



MARCH 2025 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This month Justin and I finished up a bunch of tree trimming in Appreciation Park downtown. Some of the trees were near and around light poles so this will help brighten the area up in the nighttime as well. All this tree trimming is in anticipation of RAGBRAI this summer. Justin and I continued into the parking lot trees that we could get to as we will need people to move their cars out of the way for the remainder of the trees. On Tuesday, I went out with tree board members and trimmed up more trees that we have planted the past couple of years in street boulevards. This is a great project to train these trees, so they have a main central trunk and create a stronger tree in the long run and will count towards the Growth Award through the arbor day foundation. Some minor snow removal was completed on Wednesday and Justin is going around checking that drainage areas are clear. The cemetery employees had a full burial this Monday as this time of the year is very tough as the ground is saturated with the frost coming out.

Justin and I are making the transition to remove snow removal equipment. Justin took the broom around and swept all the trails and skate park this week. Justin and I are wrapping up tree trimming the south parking lot as we have had to wait on a few people to get their vehicles out of the way. On Friday, I attended a RAGBRAI meeting in Des Moines with all the other overnight communities. This past week the chestnut tree whips arrived right on time. Our dedicated tree board members came in on Tuesday to help plant them in containers where they will stay for a few years until they are big enough to plant in their final destination. On Thursday, I attended a continuing education class that was centered on repairing Stenner pumps which we utilize at the aquatic center for acid injections. Justin passed his pesticide applicator license for spraying this week. I typed up and sent the agenda out for the park and rec meeting Monday evening. We plan on opening the parks first part of next week after the severe storms are forecast for the weekend. I finished our grant proposal to the foundation to complete ball diamond improvements, signage and new drags. I attended a certification class in Cedar Rapids for the new chlorinator system that will be installed at the aquatic center this year. Justin fixed the bike in Levin Park the was pulled down and reinforced. Two memorial benches were installed this week as we poured the foundations last fall. The first bench is for the Lau family that was placed along the NW trail on 6th Street and the second is near the playground equipment on the north side of Wings Park in remembrance of members of the class of 1981. I met with some of the larger charters with RAGBRAI as we went out and scouted areas with them and the RAGBRAI committee last week. Kim is busy trying to recruit guards for the aquatic facility for this season and is lining up resources for different activities for this summer.

This past month Justin and I have been very busy as the weather is extremely too warm for this time of year. We are making final preparations as we will bring back the seasonal employees for the park and cemetery crew on Monday. This week we took the box plane out and smoothed out the complex parking lot and the roads on the north side of the cemetery. Justin has been blowing leaves away from fence lines, shelters and playground equipment. A few of us with the tree board are taking a tree keeper course through the DNR as an interactive way to refresh proper tree planting and maintenance practices. The course continues for the next two weeks, in which the board is showing its true dedication to this organization. Final CEU classes have been wrapped up for the season. The baskets for the downtown hanging flowers were replaced by Manske's Corner Market as the new plastic baskets will work much better than the cocoa lined baskets they had. Justin has been busy trimming trees at various locations as he is working on the complex trees today. I have been working on collecting information on RAGBRAI camping locations. This information is placed on an interactive google map that will be available for everyone to view once we get closer to the event.



APPRECIATION PARK



LIGHT POLE TRIMMING



APPRECIATION PARK





PARKING LOT TREE TRIMMING



TREE BOARD TREE TRIMMING



SNOW REMOVAL



DRAINAGE CLEANING





TRAIL SWEEPING



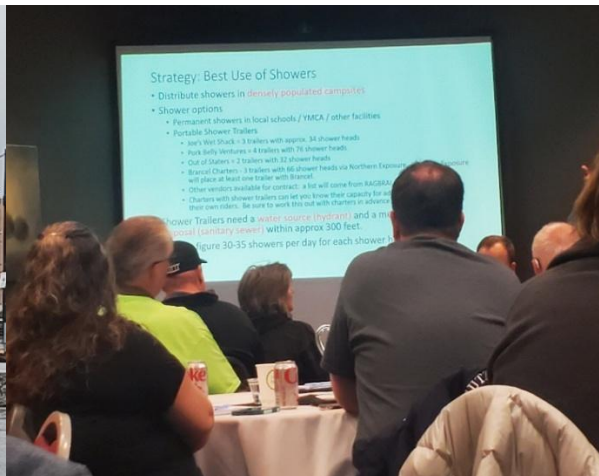
TREE TRIMMING



CEU CLASS



RAGBRAI MEETING





CHESTNUT TREES



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CERT CLASS

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MEMORIAL BENCHES INSTALLED



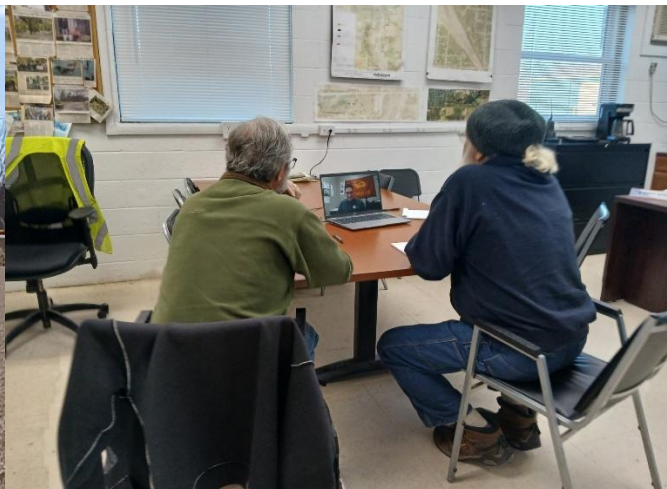
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FENCELINE CLEANING



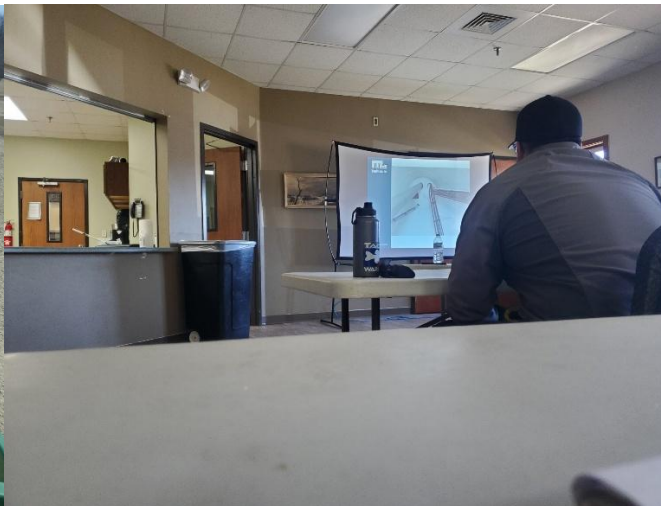
TREE KEEPER CLASS



COMPLEX



CEU CLASS



LEAVE CLEARING



CEMETERY ROADS



TREE TRIMMING





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RAGBRAI WORK

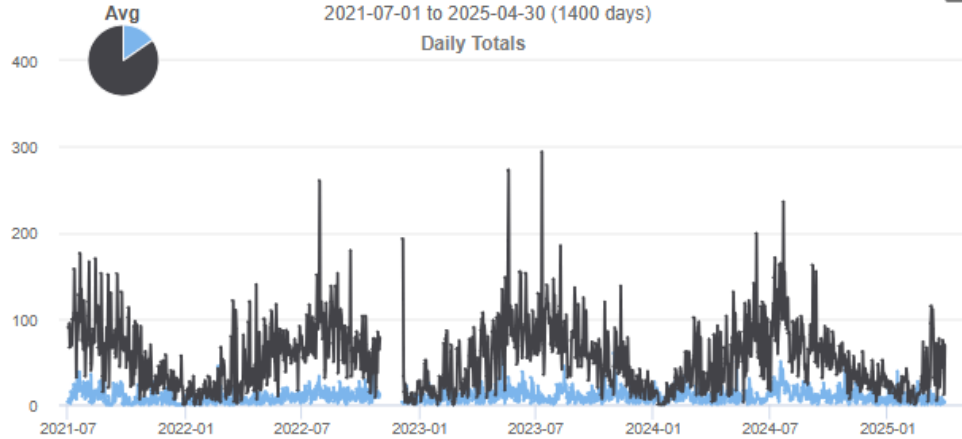




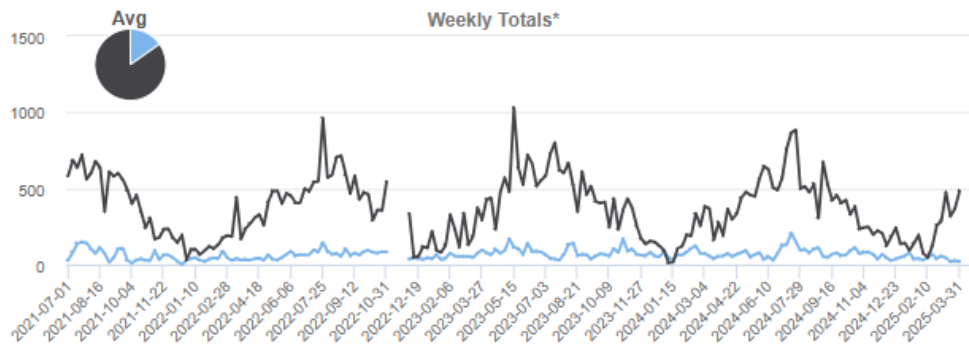
Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2025-04-30 (1400 days)

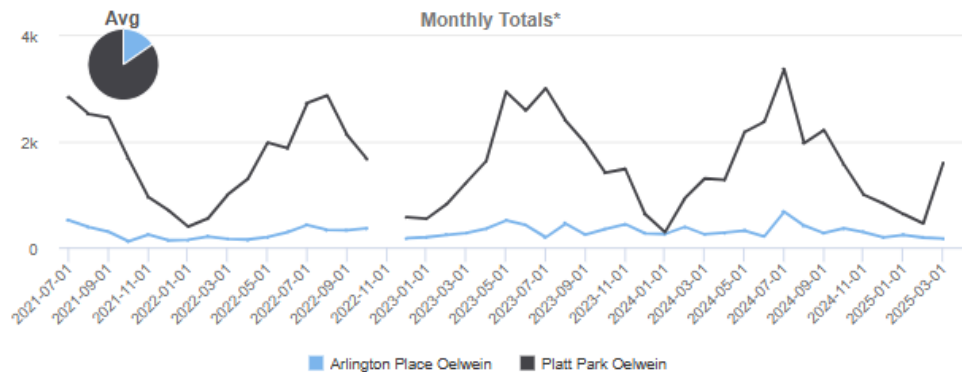
Daily Totals



Weekly Totals*



Monthly Totals*



* Based on Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

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
2021	Arlington Place Oelwein							512*	388	294	115	242	134	9.115	3,327	183
	Platt Park Oelwein							2,845*	2,523	2,458	1,675	950	704	60.454	22,066	183
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	451	241	347	441	266	10.753	3,925	365
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	2,592	3,013	2,399	1,969	1,411	1,485	628	56.625	20,668	365
2024	Arlington Place Oelwein	254	389	247	279	319	208	673	414	269	380	287	191	10.628	3,890	366
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	2,378	3,373	1,972	2,223	1,571	998	828	52.792	19,322	366
2025	Arlington Place Oelwein	236	186	165										6.522	2,381	90
	Platt Park Oelwein	631	453	1,595										29.767	10,865	90

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 OF EQUIPMENT
- SAFETY MEETINGS
- MEET WITH CONTRACTORS
- RETRIEVE & UPLOAD TRAIL COUNT DATA
- WOODLAWN BURIALS
- PARK MAINTENANCE
- GRANT WORK

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CIVICREC WORK
- CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES
- TREE TRIMMING
- BLACK DIRT WINTER BURIALS
- RAGBRAI MEETINGS
- EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
- STARTED SEASONAL EMPLOYEES
- TREE KEEPER CLASSES
- TREE PLANTING
- TREE BOARD MEETINGS
- RAGBRAI WORK

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- PLANT TREES IN CHRYSLER PARK
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- CEU CLASSES
- POOL PREPARATIONS
- CAMPGROUND PREPARATIONS
- TREE REMOVAL
- TREE PLANTINGS
- RAGBRAI MEETINGS
- DAY OF CARING PREPARATIONS

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