



PARKS MONTHLY UPDATE, JUNE 2022  
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This month in the park department we have been super busy completing tasks with very limited staff, mowing and trimming all the city properties. This past month we worked on the fountain near the pool that was giving us problems and fixed it. On Sunday morning we had another five inches of rain, so I barricaded off the bridge at City Park. Bacon Concrete is moving right along on 4<sup>th</sup> street SW with segment three trail. I drove up to West Union on Tuesday for a 5pm meeting with the county REAP committee to get our grant proposal approved so I could send into the state the following day. Fehr Graham was in this month looking over the filter project at the aquatic center. The pool closes on the 21<sup>st</sup> with the dog dip the last two hours of operation. The circus went well at the complex as they appreciated the addition rock, we added to the parking area that we added, they did a great job of policing the area before they left. The DNR forestry department is in completing a tree survey of all the parks and cemeteries for us which will take them a few weeks to finish. The employees placed a new light on the flagpole at Oakdale Cemetery this past month and replaced some boards on the trail bridge by the complex. The employees completed some maintenance on the cemetery mowers cleaning and power spraying them at the end of last week. At Woodlawn we had two full burials and two cremation burials this week on top of the mowing. At Wings Park the guys put up the last two goal setter hoops in the old tennis courts to repurpose the area which has seen a lot of usage.

The segment 3 trail project is moving right along as the contractors have been pouring a lot of concrete this week. The contractors have poured most of the trail but have had to leave access to the different properties as they move along. On the third Monday I hosted the park and rec meeting at City Hall as we went over the past months' activities. The concrete pad under the airplane has been poured as Jake Blitsch talked to the board about adding Saur-King Plaza to the City Park sign. The pool season has wrapped up as the boiler decided to give us problems one last time on the final weekend. Nate and I cleaned out the holding tank at Redgate Park this last month and the cemetery guys laid sod on the past two burials we had last week. It has been a busy month just keeping up with the mowing in both departments as the weekly rain events won't quit. I met with Jon with Fehr Graham to look at locates and plans for the drain project with the aquatic facility.

The segment 3 trail project is moving right along as Iowa Northern came in to place the rail pads to cross on the tracks on the north side of the lights. The pool season concluded on Thursday with the doggy dip at the end of the day. This year we had a great turnout for the event with around 25 dogs in the pool at one point. This month I took the boiler apart and cleaned out the top end and works great and will be ready to go for next season startup. We took down five ash trees at Redgate Park that were infected with EAB.

I met with Alliant at the aquatic center to get the gas shut off and talk with them about the location of their gas line regarding the drain project. The trails and cemetery roads were swept once again this week. The contractors chip sealed the three main north south roads at Woodlawn this past week as well as Redgate Park in its entirety. These roads were used extensively during the cleanup from the tornado that came through in the spring of 2020. City Park road was done from the main entrance to the dog park as well. Nate and I ran up to Wings as the west outfield lights were not working and fixed them and looking at some grants to upgrade the lighting at the ballfields. The basketball hoops that we installed at Wings have been a big hit this year as there is a steady stream of people utilizing the new facilities. The contractor is working hard to finish up the segment three trail project on 4<sup>th</sup> street. Bacon Const. finished pouring the last few aprons and started on backfilling and dirt work. We have received several complements about this segment from the public already. We have been working on winterizing the aquatic center as there is a lot to finish yet bring supplies back to the shop and cleaning up equipment. At Woodlawn the guys prepared a full burial for a Wednesday burial and took a few more foundation orders. I have been working on several upcoming grants for trails including FRT, TAP for future trail development. I am working with a couple other counties and submitting a Destination Iowa grant proposal through Upper explorer land for more trail funding. I have been working on budget and CIP pricing for the upcoming budget season as well. I sent out the agenda for the upcoming tree board meeting and trails committee for September. Janessa with the Iowa DNR was in this week again working on the tree survey of the parks and cemetery.



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FOUNTAIN REPAIR



MINOR FLOODING



SEGMENT 3 TRAIL



REAP MEETING



FILTER PROJECT





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CIRCUS



TREE SURVEY



FLAG LIGHT



BRIDGE REPAIR



MAINTENANCE



GOAL SETTER HOOPS





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SEGMENT THREE



AIRPLANE PROJECT

BOILER ISSUES





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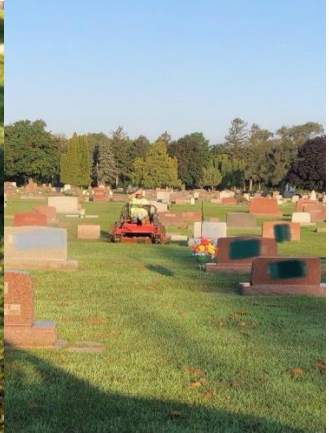
REDGATE



BURIALS



MOWING



SEGMENT THREE TRAIL





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SEGMENT 3



DOG DIP



BOILER WORK



ASH TREE REMOVAL





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ASH TREE REMOVAL



ALLIANT

TRAIL SWEEPING



CHIP SEALING





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CHIP SEALING



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BASKETBALL COURTS



SEGMENT 3







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WINTERIZING POOL



ASH TREE REMOVAL



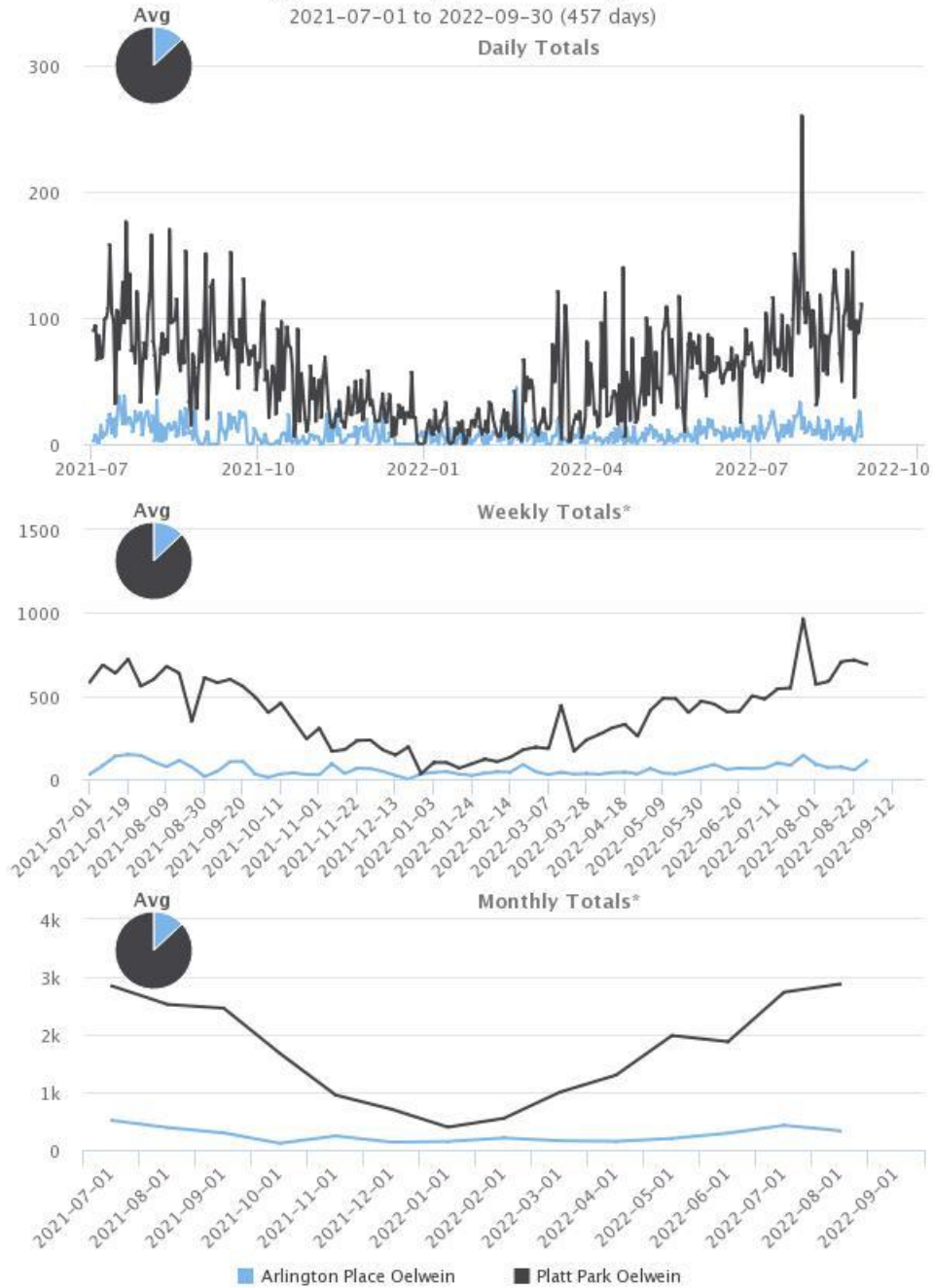
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**Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals**



**21/22 TRAIL TOTALS**

SITE	SEPT.	OCT	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	AUGUST	TOTAL
Arlington Place	294	115	242	134	146	207	158	148	199	290	332	<b>2,265</b>
Platt Park	2458	1676	950	704	394	548	1002	1297	1984	1877	2,877	<b>15,767</b>



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**Daily Activities**

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- ❖ Clean/organize shop and equipment
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for all departments
- ❖ Safety meetings
- ❖ Meet with contractors
- ❖ Retrieve & upload trail count data
- ❖ Weed spraying
- ❖ Water downtown flowers
- ❖ Trail sweeping

**Progress on Projects**

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- ❖ Website work ongoing
- ❖ Trail easements/grants
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ Grant writing
  - CAT
  - FRT
  - NEIC
  - TAP
- ❖ REAP grant submitted
- ❖ Order CIP Items
- ❖ Stump grinding
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Sealcoating roads
- ❖ Install basketball hoops installed
- ❖ Trail Segment 3
- ❖ CIP pricing
- ❖ Winterizing pool
- ❖ Airplane project

**Next Month and Future Projects**

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- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountain install Platt Park
- ❖ Arching sign for entrance at Woodlawn
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant writing
- ❖ Finish segment 3
- ❖ Disc golf signage
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Install solar umbrella at pool from ITC
- ❖ Pool filter project
- ❖ Prairie planting
- ❖ Diamond 3 in-field fencing

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OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

