



FEBRUARY 2024 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This past month with the warm weather we have been working on various projects outdoors. Nate and Joshua pulled two overgrown bushes out for the library this week. Nate took the broom and went around on the trails sweeping them as the warm weather has brought more trail users out. On Monday Nate and a few cemetery employees had a full burial at Woodlawn to attend to. Nate and Joshua have also been working on the main area of the shop this week. The floor area was painted years ago when the building was a wastewater plant and has been peeling up. Nate and Joshua have power sprayed it several times and sanded it down for a new epoxy covering. Joshua submitted the ad to the paper for the park and rec seasonal positions opening for the coming season. Joshua has been working on an AARP grant for future trail funding as well as a proposal for TAP funding. Joshua met with the tree board on Monday evening at the park shop. Joshua gave the members a compiled list of all the trees they have planted over the past five years with locations and species listed. Joshua has started diving into the pool paperwork, updating it for the 24' season.

This past month we picked up supplies for the tree board to build a gravel bed near the shop this spring. The gravel bed is just like it sounds, like a raised garden for trees. We are looking for long term in our tree planting abilities to stretch our money as far as we can. With the gravel bed we can buy a bunch of bare root trees in the spring at a fraction of the price and plant more trees. Nate has been working on the shop floor prep as we finished removal of the old paint and etched and washed off the floor the final time as he will prime the floor this afternoon. Nate went around the cemetery this week and picked up some pealed-up sod and loose decorations. One of the trails crossing signs disappeared on the east trail so I ordered a couple more and Nate installed the missing sign this week. Jessica and Joshua, with the city hall front area employees, attended another zoom meeting with the civicrec program today. We are now able to start working on customizing the website so it will suit each of our programs, so it is a very exciting time. Joshua created and sent out the park and rec agenda for Monday evening. Joshua sent the information off to WBC to get the boiler project moving so it can be installed before the season starts in 99 days.

This past month the tree board was awarded a grant through Trees Forever once again for purchasing more trees. The tree board has been very successful with this grant and this year the tree board was awarded the full \$5,000 for planting trees in the street boulevards this fall. On Monday, I hosted the park and rec meeting Monday evening at city hall where Jessica and I gave updates. I have been working on Civicrec this week inputting information for our areas. This week I have been working on an AARP grant for trail funding and a very large grant proposal for TAP funding also for trail funding. The cemetery employees are busy preparing two full graves, as we have funerals scheduled for this Friday and Saturday. The sump pump was put in at the pool to keep the rainwater in the diving well to minimize power spraying in the spring. The diving well is designed to hold water through the winter so that it does not heave up when frost comes out in the spring. We spent time this morning at Depot Park cleaning up broken glass that was found in the play area. This week Nate and I are finishing up the floor project at the shop with the new epoxy covering. This project was more time-consuming than originally expected but was well worth the extra time we put into preparing the floor.

This past month I have been busy wrapping up some very large grants. I completed the AARP grant for a set of LED blinking signs for the pedestrian crossing on North Frederick Ave. and 5th Street. I am submitting the Iowa DOT trail grant through upper explorer land for trail segment 4. I have been working with Kim getting things lined up for the aquatic center and updating paperwork. I called both Manske's and Cannons Greenhouse to notify them to order trees since the tree board was awarded the Trees Forever grant for planting trees again this October. There are two cremation burials that were prepared for this Saturday in Woodlawn. I met with the Carrico representative as he explained that chlorine costs have increased \$20 per 50# bucket from this last season so we are getting quotes from vendors.

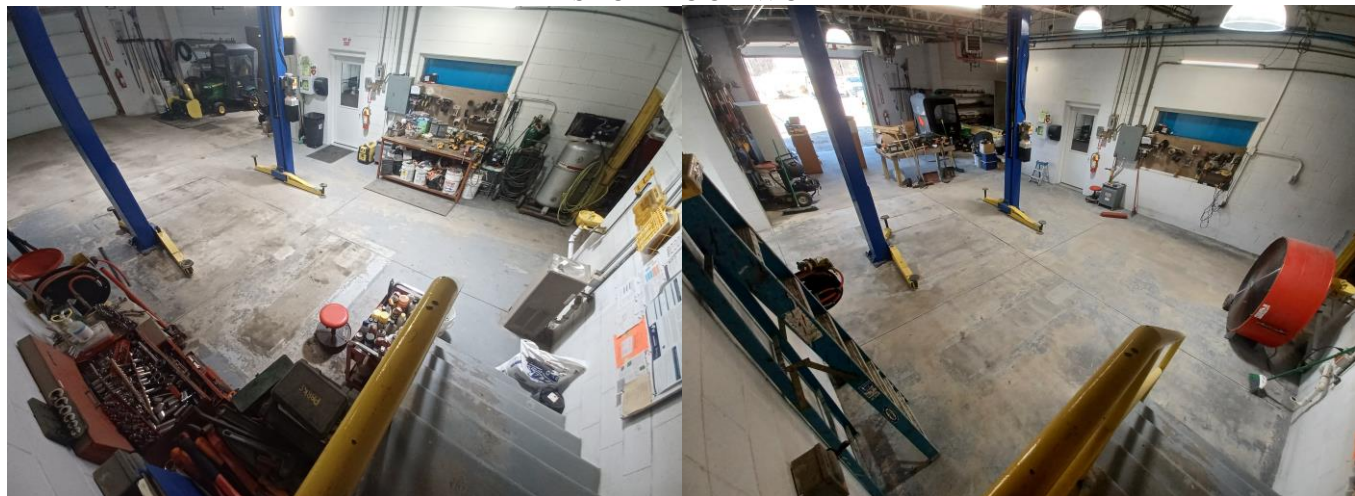


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TRAIL SWEEPING



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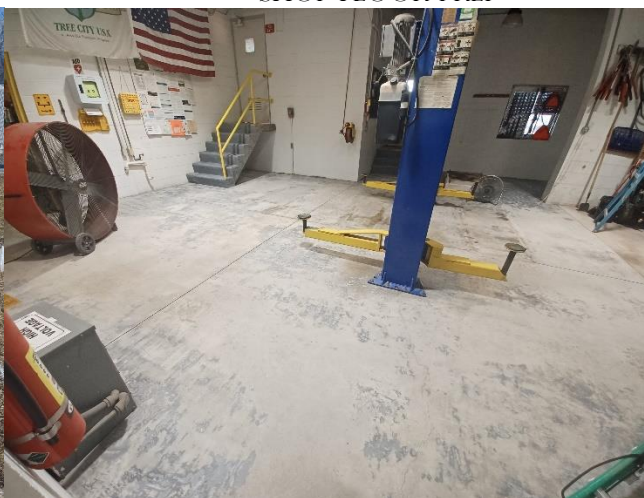


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SUPPLIES FOR GRAVEL BED

SHOP FLOOR PREP





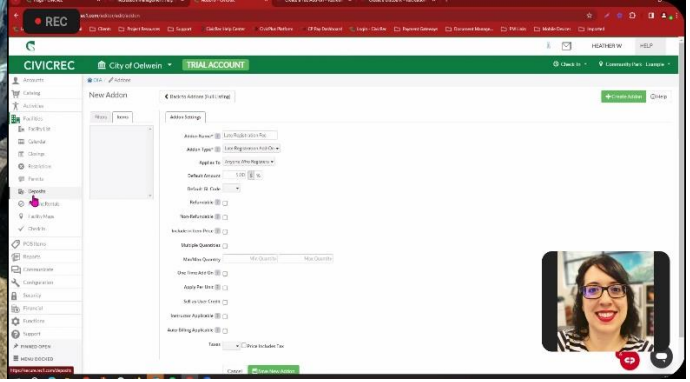
SIGNAGE



CEMETERY



CIVICREC



GRANT AWARDED



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February 21, 2023

Dear Joshua,

Congratulations! You've been selected for an Alliant Energy Community Tree program and One Million Trees Initiative grant! Alliant Energy is pleased to award Oelwein with a grant of \$5,000. Your project is one of **41 Alliant Energy Community Tree projects** statewide. We're so excited to partner with you!

BURIALS



POOL



CLEANUP







GRANT PROPOSAL

AARP®



TAP GRANT PROPOSAL

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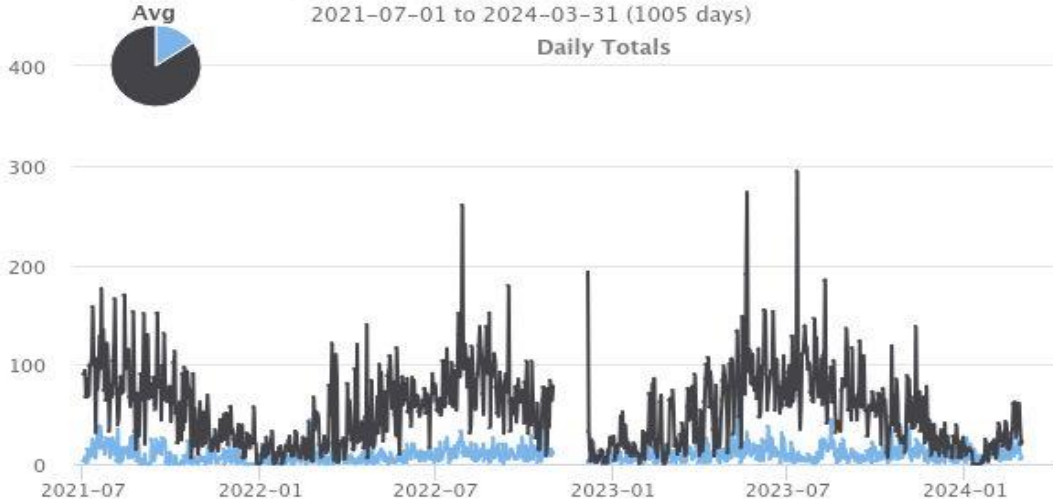
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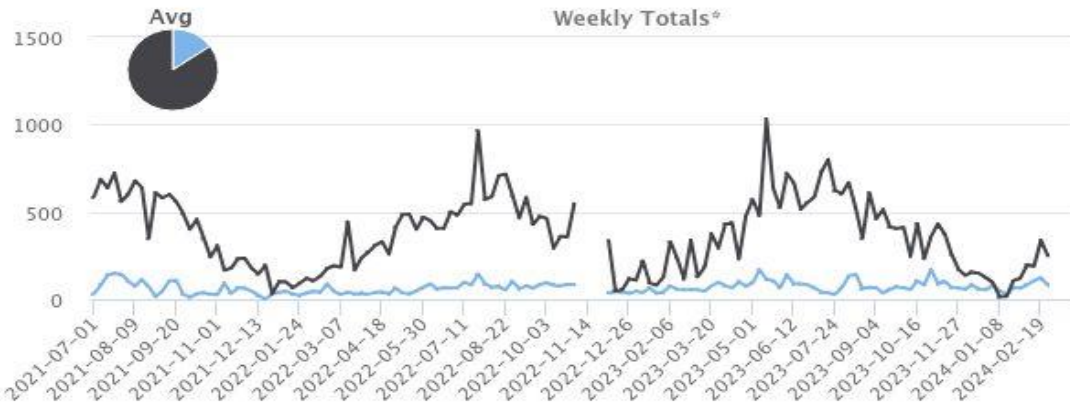
Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2024-03-31 (1005 days)

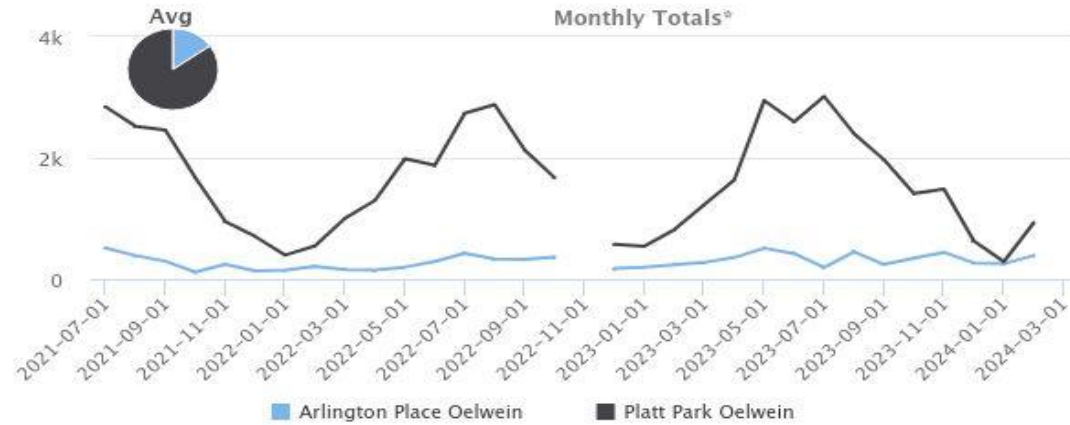
Daily Totals



Weekly Totals*



Monthly Totals*



■ Arlington Place Oelwein ■ Platt Park Oelwein

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											10,717	3,922	60
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930											20,283	7,424	60

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
- SNOW REMOVAL
- GRANT WORK

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- LIBRARY BUSHES REMOVED
- SUBMITTED AARP GRANT PROPOSAL
- NEW SHELVING AT SHOP
- BUDGETS FINISHED AND PRESENTED TO COUNCIL
- RECEIVED TREES FOREVER GRANT- \$5,000
- SHOP FLOOR REFINISHED
- CIVICREC WORK
- GRAVEL BED SUPPLIES PURCHASED
- STARTED PUMPING DOWN DIVING WELL
- SUBMITTED TAP FUNDING APPLICATION

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REMOVE OLD WELL HOUSES CITY PARK
- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- LAUNCH CIVICREC
- GRANT WRITING
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- GRINDING STUMPS
- DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- PAINT ACCENT BRICK – POOL
- REMOVE PRIMITIVE AT REDGATE
- PLAYGROUND SLIDES – CITY PARK
- POOL PREPARATIONS
- POOL BOILER REPLACEMENT
- SPRING PREPARATIONS
- HIRE EMPLOYEES BACK
- CAMPGROUND PREPARATIONS
- UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING
- DIAMOND PREPARATIONS
- CEMETERY SPRING CLEANING
- UTILITIES TO PLANT TREES IN CHRYSLER
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- FIX WATER LINE AT CEMETERY
- SWEEPING TRAILS/STREETS
- MULCHING DOWNTOWN
- POOL HIRING
- INSTALL MEMORIAL BENCH AT PLATT
- FLAGPOLE

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

