



JULY 2023 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This month in the park and cemetery department the employees have been busy working on various improvement projects on top of mowing and trimming all properties. The park's employees spent some extra time on the north side of City Park last week patching and sweeping the roads and trimming for the car show on Saturday. The cemetery employees worked on repairing a water line to a few hydrants, that someone planted at tree directly on the line many years ago that finally broke the line. The park employees were busy replacing safety chains on swings and replacing s-hooks as well to keep the playground equipment safe. The new park truck finally arrived that was much needed for the department. The contractors moved in and started working on the drain line for the aquatic center this past week on the south side of the pool. This week the pool employees had the week off from swim lessons with the holiday on Tuesday. Next week the guards will start our last round of group swim lessons of the season. The pool has been busy with pool rentals lately and concessions is doing a great job moving a lot of various products. At the aquatic center we had a group meeting to discuss an event in which a pair of adults had to be asked to leave and were very rude to our guards. We discussed any questions staff had and reviewed expectations and procedures with the employees. The basketball hoop in the swim lanes was put back into service as the backboard brace needed to be replaced. The tree board received their hardware for their growth award they received from the Arbor Day Foundation for their extra work they completed last year. The employees finished up the drinking fountain in the campground that the department received \$3,235 from the Iowa Delta Dental Foundation to purchase. The campground saw a lot of new campers come in for the extended holiday weekend at City Park. The cemetery employees spent some time painting the 1st Ave bridge railings to look great for the sesquicentennial. We are busy gathering supplies to get the second donated sign installed at Woodlawn Cemetery on the east entrance off 13th Ave.

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The park employees were extremely busy in Depot Park putting the final touches on a lot of different areas. Flowers and hostas were planted by the employees and mulched. They push mowed the grass area as the area had been saturated by heavy rains the past couple of days. The sidewalks were cleaned with leave blowers, benches moved, locks purchased a put-on electrical boxes and storage areas. The park employees brought an extra 14 picnic tables and half dozen garbage cans for the weekend. Danny C. painted the posts for the lighting and painted the rails on the 4th street SW bridge as well. Nate W. went around and made sure all the welcome signs looked the best and did some weeding. There was some storm damage the past week that brought down some branches throughout the system that the employees cleaned up. At the pool Johnson noticed early on Friday morning that a large pipe started leaking overnight. The park employees spent a lot of time removing the old 10" overhead piping on Friday while parts were being picked up. Once parts arrived the crew work late on Friday and came back in early Saturday morning to work on putting the piping together to minimize the downtime for the facility. That following Monday, the aquatic facility had its annual scheduled state inspection, as once again the inspector found no problems at all with the facility.

The park employees took some time working on the base supports for the new arching sign at Woodlawn Cemetery that will be installed as soon as possible. This project was started 5 years ago as the school has had several kids take on this project as it was finally finished this spring. Johnson arranged for Transco to paint the sign free of charge and travelled to Waterloo to pick up rebar for the project. Johnson arranged for a donor to pay for the sign as this project has been many years in works. Nate W. took the 2305 and cleaned up wash outs at diamond in the skate park with the torrential rains we have received. Johnson had employees replace

the sign at Levin Park as the old one was vandalized. Johnson stopped by and repaired the fountain at the library this week for Susan. A few of the rescue tubes at the pool were replaced as a regular maintenance rotation.

This month in the park departments the employees mowed all the properties in the ongoing heat. We are watering the trees and shrubs at Depot Park to ensure that they survive through this heat wave. The employees are also watering trees that we have watered in the street boulevards and in Redgate Park. Russ and I sealed up the front steps at city hall this past week. The park employees have been replacing all the safety chains and s-hooks on all the swings in the parks for the past few weeks. Caiden and Copper painted the small shelter at Platt Park this week as well. Caiden spent two days at Depot Park power spraying the sidewalks to clean all the mud and debris from the sesquicentennial. The park employees took the bucket truck and trimmed up some lower lying branches at the campground that appeared after windy conditions. The cemetery crew had some minor limbs that they cleaned up immediately as well. The cemetery employees did install a few prefab foundations for customers as they do throughout the summer months. Nate had to change out a few breakers at the campground after storms blew though over the weekend. The cemetery and park employees have been working together to finish up the braces for the new Woodlawn Cemetery sign that we hope to get installed soon. The park employees installed some railings on both sides of the dam at City Park so no one wanders out where they shouldn't be. Nate and Chris have been working on replacing a waterline at City Park this week. Cooper and Caiden painted the picnic tables at Wings Park this week as well. The campground looks great as Craig and Carolyn are doing a great job. At the pool they had three more pool rentals this past week and the concessions is moving a lot of product. Downtown watering and weeding are being completed and trails swept. The cemetery employees had a cremation burial and a full burial this week. I have been working on a few grants for trails and a grant to plant trees in Platt Park this fall.

ROAD PATCHING



WATER LINE REPAIR



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPGRADES

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NEW TRUCK



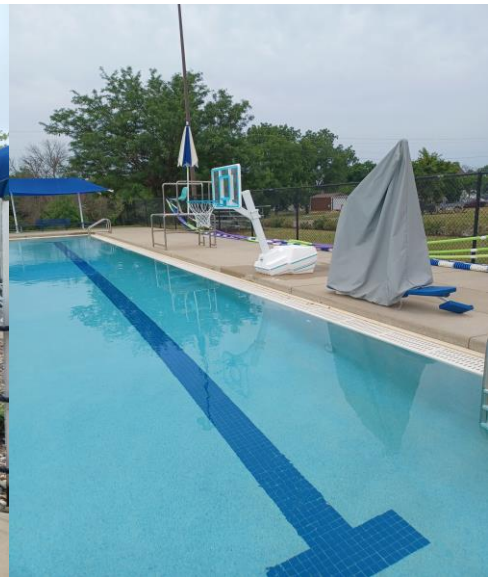
DRAIN PROJECT STARTED



AQUATICS MEETING



BBALL HOOP REPAIRED



GROWTH AWARD 22'

NEW FOUNTAIN



New water fountain refreshing for park visitors

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People enjoying outdoor activities at City Park in Oelwein will now be able to quench their thirsts with a cool drink of water from the city's newest park enhancement, a filtered drinking fountain. The new fountain was installed this week on an outside wall of the shower house next to the campground and is ready for use.

City Parks Superintendent Josh Johnson said, "A lot of people appreciate when they are out walking they can stop and get a drink and refresh. It's a great way to enhance amenities at the park and maybe even increase visitors."

Johnson wrote a grant for the project to Delta Dental Foundation of Iowa, and it was accepted as part of the Foundation's "Rethink Your Drink" program to promote water to quench thirst over cavity-causing soft drinks.



City Parks Superintendent Josh Johnson, left, and parks employee/campground assistant Craig Rohrick are shown with the new drinking fountain installed at the campground shower house in City Park. Park visitors and walkers can stop for a drink of purified water thanks to a Delta Dental Foundation of Iowa grant that paid for the project.

In his application for the grant, Johnson noted that Fayette County has 78 percent of its residents living close to a park or recreational facility, which is below the state and national average. He said, to counter this, the city's park and recreation department had a wellness walkability

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BRIDGE PAINTED



TIME CAPSULE



PLANTINGS AT DEPOT PARK



DEPOT PARK

CHAINS REPLACED



WELCOME SIGNS



STORM DAMAGE



SCHEDULED INSPECTION



PIPE REPAIRS



SIGN PREP



RESCUE TUBES REPLACED



DRAIN PROJECT



DEPOT PARK



SKATE PARK



LIBRARY FOUNTAIN



DEPOT PARK



6TH STREET RAILINGS PAINTED



LEVIN PARK SIGN



DRAIN PROJECT



WATERING



STEPS SEALED



SAFETY CHAINS



SHELTER PAINTED



POWER SPRAYING



TREE TRIMMING



WIND DAMAGE



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FOUNDATIONS



BREAKERS REPLACED



CEMETERY SIGN



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DAM GATES



WATER LINE



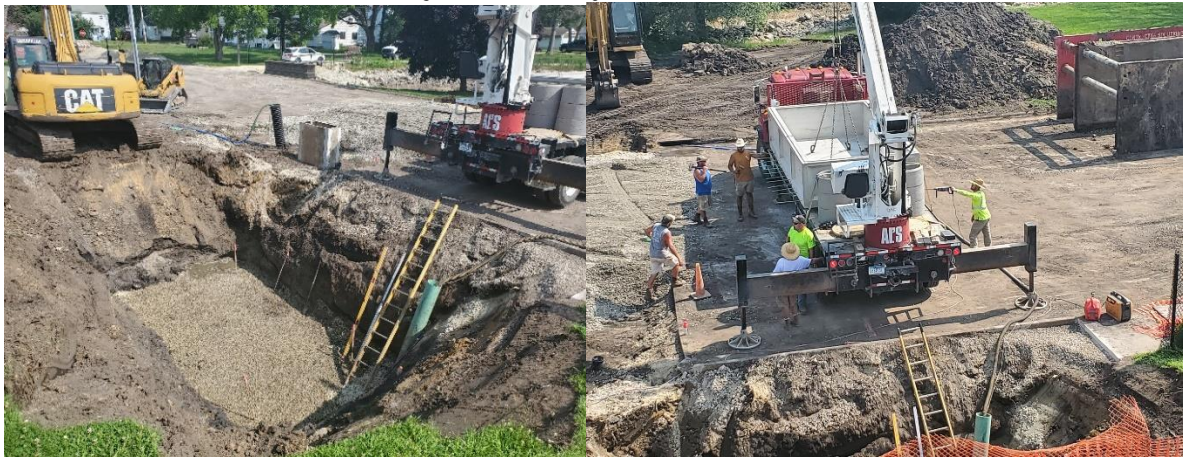
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OPEN SWIM



AQUATICS PROJECT





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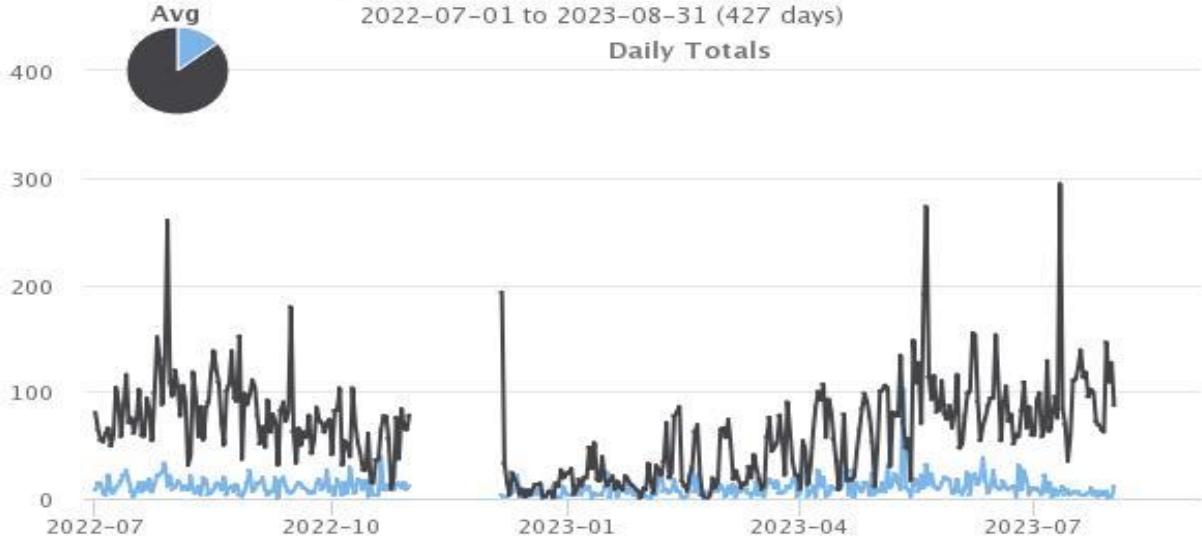




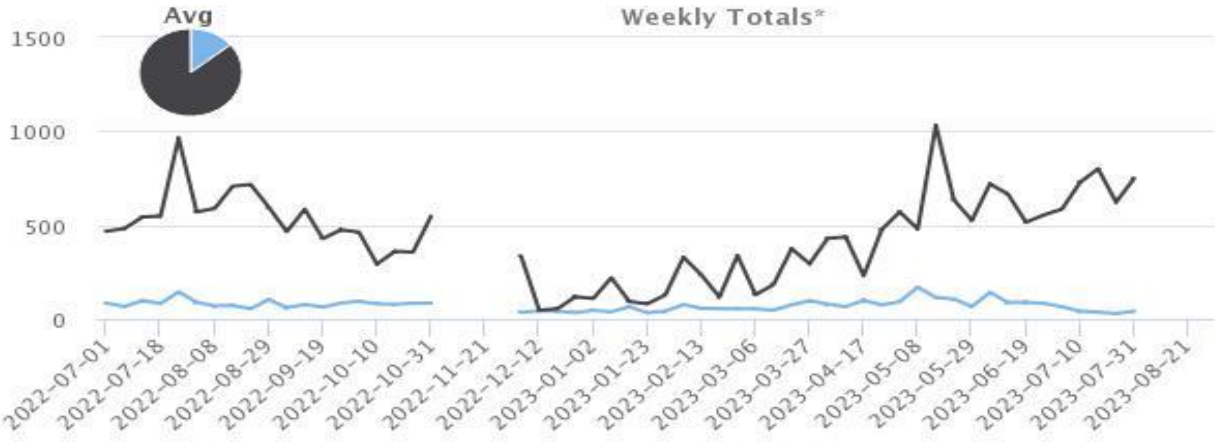
Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2022-07-01 to 2023-08-31 (427 days)

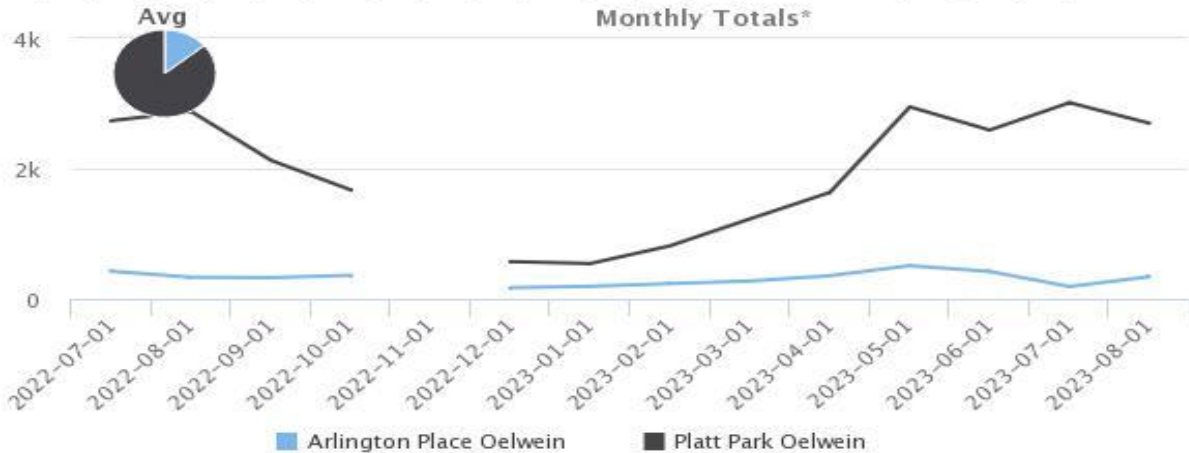
Daily Totals



Weekly Totals*



Monthly Totals*



Master Summary

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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT†	ADT†x365	Days with data
2022	Arlington Place Oelwein	146	207	158	148	199	290	426	332	327	362		173*	8.303	3,031	330
	Platt Park Oelwein	394	548	1,002	1,297	1,984	1,877	2,736	2,877	2,127	1,672		572*	51.497	18,796	330
2023	Arlington Place Oelwein	193	235	274	356	510	421	190	341*					10.282	3,753	213
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	2,592	3,013	2,697*					60.390	22,042	213

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

* = based upon that month's ADT [Learn more](#) Indicates months with less than 6 days of data.



DAILY ACTIVITIES

- CLEAN/ORGANIZE SHOP AREAS
- PICK UP DOWNTOWN AREAS
- MAINTAINING PARK, CEMETERIES
- MAINTENANCE ON EQUIPMENT
- SAFETY MEETINGS
- MEET WITH CONTRACTORS
- RETRIEVE & UPLOAD TRAIL COUNT DATA
- WOODLAWN BURIALS
- CHECK POOL CHEMISTRY MORNINGS
- POOL RENTALS
- WATERING DEPOT PARK
- DRAG GRAVELED AREAS
- WATER HANGING BASKETS

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- PATCH PARK/CEMETERY ROADS
- GRINDING STUMPS
- ASH TREE REMOVAL
- POOL WORK
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- FINISH SWIM LESSONS
- PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
- POWER SPRAYING
- WATER LINE REPAIR
- CLEANUP VANDALISM
- FINISH LEVIN PARK SIGN
- PAINT PLATT PARK SHELTER
- REPLACE BACKBOARD AT WINGS PARK
- PAINT STREET BRIDGES
- WORK AT DEPOT PARK
- SESQUICENTENNIAL PREPARATIONS
- AQUATICS INSPECTION COMPLETED
- REPAIR PIPING AT POOL
- TIME CAPSULE PREPARATION
- TREE DAMAGE CLEANUP
- POOL DRAIN PROJECT STARTED
- GATES INSTALL ON CITY PARK DAM
- PICNIC TABLES PAINTED
- CEMETERY SIGN WORK
- CITY HALL STEPS REPAIRED
- LIBRARY FOUNTAIN REPAIRED

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REMOVE OLD WELL HOUSES CITY PARK
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN PLATT PARK
- REPLACE DECKING ON OLD BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- ASH TREE REMOVAL
- POOL FILTER/DRAIN PROJECT
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- PLAYGROUND MULCH WINGS
- CEMETERY SIGN INSTALL
- GRINDING STUMPS
- DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- INSTALL FOUL POLES DIAMOND 1
- FLAGPOLE DIAMOND 3
- PAINT ACCENT BRICK – POOL
- CLEARING WATERWAY WINGS
- REMOVE PRIMITIVE AT REDGATE
- PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WORK

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