

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S APRIL 2018 REPORT**

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

#### Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary

- McPike Park was officially dedicated on April 4 and an estimated 250 community members attended, including the East High School marching band.
- Over 820 people registered to volunteer for the Earth Day Challenge on Saturday, April 21.
- In collaboration with volunteers, the Skatepark at McPike Park opened in March and April as weather allowed.
- Improvements to Bowman Park baseball were completed and include a new outfield fence and warning track, and a new backstop net.
- Work on the new storm drainage and irrigation system began at Forest Hill Cemetery.
- Four dog parks remain closed since the end of February due to the spring thaw and soft, muddy ground. Once conditions allow, we plan to aerate and overseed, as well as install an entry pad at McCormick.
- Prescribed burn season began in March, with 170 acres burned through March 30. A new [2018 Prescribed Burns webpage](#) was created under the Projects portal informing residents of planned burn locations and a bit of education as to why we burn. The webpage includes conservation parks, general parks and engineering sites.
- Forestry district cycle pruning continued for east and west units. A new [pruning operations webpage](#) was created and features maps informing residents of pruning locations through 2018 and beyond.
- On March 24, WPCRC partnered with Free Bikes 4 Kidz and gave away 500 bikes to northside families in need.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual SpringFest at WPCRC at the beginning of April had 763 participants.
- Park users reserved over 38,000 hours of play for 2018 using the new GymDandy online reservation system.
- 48 additional canoe/kayak storage spots were added at Olin, Burrows, and Cherokee Marsh – South Unit for a total of 348 spots across the system.
- The Penn Park construction project is on target to be completed in May with a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration planned for Wednesday, May 23 beginning at 4:00 pm.
- Planning staff completed most of the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2023 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. Staff is working on developing the draft plan in coordination with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.
- The third public input meeting for the James Madison Park Master Plan will be held on May 14, 2018 at Gates of Heaven.

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES**

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

East Parks accomplished a lot of shop work during the month of March. All of the trash barrels, hockey goals and tables were painted and repaired as needed. The winter shelters have been cleaned and are ready for the season. The floor mats have also been washed and stored for the off season. Tables and barrels are being distributed in anticipation of the warmer weather.

The athletic crew made some good progress on the softball diamonds at Olbrich. They renovated the pitching and home plate areas, installing new clay bricks underneath, so as to prevent extreme wear and tear during games. They also removed the lip between the infield and outfield. They plan on adding material to each diamond in the upcoming month.

Dog parks were shut down at Demetral and McCormick during the Spring thaw. McCormick will be getting entrance improvements shortly. Demetral will be overseeded and aerated before reopening.

We will be compiling a list of Earth Day activities and working with the volunteer coordinator on recruiting people to assist at each location. We already had a group of students from Sandburg School that helped pick trash at Olbrich and Reindahl.

East Parks will start weekend shelter opening and cleaning on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We hope to start seasonals by the end of the month to assist with mowing and other Spring projects. Such as trash pickup on major thorough fares and mulch delivery for our landscaped beds. Everyone is anxious for warmer temps and getting outside!

## **CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR**

### **Central Parks**

March was a below average month for temperatures but dry, which gave us the opportunity to accomplish a lot in the parks. Continuing with our recent collaboration with volunteers, we were able to open the skate park at Central, with the Friends group chipping in with opening on the weekends. Our LMW's spent the part of the month helping out the Parks arborists with ash removals. The LMW's also teamed up with the rest of Central's staff to trim back trees and brush along the Quann Park bike path and in areas of Olin Park. All of Central's parks and boulevards have been picked of garbage and most of the mulch beds have a fresh layer added. When the weather is not agreeable, we have been painting picnic tables and garbage cans in the shop. The contractor has started working on the Vilas bridge replacements, which are slated to be completed in August.

Our schedule in April is very weather dependent. Central Park will be re-dedicated early in the month as McPike Park, in honor of the former East High School principal. The LMW's will receive their spring tree orders and start mapping and installing them. Athletic field reservations will start to increase with high school softball and baseball as well as soccer. Bowman baseball has gone through a number of improvements over the last few months including a new outfield fence and warning track and a new backstop net installed over winter. Trashcans and picnic tables will be placed for the summer and our shelters will start to open for the season. As we start to get busier, we will have seasonal staff come aboard towards the end of the month.

### **Mall Maintenance:**

The march for warmer weather continued throughout the month, with cold temperatures keeping spring bulbs dormant. Winter bough displays continue to be frozen into pots, especially planters that are located in shady areas making removal difficult. Mulching landscape beds has begun, brightening up the dismal shades of gray. The few days that temperatures were above freezing, the Mall Crew was able to wash winter debris off the light poles, benches, and bike racks. Bus shelter window cleaning usually occurred in the afternoon, due to the cold morning temperatures.

Events kicked off in March, with the Shamrock Shuffle and St. Patrick's Day Parade. A large group of people for "March for Our Lives" flooded State Street and the Square in late March. Looking towards April, the traditional Farmer's Market will start up again. The perennial "Crazylegs" event will also occur late April. With the cold temperatures, snow removal may also be needed. April will definitely be a transition month.

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

### **Forest Hill Cemetery:**

Work on the new storm drainage and irrigation systems has begun at Forest Hill. There's a lot of activity and a lot of heavy equipment running in and out. The roadways are taking a visible beating from all the heavy trucks, and it's a good thing they're slated for replacement as well.

The irrigation system will not be up and running for the Mother's Day or Memorial Day holidays, and we're bracing ourselves for the barrage of complaints. The only water available will be from a hose outside at the office. Proactively, we're putting up signs and noting the work on the website, but we expect that a lot of visitors, particularly those from out of town, will be unaware of the lack of water. Even on a regular year, we get many complaints when the water is not on as soon as people think it should be.

The weather has been cool, and the grass is only just beginning to show some green; considering the forecast for the beginning of April, we're certainly weeks away from having to mow anything. Cemetery

staff has been picking up fallen branches and running the sweepers through the sections to tidy things up after the winter.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of February there were five full-size burials, five cremains burials, and two niche interments. There were also two adult lots, two cremation lots, one crypt, and one niche sold.

### **Summit Maintenance:**

We've nearly cleared up everything from the skating season; only a few frozen-in hockey stakes remain out. As we saw last year also, the huge amount of snowmaking this past winter is resulting in north-facing ski trails and the sled hill being largely covered in snow even now, at the beginning of April.

In this in-between season, operations staff is busy pulling snow stakes, converting equipment for summer use, repairing ruts, marking soccer field corners, and readying softball fields. We had a couple of weeks of unusually dry weather in March, and we were able to send the tractor with flail mowers out to take care of a few mowing issues that came up over the winter.

The situation at our dog parks continues to disappoint. The grass simply cannot withstand the heavy and concentrated foot traffic, both human and canine, resulting in huge muddy patches that seemed to grow by the day. These two dog parks have now been closed for weeks, and conditions are just reaching the point where we can aerate and overseed soon. Gravel will also be installed in the most worn areas, as we're very reluctantly giving up on grass.

The summer compliment of trash barrels is being re-placed in the parks; weekend trash runs will commence on April 22. Water is being turned on in the shelters and the shelters will open for reservations on April 14. We're anxious for spring.

### **CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR**

Prescribed burn season began this month, and Conservation staff were able to conduct burns at Cherokee Marsh (North and South Units), Prairie Ridge, and Warner Park. A total of 170 acres have been burned as of March 30. Thanks to Central and West Parks for lending staff to complete an 83-acre burn in a portion of sedge meadow at Cherokee Marsh that had never burned under our management. When not burning, staff time this month was devoted to clearing firebreaks and prepping burn units and equipment. We also worked on invasive shrub removal at Edna Taylor, Cherokee Marsh and Stricker's Pond, and burned the slash from this effort at Stricker's Pond.

I toured the North Unit of Cherokee Marsh with representatives from the Friends of Cherokee Marsh this month, to show them recent work and pending challenges. This will be a standing monthly meeting to maintain a strong relationship between the Friends' group and Parks staff. Next month, I will begin meeting with Friends of Olin Turville as well.

## OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

### Visitor comment:

*“about the Spring Flower Show... It was so much fun figuring out the mermaid, turtles, eel, crab, octopus, etc. The display was unique, educational, creative. I appreciate all the time, energy, expertise that they put into it.”* Natalie G, Madison, 3/21/2018

### February 2018 Numbers

<b>OBG Attendance</b> (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Previous 5 yrs avg</b>
February 1 - 28	16,692	20,856	15,036
YTD February 28	29,475	31,960	
<b>OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories</b> (unaudited)			
	<b>YTD 2/28/18</b>	<b>YTD 2/28/17</b>	
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$10,022	\$8,367	
Room Rentals YTD*	\$14,789	\$12,826	
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$2,655	\$855	
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>\$27,466</b>	<b>\$22,088</b>	

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

**April 2018 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens** call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit [www.olbrich.org/events](http://www.olbrich.org/events)

**Spring Pansy Sale**, Saturday, April 7, 10 am – 4 pm or while supplies last

**Midwest Gourd Fest**, (by the Wisconsin Gourd Society) Saturday, Apr 14, 9 am – 4 pm,

**Education Programs – April 2018** classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

### Wellness at the Gardens

**Herbal Formulation for Increased Wellness Series** (a series of 6 classes in late winter & spring)

Home Remedies for Everyday Ailments, Thurs, Apr 5, 6:30 – 8 pm

The Doctrine of Signatures Class, Thu, May 3, 6:30 – 8 pm

### Garden Walks

Spring Into Gardening Walk: Get Ready for the Season, Wed, Apr 11, 5:30 – 7 pm

Early Spring Flowers Walk, Thu, Apr 19, 5:30 – 7 pm

Art in the Gardens Walk, Tues, Apr 24, 7 – 7:30 pm

### Classes & Workshops for Adults

Your Garden Can Feed You All Year, Tues, Apr 3, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Pet-Friendly Landscaping, Tues, Apr 3, 6:30 – 8 pm

How to Grow Beautiful African Violets, Wed, Apr 4, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Tough Perennials for Tough Sites, Wed, Apr 4, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

A Peek into the Home Garden of Olbrich's Director of Horticulture, Thu, Apr 5, 6:30 – 8 pm

Proficient Pruning Workshop. Sat, Apr 7, 1 – 3:30 pm

Top Fifty Plants for Birds in Wisconsin, Sat, Apr 7, 1 – 2:30 pm

Vivacious Viburnums, Sun, Apr 8, 1:30 – 3 pm

Chinese Brush Painting: Flowers, Insects, & Birds, Sun, Apr 8, 9 am – 5 pm

Introduction to Lace Knitting, Tues, Apr 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Gardens of Stone, Tues, Apr 10, 6:30 – 8 pm

Gardening by the Moon, Wed, Apr 11, 6:30 – 8 pm

Just 3 Stitches! Sun, Apr 15, 1 – 4 pm

Suminagashi Floating Inks, Sun, Apr 15, 1 – 4 pm

Selecting & Growing Tropical Orchids, Mon, Apr 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Garbage into Gold, Tues, Apr 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Make an Ancient Gourd Vessel, Wed, Apr 18, 6 – 9 pm  
 'On the Go' Weaving: Introduction to Pin Loom Weaving, Thurs, Apr 19, 5:30 – 8:30 pm  
 Soil for the Home Gardener, Mon, Apr 23, 6:30 – 8 pm  
 Do-It-Yourself Photovoltaics, Sun, Apr 29, 9 am – 2 pm  
 Etagami: Spring-Inspired Japanese-Style Painted Notes, Sun, Apr 29, 9 am – 5 pm  
 Growing Strawberries & Raspberries, Mon, Apr 30, 6:30 – 8 pm

**Olbrich's Book Club**  
 Sunday, April 8, 1:30 – 3:30 pm  
  
 Book: The Lost City of the  
 Monkey God

**Learn & Play Together**

Toddler Story & Stroll: (ages 2 – 4 with an adult)  
**Exploring Our World with Stories by Mary Lyn Ray**  
Mud, Fri, Apr 13, 10 – 11 am

Red Rubber Boot Day, Fri, Apr 20, 10 – 11  
Stars, Fri, Apr 27, 10 – 11 am

**Scout & Youth Group Guided Visits:** (grades K – 5 with an adult)  
**Plant, Water, Grow** Saturday, April 28, 10 – 11:30 am

**FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY**

**Prepared by Craig Klinke**

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	551	528
Pruned by Request	510	1,010
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	53	34
Tree Removal	48	170
Ash Preemptive Removals	299	944
Storm Work/Hangers		21
Snow Plow/Shovel		89

Both east and the west units were able to work in District Cycle pruning. The west unit was able to get a little bit of Small Tree Cycle pruning completed. Pruning street trees for 2018 engineering projects and performing preemptive ash removals took top priority this month for both sides of the city.

Forestry specialists have been inventorying and evaluating street trees for the 2018 engineering projects and then advising the design engineers. Private developments have come in at a steady pace which forestry specialist reviews the proposed plan as it relates to street tree removal and/or replacement. They are working on marking ash preemptive removals in the field and creating work orders for the removals for the forestry forepersons. Finally, they have started sidewalk inspections and have completed the 2018 Spring Diggers Hotline routes and calls.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

### Warner Park Community Recreation Center – Terrence Thompson

- WPCRC Advisory Committee Update
  - Last Meeting – Thursday, March 22
    - Parks Landscape Architect Mike Sturm gave an update on the facility expansion project. Discussed 2017 CIP tech upgrade, volunteering at WPCRC events, behavior management policy, and programming for teens.
  - Next Meeting - Thursday, May 31

### WPCRC Facility News

- 2017 CIP tech upgrades; New high definition video monitoring system has been installed. Items for the sound system upgrade in the community rooms have been received and installation will begin soon.

### WPCRC Programs & Events News

- Warner Family Fun Nights-Each month the WPCRC attracts more than 200+ participants for Family Fun Nights. We have maintained record high attendance rates this school year and a lot of excitement from our participants. Upcoming dates:
  - Friday, April 13-230 participants
  - Friday, May 11
  - Friday, June 8
- Spring Fest Arts and Crafts Fair
  - Saturday, April 7, 763 participants
- Spring Break-A-Way 3ON3 Basketball Tournament Series
  - Dates: April 27, May 4, May 18, June 1, & June 15
- Community Outreach-On March 24, 2018, the WPCRC partnered with Free Bikes 4 Kidz to give away 500 bikes to northside families in need.

### WPCRC Facility Usage Report - 2018

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2017	2016
Facility Rentals	368	375	370										1,113	5,007	5,711
<b>Pass Visits</b>															
Exercise Room	2705	1549	2605										6,859	26,993	32,539
Game Room	241	236	258										735	2,187	1,864
Gymnasium	382	325	341										1,048	2,820	4,186

June/July numbers do not include gym usage by the MSCR Summer Camp (approx. 1200 visitors per month)

Game room numbers do not include multiple youth groups and organizations that use the area

Also doesn't include members that check into one area, then use another area during the same visit

**Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin**

**Parks Permits**

<b>Annual and Daily Permits Processed (including quantities ordered online)</b>								
	<b>2018</b>		<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>		<b>2015</b>	
	Jan 1- March 2		<b>Totals</b>		<b>Totals</b>		<b>Totals</b>	
	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)	Annual (online)	Daily (online)
Disc Golf	374 (174)	320 (7)	1,456 (503)	6,769 (59)	1,443 (245)	6,248 (14)	1,420 (194)	7,196 (0)
Dog	5,707 (3,429)	136 (6)	7,972 (4,432)	892 (13)	8,234 (4,063)	618 (6)	7,140 (2,628)	592 (0)
Lake	348 (199)	44 (N/A)	3,559 (1,373)	4,937 (N/A)	4,322 (593)	5,192 (N/A)	4,099 (394)	5,205 (N/A)
XC Ski	1,277 (663)	830 (20)	1,325 (743)	500 (14)	1,318 (362)	489 (0)	1,266 (213)	558 (0)

\* Annual permit quantities are from Nov 15 of the previous year through Nov 14 of the current year. Daily quantities are from January 1 of the applicable year.  
*The option for customers to purchase online has been a great success!!*

**Parks Gift Certificates**

<b>Gift Certificates Processed By Year</b>						
<b>2018 totals, as of April 4</b>		<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>		<b>2015</b>
19 - \$680		233 - \$10,987		137 - \$9,585		200 - \$8,306

**Athletic Reservations:**

Madison Park Users have reserved over 38,000 hours of play in 2018 through the GymDandy reservation platform in the first month of its use. Field staff has been working to open fields as soon as possible. This work includes placing field corners & lines, dragging softball & baseball diamonds, and various turf-work. All fields remain closed due to weather – as of 4/5/18.

**Canoe/Kayak Storage:**

Thanks to the efforts by Parks' staff, 48 new boat storage spots have been added in Madison Parks, allowing us to better serve the ever-growing waitlist and continue to connect residents to the water. New boat storage locations in 2018 are Olin Park, Burrows Park, and Cherokee Marsh – South Unit. Total boat storage spots is now 348.



**Parks Division: Recreation Services**  
 Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator  
 Melissa Zehner, Recreation Services Assistant  
 Wednesday, March 14th 2018

Event	Date	Time	Location	Partnering Organization/ Volunteer(s)	People Registered	People Attended	Additional Notes
<b>Learn To Events</b>							
Learn to Stargaze	3/12/18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Vilas Park	UW Space Place	14	11	
Learn to Bird Watch	4/8/18	9:00am-10:30am	Elver Park	Madison Audubon Society	11	11	
Learn to Stargaze	4/9/18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Tenney Park	UW Space Place	8	4	
<b>Promotional Events</b>							
Madison Kids Expo	3/3-3/4	10:00am-4:00pm Saturday & Sunday	Alliant Energy Center			People stopping at booth Sat: 932 Sun: 1,000	
Promotional Event: New Employee Tabling	3/28/18	12:30-3:00pm	Police Training Center			75	
McPike Park Dedication Ceremony	4/4/18	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Central Park			250	
<b>Recreation Events</b>							
Warner Family Fun Night	3/9/18	5:30-8:30pm	WPCRC	MSCR, WPCRC		191	
Disc Golf Tournament	3/10/18	9:00am-5:00pm	Yahara Hills	PDGA		74 participants in tournament	
Spring Fest	4/7/18	9:00am-3:00pm	WPCRC	WPCRC		763	
Warner Family Fun Night	4/13/18	5:30-8:30pm	WPCRC	WPCRC, MSCR		230	
Bird and Nature Festival	4/15/18	1:00-4:00pm	Warner Park	WDNR, Madison FUN		157	Cold and Snowy weather
<b>Volunteer Events</b>							

Dog Park Clean Up	3/24/18	10:00am-12:00pm	Brittingham, Sycamore, Quann, Warner Dog Parks	Dane County Parks	4	66	4 parks closed due to muddy conditions (Demetral, McCormick, Odana, Walnut Grove)
Sandberg School Cleanup	4/5/18	12:30-2:30	Olbrich, Reindahl	Sandberg School		13	
<b>Upcoming Events</b>							
Earth Day Challenge	4/21/18	10:00am-12:00pm	Various		821 as of 4/16		Volunteer event
Learn to Skateboard	5/5/18	10:00-11:30am	McPike Park	Freedom Skate Shop	11 as of 4/16		Learn to event
Madison Night Market	5/10/18	6:00-11:00pm	Peace Park	BID			
Warner Family Fun Night	5/11/18	5:30-8:30pm	WPCRC	MSCR, WPCRC			
Free Golf Instruction Saturday	5/12/18	12:00-1:00pm	Odana Hills Golf Course	Change Golf Instruction			
Volunteer Flower Garden Plant Pick up	5/16/18	10:00am-1:00pm	Olbrich Park				Volunteer event
Ride the Drive Volunteer Training	5/19/18	10:00-11:00am	Goodman				Volunteer event
Tabling: Employee Wellness Expo	5/21/18	10:00am-1:00pm	3099 E. Washington Ave	WI Department of Corrections	600		Promotional event
Penn Park Ribbon Cutting	5/23/18	4:00pm	Penn Park				Promotional event
Learn to Disc Golf	5/26/18	10:00-11:30am	Hiestand Park	Glide Disc Golf, Mad City Disc Golf			Learn to event
Free Disc Golf Day	5/26/18	all day	Elver, Hiestand Park				
Conservation Park Tour	5/30/18	6:30-8:00pm	Owen Conservation Park				

**Rangers & Aquatics – Josh Schmidt**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	14	37	82										133
Assist Citizen	11	5	6										22
Assist Fire/Police		1	2										3
Check Person	1	3	2										6
Check Area	633	575	630										1838
Behavioral Ban	0	0	0										0
Damage to property	2	1	3										6
Drug Investigation	0	0	0										0
Graffiti complaint	3	1	3										7
Intoxicated Person	0	0	0										0
Information	78	96	92										266
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0										0
No permanent Address issue	0	0	0										0
Noise complaint	0	0	0										0
Parking Complaint	4	7	9										20
Phone Call	0	0	0										0
Trespass	0	1	2										3
<b>Total reports</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>831</b>										<b>2146</b>

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – THOMAS MAGLIO**

**Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South**

**Status: Construction**

This project was completed on March 28<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the public works contract requirements.

**Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West**

**Status: Pending Construction**

Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. The contractor has started work and is expected to be completed by July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Garver Feed Mill – East****Status: Construction**

The developer obtained their final zoning approvals and closed on the Lot 1 property in early December. S&L Underground was awarded the contract to remove the stockpiled leaf and stump grinding materials, which was completed on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will complete temporary seeding in April, 2018.

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

Staff and Isthmus Architecture are finalizing plans for a new concessions and restroom addition to the historic stadium. The project received approval from the Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison Landmarks Commission and Urban Design Commission and was presented to the Board of Park Commissioners on March 14. The project will be released for bidding in April 2018, with the majority of the construction occurring during the 2018-2019 off-season.

**Penn Park Improvements – South****Status: Construction**

The project was 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 is expected to be completed May of 2018. The associated site work for the parking lot improvements is also anticipated to be completed May of 2018.

**Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide****Status: On-going**

Staff developed a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed and replaced in the park system and continues to coordinate with parks operations staff for the citywide replacement of ash trees.

**2018-2023 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide****Status: On-going**

Staff has completed most of the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. Staff is currently working on developing the draft plan in coordination with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; the next Long Range Planning Subcommittee is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**2017 Parks Division Landscaping – City Wide****Status: Construction / Maintenance**

Work has been completed for the installation of trees and shrubs at various sites in the park system. Maintenance under the contract will start back up in May 2018 and will continue through December 1, 2018.

**2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management – City Wide****Status: Construction / Maintenance**

Work has been completed for the installation of raingardens at sites in the park system. Maintenance work under the contract will start back up in May 2018 and continue through December 1, 2018.

**Brittingham Dog Park****Status: Planning**

Parks staff is developing preliminary designs to redesign Brittingham dog park with synthetic turf. Staff held a public input meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and will hold a second public input meeting this spring.

**James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design- Near East****Status: Planning**

Urban Assets is continuing the public engagement process for the master plan and shelter design. The first stakeholder meeting was held January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the first public input meeting was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and the first focus group meeting was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The second stakeholder meeting was held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and the second public input meeting was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The third stakeholder meeting will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All focus group interviews required as part of

this project have been completed. Additionally, an online survey was available from January 17<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. The draft plan will be presented on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Gates of Heaven.

#### **Vilas Park Fishing Pier- Near West**

##### **Status: Construction**

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. Building Trades Council will be responsible for refurbishing an existing City owned pier for use on the site. Building Trades has transported the wooden pier to their winter workshop and will finish work on the new decking throughout the winter. Final pier installation will be in spring 2018.

#### **Vilas Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement- Near West**

##### **Status: Construction**

Bids for the project to replace the two existing pedestrian bridges at the Vilas Lagoon were received on December 15<sup>th</sup> with R. G. Huston the apparent low bidder. The preconstruction meeting was held on February 27, with construction starting on March 26. The project completion date is August 15, 2018.

#### **Gates of Heaven Improvements – Central**

##### **Status: Planning**

Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for 2018 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. A new roof for the building is also planned for 2018.

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

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff are working with Engineering Facilities who will lead the restroom replacement project which is anticipated to be issued for bid in early April, with construction anticipated to begin in late June 2018. Sitework improvements designed by Parks staff (including the parking lot, basketball court replacement and accessible path connections) will be bid in late 2018 and constructed in 2019.

#### **Eken Park Place making Improvements – East**

##### **Status: Planning**

Living Landscapes LLC submitted the lowest qualified bid for the work to install the landscaping, boulder/plaque and concrete path with benches at the park. Construction of the CDBG funded project is anticipated to begin in May.

#### **Pennsylvania Park Place making Improvements – East**

##### **Status: Planning**

The neighborhood, together with Madison Arts Commission, selected artist Ray Chi to create original pieces to be installed at Pennsylvania Park. Parks staff will coordinate the installation of a public art piece in the park following selection by the neighborhood of the chosen artwork. The project is anticipated to be installed in spring 2018.

#### **Wingra Park – Near West**

##### **Status: Construction**

Staff is working with Engineering to address shoreline improvements to Wingra Park. Bids were opened by Engineering for this contract on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the contract was awarded to Speedway Sand & Gravel. Construction has begun and is anticipated to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The boat launch will be open on May 1<sup>st</sup> during construction to allow access for fishing.

#### **Thousand Oaks Park – Far West**

##### **Status: Construction**

The developer, Veridian Homes, has completed the majority of the phase 1 work on the grading and storm sewer improvements that were done under a private contract. The second phase of work, including the playground, path and shelter improvements are anticipated to begin this spring. The construction of

the park by the developer offsets the Park – Development Impact Fees that would have otherwise been paid to the City.

#### **Ocean Road Park Playground Replacement – South**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff held a public input meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Ocean Road playground replacement. The construction will be completed by Parks Construction crews.

#### **Dudgeon School Park Playground Replacement – West**

##### **Status: Planning**

Dudgeon School Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which was opened on March 15<sup>th</sup> and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc, who submitted the only bid received totaling \$122,248.50. Construction is anticipated to begin in July at Dudgeon School Park.

#### **Indian Hills Park Playground Replacement – West**

##### **Status: Planning**

Indian Hills Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which was opened on March 15<sup>th</sup> and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc, who submitted the only bid received totaling \$122,248.50. Construction is anticipated to begin in June at Indian Hills.

#### **Odana Hills Park Playground Replacement – West**

##### **Status: Planning**

Odana Hills Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which was opened on March 15<sup>th</sup> and is anticipated to be awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc, who submitted the only bid received totaling \$122,248.50. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-May at Odana Hills, which will be the first site started under the Group 1 contract in recognition that the neighborhood went a full summer (in 2017) without a playground due to the former site's total loss from fire damage.

#### **Acewood Park Playground Replacement – East**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Acewood Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

#### **Elmside Circle Park Playground Replacement – Near East**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Elmside Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

#### **Washington Manor Park Playground Replacement – East**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff held a public meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Washington Manor playground replacement. The second public input was held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

#### **Reger Park Playground Replacement – Near East**

##### **Status: Planning**

Staff held a public input meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to discuss the Reger Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018. Parks staff is coordinating lighting improvements in the park, funded by CDBG, with the playground installation project. Lighting improvements will take place during July and August 2018.

### **Mayfair Park Playground Replacement – Near East**

#### **Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Mayfair Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This project will be combined with four other playground replacements in one contract and release for bidding in April, 2018.

### **Olin Park Boat Launch Reconstruction – Isthmus/Central**

#### **Status: Construction**

The project will remove and replace the cracked and deteriorating existing concrete ramps in the same location and will include some small improvements to ramp slope and lake bed stabilization. This project has been bid and the City has selected Janke Contractors to perform the work. Work is now underway and is expected to be completed by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **North Star Park Expansion – Far East**

#### **Status: Planning**

Staff will hold a follow-up meeting in conjunction with the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association's regular meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> to present schematic designs for the expansion area to receive feedback and possible approval as part of a master plan revision.

### **Camar Park Master Plan – Far East**

#### **Status: Planning**

Staff will hold a follow-up meeting in conjunction with the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association's regular meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> to present schematic designs for the new park and also receive candidates for a possible re-naming of the park as part of a master plan approval.

### **Elver Park Inclusive Playground – South/West**

#### **Status: Planning**

Staff held a follow-up session with the neighborhood as part of the Elver Park Neighborhood Center's Black History Month Celebration event on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. At the session, attendees selected the preferred color option and had the chance to review the revised proposal by Little Tykes Commercial, the vendor selected during the first public input meeting. This project is anticipated to be bid in early May, with construction beginning in July 2018.

### **Greenside Park Master Plan – South / West**

#### **Status: Planning**

Staff anticipate holding a public meeting with the neighborhood in May 2018 to discuss master plan development at Greenside Park following a tree survey to be conducted in February to assist in determining the type and quality of canopy trees on the 2.51-acre property.

### **Meadowood Park Sun Shelter – West**

#### **Status: Planning**

Replacement of the park's existing sun shelter is currently out to bid – with an anticipated bid opening date of April 12<sup>th</sup>. Pending a successful bid opening, construction is anticipated to begin in early July. The new shelter will generally sit in the location of the original building and will feature electric outlets & service.

### **City-wide Invasive Removal Contract**

#### **Status: Planning**

Staff issued an RFP for the city's first city-wide contract to remove invasive plants throughout raingardens, shorelines and greenways in late December. Bids were opened on January 24<sup>th</sup> and the contract was tentatively awarded to Quercus Land Stewardship, LLC. Installation of native seed and plants will be included in this contract. Prescribed burns as part of this contract will begin in April.

### **2018 Tennis and Sport Court Resurfacings**

**Status: Bidding**

Work under this contract includes crack filling, resurfacing and striping of tennis and/or basketball courts at eight parks including Goodman basketball, Nakoma tennis (adding pickleball striping), Odana Hills East tennis, Olbrich tennis, Rennebohm tennis, Richmond Hill basketball and Walnut Grove tennis. This contract will be rebid in April (the bid opening on 3/15 resulted in zero bids received – which staff learned is due, in part, to staffing shortage within the industry).

**2018 West Park Division Fencing and Backstops****Status: Planning**

This contract is a repurposing of the general fencing and backstops contract which was opened in early March but had all bids rejected due to failure to properly satisfy Small Business Enterprise (SBE) requirements. The new contract will include the work at the west park properties only, including Bordner Park tennis and backstop, Garner Park pickleball, Rennebohm Park backstop and Wingra Park backstop and is anticipated to be opened on 4/5. The remaining east sites will be issued separately under an Request for Quotes (RFQ) as the estimate will not require bidding through Public Works.

**Park Paving 2018****Status: Planning**

This contract will be replacing asphalt pavement at three locations. Garner Park will see a continuation of the path replacement started in 2017 to reconstruct the worst sections of park path and bring them up to modern standards capable of supporting traffic from maintenance vehicles. Rennebohm Park will see a shift in the existing path to accommodate the community garden expansion. Indian Hills Park path will be reconstructed and replaced in approximately the same location. Project is currently being designed and has is currently out to bid. Construction is expected to begin on June 4<sup>th</sup> and be finished by Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Warner Park Boat Launch Parking Lot replacement****Status: Planning**

This contract will reconstruct the boat launch at Warner Park. The existing asphalt is in poor condition and in need of replacement. The new lot will have the same footprint as the existing lot but will include drainage, layout, and traffic striping upgrades. Staff is currently designing and evaluating several options for the lot. Construction is expected to start in September 2018 and be finished by December 2018.

**Other Projects**

- Staff is working on the relocation and development of a storage building at Olbrich Botanical Gardens to replace the one that received fire damage.
- Staff is working on several repairs to the Reindahl Park barn storage structure including roof and floor replacement.
- 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. Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park. InSite Consulting Architects has prepared a Preliminary Assessment that will provide guidance on the fountain restoration.
- 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 on getting bids and design to rebuild the maintenance shed and hoop houses at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

- 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)
- Staff is reviewing potential options for new dog parks in accordance with the recently adopted dog park policy.
- Staff are coordinating with organizers of the CrossFit games to identify a potential location and installation for adult outdoor fitness equipment.
- Staff is working on planning efforts to site recreational bike facilities within the City. The City is coordinating with a local volunteer organization Capitol Offroad Path Finders (CORP) to establish future off road bike facilities.
- Staff is working with Engineering to add maintenance of landscape plantings within Warner Parking lot to Engineering's city-wide median maintenance contract.
- Staff is working on a plan to final grade Junction Ridge Park. This will create a space for a new soccer field and complete rough grading for a future path.
- Staff are participating in the development of the Triangle Monona Bay Neighborhood Plan