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This month in the park department, Bacon Concrete is working on the trail in the northwest part of town. I have been working with landowners working on solutions for future trail development. This month I also met with Mark Birdnow to work on an easement for trail development to City Park in the next couple of years. The employees are continuing maintenance by steam cleaning the mowers during the rain days and sharpening blades. The cemetery employees installed the new volleyball system at Redgate Park this past month. The park employees took down some more dead ash trees in Wings Park. Chris J. took the skid loader to the spoil piles at the cemetery and piled them up to keep them in an orderly fashion. The park employees spent an extra morning at the pool completing extra mowing, trimming, sweeping the parking lots to have the facility looking great for the swim team swim-offs. The park employees installed a barrier to keep people off the surge tank as that is not an area that we want patrons congregating. We completed some mid-season maintenance at the pool facility, changing out the acid pump tube.

This month, the trail committee received the Iowa Governors Volunteer Award for all their work with the trail system. This year unfortunately the ceremony was online so they committee did not get to have a picture taken with the governor but it is still great that they receive recognition for their work. Work continues on the trail in the northwest as Bacon is pouring concrete along Great Western Avenue now. I hosted the trails committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month as we went over funding possibilities, then we travelled up to the new trail segment to see the progress. The swim team appreciated the extra effort the City put in by posting on Facebook and sending us cards thanking us for our support this season. The pollinator planting at Redgate Park is doing great this season as it fills in more each year. The employees spent some extra time trimming the ditch again in front of the welcome sign on 150 this month. Jay swept the trails and skate park every week. Jay also took the harley rake and hit some areas to smooth out including the campground and areas at Redgate Park. On the evening of the tornado, the park properties received very little damage due to the storms that blew through. The City had small branches at Reidy Park and on the south end of the police department that the employees had picked up first thing the following morning. I met with the volunteer group at the library on Monday evening as they are working out details for their volunteer day.

I hosted the monthly park and rec meeting at City Hall on the third Monday evening of the month. This month marked the start of the final session of group swim lessons at the pool. Carrico Aquatics stopped by to look at the pool cleaner this month to answer a few questions we had on the programming of the machine. The third Thursday of the month, the state inspector made his annual scheduled visit to the pool facility and found zero issues once again. At Redgate Park, the plumber ran the rough plumbing so hopefully that project can start wrapping up soon. On the third Wednesday of the month, I travelled to Postville to attend the upper explorerland meeting.

Jay has been working on some maintenance with one of the cemetery mowers, the PTO was not engaging. I have been working the Cities REAP grant proposal for additional trail funds to be submitted next month. I have also been updating our trails PowerPoint slideshow for my presentation to the Rotary Club next month. At the aquatic facility, we finished the last session of group swim lessons this month and hosted two more pool parties. Altogether, this season the pool staff put 231 kids through swim lessons. The trail contractors poured the retaining wall at the pool site last week. I sent out the agenda for the August tree Board meeting for the first Monday of the month where we will discuss and plan our fall tree planting. Woodlawn Cemetery had two cremation burials this month as well.



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TRAIL DEVELOPMENT



MAINTENANCE

VOLLEYBALL SET



ASH TREE REMOVAL

CEMETERY





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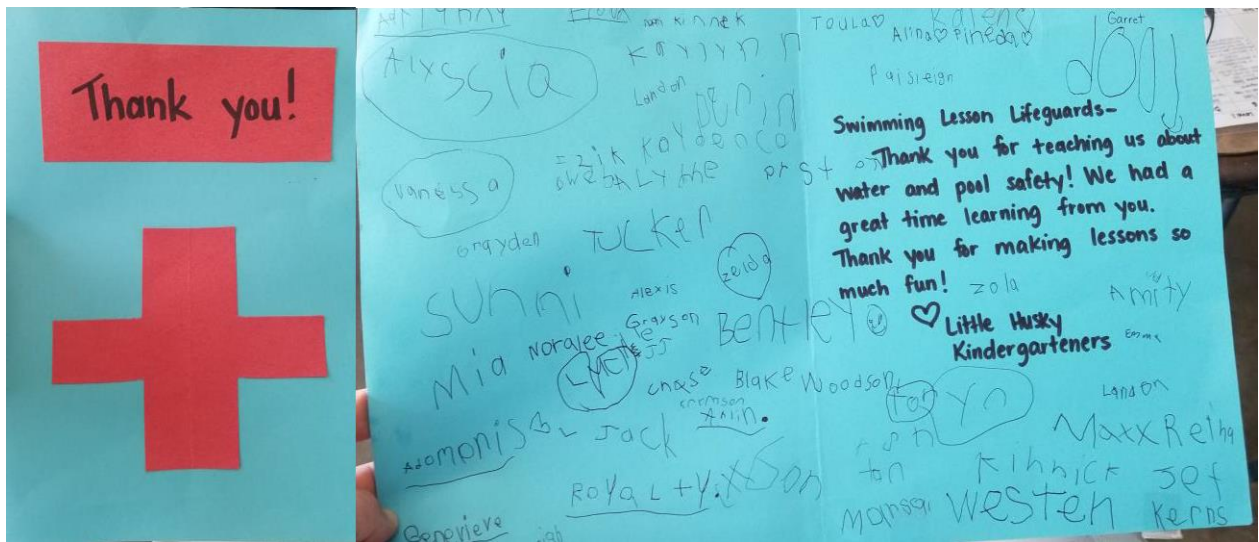
ACID PUMP



BARRIER



GROUP SWIM LESSONS



GOVERNORS VOLUNTEER AWARD



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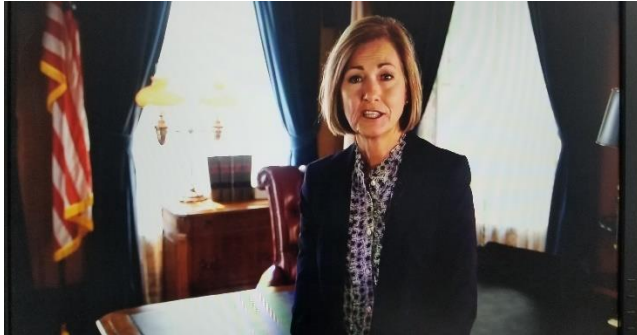


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GOVERNORS VOLUNTEER AWARD



TRAIL WORK

POLLINATOR PLANTING



TRIMMING

SWEEPING

HARLEY RAKE



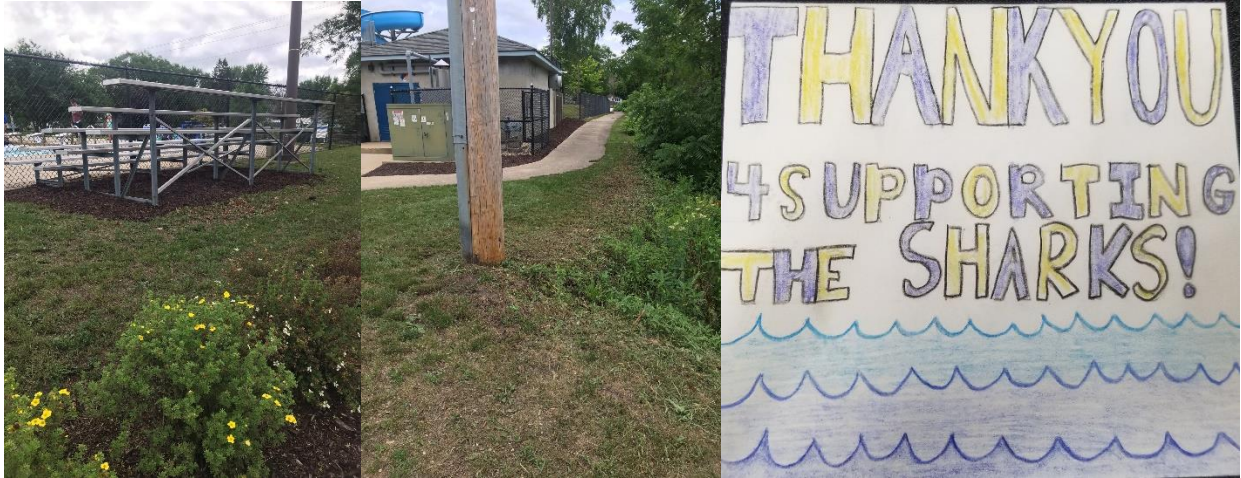


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SWIM-OFFS



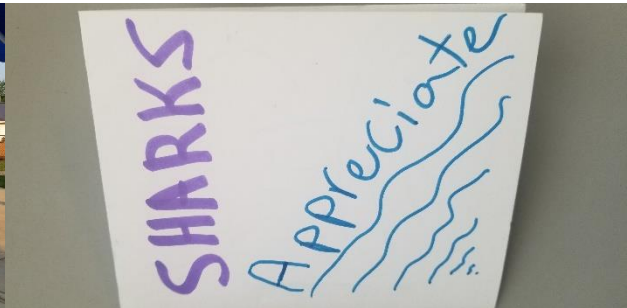
SWIM LESSONS



CLEANER REP



THANK YOU CARDS FROM SWIM TEAM



REDGATE



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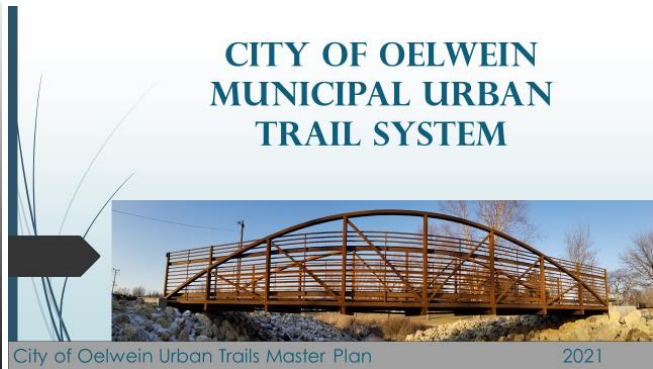
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GRANT PROPOSAL



TRAILS PRESENTATION



MAINTENANCE





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SWIM LESSONS

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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 wrapped up
- ❖ Trail Segment 1 work
- ❖ 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

