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THE E.

A newsletter for the Engineering Division



June 2026 Issue

A message from your City Engineer, Jim Wolfe:

As you'll see below in the section updates, we're fully into peak season for Engineering. Operations activities are taking full advantage of the warmer weather, construction is well underway, more projects will be starting soon, and some are still being bid out. The City is also in the process of preparing and going through approvals on budgets. So much going on, and thank you all for the great work!

Also a reminder that the City is celebrating and observing a couple of holidays in the next month. On Friday, June 19th, City offices will be closed to celebrate Juneteenth. The 4th of July falls on a Saturday this year, so City offices will not be closed around the holiday, but staff will receive additional leave in their accrual balances that will be available for use following the holiday. Enjoy celebrating these holidays and all that summer brings here in Madison.

-Jim

Madison Public Market Announces Official Opening Date

After years of anticipation, community vision, and collaboration, the Madison Public Market is officially opening its doors on July 23, 2026. Read more about the announcement directly from the Madison Public Market Foundation: <https://madisonpublicmarket.org/2026/05/grand-opening-announced/>

PHOTOS: Bike Week 2026

[Watch Bike Week Kickoff 2026 Press Conference](#)





PHOTOS: Engineering's Coyote Johnson Saves Ducklings



Update: Ducklings were reunited with Duck mom! Great job Ops!

PHOTOS: Country Grove Park Improvements Ribbon Cutting



Public Works Director to Move into Emil Street 2nd Floor

Written by Engineering's Bryan Cooper

The Engineering Facilities team is proceeding with a couple near term projects at the Engineering Operations Facility as follows.

1. Project 1 - Set up a private office for the Public Works Director on the second floor. The current conference room on the second floor will be converted to the Public Works Director office. The Public Works Director position is a new position at the city and has recently been filled. If you would like to learn more about the position and the person in the position, please see [this link](#).
 - a. Once we have a firm start date on the work we will need to remove the second-floor conference room from Outlook scheduling.
2. Project 2 - Convert Kathy Cryan's former office into a conference room. This conference room will be added to the Outlook calendar for staff scheduling.
3. Projects #1 and #2 will require some light construction and furniture moving, but we expect the disruptions to be minimal.

Please note –

1. While the actual dates of this work are still uncertain, we expect work to start in June. Once the dates are confirmed, we will let everyone know.
2. There will be no change to the existing level one conference room, or the two small meeting rooms 113A or 113B.

If you have any questions or concerns about these projects, please direct them to your supervisor for consideration.

New Printer at Emil Street Operations Building

Written by Engineering's Isaac Gabriel

We have new printer at Emil that replaced the EN-MP5055-EMIL printer in the construction inspection section of the office.

Once everyone restarts their PC's (make sure you RESTART – do not simply logoff/login), they should have the new one added.

If anyone had the old printer (EN-MP5055-EMIL set as their default, they may still have to go to Start > Devices and Printers > right-click on the new EN-IM5000-EMIL printer > select "Set as default printer" if it doesn't set automatically.

Media Roundup

Madison leaders could soon approve contentious Regent Street redesign

By Will Briggs
May 23, 2026
3 min to read



City planners aim to make the street near George Meadell Stadium more pedestrian-friendly.
DANA HART / WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL

[READ: CAP TIMES: Madison leaders could soon approve contentious Regent Street redesign](#)

A little bug decimated Madison's urban forest. Now it's on the mend.

By Jennifer DeCoo
May 19, 2026
3 min to read



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources monitors for emerald ash borer, a pest that has decimated ash trees in Madison.
BETH HANCOCK



[READ: CAP TIMES: A little bug decimated Madison's urban forest. Now it's on the mend.](#)

Press Releases

- [Path Update: John Nolen Drive Reconstruction](#) posted June 2, 2026
- [John Nolen Drive Reconstruction Traffic Closure Update](#) posted May 28, 2026
- [City of Madison Commissions Artist Nate Page to Create Public Art for the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park](#) posted May 26, 2026
- [Ribbon Cutting Celebrates Country Grove Park Improvements](#) posted May 19, 2026
- [Register Now for City Budget Engagement Sessions](#) posted May 13, 2026
- [Temporary Pedestrian Access Closure Along Broom Street](#) posted May 8, 2026

Blog

- None

City Press Conferences

- [News Conference: Wear Orange Day June 6, 2026](#)
- [News Conference: Free Metro Bus Passes for MMSD Students](#)
- [News Conference: Juneteenth Flag Raising June 2, 2026](#)
- [News Conference: Pride Flag Raising June 1, 2026](#)
- [News Conference: Bike Week June 1, 2026](#)

Upcoming Public Information Meetings

Public Information Meetings

JUN
16

[Glenway Backyard Pipe Repairs](#)

5:30pm – 6:30pm
Virtual event

JUN
30

[Parman Terrace](#)

5:00pm – 6:00pm
Virtual event

Section Updates

Each month, Engineering Division City Engineer Jim Wolfe leads a section head meeting. Each month in The E, we will share main points for employees to know what was discussed on important topics that impact employees division-wide. This is to improve better internal communication between leadership and staff. This is separate from official meeting minutes.

Division Communications

Hannah Mohelnitzky, Engineering Division Public Information Officer

Reminder to everyone: Please keep forwarding media requests to me as they come in. We're still working on the flood comms plan and work plan for my position. Making progress. The Op 1 video for training is almost done, IT Media is creating versions in other languages now. We're working on a few events coming up: Tancho Path Ribbon Cutting, Mixed Use State Street Garage Opening. IT Media Projects coming up: Bartillon Profile and Tour Video + ICRP Profile and Tour Video

Public Works and Private Development

Chris Petykowski, Deputy City Engineer, Public Works and Private Development

Public works engineers are working on design and approvals for 2026 projects. Private development Engineers and Managers continue to service contracts and issue plan sets. Plans issued this month include Crack Sealing Major and Minor Streets, Chip Sealing West & East, 118 N Orchard, Bridge Repairs, Starkweather Plat. Regent St geometry went to Transportation Commission & Board of Public Works for approval.

Facilities Management

Bryan Cooper, Deputy City Engineer, Facilities Services and Management

- Construction Phase > [State Street Campus Garage Mixed Use Development](#), [East Streets Maintenance Facility Fire Sprinkler Replacement](#), [Imagination Center at Reindahl Park](#), [Fire Station 8 Lighting Retrofit](#)
- Design Phase > [Streets Division – Far West Operations Building](#), [Central Library Lighting Retrofit](#), [Parks Yahara Golf Maintenance Facility](#), [Madison Police Department – South District and Police Evidence Operations](#)

Operations – Sewer and Stormwater Utilities

Jason Kelley, Public Works General Foreperson

Welcome to June (aka BUSY SEASON)! Vactor crews have been very busy with PMs/ACs, Storm CB Cleaning, Assisting MMSD, Assisting Water Utility, Assisting Streets Department, Emergency Sewer Calls, etc. CCTV Crews have been working on New Construction, Special Requests, Pre-Con projects, CMOM, Liners, Structure Inspections, etc. Construction crews have been focused on Dig Jobs, Waterway projects, Special Requests, etc. OP2s have been utilizing the dry weather for their Mowing schedule. Mi-TE has also been continuing to plug away at sidewalks contract. Locators are keeping up on their tickets load.

Stormwater

Janet Schmidt, Principal Engineer, Section Manager

We are gearing up to launch some of our last watershed studies for the far west side. Once done all of the city will be either done or under contract to complete. This round of studies will help guide the far west side as it continues to build out. Nine Springs Watershed Study is getting close to wrapping up and hope to have it fully approved this summer. The Starkweather study is still moving forward. It's the largest study we have and incorporates much of the east side. Lots of projects have been bid and construction has ramped up but the designers still have a lot going on. Projects will continue well into the fall/winter. West Towne Pond design is moving forward with a significant budget to boot – hoping to see that go out for bid in late 2026 and into 2027. Sadly, the bids for Mineral Point Road came in and we were way over budget on the tunneling and box culvert work so we will have to come up with a different storm design and hope that in the future we can do the large storm project. Regent Street is still planned to bid in 2026-2027; Lake Forest will be 3 phases in 207, 2028 and 2029, as well as many other projects that have significant storm and flood mitigation components. So even though Mineral Point Road is scaling back there is still many large storm sewer projects coming in the next few years.

Sanitary Sewer

Mark Moder, Principal Engineer, Section Manager

Summer is back! Everyone is very busy and we appreciate everyone's continued hard work. Sewer extension permits continue to

take 3 months to obtain final permitting, so please plan to submit soon after bidding projects that include sanitary sewer main work. We are running into problems again this year. Please submit for sewer permitting within a week of your project 1stAd. No sticks of sanitary sewer main can be installed without a sewer extension permit. No permit = No project. Sherman Ave. continues a priority project for sewer given that the apartment on Sherman Ave. will be occupied this summer and is in the process of renting. The project was bid in early May but is over budget. Lift Stations Projects: Truax L.S.: The modifications that were made to lift station appear to have addressed unplanned power shutdowns to the lift station. There were no pump shutdowns during the recent storms. The Badger Lift Station Replacement plans are now nearing completion. After we have easements which we should have soon, we plan to bid. Mayflower L.S. plans are near completion and will be bidding in June. We needed to modify the proposed lift station pump sizes because the receiving sewer where the pump station pumps do not have capacity to handle the flows from the proposed upgraded pump station. Citywide sanitary sewer model: Carollo 's work on the City-wide sanitary sewer model is now underway. They now have framework for a model and are filling in gaps of missing GIS data. Impact Fees- South High Point Road Impact Fee needs assessment is being put together. Pumpkin Hollow Impact Fee project design is being revised because the WNDR does not want to accept sewers located in the wetlands where we currently have our easements. We are now in the process of surveying, acquiring new easements, and putting together the new design for bidding.

Land Information/Official Map

Jeff Quamme, Section Manager

- Storm Water Utility Billing issues are being corrected with IT and the Assessor's Office.
- E911 Addressing is getting nearer completion. Pursuing Mendota Mental Health addressing needs with new staff.
- Still a lot of demand with complex development projects in regard to land records and addressing needs and issues.
- Blooming Grove attachment area mapping is ongoing and will be ongoing with goal of early winter completion.
- N-S BRT support for real estate related items.
- New Trainee position for Public Works Land Development Manager starts and will be ongoing to fill our needs.
- Continued support of City Agency and public needs.
- Several Public works projects with survey/mapping needs to be completed.
- GIS related training for GIS users to the conversion to ArcGIS Pro and being coordinated by Engineering Technology

Engineering Technology

Candice Kasprzak, Engineering Technology Manager

GIS/City Works Upgrade News –

The GIS & CityWorks upgrade has been rescheduled to June 4th at 4:30 PM. Map services and Cityworks will be down for 6-8 hours on the 4th. ESRI has assured us that we will still be able to use ArcMap to edit SDE while we work out licensing and software upgrades. There may be some functionality and that may not work correctly. If you run into issues, please let me know. ArcMap will still be on our machines for a while and we can import old MXD files into Pro. I will send out an email closer to the upgrade with additional info. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

IT Portfolio/Project Plan

We are working with IT on our annual work plan with projects that we will need IT's help on. This is beyond simple help desk requests. If you know of any larger projects in the works that will need significant IT resources, please let me know so we can get it on our plan and on IT's radar.

Other Projects -

- Still working on getting Address Point and storm billing workflows to work with new CAMA system (so close)
- Start testing Address Point workflows in ArcPro with attribute rules
- Starting our first ACC/Forma Private Development project.
- Working on getting all of the CityWorks reporting into SQL and SSRS.
- Starting to convert City building floorplans to GIS for Cityworks and asset management. Thanks to the facilities management team for answering all our questions and getting data for us.
- Working on developing GIS Consortium with other GIS agencies and IT to help manage and create governance around workflows and processes in the City to make tasks more efficient.
- Ongoing
- Setting up CAD standards, templates and efficiency improvements
- Creating training videos first for ACC Private Development, replacing old PDFs
- Data Governance – Working on data training. Looking at City-wide data warehouse.
- E911 Addressing Points with Dane County
- Misc CityWorks updates and maintenance
- Sanitary & Storm record updates – working on sanitary and storm backlog

Administration Staff

Johanna Johnson, Heidi Zigler, Jenna Webb

The June deadlines for Common Council resolutions are 8 a.m. on 6/2 (CC 6/9); 6/16 (CC 6/23); 6/30 (CC 7/7).

The June deadlines for Board of Public Works resolutions are 12 p.m. on 6/3 (BPW 6/10); 6/16 (BPW 6/24); 7/1 (BPW 7/8).

Finance

Steve Danner-Rivers, Financial Manager

The Finance Section is now finished with all three financial audits (citywide, utility and grant). The 2027 Capital Budget has been submitted and the briefing with the Mayor has occurred. The next major milestone is the release of the Executive Budget on 9/8.

The 2027 Operating Budget will kick off on June 9th and be due back to City Finance on July 17th. Soon after we will see the annual borrowing exercise where we project what we will need to borrow for our 2026 capital projects. Although the hecticness of year end close and audit are behind us, things still continue to be busy!

Construction Inspection

Kyle Frank, Principal Engineer Section

Inspection staff is very busy keeping up with permits, private development, and public works projects that underway. Most 2025

carry over projects are either finished or close to finishing up with the exception of Main and Hancock which is schedule to be completed in August 2026. There are a number of public works projects set to begin in June and early July that will keep inspectors busy for the rest of the year. Surveyors are working on construction staking and working on completing surveys for 2026 & 2027 projects. Seasonals have started and have been a big help in keeping up with everything under construction. We will be hiring more seasonal after interviews are completed 6/3 & 6/4.

Coming and Going

- New Hires
 - Jacqueline Hernandez (Green Power Trainee)
 - Nathaniel Vaudreuil (Green Power Trainee)
 - Steven Jakab (Green Power Trainee)
 - Daniel Revels (Green Power Trainee)
 - Josefina Arellano (Custodial Worker 1)
- Promotion
 - Ryan Stenjem (Engineer 3 to Engineer 4)
 - Josh Sherrod (GIS Specialist to PW Development Manger Trainee)
- Departures

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Don't forget to bookmark GEAR today!

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