

**Director's Report
For June 8, 2016**

**Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Play. Every Day.**

The mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to preserve our parks and open spaces and provide essential recreational programs and cultural services in a safe, professional and friendly manner.

Projects

1. **LC Fountain**

A. Operating normally. Passed both Health & Fire Department inspections, no issues.

2. **Miscellaneous Projects**

A. Washington Park Bowl – West Light Repairs: All but one light is operating. Waiting for field conditions to support a boom truck before the final light can be repaired.

B. Lincoln Park Baseball Lighting: Bids accepted. Expect the new lights in place by July 1 vs. April 30 due to unforeseen delays.

C. Pathway Lighting Replacement: The City wide lighting project will include light replacements for the Lake Michigan Pathway system. Field work on project is continuing. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

D. Lockwood Park Tennis Court Lighting: Replacement of the Lockwood Tennis Court Lighting has been added to the City wide lighting replacement project. Light replacement will provide energy savings, labor savings and reduction of light spillage.

3. **Park Shelters**

A. Washington Park Bowl Restroom Rehab: Found suspect ACM material. Test results positive. Building will be abated before continuing with plans. An arrangement for abatement is in process.

B. Solbraa Shelter Renovation: Project on hold. No change.

4. **Parks Paving**

A. Parks Service Center: Field work for concept plans has begun for paving the parking area at Parks Service. NM&B Consultants will be preparing plans and specifications. No change.

5. **Community Centers**

A. Bryant

i. Gym Floor Sanding: Complete.

ii. Harmony Park: Provided full size concept plans for development of Bryant Harmony Park. No change.

B. Chavez

i. Rehab Room 24: Field work and planning has begun. RBS Architects will be providing plans & specifications. Draft plans will be available in mid – July.

ii. Chavez Gym Lighting Upgrade: The City wide lighting project will include light replacement in both Chavez gyms. Field work on project is complete. Anticipated completion is late 2016. No change.

C. Humble

i. Humble Gym Lighting Upgrade: The City wide lighting project will include light replacement in the Humble gym. Field work on project is complete. Anticipated completion is late 2016. No change.

D. King
i. None.

E. Tyler-Domer

- i. Tyler-Domer Gym Lighting Upgrade: The City wide lighting project will include light replacement in the Tyler Domer gym. Field work on project is complete. Anticipated completion is late 2016. No change.

6. **Cemeteries:**

A. Mound & Graceland:

- i. **CIMS Updates**: Have been making numerous block by block revisions to verify 100% accuracy for the conversion from the original blueprints to CAD drawings to support the CIMS upgrades. In Process. No change.
ii. **Crypt Repairs**. Crypt repairs for 2016 in process at Graceland.

B. Mound:

- i. Section 5 Road Infill: Plots have been drawing & approved by staff. There are numerous documentation and approval protocols to follow. Completion is expected at the earliest - May 2016. The April Cemetery Commission meeting requested additional changes. The changes were completed and are ready for review. NM&B Consultants will be preparing the certified plots. No change.

C. Graceland:

- i. 2016 Roads & walks upgrades being reviewed. No change.

7. **Golf Courses:**

A. Johnson:

- i. Irrigation piping plans: Have requested quotes from several consultants to mark & plot the location of all existing irrigation. No change.

B. Washington: No update.

C. Shoop: No update.

8. **Wustum:**

A. Landscape Improvements: Hired Corre Group Landscape Architect to develop plans and specifications for grounds improvements at Wustum. Preliminary plans have been submitted for approval. Construction documents are being developed.

B. Parking Lot Lighting Replacement: Wustum parking lot lighting has been included with the DPW City wide lighting improvements for 2016. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

9. **Zoo:**

A. Roof Replacement Feline/Primate Building: The roof consultant found some issues with the building masonry that must be resolved before the roof is replaced. Project is anticipated to be bid in June for a fall project.

B. Zoo Lighting Replacement: Zoo lighting has been included with the DPW City wide lighting improvements for 2016. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

10. Percentage of YTD - PFS Hours Charged to CIP as of May 31, 2016 = **88.0%**

Parks

1. **Forestry Division:**

A. Planted 50 trees at Sam Myers Park as part of the restoration project.

B. Finished up spring tree planting. Approximately 750 trees were planted.

C. Pruned 209 street trees.

- D. Spent two full days working in Island Park; mostly pruning but also completed some removals and clearing along the river.
- E. Initial observations suggest that ash trees infested with emerald ash borer will be very prevalent this year on both public and private property.
- F. CDBG awarded the Forestry Division with \$52,330 for the recent cycle of funding.

2. **Parks Division:**

- A. All 16 long seasonal positions have been filled.
- B. First of the college students reported on May 23. The rest will start between now and mid-June.
- C. Continued with grass cutting and litter picking.
- D. Mulched the berms at North Beach.
- E. Removed chain link fencing at Marino Park as part of the reconstruction on Northwestern Avenue that was not part of their job.
- F. Finished up set up of North Beach.
- G. Cleaned and prepped Hantschel Park for Police Memorial.
- H. Worked with neighbors on 11th Street for a clean-up across from their houses per Tom Friedel.
- I. Parks staff mulched Monument Square. Downtown Racine Corporation paid for the mulch.
- J. Landscaping of Sam Johnson Parkway is underway.

Recreation

1. **Upcoming events and programs:**

- A. Juneteenth Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 at the Dr. John Bryant Community Center.
- B. Outdoor Movies are scheduled for Saturday, June 18 at Solbraa Park. "Minions" will be played on our big screen. "Hotel Transylvania" will play at Mound Cemetery on Saturday, July 2.
- C. Summer lunch program will run from Wednesday, June 15 to Thursday, July 28 at the Bryant, King and Tyler - Domer Community Centers.
- D. WPRA discount tickets sales are available for purchase at the PRCS main office.
- E. The fountain is up and running full time. PRCS will be using the Downtown Ambassador's again as fountain attendants.
- F. The opening of North Beach will take place on June 4 and June 5. Lifeguards will be on duty for the weekend only. The beach will be unguarded June 6 through June 10. Beginning Saturday, June 11, North Beach will be guarded seven days a week from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- G. Zoo Beach will be open, though without lifeguards or supervised swimming this season. The already high water level is expected to rise even further, making cleaning and grooming of the beach for safe swimming difficult.
- H. Fundraiser with Culvers on 21st Street will take place on Wednesday, June 22. PRCS will receive 15% of all purchases between 4:00-10:00 p.m. Participants must mention PRCS or bring in the flyer.

2. **Youth Activities:**

- A. Main Gallery received \$20,000 of CDBG funding.
- B. Over 200 athletes and 1,000 spectators attended the PRCS Track and Field Event at Case High School on May 9. Students from St. Lucy, St. Rita, Gifford, Johnson and many other area schools participated in the event. First and second place finishers advanced to the SEPRC District Meet at Pulaski High School in Milwaukee on June 7.
- C. The Playground Programs (Kiddie Korner, Future, Play it Again, The Bigs, All Sports Academy and Traditional) are set to begin. Leader orientation is the week of June 6. The programs are set to begin Tuesday, June 13.

- D. PRCS combined softball leagues with Mt. Pleasant Boys & Girls 12 -14 age group again this summer. Boys will play games Thursday evenings and girls will alternate between Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

3. **Adult Activities:**

- A. Adult Sand Volleyball leagues have started match play. Matches will be played at North Beach on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

4. **Miscellaneous:**

- A. The final RUSD special needs movie presentation of "Wreck it, Ralph" drew over 100 staff and students to the Chavez Center on May 5. The program continues to offer a unique opportunity for RUSD and PRCS staff to present a special day out to the special needs students.
- B. The Sand Volleyball program began June 6. Traditional/All Sports Academy leaders will be implementing the games.
- C. Two teams from the Johnson Financial Group completed their Service Day Project at Lincoln and Colonial parks on May 17. The first group of 9 did a morning litter clean-up in Lincoln Park, removing tires and litter from the banks of the Root River. The second group did an afternoon invasive species removal of pulled 44 bags of garlic mustard from Colonial park. Melissa Warner led the afternoon group.
- D. Planning is underway for the Lake F/X games, Juneteenth Day, and other fall events.

Community Centers

1. **King Center:**

- A. Attorney Timothy Crawford held a Health Care Power Of Attorney workshop on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00 pm. There were 6 people in attendance who received information on Health Care Power of Attorney issues, Financial Power of Attorney, Will Preparation and why it is important to avoid probate court.
- B. The beach season will start with 6-7 guards on June 4 & 5 from 10:00am – 6:00pm. The beach will be unguarded June 6 through June 10. Beginning Saturday, June 11 the beach will be guarded 7 days a week. We anticipate hiring 2-3 additional guards for the season.
- C. The Assessment & Action Plan for Out-of-School Time grant has been completed. We are in the planning stages of beginning a Healthy Families / Healthy Youth Nutrition Program at the center. We also plan to work with UW-Extension through their summer Nutrition Program.
- D. Lifeguard orientation had been held May 24 through 26 & May 31 through June 1.
- E. Staff and students participated in the Focus on Racine/PRCS decorating contest. "Pond for the Cure" was the theme as well as the name of our duck.

2. **Humble Park:**

- A. Middle school children attendance has increased to 25 to 30 students over the last few months. Staff continues their efforts to increase the attendance.
- B. Our spots for AAU practices at Humble are full.
- C. Tai Chi on Tuesdays from noon to 1:00 pm has approximately 40 participants.
- D. Senior clubs continue to use the center 4 days a week.
- E. Zumba is ongoing at Humble with a \$3.00 requested donation. Hoping to possibly add more fitness classes.
- F. The center will be a Traditional Playground site again this year. It will also be the home of a Future and Play it Again registered program.

3. **Cesar Chavez:**

- A. Presented Main Gallery proposal at City Hall on May 5 to CDBG Committee. Main Gallery was recommended to receive \$20,000 for 2016 programming.
- B. Youth softball coaches meeting was held on May 11. Coaches received jerseys, rules, rosters, schedules and equipment for the upcoming season. Games began June 1 and will be played Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:45 pm and 6:45 pm at Humble Park.
- C. The RUSD special needs movie was held Thursday, May 5. Over 100 students and staff were in attendance.
- D. Attended Wellness Committee Meeting Thursday, May 12 at City Hall. Final recommendations were made for the City Health and EPA contracts, as well as Wellness Program for City staff.
- E. Public Works Director, Mark Yehlen, held an informational meeting at Chavez on Thursday, May 19 in regards to recycling program.
- F. Interviews for Main Gallery were held May 23 - 26 at Chavez. We are hoping to hire 30 youth this summer pending final funding requests.
- G. Applied for a \$5,000 grant through RUSD for Main Gallery 2016.
- H. Main Gallery Orientation will be held at Chavez on Friday, June 17. Programs are set to begin Monday, June 20.
- I. Alex Scales' Basketball Camp will be held at Chavez June 27 through 30.
- J. Foot Clinic for seniors was held Wednesday, May 25. Next foot clinic date is Wednesday, July 27.
- K. AAU basketball practices continue in the evenings through July.
- L. Set up fundraiser with Culvers on 21st Street for Wednesday, June 22. PRCS will receive 15% of all purchases between 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Participants must mention PRCS or bring in the flyer. We will promote through youth softball, playgrounds, Juneteenth day and Facebook. Funds received will go towards youth activities.

4. **Bryant:**

- A. The youth and their families worked on the Cinco De Mayo event. The children decorated the center by hanging piñatas. The parents of our Hispanic families donated traditional food, played music and provided arts and crafts for the event. There were approximately 75 in attendance. Presentations were conducted to explain the meaning of the holiday.
- B. The Extreme All Stars performed at the Pancake Day event for the 5th year. The children and parents enjoyed the day.
- C. As part of the Performing Arts Program, we attended the Art Root mixer. Center staff had been given the opportunity to present our programs showing our abilities to work with and grow with the Racine art community. As part of our presentation we were able to introduce the Harmony Park design/funding plan, our music department, arts, and martial arts program. The music for this event was played by Tim Johnson, our music Director. Following our presentation we were able to make connections with several grant writers and potential donors who were interested contributing funds, as well as instructors who wish to work with children this summer. A donation had also been received for water drums which will be placed in Harmony Park.
- D. The Bryant Center took part in the 40th Anniversary Celebration at the Steven Bull Fine Arts School. As part of their program our ceramics team set up three tables where the children were able to paint small ceramic pieces.

5. **Tyler Domer:**

- A. Playground supervisors have started work. They are preparing for the leaders to start on Tuesday, June 7. They have a week to prepare for orientation.
- B. We have a new dance group using the center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- C. AAU practices spots are all filled.
- D. Pickle ball drop in takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- E. Cardio kickboxing has 12 - 15 participants.
- F. Always using center: quilters, ping pong players, weight lifters, special needs groups, Narcotics Anonymous.
- G. Youth for Christ is meeting at the center on Wednesdays all day with approximately 55 in attendance.
- H. Dance group meets 3 times per week with about 15 to 20 participants.
- I. Mondays and Tuesdays the Park High School transitional groups use the center. Each group has 10 to 15 youth in attendance.
- J. Panther Pals used the building on the Thursday, May 26.
- K. High School baseball, soccer, softball, tennis are coming to an end. We are doing our best with the upkeep of the fields.
- L. Added 2 new score keepers at Horlick as well as a new supervisor.
- M. The following youth programs will be held at the center this summer: Main Gallery, a Traditional playground site and the summer lunch program.

FACEBOOK LIKES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2016	2,272	2,304	2,358	2,412	2,481	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NEWS RELEASES - MAY 2016

Track & Field Local Results
 Playground Drop-In Aloha Week
 Fishing Day with MA Dailey
 Outdoor Movies in the Park
 WPRC Ticket Program
 Adult Sand Volleyball Registration Ends
 Adult Softball Mid-Season Registration Begins

Video Game Creation Summer Program

2016 REVENUES

SERVICES	BUDGET	2015 QTR 1	2016 QTR 1
Community Center Rentals	\$10,000.00	\$3,149.36	\$3,187.53
Park Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$2,627.52	\$5,889.40
Miscellaneous Fees - Recreation	\$210.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Youth Activities	\$63,000.00	\$5,159.20	\$4,636.00
Adult Activities	\$201,600.00	\$119,038.72	\$104,858.00
Park & Recreation Rentals	\$13,000.00	\$3,668.33	\$1,405.72
Boat Launch Charges	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contract/Concessions	\$32,000.00	\$2,442.00	\$7,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$354,810.00	\$136,145.13	\$126,976.65

2016 GRANTS

GRANT NAME	\$ APPLIED FOR	\$ RECEIVED YTD
United Way	\$4,440.00	\$0.00
Urban Forestry	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Racine Dominican Mission Fund	\$25,000.00	Pending
NRPA/WalMart	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
RUSD	\$4,010.00	\$4,010.00
CDBG - Forestry	\$50,000.00	\$52,330.00
CDBG - Main Gallery	\$28,612.00	\$20,000.00
TOTALS	\$172,062.00	\$111,340.00

FUNDRAISING/SPONSORSHIPS/DONATIONS

EVENTS	RAISED YTD
Bowling Event (2/21/16)	\$3,013.04
Movies in the Park	\$1,500.00
Youth Softball	\$500.00
Main Gallery	\$5,000.00
Rubber Duck Derby (6/4/16)	\$500.00
Various D 6449.08	\$6,449.08
Main Gallery	\$5,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:	\$21,962.12

DR. JOHN BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	875	995	886	961	1,143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	2,048	2,633	2,567	1,376	2,213	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	870	908	853	132	487	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	2,909	1,387	1,221	2,101	484	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,702	5,923	5,527	4,570	4,327	0						

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	9,376	21,894	8,301	11,038	50,609
2015	9,343	26,574	8,876	13,822	58,615
2016	4,860	10,837	3,250	8,102	27,049

CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	1,363	1,386	1,413	1,347	1,237	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	9,955	4,869	2,715	2,927	2,562	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	1,619	1,656	1,405	1,394	1,160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	4,005	2,094	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16,942	10,005	5,533	5,668	5,034	0						

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	15,156	56,989	13,753	6,661	92,559
2015	15,465	53,666	11,931	11,211	92,273
2016	6,746	23,028	7,234	6,174	43,182

HUMBLE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	275	468	273	365	465	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	6,133	2,064	1,681	1,233	1,361	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	103	309	232	241	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	0	246	0	1,303	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,511	3,087	2,186	3,142	1,987	0						

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	5,286	23,884	9,963	2,575	41,708
2015	3,993	28,373	1,947	634	34,947
2016	1,846	12,472	1,046	1,549	16,913

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	1,118	927	1,179	852	779	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	3,085	2,344	2,160	996	1,263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	461	470	618	352	865	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	181	316	186	405	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4,845	4,057	4,143	2,605	3,008	0						

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	9,924	17,969	7,925	1,731	37,549
2015	12,627	21,981	10,350	2,221	47,179
2016	4,855	9,848	2,766	1,189	18,658

TYLER DOMER COMMUNITY CENTER**2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	301	280	342	348	306	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	2,948	2,052	1,637	1,653	1,480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	411	346	444	441	505	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	0	154	300	2,500	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3,660	2,832	2,723	4,942	2,302	0						

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE

	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL
2014	2,545	23,428	11,789	1,285	39,047
2015	2,048	20,500	6,149	907	29,604
2016	1,577	9,770	2,147	2,965	16,459

2016 Programming

JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31

YOUTH	YTD RES	YTD NON-RES	TOTAL	2015 TOTAL
Indoor Soccer	0	0	0	27
Outdoor Soccer	0	0	0	29
Softball 12 - 14 Years	26	2	28	60
Softball 4 Years - 5th Grade	111	19	130	75
Spring Break Basketball Camp	15	5	20	14
Boating Safety Course	2	0	2	0
Spring Fever Basketball (Discontinued)	n/a	n/a	n/a	8

ADULT/SENIORS	YTD RES	YTD NON-RES	TOTAL	2015 TOTAL
Balance & Beyond (Seniors only)	13	0	13	25

ADULT LEAGUES	YTD Participants	YTD Teams	2015 (P) TOTAL	2015 (T) TOTAL
Basketball	90	9	90	9
Sand Volleyball	24	5	184	29
Softball - Summer	1898	154	2263	176
Tournament - Volleyball	0	0	0	0
Volleyball	419	64	423	64
Pickleball	15	7	n/a	n/a

COLLABORATIONS / PARTNERSHIPS

ORGANIZATIONS	PROGRAMS / SERVICES
Racine Fire Department	PRCS staff First Aid / CPR AED Training
Feeding America	Food Pantry at the Dr. John Bryant Community Center
ZMAC	Holiday Food Drive PRCS Bowling Fundraiser
Tri-Squad of Racine	Dr. M.L. King Community Center Holiday Dinner
Angel Tree of Milwaukee	Dr. M.L. King Community Center Holiday Dinner
Walgreens	Health Clinics & Screenings
Wheaton Franciscan	Health Clinics & Screenings
Narcotics Anonymous	Meetings
Youth for Christ	Meetings
Park High School	Panther Pals, Transitional Groups
Gateway	Skate Park
Milwaukee Bucks	Ticket Program
Milwaukee Brewers	Ticket Program
Racine Arts Council	Main Gallery
Mt. Pleasant Park & Recreation	Youth Softball
NAACP	Black History Achievement Awards
Special Olympics	Programming & Meetings
Growing Power, Inc.	Parks to Produce
Disc Golf Club	Disc Golf Course - Johnson Park
Girl Scouts of America	Girl Scout Troops - Centers
Attorney Timothy P. Crawford	Senior Presentations
RUSD	Black History Achievement Awards Playground Programs Special Educations Indoor Movies Marketing Materials
Focus on Community	Rubber Duck Derby
Apline Valley	Snow Sharks