

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S JANUARY 2015 REPORT**

### **Written Report of Supervisor's December 2014 Activities**

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

December was unseasonably warm in 2014. After almost having enough ice to open the rinks around Thanksgiving, December warmed up and we didn't officially open any rinks until January 2<sup>nd</sup>. It also did not snow very much. We only spent 48 man hours on snow removal in December. There were only two dates that enough snow fell that warranted sending our crews out. Due to the lack of snow and warmer temperatures, we were able to work on other projects. Those projects included:

- Grinding ash stumps
- Pruning trees
- Assisting Forestry by driving brush trucks
- Mulching leaves
- Training

January has brought with it colder temperatures and snow. It looks like we'll be performing daily ice maintenance for the foreseeable future. Staff are looking forward to providing the unique services that make Madison an enjoyable place to recreate. We are fully prepared to handle winter operations and we are anxious to fill our vacant PMW position.

#### **CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR**

##### **Central Parks and Mall Concourse**

What an end to the year! We watched our ice rinks go from nearly open just before Thanksgiving to practically open water at Christmas. Early in December, we began flooding, but quickly stopped when long range forecasts started looking dooming to the ice. We spent a good portion of time chipping away at organic material both at the edges of the rink and that froze on top after the thaws. With the lack of ice, we began some EAB removals and continued with pruning on our regular mowing routes. We began repairs on our picnic tables. We even took the time to paint our hockey boards for Vilas, which we hadn't had time to do throughout the rest of the year. By the New Years' holiday, we were able to finally start regular ice maintenance.

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the hockey boards went up at Vilas. Since the ice was a little thinner than what we typically desire, the crews were forced to clear the rinks using smaller equipment for the first weekend we were open. The rinks are now up and running, and we are continuing with regular daily maintenance of the rinks. Crews are continuing with snow removal duties as necessary on assigned sidewalk routes. Our seasonal ice maintenance laborers began the first weekend of the month, and we continue to bring them up to speed on proper procedures. We will continue to work on EAB pre-emptive removals as time allows, as well as repair picnic tables and trash cans. We will work to ready the ice at Vilas for the second annual MadCity Pond Hockey Tournament at the end of the month. We're anticipating a great winter season!

#### **WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR**

##### **West Parks**

##### **Forest Hill Cemetery**

The cemetery continues with burials, even in the coldest months, and the warm and mostly frost-free December made digging the graves much easier. Now, however, the frost is building and staff will soon need to use propane heaters to thaw the ground before digging.

The lack of snow in December also allowed us to continue leaf removal in various sections. Sweepers were used to gather leaves from open areas, and an enormous pile has been collected. Snow at the beginning of January has unfortunately shut down this operation.

As the winter progresses, cemetery staff will continue to handle burials as they come up, and to assist General Parks with plowing and ice maintenance.

The Cemetery Equipment Operator 2 position, vacated with John Bennett's promotion, will be filled as soon as possible. With this hiring, the cemetery will again be fully staffed for the first time since mid-summer.

## **Summit Maintenance**

The warm and snow-free December allowed the General Parks crew to do some much needed pruning. Many of the smaller oaks, as well as trees causing clearance issues, have been trimmed up. This makes plowing and mowing safer and easier. We were preparing for ash removals when the weather suddenly turned cold again, and we'll pick this work up again later this winter.

The Elver skating rink opened officially on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, after we put up the hockey boards that morning. After the cold snap in November, we certainly expected that the rinks would be up and running in plenty of time for winter break, but the weather did not cooperate at all in December. We were still finding open water at Elver the week of New Years, and there was no frost in the ground at the land rinks. Now, however, things have frozen up and we have skating at Elver. We're also flooding land rinks with the water truck as staffing allows, at least until there is a base built up and the volunteers can take over. We have hired one seasonal worker to help out with ice maintenance as well.

As the cemetery has been both busy and short one employee, a couple of the Summit staff have assisted there this past month. They learned how to direct the person operating the digging equipment, and some of the procedures for locating, opening, and closing graves. This cross-training should prove useful in the future, as the cemetery staff is small, the work very specialized, and the schedule largely dictated by funeral homes rather than us.

As we progress through January, we will continue to maintain the rink at Elver and to flood and remove snow from the land rinks. As it looks like we'll be returning to a more normal weather pattern, I think it's likely that we'll also be plowing our bike paths, sidewalks, and parking lots frequently.

## **CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY**

December was not a good month for winter sports with warm temperatures and virtually no snowfall. Weather conditions did allow us to move forward on a number of conservation projects during the month.

Contractors completed exotic shrub and tree control projects at Turville Point and Owen parks. Both projects are part of our ongoing commitment to oak savanna restoration in the conservation parks. At Cherokee Marsh a contractor felled trees along ½ miles of drainage ditches in the East Marsh. These trees grew up on the spoil banks after the ditches were dug in the mid-1970's. Felling these trees restores the open marsh habitat required by species like marsh hawks and short-eared owls. The next goal will be to close the ditches (using these downed trees and residual soil banks) to restore the hydrology in the marsh. It is crucial to close these ditches to protect and restore this wetland which is a designated Wisconsin State Natural Area. This is laid out in the East Marsh Land Management Plan adopted when we purchased this property.

Conservation staff worked on exotic shrub control at Owen Park, and the North Unit of Cherokee Marsh. They also cut trees down on an old land bridge (constructed by a farmer around 1960) that provides access to Cherry Island in Cherokee Marsh. We are currently working on a permit application with the Wisconsin DNR to improve this access to facilitate ecological restoration of an 11 acre tract of oak savanna surrounded by peat wetlands. This may also become a public trail access in the future.

## **OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY**

December was surprisingly mild which led to a strong attendance at Holiday Express, especially during the week between Dec 25 and Dec 31. The Lego® User Group's sculptures were also a strong draw to the show. Also, the mild weather made it easy for staff to finish winter containers in the outdoor gardens and clean up items that normally are already covered in snow.

The class schedule for January – May was published and registration is strong for 'Reading in the Rainforest', Tai Chi Meditation, Herbal Soap Making Fun!, and the Olbrich Book Club. All great ways to stay connected to plants and gardens during Wisconsin's long dormant season.

### **Visitor comment:**

12/23/14 *"I love your Lego® place and your rainforest."* Adi L, Madison

**November Numbers**

<b>OBG Attendance</b> (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Previous 5 yrs average</b>
November 1 - 30	13,572	9,574	10,330
YTD November 30	257,546	229,694	
<b>Total Member Households (individuals*) September 30</b>	6,248 (10,019)	6,193 (9,996)	

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

<b>OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories</b> (unaudited)	<b>YTD 11/30/2014</b>	<b>YTD 11/30/2013</b>
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$62,644	\$67,181
Room Rentals YTD*	\$118,426	\$117,404
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$27,731	\$28,229
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>\$208,801</b>	<b>\$212,814</b>

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

**January 2015 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens** call **608-246-4550** for more information

**Bolz Conservatory Exhibit: Innovations Inspired by Rainforests**, thru Mar 1, 2015 10 am – 4 pm daily  
Explore the ways rainforests have inspired objects and processes that have improved our lives.

**Children of the Rainforest**, Saturday, January 24, 10:30 am and 1:30 pm \$5 for age 13+, \$3 for age 3 – 12, under 3 are free

**Chicago Samba** brings audience members on an exciting journey into the five regions of Brazil through music, costume, and dance. Bolz Conservatory admission included

**Cocktails in the Conservatory**, Friday, January 30, 7 – 11 pm

**Education – January 2015** classes and programs 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)

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, Jan 26 – Mar 16, 6 – 7 pm

**Classes & Workshops for Adults**

All About Figs!, Saturday, Jan 17, 1 – 3 pm

Herbal Soap Making Fun! Old Fashion Soap and Feltmaking, Sat, Jan 17, 1 – 5 pm

Pochoir Workshop (French Stenciling Technique), Sun, Jan 18, 1 – 4:30 pm

Garden Monotypes Workshop (printmaking), Sat, Jan 31, 1 – 4:30 pm

**Learn & Play Together**

**Toddler Story & Stroll: Reading in the Rainforest** (ages 2 – 4 with adult)

An Orange in January, Fri, Jan 23, 10 – 11

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Fri, Jan 30, 10 – 11 am

Where the Wild Things Are, Fri, Feb 6, 10 – 11 am

**FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY**

<b>Forestry Section</b>	<b>Total Trees</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Cycle Pruning	501	512
Pruned by Request	328	330.5
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	179	99.5
Tree Removal	289	655
Storm Work/Hangers		8
Snow Plowing		0
Snow Removal		0
Unfilled Vacancy		312

The month of December with no snow or storms allowed the west unit to get back into district cycle pruning. The area is on the southwest side of the city with Raymond Road as the north boundary and McKee Road as the southern boundary. The west unit was also able to get into some small tree cycle pruning as well.

The east unit has been involved in request pruning as well as pruning for engineering resurfacing projects.

Since there has been no snow the Forestry specialists have been involved with reviewing sites for tree replacements and scheduling the replacements for the future. They have also been involved with inventorying and evaluating street trees on upcoming engineering projects. A change this year is that ash street trees that have been identified as preemptive removals (they must meet the preemptive removal criteria) will be removed as part of the engineering project. Street trees will be replanted when the project is complete.

Special project for the month:

- Pruning and removal for Olbrich Gardens-east unit

## RANGERS - JOSH SCHMITT

### 2014 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	5	3	3	8	24	18	22	26	19	3	0		131
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	3	12	14	2	3	6	7	0		48
Check Area	32	21	25	41	105	55	61	87	59	29	20		535
Damage to property	2	2	0	12	12	14	9	10	4	0	2		67
Dog violation	6	4	24	100	62	38	30	18	27	17	5		331
Drugs	0	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	0		12
Graffiti	2	1	1	6	3	5	7	9	14	8	3		59
No permanent Address issue	7	5	2	19	28	15	23	12	5	3	2		121
Incident	2	5	4	3	9	2	5	6	6	0	0		42
Maintenance needed	0	0	0	26	31	23	23	20	11	9	26		169
Misc	1	1	0	2	2	37	5	9	9	8	0		74
Not open/closed	8	6	5	17	27	26	27	22	22	7	1		168
Parking issue	12	2	6	26	54	24	34	26	22	6	0		212
Sport without reservation	0	0	8	18	1	2	0	2	0	1	0		32
<b>Total reports</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2001</b>

## 2013 Park Ranger calls for service - for comparison

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

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

#### Central Park Skate Park

Bids were received for the Central Park, Madison – Skate Park project on December 12, 2014. Four responsive contractors submitted bids for the project. Drax Construction was the low bidder with a base bid of \$980,686.00 and Alternates A and B at \$10,000 and \$25,000 respectively. Approval of the low bidder will go to Board of Public Works on January 7<sup>th</sup> and Council on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The contract will then be routed for signatures. Construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2015 with a substantial completion date in mid August.

#### Highland Manor Park

The storm shelter building is moving along. Foundation has been poured. Walls are up and the building is closed in as of the end of December.

#### Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground

Work for the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes for the low bid amount of \$137,466.77. Construction will be delayed until spring due to the weather; the entire contract is anticipated to be complete by July 2015.

#### Fisher Street Park Playground

This playground will be replaced as part of the 2014 Playground Improvements – Group 2 contract in spring 2015. Construction will be delayed until spring due to the weather; the entire contract is anticipated to be complete by July 2015.

### **Bowman Field Lighting Phase Two**

Bids for Bowman Phase Two were opened on August 8<sup>th</sup> and Joe Daniels Construction was the only bid received at \$460,949. The bid was accepted and the contract has been approved. Joe Daniels has submitted shop drawings for the new poles and lights, which are currently being reviewed by Strand Associates.

### **Forest Hill Cemetery**

Working with cemetery staff and Feick Design – an irrigation design company - to replace the water line system at the cemetery. Staff is also working with City Engineering to address stormwater management issues and reconstruct the road system in the cemetery. Staff will work with Engineering over winter to come up with designs and schedules for each project.

### **Brittingham Park at Proudfit**

Speedway Sand and Gravel was the low bid at \$47,579. The project requires approval from the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads and the hearing date is set for January 27, 2015.

### **Central Park**

The Central Park Phase 1B work is scheduled for construction in 2015. Phase 1B includes a new park entry plaza and pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The crossing is currently open and operational; temporary asphalt has been installed until the full project can be implemented. Construction will be coordinated with the skate park project.

### **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. Plans are under review. Construction of the water line system will be completed by Park Operations staff.

### **Cherokee Conservation Park**

A public input meeting held jointly with city engineering is scheduled for January 21, 2015 to discuss the proposed improvements to the park. The improvements include a small parking area, gravel path and an informational kiosk.

### **Highland Manor Park Improvements**

Staff held a second public input meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the improvements to Highland Manor Park, including a new playground. Plans and specifications were developed during December. The playground project will be combined into a contract with the basketball court and path improvements which will be bid out in January for spring construction.

### **James Madison Park**

The online visitor input survey closed on November 28<sup>th</sup> and received 133 responses. Staff will utilize results from the online survey, as well as hardcopies received from Central Library and the Children's Museum to assist in planning efforts for the park.

### **Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements**

Park staff is working with City Facilities Management on a series of clubhouse improvement projects for Yahara Hills. Construction is underway on the roof, with the existing roofing being removed and replaced in sections. Most of the locker room roof will be shingled by the end of December. Metal work around fascia is 75% complete. Work is expected to be completed in early January. Window replacement plans are at 90%. In addition, plans and specs are being developed by Hein Engineering for the HVAC upgrade of the clubhouse. Plans and specs should be ready to bid by January 24, 2015.

### **Lake Edge Park Shelter**

Staff is working with Facilities Management on the design/construction of the new Lake Edge Park Shelter. Parks and Facilities Management staff held a public input meeting regarding the project on December 17<sup>th</sup>; the project was well received. The site layout and colors for materials (stone, concrete block, roof and trim colors), were discussed and consensus was reached on the selections. Soil borings were performed and Destree Architects is presently working on construction drawings. Construction is to start as soon as possible in spring 2015 with completion scheduled around Labor Day.

### **Olbrich Botanical Gardens**

Work continues on building improvements at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. The projects listed below are managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff. Hein Engineering expects to have plans and specs ready to bid by January 17, 2015 for the HVAC Upgrade for Olbrich Botanical Gardens Phase I. In addition, several glass panels were replaced on the conservatory at Olbrich in December.

### **Garver Mill**

Four submissions were received on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and are under review. Committee meetings have been scheduled starting in January to evaluate the proposals.

### **Wingra Creek Parkway**

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

### **Tenney Park Shoreline**

Staff is working with City Engineering on the preliminary research and public outreach for shoreline improvements to address erosion along the Tenney Park lagoon. Staff met with members of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association and the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and attended the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>. A public input meeting will be held on January 13, 2015. Work is anticipated to start in July 2015. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Dog Park Improvements**

Improvements may include fencing and paving improvements at Sycamore Park and Warner Park, with the potential of including some improvements to Demetral dog park as funding permits. Design development is underway.

### **Nakoma Park Improvements**

The stone stairs at the western entrance to Nakoma Park along Cherokee Drive are deteriorating. Design firm InSite Architects has started working on plans and specs for this project. This project is managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

### **Stevens Street Park Improvements**

The second public input meeting was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> to review two proposed playground designs. In addition to the playground equipment, other improvements will be made to the park including a new seating area and resurfacing the basketball court. Construction is anticipated for spring of 2015 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract.

### **Flad Park Playground**

The second public input meeting was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> to review playground designs. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract.

### **High Point Park Playground**

The second public input meeting was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> to review playground designs. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract.

### **Waltham Park Improvements**

The second public input meeting was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2015 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. Other improvements include resurfacing the existing path system and re-building the basketball court. The re-construction of the path and basketball court is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the 2015 Park Paving Contract.

### **Sunridge Park Playground**

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 4<sup>th</sup>. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2015 (Group 2 Playground Contract).

### **Junction Ridge Park Improvements**

Staff held a public input meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed playground replacement at Junction Ridge Park; a second meeting will be scheduled in January. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the Group 2 Playground Contract. Other improvements include reconstructing the basketball court as part of the 2015 Park Paving Contract.

### **Demetral Park Playground**

Staff held a public input meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed playground replacement at Demetral Park. Staff will hold a second meeting to review playground designs on January 12, 2015. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the Group 2 Playground Contract.

### **Arbor Hills Park Playground**

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the Group 2 Playground Contract.

### **Tenney Park Beach Playground**

A second public input meeting to review playground designs will be held on January 13, 2015. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the Group 2 Playground Contract.

### **Badger Park Playground**

Staff held a second public input meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> to review playground designs. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the Group 3 Playground Contract.

### **Bernie's Beach Park Playground**

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the Group 3 Playground Contract.

### **Brittingham Park Playground**

Staff will hold a second public input meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project and review playground designs. Construction of the playground is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2015 as part of the Group 3 Playground Contract.

### **Breese Stevens Field Artificial Turf**

Phase 2 of the synthetic turf improvements will include the installation of a 10' asphalt maintenance road around the new synthetic turf field. As a part of this contract a concrete pad will also be installed under the press box. This work will be included in as a part of our annual paving contract (Park Paving 2015).

### **2015 Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacing**

Staff is developing plans and specifications for improvements to tennis courts at Olbrich, Elvehjem, Waunona, Westhaven Trails and Rennebohm Parks and Warner, Westhaven Trails, and Woodland Hills Parks basketball courts. This project is anticipated to go to the Board of Public Works for approval to advertise on January 7, 2015.

### **2015 Spring Parks Division & Water Utility Landscaping**

Staff are developing planting lists and plans for landscaping projects in multiple parks as well as two Water Utility sites. This project will go to the Board of Public Works for approval of plans and specs on January 21, 2015.

### **2015 Parks Division Tree Planting**

Staff are developing species lists and plans for tree plantings to occur in multiple parks. This project will go to the Board of Public Works for approval of plans and specs on January 21, 2015.

### **Allied Drive Improvements**

Working with the Allied Drive NRT (Neighborhood Resource Team), and staff on the siting of park improvements in the neighborhood as approved in the 2015 Capital Budget.

### **Demetral Park**

Working with Engineering staff on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area.

### **Forest Hill Cemetery Buildings**

Work continues on building improvements at Forest Hill Cemetery. The projects listed below are managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff. For the John Catlin Chapel Roof Replacement, Design firm InSite Architects is working on plans and specs; will review methods and materials with Amy Scanlon and the architect in December. For the office repointing, building elevations on AutoCAD have been prepared with areas of repair noted. This project will go out for bid sometime in late February or early March. In the process of selecting the design firm for the Mausoleum Building Envelope Repairs; 10 proposals were received. Will meet with Amy Scanlon and Tom Maglio next week to select finalists.

## Other Projects

- The demolition permit was approved by the Plan Commission on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> to remove the damaged cottage at Merrill Springs Park. Forestry removed the tree, Engineering staff completed the cottage demolition and Construction is completing the restoration of the site. The site will be seeded with prairie in Spring 2015.
- Parks is staffing the Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee.
- Staff is working with the Lucia Crest neighborhood on the installation of fruit and nut trees on the west end of Lucia Crest Park as part of a City Planning grant. The location has been approved by the Parks Superintendent; requested tree species and the management plan have been reviewed. Additional edible species approved by Habitat Stewardship and the Park Commission.
- Staff is working with City Engineering on stabilizing the shoreline along the Yahara River at East Main. These repairs are anticipated to be completed this winter by City Engineering staff; plantings will be part of the Spring Landscaping Contract.
- Staff is working on outfitting the concessions room with equipment and wi-fi for the newly completed splash park building at Reindahl Park.
- Staff is working with neighborhood volunteers and CDBG to install a protective 4' high welded wire mesh at the Aldo Leopold Park community gardens.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Worthington and University/Hill Farms.

## Projects Completed in 2014

- Warner Park Boat Launch Dredging
- Breese Stevens Field Lighting/Sound System Improvements
- Reservoir Park Playground
- Central Park – Phase 1A
- Odana School Park Dog Park
- Elver Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Elver Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Reindahl Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Churchill Heights Park Asphalt Path
- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Culvert Crossing
- Kennedy Park Asphalt Path Reconstruction
- Marston and Sherman Avenue (Tenney Park) Bridge Reconstruction
- 2014 Parking and Water Utility Landscaping
- Sauk Creek Park Playground
- Droster Park Playground
- Haen Family Park Playground
- Pilgrim Park Playground
- Everglade Park Playground
- Westport Meadows Park Playground
- Reindahl Park Splash Park
- Elver Park Splash Park
- Backstop replacement at Badger Park
- Backstop replacement at Oak Heights Park
- Backstop replacement at Indian Hills Park
- Renovation of 2 backstops at Walnut Grove Park
- Tennis court fencing repairs at Wexford Park
- Yahara River Parkway Bank Stabilization
- Walnut Grove Park Dog Park
- Tenney Park Beach Parking Lot Reconstruction
- Breese Stevens Field Artificial Turf
- Hoyt Park Stair Improvements
- Wingra Park Shoreline Limestone Step Reconstruction
- Huegel Park Playground
- Burrows Park Playground
- 2014 Managed Meadows / Natives Landscaping
- 2014 Spring Landscaping
- 2014 Fall Landscaping

- Aldo Leopold Park Shelter Installation
- Prototype Shelter Design

**WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – JACOB TISUE**

**WPCRC Facility Usage  
Report - 2014**

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2013
Facility Rentals	248	290	287	281	279	204	345	214	262	364	287	196	3257	2,849
<b>Pass Visits</b>														
Exercise Room	3205	2889	3067	2865	2288	2275	2210	1692	2231	2568	2493	2963	30746	34,303
Game Room	195	204	240	162	104	112	109	119	106	117	113	77	1658	1,817
Gymnasium	450	396	594	446	319	118	129	123	342	364	411	598	4290	4,078

June numbers do not include gym usage by the MSCR  
Summer Camp

Game room numbers do not include multiple youth groups and organizations that started using the area in 2014