

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Parks Division
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Vision

To provide the ideal system of parks, natural resources and recreational opportunities which will enhance the quality of life for everyone.

Mission, Goals and Objectives

Our Mission is to provide an exceptional system of safe, accessible, well-planned and maintained parks, facilities, public cemetery, natural areas and public shorelines.

Our Mission is to provide affordable opportunities for recreational and educational experiences.

Our Mission is to preserve and expand our urban forest resources through a well-planned and systematic approach to tree maintenance, planting and natural area management.

Our Mission is to preserve and promote parks' historic legacy.

Our Mission is to provide opportunities for cultural interaction by facilitating community and ethnic festivals and through the display of public art.

Listed below are the names of various section heads and their respective areas of responsibility within the Parks Division. Please feel free to contact these individuals concerning special problems within their areas of responsibility.

Eric Knepp, Superintendent (608) 266-4711

General management and administration of Parks Division operations. Responsible for planning, coordinating, organizing, and directing all programs, activities, operations and developing policies.

Planning and Development

Ann Freiwald, Planning and Development Manager (608) 243-2848

Oversees all aspects of park planning and development, including long range planning (e.g., the Park and Open Space Plan), capital improvement program development, park master planning, design and construction of parks.

Landscape Architecture and Surveying

Sarah Close, Landscape Architect (608) 263-6850

Kate Kane, Landscape Architect (608) 261-9671

Adam Kaniewski, Landscape Architect (608) 261-4281

Hannah Penn, GIS Specialist (608) 266-4729

Dan Rodman, Surveyor (608) 266-6674

Corey Stelljes, Project Engineer (608) 266-6518

Mike Sturm, Landscape Architect (608) 267-4921

Operations

Greg Genin, Parks Operations Manager (608) 267-8804

Supervises park maintenance of all parks (parks, parkways, greenways and athletic field maintenance), forestry, conservation, construction, Forest Hill Cemetery, and the Mall Concourse, building and facility maintenance and repairs and all City owned shoreline cleanup and the maintenance of boat ramps, docks, boathouses and sailboat storage facilities.

Area Supervisors & Conservation

Chad Hughes, West Parks, Forest Hill Cemetery, and Interim Central Parks Supervisor (608) 288-6164

Oversees west parks including Elver; central parks including McPike and Vilas, and Forest Hill Cemetery operations.

Mark Kiesow, Mall Foreperson (608) 266-6031

Oversees the State Street corridor and Mall Concourse.

Paul Quinlan, Conservation Supervisor (608) 267-4918

Management and restoration of conservation parks including Cherokee Marsh, Owen, and Turville Point.

Spencer Werner, East Parks Supervisor (608) 246-4510

Parks east of the Yahara River including Tenney, Breese Stevens Field and north including Warner.

Construction

Rich Bergmann, Parks Construction Supervisor (608) 266-6289

Building parks and supervision of playground safety.

Facility Maintenance

Jon Landsverk, Parks Facility Maintenance Supervisor (608) 267-4937

Supervises all building trade personnel.

CJ Ryan, Assistant Superintendent (608) 266-4614

Leads Community Services and Public Information sections.

Community Services

Terrence Thompson, Community Services Manager (608) 245-3691

Through dedicated staff and building community partnerships, the Community Services Manager ensures parks are programmed and given purpose to promote health and wellness, equity, inclusion, accessibility, safety, sense of belonging, and connection with the environment throughout the entire parks system.

Community Events

Kelly Post, Interim Community Events Coordinator (608) 264-9289

Responsible for permitting and coordination of special events; including park events, street use events, downtown performance spaces, neighborhood and community park events, neighborhood block parties, filming and photo shoots in parks, and open space park events.

Customer Services

Joanne Austin, Customer Services Coordinator (608) 266-4711

Provides customer services such as shelter reservations, lake access permits, dog park permits, cross country ski permits, disc golf permits. Boat mooring leases, canoe and kayak storage.

Rangers

Joanne Austin, Interim Ranger Supervisor (608) 266-9295

Oversees all dog parks, disc golf parks, boat launches and park safety.

Recreation Services

Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator (608) 267-4919

Coordinator of Parks special events, volunteer program, winter activities and special initiatives.

Shane Martin, Aquatics & Parks Program Coordinator (608) 266-4195

Oversees the Goodman Pool, splash parks and beaches staff, and winter recreation facilities.

Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC)

Zach Watson, Program Coordinator & Interim Warner Park Facility Manager (608) 245-3684

Through dedicated staff and partnerships with Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) and NewBridge, the Facility Manager ensures that the Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) provides a diverse array of recreational, educational, and cultural services that meet the community's needs.

Jamie Pratt, Program Assistant (608) 245-3694

Administrative support, coordinates facility schedules, rental program at WPCRC.

Public Information Office

Ann Shea, Public Information Officer (608) 266-5949

Oversees Parks communications including website, media inquiries, e-news, social media, photography, and the annual Madison Parks calendar publication.

Lisa Laschinger, Assistant Superintendent (608) 266-9214

Leads Golf Enterprise Program, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Finance and Human Resources

Finance and Human Resources

January Vang, Financial and Administrative Services Coordinator (608) 266-4214

Oversees all financial and administrative services.

Vacant, Account Clerk (608) 261-9119

Provides payroll assistance and administrative services.

Pat Hario, Administrative Assistant (608) 267-1105
Provides purchasing and accounting services.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Tanya Zastrow, Olbrich Botanical Center Director (608) 246-4586
Oversees general operations, administration and coordination of all programs.

Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture (608) 246-4683
Oversees and coordinates the gardening functions, programs, and special events.

Patti Jorenby, Program Assistant/Rental Coordinator (608) 246-4551
Administrative support, facility rentals, weddings and tours.

Marty Petillo, Volunteer Coordinator (608) 246-4733
Coordinate all volunteer services for Conservatory, Thai Pavilion and outdoor gardens.

Golf Enterprise Program

Ryan Brinza, Golf Operations Supervisor (608) 266-4724
Oversees clubhouse operations for Odana Hills, Yahara Hills, Glenway and Monona golf course.

Theran Steindl, Golf Operations Supervisor (608) 838-3920
Oversees golf course maintenance operations for Odana Hills, Yahara Hills, Glenway and Monona golf courses.