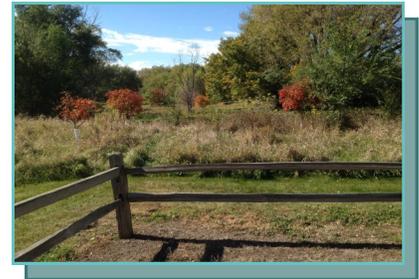




2015 Year End Report Parks/Forestry/Insect Control Department

“The Madison Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department saw much growth in 2015. Our seasonal staff retention has been consistent which allowed for greater efficiency in the areas of ball diamonds, mowing and flowers.

The Gerry Maloney Nature Area (GMNA) has been in maintenance mode for all of 2015 with very few changes. This area of native plantings is a beautiful tribute to the namesake, Gerry Maloney. Two concrete benches were donated, and a maple and an oak tree were planted near the pond in memory of Julian Freitag. Jamie Konshak also donated a dozen oak saplings that were planted and a local Brownie/ Girl Scout group made bird feeders for placement throughout the GMNA.



2015 GMNA

The recreational trail to Johnson’s Point Lakeside Use Area was established in 2007.

The blacktop trail now connects the City to the boat launch at Johnson’s Point Lakeside Use Area. The Lake Madison trail has been beneficial health-wise and has proven to be very popular. Bicycles and pedestrians share the trail. In 2010 the trail going south on SD Highway 19 to the US Fish and Wildlife Area was completed. This year the trail was extended south on Highway 19 to Hilde’s Road and east to the Lake County Poor Farm Park and Beach. Expansion of the trail from Washington Avenue to the new Madison Regional Health System Center on South East 10th Street has been completed. Thanks to John Doblar, local farmer and Madison Street Department worker, for use of his cycle mower to cut the dogwood hedge near Johnson’s Point. A future route expansion of the trail system could bring the trail from the trail-head on Egan Avenue to the entrance of Lake Herman State Park. Another route being considered is along the creek from Northwest Park to Memorial Park.



Madison Rec Trail

“Woof-Land Park” is a fenced in dog run that has a surface of pea rock. The dog park is located between NW 7th and NW 8th Streets and North Chicago Avenue and West Avenue North. This entire block is an area for dog owners to socialize and legally let their dogs run off leash.

The garden plot rental project continues to be a huge success. The rental garden plots are located near the intersection of SW Fourth Street and Union Avenue on land previously occupied by homes that were displaced by the flood in 1993. The gardens are 20 feet by 25 feet or double lots are 40 feet by 25 feet. Cost to rent a single plot was thirty dollars for the 2015 planting season. Water is available for gardeners to use. There are a total of 45 plots. All plots are rented, and there was a small waiting list. 2015 road and infrastructure upgrade on SW 4th Street brought new water lines into the gardens which greatly increased the water pressure for gardeners. Thanks to the Madison Water Department which was instrumental in this upgrade.



2015 Community Gardens

The City of Madison was awarded "Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA" status for the 34th consecutive year. To help meet the requirements of Tree City USA, area 5th grade students made posters for the Arbor Day Foundation poster contest sponsored, in part, by the City. A tree planting and Arbor Day celebration was held at the Madison Public Library. This award would not be possible without the cooperation from all City of Madison departments.

The park, electric, and street crews work together and are diligent in trimming street trees that hang over the streets and sidewalks. They also remove dead and hazardous trees from city property.

During the summer season along Egan Avenue, every wooden light pole downtown has two hanging planters that are used to create a welcoming feeling. Hanging planters were also located at the Depot and the Public Works Office. In the summer, the planters bring some colorful annual flowers. During the Holiday Season, the planters are filled with greens, lights, and bows adding a festive touch to our city.



Beautiful Flower Pot

The public health issue of mosquito control continues to be a major part of our summers with the ongoing presence of the West Nile Virus (WNV). Our efforts for mosquito control include elimination or treatment of standing water, barrier sprays, ULV sprays, and public education. The City of Madison spent approximately \$29,000 controlling the mosquito population in 2015. This breaks down to \$7,953.45 in labor, \$7,018.64 in equipment cost and \$14,776.07 in materials. This year the parks department received a SD State grant of \$3,033 to help offset chemical cost and also a separate grant for \$5,000 for mosquito surveillance. This surveillance consisted of setting up light traps baited with CO₂ to capture mosquitoes. The mosquitoes were then sent to Pierre for testing of the West Nile Virus. We are happy to report that none of the mosquitoes collected in this area tested positive for the WNV.



Disc Golf at Sunset

The Recreation Department has a sand volleyball program at Baughman Belatti Park. Both courts were excavated and new sand added. This program remains popular with young adults.

Disc golf is a growing activity that we are happy to accommodate. Multiple generations use the disc golf courses, from local senior games to school physical education classes. Baughman Belatti has nine baskets. In 2015 nine baskets were added to Northwest Park. At NW 7th and Blanche Avenue one basket with nine tees was added to a flood buy-out property, this has been nick named "Hells Half Acre". This brings the total park baskets to 19.

The Armory continues to host recreation programs, retail events, social events, and auctions. It is a busy venue all year round, providing a place for everything from parent/toddler groups, physical education classes, to benefit dances. The Park staff takes pride in keeping this building clean and functional.



City Armory

The winter months prove to be busy in the Parks Department. Trimming trees on city property, flooding the ice rinks at Memorial, East Center, and Totland Parks, along with snow and ice removal on sidewalks maintained by the City are just a few of the jobs that come with South Dakota winters in the Parks Department.



**2015 Christmas Tree at
Smith Zimmerman Museum**

Each year the Madison Parks Department decorates a tree for the Smith Zimmerman Museum Fundraiser. People vote on their favorite tree by placing a donation in a container by their favorite tree. Funds raised this year went to the local domestic abuse shelter.

Other winter decorations include lights in the hanging baskets downtown, at the depot, and two trees at the Library. The “Welcome to Madison” sign and the Gazebo area in Memorial Park are also decorated. Peace on Earth banners were hung on the light poles on Second Street and Washington Avenue. The parks crew spent 353.50 hours in 2015 decorating our town for the Christmas holiday season.

Library Park will soon have a wooden gazebo that is being built off-site. It will be placed off the south east corner of the library, in memory of Deborah Nelson Elliott Post. A red maple sapling was planted west of this site this fall by her two children.



Welcome to Madison Waterfall During Holidays

The estate of Ron Graves donated an assortment of bird, butterfly, and bat houses to the Madison Arts Council who put the parks department to the task of placing within the community. The Lake Herman State Park, Madison Public Schools and every park in town got at least one handmade wooden house. There were 47 homes in all!



Donated Birdhouses

A concrete bird bath was donated by the estate of Elton Wernisch. It was placed at Library Park in the planting bed west of the stage.

Memorial Park ice rink is on the North West corner of the park, near 5th Street and Blanche Avenue. This facility warming house has regular hours of operations with skate rentals and concessions available. The Parks department also maintains ice rinks at East Center and Totland Parks.

Green thumbs up for the second year of the “Seed Source” seed exchange at the Madison Public Library. Local gardeners can drop off and pickup seeds of local favorites. Word of mouth and social media has gotten the word out about this fun program.



Seed Exchange Program



Westside Skate Park

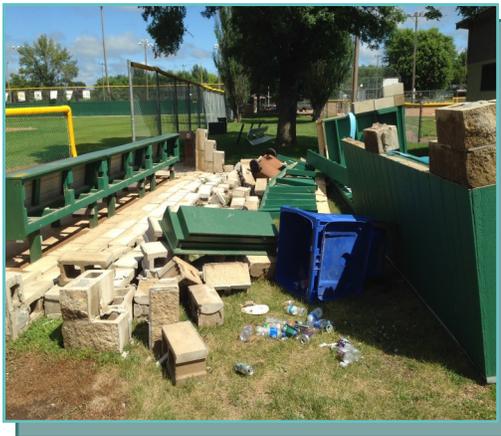
In March of 2015 the skate park at Westside Park saw major improvements. With the help of American Ramp Company (ARC), the ramps were more than doubled in size and a new ramp was added on the north end. Also, all the ramp sides were enclosed. The skate park gets many hours of use and requires very little maintenance.

The City of Madison Parks department is extremely grateful for all the volunteers that help make our city beautiful and functional. Without that assistance our duties would be much more daunting. Here is a small list of volunteers and duties in which they assisted.



HOBY Volunteers

The SD HOBY {Hugh O'Brien Youth} youth group helped to assemble picnic tables in the park shop. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. A total of 22 aluminum tables were added to the parks this year.



Wind Damage at Flynn Field

Colman Egan School had 3 volunteers clean the Westside picnic shelters and pick litter in the park weekly this summer as part of a job training program.

At Flynn Field, volunteers also do most of the grooming of the field and mowing. Straight-line winds damaged the east dugout this summer. Volunteers provided the labor to put it back together.

Manitou Group donated a pallet of chalk, a pallet of quick dry, and load of agri-lime for local youth ball diamonds.

Volunteers helped raise money and make improvements at the Baughman Belatti Teener diamond. A new concession stand with restrooms was added this year. Teener volunteers also do most of the grooming and mowing of the field.

Thanks to the support of the community, the cooperation of the parks staff and numerous volunteers, the City of Madison becomes a better place each day. The full time park staff includes Ted LaFleur and Mike McGillivray. Part-time park staff for 2015 included Roger Stanford, Scott Mathison, Maxine Swanson, Jill Hollister, Kara Seitz, Reese Simpson, Dawson Anderson, and Tyler Grassel.

Volunteer members of the Madison Park Board are: Jeff Rud, President, Mike Miller, Allyson Nagel, Jerae Wire, and Dale Droge.

Volunteer members of the Madison Recreational Trail Committee are: Dan Bohl, Lake County Commissioner; John Bame, SD Game Fish and Parks; Jeff Rud, Park Board; and trail users: Jerome Lammers, Crystal Benning, Jay Mennis, Kevin Streff, and Ted Weiland.

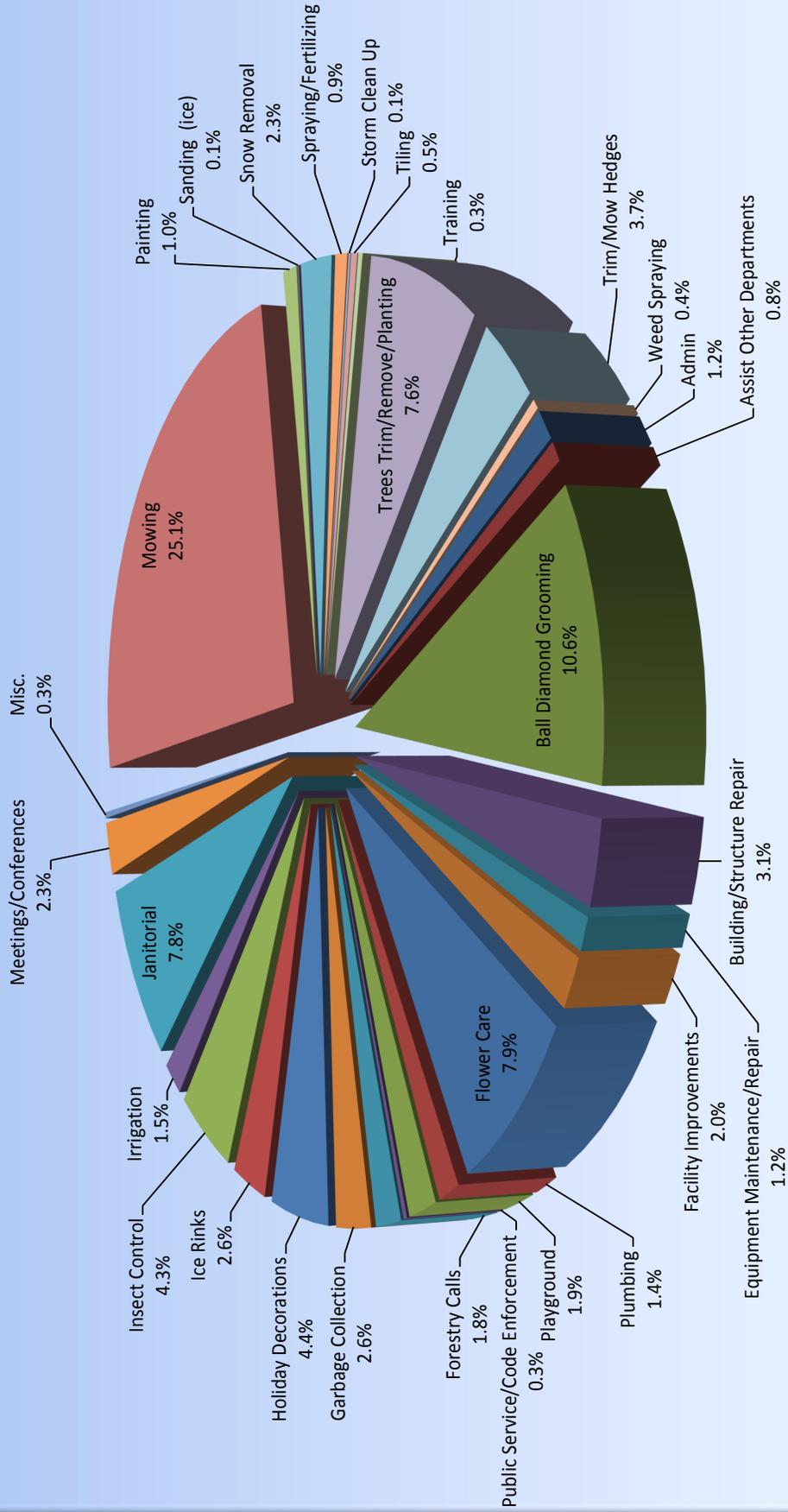
Respectfully Submitted
Ted LaFleur, Park Foreman

City of Madison Public Works

2015 Parks Department Task Summary

| Task | Activities | Labor Hours | Labor Cost | Eqp Cost | Mat Cost | Total Cost |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Admin | 59 | 98.50 | \$2,923.91 | \$45.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,968.91 |
| Assist Other Departments | 14 | 63.50 | \$850.32 | \$1,845.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,695.32 |
| Ball Diamond Grooming | 392 | 851.75 | \$15,522.07 | \$15,207.50 | \$0.00 | \$30,729.57 |
| Building/Structure Repair | 101 | 247.00 | \$6,207.33 | \$5,485.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,692.33 |
| Code Enforcement | 5 | 5.00 | \$141.70 | \$90.00 | \$0.00 | \$231.70 |
| Complaint Investigation | 2 | 3.00 | \$74.67 | \$90.00 | \$0.00 | \$164.67 |
| Equipment Maintenance/Repair | 49 | 100.50 | \$2,403.10 | \$525.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,928.10 |
| Facility Improvements | 56 | 157.50 | \$3,014.60 | \$2,880.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,894.60 |
| Flower Care | 290 | 640.25 | \$9,429.09 | \$11,785.00 | \$0.00 | \$21,214.09 |
| Forestry Calls/Street Trees | 92 | 146.50 | \$3,964.76 | \$4,110.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,074.76 |
| Garbage Collection | 115 | 207.00 | \$3,121.54 | \$3,465.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,586.54 |
| Holiday Decorations | 117 | 353.50 | \$7,391.95 | \$6,317.50 | \$0.00 | \$13,709.45 |
| Ice Rinks | 154 | 208.50 | \$5,499.51 | \$5,595.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,094.51 |
| Insect Control | 141 | 350.00 | \$7,953.45 | \$7,018.64 | \$14,776.07 | \$29,748.16 |
| Inspections/Contractor | 1 | 1.00 | \$28.34 | \$30.00 | \$0.00 | \$58.34 |
| Irrigation | 59 | 123.50 | \$3,162.62 | \$2,710.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,872.62 |
| Janitorial | 428 | 625.50 | \$13,824.70 | \$10,565.00 | \$0.00 | \$24,389.70 |
| Leak Detection | 1 | 2.00 | \$77.66 | \$30.00 | \$0.00 | \$107.66 |
| Leave | 122 | 750.50 | \$15,578.98 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,578.98 |
| Meetings/Conferences | 31 | 182.50 | \$4,935.89 | \$2,085.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,020.89 |
| Misc | 4 | 7.00 | \$98.03 | \$30.00 | \$0.00 | \$128.03 |
| Mowing/Ground Maintenance | 590 | 2,021.25 | \$29,372.27 | \$27,180.00 | \$0.00 | \$56,552.27 |
| Painting | 21 | 83.50 | \$1,213.36 | \$705.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,918.36 |
| Playground | 112 | 155.50 | \$4,065.01 | \$7,075.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,140.01 |
| Plumbing | 59 | 115.00 | \$3,070.82 | \$2,730.00 | \$52.44 | \$5,853.26 |
| Public Service | 8 | 20.50 | \$646.01 | \$330.00 | \$0.00 | \$976.01 |
| Pubworks | 1 | 1.00 | \$11.48 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$11.48 |
| Sanding (ice) | 2 | 4.50 | \$109.77 | \$135.00 | \$0.00 | \$244.77 |
| Snow Removal | 51 | 187.50 | \$5,088.52 | \$10,025.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,113.52 |
| Spraying/Fertilizing | 28 | 72.50 | \$1,899.40 | \$915.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,814.40 |
| Storm Clean-Up | 3 | 11.00 | \$195.65 | \$425.00 | \$0.00 | \$620.65 |
| Tiling | 21 | 37.00 | \$717.50 | \$1,305.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,022.50 |
| Tours | 1 | 2.00 | \$56.68 | \$60.00 | \$0.00 | \$116.68 |
| Training | 11 | 26.00 | \$694.65 | \$450.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,144.65 |
| Trees Trim/Remove/Planting | 169 | 616.50 | \$10,548.11 | \$13,317.50 | \$0.00 | \$23,865.61 |
| Trim/Mow Hedges | 229 | 301.00 | \$4,040.96 | \$4,315.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,355.96 |
| Weed Spraying | 14 | 32.50 | \$688.82 | \$535.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,223.82 |
| Tasks: | 3,553 | 8,812 | \$ 168,623.17 | \$ 149,411.14 | \$ 14,828.51 | \$ 332,862.82 |

PARKS - Job Task Breakdown



* Percentages are based on Pubworks sheets and may not be exact.