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This month in the park department, volunteers came in on the first Tuesday to take the flags down at Woodlawn Cemetery. All the employees from the cemetery did an excellent job getting Woodlawn looking its best for Memorial Day weekend. On that Friday the parks employees went out to Woodlawn as well to help with extra trimming and headstone cleaning. The contractors are moving right along with trail segment 1a by the aquatic center pouring new concrete. A short retaining wall, a pad for the handicap accessible drinking fountain and the approach to 5th St. NE need to be completed yet with landscaping. The contractors are working on the shelter project at Redgate Park putting up the tin this month. At the Aquatic Center, we had a good start to the season this weekend. We have heard nothing but good things with all the new upgrades the park department completed over the last year at the facility. The new basketball hoop and kids slide are a big hit. There was a Red Cross representative in the end of last week of May to finish the last of the lifeguard certifications. One last addition to the pool facility was new stenciling on the front entrance that turned out great. Jay has been busy as always, and is dragging diamonds for the rec program into June. There was a great turnout at Woodlawn for services on Memorial Day; that Tuesday morning we had a full burial for Jamison Schmitz. The campground was filled up this past weekend for the holiday weekend. We all put in some extra time at Vets Park trimming, mulching and using leaf blowers for services as well. On the first Tuesday evening of the month, I hosted the tree board meeting at the park shop, as we went to the treatment plant after our discussion of our upcoming fall planting and parade plans. The tree board spent an hour and a half trimming trees at the tree farm, after I mowed the area the previous Sunday. This way we have a better idea of what we have so we can start transplanting the larger trees this fall. Extra trimming, moving picnic tables and adding extra garbage cans for this weekend's Oelwein Celebration with the help of the cemetery employees tomorrow. Mike L. is doing a great job downtown watering the hanging baskets plus other duties.

The early part of the month, the pool had an excellent turn out with the hot dry weather. The facility is selling several season passes and have had great daily attendance. The OCSD is dispersing meals at the front of the facility, which is working out fine. Staff did a excellent job with the first round of swim lessons with the school bringing over the summer program for two weeks. The second weekend the Oelwein Celebration was held at City Park where everything went as planned on our end, the campground was full to capacity. The cemetery employees helped with some additional trimming around the park and brought out some additional garbage cans as usual. The Tree Board was in the parade again this year to promote tree planting within the community. Chris J. took the skid loader to Woodlawn and is working on grinding stumps from the tornado last March. The aquatic center received an order of chemicals to keep the facility running this week. With the dry weather, the employees are taking a break from the mowing and completing some projects in various parks. At Platt Park, they straightened out a few trees and put down some more dirt around the new sidewalk they poured this spring. The park employees installed the posts at Platt Park and near Arlington Place so I could get the trail counters going. The trail contractors completed a few more pours that are concrete and had to leave to wrap up another project elsewhere. On the second Tuesday, I hosted the monthly trails meeting at the shop as we discussed trail progress and future fundraising options. The trails committee accepted an \$800 donation for trails as well from Jake Blitsch, Connie Kerns and Marty Kajewski. At Woodlawn, Chris is digging a grave for a Saturday burial for Geilenfeld-Buhner. Jay has been busy dragging diamonds for the rec program while completing his other assigned tasks. This past month we had a belt tensioner go bad on one of the trucks so Danny C. took care of that quickly. Mike is watering the baskets and cleaning the downtown daily.

With the school swim lessons, we put 188 kids through swim lessons and following two weeks, we held private lessons before we start the second session of group lessons after the fourth. Tim Ledesma swept the



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parking lot at the pool facility along with the trails and skate park. Mike Ledesma went around the past week watering all the trees we have planted in the past two years with Trees Forever to keep them healthy through the dry weather. Irvine Electric finished the electrical portion of the Redgate project and the plumber is working of their portion of the project this week. At the aquatic center, we have our first pool rental this Saturday evening so Jay and I checked and changed one of the overhead lights. Two weeks ago, we had the acrylic lid crack for the slide basket strainer at the pool. We purchased a sheet of 1" acrylic and cut out a new lid. The microphone was having issues with the PA system at the pool so we went with a new mic that is wireless to eliminate any further issues with the old wiring system. In the past two weeks, we have had 3 full burials and 3 cremation burials at Woodlawn Cemetery. At Levin Park, Jay power sprayed the sign for paint and varnish. The playground equipment was painted to brighten the park up. At the pool, we received a shipment of acid that should carry us well through new month. The park employees are busy removing dead ash trees in the NW corner of Wings Park and will move on to other parks as time allows.

TRAIL PROGRESS



SHELTER PROGRESS



ENTRANCE





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NEW FEATURES DISPLAYED



MULCHING AT VETS PARK

TREE TRIMMING



POOL USAGE



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OELWEIN CELEBRATION



TREE BOARD



STUMP GRINDING





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CHEMICAL ORDER

TREES STRAIGHTENED



TRAIL COUNTERS

TRAIL WORK



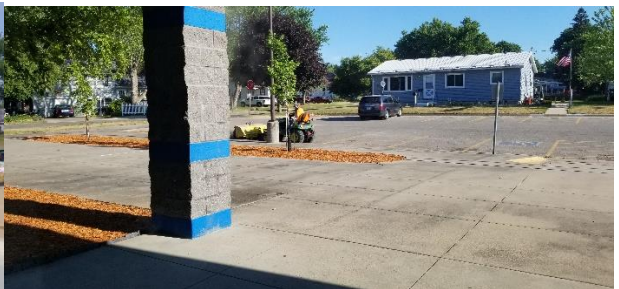
TRUCK REPAIRS

DIAMOND WORK



SWIM LESSONS

BROOM





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WATERING TREES



REDGATE SHELTER



POOL LIGHTING



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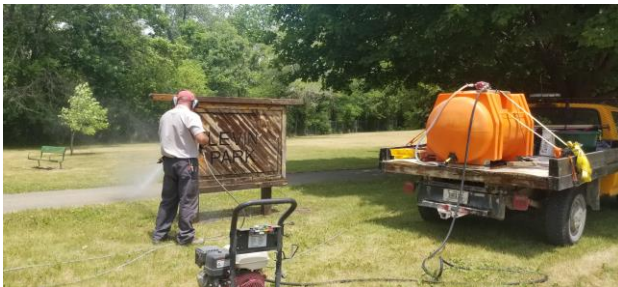
BURIAL PREP



NEW MIC



LEVIN PARK



CHEMICAL DELIVERY

ASH TREES





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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

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website work ongoing
- ❖ Trail easements/grants
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ Bathroom/shelter project at Red Gate park ongoing
- ❖ Pool swim lessons
- ❖ Trail Segment 1 work
- ❖ Replace microphone at pool
- ❖ Removed dead ash trees at Wings Park
- ❖ Watered newly planted trees in dry weather
- ❖ Trail counters installed
- ❖ Volleyball set installed at Redgate Park

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Disc golf course install
- ❖ Diamond 3 in-field fencing
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountains install, City & Platt
- ❖ Diamond 1 building work
- ❖ Arching sign for entrance at Woodlawn
- ❖ Electrical project at City Park
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Pool shelter install
- ❖ Motor/Pump replacement at pool
- ❖ Block signs at Woodlawn
- ❖ Install basketball anchors/ hoops at Wings Park

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OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

