



MAY 2024 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This past month the park and cemetery employees did an exceptional job helping with the day of caring we held on Friday May 3rd. There was a ton of preparation to make this day successful by having volunteers lined up, donations made, and preparations made beforehand. We had projects completed at each property including parks, cemetery, campground, trails, and aquatics. A semi load of playground safety material was spread in the playground areas at City Park. All the picnic tables at the campground were painted with the help of a Diamond Vogel grant this department received and True Value grant we received as well that gave us an additional 26 gallons of green paint. Older playground equipment was painted at all the parks, shelters were painted, and picnic tables painted, power spraying. The employees have been working as fast as they can to keep ahead of the grass and dodge the rain when possible. The pool has been filled as per requirements for the state for their inspection as Carrico has had to deal with some minor thing with their installation. Lots of final preparations are being made at the facility with ordering products, chemicals, paperwork, and a hundred other things that we complete every year. The final paperwork with the pool kids has been wrapped up and we hired one more person for the park department this week. Unfortunately, the yellow topper did not show up until the following Monday morning, which we wanted to install on Friday with all the volunteers in. We scheduled another day with volunteers to help us install the yellow topper. The tree board met on Monday evening the 6th at the park shop where we held our monthly meeting as usual, then the board planted some trees. The board planted the 40 bare root trees that I picked up this week from Corner Market to plant in the gravel bed that we constructed behind the shop. These trees will be removed in the fall and planted in parks and/or cemeteries. Finally, after several years of trying, the proposed trail bill that we have been trying to get passed has been approved. The bill provides protection for railroads with the bike trail that we have proposed along the rail property on the east side of the active rail in the NW down to viaduct.

This past month the park and cemetery employees have been extremely busy mowing properties with the rain and warmer weather it is hard to stay ahead of the grass. This week the CPR manikins arrived that we were awarded grant money to purchase for the lifeguards to utilize in their training. We have been super busy with the pool getting everything ready for the upcoming season. WBC has finished the installation of the new pool boiler and will be back with some fine tuning. This week I typed up thank you letters to all the businesses and organizations that helped with the United Way – Day of Caring this month that Joe Bouska and I signed and sent out. Nate has been busy spraying weeds at all the properties as needed. This department learned that we received the True Value grant for 20 gallons of paint this past week. There was one cremation burial at Woodlawn Cemetery this week as the workers prepare for their big weekend after next week. This Saturday we will be putting up flags at Woodlawn at 8:00am where we put up 700 large flags and 1,000 small flags throughout Woodlawn and Oakdale cemeteries. I typed up and sent out the agenda for the Monday evening park and recreation board meeting.

On Saturday May 18th, we put up hundreds of flags at Woodlawn Cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend. We had great weather for the event and just enough volunteers to get it done in a timely manner. On Monday, I hosted the park and rec meeting at the aquatic center. When I was setting up for the meeting I saw some dark smoke to the east. As I looked closer, I saw that some playground equipment was on fire. The fire department was on the scene to put it out as everything was torched already. On Tuesday we had flooding at City Park, we lost a large maple at Platt Park. There is another part of a tree at Platt Park the is too dangerous for us to remove so we will have it dropped by a contractor and have the park closed off for now. There was a tree on the north end of Woodlawn that dropped and approximately 50 flag poles were blown over. The poles were brought back to the shop that evening so the legion guys could cut the poles and reinstall them the next day. On Wednesday, we held orientation for the pool kids as we went over operations and procedures. The park employees put up flowers downtown on Thursday morning as they picked them up from the school Wednesday afternoon. This past week the park and cemetery employees have been mowing and trimming what they can between the rain events. The cemetery employees had a cremation burial on Thursday and have been completing extra trimming for the holiday weekend.



UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING

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BATTING NET UP



TILE SHOWED UP



GRAVEL BED





TRAIL BILL SIGNED



KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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LT GOVERNOR

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 35, an Act relating to private land available for public use for recreational purposes.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



CPR MANIKINS

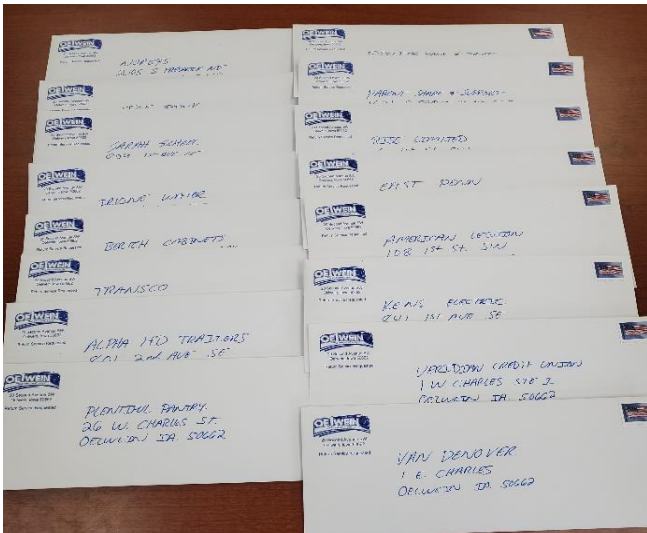


BOILER INSTALL



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THANK YOU LETTERS



NEW POOL SIGNAGE



NEW GAUGES



MOWING



SPRAYING





True Value[®]



LUMBER RIDGE HOME SOURCE

COMPANY

FLAGS UP



PLAYGROUND FIRE



ORIENTATION



FLOODING



FLOODING



DOWNTOWN FLOWERS



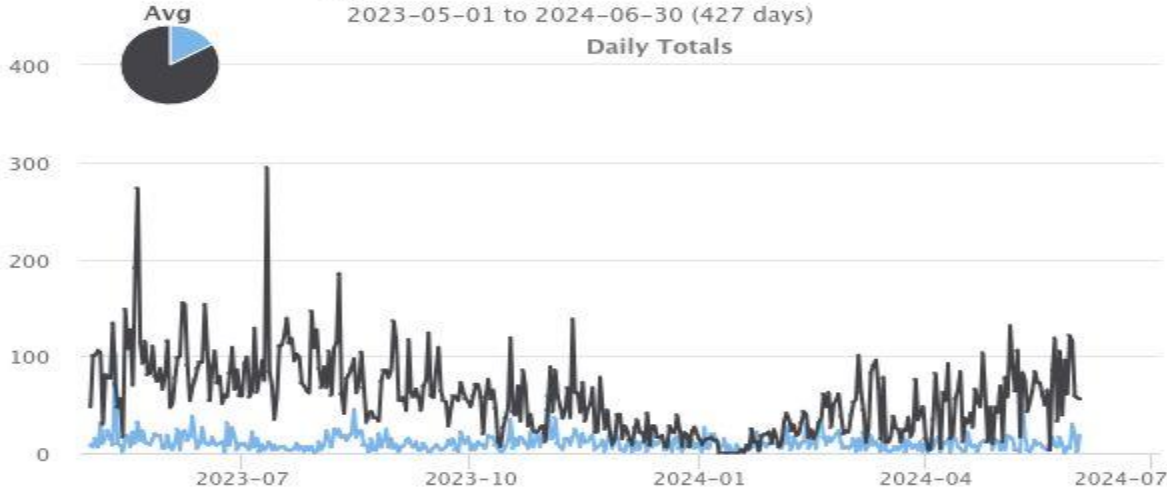


TRAIL TOTALS

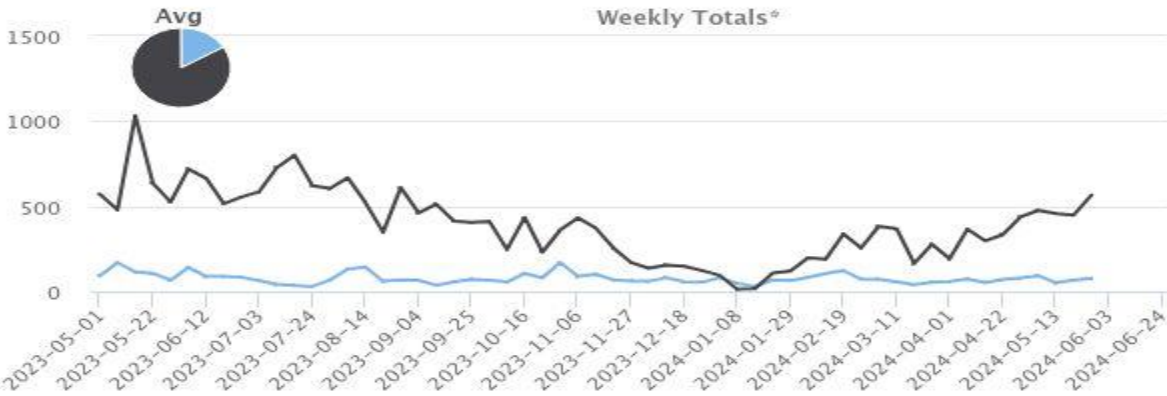
Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2023-05-01 to 2024-06-30 (427 days)

Daily Totals



Weekly Totals*



Monthly Totals*



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
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	300*							9.792	3,584	154
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	1,695*							39.558	14,478	154

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
- PARK MAINTENANCE
- GRANT WORK

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CIVICREC WORK
- UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING
- SWEEPING TRAILS/STREETS
- AMERICORPS APPLICATION SUBMITTED
- WORKED ON TAP FUNDING APPLICATION
- POOL BOILER REPLACEMENT COMPLETED
- SWIM LESSONS STARTED
- FILTER STATE INSPECTION COMPLETED
- FINAL ASH TREE REMOVAL
- TRAIL BILL SIGNED INTO LAW
- DOWNTOWN BASKETS PUT UP
- CPR MANIKINS RECEIVED
- GRAVEL BED COMPLETED - TREES PLANTED
- THANK YOU LETTERS SENT FOR UNITED WAY
- LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATIONS COMPLETED

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REMOVE OLD WELL HOUSES CITY PARK
- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- PAINT ACCENT BRICK – POOL
- REMOVE PRIMITIVE AT REDGATE
- PLAYGROUND SLIDES – CITY PARK
- UTILITIES TO PLANT TREES IN CHRYSLER
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- FIX WATER SHUTOFFS AT CEMETERY
- FLAGPOLE DIAMOND 3

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

