaks.

On April 27 over 60 volunteers attended the Earth Challenge event at South Cherokee. They planted over 4,000 wetland tubers along the shoreline of the ponds constructed last year. The plantings will enhance wildlife habitat for a variety of species.

## **ALL CONCOURSE – TOM SKAIFE, SUPERVISOR; LAURA BAUER, LEADSWORKER**

Madison has finally been released from the cold weather for a few months, and here at Mall/Concourse we've been very busy. April highlights include:

- Spring banner installation on the pedestrian light poles
- Planter preparation and planting with pansies by the BID contractor
- Winter sand and debris swept from the sidewalks
- Bus shelter washing
- Winter equipment being stored for the summer
- Benches and trash receptacles from Marlin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. brought in for cleaning and painting.

This coming month we expect to aerify, fertilize, and begin mowing the grass in the downtown area. We're testing an organic fertilizer formulation to see how the results compare to conventional fertilizer. The raised grass beds around the Capitol Square receive a surprising amount of foot traffic from school groups, as well as from events throughout the summer, and we're stepping up the maintenance in an effort to relieve soil compaction, provide better growing conditions for the grass, and make the areas more inviting.

The downtown special event season is picking up, as it always does this time of year. There are two large runs in May, the Syttende Mai Run and the Madison Marathon, in addition to the March for Babies walk. The Street Use Staff Commission sees applications for new runs and walks every year, and has begun to discuss whether the isthmus is reaching a saturation point. These events, while very popular with participants, cause frequent bus route disruptions, street closures, detours, and general inconvenience for residents.

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

Cold and rainy weather really hampered what we could accomplish in April. We did most of the cleanup of winter decorations and tree debris for winter storms. We were not able to get into sections to tamp and backfill winter graves, which needs to be done before sodding. At least the grass hasn't begun to grow yet, but it won't be long now.

Forest Hill staffing is at 6.6 permanent employees and 1 seasonal, with one additional starting the 29<sup>th</sup>. April burial numbers, lot sales and total revenue are as follows:

Interments: 10      Disinterments: 1      Entombments: 33      Lot Sales: 5      April Revenue: \$28,519.00

## **OLBRICH GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY**

HGA continues the planning and work continues for Olbrich's renovation and expansion project planning. Only one public meeting remains – here is more information.

Public Stakeholder Meeting 1, Tuesday, January 15 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Pre-Design: **Evaluate & Refine Planning Concept**

Completed: video, presentation and notes available

Public Stakeholder Meeting 2, Thursday, February 21 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Pre-Design: **Final Planning Concept Presentation**

Completed: video, presentation and notes available

Public Stakeholder Meeting 3, Mon, March 25 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Schematic Design: **Initial Concepts**

Completed: video, presentation, and notes available

Public Stakeholder Meeting 4, Mon, April 22 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Schematic Design: **Evaluate & Refine Concept**

Completed: video, presentation and notes available

**All materials relating to the above meetings are available at**

<http://www.olbrich.org/about/expansionproject.cfm>

Public Stakeholder Meeting 5, Mon, May 20 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Final Schematic Design Presentation**

## **Visitor comment from the past month:**

*Hello, I'd like to know more about the gravel you use in the outdoor garden, particularly in the pathways,  
Thank you! (Phyllis T) Response from librarian: Quartzite screenings from Michael's materials with contact information.*

## Numbers

<b>OBG Attendance</b> (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
March 1 – 31	18,642	18,756
YTD March 31	39,019	41,437
<b>Total Member Households (individuals*) Feb 28</b>	6,519 (11,475)	6,158 (9,426)

*\*based on the number of membership cards issued*

<b>OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories</b> (unaudited)	<b>YTD 3/31/2013</b>	<b>YTD 3/31/2012</b>
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$19,737	\$14,181
Room Rentals YTD*	\$38,366	\$35,260
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$4,174	\$35,260
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>\$62,277</b>	<b>\$50,996</b>

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

**May Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens** call **608-246-4550** for more info

**Bolz Conservatory Light Gaps Exhibit**, through – July 14, 10 am – 4 pm

**Leaf Mulch Sale – Load Your Own:** ongoing 10 am - 4 pm daily while supplies last

**Herb Day**, Sunday, May 5, 9:30 – 3:30 pm by the Madison Herbal Institute

**Dahlia Sale**, Sunday, May 5, 12 – 2 pm by the Badger State Dahlia Society

**National Public Gardens Day**, Friday, May 10

**Olbrich's Plant Sale With the Pros** May 10 - 11

Early Bird Shopping for Olbrich Circle Members May 10, 9 -11 am; \$20 entrance fee for non Circle

Regular Shopping - Friday, May 10, 11 am – 6 pm and Saturday, May 11, 9 am – 3 pm

**Sundowner's/Crosstown African Violet Club Sale**, Sat, May 11, 9 am – 4 pm

**Badger Bonsai Show**, Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19, 10 am – 5 pm

**Leaf Mulch Sale – Full Service:** Thursday, May 23, 12 – 5 pm and Friday, May 24, 12 – 5 pm

**Education – May classes and programs** call **608/246-4550** for info/registration or visit [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)

### **Wellness at the Gardens**

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

Yogalates, Wednesdays, Jan 9 – May 22 5:30 – 6:30 pm

### **Classes & Workshops for Adults**

Spring Has Sprung: Herbs for Food and Medicine, Tuesdays, May 7 – June 4 (No class 5/21), 6 – 9 pm

Ornamental Container Gardens, Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

### **Learn & Play Together**

**Toddler Story & Stroll: Celebrate Spring Series -- Full With Waiting Lists!**

**Rain**, Fri, May 3, 10 – 11 am

**Flowers**, Fri, May 10, 10 – 11 am

**Birds**, Fri, May 17, 10 – 11 am

## **FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY**

<b>Forestry Section</b>	<b>Total Trees</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Cycle Pruning	129	222.75
Pruned by Request	205	112.5
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	805	208.5
Tree Removal	260	623
Storm Work/Hangers		69.5
Unfilled Vacancy		320

*\*These hours and numbers are incomplete because of the monthly report due date.*

The month of April was a pretty soggy one. Our spring planting was delayed 2 weeks since the tree nurseries were not able to get into their fields to dig our trees.

The Forestry Section did complete the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) branch sampling. No EAB larvae were found. Both East and West Forestry began the preemptive removal of 200 ash street trees found in poor condition. The preemptive removals were approved by the City Council last September. The west unit completed their 100 preemptive removals. The east unit is still in process and will most likely complete their preemptive removals after spring planting season (May).

Forestry Specialists have been preparing for the spring planting season by checking on underground utility locates and adjusting planting sites to avoid conflicts. They have also been reviewing Engineering Reconstruction and Resurfacing projects to make sure contractors are not damaging street trees. The sidewalk replacement program was put on hold for a couple of weeks because of the rainfall. The forestry specialists began working on overtime to review the EAB preemptive removals for tree replacement. The goal is to review these sites so that the Streets Division can begin grubbing the stumps after they complete their street sweeping operations.

The Forestry Section celebrates 24 years as a designated *Tree City USA* by The Arbor Day Foundation. We also received a growth award for starting a Heritage Tree Program. We planted trees with the following Madison Schools for Arbor Week:

- Emerson Elementary – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students planted a 'New Horizon' Elm at Demetral Park
- Thoreau Elementary- Kindergarten class planted a Swamp White Oak at Nakoma Park
- Crestwood Elementary – grade 2/3 class planted a 'Princeton' American Elm at Bordner Park
- Sherman Middle School – Wild Warner Science Club planted a Swamp White Oak at Warner Park

Mayor Soglin participated in the tree planting with Emerson Elementary and Alders Palm and Cheeks also attended planting events within their Aldermanic District.

The Forestry Section planted a tree for the Parks Division Earth Day event with Lakeview Elementary.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT – CHRIS PEDRETTI**

Spring was slow to arrive in April, but we did have successful volunteer events during the month. The annual Dog Park Clean Up Day brought many volunteers to all of our dog parks. Besides the "poop pickup" volunteers helped with a number of projects around the parks including spreading mulch, litter pickup, and invasive weed control. We also had our Arbor Day celebrations in the parks and our Earth Day Challenge on Saturday, April 27. Over 560 volunteers registered for projects throughout our parks. The weather cooperated and the volunteers were able to accomplish many great things throughout the parks. The Madison Parks Division wants to say a big Thank You to all of our volunteers that do so much to help maintain and improve our parks.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Thursday, May 2: Disc Golf courses officially open and begin the new pay-to-play system. All revenues collected will go back into maintaining and improving the disc golf courses.
- Sunday, May 5: Big Rig Gig and Kids to Kids Garage Sale at Elver Park. An exciting change for this year is the combining of these two great events. The large number of families who have enjoyed the Big Rig Gig in the past will also be able to enjoy the garage sale led by kids for kids. We are also planning this same event in the fall at Warner Park.
- Saturday, May 11: Fresh Air Craft Fair at Elver Park. An exciting new event featuring local crafters, music, and events. Another fall craft fair will be held on the East Side.
- Friday, May 17: Moonlight Movie Series celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Madison Parks Foundation, and sponsored by Zimbrick, Madison Mallards and Madison Parks. We will be showing the family movie classic "E.T." at Olbrich Park.
- May 4, May 6, May 22, June 2: Walk with a Doc. Our successful walking program led by local Physicians will continue throughout the year at various park locations.
- May 25-26-27: Multi-Guard beaches at Olbrich, Tenney, Vilas and BB Clarke will open from 12pm-4pm for the Memorial Day Weekend only. The beaches will remain on a limited opening schedule until schools are out and all beaches open for the summer.
- Ride the Drive: Planning for the events is in full swing, the downtown event will be Sunday, June 2, with the neighborhood Ride the Drive being held on the West Side on a route that includes Garner Park and Rennebohm Park, Sunday, Aug. 18.

### Park Rangers – Josh Schmitt

- Report – March, 2013: The attached report is designed to track the types of contacts that the Park Ranger staff is having and where the contact is located.

Month								
–	Alcohol related issue	Behavioral Ban	Check area/ Foot Patrol	Citizen Complaint Taken	Positive Customer Contact	Damage to Prop	Dog Viol	Drugs
Aug	23	16		7	38	5	8	
Sept	15	4		8	44	4	6	
Oct	7	11	1	6	32	1	2	1
Nov	2	0	2	4	2	0	1	0
Dec	3	0	15	0	19	1	4	0
2012 ytd total	50	31	18	25	135	11	21	1
<b>2013</b>								
Jan	6	0	26	0	45	4	4	0
Feb	3	1	13	0	70	4	6	0
Mar	2	0	10	2	35	0	18	2
Apr								

- having and where the contact is located.

Month								
	Event without reservation	Found Property	Graffiti	No Permanent Address Issue	Incident	Maintenance Needed	Misc	Not open
Aug	2		5			18	20	9
Sept	1		3	36		48	46	10
Oct	1		4	10	1	20	3	13
Nov	0	3	1	6	0	0	0	2
Dec	0	8	0	2	6	1	0	6
2012 ytd total	4	11	13	54	7	87	69	41
<b>2013</b>								
Jan	1	7	1	11	13	17	1	1
Feb	0	14	0	19	11	39	0	8
Mar	0	4	3	9	2	7	1	8
Apr								

Month							
–	Overflowing trash	Parking Issue	Sport without reservation	Vandalism	Negative Reports	Positive Reports	Ratio Negative Divided by Positive
August	3		0	5	96	58	1.65
September	1		1	3	176	90	1.88
October	0	4	0	8	80	35	2.29
November	0	0	0	0	21	2	10.5
December	1	3	0	1	51	19	2.68
2012 ytd total	5	7	1	17	404	204	1.98
<b>2013</b>							
January	6	9	0	2	108	46	2.34
February	0	20	0	2	140	70	2
March	2	11	1	1	81	35	2.31
April							

TOP 5 PARKS PER CALL					
–	1	2	3	4	5
August	Warner	Olbrich	Britt	Reindahl	Olin
September	Warner	Reindahl	Britt	Tenney	Olbrich
October	Warner	Olin	Vilas	Reindahl	Tenney
November	Warner	Mayfair	Olin	Penn	Brittingham
December	Tenney	Warner	Garner	Door	Olbrich
<b>2013</b>					
January	Tenney	Olbrich	Warner	Demetral	Elver
<b>Top 5 Parks per Negative Call</b>					
February	Warner	Olbrich	Brittingham	Tenney	James Madison
March	Olbrich	Warner	Elver	Door creek	Olin
April					

### WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – BRAD WEISINGER

#### Admissions and Passes

	YTD 2012	YTD 2013	% Rev Budget	% Change
Pass Plans	\$30,878.00	\$30,447.70	48%	-1%
Admissions	\$11,522.00	\$12,971.00	32%	12%

#### Concessions and Catering

Calendar Year	March Revenue	Revenue YTD	% Rev budget	% Change
2012	\$651.16	\$4,985.48		
2013	\$667.20	\$3,866.90	28%	-10%

#### Exercise Room, Game Room and Open Gym

	2012	2012	2013	2013
Service Area	March Visits	YTD Visits	March Visits	YTD Visits
Exercise Room	3,417	11,198	3,492	10,548
Game Room	166	578	200	530
Open Gym	335	1283	823	2022
Combined Totals	3,918	13,059	4,515	13,100

#### Facility Rentals

Calendar Year	February rental totals	No. Free	% Free	Rentals YTD	Free Rentals YTD	% Free YTD	YTD Revenue	% Rev budget
2012	103	46	45%	204	86	42%	\$15,008.34	
2013	101	38	38%	199	76	38%	\$10,401.75	19%

Calendar Year	YTD hrs	YTD hrly participations
2012	502.55	23,317
2013	343.00	24,461

#### Playroom Revenues

	2008	2008 NPC	Grand Total	2009	2009 NPC	Grand Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Jan	\$105.00	\$37.50	\$142.50	\$81.00	\$37.50	\$118.50	\$75.00	\$279.50	\$107.00	\$103.50	-3%
Feb	\$188.50	\$37.50	\$226.00	\$64.50	\$67.50	\$132.00	\$104.50	\$113.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	7%
Mar	\$236.00	\$37.50	\$273.50	\$137.50	\$37.50	\$175.00	\$63.00	\$148.00	\$79.00	\$52.50	-34%
Annual Total	\$529.50	\$112.50	\$642.00	\$283.00	\$142.50	\$425.50	\$242.50	\$540.50	\$256.00	\$231.00	-9%

#### YTD 2013 Age Profile

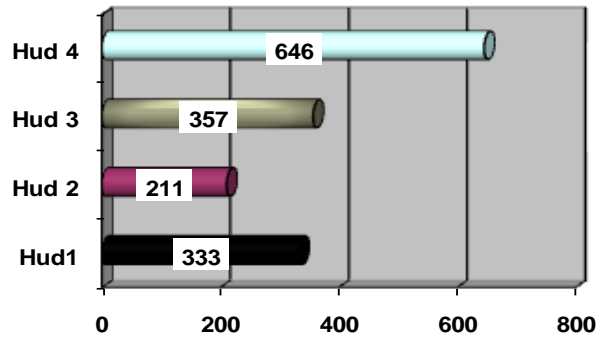
2013 Jan-March,      Preschool – Elementary	226
Middle and High School Activity	
Middle and High School Early Release	469
Middle School Socials	785
Youth Basketball Games	900
Youth Basketball Practices	800
Structured Service	230
Neighborhood Center Nights	275
Total Youth	3,685

## YTD Income Compliance

HUD 1	HUD 2	HUD 3	HUD 4
\$0-\$29,000	\$15,351-\$48,300	\$25,601-\$75,900	\$40,250-\$75,900+

Income levels are based on households with 1 – 8 family members.

58% compliance - YTD



## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE**

### **Tenney Park Maintenance Bridge**

The contractor poured the bridge deck the last week of March. The parapet walls were poured the first week of April. The contractor started pulling the sheet piling out the third week of April. We're on schedule for completion by Memorial Day.

### **Highland Manor Open Space**

We advertised for a consultant to develop the plans and specifications to construct the shelter and supporting infrastructure (limited parking and storm sewer improvements) in April and received 7 submittals. We will be reviewing the submittals and making a decision on the consultant the last week of April.

### **Blackhawk Park**

Development of plans to incorporate two additional playground components and resolve drainage issues is underway. The neighborhood has provided their share of the funding to move forward with the project (\$15,000); playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed this summer. The community representatives are also supportive of the proposed shelter design. Quotes for the shelter structure were reviewed and a purchase order is in-process for the low bidder.

### **Central Park**

Final plans and specifications are nearly complete for Phase 1A of the construction in 2013; comments have been received from the DOT and are being addressed. The contract is now scheduled to go out for bid in May, with construction estimated to start in late July (getting the project out for bid has been delayed due to the Federal/DOT approval process related to the Federal earmark requirements). Real Estate has completed the acquisition of the necessary ROW easements for the construction of the Few Street Crossing; development of the construction drawings for Phase 1B (including the transportation/bike path improvements along Wilson Street) is underway. Construction of Phase 1B may not occur until 2014 due to delays from the railroad and the Federal/DOT requirements.



### **Reindahl Park Splash Pad**

Staff presented the Reindahl Splash Pad final concept to the Urban Design Commission on April 3rd. The Urban Design Commission approved the design with minor modifications to the building. Staff has reviewed and provided comments to the 50% and 90% construction plans. 100% construction plans and specifications are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. The project is scheduled to go to the Board of Public Works for approval to advertise on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Tenney Park/Yahara River Parkway**

Staff held a public input meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> with the Friends of Yahara Parkway to discuss the ongoing historic restoration proposed for 2013. The project was approved by the Park Commission on April 10<sup>th</sup> and Tallgrass Restoration was awarded the contract for the low bid price of \$12,760. Staff also purchased over 200 native plants from Prairie Moon Nursery which will be installed by the Friends on their workday April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Park Native Plantings**

Tallgrass Restoration was awarded the contract for 2013 Park Native Plantings Installation and Maintenance for the low bid of \$36,070.20. Herbicide applications, native seeding and planting will begin in April and May for the following parks: Baxter Park, Giddings Park, Hoyt Park, James Madison Park, and Mayfair Park.

### **Odana Golf Course**

Staff is working on design improvements for the HWY 12/Beltline landscape buffer at the Odana Golf Course related to the ATC construction. Design improvements include landscaping, fencing and berms to provide a visual and sound buffer between the golf course and HWY 12.

### **Reservoir Park**

Staff held a public input meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed playground improvements which are anticipated to begin construction this fall. Staff will be meeting with the Reservoir Park playground design committee to review two playground design options in May. Staff is also working with the Water Utility on the design and plans for slope stabilization along the reservoir in conjunction with the construction of the new Booster Pump Station at Reservoir Park.

### **Reynolds Park Playground**

Staff held a public input meeting April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed playground improvements which are anticipated to begin construction this fall. Staff is scheduled to meet with the Reynolds Park playground design committee to review two playground design options on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Park Landscaping**

The annual park landscaping contract was awarded to Dan Larsen Landscaping with a bid of \$50,646.50. This contract includes plantings at Burrows, BB Clarke, Glenwood, Hammersley, Hiestand, Lost Creek, Marshall, Olive Jones, Spring Harbor Park, Tenney, Vilas, Warner, and Westmorland Parks and Glenway and Odana Golf Courses, and memorial tree plantings, including pilot edible landscaping projects for park signs without landscaping.

### **Cypress Spray Park Shade Structure**

Construction has begun on the installation and associated site work for the shade structure at Cypress Park. The work is scheduled to be completed before the spray park opens for the season.

### **Playgrounds**

The installation of a new swing set at James Madison Park is nearly complete; improvements to the playground at Goodman Park are also underway. Discussions with the neighborhood regarding playground projects at Eastmorland and Worthington Parks are scheduled to begin soon.

### **Nakoma Park Playground**

Parks staff and Alder Maurice Cheeks held the project kick-off meeting on April 8th at Thoreau Elementary School. The project goals, budget, and construction timeframe were discussed. Neighbors were asked to identify their preferences for the character of the new equipment and to form a smaller committee to follow the project's development. Since the meeting, the community has started fundraising with the goal to have an additional \$10,000 to add to the project. Parks staff is in contact with the school principal as well as MMSD to discuss the project. Two primary areas of concern are construction access across school property and construction activity in the park during the school year. Site plans have been submitted to the equipment vendor for concepts and pricing.

### **Warner Park Boat Launch Dredging**

We will be removing around 300 CY of material, then come back in December 2013 to complete the project. Bids for this contract were opened March 1<sup>st</sup>, low bid was Raymond P. Cattell, Inc., at \$95,788.50. The DNR permit is going through the required 30-day public notification period before approval; anticipating permit approval in mid May.

### **Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements**

Parks staff and Strand Engineering continue to work on costs and packaging options for the installation of a new PA system and new more efficient light fixtures for Breese Stevens Field. These improvements have been budgeted for in 2013, with installation planned for October/November. 90% plans/specs are due to us the last week of April. First ad for bid is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff submitted a variance request to the Building Code Board because we were unable to meet the ordinance requirement of 0.5 foot candles at 10 ft off the property line; the Board approved our variance request on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Breese Stevens Field Concrete Deck Repairs**

This work is to be done in between the spring and fall seasons, anticipated to be July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The contract was put out for bid in April with bids due April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tenney Park Lagoon Control Structure**

Staff developed plans and specifications for bidding the replacement of the control structure for the Tenney Lagoon. The project is currently advertised for bid, with a bid opening date of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Construction is scheduled for fall 2013 (the replacement gate has a long lead-time for fabrication).

### **Tenney Park – Thornton Avenue Reconstruction**

Staff is working with Engineering on the reconstruction of Thornton Ave through Tenney Park. The low bidder was Speedway Sand and Gravel with a bid of \$253,927.70. Construction started April 3<sup>rd</sup> in part due to the late spring; work is progressing.

### **Rennebohm Park Tennis Court Lighting Improvements**

Continuing to work on plans and specs for the removal/replacement of the tennis court lights at Rennebohm Park. In February we worked with Musco Lighting on revisions of the pole placement and fixture aiming in an effort to minimize trespass light. We can't meet the ordinance requirement of 0.5 foot candles at 10' off the property line so we are required to go to the Building Code Board for a variance. We will present the plan to the BCB on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The lights will be replaced after the tennis season is over (October/November 2013).

### **Bowman Field**

Strand Associates is developing phasing options for the new lighting design and will review the options with Parks staff. The overall project includes plans, specifications and estimates for the upgrading of the electrical distribution system, the removal/replacement of the athletic field lights for the baseball diamond as well as input/costs for the removal and replacement of the softball diamond lighting systems in out years. The baseball lighting improvements and distribution improvements have been budgeted for in 2013.

### **Wingra Park**

Working with our Construction crew on a minor re-grading plan and a new backstop for the softball diamond at Wingra Park. Plans are to replace the old backstop and feather topsoil onto the softball diamond outfield to remove the "humps/dips" that have appeared over the years.

### **Tennis Court Resurfacing**

Courts to be resurfaced in 2013 are Odana Hills East (3 courts); Wexford (2 courts); and Kennedy Parks (2 courts). Bids were due in March; the low bidder was Fahrner Asphalt Sealers at \$39,933.50. They will get started as soon as the temperatures are warm enough.

### **Brittingham Park at Proudfit**

Staff held a second neighborhood meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> to review concepts for the path and seating area. Staff received input on the seating area, path connections, and potential uses for the area. Initial contact has been made with railroad representatives and the proposed sidewalk crossing will be submitted to the OCR in late April. The third and final neighborhood meeting is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parks staff is also consulting with MPD to complete a CPTED analysis of the design and provide comments.

### **Warner Park Bike Path**

Staff is working with City Engineering on a project to replace the bike path and associated ancillary trails in Warner Park. The bike path will be upgraded to meet current AASHTO standards, and two bridges will be replaced to meet these standards as well as ADA-accessibility requirements. A public input meeting was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and the project was presented to the Park Commission on March 13<sup>th</sup>. A decision regarding the project was referred to the April meeting to provide time for staff to tour the project site with Park Commission members and answer any questions. The Park Commission approved the project at their April meeting and Engineering is in the process of finalizing plans and specs.

### **Olbrich Botanical Complex Roofing Project**

The roof replacement project was advertised and bids were opened in January. Joe Daniels Construction was the low bidder at \$1,060,000. The pre-construction meeting was held in mid-March and construction has started.

### **Olbrich Botanical Complex Bathroom Addition**

The ADA-accessible bathroom project at Olbrich was advertised for bid in February. Bids were opened March 1<sup>st</sup> and Scherrer Construction was the low bidder at \$271,826. Construction will begin in late-April with substantial completion in early August.

### **Olbrich Botanical Complex Facility Planning**

The building expansion project held its forth public input meeting on April 22nd. Three concepts were presented, with one identified as the Olbrich Board of Director's preferred option. This option has a preliminary cost estimate range of \$14,300,000 to \$17,300,000. The project's core team continues to meet bi-weekly to discuss and review materials prepared by the design consultant. All of these projects are managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Forest Hill Cemetery**

Masonry repairs will continue in 2013 for the buildings at Forest Hill Cemetery. Some work was completed in 2012 on the Chapel and the Receiving Vault buildings. Bids are due on additional work for both of these buildings at the end of March. This work should complete the preservation of the Receiving Vault and the restoration of the Chapel. The repointing of the remainder of the office will be bid out after we evaluate priorities for the remaining funding in 2013. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Garver Mill**

The study is well under way with emphasis on gathering data. 'What Makes a Brick Happy', the first of a series of presentations to the public was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Olbrich Gardens. This meeting helped to communicate the conditions for making successful masonry wall repairs and discussed techniques used to evaluate the condition of the masonry distress at Garver. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Northland Manor Storm Sewer Replacement**

Staff is working with City Engineering on a storm sewer replacement project in Northland Manor Park. The existing corrugated metal pipe running southwest to northeast through the park is failing and needs replacement this year. Engineering would also like to install an additional connection from this line south to address some of the flooding and icing issues experienced on Northland Drive as part of the reconstruction of the road this summer. The storm sewer project will be completed by Engineering staff, and the work will be scheduled to minimize impacts to park reservations and activities to the extent possible. This project has been approved administratively by the Parks Superintendent.

### **Booster Pump Station 106 Reconstruction in Reservoir Park**

Staff has been working with the Water Utility regarding the booster pump station reconstruction project at Reservoir Park. Reservoir Park is owned by the Water Utility but used and maintained as a neighborhood park. Staff is coordinating with the Water Utility and assisting in the development of landscape plans that will address the disturbed areas from the construction, but also stabilize the existing slopes around the reservoir. Legislative File ID 28906, 29228, 29498, and 29570 can provide additional details on this project.

### **Other Projects**

- Staff is working with the City's Grant Writer to prepare a submission for DNR Land Acquisition Funding for the expansion of Merrill Springs Park which is due on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Staff has been working with Engineering and the Spring Harbor Neighborhood on the design of the landscaping within the University Avenue right of way along Spring Harbor Park.
- Working on designing improvements for Sycamore Dog Park and Quann Dog Park.

- Working with City Engineering on a shoreline restoration project at Paunack Park. Plans and specs are out for bid and construction is anticipated in fall.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold and Hoyt Park.
- Parks lighting projects are underway to replace lighting with more energy-efficient fixtures. Replacements have been underway at Olbrich Botanical Complex, Brittingham, and Goodman Building B. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff; Parks Operations staff are replacing the fixtures as the new fixtures arrive.
- Identified potential locations to plant trees for various Earth Day and Arbor Week events in April.