



AUGUST 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. Steve S. took the sickle mower around to various properties and trimmed back some taller brush. This week Kim and I hosted a training session at the aquatic facility and reviewed some areas with staff. The guards dove for the brick in the diving well, tread water, practiced back boarding and swam 200 meters. The concessions stand is selling a lot of product and they had 3 more facility rentals this past week. The contractors for the utility department project hit the gas service line for the pool this so we had to relight the pool boiler. The water line on the north side of City Park was replaced this week and the yard hydrant was replaced as well. This week at Woodlawn the employees have been busy with their routine mowing and trimming. The employees have four cremation burials that they had to prepare for the end of this week. Last Thursday afternoon we were called by the wellness center, they needed to have their office removed of all furniture immediately as the flooring was replaced the following morning. I met with the trails committee this week at the park shop as we went over future projects. I have been working on a grant through the DNR that would provide money to replace ash trees in the parks. Daily cleaning of downtown, weeding, watering hanging baskets, sweeping trails continues. Carolyn and Craig are doing a great job with the campground as usual. Steve H. continues to do a great job cleaning restroom facilities and preparing shelters for reservations.

The pool drain project is moving right along as they made the connections to the active drain lines this week. The contractors did an excellent job digging around several utilities to place the manhole sections on the west side of the pool. The contractors plan on completing the rest of the pipework this week so they can start wrapping up the project.

At Woodlawn we are working on the new sign but need to complete additional base work before it can be put up. The new parts finally arrived for restroom repairs at Wings Park as the employees had to do some additional plumbing repairs from the vandalism the bathroom received but is all finished and open again. Danny C. replaced a yard hydrant that needed replacement at Woodlawn this week as well. We took the vac truck out to Redgate and cleaned out the holding tank this week. Nate W. took the sweeper up to the pool area to help with some cleaning with all the construction going on in the area. Russ M. took the harley rake to Redgate Park and stirred up the bocce ball court to prepare the courts for this weekend. At the pool we are wrapping up the season with the final day taking place on the 20th and will have the dog dip the last couple hours of the final day. This week on one of my pool stops, Kim pointed out a pair of families that she had talked to, that drove down from the Elkader area just to swim at the Oelwein pool. The prairie plantings are looking great this year as they were all burned off this spring as a prescribed burning. The park and cemetery employees spent some extra time cleaning and making improvements at Redgate for Italian Days this weekend. Anthony Ricchio donated two trees to that park this week that the cemetery employees planted. The park employees stopped down at Depot Park this morning to mow, trim and sweep all the areas so that the park is ready for the party in the park tonight. The pool drain project is moving along as they started final grading this week. The contractors brought in the concrete crew who have been forming areas up and poured the main section of 3rd street back on Wednesday. Sidewalks are being formed up, larger equipment has been moved out, and the fencing company came in to install posts. On Monday evening, I met with the tree board as we talked about the upcoming tree planting in October. I provided a flyer for the members to take with them when they talk to community members when asking to plant trees in the boulevard in front of their properties, in the right of way. Dion completes his daily watering, cleaning, and weeding downtown. The trails and cemetery were swept this week, Steve H. has several shelters to prepare for reservations this weekend and continues to do a great job cleaning the restrooms.

The park department is short of two people now that the younger guys must go back to school. The park and cemetery employees teamed up and took a dead tree out at Woodlawn this week. Nate had the guys clean up some areas around the storage buildings at the cemetery and they prepared a full burial for Saturday. At City Park, the park employees painted the bathroom doors near the horseshoe pits this week. At the campground there was a breaker that shorted out that had to be replaced over the weekend. Also, at City Park the employees spent some extra time working on the disc golf course trimming and cutting back trees. The park employees completed



some extra trimming at the complex and trimming the ditch on 150 in front of the welcome sign. Sunday will be the last day for the aquatic center with the dog dip the last two hours from 5-7pm. I have wrapped up work on the community forestry grant to be submitted next week to plant trees in Platt Park and the complex. The pool drain project is wrapping up quickly as we are waiting on the fencing contractors to get back in to put the fencing back up so they can finish landscaping. I met with engineer Jon B. at the pool and tried out backflushing with the new system and all went as planned. Russ M. and I stopped at the wellness center this morning to move furniture back into place for the wellness staff. Steve Horan is doing a great job cleaning restrooms and preparing for shelter reservations. Dion continues to come in early every morning to water hanging flower baskets downtown and pick up garbage. Trails and the skate park were swept once again, and the Rohrick's are doing a great job hosting at the campground. I sent out the agenda for Mondays Park and rec meeting and prepared my report for the meeting and starting in on budget items.

The cemetery crew had a full burial to prepare this week and took down a couple of dead trees and swept the roads. The employees replaced a few boards on the trail bridge near the complex this week and did some extra trimming at City Park. Nate completed some weed spraying and trail sweeping this week. Sunday at the pool we held the annual dog dip at the pool that had a great turn out with 37 dogs attending. The staff helped wrap things up for the season as it was another successful year at the pool. Third street NE was opened to traffic this week as we worked with the street department to get his area opened again to traffic. The contractors arrived and put the chain link fencing up around the pool as the drain project has wrapped up. The park employees have spent most of the week at the pool starting in winterizing the pool facility. The gas was shut off and shade structures taken down. The employees started off on the preparations for the filter replacement as they started removing the piping in the pump room. We met with Carrico Aquatics as they marked where they wanted the piping cut away for the new piping to connect. With the extreme heat, the employees have been taking afternoons off these past few days. Next week we will start cutting the old filter apart and remove the sand to have everything ready for the contractors to install the new system. On Monday, the park and rec meeting was held at City Park as we went over our updates for the commission. This week I submitted a grant proposal to the DNR for matching funds to purchase more trees to plant in the parks. This week I was awarded a \$455 grant to cover the cost of testing, for taking the certified park and recreation professional certification through the Iowa Park and Rec Association. Dion continues his watering downtown, trails swept, campground staying busy and Steve Horan taking care of shelter reservations.

The cemetery crew had a cremation burial this week to prepare for Jamison funeral home. Chris J. and Marc B. have been busy cutting the pool filter out as the second part of the pool project moves on. Nate and I borrowed the jet tuck and used it to remove the sand from the top cell of the filter. The new filters are to be delivered in the middle of September so we will have the old filter out in plenty of time for the contractors to get in right away.

Both departments were busy working in Wings Park this week, clearing the waterway north of the arching trail bridge. The employees string trimmed the entire area then went in and cut out any of the scrub trees out to clean the area. The park employees spent some time weeding and cleaning depot park and watering trees. Dion has been watering hanging baskets downtown, and watering trees in Redgate and recently planted street trees since last year. I sent out the agenda for the tree board meeting next week as we are gathering locations to plant trees in October. Carloyn and Craig R. are doing a great job keeping the campground looking great and Steve H. had four more shelter reservations to take care of this week plus bathrooms to clean.

TRIMMING



NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN



TRAININGS



GAS SERVICE LINE



DRAGGING LOTS



WELLNESS CENTER



NEW WATER LINE INSTALLED



SIGN PREP



CONCRETE POUR



POOL DRAIN PROJECT





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SIGN

BATHROOM REPAIRS

HYDRANT REPAIR



VAC

SWEEPING

BOCCE BALL



STEP REPLACEMENT



PRAIRIE PLANTINGS



REDGATE REPAIRS



DONATED TREES



DEPOT PARK





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TREE BOARD FLYER



BENEFITS OF STREET TREES

- AIR QUALITY
- ENERGY SAVINGS
- CARBON SEQUESTRATION (REMOVING CARBON DIOXIDE FROM ATMOSPHERE)
- STORM WATER RETENTION
- INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES
- REDUCED WATER TREATMENT COSTS
- ANNUAL BENEFIT TO THE OELWEIN COMMUNITY
 - \$395,978

Education and public awareness are important aspects of the work undertaken by the City of Oelwein and Trees Forever. Our conservation orientation helps improve the world and environment in which we live immediately, and for the future. Understanding the importance of our natural environment is paramount in helping government leaders and individuals make decisions that will benefit our world.



TREES PLANTED

- 2016 – 39
- 2017 – 69
- 2018 – 39
- 2019 – 254
- 2020 – 66
- 2021 – 68
- 2022 - 50

TREE CITY AWARD

2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

GROWTH AWARD

2020, 2022

2019 GOVERNORS VOLUNTEER AWARD

2021 OUTSTAND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – IOWA URBAN TREE COUNCIL

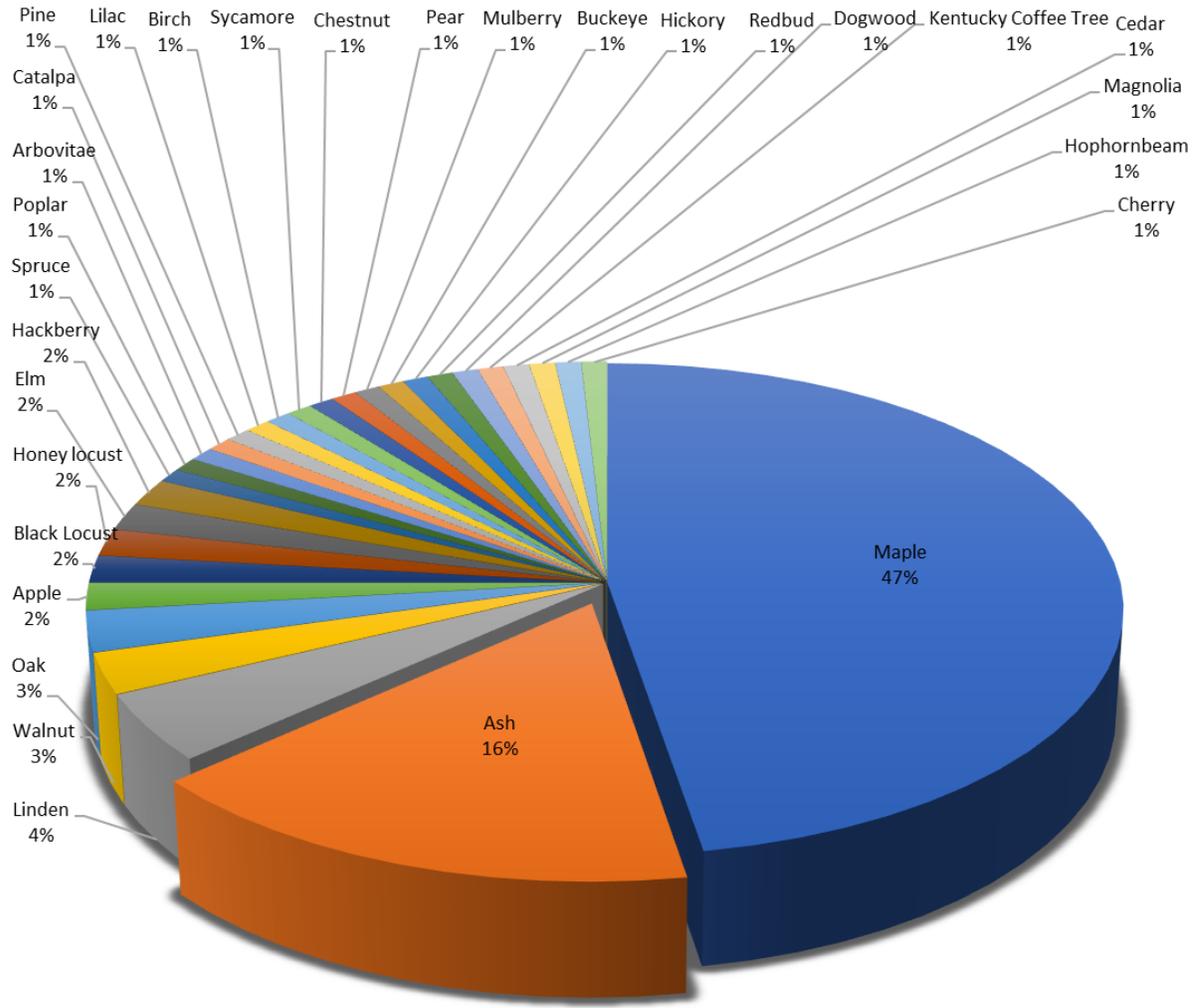
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Species Distribution of Oelwein Street Boulevard Trees - 2018

Total Inventory - 1,988 **Ash Trees - 351**

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|------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| ■ Maple | ■ Ash | ■ Linden | ■ Walnut | ■ Oak |
| ■ Apple | ■ Black Locust | ■ Honey locust | ■ Elm | ■ Hackberry |
| ■ Spruce | ■ Poplar | ■ Arbovitae | ■ Catalpa | ■ Pine |
| ■ Lilac | ■ Birch | ■ Sycamore | ■ Chestnut | ■ Pear |
| ■ Mulberry | ■ Buckeye | ■ Hickory | ■ Redbud | ■ Dogwood |
| ■ Kentucky Coffee Tree | ■ Cedar | ■ Magnolia | ■ Hophornbeam | ■ Cherry |

SWEEPING



DEAD TREE CEMETERY





CLEANING UP



DOORS PAINTED



CAMPGROUND



DISC GOLF



COMPLEX



2023 POOL DRAIN PROJECT





TREE REMOVAL

BURIAL PREP

DECKING



DISC GOLF

TRAILS

SPRAYING

DOG DIP



WINTERIZING





FILTER PROJECT

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DRAIN PROJECT WRAPPED UP



FILTER PROJECT



FILTER PROJECT

WINTERIZING



WINGS WATERWAY

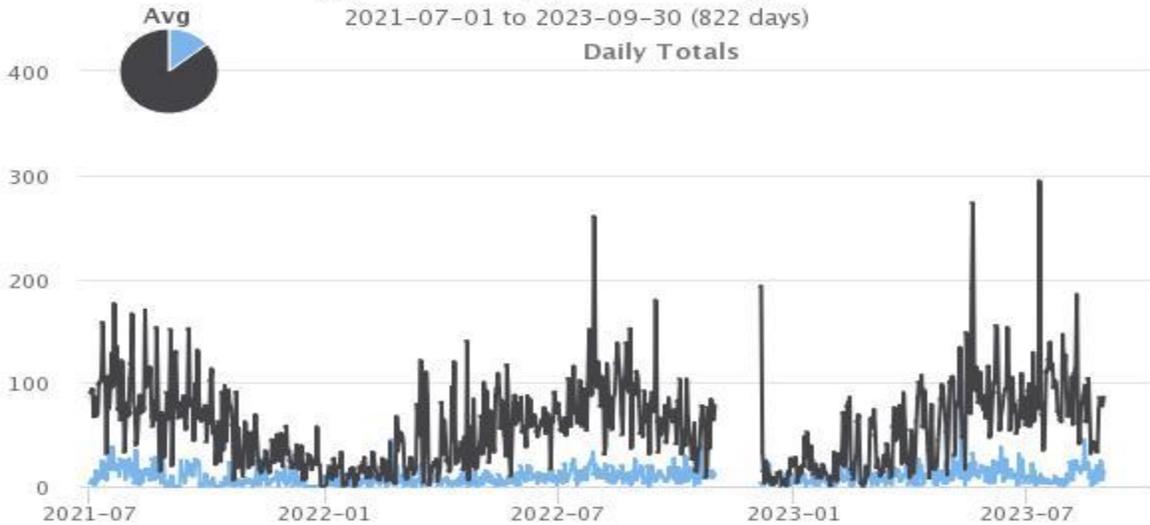




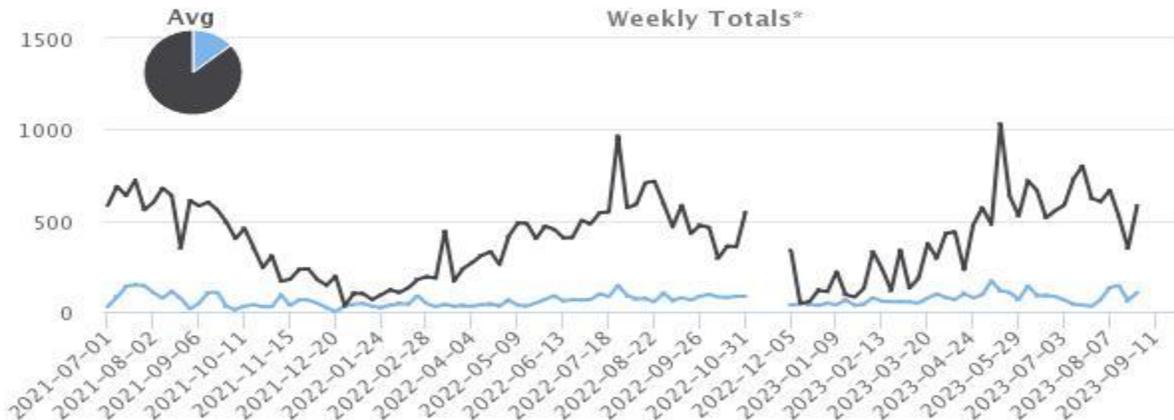
Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2023-09-30 (822 days)

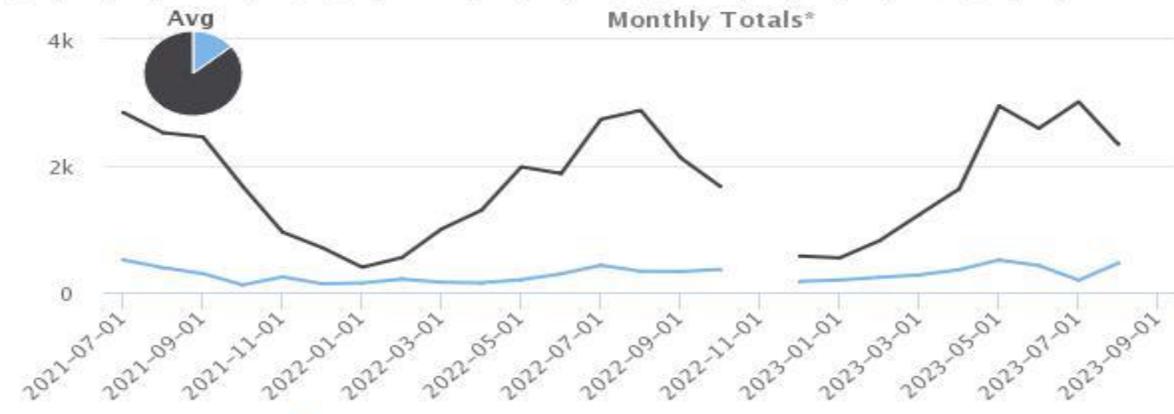
Daily Totals



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	461*					10.847	3,959	242
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	2,592	3,013	2,338*					62.145	22,683	242

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
- WATERING DEPOT PARK
- DRAG GRAVELED AREAS/SWEEP TRAILS
- 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
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
- POWER SPRAYING
- WORK AT DEPOT PARK
- REPAIR PIPING AT POOL
- CLEARING WATERWAY WINGS
- POOL DRAIN PROJECT COMPLETED
- POOL PIPING REMOVED
- POOL FILTER BEING REMOVED
- CEMETERY SIGN WORK
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN PLATT PARK

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

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

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

