



PARKS MONTHLY UPDATE, FEBRUARY 2022
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This last month in the park department: Nate, Chris and I have been working on snow removal on all City properties, trails and cemetery. Eastern Iowa Surveillance came in to fix the camera at the pool that was hit by lightning a few months ago. Nate took his CEU class for his certified pool operator license. I took the full CPO course this year, as every five years everyone is required to take the full course. I have been ordering CIP items and other supplies in bulk for all the departments so it will be ready to go for the season. We have a full burial for Jamison Schmitz that the employees are preparing as they have run into a lot of frost with the extremely cold weather we had last week. I downloaded the monthly totals for the trails this past month. I am working on paperwork for the aquatic center getting it updated and ready to go for this season. I am continually working on future trail development with the next sections to be installed, future sections, and grant proposals.

This past month in the park department: Nate, Chris and Willie had a burial for Wednesday that they prepared this week. Contractors were in this month at the pool this week as the mirrors have started to blacken over the years due to moisture and chemicals. Also at the pool, Carrico Aquatics was in to install the new autofill for the pool water level. The old float was rather primitive as the new sensor is digital that will hook up to the Wi-Fi compatible controller that I can monitor on the phone app. I have been working on a grant to the Wellmark Foundation for matching funds for trail development. Nate worked on installing new brackets at the pool to secure the fill line as the old brackets have reached their life expectancy. I have updated the hiring paperwork into fillable PDF's for the pool kids to fill out this year and lining up the lifeguarding class for March. Nate trimmed the trees along 4th street SW in preparation for the new trail segment this summer.

This past month in the park department Nate has been busy with a few projects to get ready for the upcoming season. Nate and Chris took off the gates to the 20' trailer as the extruded steel was starting to give way. The new steel was ordered from Alpha HD trailers and welded on as we are now waiting for the new barrel hinges to be delivered. Once we have it all welded back together, we will touch it up with some black paint and be ready for the season. Two sets of bleachers were put together this past week as well that will be taken to the sports complex this spring. Nate passed the core test for his applicator license this week and will be taking two more tests to complete his certification. Nate installed a new door to the office at the shop this week. I have been working on trails paperwork this week as the Wellmark grant for trail funding was submitted. I have also been working on getting pool paperwork up to date and ready for the upcoming



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season. The new seats arrived for the elevated guard stands at the pool that Nate and I assembled. Nate has been going through snow removal equipment getting it ready for the possibility of snow tonight as I am updating the list of city houses as seven more properties have been acquired. We found out this week that the City was awarded the full amount of \$5,000 from the Tree's Forever Branching Out program once again. This grant pays for all the trees that the park department and tree board plant in the street boulevards each fall.

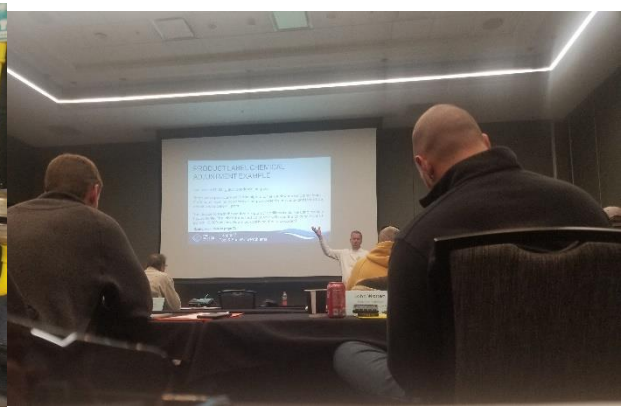
SNOW REMOVAL



CAMERA REPAIR



CPO CLASS



ORDERING SUPPLIES



BURIAL PREP





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NEW MIRRORS



AUTOFILL



FILL LINE SECURED



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TREE TRIMMING



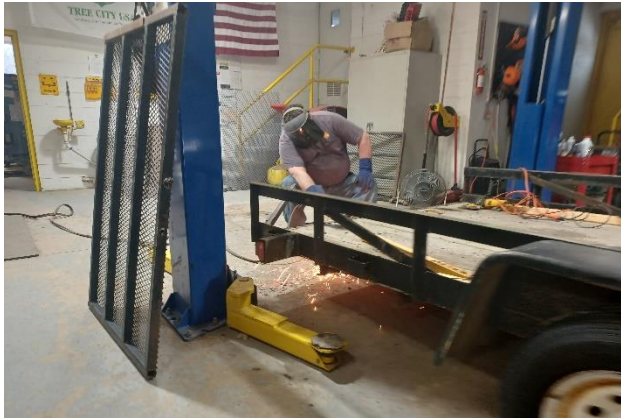


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SHOP DOOR REPLACED



GRANT RECEIVED



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February 18, 2022

Dear Joshua,

Congratulations! You've been selected for an Alliant Energy *Branching Out* grant!

Alliant Energy is pleased to award Oelwein with a grant of \$5,000. Your project is one of 28 *Branching Out* projects statewide. We're so excited to partner with you!



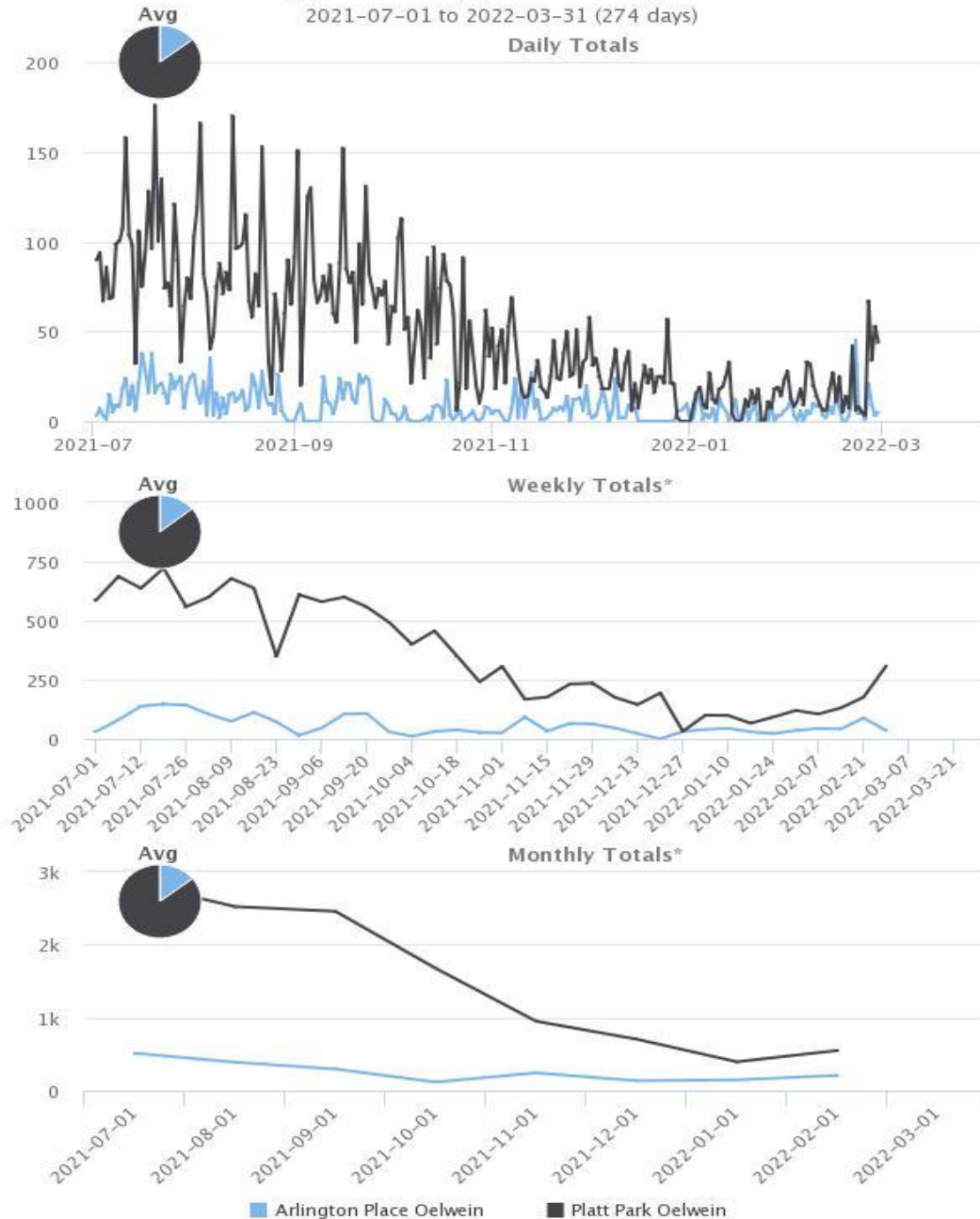
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Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2022-03-31 (274 days)



21/22 TRAIL TOTALS

SITE

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>ADT</u>
Arlington Place Oelwein	512	388	294	115	242	134	207	7.54
Platt Park Oelwein	2845	2523	2458	1676	950	704	548	38.21

TOTAL TRAIL USERS 13,596



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Daily Activities

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- ❖ Sanitizing 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
- ❖ Snow Removal

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website work ongoing
- ❖ Trail easements/grants
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ Pool shelter finished
- ❖ Equipment maintenance completed
- ❖ CEU classes
- ❖ Grant writing
- ❖ Motor/Pump replacement at pool started
- ❖ Order CIP Items
- ❖ Ad in paper for seasonal positions
- ❖ Pool hiring paperwork sent out
- ❖ LGI class lined up
- ❖ Pool forms started
- ❖ Received Branching Out grant for \$5,000

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Diamond 3 in-field fencing
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountain install Platt Park
- ❖ Arching sign for entrance at Woodlawn
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant writing
- ❖ Install basketball anchors
- ❖ Install new slide sign at pool
- ❖ Move fence line at pool
- ❖ Trail development
- ❖ Disc golf signage, backfilling
- ❖ Paint bathroom doors
- ❖ Redgate parking area
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Sealcoating roads in Spring
- ❖ Concessions window
- ❖ Install counter at Redgate shelter
- ❖ Install solar umbrella at pool from ITC
- ❖ Pool filter project
- ❖ Prairie planting
- ❖ Memorial Bench install
- ❖ Winter graves
- ❖ Foundations
- ❖ Prep pool for season

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OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

