



## MARCH 2024 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This past month this department learned that they are the recipients of our grant proposal of \$2,000 to purchase CPR manikins for first responder training. Enbridge installed a large regional gas line years ago northeast of Oelwein back in the early 90's. The tree board met on Monday evening as we talked about upcoming plantings and recognitions. The tree board received word that they are the recipients of the Growth Award once again for their work in 2023. The growth award recognizes the boards major milestones and annual activities in various categories that combine to build sustainable community forestry programs. The park employees did a fantastic job and finished construction on gravel bed behind the shop area. The gravel bed will enable us to purchase bare root trees at a much cheaper price to plant more trees in the future. This department learned that we are the recipients of a Paint Iowa grant through Diamond Vogel paint. This paint will be used to paint picnic tables at the campground during the United Day of Caring in early May. The park employees have been busy at the aquatic center getting the facility ready for the season. Chris J. took the box scraper to the complex to grade the parking lot and the park employees brought out the nets and bleachers for rec soccer. The cemetery employees spread rock on the north roads at the cemetery and straightened out roadside markers.

This past month we completed the second round of paperwork with the staff for the aquatic center at the school. The lounge chairs arrived this week and were purchased with CIP funds and matching funds from the Fayette County Community Foundation. Young Caden Palmer installed lettering on the new City Park sign as the paper could not wait for him to finish the project and get a picture of him with the sign. We have been concentrating our efforts to wrap up the campground and the endless tasks at the pool as the warm weather is pushing the grass growth early this season. The park employees have continued maintenance on the pool facility patching the shower floors, painting, power spraying and adjusting toilets and sinks. New palm leaves were installed as they have received a lot of wind damage over the years. The chemicals for the pool water showed up this week so we are well prepared. The cemetery employees started removing the fencing around the pool boiler as the contractors are expected to be in soon to replace the boiler. The park employees have been working on replacing the twist slide at City Park this week. Playground equipment is very time consuming and can be very frustrating getting everything bolted back together. The park employees have helped the rec program by bringing out nets, bleachers, and garbage cans. The cemetery employees and park employees both helped prepare the campground this year, turning the water on, moving picnic tables, spreading a few loads of rock on the pads, leveling them out, spraying pads among other preparations. I attended an interesting upper explorer land meeting last week as the available trail funding was once again given completely to the counties. I prepared the agenda for the park and rec meeting for Monday evening and prepared my report. The trails have been swept as they are every week and streets are being cleaned as well. Foundations for the cemetery have been placed in the paper, websites, and Facebook pages for citizens to get their orders in by next Friday. Playground safety fiber was ordered so that it will be in time for the United Way – Day of Caring on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The downtown mulch is expected to arrive next Wednesday that was ordered weeks ago.

This past month we learned that our trails bill passed the state Senate and again by the House and will be headed to the Governors desk for signature. This past Monday, I hosted the park and rec commissions meeting at the park shop as we gave our updates. This week the tree board received their hardware for the tree city and growth awards. The park employees have been busy wrapping up the spiral slide replacement at City Park so it will be ready to pour the concrete base when we pour cemetery foundations early next week. The park employees have been plugging away at pool preparations and I have been meeting with the pool manager getting everything lined up for the season. The weather has not been cooperative this week as the rain has been cutting the employees short on hours. With the strong winds early in the week we had one smaller tree drop on a trail that we removed first thing in the morning. The cemetery has become active with several graves to prepare for as we have a cremation Saturday and full burials for Monday and Tuesday. The cemetery employees spread gravel at the campground, had a full burial and cremation this past week and are preparing foundations for next week. I had Nate start installing safety guideline signage at all the playground areas in the parks this week.



This past month the park and cemetery guys worked together pouring concrete foundations at Woodlawn. The cemetery employees put out some prefab 4' & 6' frames so we can place foundations during the summer months if more orders come in. The footing for the new slide at City Park was also poured so the park employees can backfill and put new safety fiber down this Friday. This past Friday the tree board and I hosted a tree event at Wings Park Elementary School. We ordered 75 tree whips from the Iowa DNR Forestry Dept. for our Arbor Day event. Kyle Scheel gave a great planting demonstration and Brianna Hull, our new Trees Forever representative, was there to help with the event as well. The teachers told us several times that they are very grateful that the board is hosting these events. This week we had our monthly safety meeting at the park shop for the park and cemetery employees. At the pool WBC arrived and placed the new pool water boiler with money that we received from the charitable foundation. This week a trail sign was replaced at the 4<sup>th</sup> street snow dumpsite. Wednesday, Nate and I put the shade structure up at Depot Park and turned on the water. The park and cemetery employees are done with the downtown mulching as they have had enough of mulching for a while. All the employees have been mowing properties when they can as the grass has really taken off with all the rain we have received lately. The park employees had a few projects to complete on a rain day last week including finishing power steaming the floor in the shower house at the pool to get the oils and sunscreen that get tracked on the floors. Also, Denny H. went over to Cedar Falls to pick up the paint that we received from the Diamond Vogel grant this department received for painting picnic tables at the campground. The cemetery employees removed a small tree that had expired on the west end of the cemetery. At Woodlawn we had two more full burials and two more cremation burials this past week.

GRANT RECEIVED



OELWEIN TREE BOARD

- KYLE SCHEEL
- RON LENTH
- JEFF MILKS
- JOHN FOX



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An Arbor Day Foundation Program

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### GRAVEL BED CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED



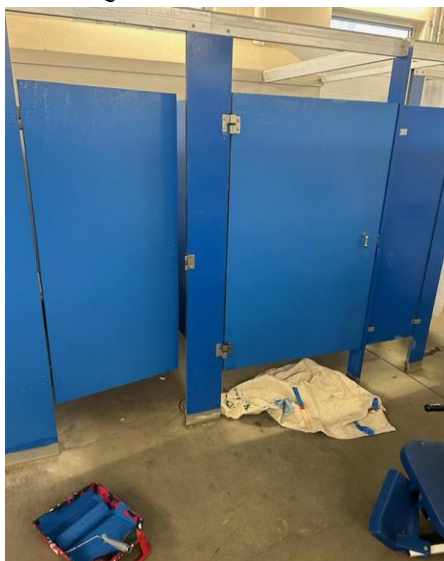
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# PAINT IOWA BEAUTIFUL



AQUATICS PREP



COMPLEX



CEMETERY ROADS







PATCHING



LOUNGE CHAIRS



SIGNAGE



POWER SPRAYING



SPRAYING



NEW TIKI LEAVES



FOUNTAIN PAINTED



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CHEMICAL ARRIVED

FENCING REMOVED



SLIDE REPLACEMENT

SOCCER PREPARATIONS



NEW ROPE

TILING

CAMPGROUND PADS



TRAILS BILL

**Bill History**

- 04/17/2024 Message from House. [S.J. 866](#).
- 04/17/2024 Immediate message. [H.J. 829](#).
- 04/17/2024 **Passed House**, yeas 95, nays 0. [H.J. 825](#).
- 04/17/2024 House concurred in Senate Amendment H-8316. [H.J. 825](#).
- 04/12/2024 Senate amendment [H-8316](#) filed. [H.J. 781](#).
- 04/12/2024 Message from Senate. [H.J. 779](#).
- 04/11/2024 Immediate message. [S.J. 815](#).
- 04/11/2024 **Passed Senate**, yeas 45, nays 0. [S.J. 812](#).
- 04/11/2024 Amendment [S-5060](#) adopted. [S.J. 812](#).
- 03/21/2024 Placed on calendar under unfinished business. [S.J. 611](#).
- 03/12/2024 Placed on calendar.
- 03/12/2024 Amendment [S-5060](#) filed. [S.J. 515](#).
- 03/12/2024 Committee report, recommending amendment and passage. [S.J. 515](#).
- 03/11/2024 Subcommittee reassigned: Sweeney, Celsi, and Evans. [S.J. 508](#).





AWARDS



SLIDE REPLACEMENT



POOL PREPARATIONS



WIND DAMAGE

BURIALS

SIGNAGE



This week the cemetery department had to prepare a burial for one of our former employees, Mike Ledesma. Mike was an excellent worker for the city and will be missed. Mike fired up his noisy truck early every morning with very little left to his exhaust system to drive 600ft. to the shop to jump in the city truck and water the flowers downtown. We offered to repair it for him, but he always declined. Mike was a very dedicated worker who took great pride in his work and was always willing to help others out.







# NEW SIGNAGE

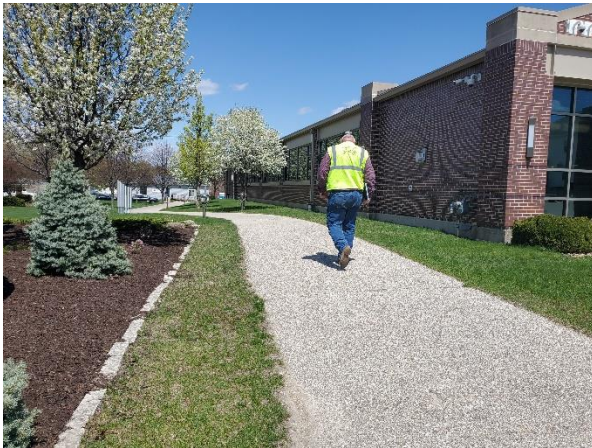
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CONTRACTORS



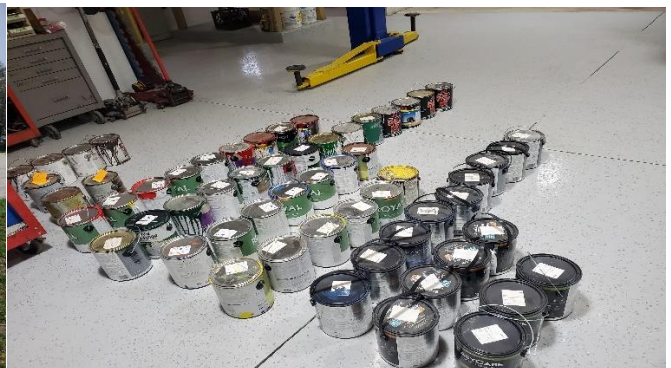
MOWING REC FIELDS



SUPPLIES COMING IN



UNITED WAY SUPPLIES



TRAILS BILL SENT TO GOVERNOR

### Bill History

Show All

- 04/23/2024 Reported correctly enrolled, signed by Speaker and President, and sent to Governor. [H.J. 04/23.](#)
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TREE TRIMMING



MULCHING



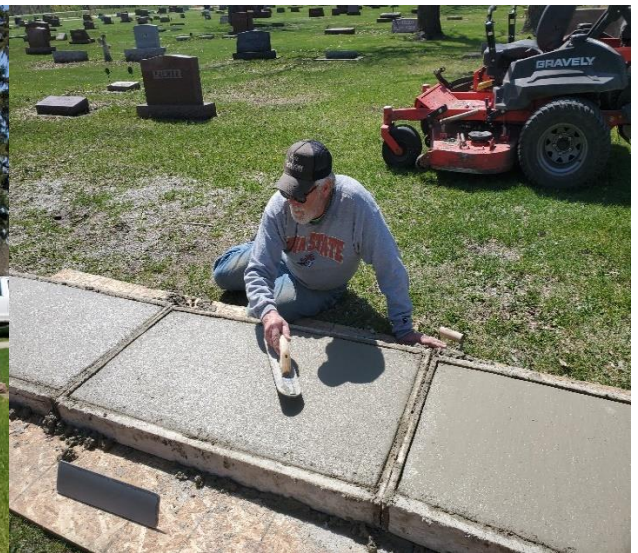
BURIALS



FOUNDATION PREP



CONCRETE WORK





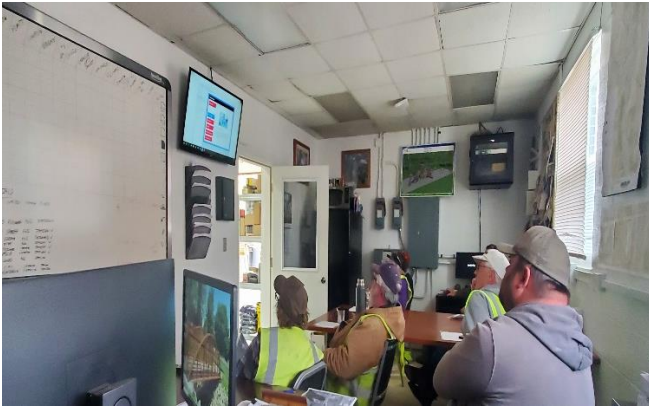
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ARBOR DAY EVENT



SAFETY MEETING



NEW BOILER

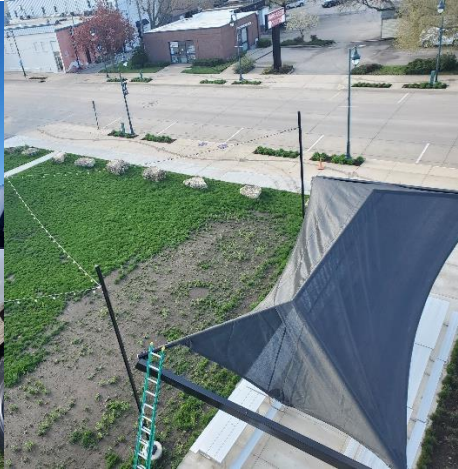




SIGN FIXED



SHADE UP



BURIALS



MULCHING



POWER SPRAYING



STEAMING



TREE CLEANUP



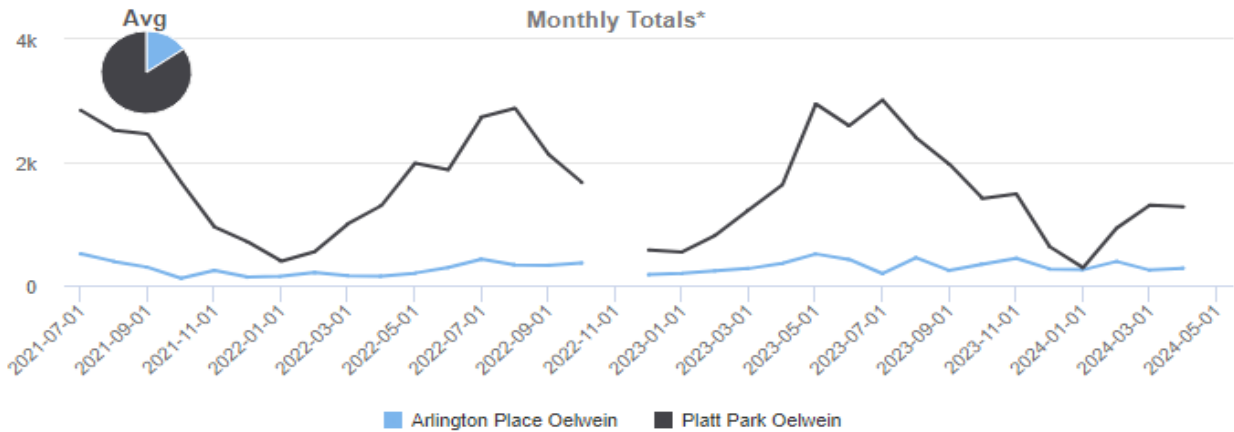
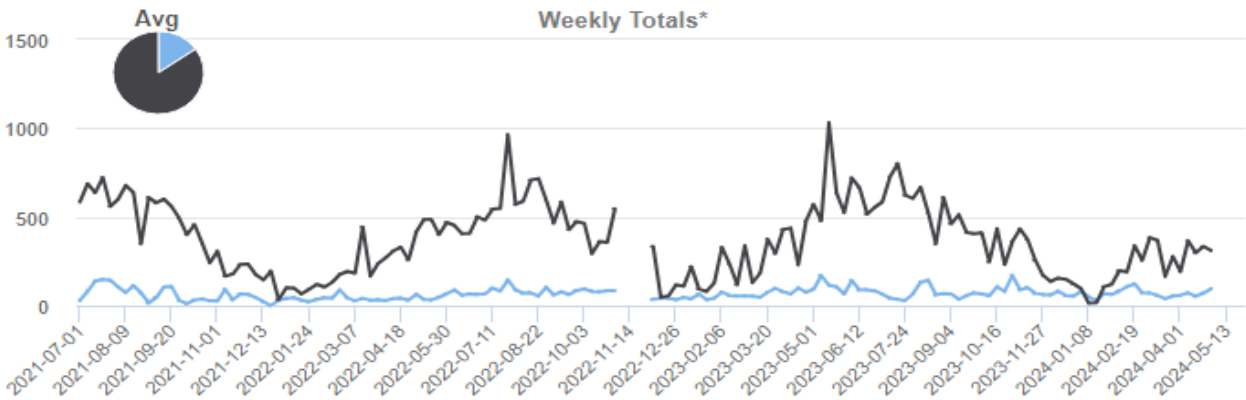
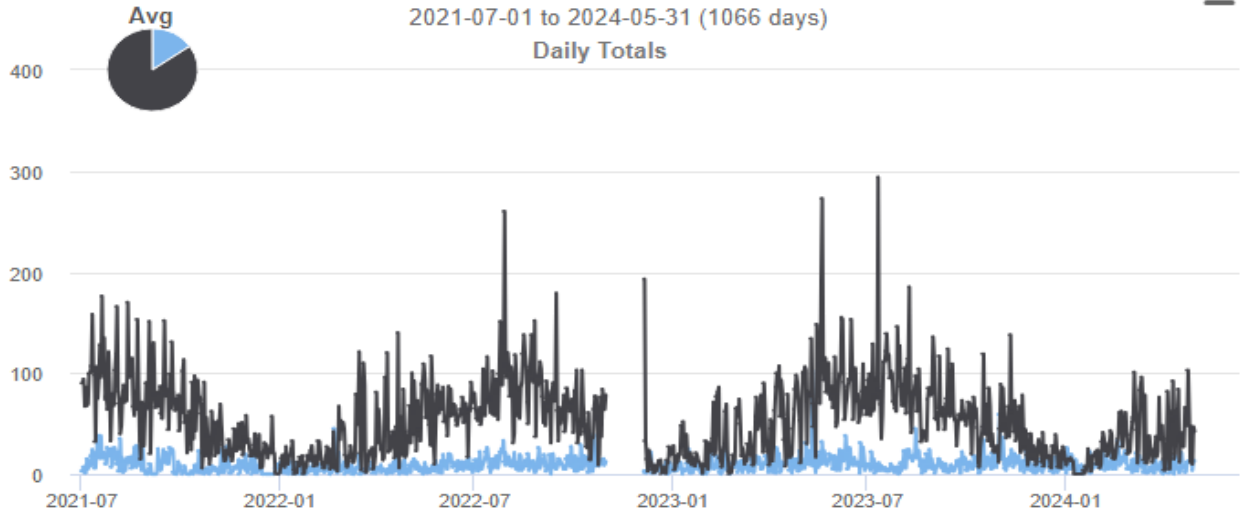
POOL MAINTENANCE





## Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2024-05-31 (1066 days)



■ 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	247	279									9,661	3,536	121
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276									31,388	11,488	121

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
- SPRING MAINTENANCE
- GRANT WORK

### PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- HIRE EMPLOYEES BACK
- SPRING PREPARATIONS
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CEMETERY SPRING CLEANING
- POOL PREPARATIONS
- FINAL ASH TREE REMOVAL
- GRAVEL BED COMPLETED - TREES ORDERED
- ARBOR DAY EVENT
- RECEIVED GROWTH AWARD RECOGNITION
- CIVICREC WORK
- UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING PREP
- SWEEPING TRAILS/STREETS
- CAMPGROUND OPENED
- MULCHING DOWNTOWN
- WORKED ON TAP FUNDING APPLICATION
- POOL BOILER REPLACEMENT
- PLAYGROUND SLIDE – CITY PARK
- NEW CITY PARK SIGN INSTALLED
- FOUNDATIONS POURED

### 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
- DIAMOND PREPARATIONS
- UTILITIES TO PLANT TREES IN CHRYSLER
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- FIX WATER SHUTOFFS AT CEMETERY
- FLAGPOLE DIAMOND 3
- OPEN AQUATICS FACILITY FOR SEASON

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA  
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

