



SEPTEMBER 2024 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

Early this month the employees mowed all properties to get everything evened up in the anticipation that we will not have to mow for a while. This year we have been concentrating our efforts on removing troublesome trees as we have concentrated on removing ash trees for the past three years. On Thursday, we removed a tree that had uprooted along the west trail and was leaning over the trail area. On Friday, the park employees took to City Park where we dropped a dead oak tree that was next to the motel on the east side of the park. Another tree that was next to the main shelter was removed as it had hollowed out in the trunk. In the afternoon we removed a tree on the west side of the park that was dead. I have started laying out tree locations for our event for next Friday as AmeriCorps is sending people for the day. We will be removing the bare root trees from the gravel bed and planting most of the trees at Woodlawn cemetery and a few at Redgate park. Thursday, I had a Teams meeting with the AmeriCorps representative to go over the project and make sure everything was ready for next Friday. On Tuesday evening, the tree board met at the park shop as we talked about our upcoming tree plantings and plans. Some trimming and spraying around the welcome signs as the park employees trimmed up the ditch on 150 in front of the welcome sign. The cemetery employees are busy removing a few remaining dead trees on the north side of the cemetery and trimming up a few of the lower hanging branches. I received an estimate to have the streetlight at city park replaced as it was run over two weekends ago by a citizen. I contacted Manske's Corner Market and Cannons Greenhouse this week to ensure that they have the trees lined up for our Trees Forever planting next month. At the pool we continue our winterization efforts bringing items back to the shop. We placed an article in the paper and posted on Facebook notifying people to place concrete foundation orders for headstones at Woodlawn. The guys are going around watering newly planted trees as needed as the dry water persists. The campground had a great Labor Day weekend as the paper published an article for us. The trails, cemetery and skate park were swept like usual.

This month the park employees have been getting at our list of projects instead of mowing with the wonderful dry weather we are having. The park employees are setting up the two new slides at the City Park playground, so they are ready for pouring concrete next week. The cemetery employees are busy with taking foundation orders and preparing for our concrete pour next week if the weather stays dry. Chris J. has been grinding stumps from trees that have been taken down recently. The employees took care of starting some holes for our tree planting on Friday as the dry weather has made the ground at the cemetery extremely hard, then saturating the area with water so the ground will be workable for the volunteers Friday. The sickle mower was taken around to various areas that needed to be knocked down again. The park employees have prepared two foundations for memorial benches, one in Redgate park and another along the NW trail. I have been preparing for our tree planting this week. This past Friday we learned that the tree board was awarded the \$2,500 grant from the DNR "Trees for Kids" grant. This money will be used to purchase 24 trees to plant at Wings Park in early October. I sent out the agenda for the park and rec meeting for Monday evening and prepared my presentation for the meeting.

This past week we had a large tree planting at Woodlawn and Redgate park. These forty trees were our bare root trees that were raised in the gravel bed this summer at the park shop. In attendance were AmeriCorps members, tree board members, our Trees Forever representative and the park and cemetery employees. The project went great as there was a lot of preparation for this project that started last fall.

The park and cemetery employees were busy pouring concrete. We poured monument foundations at Woodlawn cemetery and three pads for memorial benches at various locations. The park employees took the air compressor to the aquatic facility and blew the water lines out and put RV antifreeze in all the drains. There has been a lot of vandalism in the parks recently. Depot Park has received some damage as well, which we are getting quotes on repairing as other parks have seen an increase in vandalism. We had our monthly safety meeting at the park shop with the park and cemetery employees this past week. Park employees have been busy trimming down tree stumps and grinding them down. Every morning the park employees have been working on trimming the downtown area as we are short of a few employees for the remainder of the season.

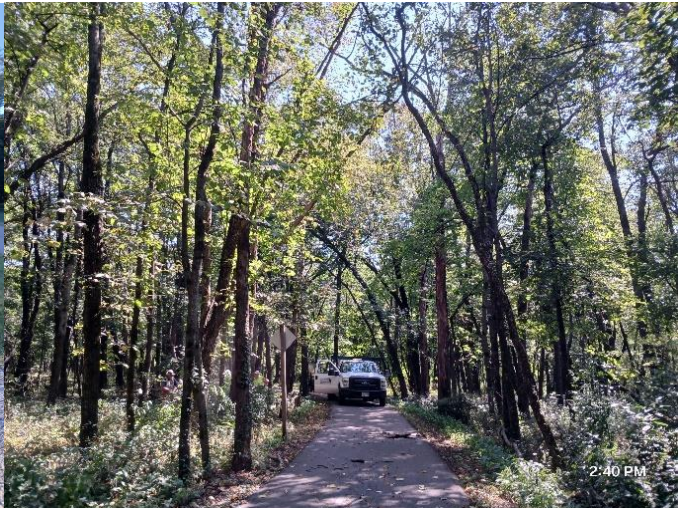
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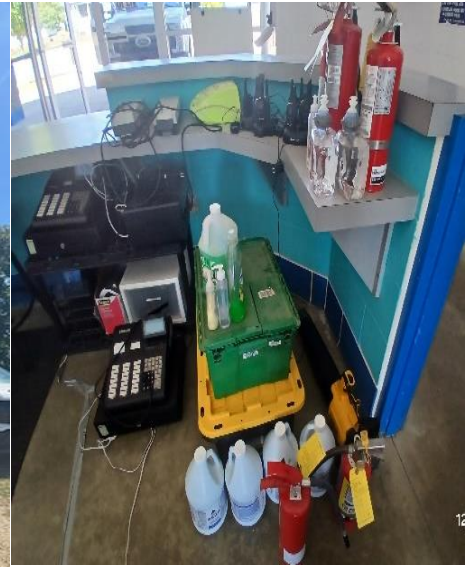
CLEANING



TRIMMING



WINTERIZING



SLIDE REPLACEMENT



STUMP GRINDING



PLANTING PREPARATIONS



TRIMMING





WATERWAY TRIMMING



MEMORIAL BENCH/MONUMENT FOUNDATION PREP



AMERICORPS PRESENTATION

GRANT AWARDED



TREE PLANTING



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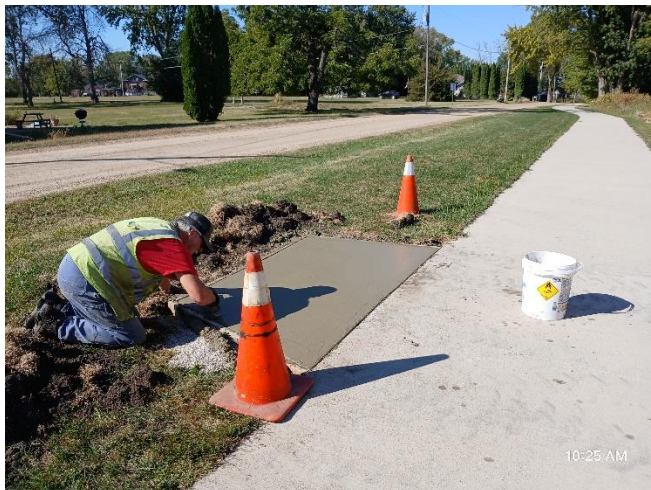




TREE PLANTING



CONCRETE WORK





VANDALISM DEPOT PARK



SAFETY MEETING



WINTERIZING

STUMP GRINDING



DOWNTOWN



VANDALISM



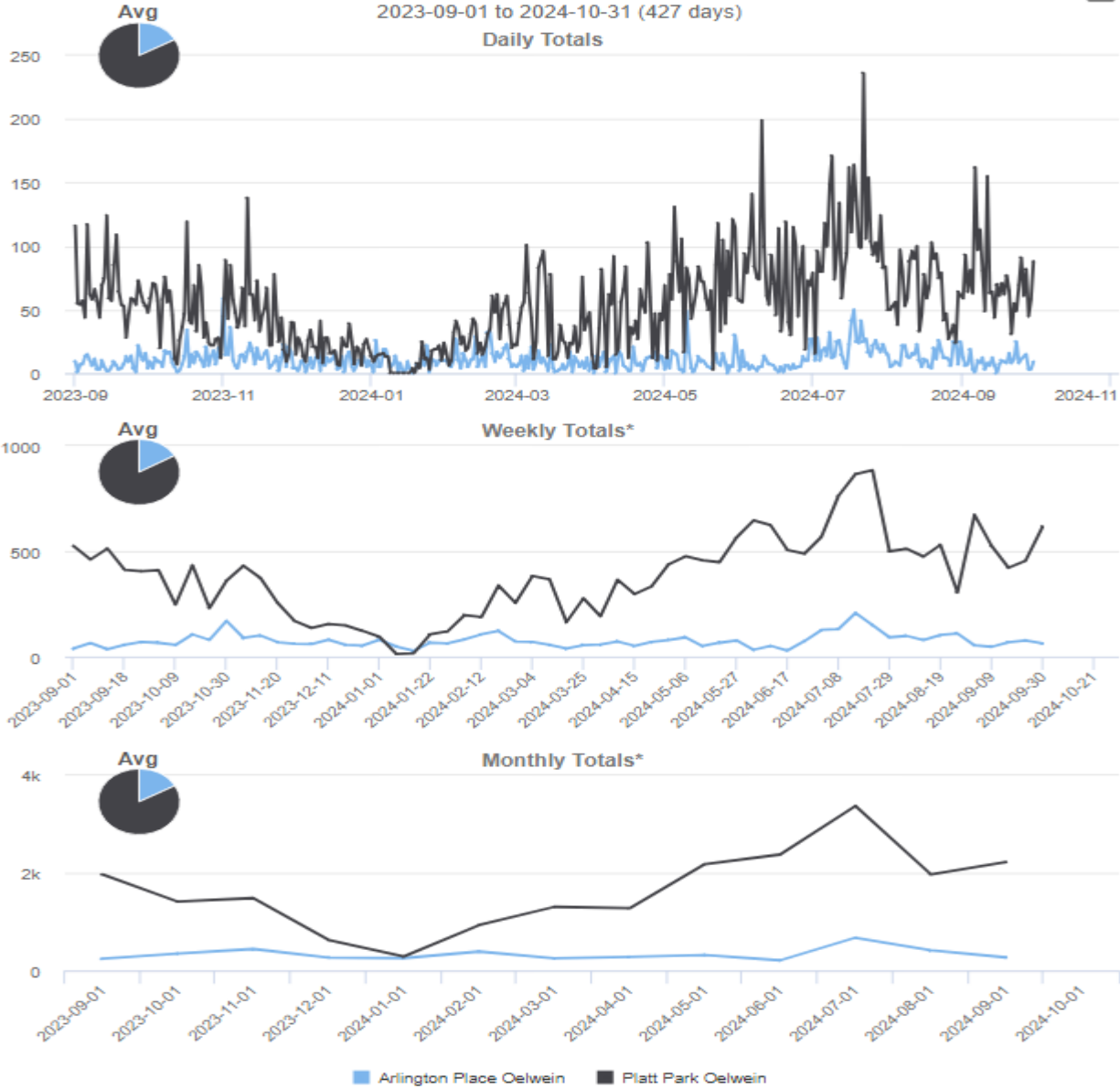
TREE WORK





Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2023-09-01 to 2024-10-31 (427 days)



* Based on Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

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	183	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	319	208	673	414	269				11.139	4,077	274
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	2,378	3,373	1,972	2,223				58.120	21,272	274

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
- PARK MAINTENANCE
- GRANT WORK

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CIVICREC WORK
- TREES FOR KID'S TREE PLANTING
- TRIM DOWNTOWN FOR WINTER
- PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE
- DEAD TREE REMOVAL
- NEW MEMORIAL BENCH FOUNDATIONS
- HEADSTONE FOUNDATIONS POURED
- SWEEPING TRAILS/STREETS
- PLAYGROUND SLIDES – CITY PARK
- WINTERIZED POOL
- AMERICORPS PROJECT
- BARE ROOT TREE PLANTING COMPLETED

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
- TREES FOREVER TREE PLANTING
- FLAGPOLE DIAMONDS
- WINTERIZE ALL BATHROOMS
- WINTERIZE CAMPGROUND

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