

October Supervisor's Report Mall Concourse

What a wet month September was! The grass is greener than ever, and we didn't have to water the State Street planters as often, which freed up time to tackle other important tasks such as bus shelter refurbishing and equipment maintenance. Autumn banners have been installed on the light poles, to help transition the mood for the cooler months ahead. We completed aeration of the lawns, combined with overseeding and fertilizing, the lawns are looking healthy around the Capitol Square even after the Capitol Square construction from the spring and summer months.

September Mall Concourse events kept the crew extremely busy, with the usual Taste of Madison at the beginning of the month, and the Ironman event the following weekend. UW home football games began once again, with heavy cleanups the following Sunday mornings.

Looking ahead to October, leaf cleanup will begin, which is a bigger challenge than usual with the extra leaves to clean up in the Expansion area. Events will be winding down, however, prep work for our biggest event will begin with Freakfest tasks, such as bench and bike rack removal, and pulling plants from planters. The month of October will be a challenging one for the Mall Concourse!