

2014 WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR

June was plagued with severe weather and a lot of rain. Crews were diverted from their normal assignments to clean up parks and assist Forestry. The parks that got damaged the worst on the east side were Hudson and Yahara Place. We also had several large trees go down along the Yahara River and at Olbrich as well. Crews spent 240 hours performing storm work in parks. We spent 86 hours assisting Forestry by driving brush trucks and helping drag brush to the road.

In addition to mowing, trimming, cleaning, trash pickup, and other normal duties, we also had several large events to prepare for. Rhythm and Booms was by far the largest and most complicated. It was, basically, a brand new event this year as the shooting location moved from Warner to Lake Monona. All in all, the event went very well from our end. The parks that we are responsible for were much cleaner after the event than Warner was. It took 53.5 man hours to prepare for and clean up after the event.

As we move into July, we anticipate that we will get less precipitation. As a result, we hope to get into other projects. We want to get back into preemptive ash removals. We need to grind the stumps of ash trees that were cut earlier this year. We always have low hanging limbs and pruning that needs to get done. We will still be running our flail mower to cut noxious weeds before they go to seed. The summer is busy as usual and is flying by very quickly.

CENTRAL PARKS AND MALL CONCOURSE – LISA LASCHINGER

What an incredible month! In addition to regular mowing operations, which really have not slowed, crews started out the month of June preparing the Goodman pool for its big opening. Our recycling program is in full swing. Crews also prepared Penn Park for the annual Juneteenth Celebration. Some severe storms swept through the area mid-month and crews spent the better portion of a week cleaning up the brush and debris that fell as a result.

Our major focus throughout the month of June was preparing parks and assuring staff was ready for the historic downtown Rhythm and Booms. Crews spent countless hours weeding, pruning, mulching and fine-tuning the mowing and string trimming within parks that were expected to be major viewing areas for the show. With the assistance of the Streets Division, we set out nearly 175 trash and recycling cans in the viewing parks. The event was well attended and yielded very few issues. Approximately 12 volunteers assisted Parks permanent and seasonal staff with after-event cleanup at parks including Brittingham, Olin, Bernie's Beach and Paunack. The teamwork of all City agencies was crucial to the success of the event.

Looking ahead to July, crews are catching up on some of the mowing in order to prepare parks for the holiday weekend. We anticipate that the grass will slow at some point during the month, which will allow us the opportunity to continue with detailing projects throughout the month. We will continue to keep up with the landscape maintenance at the pool. In addition, we plan to wrap up a project at Leopold Park so it is ready for an early fall contractor seeding job. We will also continue with field mowing operations to control invasive species throughout our parks. We also intend to do considerable work in the Quann Dog Park.

The month of June has brought many exciting changes and events. The crew started out the month with lawn renovation work consisting of aerating and compost topdressing. In addition, crews continued with the landscape maintenance that we've brought back in house for this season by weeding and mulching. As part of the Clean Downtown initiative, crews installed decorative lighting of trees within the Philosopher's Stone Grove and at 30 on the Square. The crew has also taken on maintenance of the chalkboards that were installed mid-month in the Philosopher's Stone Grove. The scenery has changed significantly as we have officially shifted from spring to summer with the changing of the banners and Olbrich's planting of the annual flowers. In addition, the first Concert on the Square of the season was held and crews made all necessary deliveries for the event.

The most significant change this month has been the loss of Laura Bauer from our team. We wish Laura luck as she takes on the role of leading West Parks. Laura is a great resource and continues to field questions as necessary. In addition, members of the crew have stepped up a bit to insure we maintain quality service levels.

As we move into July, we continue with our regular maintenance activities of trash and recycling patrols, picking and powerwashing the walks and maintaining the landscaped beds. In addition, we will begin watering the annual flowers on Wednesdays with the help of Olbrich Staff. We plan on finishing the landscape enhancements we began in the 400 and 500 block of State Street by installing sod in the bed along the Towers after the holiday weekend. We will also see a number of other special events including a continuation of the Concerts on the Square and Art Fair on the Square that will require our assistance with the delivery of materials. We also plan on developing a more regular schedule for cleaning of bus stop and bench areas.

CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

A rainy June challenged to our land management work plan. Despite the weather we were able to move forward on several projects. Park staff worked on weed management in oak savanna restoration units at Cherokee Marsh, Edna Taylor, Owen, Turville Point and Prairie Ridge parks.

Contractors completed exotic weed control projects at Turville Point (garlic mustard and dames rocket), Prairie Ridge (reed canary grass), and Cherokee Marsh (misc. exotics in oak woodland unit and preparation for fall prairie planting).

Staff worked with the Operation Fresh Start crew to plant over 800 native plants along the shoreline near the Brittingham Park shelter. This shoreline improvement will enhance public enjoyment of the park while providing environmental benefits. Additional plantings will follow in the fall after the sites are prepared by controlling existing exotic weed cover.

Operation Fresh Start worked on aspen control at Cherokee Marsh (North and South units), Edna Taylor, and Heritage Prairie. Using a sharpened leaf spring they removed the outer bark from the trees. This removed the plant tissue that feeds the root system so the tree slowly “starves” as nutrients normally transmitted from the leaves to the root are cut off. Aspen needs to be managed in our small scale landscapes to preserve prairie remnants and restore oak savannas. The standing dead trees will provide important wildlife habitat as future habitat for cavity nesting birds.

Cherokee Marsh oak savanna restoration attracts 3 nesting pairs of red-headed woodpeckers! These birds have not nested in the park in decades because they require the open tree structure of an oak savanna. Our canopy thinning project this past winter along with an abundance of standing dead trees (carefully preserved during the thinning) provided the habitat that they require. Red-headed woodpeckers are a species of special concern and their population has declined 70% in the last 30 years in Wisconsin. We were hopeful to provide suitable habitat to attract them, but to have them “move in” within 6 months is very gratifying!

WEST PARKS/CEMETERY MONTHLY REPORT – LAURA BAUER

Cemetery:

The Forest Hill Cemetery office is conducting usual business, including lot sales and interments, providing assistance locating plots, and handling general questions.

The maintenance crew, in addition to their usual cemetery duties, is quickly learning their park trimming route. I have and will continue to meet with the crew to fine-tune their efforts, as this is a new endeavor for them.

West Parks:

It's been a wet spring, and the grass is certainly not lacking moisture. We've been working hard to keep up with the constant grass growth. The flail mower is already occupied knocking down wild parsnip, poison ivy, burdock, thistles, and invasive brushy growth.

The Parks crew has been busy preparing Elver Park for the fireworks on July 3rd. We've mowed the sledding hill, the rough area at the top of the hill, the nearby ski trails, and the disc golf fairways. We also received some assistance from young people employed by Wisconsin Youth Services; they did a very nice job weeding some parking lot islands, and we look forward to their help in other parks as the summer progresses.

Westmorland, Rennebohm, Orchard Ridge, and Norman Clayton parks also have varying sizes of neighborhood celebrations for the 4th of July, but they do not involve special services from parks staff in the way that Elver does.

Throughout the month of July, Parks will also be hosting Meet & Eat in a vacant lot on Raymond Road. This involves delivery and pickup of picnic tables, as well as trash and recycling barrels.

Finally, the Capitol City Band has a well-attended weekly concert series on Thursday evenings in Rennebohm Park.

OLBRICH GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Much of the winter damage has been replaced or at least the dead plants are removed. Staff have been incredibly busy just getting work done for summer – which arrived all of a sudden in June. Horticulture staff and interns have completed the State Street plantings - which they do every year – at the end of June. Work will begin on the Parks Beautification Projects in July.

Visitor comment from the past month :

06/18/2014 “This is better than the Mitchell Domes in Milwaukee! Thanks!” a couple from Brandon WI.

May Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2014	2013	Previous 5 yrs average
May 1 - 31	33,321	30,328	27,928
YTD May 31	101,947	82,916	
Total Member Households (individuals*) May 31	6,310 (10,071)	6,503 (10,450)	

**based on the number of membership cards issued*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 5/31/2014	YTD 5/31/2013
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$24,124	\$29,870
Room Rentals YTD*	\$60,368	\$56,800
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$8,060	\$5,320
TOTAL YTD	\$92,552	\$91,990

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

July 2014 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call 608-246-4550 for more info

Load-Your-Own Leaf Mulch Sale Ongoing, daily 10 am – 4 pm

TRAM Daily Service through Labor Day, 10 am – 5 pm

Guided Garden Strolls, Sundays through Sept 28 @ 1:30 & 3 pm **FREE**

Concerts in the Gardens, 7 – 8 pm: **July 1 – Boo Bradley**, acoustic jug band

July 8 – Wall of Funk, rock/funk/blues/metal

July 15 – The Rotation, many genres with saxophone sounds

July 22 – Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra

July 29 – Matthew Tembo, Zambian vibes

Home Garden Tour: Featuring exceptional gardens in the University Heights neighborhood, Fri, Jul 11, 1-4 pm – 4 pm & Sat, Jul 12, 9 am – 3 pm

Iris Sale by the Madison Area Iris Society, Fri, Sat, and Sun, Jul 11 – 13, 8 am – 5 pm

Bolz Conservatory Closed for Blooming Butterflies preparations, July 14 & 15

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies, Jul 16 – Aug 10, 10 am – 4 pm daily

Education – July 2014 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit 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)

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, through July 7, 6 – 7 pm

Garden Walks

Hydrangeas & Summer Flowering Shrubs Walk, Wed, Jul 30, 6:30 – 8 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Save the Monarchs!, Wed, Jul 9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Herb Spirals, Hugelkultur, & Vertical Design on Your Property, Wed, Jul 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Color Strategies, Sun, Jul 20, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Wet-felted Multi-cord Necklace, Sun, Jul 20, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Hostas & Companion Plants, Thu, Jul 24, 6:30 – 8 pm

Gardening for Pollinators, Thu, Jul 31, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Bugs in the Garden (ages 2 – 4 with adult)

Butterflies, Fri, Jul 25, 10 – 11 am FULL!

Little Sprouts Gardening: Art in the Garden (ages 2 – 4 with adult)

I Spy Lines in the Garden, Thu, Jul 3, 10 – 11 am

I Spy Colors in the Garden, Thu, Jul 10, 10 – 11 am

I Spy Shapes in the Garden, Thu, Jul 17, 10 – 11 am

I Spy Textures in the Garden, Thu, Jul 24, 10 – 11 am

I Spy Patterns in the Garden, Thu, Jul 31, 10 – 11 am

Flower Fairies, (grades K-5 with adult) Thurs, Jul 17, 6:30 – 8 pm, 6:30 – 8 pm

Breakfast for the Butterflies (ages 6 – 11 with adult)

Wed, Jul 23 FULL! or Wed, Jul 30 FULL! or Wed, Aug 6, 8:30 – 9:30 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	24	16.5
Pruned by Request	115	178.75
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	143	178.75
Tree Removals (non EAB preemptive)	536	989
Storm Work/Hangers		1,053.25

Forestry has been working on EAB treatments since the last week of May. The goal is treat 1/3 of the treatable ash street trees starting on the north and east side of the city by the end of September.

At the beginning of the month both east and west worked on small tree pruning and request work. On June 17 a F! tornado ripped through a west side neighborhood and wind shears came through the central city and along Lake Monona. There were other pockets of storm damage scattered west and east as well. We had crews working several days on overtime and even on a Saturday to address damage street and park trees and restore public safety. Then we had another storm at the end of this month that added to our continued storm response.

Forestry specialists have been resolving issues on engineering projects, following up Building Inspection requests for inspections and assisting with the Sidewalk Repair Program as needed. When the storm occurred they plugged into our response by evaluating and prioritizing the storm damage tree work, updating the street tree inventory for street trees that were removed, and determined tree replacement sites and tree species.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

Central Park

The park was opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 25th. The Central Park Phase1B work is scheduled for construction in 2015. Phase 1B includes a new park entry plaza and pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street.

Warner Park Boat Launch Dredging

The dredging was completed by the contract completion date of January 10, 2014. The dredge spoils pile was measured in April. The contractor completed the grading of the pile in May and topped it off with 6" of fill.

Central Park Skate Park

Bids for the project were opened on June 6th. Only one bid was received and it was 40% higher than the consultant's cost estimate for the project. The bid was rejected and the project will be re-bid this fall with a spring of 2015 construction start.

Highland Manor Park

Engineering decided to split the project up into 3 contracts (Utilities, Site work and Building), and re-bid over summer. The first contract for the water main installation has been rebid, with savings due to design changes and rebidding of nearly \$50,000. The second contract for grading came in higher than estimate but was determined to be acceptable. The third contract for the storm shelter building and parking is out for bid right now.

Sauk Creek Park Playground

Construction on the Sauk Creek park playground began in June and is anticipated to be complete in early July. Construction for all of the projects in the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 1 contract is anticipated to be completed by mid-October.

Haen Family Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 1 contract.

Droster Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 1 contract.

Pilgrim Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 1 contract.

Everglade Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 1 contract.

Westport Meadows Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 1 contract.

Elver and Reindahl Splash Parks

Installation of the sanitary, storm and water utilities are complete at both splash parks. The concrete deck at both splash parks is complete, along with installation of all of the ground sprays and embedded features. The building masonry has begun at Reindahl, and the mechanical enclosure wall construction has begun at Elver. Construction is on schedule and is anticipated to be completed by mid-August.

Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements

The contractor started work in early January. Project was substantially complete as of May 24th, other than punch list items. Punch list items were 80% complete by the end of June.

Huegel Park Playground

Plans and specifications for the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract were advertised in June with bids opened on June 20th. Unfortunately only two bids were received and the lowest bid was deemed non-responsive; the second bid was nearly 30% higher than the construction estimate. Staff will rebid this project in July and extend the contract completion date into 2015.

Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground

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

Fisher Street Park Playground

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

Burrows Park Playground

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

Aldo Leopold Park Shelter

Staff discussed plans for the project with representatives from the NRT in June. A Request for Quotes has been issued for the shelter structure; quotes are due July 9th with a total of seven plan holders-to-date. Construction documents for the installation of the shelter / sitework are at 75% completion; the project is scheduled for approval to advertise at the July 16th BPW meeting. Bids for the installation of the shelter will be due in late August and construction is anticipated to begin in October.

Bowman Field Lighting Phase Two

Strand has been hired to complete the plans and specifications for the second phase of the Bowman Field lighting improvements. An initial paint analysis determined lead paint is present on the existing light poles. A cost review was done to weigh the benefits of refurbishing the existing poles vs. installing new poles. It was determined new poles are the best long-term approach. Approval of plans and specs to advertise will go to BPW on July 2nd. The light fixtures and poles are anticipated to be replaced during Oct/Nov of 2014. During the interim between phases the field lights will continue to be served by the existing electrical system.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Staff is working with cemetery staff and Feick Design – an irrigation design company - to replace the water line system at the cemetery. Staff is also working with City Engineering to address stormwater management issues and reconstruct the road system in the cemetery.

Athletic Field Lighting Upgrades

Equipment 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 – arrived the first week of December. To start, we will be retrofitting the lighting systems for Elver softball and Demetral softball. Park Operations will install the systems in 2014.

Tenney Park – Marston and Sherman Avenue Bridges

The pre-construction meeting was held on April 30th. Joe Daniels Construction Co., Inc started the project the first week of May. The Marston St bridge is 75% restored by the end of June. Mock ups have been approved for the Sherman Ave bridge and the contractor is starting on joint repair for this bridge.

Breese Stevens Field Artificial Turf

We received 4 bids for this contract and all bids were under the consultant’s estimate of \$1,200,000.00. The low bid was H&H Civil Construction at \$729,843.15. The contract was awarded at the June 17th Common Council meeting and we are on schedule to start construction on August 4, 2014.

Brittingham Park at Proudfit

The project was advertised for bid on June 27th with bids due on July 11th. Staff continues to work with City Engineering to put together the applications needed to secure right-of-way access from WisDOT and railroad crossing improvements from Wisconsin Southern Railroad.

Hoyt Park

Clearing and Phase 1 of the fence repairs was completed in November. Staff is working on the design for Phase 2 fence repairs to be completed in 2014.

Westside Dog Parks

Odana School Dog Park is done with only some minor landscaping remaining. The construction crew mobilized to start Walnut Grove the last week of May. In between June rain storms the crew has installed the gravel path into the dog park and is working on the berms on the north side of the dog park fence.

Park Paving – 2014

Bids came in May 23rd. The low bid was Badgerland Construction at \$252,289.00, right on our estimate of \$250,000.00. Contract award will move forward for approval in June, with construction scheduled to start July 21st. Included in this paving contract are the following:

- Re-construction of the Tenney Park Beach parking lot. The existing lot was very inefficient as far as asphalt surfacing is concerned. Our reconstruction will lessen the amount of asphalt by 40% and we will only lose 5 parking stalls.
- Installation of a culvert crossing and accessible asphalt path at Lucy Lincoln Heistand Park. The crossing and path will greatly improve the connectivity in the park. Presently park users have to walk through the ditch to go from one activity to another. The culvert and path will now connect the play area and softball diamond with the basketball court and community gardens.
- Installation of a new accessible asphalt path at Churchill Heights Park that will meander through the park connecting all of the park facilities.
- Re-construction of the asphalt path system at Kennedy Park. The existing asphalt path will be pulverized and kept in place adding 3” to the existing gravel base course. A new 3” layer of asphalt will be laid on the old pulverized surface and topsoil, seed and matting will be feathered in on each side.
- Installation of an asphalt path connecting the existing asphalt path with the new dog park gate at Walnut Grove Park
- Small connector asphalt paths to playgrounds in Spring Harbor, Olbrich, Glacier Hill, Valley Ridge, and Heritage Heights Parks.

2014 Spring Park Landscaping

Landscaping as part of the 2014 Spring Parks Landscaping and Maintenance has been completed at Brittingham Park, James Madison Park, McClellan Park, Odana Golf Course, Rennebohm Park, Warner Park, and Yahara Place Park.

2014 Parking and Water Utility Landscaping

Landscaping as part of the 2014 Parking and Water Utility Landscaping and Maintenance Contract is complete at Brayton Parking Lot.

2014 Fall Park Landscaping

Landscaping as part of the 2014 Fall Parks Landscaping and Maintenance Contract is expected to begin in late August.

Park Fence Repair Projects

After issuing a Request for Quotation staff received bids on April 24th for the removal/replacement of softball backstops that are in disrepair at Walnut Grove, Badger Indian Hills and Oak Park Heights Parks. Low bid was Qual-Line Fence Corp at \$1,908.00 each. The work has been contracted and should be completed this summer. In addition, staff is working with a fencing contractor on the repair of tennis court fencing at Wexford Park.

Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacing

Annual contract to repair asphalt surfaces (crack repair, color coat), in our park system. This year we repaired cracks and re-colored the basketball courts and tennis courts at Elver Park and the tennis courts at Reindahl Park. Work started as soon as weather allowed in May and was completed by the June 13th completion date.

2014 Athletic Field Improvements

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

Yahara River Bank Stabilization

Construction will begin July 15th and is anticipated to be completed by mid August. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

Forest Hill Cemetery Buildings

Masonry repairs continued in 2013 for the buildings at Forest Hill Cemetery. Joe Daniels Construction completed work on the Chapel and the Receiving Vault. While the work on the Chapel is holding up well, some of the mortar applied on the Receiving Vault will need to be replaced as the temperatures were too cold for this work to bond correctly. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Garver Mill

The RFP was brought to the Park Commission in March for discussion. The Office of Real Estate Services and City Planning are also working on this project; a committee has been established to work on the RFP.

James Madison Park Shelter

Last fall the public input meeting yielded a wide variety of opinions regarding improvements to the park and shelter were expressed. A web-based park usage survey is being developed for James Madison Park which may also be utilized for other parks in the future. A draft of the survey tool has been developed and is under review internally.

Yahara Hills Clubhouse

Parks staff met with Facilities Management to begin initial design development for the improvements to the Yahara Hills Clubhouse. Potential improvements include replacement of the roof with additional insulation and other improvements to the building envelope to improve energy-efficiency for winter operations in the future. An evaluation of the HVAC system is also underway. The first contract will be to replace the roof on the clubhouse. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Lake Edge Shelter

A kick-off meeting was held with the design consultant, Destree Architects, on June 12th. Site visits were held the following week. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff. Prototype shelter / restroom options will be developed during the design development stage. Construction drawings should be developed later this year with construction scheduled for 2015. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

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. The sale has been completed.

Other Projects

- 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, Nakoma Park and Linden Grove Park.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, and University/Hill Farms.
- Parks lighting projects are underway to replace lighting with more energy-efficient fixtures. Replacements have been completed at Olbrich Botanical Complex, Brittingham, and Goodman Building B. Parks Operations staff is replacing the fixtures as the new fixtures arrive.
- Staff is working on a landscape restoration plan for the cleared slope area proximate to James Madison Park.
- Working with AT&T on coming up with an acceptable plan and agreement that would allow them to remove and replace a light pole at the Warner Park football field with a new combination cell tower/light pole.
- Working on plans and specifications to repair winter heaving to the limestone steps along the shore line at Wingra Park. It will be repaired after the boating season in October.
- Staff is working with the Hoyt Park ranger on a water diversion proposal to be installed in part with assistance from the Friends of Hoyt Park.
- Staff are updating park master plans as needed in response to inquiries from neighborhood associations and other constituents.
- Staff are researching replacement tree types for ash trees removed (or slated for removal) due to EAB infestation.

Projects Completed in 2014

- Warner Boat Launch Dredging
- Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements
- Reservoir Park Playground
- Central Park – Phase 1A

COMMUNITY SERVICES – DAWN GROSDIDIER

The following report was submitted by Ranger Supervisor Josh Schmitt

Attached is the Monthly report of Ranger contacts for May 2014. As you can see from the large jump in total contacts, the summer season is fully upon us. The largest jump in contacts was for check area, which meets our stated goal of getting staff out in the parks on foot to solve issues. Contacts for Dog violations fell, not due to a lack of issues but mainly due to a lack of time to perform the required actions to correct them. Alcohol issues are once again on the rise and we are keeping a watchful eye on issues at Burr Jones Parks in particular. Brittingham has been largely a non-issue and is largely helped by the positive activity generated by the new farmer's market, lots of shelter reservations and the awesome volleyball courts at the park. Parking issues were also on the rise. A particular target area was Vilas Park and the Bus Parking issues normally associated with the spring field trip season. Our first year of active intervention, produced better than expected compliance and less than expected rates of complaints. It will be an ongoing project.

