

SUPERINTENDENT'S JUNE 2017 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

- Conservation staff successfully completed the early burn season in conservation parks and have turned efforts now to herbaceous species control in May.
- Conservation staff with the assistance of volunteer Paul Noeldner guided about 175 students from John Muir Elementary School at Owen Park in a pond exploration day.
- Park events, reservations and activities are in full swing. Field staff are busy cleaning shelters and parks, mowing and finishing spring planting.
- The recently updated and approved Forest Hill Cemetery Rules & Regulations were in place and posted in time for the Memorial Day weekend.
- Forestry crew devoted three days on tree removals due to a damaging storm on the west side in May.
- Construction for the accessible playground at Brittingham Park is anticipated to begin this month and completed in early September.
- Phase II improvements at Esther Beach are underway and include shoreline repair, a new canoe/kayak launch site and new concession/restroom facility. The beach will remain closed for the 2017 season during this reconstruction project.
- Data collection for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan continues. Staff is working with the University of Wisconsin Department of Landscape Architecture to hold six (6) focus group discussions with groups and community organizations including the Madison Senior Center, Kennedy Heights Community Center, North East Senior Coalition, Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, Meadowood Community Center, Vera Court, and East Madison Community Center.
- The attendance at OBG continues to grow with year to date visitors increasing by more than 10,000 people.
- OBG Summer Concert Series begins this month on Tuesday, June 20.
- WPCRC hosted over 1,100 shoppers at this year's SpringFest.
- Let's Eat Out! and Carts for Community Neighborhood Meals began in June at Cypress Spray Park, Worthington Park, Meadowood Park and Allied Drive.
- The MMSD Summer Food Program continues again this year at 50 sites throughout the city including Elver Park. This innovative partnership is addressing food insecurity for children and families in Madison through a community partner effort which provides free lunches beginning Monday, June 19. A Kickoff event will be held at Elver Park from 11am to 1pm.
- Staff participated in Bike to Work Week events the first week of June.
- Madison Parks, in partnership with REI Madison, are offering several "Learn to..." events including Learn to Hike, Learn to Backpack and Learn to Camp.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

As usual, May was a very busy month for Park Operations. It's always challenging to try to stay caught up with mowing and string trimming responsibilities this time of year. The grass growth rates are very high and the dandelions grow even faster. That being said, all of our routes have been mowed every 7-10 days and in some cases, even more frequent than that. We've focused additional resources on keeping up on our athletic fields to make sure that paying users have a good experience playing on our fields. Our Athletic Leadworker has completed his plan to improve our fields and we'll soon be putting his plan into action.

The Parks Arborist Crew has finished helping Forestry with the spring planting and are back working on ash removals. We've been jumping around a bit the last couple of weeks, but soon we'll be working on the west side of town again.

I've been very impressed with the work everybody has done this spring. Trying to get everything done this time of year can be challenging and stressful. I'm very appreciative of the talented and dedicated staff that we have.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

May was a rain filled month which found us dodging raindrops to complete our work. The crews did an admirable job of keeping up on the mowing under less than ideal conditions, which occupied the majority of our time. Park reservations increased dramatically keeping us busy cleaning shelters and picking garbage in the parks. Our first major event in Central Park of the season, The Food Cart Food Fest, went smoothly. Our LMW's finished planting their spring round of trees and have moved on to beautification projects at the Cemetery, Goodman Pool, and other Parks throughout the city.

June looks to be even busier at Central Parks. The LMW's will continue with beautification projects including preparing for an early Shake the Lakes this year on June 24th. With all the rain and warm temperatures we will continue to be busy mowing next month. The rest of our seasonal laborers will come on board mid June which will give us the ability to complete many of the small extra jobs that need to be done like weeding, pruning and general cleanup. With a new baseball group at Bowman and softball, athletics will be busy along with the rehab efforts we are doing to Penn Park and Quann Park. Events and reservations increase this month, including a Half Ironman competition at Olin Park.

Mall Maintenance:

Cool and rainy defined most of May, with mother nature taking care of the newly planted Mall Concourse landscape plants. Pansies have been planted in all of the planters on the Concourse. Also, the landscape beds at the Top of State and Forum of Origin have new plants courtesy of Lone Oaks, LLC. Pulling and burning weeds became an everyday task for the crew, especially with ideal growing conditions. The turf around the Capitol Square has been fertilized, and the grass is thriving.

The Gilman Street Night Market kicked May off with the special events and was well attended. We look forward to the next two night markets in June and July. Staple events such as the Syttendai run and the Madison Marathon kept the crew busy with preparations and cleanups. Downtown BID programming has begun, with busy and fun events at the Top of State and Peace Park. The BID has also added new tables and chairs for the lunchtime crowd at the Top of State.

Staffing increased at the Mall with a new 75% Parks Worker starting his stint with the Mall. Tom Grosse is a welcome addition to the Parks staff and shows much promise. Seasonal workers also started in the month of May, which will help the Mall during the busy summertime months.

June will continue the summer stretch in the downtown with the popular "Cars on State" the first weekend of June. The longtime traditional "Concerts on the Square" will also begin at the end of June. Sidewalk powerwashing will continue on the Square and side streets to keep the downtown looking clean throughout the summer.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

Staff at Forest Hill spends much of the month of May getting ready for our Memorial Day visitors. Graves closed over the past winter get sodded, winter plow damage is repaired, any remaining holiday decorations are cleared away, and all leaves and tree debris are picked up. Careful attention is given to the weather the week prior to the holiday, and a mowing and trimming schedule is drawn up. We're fortunate to receive seasonal help from other sections so that all grave markers can be string-trimmed during this week. Each section is mowed after the string trimming, so that the entire cemetery looks its best for the holiday.

Staff is on hand until early afternoon each day of Memorial Weekend to assist visitors with grave location and to answer any questions. This year we also had two burials on Sunday, so the cemetery was quite busy all weekend. The Madison Veteran's Council also held ceremonies, as usual, at Soldiers Rest, Union Rest, and Confederate Rest. It was a beautiful morning and attendance was good.

The Board of Park Commissioners recently adopted the updated version of our Rules and Regulations, which we've been working on for months. Of particular interest were the Decoration and Flag Policies; we expect that the updated version should be clearer and easier to understand and should promote more efficient maintenance. Few of the policies have actually changed, but because they

haven't been enforced, people have grown used to decorating graves in any fashion they want. We expect to spend considerable time explaining the policies as we begin to enforce them.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of April there were seven full-size burials and seven cremains burials. There were also five full-size lots and five cremains lots sold.

Summit Maintenance:

We've had a very wet spring, but it's also been fairly cool, so that's helped moderate the grass growth. We've certainly had our usual share of mowers stuck in soft ground and needing to be towed out. We do our best to stay caught up with mowing; on short holiday weeks it's especially challenging, and any equipment problems can quickly put us behind.

We're definitely in summer mode now, with daily shelter cleaning and trash pickup (including weekends), and weekly recycling collection and beach raking. We also receive a steady stream of "odd job" requests.

Athletic fields have been challenging this spring. The near-daily rain made the soccer fields slow to dry out, and also caused cancellations of a few softball games. The good news is that "fugitive dust" has not been a large problem yet this year.

Food carts are in the parks again this summer. They're at Walnut Grove on Tuesdays, Country Grove on Wednesdays, and Nakoma and Meadowood on Thursdays. This seems to be a pretty popular program, and so far hasn't created any unwanted issues in the parks.

Marshall Boats, the boat concession and café at the former Marshall Beach House, has opened for business. They have an assortment of paddlecraft and pontoon boats, and they offer lessons as well. The business currently occupies part of the actual beach, and we hope that they will bring in more beachgoers as well as customers. There's a completely different "feel" at the Marshall beach this year, with lots of activity in a previously quiet area.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

With burn season over, Conservation staff turned to invasive herbaceous species control in May. Garlic mustard, dame's rocket and burdock were the primary targets this month at several sites. Heavier infestations of garlic mustard were sprayed with herbicide, while hand-pulling alone was used in other management units. Areas that were sprayed were visited a second time and hand-pulling was used to eliminate individuals that had been missed or grown since the initial visit. Dame's rocket and burdock were always sprayed because the larger root systems on these species either created too much soil disturbance or were difficult to control effectively with hand-pulling. Several volunteers assisted with garlic mustard control this month during scheduled events at Edna Taylor, Heritage Sanctuary and Owen, as well as other times when volunteers worked independently at these parks and Cherokee Marsh. The staff conducted its work at these parks, and Prairie Ridge and Heritage Prairie as well. Operation Fresh Start also worked on garlic mustard and dame's rocket in key areas at Turville Point.

Staff installed native seed mixes at Owen and Prairie Ridge, and began mowing trails this month as well. Operation Fresh Start seeded a shade tolerant turf grass mix on the re-routed portion of trail at Turville Point, repaired and replaced water bars at Owen and North Cherokee, removed old fence and metal debris from Heritage Sanctuary and Owen, stacked brush at Prairie Ridge, and removed obsolete wooden stakes and metal cages from a former plant installation in the river along North Cherokee Marsh. Finally, several contracts for invasive plant control were awarded and began at North and South Cherokee Marsh and Owen.

A highlight of the month was the pond exploration day we hosted at Owen on May 15 for students from John Muir Elementary School. With assistance from local naturalist Paul Noeldner, conservation staff guided about 175 students, from 11 classes in grades 1 through 5, in collecting aquatic invertebrates and a few vertebrates, too. The students collected samples with nets and plastic containers, and then dumped them into plastic bins to get a better look at the critters as they swam around, before returning them to the pond.

Brandon Mann led this month's conservation park tour at Owen, explaining our restoration work and the natural habitats found there. I got a better look at North Cherokee Marsh from the river on a guided kayak tour given to me by my predecessor Russ Hefty, and Jan Axelson with Friends of Cherokee Marsh. Lisa Laschinger and I met with Jason Glozier, from the City's Department of Civil Rights, at Stricker's Pond to assess the trail there for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

"Thank you to everyone who makes experiencing this amazing place possible!!" Liz K, Denver, CO
5/9/2017

April 2017 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2017	2016	Previous 5 yrs avg
April 1 - 30	29,370	23,639	19,232
YTD April 30	79,712	67,774	
OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)			
	YTD 4/30/17	YTD 4/30/16	
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$16,781	\$21,070	
Room Rentals YTD*	\$41,354	\$49,625	
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$2,568	\$4,971	
TOTAL YTD	\$60,703	\$75,666	

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

June 2017 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

Zoethica, bioinspired art by Peter Krsko and his UW-Madison students, daily through August 6

Olbrich's Tram – operating daily (weather permitting) through October 15

Sunday Guided Garden Strolls – every Sunday @ 1:30 and 3:00 pm through October 15

Madison Iris Society's Iris Show, Sunday, 6/4, Noon – 5 pm

Wisconsin Hosta Society's Hosta Auction, Sunday, 6/4, Noon – 3 pm (viewing starts at 11 am)

Saturday, June 17 – **Olbrich Botanical Gardens CLOSED**

Rhapsody in Bloom, Saturday, 6/17 @ 6 – 11 pm

Madison Rose Society's Rose Show, Sunday, 7/18, Noon – 5 pm

Summer Concert Series – Araulai, (*cello folk, pop*) Tues, 6/20, 7 – 8 pm

Madison Herbal Institute's Herb Day, Sunday, 6/25, 10 am – 4 pm

Summer Concert Series – Wrenclaw, (*country rock*) Tues, 6/27, 7 – 8 pm

Education – June 2017 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Garden Walks

Gorgeous Gravel Gardens Walk, Tuesday, 6/20, 6:30 – 8 pm

Summer Solstice Herb Walk, Wed, June 21, 6 – 7:30 pm

Wellness at the Gardens

Gentle Kripalu Hatha Yoga, 6 Mondays, June 5 – July 17 (no class Jul 3), 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, 6 Mondays, June 5 – July 10, 6 – 7 pm

Yoga Flow in the Gardens, Thursday, 6/15, 6 – 7 pm

Adult Meditation & Movement in the Garden, Thursday, 6/22, 6:30 – 8 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Potential Climate Change Impacts on Communities, Wed, 6/21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Deep Into Indigo Lecture, Thurs, 6/22, 6:30 – 8 pm

10 Common Vegetable Gardening Problems & How to Solve Them, Thurs, 6/22, 7 – 8:30 pm

Make Your Own Bonsai Workshop, Wed, 6/28, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: (ages 2 – 4 with an adult)

Down by the Pond

Sensational Snails, Wednesday, 6/14, 10 – 11 am

Fantastic Frogs, Wednesday, 6/21, 10 – 11 am

Terrific Turtles, Wednesday, 6/28, 10 – 11 am

Little Sprouts Gardening: (ages 2 – 5 with an adult)

Animals in the Garden

Curious Geroge & the Pizza Party, Thurs, 6/15, 10 – 11 am

Little Red Hen, Thurs, 6/22, 10 – 11 am

Peter Rabbit, Thurs, 6/29, 10 – 11 am

Family Meditation & Movement in the Garden (for adults & children ages 5 – 9. Adult is free with up to two age-appropriate children) Wed, 6/14, 10 – 11 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	24	16
Pruned by Request	92	162
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	0	0
Tree Removal	87	291
Ash Preemptive Removals	33	212
Storm Work/Hangers		104

In May, forestry was heavily involved in planting. Planting season ended by the third week of May and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment program started up the next week. We did have a storm pass through that caused us to devote three days of work on removals on the west side. The remainder of the month focused on pruning/removal trees for engineering projects, preemptive ash removals, and work orders.

Forestry specialists worked on EAB treatment inspections, reviewing plans for private developments, sidewalk inspection, inspections for work orders, tree replacement checks and monitor gypsy moth egg hatch. The City of Madison had gypsy moth aerial treatment on May 16. The treatment areas were all on the east side.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

Recreation Services – Tracey Hartley

Event	Date	Time	Location	Partnering Org/ Vol	Registered	Attended	Additional Notes
Learn To Events							
Learn to Identify & Remove Invasive Species	Saturday, May 20	9:00am - 12:00pm	Owen Conservation Park - 6021 Old Sauk Rd.		0	5	
Learn to Disc Golf	Saturday, May 27	10:00 - 11:30am	Hiestand Park - 4302 Milwaukee St.	Mad City Disc Golf & Glide	10		
Learn to Hike	Sunday, June 11	10:00am - 11:30am	Cherokee Marsh N Unit - 6098 N. Sherman Ave.	REI	2		
Learn to Log Roll	Tuesday, July 25	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Wingra Park - 824 Knickerbocker St.	Madison Log Rolling	0		
Learn to Backpack	Sunday, July 30	10:00am - 11:30am	Marhsall Park - 2101 Allen Blvd.	REI	0		
Learn to Fall Camp/Prepare for Outdoors	Sunday, September 10	10:00am - 11:30am	Brittingham Park - 829 W. Washington Ave	REI	0		
Learn to Stargaze	Monday, September 18	7:00pm - 8:00pm	James Madison Park - 614 E. Gorham St.	UW Space Place	11		
Learn to Stargaze	Monday, October 9	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Rennebohm Park - 115 N. Eau Claire Ave.	UW Space Place	7		

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Promotional Events							
Dept. Health Services Health Fair	Thursday, May 25	10:00 am - 2:00pm	1 W. Wilson St.				information table
Bike to Work Week	Monday, June 5 - Fri, June 9	7:00am - 9:00pm	Law Park - 355 John Nolen Dr.				information table.
Safety Saturday	Saturday, June 10	8:00am - 1:00pm	Capitol Square				information table. Kids games & giveaways
Juneteenth Festival	Saturday, June 17	10:00am - 6:00pm	Madison Labor Temple - 1602 S. Park St.				information table
Resource Fair	Wednesday, June 21	1:00 - 2:15pm	30 W. Mifflin, 10th Floor				information table
Employee Wellness Expo	Thursday, June 22	10:00am - 1:00pm	3099 E. Washington Av				information table
Bike Resource Fair	Wednesday, June 28	11:00am - 2:00pm	N. Francis Plaza - 600 block of State St.				information table

Volunteer Events

NONE

Other Upcoming/Past Events

Movie Night - Back to the Future	Saturday, June 3	8:45pm	Peace Park - 452 State St.	Downtown Madison BID			
Pickleball Lessons	Every Thursday June 15 - July 6	Ses. 1: 5:30- 6:30pm Ses. 2: 6:30- 7:30pm	Garner Park Pickleball Courts - 333 S. Rosa Rd.	Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker	Ses. 1: 9 Ses. 2: 8		
Movie Night - The BFG	Saturday, June 17	8:45pm	Peace Park - 452 State St.	Downtown Madison BID			
Conservation Park Tour	Wednesday, June 21	5:30pm - 7:00pm	Cherokee Marsh North Unit - 6098 N. Sherman Ave.				
Dinner & A Swim	Friday, June 23	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Goodman Pool - 325 W. Olin Ave	Magic 98			Food Carts & Giveaways from Magic 98
Movie Night - Space Balls	Saturday, July 15	8:45pm	Peace Park - 452 State St.	Downtown Madison BID			
Movie Night - Rogue One: Star Wars	Saturday, July 22	8:45pm	Central Park - 202 S. Ingersoll St.				
Movie Night - Roman Holiday	Saturday, August 19	8:00pm	Peace Park - 452 State St.				
Movie Night - Moana	Saturday, September 23	7:00pm	Elvehjem Park - 1202 Painted Post Dr.				

Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin

Annual and Daily Permits Processed								
2017 Totals, as of 06/06/2017*			2016 Totals			2015 Totals		
	Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily		Annual	Daily
Disc Golf	1,087	1,395	Disc Golf	1,443	6,174	Disc Golf	1,420	7,195
Dog	6,305	311	Dog	8,270	588	Dog	7,162	547
Lake	2,118	466	Lake	4,322	5,207	Lake	4,099	5,159
XC Ski	1,325	416	XC Ski	1,318	486	XC Ski	1,266	548

*Parks began processing 2017 annual permits on December 1, 2016. Purchasing permits online has been a huge success.

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Gift Certificates Processed By Year		
2017	2016	2015
83 (\$3,476)	137 (\$9,585)	200 (\$8,306)

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2017 Reservation Information (Shelters and Athletics):

- Athletic fields and shelter reservations (including picnic shelters) are well under way. It's celebration season for many of our park users and everyone has been enjoying the great weather!!
- *PLAY MADISON PARKS!!*

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2017 Canoe/Kayak Storage and Mooring:

- Madison Parks has 294 canoe/kayak storage locations. All racks are spoken for in 2017!! With additional canoe/kayak racks added this year, many customers that were previously on our waiting list are now able to store their watercraft at these locations.
- Madison Parks has 29 mooring agreements in place.

Warner Park Community Recreation Center – Jacob Tisue

- WPCRC Advisory Committee Update
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, May 25
 - Discussed 2017 expansion planning process, volunteering at WPCRC events
 - Presentation from Clean Lake Alliance
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, July 27
- SpringFest Art and Craft Fair
 - Saturday, April 1 – over 1100 shoppers came through the entrance
 - Vendors – FULL
 - WPCRC Advisory Committee members volunteered in the concession stand. Thanks you to the committee members that gave their time, it helped a lot.
- Chad Norquist, WPCRC Operations, has started his sustainable facility efforts at the Goodman Complex; including the aquatic center, maintenance facility, and outbuildings. Chad will work a few days per week for June and July at the Goodman Complex.

WPCRC Facility News

- New Building Cleaner (weekends) – Juan Santoyo
- Fitness Equipment – Purchasing new adaptive recumbent trainer, treadmill, and rower as part of 2017 CIP
- 2017 Planning for WPCRC expansion
- Circle of Friends 2017 Donations
 - New television for meeting room
 - New rug for entrance of gymnasium

WPCRC Programs & Events News

- Warner Family Fun Nights
 - April 14 – 163 participants
 - May 12 – 182 participants
 - June 9 – expecting 200+
- Upcoming/New Program Ideas
 - Warner Park Neighborhood Camp Night
 - Warner Park Gem & Jewelry Show
 - Saturday, October 7

WPCRC Community Outreach News

- Mendota School Family, Youth and Community Day
 - Saturday, June 3
- Lindbergh Elementary 2nd Grade School Tours
 - Thursday, June 1

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South Side

Status: Pending Construction

Joe Daniels Construction is anticipated to start construction after October 2, 2017, with final completion before April 1, 2018, to avoid conflicts with current field reservations.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West Side

Status: Out for Bid

Cemetery staff and consultants are working on a design and required permits that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Phase 1 improvements have been advertised for bid a second time after the first round of bidding did not yield favorable prices. The City expects to select a contractor and give the contractor the option to start work in either fall 2017 or spring 2018.

Central Park – Near East Side

Status: Planning

The City is working with WisDOT and FHWA on acquiring properties located on E. Wilson and Baldwin Streets which would complete the land acquisition for that quadrant of the park. Funds are available from a federal earmark, which would pay for the majority of the land costs. Acquisition of the properties is anticipated in July 2017.

Garver Feed Mill – East Side**Status: Design**

Parks staff continues to work with the development team to resolve issues and work on obtaining final zoning approvals. City staff has contracted with SCS Engineers to provide environmental services including soil sampling and a material management plan for managing the contaminated soils on the site.

Tenney Park Shoreline – Near East Side**Status: Construction**

Landscaping and invasive plant removal along the shoreline are continuing. Hundreds of shrubs, acres of native seed, tens of thousands of native wetland and savannah herbaceous plants, and over 150 new trees were planted in April, May and June of 2016. Invasive plant removals will continue through December 2017, along with dormant native seeding.

Brittingham Park Accessible Playground – Isthmus/Central**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes who submitted a bid of \$237,549.45. Construction on the project is anticipated to begin in mid-June 2017 and to be completed by early September.

Brittingham Park Community Garden Playground – Isthmus/Central**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at the Brittingham Park community garden area (along with 5 other park sites) was opened on May 5, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Fitchburg, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$249,324.98. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in late June and to continue throughout the summer and early fall at the various sites.

Allied Park Improvements – South Side**Status: Out for Bid**

The contract to construct the open-sided sun shelter is currently underway with the concrete footings and slab complete. Madison Commercial Landscapes, Inc. will partially frame the structure and then work with Parks Facilities staff to bring the electric and fiber wire into the building. The installation of the playground will be by Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. as well, who were the successful bidder for the 2017 Playgrounds Group 2 contract, followed closely by the bid for the installation of the park's main path and basketball court (contract currently out to bid). Following asphalt lay-down at the basketball court, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC, the low bidder for under the Request for Quotes will be adding acrylic color coating and striping to the basketball and four square courts. The park's drinking fountain will also be installed under separate contract with pricing obtained through a Request for Quotes process.

Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central**Status: Planning**

Isthmus Architecture completed the Breese Stevens Facility Plan in early May. The second phase of Isthmus Architecture's contract is anticipated to start in late June and potentially includes the design of a new concessions addition to the stadium.

Demetral Park Adult Fitness – East Side**Status: Design**

The contract to install the equipment and concrete pad that it will be located on is anticipated to be bid June 16th. The installation of adult fitness equipment is anticipated to be installed in late September – early October 2017.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

Status: Construction

Phase I of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation is complete and included construction of the new restroom building and associated site work has begun. Phase II of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation has begun and includes upgrading stormwater facilities, shoreline repair, construction of a new canoe/kayak boat launch and reconstructing the existing parking lot. Phase II Improvements were awarded to the low bidder Drax, Inc. at \$238,112.00. The construction of Phase II Improvements are anticipated to be complete by fall 2017.

Penn Park Improvements – South Side

Status: Pending Construction

The project is being bid in two phases, one for the shelter and restroom portion of the project and a second contract for the site work and parking lot improvements. The first bid package for the renovation of the existing shelter and the new concession/restroom building was awarded to Sullivan Construction at \$790,004.25, with completion by May 15, 2018. The site work bid package is anticipated to be awarded to S&L Underground and Trucking, with a low bid of \$376,105.25. The site work is also scheduled for completion by May 15, 2018.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide

Status: On-going

Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed in the City of Madison park system. The trees included in these contracts replace approximately 2/3 of those removed due to EAB infestation. Work to install the trees at six parks including Brittingham, Demetral, Olbrich, Reindahl, Sycamore and Warner Parks were completed in June and work to install trees at Elver, Garner, Goodman, Marshall, Olin, Thut and Vilas Parks was completed at the end of October. Both of the contracts include a maintenance year (2017) to help ensure establishment of the trees.

Sugar Maple Park – Far West Side

Status: Construction

Rough grading work at the site began in July 2016 along with the installation of stormwater lines and inlets. A new path and half basketball court and sun shelter will be constructed with this project. Due to a backlog with the playground equipment supplier and scheduling with the sun shelter installer, the remaining work will not be completed in June.

Waldorf Park Preliminary Park Development – West Side

Status: Out for Bid

Site and grading plans have been developed. Grading of the site is anticipated to begin in June with final paving of the path and basketball court in October. The construction of the playground at the park will be part of the 2017 – Group 2 contract, which is currently out to bid and is anticipated to be opened on May 5th.

Goodman Ice Rink (Franklin Field) - Central/South

Status: Pending Construction

Staff has bid a design to modify and replace the lighting at the existing ice rink at Goodman (Franklin Field). Work will include replacement of the existing lights with new electric and poles, modifying the existing outlet structure to Wingra Creek used to drain the rink. The storm sewer project has been bid and the City has selected R.P. Cattell Inc as the contractor. Start work is expected in June 2017 and cost is \$33,325.00. The lighting contract has been bid and the City has selected Nickels Electric to complete the work for a cost of \$98,636.94. Work is expected to begin in August and be completed by November 15th.

2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide

Status: Ongoing

Staff has begun the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. This phase of the POSP includes participating in the engagement process of Imagine Madison; focus group meetings with neighborhood/community centers and youth through partnerships with the University of Wisconsin Madison Department of Landscape Architecture and Public Health;

coordinating volunteer efforts for field validated System for Observing Play and Recreation in; review of existing facility uses and reservations; surveys and discussions with existing recreational organizations; and online and paper comment cards to gather input on recreation preferences. Staff has issued a recreational league use survey to over 130 organizations that reserve parks facilities. Staff has also issued a community-wide survey, which has received 1608 responses.

Staff has held all five (5) Community Visioning Sessions and held three Park and Open Space Plan workshops in April, May and June that focused on specific issues related to the park system. The first workshop, *"Hip Hop" PARKitecture Workshop* was held on April 22nd. The two remaining workshops, *Panel Discussion: Madison Parks and Resiliency in the Era of Climate Change* was held on May 18th, and *Discover Madison Parks! Workshop: Connecting Kids to Nature* was held on June 4th.

Staff is also be working with the University of Wisconsin Department of Landscape Architecture to hold six (6) focus group discussions with groups and community organizations including the Madison Senior Center, Kennedy Heights Community Center, North East Senior Coalition, Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, Meadowood Community Center, Vera Court, and East Madison Community Center.

Tenney Park (Island Playground) – Central/East

Status: Pending Construction

The contract to construct the playground at Tenney Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 19, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Oregon, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$236,668.80. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and fall at the various sites.

Brigham Park Playground – East

Status: Pending Construction

The contract to construct the playground at Brigham Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 19, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Oregon, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$236,668.80. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and fall at the various sites.

Lake Edge Park Playground – East

Status: Pending Construction

The contract to construct the playground at Lake Edge Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 19, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Oregon, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$236,668.80. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and fall at the various sites.

McGinnis Park Playground – East

Status: Pending Construction

The contract to construct the playground at McGinnis Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 19, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Oregon, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$36,668.80. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and fall at the various sites.

Zook Park Playground – West

Status: Pending Construction

This project will be done in-house with Parks Construction staff.

Sunset Park Playground – West

Status: Pending Construction

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes at \$138,000.00 with completion by Sep 15, 2017. The neighborhood anticipates raised an additional \$12,500 to add a nature-based play area to the overall playground replacement project.

Westmorland Park Playground - West**Status: Pending Construction**

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes at \$138,000.00 with completion by Sep 15, 2017. The neighborhood raised an additional \$11,600 to add a nature-based play area and additional equipment to the overall playground replacement project.

Baxter Park Playground - South**Status: Pending Construction**

This project is part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes at \$138,000.00 with completion by Sep 15, 2017.

Bordner Park Playground – West**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Bordner Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 5, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Fitchburg, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$249,324.98. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and early fall at the various sites.

Country Grove Park Playground – West**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Country Grove Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 5, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Fitchburg, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$249,324.98. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and early fall at the various sites.

Waldorf Park Playground – West**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Waldorf Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 5, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Fitchburg, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$249,324.98. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and early fall at the various sites.

Wexford Park Playground – West**Status: Pending Construction**

The contract to construct the playground at Wexford Park (along with 3 other park sites) was opened on May 5, 2017 and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc. (Fitchburg, WI) who submitted the only bid received at \$249,324.98. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in mid-July and to continue throughout the summer and early fall at the various sites.

Reynolds Park Tennis - Near East**Status: Pending Construction**

Staff issued a Request for Quotation for a modular athletic court surfacing for the existing tennis courts at Reynolds Park. The contract was awarded to CDC Holdings Co – Sport Court WI for \$50,013.50. This court will be installed in June 2017.

2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements – City Wide**Status: Construction Complete**

Construction is complete for the 2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements including the following acrylic sport courts: Burr Jones Basketball courts, Heritage Heights Park tennis courts, Vilas Park tennis courts, Westmorland Park tennis courts, Reindahl Park pickleball line painting and Waunona Park pickleball line painting. Construction is complete.

2017 Parks Division Landscaping – City Wide

Status: Construction

The 2017 Parks Division Landscaping contract has been awarded to Dan Larsen Landscaping, Inc. of Cedarburg, WI, who submitted the lowest qualified bid of \$38,056.00 for landscaping improvements and installations at the following parks: Cherokee, Glenway Golf course, Lerdahl, O.B. Sherry, Quaker, Sugar Maple, Waunona and Washington Manor.

2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management – City Wide

Status: Construction

The 2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management contract has been awarded to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, who submitted the lowest qualified bid of \$22,960.39 to perform invasive species management and rain-garden and prairie species installations at the following parks: Door Creek, James Madison (at two locations) and Walnut Grove.

2017 Parks Division Sun Shelters Installation – West Side

Status: Construction

Work on the 2017 Parks Division Sun Shelters Installation contract began in early May. The Contractor, Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc., will completed Norman Clayton Park shelter by July 4th in time for the neighborhood's annual Independence Day event. Work at Allied Park is anticipated to be completed shortly thereafter, and work at Sauk Creek will be completed before mid-August 2017.

James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design- Near East

Status: Planning

Staff is developing a RFP for master planning and shelter building design services for James Madison Park. Staff reviewed the RFP with the Alder and neighborhood representatives on April 17th. This RFP is anticipated to go through the RESJ process prior to issuing in summer 2017.

Vilas Park Fishing Pier- Near West

Status: Design

Parks staff will be working with Building and Construction Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin to install an accessible fishing pier in Vilas Park on Lake Wingra. A design for a pier and abutment have been completed and a permit applied for with WDNR. Building trades is currently working on selecting a contractor to complete the work. Building Trades Council will be responsible for refurbishing an existing City owned pier for use on the site. An individual permit has been submitted to DNR and is pending approval.

Park Paving 2017 – City Wide

Status: Out for Bid

Staff has design and bid plans and specifications for the 2017 Paving Contract which includes construction of paths at Waldorf Park, Allied Park, and Garner Park as well as basketball courts at Allied, Waldorf, Arbor Hills, Lerdahl, and Westchester Gardens Park. This project is currently out to bid and construction is expected to start August 7th.

Gates of Heaven Improvements – Central

Status: Planning

Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for 2017 in conjunction with exterior improvements being completed by Engineering staff. Staff will work with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine if a more durable variety of flooring will be allowed since Gates of Heaven is on the National Register.

Olbrich Park – Walter Street Restroom Building and Site Work Improvements – East Side

Status: Planning

Staff are working with Facilities to develop schematic designs for the restroom building replacement and site work improvements to take to a neighborhood input meeting anticipated to occur in early fall.

Eken Park Place making Improvements – East Side

Status: Design

Staff are working with City Planning, Community Block Development Grants (CDBG) and with residents of the Eken Park for the installation of a seating area and historical plaque at the park. The project will be completed by October 2017.

Yahara Place Park and BB Clarke Park Shoreline Improvements

Status: Pending Construction

Staff is working with Engineering to replace the steel abutment walls at Yahara Place Park with two stepped stone revetments for canoe/kayak access. This contract will also include maintenance to the existing stepped stone access at BB Clarke Park. The contract was opened on May 19, 2017 and was awarded to Greener Valley Landscaping, Inc. Construction is anticipated to begin and complete in August.

Wingra Park

Status: Planning

Staff is working with Engineering to address shoreline improvements to Wingra Park. Staff met with park stakeholders in April and will be having a second stakeholder meeting in July.

Patriot Park

Status: Planning

Staff is beginning the Patriot Park Master Plan design process. A public meeting has been scheduled for July 10th to discuss this project with the neighborhood.

Thousand Oaks Park

Status: Planning

Staff is coordinating with Veridian Homes on master plan development of Thousand Oaks Park.

Other Projects

- Staff is coordinating with volunteers at Glenwood Park for implementation of volunteer-led projects.
- Staff is working with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee on drafting policies related Ice Rinks and Ice Rink volunteer groups.
- Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Lagoon Planning Grant. The first public input meeting was held in late winter of 2016. Engineering will issue an RFP for consultant selection in May.
- Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating (either through adaptive re-use or restoration) the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park. InSite Consulting Architects will prepare a Preliminary Assessment that will provide guidance on the fountain restoration.
- Staff is working with the University Hill Neighborhood Association to install table tennis and bench improvements as part of a grant obtained by City Planning for neighborhood improvements.
- Staff is working in conjunction with Engineering, Planning and Traffic Engineering on the Blair Street/John Nolen Drive corridor plan, which also includes Law Park in the study area. Two Public Informational Meetings were held with a 3rd meeting tentatively scheduled for July.
- Staff is working with the Madison Food Policy group on a report to identify potential community garden locations in the University Hills Neighborhood.
- Staff is working with the City Attorney's office on updating the Madison General Ordinances to allow for Temporary Land Use permits and Art Installation permits for private access and work in parks.
- Staff is working with Olbrich Botanical Society and Engineering for the proposed Olbrich Garden expansion.
- Staff is working with Engineering on the proposed Atwood Avenue improvements, which include improvements in Olbrich Park.
- Staff is working with Veridian Homes on concepts for a proposed park in 1000 Oaks subdivision.

- Staff is working with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District on the design and construction of the new pump station and restroom being constructed at Marshall Park.
- Staff are working with City Planning to identify projects at the respective parks that can be constructed with funding provided by Planning through Community Block Development Grants (CDBG) in Pennsylvania Park.
- Staff is reviewing potential options for new dog parks in accordance with the recently adopted dog park policy.
- Staff is coordinating the installation of a seating area at Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park as part of a Planning Grant award to the Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association.

Projects Completed in 2017

- Cherokee Marsh North Unit Parking Lot
- Warner Park Breakwater and Dredging and Boat Launch Repair