



Pedaling to a Healthier Future Driftless Region Bike Share

THE VISION

To bring a bike share system to the Driftless Region for all to use for active commuting or recreation

WHY BIKE SHARE?

- Serves as an economic benefit by expanding travel options
- A parking solution in busy neighborhoods and business communities
- Opportunity for all community members to actively travel
- Motivates action to implement infrastructure strategies identified in Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans
- Increases competitiveness for attracting top talent
- Contributes to the healthiness of the community by providing a safe, quick and fun way to get around town
- Showcases natural beauty of the area while riding on existing trail systems

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Pedal your passion. Innovative and forward thinking community and business leaders needed to sustain momentum.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- City of La Crosse
- Gundersen Health System
- ISG
- La Crosse Area Family YMCA
- La Crosse County Health Dept.
- Outdoor Recreation Alliance
- Urban Connections
- UW-La Crosse
- Wisconsin Bike Fed
- Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan Healthcare

HOW DO I HELP MAKE AN IMPACT?

For more information, contact Jill M. Miller, Pioneering Healthier Communities Coordinator at jmiller@laxymca.org or 608-519-5510.

HISTORY OF BIKE SHARE

- 2012: Larry Kirch, City of La Crosse, partnered with the Y's Pioneering Healthier Communities to explore bike share options; task force formed
- 2013: \$10,000 was secured to hire a feasibility consultant; hired Jack Zabrowski, LLC.
- 2014: Feasibility study indicated the community could support a bike share system; adopted by the City of La Crosse Board of Public Works

PROGRESS

- Zagster, Inc., an industry-leading bike share company, selected as vendor
- The committee is receiving mentoring from bike share systems in Hastings, MN and Chattanooga, TN
- Two public meetings
- Business development discussions being held with multiple entities
- The City of La Crosse added \$70,000 to the 2016 operating budget for improvements on existing trails and bike systems and for repainting of bike sharrows
- Invitation to the City of Onalaska to provide added community value by investing in a bike share system

AMENITIES PROVIDED BY ZAGSTER

- Expertise and best practices
- Installation of system
- Insurance
- Daily management of bikes
- Bi-weekly maintenance
- Local marketing
- Theft protection
- Kryptonite U-lock
- Fuji made adult bicycles
- Docking station(s)

INVESTMENT

ONE TIME COST				
PRICING	PER	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	TERM RATE
Station Set-up	1 station	\$4,000	1	\$4,000
Additional Parking Docks		\$125	4	\$500
ONE TIME COST TOTAL				\$4,500

REOCCURRING COSTS				
PRICING	PER	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	TERM RATE
One Standard Bike	Month	\$120	12	\$17,280
ANNUAL TOTAL				\$17,280

Requirements of a Zagster Customer for a Successful Bike Share Program

An ideal Zagster Partner has the same goal as their Zagster Customer Success Manager (CSM): to ensure the success of their Zagster program. The term partner is just that, a working relationship with their CSM-- they are "on the ground" and we are here in the office working hand-in-hand.

Launch expectations

- Understand vision and goals for their Zagster Bike Share program
- Confirming launch deliverables in an agreed upon timeline
 - Providing partner imagery
 - Review install plans and logistics
 - Two phone calls, one introductory call to review deliverables and a second call to review launch marketing materials
 - Identify opportunities for demo-ing and exposing their Zagster system in the beginning of their program

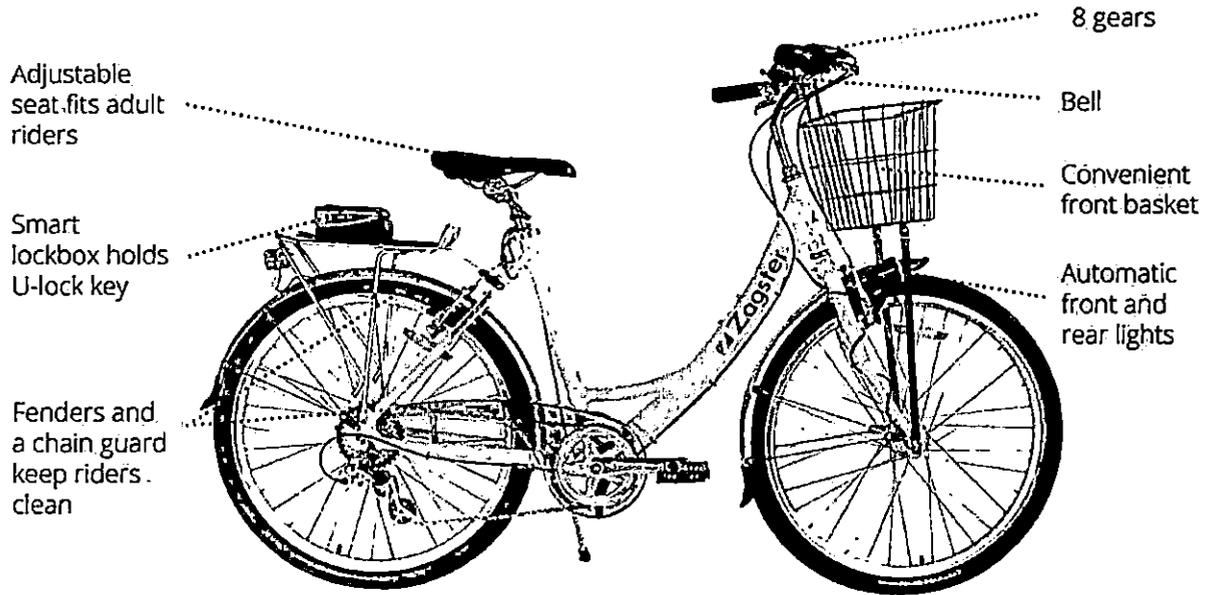
Expectations after launch

- Be able to explain how to use Zagster system to other employees and riders
- Advocate for their Zagster system
- Understand how to use Zagster's fleet dashboard for analytic reports
- Occasional logistical, marketing, and usage check-in calls (30 mins.)
 - Once every 30 days for tier 1
 - Once every 60 days for tier 2
 - Once every 90 days for tier 3
 - Can be more frequent if requested
- Continue to identify opportunities for exposing their Zagster Bike share to local audience
- Know contract details as laid out in the MSA (esp. expiration date of contract)
- Identify opportunities for expansion and renewal based on usage and overall success of the program as vision for program was initially laid out
- Provide feedback on a regular basis



ABOUT ZAGSTER

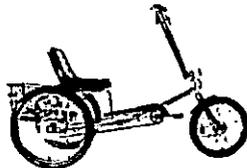
Cruiser Bike



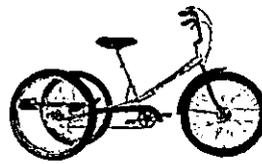
Specialty Bikes



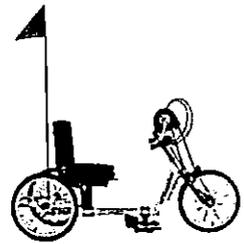
▶ SIDE BY SIDE



▶ TRIKE



▶ CARGO



▶ HAND CYCLE

Docks

3 points of contact including a wheel-well keep bikes organized and upright.

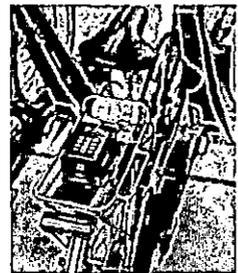
Versatile installation options allow infinite expandability.



Sharing Technology

Riders can unlock, ride and return any bike with their mobile phones.

Because all the locking technology is automated and installed on the bike, there's no need for expensive kiosks.



HOW IT WORKS

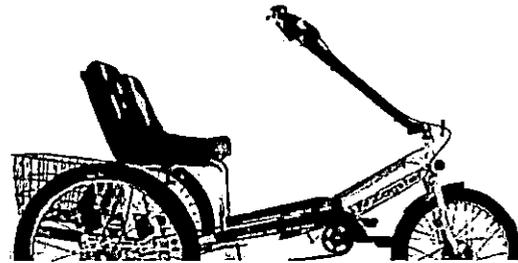
- 1 Borrow**
Enter the bike's number into the app and tap START RIDE. You'll get a unique code to open and close the lockbox.
- 2 Unlock**
Use the key from inside the lockbox to operate the U-lock that attaches the bike to its station. Be sure to shut the lockbox before you ride.
- 3 Ride**
Have fun! Use the U-lock to keep the bike secure if you make stops along the way. When you're done, lock the bike back to any Zagster station and close the lockbox. Then go to the app and tap END RIDE.



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

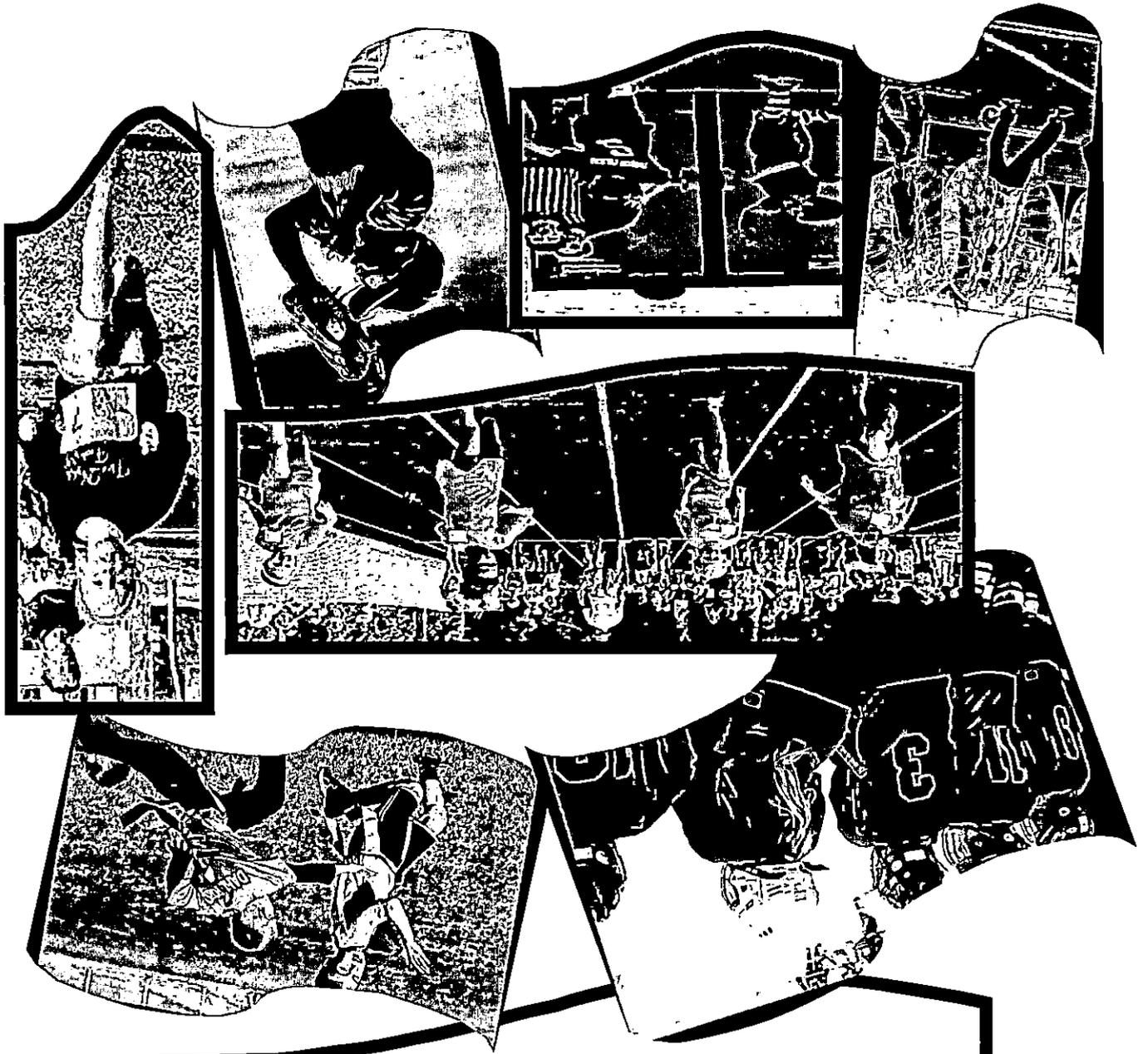
Diamond Sponsor

- ▶ National, Regional and Local exposure with highly-public system launch
- ▶ Custom promotional package to meet brand needs
- ▶ Premium brand inclusion on system website, rider communications, social media & promotions
- ▶ App logo impression package
- ▶ Landmark priority package (select landmarks included on system maps in local marketing collateral to riders)
- ▶ Free membership passes



Specialty Bike Sponsor

- ▶ Choose from a combination of Tricycle, Side by Side, Cargo and Hand Cycle bikes
- ▶ Brand inclusion on bike baskets
- ▶ Limited brand inclusion on marketing collateral and system maps
- ▶ Limited brand inclusion on system website, rider communications, social media & promotions
- ▶ Free membership passes



CITY OF ONALASKA PARK & REC DEPT.



2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Mission Statement

The City of Onalaska, Park & Recreation Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Onalaska through public recreation through enrichment opportunities, parklands, related facilities and the preservation of natural areas.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

- Aldersperson Jim Binash
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Sponsorship

- Youth In-House Teams
\$5200
- Banner Program
\$2450
- Traveling Team
\$3500
- Full Program
\$3505
- General
\$500
- John Fleis Youth Scholarship Fund
\$2100

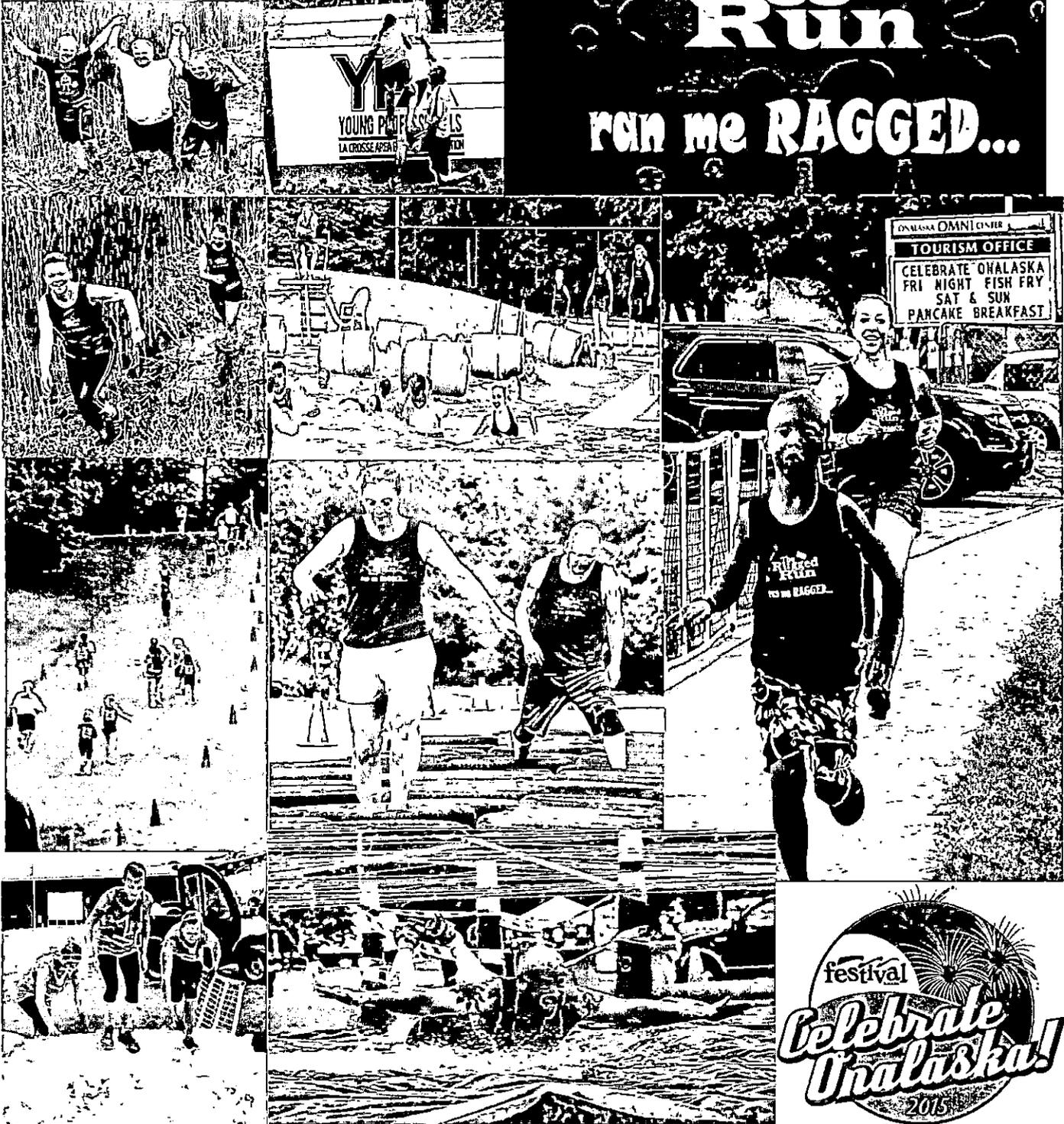
PROGRAMS	VOLUNTEERS/HOURS
Spring Rec Programs	250
Summer Rec Programs	2640
Fall Rec Programs	900
Winter Rec Programs	910
National Kids to Park Day	25
Fleis Nightfall Frolic	150
Dog Park (Humane Society)	131
55 Plus Trips	48
Waterfront Activities	40
Baseball/Softball Concession Stand	130
TOTAL	5224



RUGGED RUN

The 2015 Rugged Run

run me RAGGED...



Join in the FUN on June 26, 2016



PARK & RECREATION



Fleis Nightfall Frolic

This event was held in April at Rowe Park. All proceeds go to benefit the John Fleis Youth Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to families in the Onalaska community to participate in Park & Rec programs. In conjunction with volunteers from UWL we raised \$3,620.53, to date this event has raised \$28,600

In Memory of Vivian Fleis

She married John Fleis on August 24, 1946. They enjoyed a full life together and traveled to many places in their lifetime. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandma. We appreciate the continuous support from The Fleis Family and the work they do for us.

Brochure Printing & Distribution

We received bids and Crescent Printing Company came in as the lowest bid. We continue to receive several positive comments about the larger size.

Urban Deer Management Plan

We still have good support from our 35 hunters from the 2015-16 seasons. Several hunters from five years ago re-took their proficiency test and continue to support the Urban Deer hunt program with the City of Onalaska.

Youth T-shirts Printing

Each year bids are requested for our youth t-shirt printing. The vendors bid on providing the department with certain colors of shirts, along with screen printing on the front and back. Three bids were received and the bid winner was BB Graphics with a cost of \$4.00 per shirt.

Interns

The Park and Rec was very fortunate in 2015, to have four students do their internships with the department. Aubrey Peters/ Brett Schommer and Cameron Bathe was our Spring semester interns and Patrick Killian was our Summer intern

Website Totals

The Park and Recreation Department has offered online registration for programs and facility reservations since 2005. The on-line service continues to be a popular tool for residents in Onalaska. There was a total of \$ 74,719 or 25.72% of our transactions taken in by individuals using the on-line service. We now accept credit card payment for walk in customers.

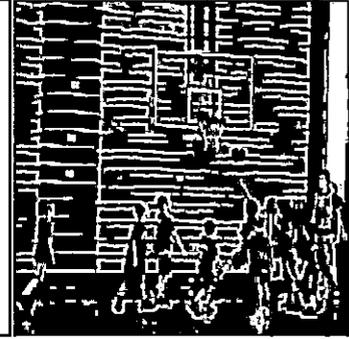


The first Annual Rugged Run Obstacle Race (Pictures on previous page). This new and exciting event had three key races YOUTH RACE, NON-COMPETITIVE (you did it!!!) and COMPETITIVE. By looking at the pictures we had all ages. Several comments were "this was the best!" "what a memory I am having with my grandchildren!" "my daughter joined me I'll never forget this race!" "my son wanted me to run with him!" "never to old to have fun!" "Thanks Park & Rec!"



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Summer Track & Field

This program took a huge jump in participation of kids. It had 133 kids this year compared to 104 kids in 2014. Three Friday track meets were held at Luther High School, Holmen High School and La Crosse Central. This year Kujak Orthodontics sponsored the track & field team to help provide the participants with dri fit shirts. Many parents volunteer to help this program be successful.



Archery and Hunter Safety

Partnering with the DNR and La Crosse Archery is common practice here at Park & Rec, It is a win-win, first it is cost effective for our programs to have already trained instructors and equipment, secondly it gives opportunity to our kids to develop and improve skills, to build self-esteem, and to learn the importance of teamwork..... all while having fun!!!

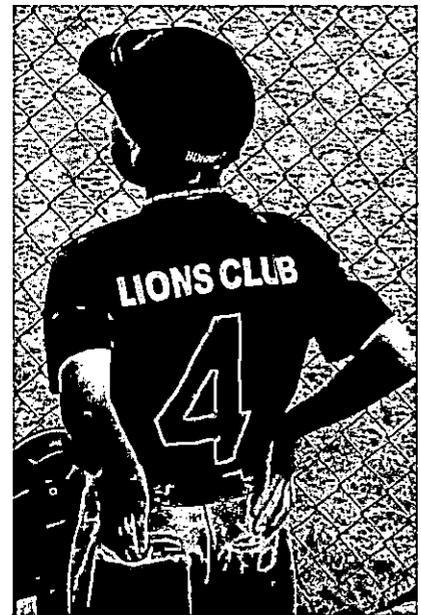


Jimmy Olson Baseball Tournament Onalaska Girls Softball Tournament

These two tournaments have been a long time stable at the Park & Recreation Department. Baseball is held the first weekend in June and Softball is held the third weekend in July. We had 24 softball and 34 baseball teams participating bringing their families together to our community. Thank you Lions Club for supporting the kids and us.

Tennis Courts

Enrolled were 121 kids into our tennis program. All the participants got to enjoy courts and bleacher seating. Our tennis courts are located in our Rowe Park along with skate park, Disc Golf Course and two shelters.



THANK YOU SPONSORS

Your advertising dollars not only benefit your business, but your community as well!!



RECREATION



Website Totals

We offered online registration for programs since 2005. It is a simple and convenience way for people.

2012	\$44,777	23.1%
2013	\$55,080	27.4%
2014	\$68,269	27.61%
2015	\$74,719	25.72%

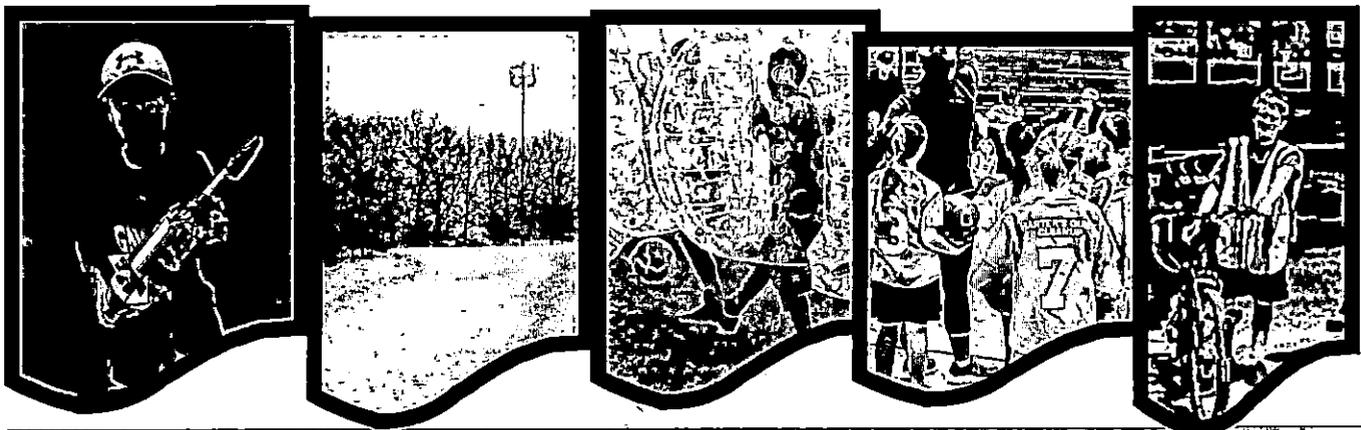
Community Garden

MCHS-FH Onalaska Clinic and Park & Rec partnered with each other to bring back the community garden. Five of us donated back to the Onalaska Food Basket corn, onions, tomatoes, watermelon, acorn squash, green papers, yellow squash and \$100 cash in donations for sweet corn from our co-workers.

Ball-a-Plooza

This event was to celebrate the final game of the season for all of our t-ball and in-house baseball and softball participants. Our Park & Rec Families volunteer at this event to serve brats, hot dogs, beans, chips, drink and DQ gives away dilly ice cream bars. This is truly a family event for our players.

	Spring	Traveling Soft/Base Ball	Summer	Fall	Winter	TOTAL
2006	450	254	2168	262	446	3580
2007	547	265	2223	570	437	4042
2008	634	279	2245	474	552	4184
2009	417	260	2079	590	600	3946
2010	410	229	2063	831	446	3979
2011	309	197	2023	802	436	3767
2012	852	218	2140	1006	435	4651
2013	744	233	2336	557	430	4300
2014	613	187	2121	612	512	4045
2015	513	193	2193	769	274	3942



Park & Rec offers over hundreds of programs!



PARKS

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Classification	# of Parks	Acres
Mini Park	12	15.11
Neighborhood	8	65.04
Community	2	80.58
City Wide	3	115..80
Undeveloped	2	5.85
Conservancy Lane	3	101.17
Total	30	383.53

Park Definitions

Mini Park – These areas are the smaller parks that are usually developed to address the recreational needs of isolated residential developments. Service area is usually less than one-quarter (1/4) mile radius.

Neighborhood Park – These areas usually serve as the recreational and social focus of neighborhoods that they are intended to serve. Service area is usually one-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) mile radius.

Community Park – These areas are intended to serve the recreational needs of several neighborhoods. Service area is between a half (1/2) and one (1) mile.

City-wide Park – These areas serve a broad range of recreational needs or can serve to meet a single purpose. Service area is usually the entire community.

Conservancy - These areas are intended to maintain as natural areas.

Hard Surface	Distance (miles)
Several Sidewalk Connections	10.3
Van Riper Park	1
Community Park	0.2
Underpass to Glenn Fox	.75
Wellington Greens	.15
Pierce Park	.1
Sandalwood Park	.25
Natural Surface	
Van Riper	.25
Greens Coulees	2.1
Sandalwood	.18
Total	20.26 miles

TREE WORK

Removed 123 Trees (71 were Ash Trees)
Planted 13 Trees
Treatment will continue in Spring of 2016
Applied for three different Grants in hopes of getting funds to purchase trees to plant and treatment for Ash trees.





PARKS

Park and Recreation Department Amenities

• Outdoor Amenities	
Basketball Courts	12
Disc Golf	1
# of holes	9
Fishing Access	2
• Canoe/Kayak Access	1
• Gazebo	1
• Horseshoe Courts	10
• Picnic Shelters	17
Reserveable	8
• Picnic tables	143
• Open Space Play areas	16
• Playgrounds	19
• Skateboard Parks	1
Lighted	1
• Aquatic Center	1
Square Feet	8,500
Slides	3
Sand play area	1
• Tennis Courts Locations	4
Courts	17
Lighted	3
• Sand Volleyball Courts	2
• Dog Exercise Area	1
Square Feet	30,000
• Trash Receptacles	90
• Recycling Receptacles	30
• Baseball/Softball fields	6
Joint Facilities—These facilities are not owned by the City, but utilized by Park and Recreation	
Gyms	5
Football Fields	2
Soccer Fields	4
Baseball/Softball	5

2015 was another very busy year in our parks. Below we highlighted a few projects or events that we completed in 2015.

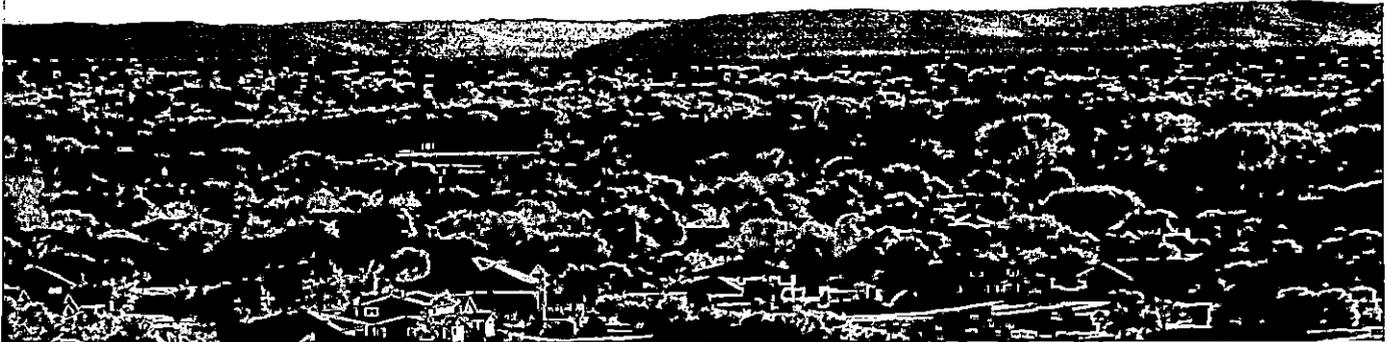
Rowe Park Ash Tree Removal Demonstration - David Lein worked with Johnson Operations to come in and do a demonstration with their equipment on the take down and removal of the trees in Rowe Park. They removed 40 ash trees and disposed of them in about 4 hours.

New Lawn Mower - Parks department was able to purchase a new 104" lawn mower. This is the largest mower we have in our fleet and it has improved our mowing efficiency.

Community Center Concrete work - Park staff worked with a local contractor on the replacement of the concrete ramp at the Community Center. This was a much needed upgrade to the Community Center.

Rugged Run - Park staff assisted the Recreation Staff on the construction of obstacles for the City's Rugged Run. This event was a great success and are looking forward to increased participation in upcoming years.

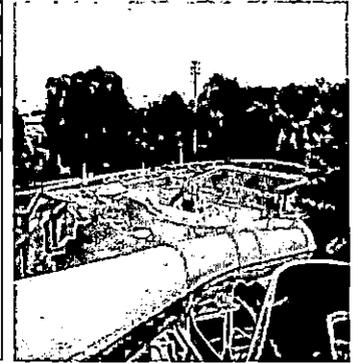
A Big Thank you to all of our Volunteers and Staff for the dedication and hard work throughout 2015.





AQUATIC

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 Shelly Raabe & Megan Keane
Head Concessions



	Classes	Participants	Avg. Class Sizes
2006	58	376	6.49
2007	56	447	7.99
2008	64	534	8.34
2009	78	522	6.69
2010	62	530	8.54
2011	68	543	7.98
2012	70	598	8.54
2013	73	648	8.88
2014	58	417	7.189
2015	55	476	8.65

The entire Parks and Recreation staff showed a great ability to come together during the 2015 Aquatic season. As the pool season approached it was discovered by full time staff that we had a break in a water pipe leading to the play structure in the shallow end. Through a large group effort, we were able to find the source of the leak and fix the issue before the season was upon us. Our seasonal staff showed great knowledge and skill in handling a variety of different facility and medical emergencies. I am very proud to call myself a part of the Aquatics team for the year of 2015.

The Aquatic Center saw several upgrades in the year of 2015. The canopies above both slides were replaced giving both places a needed face life. A larger and smarter pool vacuum was purchased to better utilize staff time and ensure proper overnight cleaning of the pool on a consistent basis. A new BECSys5 Water Chemistry controller was also added to ensure proper chemical levels were being maintained to allow staff to check chemical levels from offsite.

Below is a note we received from a pool patron
 I am writing this evening to praise the performance that I witnessed this afternoon while visiting the Onalaska public pool. My family and I are new to the area, this being our second time visiting your facility. This afternoon while I was at the public pool with family, an emergency occurred that required immediate attention. The poise and professionalism displayed by the attending lifeguard was remarkable. I was highly impressed with how the situation was handled and what a smooth flowing system was put in place to resolve the problem. I would like to extend a "Bravo!" to the lifeguards that responded to the emergency and their preparedness to help in the appropriate manner. My family and I will absolutely be making the Onalaska public pool a family favorite to visit!
 Sincerely, Steven L.

	Membership Family	Membership Individual	Swim Team Participants	Open Swim Attendance
2006	212	157	116	n/a
2007	186	124	95	30,124
2008	155	130	86	26,829
2009	163	112	96	27,081
2010	132	106	66	32,289
2011	145	68	65	32,264
2012	136	91	76	30,575
2013	147	96	86	34,029
2014	158	84	54	26,241
2015	129	85	26	32,923

In 2015, we introduced the Gold pass which gave participants unlimited usage of Aquatic Center, Omni Center Open Gym and unlimited open skate. We sold 31 family Gold passes and 18 individual passes.



OMNI CENTER

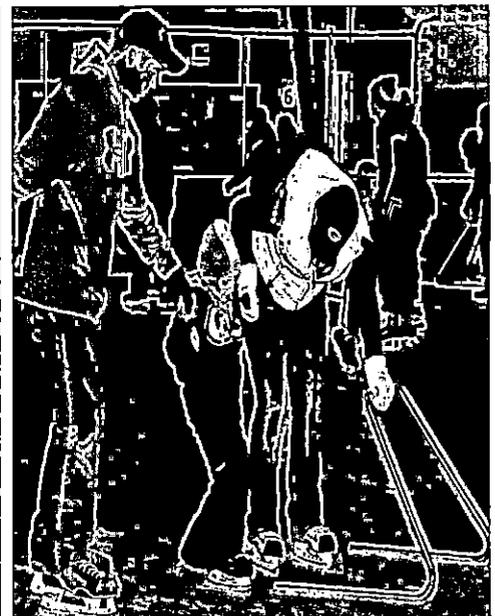
	2015
Ice Rental (combined)	\$213,426.14
Concessions	\$44,312.54
Catering	\$4160
Pro Shop	\$1258.95
Rental Income	\$41,403.86
Shelter	\$1955
Admission	\$8051.80
Sponsorships	\$700

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	Hotel Rooms	Ice Hours	Ice Tournaments	High School Games	Dry Floor Events	Shelter Reservations	Open Skate/Rentals	Banquet Hall
2013 (Apr to Dec)	1470	2678	19	39	23	6	1901/756	5
2014	2736	2235	20	40	27	13	4008/2041	15
2015	1700	1963	15	42	25	13	2790/1377	26

WHAT	HAPPENS	at the OMNI!
Meeting Rooms	Shelter Rental	Toe Pick Figure Skating Gala
Pro Shop	Graduations	OH Boys Hockey
Catering	Men's Hockey League	Girls Hockey Co-op
Weddings	Avalanche Hockey	Coulee Region Girls
Concessions	Ona Girls Booster Club	3 on 3 Basketball Tour
Rental Equipment	Ona Boys Booster Club	Youth Basketball Tour
Wedding Expo	Tornado Youth Hockey	Chefs of Tomorrow
Picnic in the Park	Toe Pick	Learn to Skate
Gun Show	Heat Program	Blue Devils
Freedom Pro Wrestling	Men's over 30	Spanish Classes
Spring/Fall Gift and	Private Ice	Celebrate Onalaska
Craft Fairs	Planet Hockey	Bag Toss League
Family Fun Expo	Team Wisconsin	Business Picnics
Gun Show	WI Elite Hockey League	Public Skate
Area Builders Show	WI Hockey League	Learn to Play Hockey
Volleyball Tournament	Pond Hockey	Job Opportunity
Cornhole Tournament	Hockey Officials Seminar	





Chiller Replacement Photos

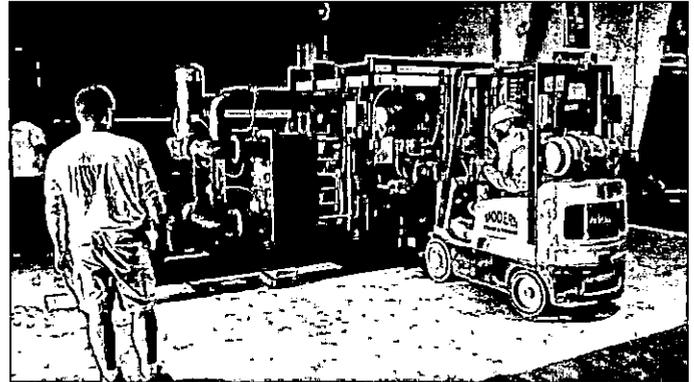
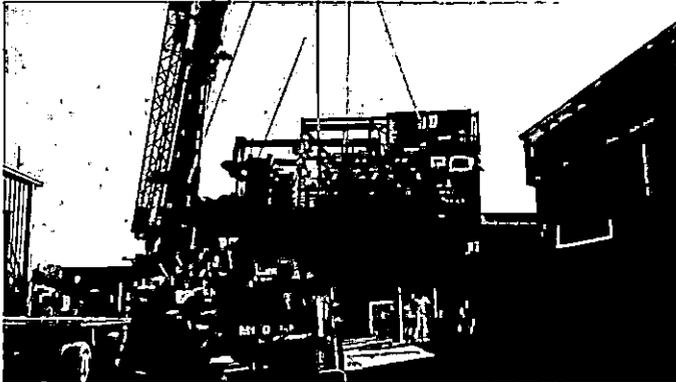
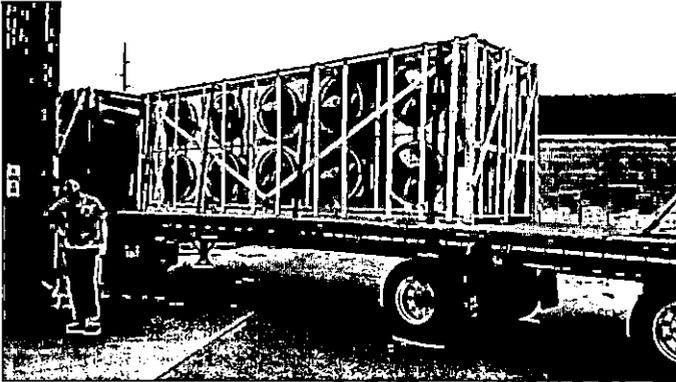
Top left: New Air cooled condensing units

Middle left: New Chiller air lifted to the arena doorway

Top Right: New Chiller being moved into place

Lower left: Lining up new unit to be installed in arena. This unit was made to fit into a double door area.

Lower right: Old unit from OMNI being loaded as it leaves the building

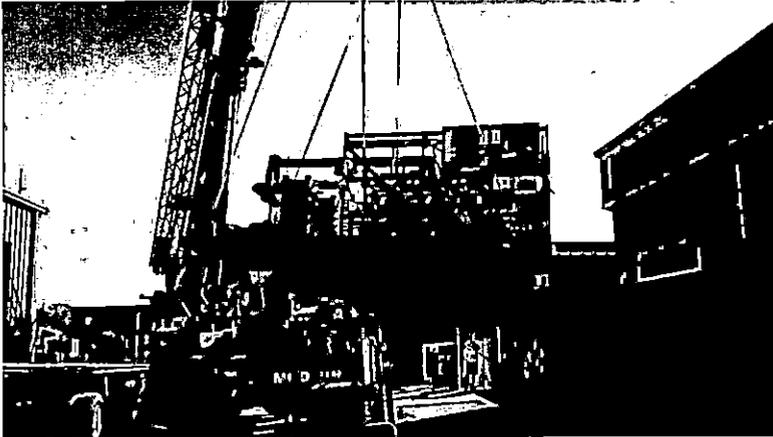




OMNI

2015

The Omni Center went through some major changes in 2015. The Facility was able to replace its aging Chiller with a new system in Arena #1. We were also able to replace the hockey boards and glass in Arena #1.



Building Modifications- Done by Olympic Builders and included creating a new Zamboni room with over-head service door, as well as installing an air quality monitor that detects leaks of Carbon Monoxide, Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen Monoxide, and Freon

Chiller- Chiller upgrade in Arena #1 allows for better ice management with the more efficient new system that changed from an r-22refrigerant to 407a refrigerant as well as doubling the capacity of the chiller from 50 tons to 100 tons

New Boards and new Glass for Arena #1 - Becker arena products replaced old system with spectator side six (6) foot "wide angle" glass and increased the height of glass passed the goal line to eight (8) feet

New carpet and painting of Banquet rooms, Floorcrafters replaced the carpeting and Clemmer painting

New Instantaneous Hot water heaters— Replaced two 20+ year old Gas Water Heaters

Replaced rubber flooring in arena hallways, Floorcrafters preformed the work.



Schedule Software- Upgraded to new Max Galaxy program which allowed for online scheduling and digital display at the Omni Center

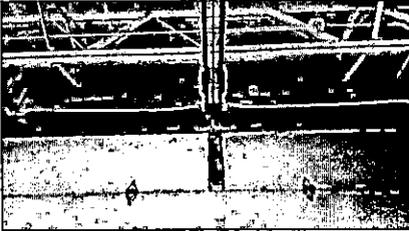




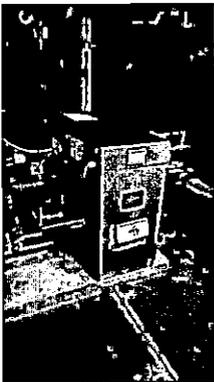
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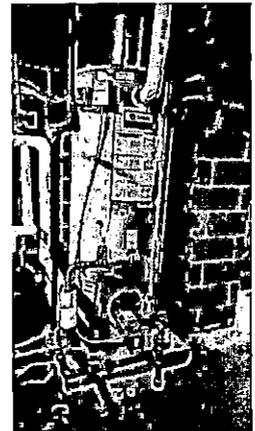
Door springs in City Halls Police garage. They were replaced by Overhead Door. Through continues maintenance overhead door springs in both the Police and Fire departments will be replaced over the coming years.



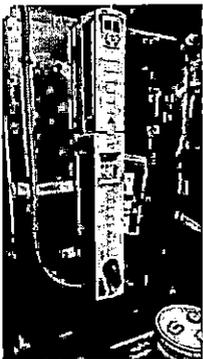
New high efficiency boiler at the Board of Public Works building. Replaced by Johnson Controls, replaces one that had a faulty heat exchanger. The high efficiency boiler will help cut fuel costs in the spring through the early winter. Being able to maintain buildings heating system with water not as warm.

New replacement water heater installed by Coulee region Mechanical at City Hall. Replaces one that had developed a leak.

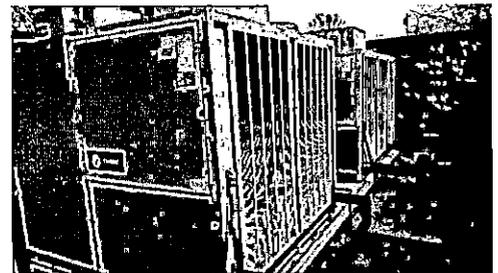
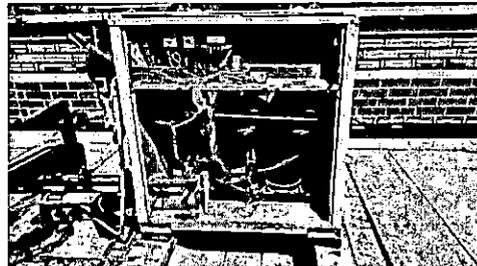
New A/C compressors in City Hall's unit that services the Fire Department. They were replaced by Winona Heat and Vent. System is a dual compressor unit and one side went out.



Replaced air handler seed drive. Work was performed by Winona Heat and Vent. Updated the system .



Replaced one of four compressors in the unit that serves the police and Fire Administration areas.



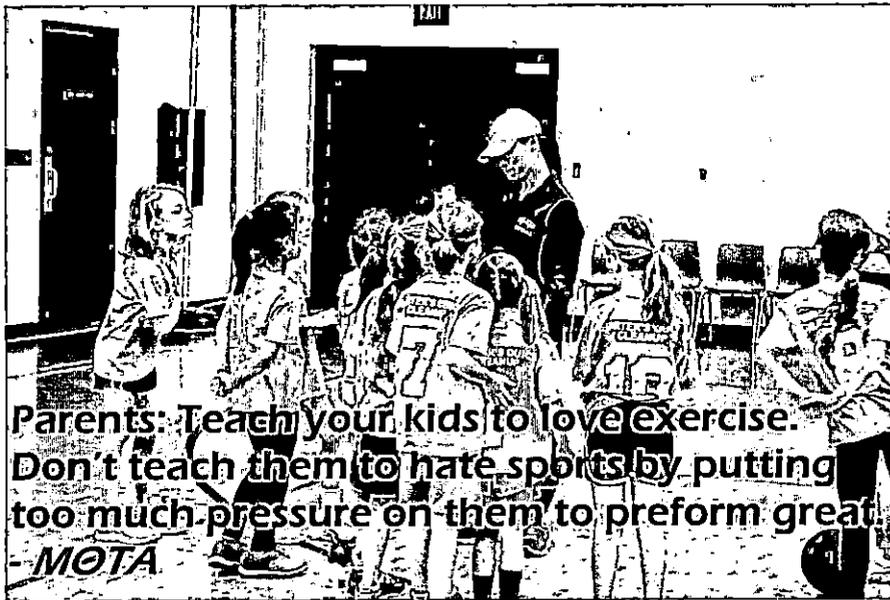


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BUDGET REPORT

EXPENSE	BUDGET	FISCAL	VARIANCE	PERCENT
PARKS	\$291,929	\$281,258	\$10,671	3.66%
RECREATION	\$390,163	\$268,858.31	\$21,305	5.46%
AQUATIC	\$175,778	\$169,917.47	\$5,860.53	3.33%
CITY HALL	\$166,132	\$151,892.59	\$14,239.41	8.57%
LIBRARY	\$90,894	\$86,751.78	\$4,142.22	4.55%
OMNI CENTER	\$628,221	\$604,709.05	\$23,511.95	3.74%

REVENUE	BUDGET	FISCAL	VARIANCE	PERCENT
REVENUE	\$186,418	\$202,927.31	\$16,509.31	108.86%
OMNI CENTER	\$617,826	\$600,509.03	(\$17,316.97)	(2.80%)

Eklund, Elizabeth

From: Joyce Cielecki <JCielecki@lacrossecounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 4:51 PM
To: Wick, Dan
Subject: Proposed Rain Garden at the Onalaska Community Center
Attachments: Onalaska Community Center Plan View.pdf

Hello Dan,

Since the fall of 2016, the La Crosse County Health Education Department implemented a program to connect people with nature in order to improve their health, as well as increase access to biodiverse landscapes in the urban environment. If you recall, at the end of 2015 we discussed the possibility of the La Crosse County Health Department installing a native plant rain garden at the Onalaska Community Center in order to increase biodiversity and help reduce stormwater runoff. I have been working with a Western Technical College student to design such a garden, and the design is attached for your review.

The Onalaska Community Center would be an ideal setting for such a garden. It is highly visible and located in an area of high traffic, it is close to the Onalaska Middle School so the students could use the garden as an educational tool to learn about native plants, and the building has gutters and downspouts to deliver rainwater to single location. The rain garden design was sized using the procedure outlined in the Wisconsin DNR's Rain Garden How-to Manual (See <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/shorelandzoning/documents/rgmanual.pdf>). The garden would be established using containerized plants (not seeds), planted in groups, and mulched so maintenance would be minimal. In order to accommodate the steeper slope on the north side of the garden, a small retaining wall would be also be constructed. The La Crosse County Health Education Department would pay for the garden installation, plants, and retaining wall with grant funds.

Please let me know if the City of Onalaska is interested in having the rain garden installed. If so, I would like to have input from the Park & Recreation staff, and I understand that the Park & Recreation Board would have to approve the plan as well.

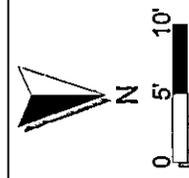
Thank you for considering my request!
Joyce

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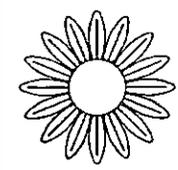
"Nature Connections" website: <http://www.getactivelacrosse.org/be-active/nature-connections/>

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**Onalaska Community Center
Rain Garden
Onalaska, WI**

3/4" = 10'
March
2016

Plant Legend							
Key	Botanical	Common	Qty	Key	Botanical	Common	Qty
AI	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Rose Milkweed	12	OC	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern	14
AN	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	11	PD	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	16
CV	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Brown Fox Sedge	23	PO	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Prairie Ninebark	5
EP	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Sweet Joe Pye Weed	11	RH	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Sweet Black Eyed Susan	27
HS	<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	Woodland Sunflower	8	SS	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium 'The Blues'</i>	Little Bluestem	22
HA	<i>Heuchera americana</i>	American Alumroot	21	SH	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	17
HP	<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	Shrubby St. John's Wort	8	VF	<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	Ironweed	13
IV	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blug Flag Iris	3				



Biesanz (Winona, MN)
limestone retaining wall.
Cap is flush with
sidewalk and top step.

