Supervisor's Monthly Report for April Mall Concourse

Wet and cool describes the weather for the last part of April before the Mall Concourse starts to get busy with events. The Farmer's Market has returned, and even with the cool weather, the downtown has been flooded with people. The Farmer's Market Food Court has also returned, due to the Capitol Square construction that has displaced food vending carts. Numerous food carts have been placed on Mifflin St. to enliven the Saturday's Market. Combined with the Crazylegs event the past weekend, the Capitol Square was full of people.

The annual powerwashing sidewalks program also started in the month of April. During 2017, the Capitol Square and side street sidewalks will be powerwashed throughout the warmer months. The sidewalks have been noticeably cleaner as we start the 4th year of the program. Warmer weather also has meant more landscaping tasks that can be completed. Mulching landscape beds, pruning, and overseeding lawns have kept the crew busy this month. Mowing operations have started once again, but due to the Capitol Square construction, only half of the Square will be mowed weekly.

In May, events continue with the Syttende Mai run, as well as BID programming beginning at the Top of State Street and Peace Park. The Madison Night Market also makes its debut in May, with a Gilman Street Night Market full of vendors—which should be exciting.