

JULY 2013 WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR

What a difference a year makes... Last year at this time we suspended mowing operations and were reducing our seasonal hours by 2/5 because the drought had started. We were working on projects such as removing invasive species and landscaping. This year, the rain won't stop. Grass mowing and string trimming continue to take priority over most other operations. The majority of our staff continues to work on keeping our parks, medians, and greenways mowed, trimmed, and looking good.

In addition to mowing operations we have been continuing to work on making improvements to Olbrich softball diamonds. We are installing markers in the clay that don't interfere with play, but allow us to line the diamonds without taking measurements. This is allowing us to get the diamonds prepped faster and more efficiently. We are in the process of flail mowing areas in managed meadows that have noxious weeds. We are preparing Warner Park and the surrounding areas for Rhythm and Booms. Soon we will be aerating, overseeding, and fertilizing our athletic fields at Warner and Breese Stevens.

This is, also, a very exciting time for East Parks. We will soon be filling three permanent Parks Maintenance Worker Positions. The closing date for applications is July 1st. We look forward to meeting, interviewing, and hiring great candidates.

WEST PARKS – LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR

The month of June has brought more rain and, along with that, great grass growing conditions. Crews continued to mow and string trim on their routes, but the grass continued to grow so quickly that it proved challenging to keep up with it. Crews spent a good deal of time early in the month weeding and mulching at Goodman Pool and at Cypress Spray Park for the opening of the summer season. In addition, crews did some fine detailing and prep work for Penn's Juneteenth celebration. Towards the end of the month, we had an Operation Fresh Start Crew join us that worked at Marshall Park doing some additional clearing and prepping areas of the park for forestry mower work. West Parks and Operation Fresh Start crews worked together at Elver Park to prepare for the fireworks by doing more extensive brush clearing and weeding projects around the ball diamonds as well as weeding and mulching. In addition, we did some additional aerivating and overseeding of damaged turf at a number of parks that were hit hard by last year's drought.

We are starting off July with many Fourth of July celebrations. With Elver Fireworks on the second, crews are sprucing up the park and assisting Community Services with set-up for the big show. We also have a number of neighborhood events where we have been asked to provide additional tables, barrels and recycling cans. Crews are continuing to mow and string trim throughout their routes.

Throughout July, we will continue with business as usual, as well as work at doing some additional park projects. With Opera in the Park mid month, we are planning some fine detailing throughout Garner Park as well as more brush clearing in select areas of the park to open up site lines. Some of this work will again be in partnership with the Operation Fresh Start crew. The weather in late June prevented us from bringing in a forestry mower at Marshall Park, so we plan to do this work in late July. As the grassland bird nesting season comes to an end we will also be gearing up for more extensive field mowing operations mid-month. In addition, we're excited to partner with Olbrich on some enhancements at Olin and Goodman Parks. It looks to be another productive month full of a variety of activities.

CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

June was another month of abundant rainfall with the yearly total reaching over 30 inches. The normal precipitation total for the entire year is only 32 inches. Wet soil conditions and frequent storms caused many trees to come down in the parks. All the Madison lakes exceeded the summer maximum elevation set by the DNR. On July 1 Lake Mendota was 1.5 ft. above the summer maximum. Wetland losses are occurring on the Upper Yahara in Cherokee Marsh due to the flooding.

Operation Fresh Start and park staff completed the installation of aquatic plants in the Wheeler Rd Ponds at South Cherokee. Habitat restoration activities at South Cherokee moved forward with contractors working on reed canary grass control (on the ditch plugs), and spraying exotic shrubs that were forestry mowed last winter.

Oak woodland restoration continued at North Cherokee with a contractor spraying the exotic shrubs that were forestry mowed by park staff last winter. If ground conditions dry later this year we plan to do additional canopy thinning to restore oak savanna habitat in the park.

We continued oak woodland restoration at Turville Point with herbicide applications to control Canada thistle, burdock, and Himalayan Pokeweed. Native sedge seed was collected in the park and scattered at new locations onsite.

Staff continued monitoring, and spraying of small weed populations to proactively stem the spread throughout our natural areas. Exotic species targeted included Japanese knotweed, Canada thistle, burdock, birdsfoot trefoil, crown vetch, and spotted knapweed.

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

The weather so far this summer has certainly been the exact opposite of last year. While we were already struggling last June to get enough water on the turf to keep it green, this summer we're cutting back on irrigation and struggling to find enough dry days to cut the lush grass. While we appreciate the adequate moisture, it's a fine line between "enough" and "too much", and we hope for a temperate summer.

Our portable concrete planters have again been professionally planted with annuals by Olbrich Gardens botanical staff and interns. As always, they look great with a wide variety of plants, and we look forward to watching the plants fill out to provide interest all summer. In a continuation of our cooperative relationship with Olbrich, the planters will be maintained and watered on Wednesdays by Olbrich staff and interns. We were also pleased that the pansies looked good right up until they were pulled; this is unusual as they don't prefer hot sunny days.

Unfortunately the news isn't so good for the sidewalk-level planters in the 500 and 600 blocks of State Street. Due to what we believe is a combination of factors (salt usage, heavy foot traffic, etc.), few of the perennials established last summer made it through the winter. Parks staff is in discussion regarding the next steps for these challenging beds.

Concerts on the Square have begun again. The six-concert series receives a very large delivery of trash and recycling barrels every week. Our aging stock of barrels has been dwindling, and this year we were able to supplement it with 16 new recycling barrels. Unlike the old barrels, the new ones are actually blue, well marked, and obviously intended for recyclable materials. We're happy to offer them for this very visible event, and for other events this summer.

We look forward in July to five more Concerts, the first installment of Live on King Street, Art Fair On and Off the Square, and Maxwell Street Days, as well as the weekly Farmer's Markets and an assortment of smaller events. It's nice to see crowds of visitors and locals alike enjoying the downtown again.

FOREST HILL CEMETERY – KEVIN SORENSEN

June rains kept the grass growing so fast that just mowing was difficult to keep up with. Many extra projects were put on hold in order to keep the grass under control. Soft turf conditions also keeps us busy with laying boards down at burial sites in order to avoid damage from heavy equipment. Also, some tree damage was experienced from high winds and weakened root systems. We were able to install several government markers that came in.

June staffing levels are at 5.5 permanent employees with one more on worker's comp. We currently have only 2 seasonal employees.

We had 21 burials for the month of June.

OLBRICH GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

The Gardens are at their peak of lushness this week. The ample rainfall has caused the closure of a few paths directly along Starkweather Creek. We have some standing water on walkways following storms - it shows that the ground is very saturated. A few tree limbs have come down in the wind as well. Meanwhile, the outdoor gardens staff have been replacing arborvitae – many of which were damaged by the winter snow. Conservatory staff are busily preparing for 'butterflies' which opens on July 17. Olbrich Gardens will also be hosting attendees of the Association of Midwest Museums Annual Conference, for a dessert buffet and garden tours on July 15.

Visitor comment from the past month:

*Very well organized! We so appreciated the time here. Very clean, well labeled – very visitor friendly!
Thank you for your many efforts. (6.10.13 Sharon W., Parker, SD)*

Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2013	2012
May 1 - 31	30,328	28,544
YTD May 31	82,916	91,444
Total Member Households (individuals*) April 30	6,503 (10,450)	6,256 (9,524)

**based on the number of membership cards issued*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 5/31/2013	YTD 5/31/2012
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$29,870	\$22,736
Room Rentals YTD*	\$56,800	\$60,710
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$5,320	\$4,282
TOTAL YTD	\$91,990	\$87,728

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

July 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

Bolz Conservatory Closed, July 15 & 16 (to prepare for Blooming Butterflies!)

Photography by David Ostby, Sundays, 11 am – 5 pm through July 28

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

Olbrich's Home Garden Tour: Featuring Olbrich's Neighbors! Fri, Jul 12 10 am – 4 pm & Sat, Jul 13, 9 am – 3 pm

Iris Sale, by the Madison Area Iris Society, July 12 – 14, 9 am – 5 pm

Summer Concerts Begin Tuesday, 7 – 8 pm through July 30

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies, 10 am – 4 pm daily, July 17 – Aug 11

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

Guided Garden Strolls – every Sunday, June 2 – September 20 @ 1:30 and 3:30 pm a drop-in casual overview by Olbrich's expert volunteer guides. Each stroll is 45 – 60 minutes in length and varies by season, peak interest and bloom. Meet near the outdoor garden entrance – rain or shine. (cancelled only in the event of dangerous lightning)

NEW! Young Writer's Summer Camp, Mon – Thurs, August 5 – 8, 9 am – 2 pm FULL!**Wellness at the Gardens**

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

Yogalates, Wednesdays, through Aug 28, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, through Aug 12 (no class July 15), 6 – 7 pm

Garden Walks

Lower-maintenance Alternatives for your Home Landscape Walk, Thu, July 11, 6:30 – 8 pm

Shade Gardens Walk, Wed, July 17, 6:30 – 8 pm

Rose Garden Walk, Wed, July 24, 6A:30 – 8 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Growing Organic Tomatoes, Wed, July 10, 6:30 – 8 pm

Sustainable Landscaping – Beauty Today ... and a Green Tomorrow, Tue, Jul 23, 6:30 – 8 pm

Botanical Watercolors Workshop, Sun, Jul 28, 1- am – 5 pm

Learn & Play Together**Toddler Story & Stroll: Bugs in the Garden**

Butterflies, Tues, July 26, 10 – 11 am **FULL!**

Ladybugs, Fri, Aug 2, 10 – 11 am **FULL!**

Bees, Fri, Aug 9, 10 – 11 am **FULL!**

Little Sprouts Gardening: Stories in the Garden

Jack & the Bean Stalk, Thu, Jul 11, 10 – 11 am **FULL!**

Peter Rabbit, Thu, Jul 18, 10 – 11 am **FULL!**

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, & the Big Hungry Bear, Thu, Jul 25, 10–11am **FULL!**

Quiet in the Garden, Thu, Aug 1, 10 – 11 am

Twilight in the Gardens: Flower Fairies, Fri, July 19, 6:30 – 8 pm **1 spot remains**

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	95	92.5
Pruned by Request	350	519
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	81	41.5
Tree Removal	227	776.25
Storm Work/Hangers		474.25
Unfilled Vacancy		272

This month has mainly been filled with responding to storms whether it's broken limbs, limbs down or whole trees falling. The west unit did get in a little District Cycle pruning and small tree pruning cycle pruning. Then request filled in the gaps. The trees are putting on a lot of growth.

The Forestry Specialists have been heavily involved in engineering street reconstruction projects and sidewalk replacement program and enforcing the tree protection standards. Also, they have been reviewing sites for tree replacement after trees have been removed.

GOLF – RAY SHANE

The Golf season just can't seem to get going. Record rainfalls in June along with having one the latest opening of the courses on record has limited play and revenues. I am expecting that financial and round reports ending June 30th will not be positive and will seem extremely poor when compared to 2012, which was one of the best years for golf in the past decade.

On some positive fronts, the courses have been in great shape and we have been receiving nothing but compliments. Clubhouse operations are going very well with as procedures are being constantly improved and employee training is an on-going program. The First Tee Program is now in full swing and their participation numbers are up by approximately 50 juniors over 2012.

Maintenance has been extremely busy coping with all of the rain and vicious growth rates of the grass. It has been difficult to keep up with the mowing and constantly pumping out water from the sand traps and pushing the sand back up on the slopes of the bunkers. It is hoped that July, the weather will return to some sort of normalcy and the second half of the golf season can be salvaged.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

Tennis Court Resurfacing

Courts to be resurfaced in 2013 are Odana Hills East (3 courts); Wexford (2 courts); and Kennedy Parks (2 courts). The contractor started work on the contract the first week of May and the contract was completed by May 31, 2013.

Tenney Park – Thornton Avenue Reconstruction

Even with the late start, the contractor finished the project per the contract completion date of May 24th. The parking areas have been striped and the signage plan (accessible parking and no parking areas) is being completed. Signs should go up in July.

Highland Manor Park

Assemblage Architects out of Middleton was hired to develop plans and specifications for the storm shelter. They are presently working on schematics to show at a public meeting at Highland Manor on July 17th. All real estate transactions have been completed to allow the construction of the shelter to move forward; the right-of-way has been vacated and is in the City's ownership.

Blackhawk Park

Quotes were received for the playground improvement work and Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$13,758. The playground work is anticipated to start in early July with a completion date of August 2nd. Shop drawings for the new shelter structure were reviewed and approved by staff. The building permit for the shelter has been approved. The new park shelter is scheduled to be installed this October.

Central Park

The contract for the Phase 1A construction is currently out for bidding. The pre-bid meeting was held on June 27th and bids are due on July 12th. Real Estate has completed the acquisition of the necessary ROW easements for the construction of the Few Street Crossing; construction drawings for Phase 1B (including the transportation/bike path improvements along Wilson Street) are under review. Construction of Phase 1B may not occur until 2014 due to delays from the railroad and the Federal/DOT requirements. The Madison Skatepark Fund was recently notified that they will receive a \$200,000 PARC grant from Dane County.

Reindahl Park Splash Pad

Reindahl Park Splash Pad is currently out for bidding with bids due on July 12th. The State has approved the plans; the project has also obtained site plan approval with the City. A fundraising initiative is underway by the Madison Parks Foundation; we've received a \$50,000 grant from the Madison Community Foundation for the construction of the splash pad. Construction is anticipated to begin in September.

Tenney Park/Yahara River Parkway

Tallgrass Restoration completed invasive removals and native seeding on the southwestern shore of the Yahara River between Williamson Street and Rutledge Street, with the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway assisting in the removal of smaller invasive species. Tallgrass Restoration also completed installation of native forbs and shrubs, along with removal of reed canary grass along the southwestern shore of the Yahara River between East Washington Avenue and East Main Street. Tallgrass Restoration will continue to treat reed canary grass throughout the season and will do a fall seeding of native grasses.

Park Native Plantings

Tallgrass Restoration was awarded the contract for 2013 Park Native Plantings Installation and Maintenance with a low bid of \$36,070.20. Herbicide applications, native seeding and planting were completed at Baxter Park, Giddings Park, Hoyt Park, James Madison Park, and Mayfair Park.

Hoyt Park

Staff has been working on plans and coordinating with the Friends of Hoyt Park to replace the existing chain link fence fabric along the northern edge of Hoyt Park. Staff met with members of the Friends of Hoyt Park on June 27th to review the project, and will present plans and specs for approval to advertise to the Board of Public Works on July 3, 2013.

Odana Golf Course

Screening landscaping along the ATC easement at the Beltline Hwy 12/14 has been installed at the Odana Golf Course. Construction of screening berms and fencing will occur later this year. Staff met with Speedway Sand and Gravel who are building a pond at the intersection of the golf course and the Beltline to explore an opportunity to construct the berms utilizing fill from the pond excavation project.

Door Creek Park

Staff issued a Request for Proposals for a wetland delineation for the entire Door Creek parcel. Bids for the wetland delineation are due on July 10, 2013. This effort will help staff implement the adopted Door Creek Master Plan.

Reservoir Park

The 2013 Park Playground Contract which includes playground improvements and an accessible path at Reservoir Park was advertised for bidding in late June. Bids will be opened on July 12th. 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

The 2013 Park Playground Contract which includes playground improvements and an accessible path at Reynolds Park was advertised for bidding in late June. Bids will be opened on July 12th.

Park Landscaping

Installation of landscaping is complete at BB Clarke Park, Burrows Park, Glenway Golf Course, Glenwood Park, James Madison Park, Marshall Park, Odana Golf Course, Olive Jones Park, Reindahl Park, Tenney Park, Thut Park, Warner Park, and Westmorland Park. Installation of landscaping at Water Utility Sites and edible landscaping sites at Hammersley Park, Lost Creek Park, and Hiestand Park will be completed in the next week.

Playgrounds

The installation of a new swing set at James Madison Park is complete; improvements to the playground at Goodman Park are also underway. Discussions with the neighborhood regarding the completion of the playground project at Eastmorland will begin soon.

Nakoma Park Playground

On June 20th the Nakoma playground design committee agreed on the final design for the playground. Staff prepared plans and specifications for the project, which is included in the 2013 Park Playground Contract. The contract was first advertised for bid on June 28th with bids due on July 12th. The neighborhood has a fundraising campaign underway; they were approved by the Park Commission in June for a People for Parks matching funds grant up to \$25,000 to purchase additional play equipment for the park.

Worthington Park

The Worthington Park playground design committee approved the final equipment selection and playground design in mid-June. Staff prepared bid documents that were included in the 2013 Playground Contract, which was first advertised on June 28th with bids due on July 12th.

Warner Park Boat Launch Dredging

Bids for this contract were opened March 1st, low bid was Raymond P. Cattell, Inc., at \$95,788.50. The DNR permit was received on May 31. The dredging is scheduled to start after the boating season in October, 2013.

Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements

Bids were received on June 21st. Two bids were received; one was rejected for not having an updated Affirmative Action Plan, and the other bid was \$40,000 over budget. This project will be revised and re-advertised in late summer for a February construction start.

Breese Stevens Field Concrete Deck Repairs

This work is to be done in between the spring and fall seasons, anticipated to be July 29th to August 23rd. Joe Daniels Construction Company was the low bid at \$93,228.00. The contractor is signed up and we are presently reviewing submittals so all materials purchasing can happen prior to the start date.

Tenney Park Lagoon Control Structure

Bids for the project were opened on May 3rd with R.G. Huston Company the apparent low bidder at \$59,365.00. Work is scheduled to start around October 14th with a November 8th completion date. The delayed start is due to the long lead-time to fabricate the outlet gate assembly.

Rennebohm Park Tennis Court Lighting Improvements

Two bids were received on June 21, 2013. The low bid was Forward Electric at \$84,000 which is within budget for the project. Council approval is July 16th. The lights will be replaced after the tennis season is over (October/November 2013).

Bowman Field

On June 17th Strand Associates provided 75% review drawings for the electrical system improvements. The project's first phase includes the installation of a new transformer and distribution system with the existing electrical system remaining in place to maintain service. In 2014, new light fixtures will be installed on the existing poles and connected to the new distribution system. The first phase will be first advertised for bid on July 26th.

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.

Brittingham Park at Proudfit

Staff presented the final design to the Brittingham Neighborhood Association on June 10th and they were supportive. Construction was originally scheduled to occur this fall, but City Engineering and the Wisconsin Southern Railroad have raised concerns regarding the existing site drainage. Given the additional study required, it's anticipated the project will be constructed in early spring 2014 once the drainage issues are resolved.

Athletic Field Lighting Upgrades

Working with maintenance staff on a way to retrofit some of our athletic field lighting with “Control Link” – a program that will allow us to control (turn on/off) the lights from a computer terminal. To start we will be retrofitting the lighting systems for Elver softball and Demetral softball.

Warner Park Bike Path

The low bid was Parisi Construction at \$844,562.65. Construction is scheduled for August through November, 2013.

Olbrich Botanical Complex Roofing Project

Construction is on schedule, even with the rain, and is anticipated to be completed in late August. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Olbrich Botanical Complex Bathroom Addition

Construction is underway with an expected completion date in early August. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Olbrich Botanical Complex Facility Planning

At the June 20th core team meeting the consultant team gave a brief summary of the public input process and presented a draft of the final report. The design has a preliminary cost estimate range of \$14,300,000 to \$17,300,000. The final report is expected in late July. This project is 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. The repairs for 2013 had to be rebid due to 5 out of the 6 bidders failing to be responsive to the SBE requirements. The 2nd bidding was awarded to Daniels Construction for \$143,785. This was under budget and will allow for the additional tuck-pointing of the Office building. This work should complete the preservation of the Receiving Vault and the restoration of the Chapel. The re-pointing 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

A draft report from the study is under review. 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; construction is anticipated in the fall. 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.

UW Temperature Sensors

The Council approved an agreement with the University of Wisconsin System to install and maintain temperature/humidity sensors on City facilities. Installations were completed in 2012. After a year's worth of data, the UW would like to add some additional installations in Kennedy and Hiestand Parks. The sensors will be installed on existing light poles in the park. Staff is coordinating with the UW and the City Attorney's office regarding the additional installations requested.

Basketball Court Reconstruction 2013

Staff packaged the reconstruction of 3 basketball courts (Acewood, Droster and Worthington Parks) into one public works contract for fall construction. The first ad for bid is July 5th with bids being opened on July 26th. Work is to start at the end of September and completion is scheduled for November 22nd.

Bill Kettle Field

City staff have been working with Dane County regarding the expansion of the landfill (Bill Kettle Field is located along the northeastern edge of the landfill). Due to the expansion, additional land is needed and Dane County would like to purchase Bill Kettle Field to expand the landfill to the east and relocate their stormwater ponds to the north and south. Dane County will also purchase a portion of the property owned by the Streets Division along the southeastern edge of the landfill, along with easements needed to complete the landfill expansion and stormwater-related improvements. Real Estate is currently preparing a Letter of Intent regarding the potential purchase of both properties. This action will come before the Park Commission for review at a future date; Real Estate is exploring the best way to value the property for potential purchase by Dane County. Parks staff have begun discussions with user groups regarding potential opportunities to move their activity to other locations.

Other Projects

- 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. Landscaping will be installed by July 1.
- 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.
- Staff is working with neighborhood representatives and volunteers to coordinate improvements for a variety of parks including Reynolds Park, James Madison Park, Spring Harbor Park and Linden Grove Park.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold and Hoyt Park.
- Staff is assisting the water utility with design of a landscape buffer at Well 14.
- 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.
- Working on putting together estimates for a variety of projects for the 2014 Capital Budget.