

SUPERINTENDENT'S JUNE 2018 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary

Update on the Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report

This month's report includes some changes as a part of our continual process improvement work. Assembling this report requires a significant amount of staff time and often includes limited updates from month to month. In reviewing the balance of cost vs. benefit and discussing it with staff, I believe moving forward with changes in a relatively rapid cycle makes the most sense to improve this process.

Additionally, we have continued to strive to communicate information on our work to policymakers and the Commission using other avenues of communication, especially the website. Our goal is to migrate to quarterly reports for each of the major branches (i.e. Planning and Development, Operations, Community Services, and Olbrich Botanical Gardens) for inclusion in this report. The expectation is that these quarterly reports will then include information that is more significant and provide the Commission and public more insight into each branch of our important work. Another goal is to include key highlights of items likely to come before the Commission. We will be working towards getting a web presence for the reports to allow members of the public to access this information in a more streamlined manner.

The first step in this migration is that in this month's report there is no Planning and Development portion of the report. The Planning and Development Manager vacancy along with the time constraints on the P&D team with projects going out to bid are the primary reason that this branch was chosen first. In addition, the P&D team has the most prevalent and built out web presence as it relates to its work. All of the Parks Planning and Development projects can be found on the Parks project tab of the parks website and is available at: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects>.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Commission to provide higher quality information through these reports and to do so in a manner that maximizes benefit to the Commission and the public while also providing important time back to staff in each branch to focus on meeting the needs of our community. Please reach out to Kay or I if you would like to discuss this further.

Future Commission Items

- The Long Range Planning Subcommittee is likely to approve a draft version of the Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) over the next month or so. Staff anticipates bringing this to the Park Commission in July.
- Staff will be presenting a general overview of the work on planning for the future of Golf to the Golf Subcommittee in June. Staff anticipates having further discussions with the Commission in the fall of this year.
- Community Service staff are working on an update to the Parking Ordinance for Parks and are hopeful to be able to use this as an opportunity to create a legal framework related to parking in Parks that is more consistent, transparent, and promotes voluntary compliance with parking regulations.
- Community Services staff are also working with Food Policy staff on a pilot program related to food procurement processes.
- Planning and Development staff will present an overview of the Capital Budget and planned projects for 2019 in September or October after the Mayor releases his Capital Budget.
- Bids were opened on Breese Stevens Concession and Restroom Addition on May 24th; only one bid was received which significantly exceeded the budget. The contract is scheduled to be rebid in July.

Report Highlights

- An estimated 250 community members and leaders attended the Penn Park ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration on Wednesday, May 23. The park is now open and features a renovated 4,000 sf shelter and new concession/restroom building.
- Ride the Drive 2018 was very successful! The great weather brought out an estimated 7,000 people on Sunday, June 3rd with 27 vendors and 12 food options and a team of 87 volunteers made it all come together smoothly.

- The Goodman Pool opens on Friday, June 8th with the first 500 kids receiving complimentary admission thanks to Goodman's Jewelers.
- Conservation staff continued prescribed burns in May at Owen, Stricker's Pond and Turville Point. Staff also led the 2nd Pond Exploration Day with students from John Muir Elementary School.
- The four closed dog parks reopened, including Odana School Dog Park after a considerable amount of work to restore.
- Rhapsody in Bloom, Ebb & Flow at Olbrich Botanical Gardens is Saturday, June 16.
- The 2018 spring planting season ended in late May with 1,787 trees planted across the city.
- Forestry Specialists re-inspected ash trees for treatment in 2018 and 945 ash street trees were added to the treatment plan.
- New watercraft storage racks were added at Burrows, Cherokee Marsh South, Olbrich and Paunack for a total of 353 rentable spaces throughout the city. All spaces available rented for the 2018 season.
- WPCRC is collaborating with the Northside Safe and Thriving Community and Madison Public Library to extend evening building hours for teen programming on Wednesday and Friday evenings to bring "Summer Nights at Warner Park" June 27 through August 10.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR, Prepared by Kristin Mathews

May was an especially challenging month on many levels. With the extreme amount of rainfalls, it was hard to stay on top of mowing and the preparation of athletic fields. We also had a difficult time getting seasonal employees on board for the summer months. At this point we are nearly fully staffed and are looking forward to staying on top of everything.

The Tiger mower went out for one round of Spring cuts in no mow areas. We anticipate sending it out again soon before thistles go to seed and to cut down Wild Parsnip.

Several scheduled games had to be cancelled due to weather and field conditions throughout the month. But our crew managed to make fields playable if at all possible under very challenging conditions. Olbrich Walter Street basketball court was removed by Construction, in anticipation of the new Walter Street bathroom building. This will be a much needed and appreciated addition to the park! Have a great June!

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks

With all the rain in May and perfect temperatures for grass, Central Parks was busy trying to keep up with the mowing all month long. Most of our seasonals started in May month with a few coming on in June. The LMW's finished planting their spring trees and had time to tackle some beautification projects also. Athletic activities are in full swing with softball, baseball, soccer and ultimate Frisbee. Penn Park opened up in May after a yearlong renovation with a new restroom/concession building and a remodel of the existing shelter. Shelter reservations have picked up dramatically as have larger events like The Ragnor relay finishing at Olin for the first time this year. The Vilas bridge replacement project is moving along nicely with the new bridges being placed this month.

Heading into June we will continue to be busy cutting grass that does not show any signs of slowing. Beautification projects will occupy the LMW's time now that trees have been planted. Athletic field maintenance as well as some field rehab efforts will take place in June. Reservations and events are numerous in June with Shake the Lakes being one of the larger ones at the end of the month. Our remaining seasonals will begin this month, which should help us get to some of the non-mowing tasks like weeding and pruning.

Mall Maintenance:

May was close to being the wettest month on record, and the heat definitely turned up making the Mall Concourse green as ever! Mowing operations kicked in high gear, and pulling weeds became routine for the entire month. Plants have been added to the Top of State area once again, to enliven the festive months to come. Turf maintenance has been completed, with aerating and overseeding the lawns from winter damage.

Decorative outdoor lighting has been added to the trees at the Top of State to bolster the image of the new visitor center booth. Weekly powerwashing has also been added to the Top of State, to help keep the area clean for events.

Speaking of events, they became plentiful in the month of May, including the Syttendai Mai run, Gilman Night Market, and Madison Marathon. Looking ahead to June, events include Cars on State, Ride the Drive, and another Gilman Night Market. Ben Fahey, Parks Worker, has joined the Mall Concourse for the summer and his attitude and experience is welcome and appreciated. June will definitely be a busy month downtown!

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR**Forest Hill Cemetery:**

We always expect May to be an extremely busy month at Forest Hill, and this year was certainly no exception. The rainy, cold weather of early spring ended abruptly, temperatures warmed quickly into the 80s and 90s, and grass growth exploded. As always, cemetery staff received lots of string trimming help from general parks seasonals. We really couldn't do it without them, and we appreciate all the help.

Storm drain and irrigation work is still ongoing throughout the cemetery, and is definitely wearing on staff morale. Aside from the general messiness of dealing with constant excavations, complaints from cemetery visitors are a daily occurrence. Despite posted signs and website updates, many people are not getting the message and some comments actually border on hostile.

As of the first week in June, we finally have all our cemetery seasonals hired. We have 3 returnees with significant experience, and 1 new but promising person. We're looking forward to a productive summer.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of April there were seven full-size burials and eleven cremains burials.

Summit Maintenance:

Odana Dog Park is now open again. The grass filled in beautifully (probably better than when it was originally seeded), and we're hoping that new grass, coupled with the larger graveled entrance, will cut down on the muddiness. Walnut Grove Dog park is also open, with a larger gravel pad as well, and overseeded lawn.

We continue to struggle with our seasonal staffing. As mentioned above, the grass really took off all of a sudden, and we got all the seasonals in that we could. Unfortunately, we have had a large turnover this year and new people take a while to get up to speed. Staff was training new seasonals and staying late to mow on overtime all in the same day, but our new people are coming along and we expect that trend to continue. We also have two high school teachers yet to join us, and at that point will be fully staffed with seasonals.

As we move into June, I expect that we'll continue to work to catch up with our mowing and trimming, as well as add beach and volleyball court raking to our duties list. We also always have miscellaneous projects such as a kiosk installation at Merrill Springs. And, as always, we have daily shelter and restroom cleaning and trash collection.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

Prescribed burns continued into May this year, with burns conducted at Owen, Stricker's Pond and Turville Point on May 7 and 8. Then the crew turned full-force to garlic mustard control at all actively managed conservation parks. Their efforts were supplemented by volunteers at Cherokee Marsh, Heritage Sanctuary, Meadow Ridge and Turville Point, as well as by the Operation Fresh Start Crew at Knollwood and Cherokee Marsh. Volunteers continued to work on buckthorn at Prairie Ridge. Staff also began mowing trails this month system-wide, and seeded a few new sections of trail at North Cherokee Marsh with turf grass. Contracted invasive control work began at Cherokee Marsh, Owen, Prairie Ridge and Turville as well.

Jay Walters and I led the second annual Pond Exploration Day at Owen for students from John Muir Elementary School. Much thanks to Paul Noeldner, Lance Green and Bethney Gundersen, who volunteered their naturalist skills and also helped lead this event. Brandon Mann and I led tours at Owen and Heritage Sanctuary, and I worked with an afterschool club at Sandburg Elementary to pull garlic mustard in the park. I worked with Parks Planning, Kay and Lisa to build and finalize the 5-year CIP projection for Conservation. Proposed projects will implement management plans as they are drafted and adopted for the Conservation parks. I drafted the management plan for the North Unit of Cherokee Marsh this month, and it will be presented to the Habitat Stewardship Committee at their meeting in June.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

"An incredible library which makes me want to move here or enjoy prolonged visits!" John F. Stilwell, OK
5/5/2018

April 2018 Numbers

| OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants) | 2018 | 2017 | Previous 5 yrs avg |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| April 1 – 30 | 20,876 | 29,370 | 20,816 |
| YTD April 30 | 73,984 | 79,712 | |
| | | | |
| OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited) | YTD 4/30/18 | YTD 4/30/17 | |
| Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD | \$20,384 | \$16,781 | |
| Room Rentals YTD* | \$32,889*** | \$41,354 | |
| Catering Percentage Revenue YTD** | \$3,321 | \$2,568 | |
| TOTAL YTD | \$56,594 | \$60,703 | |

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

***no atrium weddings booked for 2019 (revenue would begin in March 2018)

June 2018 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

Sunday **Guided Garden Strolls** @ 1:30 & 3: pm thru October 14

Iris Show – by the Madison Area Iris Society, Sunday, Jun 3, 12:30 – 5 pm

Herb Day - by the Madison Herbal Institute & the Madison Chapter of the American Herbalist Guild, Sunday, Jun 10, 10 am – 4 pm

Olbrich Botanical gardens Closed – Saturday, June 16

Rhapsody in Bloom, Saturday, Jun 16, 5 pm – 11 pm

Concerts in the Gardens, Tuesdays, Jun 19 – Aug 14, 7 – 8 pm

Jun 19 – **Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble**

Jun 26 – **Trapper Schoepp**

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

Wellness at the Gardens

Slow Flow Vinyasa, 8 Mondays, Jun 4 – Jul 23, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Tai Chi Meditation, 6 Mondays, Jun 4 – Jul 9, 6 – 7:15

Support for Digestive Wellness, Thurs, Jun 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Beginning Chair Caning, 3 Thursdays, Jun 7, 14, 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Flora of Japan, Sun, Jun 17, 1:30 – 3 pm

Chinese Brush Painting: Year of the Dog, Sun, Jun 17, 9 am – 5 pm

The Art of Henna, Mon, Jun 18, 6:30 – 8 pm

Creative Native Bee House Workshop, Thu, Jun 21, 6 – 8 pm

Learn & Play Together**Family Classes**

Fireflies in the Gardens (ages 5 – 11 with adult) Fri, Jun 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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

Sparkling Curiosity with Stories about Scientists

Maria Merian, Tues, Jun 5, 10 – 11 am

Charles Darwin & His Children, Tues, Jun 12, 10 – 11 am

Jane Goodall, Tues, Jun 19, 10 – 11 am

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

Garden Stories by Denise Fleming

Underground, Fri, Jun 15, 10 – 11 am

Tall, Tall, Grass, Fri, Jun 22, 10 – 11 am

Lunch, Fri, Jun 29, 10 – 11 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY, CITY FORESTER

| Forestry Section | Total Trees | Total Hours |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cycle Pruning | 0 | 0 |
| Pruned by Request | 50 | 93 |
| Small Tree Pruning Cycle | 15 | 5 |
| Tree Removal | 49 | 147 |
| Ash Preemptive Removals | 164 | 396 |
| Storm Work/Hangers | | 73 |

The spring 2018 planting season ended towards the end of May. 1,787 street trees were planted across the City. The Emerald Ash Borer treatments began May 21st. During the planting season, we were able to keep crews on ash pre-emptive removals and other non-EAB removals and tree pruning or respond to tree emergencies. After planting both east and west units began following up on work orders that came in during the planting season. We celebrated Arbor Week at Elvehjem park and Muir Elementary. The Dane County Tree Board partnered with us at the Muir Elementary event.

Forestry specialists continued to monitor engineering reconstruction projects while work is being performed near street trees and respond to sidewalk repair issues near city trees in Alder District 16. Also, the forestry specialists re-inspected ash street trees for treatment in 2018 for the western third of the city in advance of treatment crews. Two-thirds of the ash street trees were re-inspected last year (2017) and 945 ash street trees were put into the treatment designation and treated.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin Parks Permits

| Annual and Daily Permits Processed <i>(including quantities ordered online)</i> | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 Jan 1- May 31 | | 2017 Totals | | 2016 Totals | | 2015 Totals | |
| | Annual (online) | Daily (online) | Annual (online) | Daily (online) | Annual (online) | Daily (online) | Annual (online) | Daily (online) |
| Disc Golf | 1,093 (405) | 1,103 (59) | 1,456 (503) | 6,769 (59) | 1,443 (245) | 6,248 (14) | 1,420 (194) | 7,196 (0) |
| Dog | 6,620 (4,004) | 194 (6) | 7,969 (4,432) | 892 (13) | 8,234 (4,063) | 618 (6) | 7,140 (2,628) | 592 (0) |
| Lake | 1,424 (697) | 508 (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

| Gift Certificates Processed By Year | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| | | | | | | |
| 2018 totals, as of June 1 | | 2017 | | 2016 | | 2015 |
| 40 - \$2,085 | | 233 - \$10,987 | | 137 - \$9,585 | | 200 - \$8,306 |

Canoe/Kayak Storage

Parks is excited to share that all 353 available canoe/kayak spaces are now filled. This year, canoe/kayak storage racks were added at the following parks: Burrows, Cherokee Marsh South Unit, Olin, Olbrich, and Paunack. This provided Madison Parks the opportunity to offer 53 additional watercraft spaces. Sixteen (16) of these spaces are under fee modification with the Goodman Community Center and Friends of Starkweather Creek to support youth access to nature. All of this was able to happen due to the fantastic efforts of a few of our parks team members. Rangers acquired additional racks, the team provided suggestions on the best park locations to place them and our website was updated to let watercraft users know rack spaces were available. Two front desk staff members diligently reached out to customers on our waitlist, spoke with many patrons looking for rack spaces and filled each rack space. Kudos go out to these team members for their efforts.

Aquatics – Josh Schmitt

This week marks the last week of school for area kids and they sure seem ready to get outside and enjoy our park system. And just in time the Goodman Pool will be opening for the season at noon on Friday, June 8. Goodman Jewelers has graciously sponsored free admission for the first 500 kids through the door. We are very thankful for their continued support. Aquatics has 98 people on staff this year. They have been busy training, setting up beaches and making sure the pool water sparkles. So grab your towel, flip flops and sunglasses, and come enjoy some summer fun. Bucky will be waiting.

Warner Park Community Recreation Center – Terrence Thompson

- WPCRC Advisory Subcommittee Update
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, May 31
 - Carrie Braxton was elected Chair for the Advisory Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended modification to gym reservation fees, removal of drop in fees for gym usage, gave feedback on the behavior management policy and discussed fundraising opportunities.
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, July 26

WPCRC Facility News

- 2017 CIP tech upgrades; Installation of the sound system for the community rooms is in progress. New television for digital sign board, mobile projector screen, and chrome books have been received.

WPCRC Programs & Events News

- Warner Family Fun Nights-Each month the WPCRC attracts more than 200+ participants for Family Fun Nights. Upcoming dates:
 - Friday, May 11-219 participants
 - Friday, June 8
- Spring Break-A-Way 3ON3 Basketball Tournament Series
 - Upcoming Dates: June 15
- Summer Nights at Warner Park- The WPCRC will be collaborating with the Northside Safe and Thriving Community and Madison Public Library to extend evening building hours for teen programming on Wednesday and Friday evenings June 27-August 10. The Safe & Thriving Teen Program will consist of a series of recreational activities and provide teens with the opportunity to work with music and film professionals to produce music and videos focusing on social justice, mentoring, and entertainment such as mini concerts, comedy shows, and spoken word events.

In preparation for this, we started a Friday night 3ON3 Basketball Tournament Series for middle school and high school students in April. The tournaments are played on Friday nights and registration is free. Pre-registration is not required and all teams are organized on site. We provide a free meal, free skills clinic, live music, and prizes donated from local businesses. We have had great success with this program and plan to continue to offer teen programs during times when they are likely to engage in negative behaviors. The last tournament will be on June 15.

WPCRC Facility Usage Report 2018

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD | 2017 | 2016 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| Facility Rentals | 368 | 375 | 370 | 433 | 394 | | | | | | | | 1,940 | 5,007 | 5,711 |
| Pass Visits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exercise Room | 2705 | 1549 | 2605 | 2460 | 1957 | | | | | | | | 11,276 | 26,993 | 32,539 |
| Game Room | 241 | 236 | 258 | 209 | 196 | | | | | | | | 1,140 | 2,187 | 1,864 |
| Gymnasium | 382 | 325 | 341 | 308 | 237 | | | | | | | | 1,593 | 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

Special Events – Kelli Lamberti

Park and Street Use Permitted Events – June 2018

| DATE | | | EVENT | LOCATION |
|------|------|----|--|---------------------------------|
| Sat. | Jun. | 2 | Take Kids Fishing | Tenney Park - JWP Shelter |
| Sat. | Jun. | 2 | Cows on the Concourse | 100 MLK |
| Sat. | Jun. | 2 | Cars on State | State Street |
| Sat. | Jun. | 2 | Dane County Farmers' Market | Capitol Square |
| Sat. | Jun. | 2 | 6th Annual Madison Kubb Tournament | Olbrich Softball |
| Sat. | Jun. | 2 | Yahara Fishing Club Kid's Summer Fishing Day | Warner |
| Sat. | Jun. | 2 | Fruitfest | 900 Williamson St |
| Sun. | Jun. | 3 | Ride the Drive | Olin/Law/Britt & John Nolan Dr. |
| Sun. | Jun. | 3 | Central Park Sessions | McPike |
| Tue. | Jun. | 5 | Eastside Farmers' Market | McPike |
| Wed. | Jun. | 6 | Dane County Farmers' Market | 200 MLK |
| Wed. | Jun. | 6 | Capitol View Farmers' Market | Sharpsburg Drive |
| Wed. | Jun. | 6 | Let's Eat Out! | Jackson St. |
| Thu. | Jun. | 7 | Fleet Feet Aquathon Series | Warner Park Beach |
| Fri. | Jun. | 8 | Wisconsin Bike Week Celebration | 100 S. Pinckney |
| Sat. | Jun. | 9 | Elver Park Farmers' Market | Elver Park |
| Sat. | Jun. | 9 | Dane County Farmers' Market | Capitol Square |
| Sat. | Jun. | 9 | Safety Saturday | 10 E & W Main, 100 MLK |
| Sat. | Jun. | 9 | Summerpalooza | 100 W. Pinckney |
| Sat. | Jun. | 9 | Marquette Waterfront Festival | Yahara Place |
| Sat. | Jun. | 9 | Midwest Log Rolling | Vilas |
| Sun. | Jun. | 10 | Marquette Waterfront Festival | Yahara Place |
| Sun. | Jun. | 10 | Ironman Wisconsin 70.3 | Olin |
| Mon. | Jun. | 11 | NESCO's 23rd Annual Summer Concert Series | Warner |
| Tue. | Jun. | 12 | Eastside Farmers' Market | McPike |
| Wed. | Jun. | 13 | Dane County Farmers' Market | 200 MLK |
| Wed. | Jun. | 13 | Capitol View Farmers' Market | Sharpsburg Drive |
| Wed. | Jun. | 13 | Let's Eat Out! | Jackson St. |
| Wed. | Jun. | 13 | Colsac Skiers | Brittingham |
| Fri. | Jun. | 15 | Isthmus Paddle & Portage-bib pick up - set up | James Madison |
| Fri. | Jun. | 15 | Loop the Lake/Paddle & Portage - set up | Olbrich Park |
| Fri. | Jun. | 15 | Live on King Street Concert Series | 100 King Street |
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | Elver Park Farmers' Market | Elver Park |
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | Breese Stevens Concert Series-Steely Dan & Doobie Brothers | Breese Stevens |
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | Dane County Farmers' Market | Capitol Square |
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | Juneteenth | Penn Park |
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | World Naked Bike Ride | Isthmus |
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | Madison Blues Society Annual Blues Picnic | Warner |
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | Jazz in the Park | Wingra |

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|------|------|----|--|--------------------|
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | Isthmus Paddle & Portage | James Madison |
| Sat. | Jun. | 16 | Loop the Lake | Olbrich |
| Mon. | Jun. | 18 | NESCO's 23rd Annual Summer Concert Series | Warner |
| Tue. | Jun. | 19 | Eastside Farmers' Market | McPike |
| Wed. | Jun. | 20 | Dane County Farmers' Market | 200 MLK |
| Wed. | Jun. | 20 | Capitol View Farmers' Market | Sharpsburg Drive |
| Wed. | Jun. | 20 | Let's Eat Out! | Jackson St. |
| Thu. | Jun. | 20 | Make Music Madison | multiple locations |
| Fri. | Jun. | 22 | Breese Stevens Concert Series-REO Speedwagon | Breese Stevens |
| Sat. | Jun. | 23 | Elver Park Farmers' Market | Elver Park |
| Sat. | Jun. | 23 | Dane County Farmers' Market | Capitol Square |
| Sat. | Jun. | 23 | Festival Foods Shake the Lake | Lake Monona |
| Sun. | Jun. | 24 | Summer Solstice Celebration | Olbrich |
| Sun. | Jun. | 24 | Dreambank Her Madison Half Marathon & 5K | Hilldale |
| Sun. | Jun. | 24 | Festival Foods Shake the Lake - Rain Date | Lake Monona |
| Tue. | Jun. | 26 | Eastside Farmers' Market | McPike |
| Wed. | Jun. | 27 | Dane County Farmers' Market | 200 MLK |
| Wed. | Jun. | 27 | Capitol View Farmers' Market | Sharpsburg Drive |
| Wed. | Jun. | 27 | Concerts on the Square | Capitol Square |
| Wed. | Jun. | 27 | Let's Eat Out! | Jackson St. |
| Wed. | Jun. | 27 | Colsac Skiers | Brittingham |
| Fri. | Jun. | 29 | Special Olympics WI USA Games Parade of Athletes | TBD |
| Sat. | Jun. | 30 | Elver Park Farmers' Market | Elver Park |
| Sat. | Jun. | 30 | Dane County Farmers' Market | Capitol Square |

Recreation Services – Tracey Hartley

Ride the Drive 2018 was very successful! The great weather brought out an estimated 7,000 people on Sunday, June 3rd. Olin, Law and Brittingham Parks were hopping. There were 27 vendors and 12 food options. A team of 87 volunteers made it all come together smoothly. A new offering this year was electric bikes (E-Bikes) with vendor booths from Crazy Lenny's E-bikes and Erik's Bike Board Ski both offering E-Bikes and Pedal Assist E-Bike test rides at the event. Additionally, Mad Rollin' Dolls made a debut roller-skating along at Law Park. The Madison Public Library with the Wild Rumpus/Anji Play creative play equipment came out for kids to enjoy at Brittingham Park. It was great promotion for the new Wild Rumpus summer programming coming to Brittingham Park later this summer. MSCR also had an impressive offering of family friendly games and activities. At Olin Park, Celebrations Entertainment brought out their new Video Wall that projects images in the daylight, including photos of park's activity scrolling on the big screen. Overall a great tenth anniversary of Ride the Drive.

| Event | Date | Time | Location | Partnering Org | People Registered | People Attended | Notes |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------|---|--|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| Learn To Events | | | | | | | |
| Learn to Skateboard | 5/5/18 | 10-11:30am | McPike Park | Freedom Skate Shop | 20 | 10 | Full |
| Learn to Disc Golf | 5/26/18 | 10-11:30am | Hiestand Park | Mad City Disc Golf, Glide Disc Golf | 25 | | Full Glide: Free Disc |
| Learn to Pickleball | 6/7/18 | 5:30-7:00pm | Garner Park | Roxie and Jerry Gottsacker | 25 | | Full |
| Learn to Kayak | 6/12/18 | 5:00-7:00pm | Brittingham Park | Madison Boats | 42 as of 5/25 | | |
| Promo Events | | | | | | | |
| Madison Night Market | 5/10/18 | 6:00-11:00pm | Peace Park | BID | | | |
| Tabling: Employee Wellness Expo | 5/21/18 | 10:00am-1:00pm | 3099 E. Washington Ave | WI Department of Corrections | 600 | 200 | |
| Penn Park Ribbon Cutting | 5/23/18 | 4:00-8:00pm | Penn Park | Southside Community Association, Southside Raiders, City of Madison, Madison Water Utility, MPD, MFD, Clerks Office, Public Library, Dream Bikes, Community Foundation, Parks Foundation | | 250 | Speakers: Paul Soglin, Sheri Carter, Eric Knepp, Community Foundation, Southside Raiders, Boys & Girls Club |
| Parks & Trails Unite Festival | 6/2/18 | 10:00am-7:00pm | Lake Farm County Park and McDaniel Park | Friends of Dane County Parks, United Madison, Dane County Parks | 247 | | |
| Safety Saturday | 6/9/18 | 8:00am-1:00pm | Capital Square | City of Madison Fire Dept. | | | |
| Recreation Events | | | | | | | |
| Conservation Park Tour | 5/9/18 | 5:30-7:00pm | Heritage Sanctuary | | | 10 | with Paul Quinlan |
| Warner Family Fun Night | 5/11/18 | 5:30-8:30pm | WPCRC | MSCR, WPCRC | | 219 | |
| Free Golf Instruction Saturday | 5/12/18 | 12:00-1:00pm | Odana Hills Golf Course | Change Golf Instruction | | | |

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|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------------|--|-----|------------------|---|
| 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 | | | | |
| Free Golf Instruction Saturday | 6/2/18 | 12:00-1:00pm | Yahara Hills Golf Course | Change Golf Instruction | | | |
| Ride the Drive | 6/3/18 | 11:00am-3:00pm | Olin, Law, Brittingham | WI Bike Fed, Madison B Cycle, 93.1 Jamz, Magic 98, Madison Water Utility | | 7,000 | |
| Pool Opening Kickoff | 6/8/18 | TBA | Goodman Pool | Goodman's Jewelers | | | 1st 500 kids free |
| Warner Family Fun Night | 6/8/18 | 5:30-8:30pm | WPCRC | MSCR, WPCRC | | | |
| Conservation Park Tour | 6/13/18 | 6:30-8:00pm | Cherokee Marsh North | | | | |
| Volunteer Events | | | | | | | |
| Earth Day Event | 5/4/18 | 11:30am | Warner Park | Lakeview Elementary | 150 | | |
| Spring Fling | 5/6/18 | 1:00-5:00pm | Olin Park | Friends of Olin-Turville | | | |
| Volunteer Flower Garden Plant Pick up | 5/16/18 | 10:00am-1:00pm | Olbrich Botanical Gardens | | | 16 Garden groups | K&A Greenhouses, Stonefield Plant Farm |
| Park Cleanup | 5/17/18 | 2:00-4:00pm | Warner Park | Clean Lakes Alliance, Wild Warner | | | |
| Ride the Drive Volunteer Training | 5/19/18 | 10:00-11:00am | Goodman Maintenance Facility | | 79 | 38 | |
| Volunteer Cleanup | 5/21/18 | 2:00-4:00pm | Olin Beach | Clean Lakes Alliance | 10 | | With Chad Hughes Volunteer: Mary Carrasco |
| Volunteer Cleanup | 5/31/18 | 2:00-4:00 | Olin-Turville Conservation Park | Clean Lakes Alliance | 150 | | With Paul Quinlan, Garlic Mustard Removal |
| Volunteer Cleanup | 6/7/18 | 3:00-5:00pm | Vilas Park | Exact Sciences | 100 | | With Chad Hughes |
| Volunteer Cleanup | 6/11/18 | 2:00-4:00pm | Olin-Turville Conservation Park | Annual WI FFA Day of Service | 25 | | With Paul Quinlan |

| Upcoming Events | | | | | | | |
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| Park Cleanup | 6/14/18 | | Stricker Pond | Clean Lakes Alliance | | | With Paul Quinlan |
| Madison Night Market | 6/14/18 | 6:00-11:00pm | Peace Park | BID | | | |
| Movie in the Park | 6/16/18 | 8:45pm | Peace Park | BID | | | movie: Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy |
| Free Dog Park Day | 6/16/18 | all day | Brittingham, Demetral, McCormick, Odana, Quann, Sycamore, Walnut Grove, Warner | | | | |
| Summer Meal Kickoff | 6/18/18 | 12:00-2:30pm | Aldo Leopold Park | MMSD, REAP Food Group, Fitchburg Library, City of Madison | | | |
| Warner Family Fun Night | 6/8/18 | 5:30-8:30pm | WPCRC | MSCR, WPCRC | | | |
| Wild Rumpus | 6/18-8/16 | 5:00-7:30pm | Brittingham, Haen Family, Reindahl | Madison Public Library, Let's Eat Out | | | Mondays: Brittingham, Wednesdays: Haen Family, Thursdays: Reindahl |
| Learn to Canoe | 6/19/2018 | 5:00-7:00pm | Brittingham Boats | Madison Boats | | | |
| Park Cleanup | 6/21/18 | TBD | Vilas Park | Clean Lakes Alliance | | | |
| Learn to Pontoon | 6/25/2018 | 5:00pm & 6:00pm | Marshall Park | Madison Boats | | | |
| Learn to SUP | 6/26/18 | 5:00-7:00pm | Marshall Park | Madison Boats | | | |
| Movie in the Park | 6/27/18 | 8:45pm | Meadowood Park | | | | movie: TBA |
| Park Cleanup | 6/28/18 | 10:00am-12:00pm | TBD | Clean Lakes Alliance | | | |
| Free Lake Access Day | 6/30/18 | all day | Law, Marshall, Olbrich, Olin, Spring Harbor, Tenney, Warner | | | | |
| Movie in the Park | 7/9/18 | TBA | Elver Park | | | | movie: TBA |