



PARKS MONTHLY UPDATE, DECEMBER 2022
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This month in the park department Nate has been working on maintenance of the equipment this week. Nate and Dion started putting up the skate rink at diamond 1 which they will soon put the liner in and fill. The employees prepared a full burial this past week at Woodlawn Cemetery. Nate went around and straightened up a few of the trees that we planted this year in the street boulevards. This week the Pearl Harbor ceremony was held at Veterans Park on Wednesday morning. I have been working on the CAT grant for the pool filter project this week. I also have been developing the new season passes for the aquatic center with the new fee schedule. I also sat in on an online meeting to learn more information about a mini-pitch system. I have also been working on various trail projects and talking with landowners about future trail possibilities.

Nate and Dion finished putting up the skate rink at diamond 1 as they put the liner in and started to fill. There have been a couple of burials at Woodlawn this week. I had they guys utilize the new cribbing to dig the graves that is much safer and quicker. On Tuesday evening we had our trails monthly meeting where we all signed thank you letters to landowners that have given use easements for trail development. I am wrapping up the CAT grant this week to send out for the pool filter project. I am also wrapping up other grants for trail funding by the end of the year. I have been working on updating several forms for the new year and the year-end report. We also sent thank you letters to a few of the people that helped our department that were not planning on working this summer but did so to help.

This week in the park department Nate and I have been busy with snow removal. With the winter storm over the extended holiday weekend, we had a lot of drifting at the cemetery and along the trails to contend with. Nate finished up all the sidewalks on the numerous city properties as well. Nate also assisted the community development department with clearing some delinquent sidewalks that were not cleared of snow in the NW. The ice rink is filled and ready to go as we are working with the school with the skate rentals. This week we prepared a full grave for a Saturday burial at Woodlawn for Jamison funeral home. This week Emma Hannigan, the urban forestry coordinator for the Iowa DNR, notified us that they have all our work documenting all the city trees on their website. In 2018, the park department helped the forestry department utilizing GPS units to gather information on street trees in the boulevards throughout the community. These are city owned trees that the city maintains. This past summer we arranged for the forestry department to gather the information on park and cemetery trees as well. Janessa and Emma gathered the information with GPS units on trees in the main park areas as they obviously did not tag the trees in the heavily wooded area of the parks. This is fantastic information to utilize as we move forward with diversified tree plantings throughout the city. Anyone can access this information at www.iowadnr.gov/urbanforestry



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MAINTENANCE



BURIAL

TREES

TRAILS

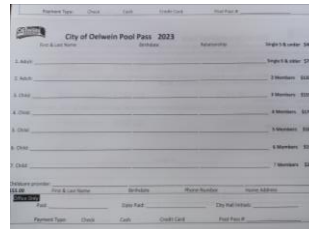
PEARL HARBOR



CAT GRANT

SEASON PASSES

MINI-PITCH



NEW CRIBBING

MAINTENANCE

ICE RINK

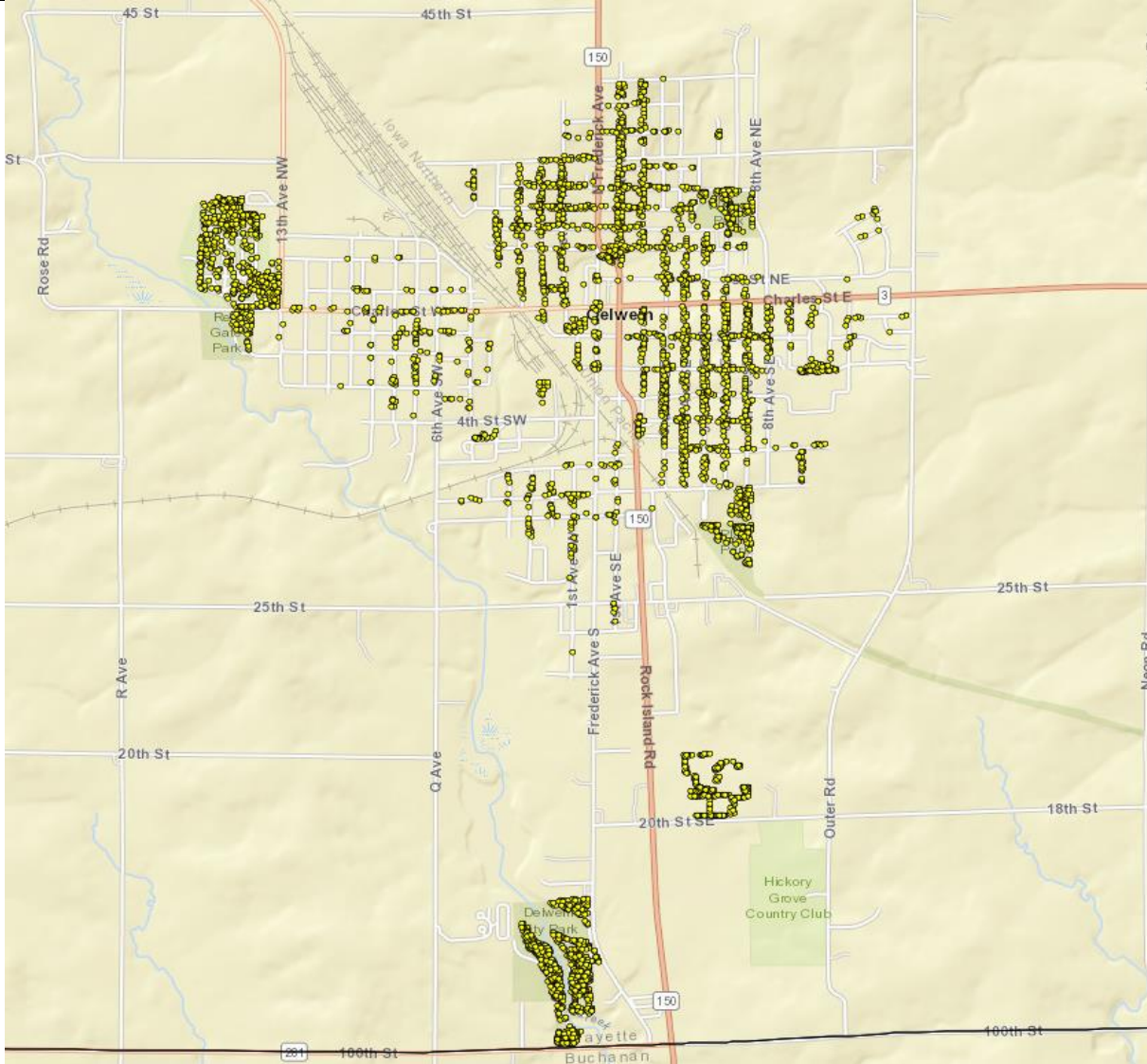




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ICE RINK READY



GRAVE PREP



SNOW REMOVAL

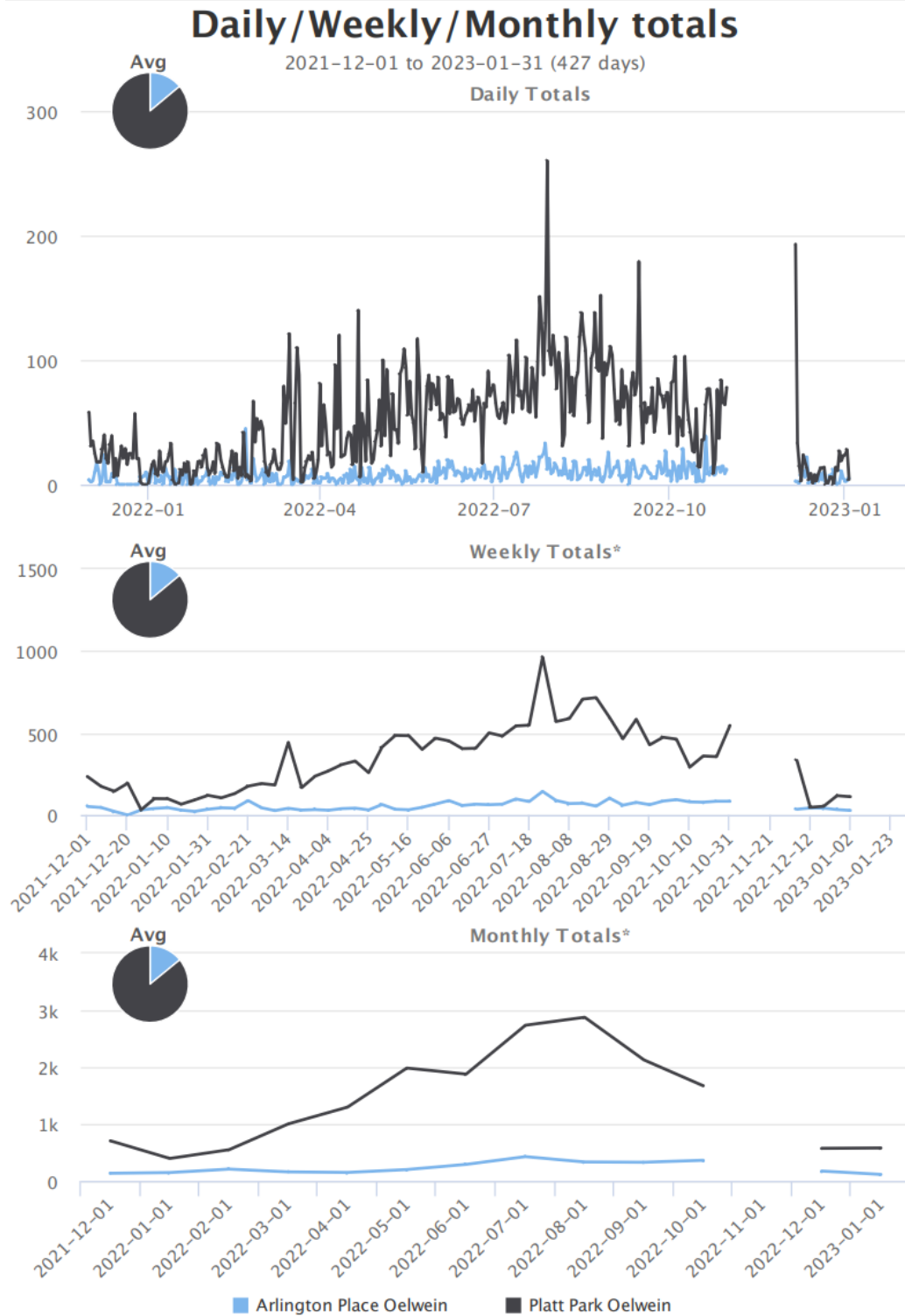




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Daily Activities

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- ❖ Clean/organize shop and equipment
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for all departments
- ❖ Safety meetings
- ❖ Meet with contractors
- ❖ Retrieve & upload trail count data
- ❖ Weed spraying
- ❖ Trail sweeping
- ❖ Woodlawn burials

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website updating
- ❖ Trail easements/grants
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ CIP pricing/budget
- ❖ Disc Golf Signage installation
- ❖ Snow equipment ready
- ❖ New cemetery cribbing in use
- ❖ Finished Park and Rec brochure
- ❖ Ice rink installed
- ❖ FCCF grant submitted
- ❖ Growth Award application submitted
- ❖ CAT grant work
- ❖ RJ McElroy grant work

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountain install Platt Park
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant writing
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Pool filter project
- ❖ Pool drain project
- ❖ Pool boiler
- ❖ Prairie planting
- ❖ Diamond 3 in-field fencing
- ❖ Equipment maintenance
- ❖ Trail Segment 2
- ❖ Trail Segments 4/5 alignment
- ❖ Year-end report
- ❖ Playground mulch at Wings
- ❖ Disc golf signage installed
- ❖ Aquatics work

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