



MAY 2023 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

This month in the park and cemetery department the employees have been busy working on various improvement projects. On Thursday April 27th the park employees and tree board planted some oak trees in Platt Park for Arbor Day. This past month we completed our last prescribed burn at Redgate Park with the prairie planting. The pool drain project has been posted for bidding which will conclude on May 18th. The trails, parks and skate park were all swept with the broom this week. Trail counts were retrieved this week and uploaded for our grant writing. Work at the pool was completed sealing up some areas in the pump room as we will wrap up the yearly maintenance on the facility hopefully next week. The solar umbrella that the city received from an ITC donation was installed in the concession area on one of the existing picnic tables. The park employees have been mowing a few of the smaller parks and the rec fields for the past few weeks. The cemetery employees have been mowing some of the areas and are still straightening up from the winter months. Thirty tons of crushed ag lime was retrieved to spread around the ball diamond areas this week. The park employees took the bucket truck to the campground to drop some hanging branches that needed to come down after the extremely windy conditions we experienced this week. The park employees went around, and power sprayed all the welcome signs, complex and industrial park limestone signs. The park employees also have been checking the bathrooms in the mornings and the downtown areas. The Harley rake was taken to Wings Park and chewed up the batting cage area and helped install the rest of the bags on the diamonds. The gas was turned onto the pool facility this week as we plan to start filling the pool in the next couple weeks. A yard hydrant was dug up and repaired at City Park as someone worked it loose, and the guys continue working on the graffiti damage at Redgate Park. The park employees finished up the fencing project at Wings Park diamond 3 as we moved the gates to the far ends of the dugouts for safety. Johnson went around and grabbed supplies that were donated from local businesses for Fridays United Way Day of Caring. On Wednesday both departments were busy pouring six yards of concrete. Cemetery foundations were poured, and funeral homes notified, the pad for the Latham memorial bench along the trail on 4th street, sidewalk repair at the campground and basketball hoop foundations at Reidy Park were all poured. Johnson hosted the tree board meeting on Monday evening and the trail committee meeting on Wednesday evening.

The park and cemetery departments have been busy mowing all the properties this week. Nate has been out spraying weeds as time allows and Dion has been working downtown in the mornings. The parks employees worked on the aquatic center some this week buttoning things up and power spraying the pool shell. On Friday we hosted the United Way Day of Caring at most of our properties. At the pool the completed cleaning, power spraying. At several other parks they painted the old playground equipment, bathroom doors and picnic tables. Those at City Park continued to work on the disc golf course, painting and staining various areas. At Platt Park Dave Garrigus and Gregg Bryan help move the large pile of playground fiber around with skid loaders so then the volunteers could finish. Gates and picnic tables and benches were painted at Platt as well. Herb D. sent the utility employees up to help dig in a water line so we can install a drinking fountain in that park once again. At Red Gate, the painted old playground equipment and planted hostas and spread much in the parking planters. At Reidy Park, Rise brought some clients up to do some painting and had a blast, Steve Sims helped them have a great time. At Wings Park Dave Garrigus helped again with his skid spreading 30 tons of limestone around diamonds 1 & 3 and the school kids walked the waterways and trails to pick up any garbage. Joe Bouska and I spent a lot of time organizing this event, talking with businesses for donations and lining up volunteers as it was another successful event. The cemetery employees had another full burial on Tuesday to attend and Johnson sent out the agenda for the Monday Park and Rec meeting.

This month in the park and cemetery department the employees have been busy working mowing and trimming all the city properties. At the pool we have been working on completing all the final work before the season starts next weekend. Both boiler and backflow inspections have been made and permits acquired. The steel case for the AED arrived so everything was mounted in the facility for easy access. Pepsi arrived this week with a delivery of supplies for the concession stand and the task of power spraying the pool shell is coming to an end today. This week we also had contractors complete crack sealing and patching on the west

trail from Redgate to Levin Park. Nate and I took the bucket truck and ran a new line on a flagpole that had broken so all our flags were out. The employees took out five picnic tables to the airport on Tuesday morning for the EAA event at the airport this Saturday morning. On Monday evening, we hosted the Park and Rec meeting at Platt Park to provide updates to the commission. The check for the drain/filter project arrived from the Northeast Iowa Charitable Foundation for **\$126,750.00** this week. This morning we will host a zoom meeting for the pool drain project to read the bids that were submitted. On Wednesday, both departments got together at the park shop for pizza, thank you council! The park employees put up the net for the batting cage at diamond three and Dion has been completing his downtown chores in the mornings. The campground is doing great and on Saturday we will put up flags at Woodlawn and host orientation at the pool for all the employees.

This month in the park and cemetery department the employees have been busy working mowing and trimming all the city properties. At the pool we have been working on wrapping up preparations for opening day on Saturday. The pool is full, water chemistry is perfect, boiler working, and monthly bacteria sample was taken. On Saturday, at 8am we put flags out at Woodlawn with the help of several volunteers. At 9am, pool manager Kim and I hosted orientation at the aquatic center for all the employees. I asked the PD to have an officer come and talk to the employees about different scenarios that they might encounter while on duty. At the pool a carbon monoxide detector was installed in the water heater room as a safety precaution. This week the park employees picked up the hanging flower baskets from the school and distributed them throughout the downtown area. The cemetery employees have been extremely busy mowing and trimming Woodlawn for everything to look great for this weekend and prepared a cremation burial for Saturday. The park employees put up the solar umbrella at the pool in the concessions area. The **\$3,000** was donated by ITC to purchase this item that guests can plug their phones into and charge. The park employees picked up the picnic tables from the airport that were used for the EAA children's day on Saturday morning. At the campground the LP tank was refilled this week as well. Dion has been working in the downtown area every morning and the employees swept the trails, and Steve Horan has been cleaning bathrooms and taking care of shelter reservations.

ANCHORS POURED



JOINTS SEALED



HEADSTONE FOUNDATIONS



CRUSH LIME



PRESCRIBED BURN



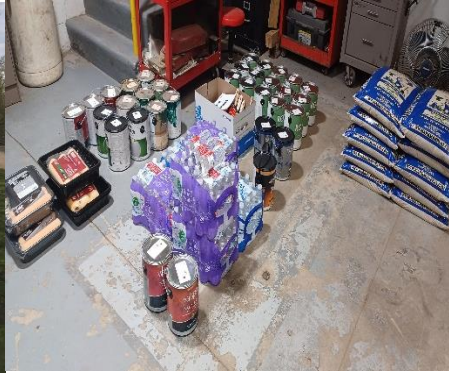
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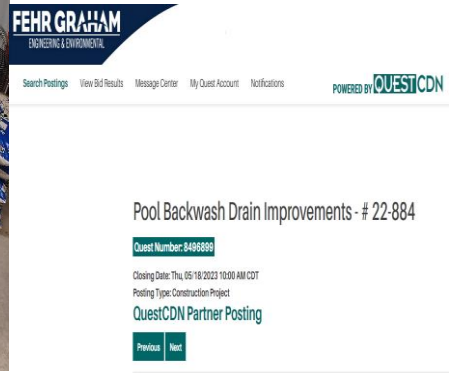
ARBOR DAY



DONATIONS



FILTER PROJECT BIDDING



SOLAR UMBRELLA



WELCOME SIGNS



INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGN



PREFAB FOUNDATIONS





TREE PLANTINGS



FENCING



HYDRANT REPAIRED



WELCOME SIGNS



FOUNDATIONS



SIDEWALK REPAIR



DIAMOND BAGS



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MOWING



WEED SPRAYING



POOL WORK



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EVERYONE THAT VOLUNTEERED AND OR DONATED

United Way - Joe Bouska

Ken's Electric

Veridian

Transco

Irvine Water

Greg Bryan

Councilman Dave Garrigus

Fidelity Bank

Mercy One

Norby's

East Penn

Lumber Ridge

Ace Hardware

Manske's Corner Market

Rise

Parent Share & Support

Oelwein Schools

Park staff

Cemetery staff

Library staff

Dylan Mulfinger

Herb Doudney

Utility employees

Joy/Eugene Purdy

Van Denovers

Birdnow Motor Trade

Parent Share

Allure

Ashley Molding

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BOILER INSPECTION



AED



TRAIL REPAIRS



CONCESSIONS STOCK



FLAG REPAIR



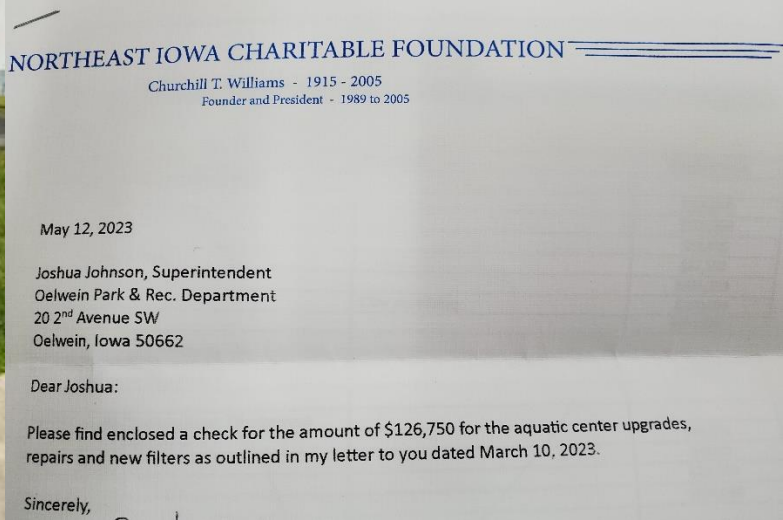
POOL POWER SPRAYING





TABLES TO AIRPORT

CHARITABLE DONATION



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POOL PREP



ORIENTATION

HANGING BASKETS

BURIAL PREP



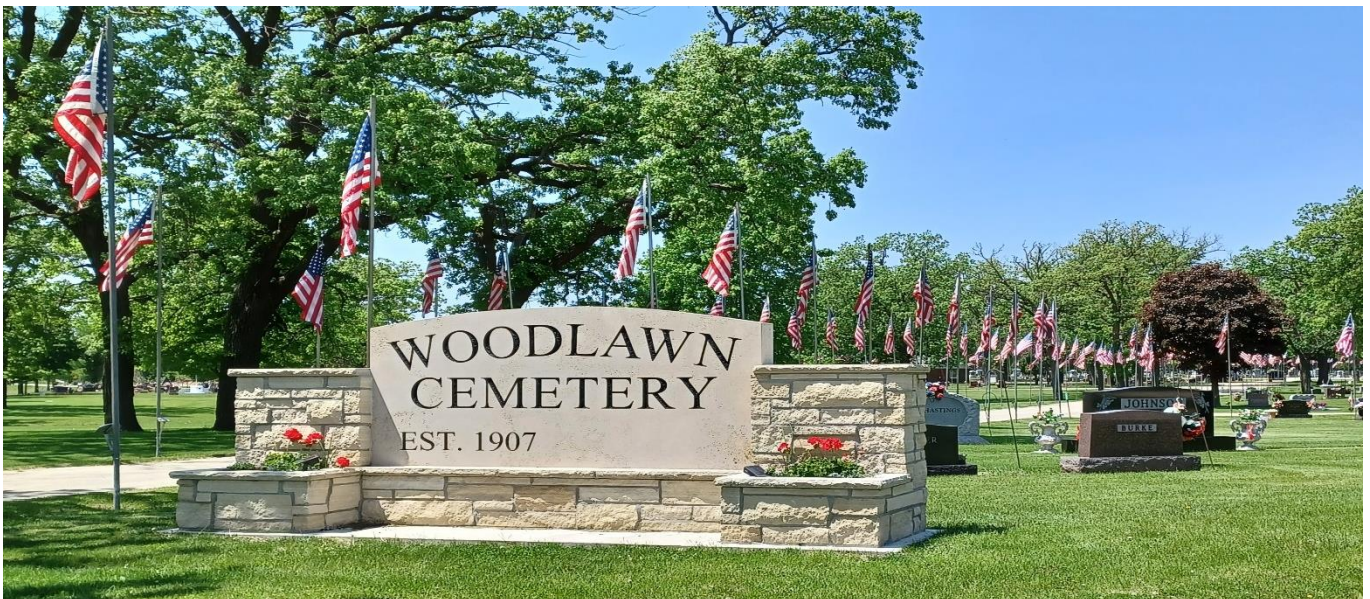


AQUATIC CENTER

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FLAGS UP AT WOODLAWN



DONATED SOLAR CHARGING STATION - ITC

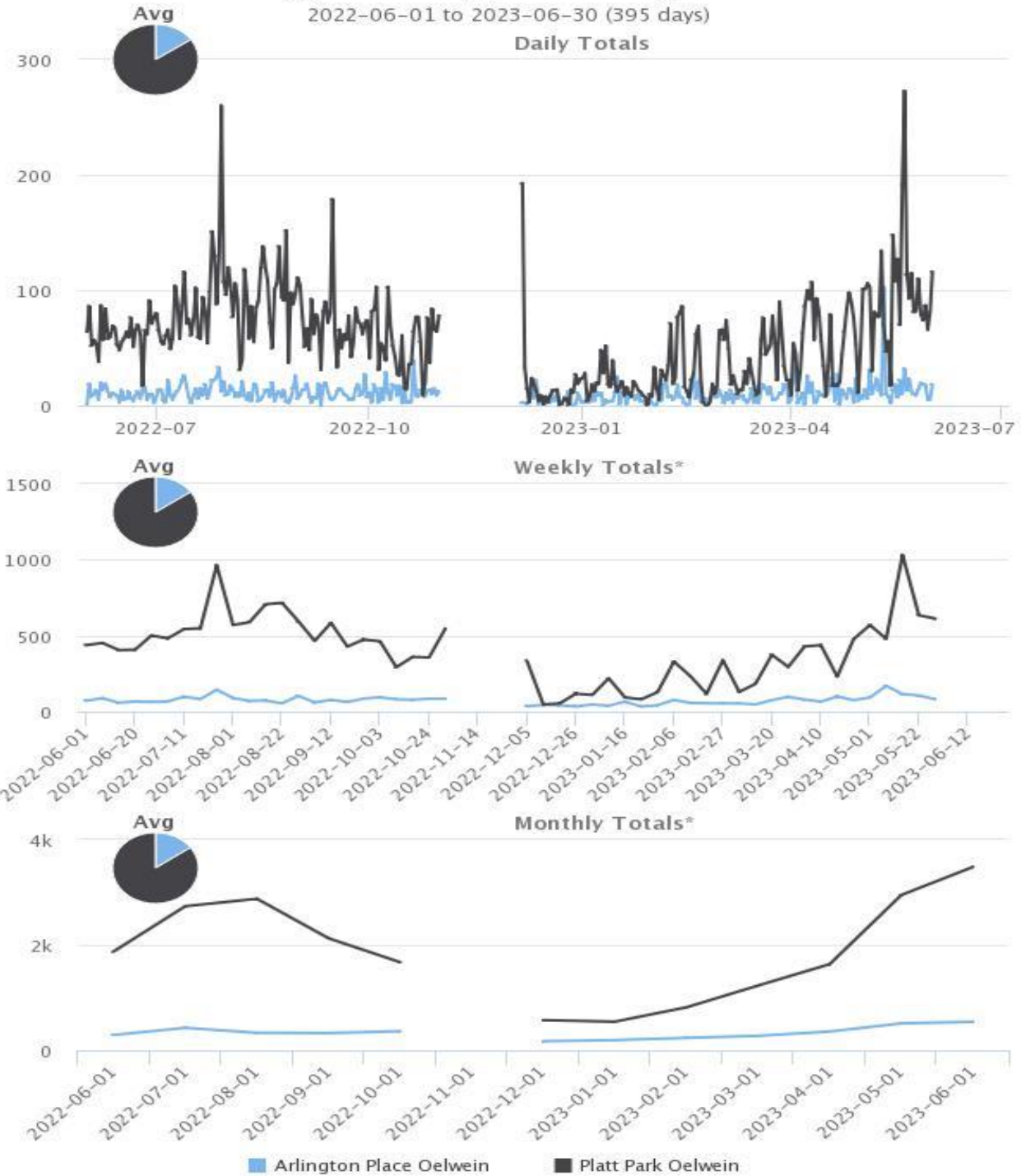




Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2022-06-01 to 2023-06-30 (395 days)

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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
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	540*							10,434	3,808	152
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	3,480*							47,941	17,498	152

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
- EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS/ORIENTATIONS/VIDEOS
- CHECK POOL IN MORNING

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- PRAIRIE PLANTINGS BURNED
- WINTER GRAVES SODDED
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- WORK ON PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- ASH TREE REMOVAL
- SHADE INSTALLATION AT POOL
- TRIM TREES ALONG TRAILS
- FOUNDATIONS POURED
- POOL PREP
- HANGING BASKETS DOWNTOWN
- WOODLAWN FLAGS UP – MEMORIAL DAY
- POOL ORIENTATION
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- YARD HYDRANT REPAIRED
- UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REMOVE OLD WELL HOUSES CITY PARK
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN PLATT PARK
- REPLACE DECKING ON OLD BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- ASH TREE REMOVAL
- POOL FILTER/DRAIN PROJECT
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- PLAYGROUND MULCH WINGS
- GOALSETTER HOOPS AT REIDY
- AQUATICS WORK
- LATHAM BENCHES INSTALL
- CEMETERY SIGN INSTALL
- PATCH PARK/CEMETERY ROADS
- GRINDING STUMPS
- DIRT WORK COMPLEX
- MULCH AT PLATT PARK

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

