



FEBRUARY 2025 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND

This month we learned that the tree board is once again totally awesome. The board was awarded the Trees Forever – One Million Tees grant maximum of **\$5,000** to purchase trees to plant in street boulevards this fall. This will allow us to purchase a diverse selection of around 50 trees purchased from the local nurseries. This week Justin has been working on trimming some oak trees at Woodlawn cemetery along the roadways. The cemetery employees are preparing for another full burial early next week. Justin had them place the grave heater on the location before too much snow fell yesterday. An early start this morning for snow removal at the cemetery as Justin, Chris and Danny are busy working on all the city property sidewalks. Yesterday, I attended a zoom meeting on tree board diversity and recruitment which most points could be used for any board or committee. Also, yesterday I attended the second RAGBRAI meeting at the chamber as I have been working on gathering information about campground areas.

This month we had a full burial at the cemetery as the guys had to work through over two feet of frost in the ground. I had the guys set up the burner last week before we got the latest snowfall on Friday/Saturday and the real cold temperatures hit. We changed out the thermocouples on the burners to ensure that everything worked properly as they are changed out every couple of burial preps. I plowed the cemetery on Saturday after the snow gave up in the afternoon and the employees finished sidewalks and trails. I talked to a couple of foundations this week about a proposal to receive funds for ball diamond improvements. I have been gathering information on camping sites for RAGBRAI to submit. Someone made a cut on the mound at depot park, so I came in Saturday morning to get it secured down.

This month Justin and I took advantage of the warmer weather by completing various maintenance and tree trimming tasks. Justin and I took the bucket truck to Oakdale cemetery and replaced the flag and repositioned the light. Evergreen trees were trimmed along the trail on 4th street as well to keep the branches out of the path for cyclists. The employees set up the grave heater as they are digging a full grave this morning for Jamison funeral home. On Wednesday, Justin and I took the bucket truck to Appreciation Park as we started trimming trees in the area to start with our preparations for RAGBRAI. Unfortunately, with all the talk about the future of the aquatic center recently we have lost some applicants for the season this past week.

GRANT AWARDED



TREE TRIMMING



WINTER BURIAL






SNOW REMOVAL



TREE MEETING

REC

Agenda



1. What do we mean by “diversity”
2. The benefits of diversity in the workplace
3. How to **write descriptions** for open Tree Board or Department positions to encourage diverse applicants
4. Ways to **advertise** open Tree Board or Department positions to diverse groups and people
5. **Interview and assessment** strategies to select candidates from all of the neighborhoods within your community for open Tree Board or Department positions.

WINTER BURIAL



SNOW REMOVAL



DEPOT PARK DAMAGE



FLAG REPLACEMENT



WINTER BURIAL



TREE TRIMMING



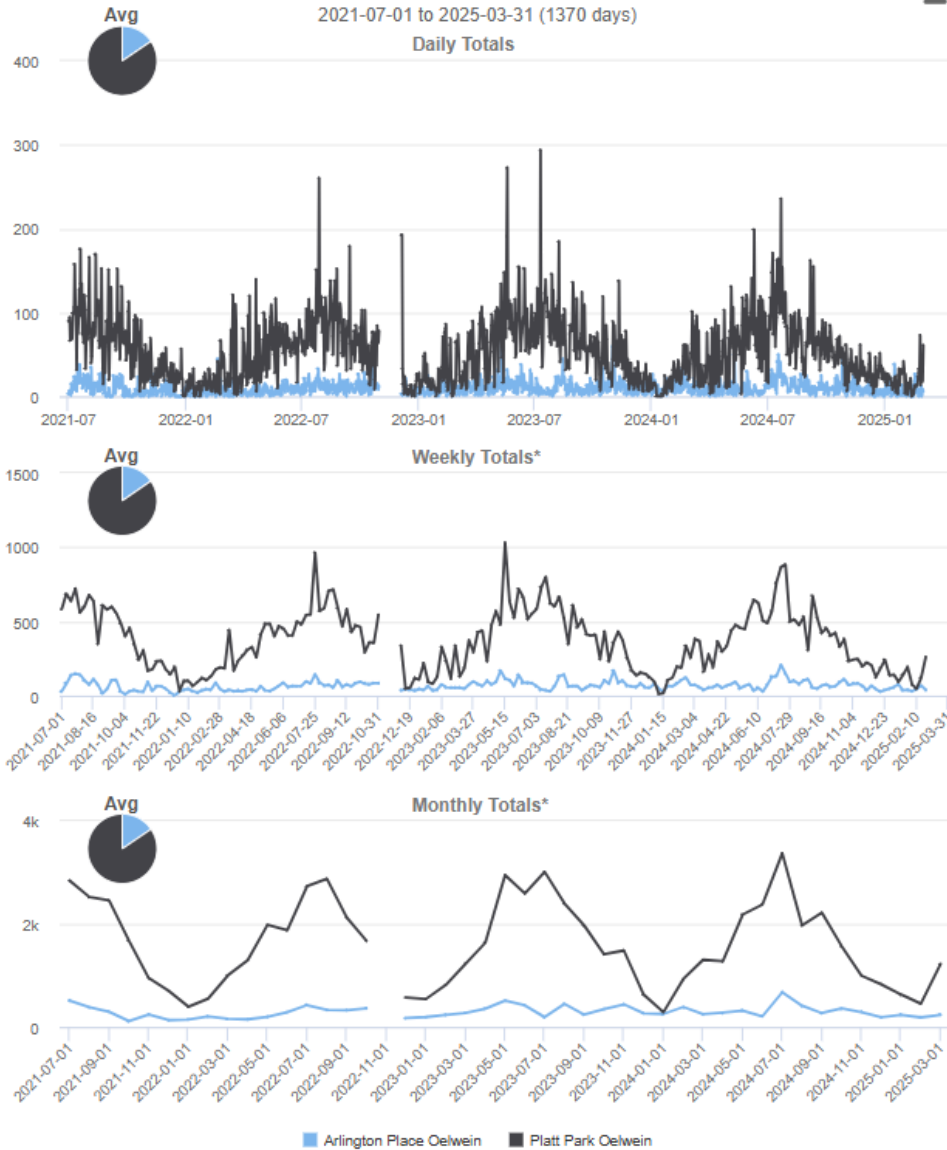
TREE TRIMMING





Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2025-03-31 (1370 days)



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	1,875	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	358	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	208	673	414	269	360	287	191	10.628	3,890	366
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	2,378	3,373	1,972	2,223	1,571	998	828	52.792	19,322	366
2025	Arlington Place Oelwein	236	186	233*										7.164	2,615	61
	Platt Park Oelwein	631	453	1,225*										19.066	6,959	61

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 OF 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
- PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CIVICREC WORK
- CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES
- TREE TRIMMING
- WINTER BURIALS
- RAGBRAI MEETINGS
- EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
- SNOW REMOVAL
- TREES FOREVER GRANT RECEIVED
 - \$5000

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- PLANT TREES IN CHRYSLER PARK
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- CEU CLASSES
- STAFF RECRUITMENT
- AQUATICS PAPERWORK
- POOL PREPARATIONS
- CAMPGROUND PREPARATIONS
- TREE REMOVAL
- TREE PLANTINGS
- RAGBRAI MEETINGS
- DAY OF CARING PREPARATION

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