

**DATE:** October 13, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 10/2/2023 - 10/8/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- West Seattle Stadium – With football season under way at the stadium Alex Darang has stayed busy with painting and mowing the field. Also, we've taken this opportunity to train other staff in the process as well.



- Street Sweeper – We have started to street sweeper work and have it on rotation with SE and SC. These are photos of Nabor Salinas at Lincoln Park.



- Southpark CC – We ran a crew project last week in specific areas of the entrance and park. The field and community center are supposed to begin a renovation project soon.



- Gardeners Report (from Tim Pollin) - This past week Gardeners have spent lots of time at Nantes Park, major leak occurred that needed to be located. Mulching projects have continued at community centers to help jump start our crew projects.

#### Volunteer Projects:

A litter pick at Alki Beach happened on 10/06. It was a success, a group of about 35 volunteers from Eddie Bauer showed up. We provided litter sticks, buckets, and liners. They spent an afternoon picking litter at the beach.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Next week crew project at High Point Community Center

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Working closely with Tony Washington and the Heavy Equipment Crew to remove all materials from the bunker in Lincoln Park for the new pickle ball courts.

## **Southeast - District 2**

### Maintenance:

Genesee OLA CPTED Project - SE district staff continue to move north along 46th St and retaining wall to increase sidelines, light and air movement. Lifting oak tree canopy and reducing invasive weeds will help keep this area clear.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Community Center Shrub/Entrance Seasonal Clean-up
- Engineered Wood Fiber replenishment in play areas
- End of peak season ballfield renovation
- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos: Jason Aguirre, Jim Demetre, also SE Crew Anna Lindstrom, Nicholas Pines, Linh Nguyen and Jesse Arthur for outstanding work at Genesee OLA.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

## **Central East – District 3**

### Maintenance:

- Staff cut back snowberries and suckers at the top of Viretta Park.



• Edging, line trimming and leaf removal on the back side of Pratt Park.



• Blowing hard surfaces and leaf removal at Madrona Playground.



- Hard surface blowing at Al Larkins Park.



- Replacing board on backstop at Washington Park.



- Graffiti removal at Cal Anderson Park comfort station sign.



- Garbage removal that was left over from volunteer group at Cal Anderson.



**Northeast – District 4/5**

**Maintenance:**

- Prepping and painting 20 flag football fields at Magnuson Park for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gay Bowl Tournament.



- Weeding and spreading 60 yards of mulching at (JLS) Junior League of Seattle play area at Magnuson Park.



- Spreading 50 yards of mulching at Hubbard Homestead.





- Remy Shannon removing blackberry at University Park.



- This week our route staff worked on leaf management throughout NE District.

Before





After



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Removing paint from synthetic fields at Magnuson after Gay Bowl
- Turf renovation at Gasworks Park (weather dependent)
- Start to edge Ravenna BLVD.
- Continue Blowing and picking up leaves of Ravenna Blvd

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week go to Jeff Nailer and his staff from the Survey Crew, NE Staff, and SE, CW staff who painted all the fields at Magnuson for the Gay Bowl XXIII.

**Northwest – District 6** – no report

**Central West/Downtown – District 7** - no report

**District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Waterway Park
- SE - Rainier CC
- CE – North end of Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Albert Davis Park
- Needles: 0

**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- Michael Yadrick led the Natural Area Crew staff in a training on medicinal uses of native plants at Seward Park's Magnificent Forest. This is part of Michael's work.



- The pop-up GSP nursery is looking good! Eric Sterner has been working hard to prepare delivery information, Jay Nelson has been working hard to consider operations, and the crew is ready to begin deliveries this coming week. Big effort all around!



- Michael supported Jocelyn, Lee, and Carrie from partner organization Heron's Nest with a site visit to consider planting season priorities in the West Duwamish Greenbelt.



#### Upcoming Events:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4. Complete event details can be found at [www.seattleforestweek.org](http://www.seattleforestweek.org). A mayoral proclamation and invites for SPR and City leadership will be finalized in early October.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- Michael Yadrick presented at the PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference in Tacoma on climate adaptation for forested natural areas.



- Lisa participated in a retreat hosted by Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Urban Forestry and Urban Heat Accelerator Team, a group of Seattle staff and partners participating with the Center for Regenerative Solutions: Urban Nature-Based Climate Solutions Accelerator program - <https://naturebasedclimate.solutions/accelerator-resources>.
- Green Seattle Partnership hosted a workshop for 40+ participants at Daybreak Star on Saturday 10/8, [A Conversation with Indigenous-lead Organizations on Restoration Efforts](#). The group of Forest Stewards, partner organization staff, and other participants heard from Shameka Gagnier and Shanoa Pinkham about their work restoring community connections to the forest at Daybreak Star and listened to other Indigenous leaders on the value and approach to land care.



## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

Cleared area at Lincoln Park for new pickleball courts.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Demo Madrona Ravine house
- Clean green
- Chips citywide

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- The autumn is here and the rain is back . This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- South Lake Union aeration and over seeding with the Ventrac tractor. The Turf Crew spread grass seeds and lime to change the ph. of the soil.





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Nantes Park hydro seeding
- South Lake Union turf renovations assisting CW district. Aerating, overseeding, lime and fertilize.
- Volunteer Park turf renovation
- Hubbard Homestead Park renovation Hydro seeding
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.

- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 9; Failure Cleanups: 8; Prunes: 7; Snag creation: 9; Stump grind: 3
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 319
  - Level 2 inspections: 16
  - Level 3 inspections: 1
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 382 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Number of Parks inspected and serviced: 34
- Work orders – Finished this week: 12; Open: 907; Average days open: 461
- Dead tree removals at Mineral Spring Park - With the window of dry weather last week, the tree crew focused on removing some dead trees in the disc golf course area.



- District and Tree Crew collaborations - A couple of tag-team work: Tony Eggink, Michael Passalaqua and Michael Keodoungsy supported District with chipping up brush from clearance prunes at Colman Park. Also, kudos to Jeff Westling for a fantastic job in cleaning up a tree on trail in Discovery Park.



- Kudos to Jeff Westling for cleaning up this tree on a trail in Discovery Park so promptly and the trail was all cleaned up nicely. Great work!



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

PNW ISA Conference - Mark Malone, Miles Anderson, Josh Gilbert and Joe Perdue attended the PNW ISA Conference in Tacoma. It was a 2-day event of presentations and updates in the regional tree care industry. From left to right, the Team of Mark Malone, Miles Anderson, Josh Gilber and Joe Perdue.



## Trails Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Washington Park Arboretum @ Foster Island - The crew repaired a large sink hole that was about 8' long and 4' deep that was caused by the waves/ wake of the boats passing by. It took about 1 yard of 4-6" cobble stone and ½ yard of wood chips to resurface the trail tread.



- Westcrest Park Natural Area - The crew continued doing trail maintenance getting the path back to the 4' standard width and brushing back the trail corridor. We accomplished 813 linear feet of trail maintenance and produced 5 yards of debris.







- Longfellow Creek @ Dragonfly Park - The crew replaced a box step that was reported through the "Find It Fix It" App.



#### Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

Conservation Corps on Cheasty Blvd - The Conservation Corps were hired to prep and resurface 4,060' of the Cheasty Blvd Trail. This week they finished another 1000 feet bringing their total to about 2700 feet.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer work party with Project Parks and REI - We're prepping a work party for 20 volunteers at the Magnuson Park Wetland Trail on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be resurfacing the trail and doing some trail pruning.
- Volunteer Work Party at Greg Davis Park with Vibhuti - We began to prep for our work party at Greg Davis on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks, we are waiting on the set up of our subscription for our mapping system.
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- Planting at the Cambridge St entrance of Fautleroy Park for SPU.
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#### **Landscape Crew**

##### Maintenance/Projects:

This week the Crew was at Hubbard Homestead placing down over 45 yards of topsoil and 10 yards of mulch.

At the beginning of the week



Heavy Crew always showing up for us!



Rolling it out so we can have Turf Crew hydroseed.



Completed. Great job team! Ready for the next phase of this project.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Planting at the Conservatory
- Planting at Julia Lee Park
- Planting at Garfield Community Center

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you, Heavy Equipment, for all the support with Hubbard Homestead.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- Park Rangers Samica Thomas and Ramsey Fola-Niumata provide a safe enjoyable park experience for park visitors at Freeway Park Association's Fall Festival on Oct 6th.



- Park Ranger Sandra Wilcox at Denny Park with Community Service Officers and Nordstrom Volunteers planting hundreds of Daffodils.



- Park Ranger Sandra Wilcox snapped this picture of a park-goer at Cal Anderson Park preparing his narcotics just before she interrupted him.



- Sandra Wilcox submitted this picture of the vigil and protest at Town Hall after the commencement of the Hamas/Israeli War



- Park Ranger Lonnie Alexander taking a break to dance with park worker.



- Ranger Ramsey Fola-Niumata playing football with kids in the park.



- Ranger Alysse Daniels and Ranger Sandra Wilcox at the Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration at Westlake on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s) at N 120th St from Meridian - Ashworth Ave N.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 17th Ave NW, 24th Ave NW & Shilshole Ave NW Vicinity, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th Ave & Yesler Way Vicinity, 6th-7th & Cherry, 8th Ave NW & NW 46th St Vicinity, Ballard Library, Bergen Place Park, Broadway Hill Park, Cal Anderson Park, Dearborn Vicinity, Dr. Blanch Lavizzo Park, Hing Hay Park, Lake City Community Center, Lake City Mini Park, Occidental Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Ravenna Park, S Weller & 12th Ave S, Tashkent Park, University Playground, Virgil Flaim Park, Western Ave from Columbia - Yesler.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 1130 NW 54th St, 1154 Elliott Ave West, 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St Vicinity, 1400 W Nickerson St, 14th Ave W & West Garfield St, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, 2318 N 92nd St, 3rd & Yesler, 6697 Weedin Pl NE, 6th-7th & Cherry, 8th Ave NW & NW 43rd St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 940 NW 49th St, Alleyway btwn Cherry/James, Ballard Leary Triangle, Bergen Place Park, Broadway Hill Park, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW,

Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th St. to NW 43rd St, Children's Park, City Hall Park, Dearborn Vicinity, Dr Blanche Lavizzo Park, Fire House Alley, Gilman Playground, Hing Hay Park, Interurban Trail from N 128th St - 125th St, Jackson Golf Course, Jackson Golf Trail, Kinnear Park, Lake City Mini Park, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th - 83rd St, Mercer St from 2nd - Warren Ave N, Meridian Playground, N 87th St from Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 47th St & 7th, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 64th St & 8th Ave NE, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 54th St. & 28th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, Occidental Square, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna Park (Under Bridge), Ravenna Park, Roy St from 9th - 8th Ave N, Seaview Ave NW & 37th Pl NW Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, Stone Pond / Puetz Golf, Thornton Creek Drainage, Virgil Flaim Park.

- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 124 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 44,100 lbs of debris was removed this week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 364

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity



Burke Gilman Trail from NW 45th - 43rd St



Kinnear Park



**MDAR:** N 120th St from Meridian - Ashworth Ave N





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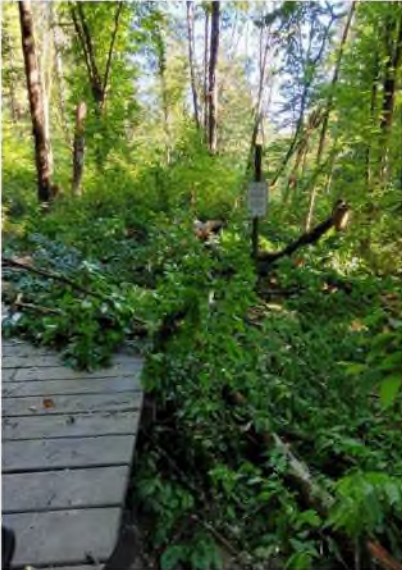
**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Camp Long – A lot of trail work has been done at Camp Long in the last few weeks. We've had big branches and trees come down. Maintenance staff there was able to cut and remove all debris from trails.



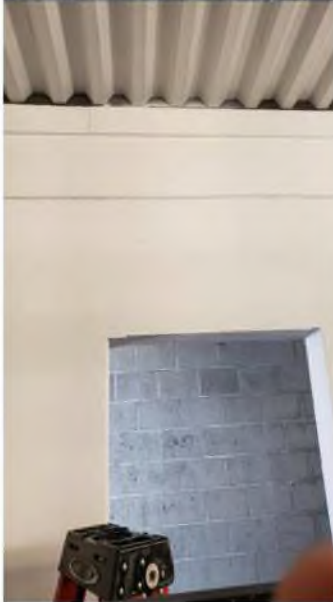
- Cormorant Cove – Swing shift has continued to help out by taking on smaller projects such as mowing, line trimming, and blowing. They worked in two staff team to mow and line trim Cormorant Cove.







- IMW Work – Rudy continues to provide before and after photos of the completed tasks daily.



- Gardeners Report (from Tim Pollin) - This week the crew helped clear out our clean green and mulch drop area at Lincoln Park so that a pickleball ball court can take its place. Steve then spent a few days at Nantes Park. Here the turf and shrub beds were torn up to install a new walkway through the park and they both needed restoration. We have coordinated with the turf crew to come and hydroseed the turf areas early next week. Steve also took this opportunity to plant some new shrubs in around the rainbow sign and stone pillar. There are before and after pictures of this. Later in the week we went down to Alki Playfield comfort station, repaired the irrigation zone surrounding it, and packed it full of perennials. I don't have before pictures, but these beds were completely empty (except for weeds). We mulched there as well. On Friday we both met with Justin from the Landscape crew to create a detailed plan for the upcoming enhancement project at Alki Beach 57<sup>th</sup> St. comfort station.



#### Incidents:

- 10/15/23 we had a vehicle accident near Alki Beach. A staff member hit a parked vehicle while driving the Herc rental truck used for restroom cleaning.
- 10/16/23 at Lincoln Park there was a protester at the site where the pickle ball courts are being placed. Security came and made contact.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Next week crew project at High Point Community Center
- Upcoming Eagle Scout volunteer project, site and date TBD

**Southeast - District 2** – no report

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

**Maintenance:**

- Leaf Removal at Hyde Place



- Leaf Removal at Madrona Parking Lot



- Suckers removed at Montlake Playfield



- Leaf removal at front of Garfield C.C.



- Fence installation at Cal Anderson



- Leaf removal at Rogers Playground



**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Crew project at Cowen Park, trimming back hedge along sidewalk.





- More tree pruning and mulching at Magnuson Playground



- Picking up apples for pest management at Meridian Playground



- Leaf management throughout the district



- Cracking Tower gate repairs at Gas Works Park



Incidents:

- Off-roading at Virgil Flame



- Phone lost inside picnic table, recovered by Jon Tiemeyer





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Leaf management and mulching throughout district
- Crew project at Hubbard Homestead, continued
- Turf renovation project at Gas Works Park

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to James Hinson, Chuck Nakamura, and Dylan Roberge for jumping in on a moments notice and helping to spruce up the synthetic field lines during the Gay Bowl.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Due to heavy rains the crew concentrated on clearing drains, removing downed limbs, and monitoring flood areas this past week.
- The district received a message from King County Public Health that Green Lake Park had toxic algae present in the lake. We printed and postage signage throughout the park mainly concentrating on water access points and the beaches.



- The district performed tree pruning outside its facility at Densmore. This was performed to provide clearance from low-hanging branches along the adjacent sidewalk.



- The Northwest crew attended the first class in the Foundations of Change series.

#### Incidents:

A break-in and theft occurred on Monday and Tuesday mornings at the Densmore HQ. Multiple items were stolen. We have locked down the facility due to the thefts. A police report, Incident Report, and Loss of Assets report were submitted.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Collaborating with Woodland Park Zoo on a project to clean along the Aurora Ave. fence line and street. Work is planned for a future fall date.
- Cyclocross event prep: A large cyclocross event will be occurring at Woodland Park. Our leadership teams are meeting with event organizers to prep any needed maintenance for the event as well as preparing a restoration plan following the event.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS: John McKinney's time as OOC Crew Chief has expired. He is moving on into another role with a different district. John stepped up brilliantly while he was performing the duties. His "can do, positive" attitude reflected well on all he led. He grew tremendously during his time as OOC Crew Chief. The entire district thanks him for his work, leadership, and positive energy. He will be missed.

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- LEAVES! LEAVES! LEAVES!

Union Square



Mayfair Park





Denny Park



- Mulching! Mulching! Mulching! 😊 Nourishing the soil with the leaves at City Hall Park.



- Cleaning hard surfaces, trying to prevent things from being slippery!
- To mitigate falling tree limbs during high winds, staff set up caution tape at Occidental Park.



Incidents:

Some falling tree branches needed to be mitigated at Occidental Park. Public Safety!

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will begin removing leaves from Queen Anne Boulevard, BIG job!
- Large Volunteer Project at Freeway Park Saturday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you again to all our seasonals, who added much needed support and man power to our district! We appreciate having you here, and hope we can see you again next year, or in the near future! Best Wishes!
- Thank you to our Sr Leads Paul, Drew and Jeff for doing an amazing job supporting our teams, and keeping our work environment, tools, trucks and supplies good and ready for us! And for supporting good communication and a positive atmosphere. Much Appreciated!

### District Encampments

- SW - Duwamish Waterway Park
- SE - Rainier CC
- CE – North end of Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Albert Davis Park
- NW – Gilman Park, Fremont Canal, Ross Park, Woodland Park, specifically, a re-occurring site located in the gravel parking lot off 50<sup>th</sup> Street.

Needles: 0

## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- The Natural Area Crew, including Rodrick and Jay shown below, have transitioned from receiving plants at the West Duwamish nursery to delivering plants citywide. Deliveries include new signs, tools, and a general site check. This is a big operation and the crew deserves much appreciation for the effort and customer service they are providing to GSP partner organizations and Forest Stewards.



- The Natural Area Crew also did a site visit at Woodland Park.



- Lisa met with partner organization Futures Rising to develop a work plan and community engagement opportunities at Frink Park in coordination with a current Forest Steward.

Volunteer Projects:

Eric met with the Forest Steward group at the Mountaineers Building at Magnuson Park to transition leadership as one of the Forest Stewards retires from the program.



Upcoming Events:

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**Heavy Equipment Crew** – no report

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- The autumn is here and the rain is back . This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- South Lake Union top dressing : This week 8 yards of top dressing turf to cover grass seeds. Thanks to Terry Masterjohn district CW the truck driver Keith for the soil delivery. Heavy for the transport of top dresser from Jefferson Golf after Roy's repair.





- South Lake Union the following week after Lime, Aeration and Top dressing



- The Turf crew assist in helping with NAC project Hubbard Homestead Park with Hydro Seeding .





#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer Park turf renovation
- Nantes Park hydro seeding
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 16; Failure Cleanups: 3; Prunes: 19; Snag creation: 3; Trees delivered: 135
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 102
  - Level 2 inspections: 10
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 152 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 5; Open: 900; Average days open: 461
- Tree deliveries - Urban Forestry team received our first batch of young trees from Urban Forest Nursery. Thanks to Heavy team, Tony Washington and Tyree Lee for their support in clearing up space in Cheasty Yard to house these baby trees. A big shoutout to Emily Hanson (Arboriculturist), Zach Pollard (Tree trimmer), Micheal Keodoungsy (Maintenance Laborer) and Isabel Jimenez (OOC Gardener) for spending the day moving these young trees. More trees to come in the next couple of weeks and we're glad to also have support from Trails and SCC for helping with moving trees.



- Updates on tree maintenance work - The crew worked on cleaning up tree failures and clearance prunes at Hing Hay Park for security. The crew also focused on removing several major dead trees at Mineral Springs Park and Bryant Neighborhood Playground.
- Kudos to CW District and Dispatch - Shout out to Terry Masterjohn (Crew Chief) and crew for a very prompt clean up of a downed tree in Discover Park, blocking the road at Illinois Avenue and Texas way on Sunday morning. Also, thanks to Dispatcher, Mario Robertson, for coordinating crew dispatch and updating about the progress of this clean up. Great teamwork!
- Mark Rawlins and Miles Anderson worked on clearing a 36" diameter downed tree on trail in Discovery Park. The tree was probably at least 125 years old before it failed!



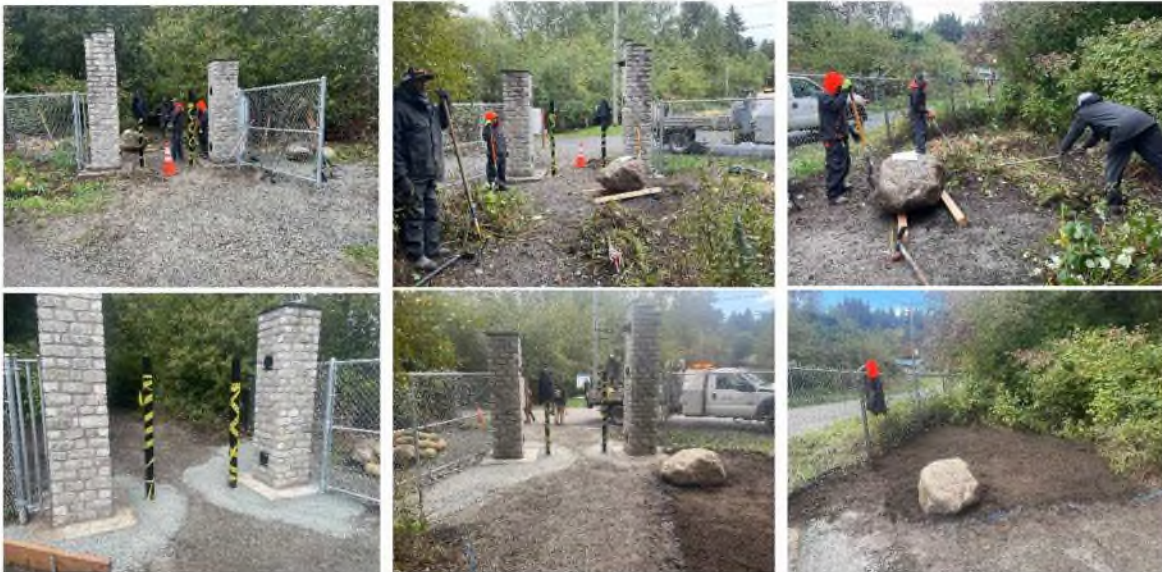
Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- Thank you, Isabel Jimenez! - Isabel wrapped up her rotation for the Gardener's Apprenticeship Program with Urban Forestry last week. Isabel was a wonderful addition to our team. Being very diligent, open to learning and collaborative, she provided much support to the work of the tree crew and tree planting crew. We're very glad to have her!

**Trails Crew**

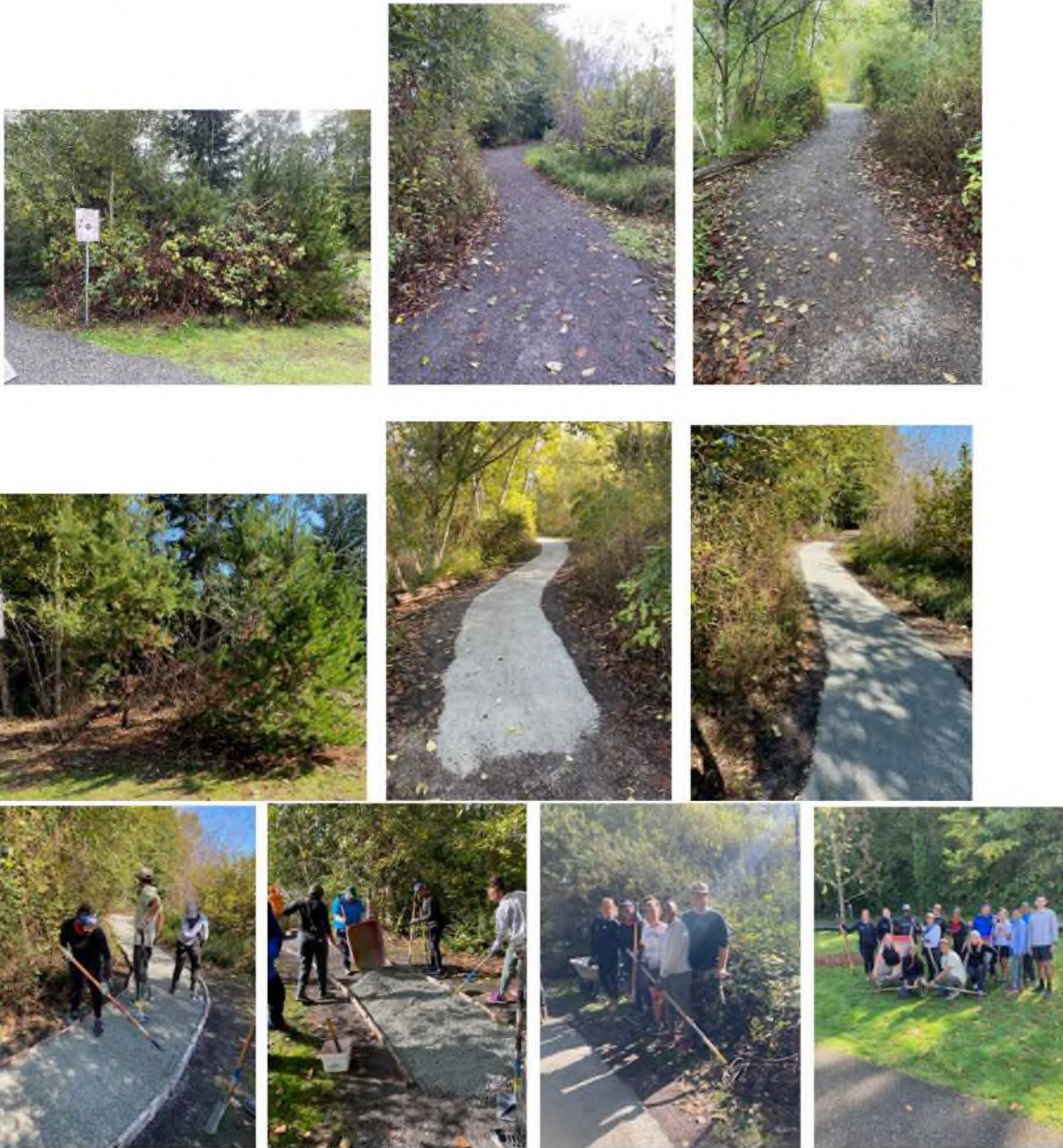
Maintenance/Projects:

Camp Long- Brandon St. gate entry - The crew worked on the new Brandon St. gate entry at Camp Long. We had to do a lot of grading/ leveling to match the desired finish grade to accommodate a new ADA viewing spot with signage, shed water, and compliment the new columns. We also grubbed 300 square feet of planting bed to remove invasives and prep for a new planting that we will be installing after the trail work is done. We are waiting for our inspection to be done before we go back to finish.



### Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

- Conservation Corps on Cheasty Blvd - The Conservation Corps were hired to prep and resurface 4,060' of the Cheasty Blvd Trail. This week they finished another 900 feet, bringing their total to about 3600 feet. They are nearing the end and will be starting phase 2 when completed.
- Magnuson Park Wetlands Trail - The crew worked with Parks Project and REI to continue the trail maintenance at the wetlands Trail. They grubbed, leveled, and resurfaced 150 feet of trail using 3 yards of crushed rock. They removed 550 square feet of blackberry creating 2.5 yards of debris.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer Work Party at Greg Davis Park with Vibhuti. We began to prep for our work party at Greg Davis on October 28th.
- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks, we are waiting on the set up of our subscription for our mapping system.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.

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- Planting at the Cambridge St entrance of Fautleroy Park for SPU.
- Causeway on Cheasty Blvd pending approval from Eduardo Aban.
- We will be taking a trip to Washington Rock to get some special rock/ gravel to use at Carkeek Park to help with the Beaver damage to the trail.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to Tony and Sara from the Heavy Crew for the gravel delivery for our volunteer event.

**Landscape Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- The Landscape Crew was busy as usual throughout Seattle.
- At E.C. Hughes Park staff worked on pruning plants and layed down 8 yards of mulch.



- At Green Lake Bathhouse parking lot the crew placed 5 yards of topsoil down and seeding this newly renovated site.



- At Hubbard Homestead Park the crew placed down 50 yards of chips and installed tree rings.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Jefferson Park
- Cal Anderson Playground

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A huge thank you to NE District Truck Driver Bernard McMorris for helping us move over 50 yards of chips at Hubbard!



**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- Senior Park Ranger Jordan Sorensen and Park Ranger Samica Thomas give a MOAB presentation at the weekly Park Ranger Meeting last Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.



- Senior Park Ranger Jordan Sorensen snapped the picture below of protesters preparing for event at Cal Anderson Park, Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, a day declared as a DAY of RAGE by HAMAS Terror Group and coincidentally a day the City of Seattle planned to reclaim the BLM Garden. Sorensen reported, "Park Rangers monitored a protest at Cal Anderson Park on 10/13 and 10/14. Rangers documented extensive graffiti damage to the shelter house and witnessed a large group of people smoking drugs under a canopy. Some of the graffiti called for the killing of city employees. Due to the large crowd and a hostile confrontation, Rangers were unable to safely enter the park. Encampment activity also increased on the north end of the park which was referred to the UCT."





- Pictures Above taken by Park Ranger Sandra Wilcox of new graffiti at Cal Anderson Park as seen on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.



- Ranger Sandra Wilcox took a pic of this man, who is without housing, organizing his personal belongings on the city sidewalk at Westlake Park.



- Pictured below during the Hing Hay Community Clean-Up, from left to right, Park Ranger Lane Byers, and new Out-Of-Class Trainee Keenan Prendergast on duty at the event.



- Rangers Samica Thomas and Jorden Sorensen on duty at Freeway Park. The picture was taken by Ranger Lane Byers who reported, "On Oct. 13th, Park Rangers Sorensen, Thomas, and Byers provided security for the park patrons at Freeway Park, who were enjoying a viewing of the hit movie "Tremors". There were chills and thrills to be had by all in attendance!"



- Park Rangers from left to right Alyse Daniels, Martin Lopez, Tiara Skinner and April Winfrey (an out-of-class trainee) pictured with the Cal Anderson grounds crew on one of the days of the Black Lives Matter Protest.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s) at Mary Ave NW from NW 85th - 83rd St & N 84th St from Stone - Aurora Ave N.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 10th & King St, 10th & Lane St, 13th & Lane St, 2nd Ave & Bell St, 2nd Ave from Blanchard - Lenora St, 3rd & Cherry/James Vicinity, 4th Ave & Washington Vicinity, 4th Ave & Yesler Way Vicinity, 6th-7th & Cherry, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Commons Park, Ballard Library, Bitter Lake Reservoir Park, Blanche Lavizzo Park, Cal Anderson Park, City Hall Park, Hing Hay Park, Lake City Community Center, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NW 85th St from 3rd - 6th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & 14th Ave NW, Pioneer Square Pergola, University Playground, Victory Creek Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St Vicinity, 1515 8th Ave, 1523 W Garfield St, 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, 2318 N 92nd St, 2924 Franklin Ave E, 403 E Harrison St, 4th Ave & Roy, 9117 1st Ave NE, Albert Davis Park, Ballard & 11th Vicinity, Ballard Leary Triangle, Ballard Library, Burke Gilman Trail from NW 45th - 43rd St, Burke Gilman Trail from NW Bowdoin Place to NW 39th St, Children's Park, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park, Fairview Ave E from Furhman Ave E to E Allison St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St Vicinity, Fire House Alley Vicinity, Hing Hay Park, Judge Charles Stokes, Kinnear Park, Lake City Mini Park, Mercer St from 2nd - Warren Ave N, N 84th St from Stone Ave N to Aurora Ave N, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 53rd St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way from NW Ballard Way from 14th - 15th Ave NW, Occidental Park, P&R on the corner of Eastlake & Allison, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna Park, Roy St & Minor Ave N, Roy St from 9th - 8th Ave N, S Washington St Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, Stone Pond / Puetz Golf, Virgil Flaim Park.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 118 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

Over 27,420 lbs of debris was removed this week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 201

### Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

2924 Franklin Ave E



Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St



403 E Harrison St



MDAR: N 84th St from Stone Ave-Aurora Ave N



**DATE:** October 27, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 10/16/2023 - 10/22/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- 38<sup>th</sup> & Oregon Triangle – Most of the grounds maintenance work getting done involves leaves and mulching leaves. At this triangle staff worked to stage leaves in an area to be mulched by the mower operator.



- Ercolini – It’s hard to tell from these pictures, but what staff did was blow the leaves off the pathway and sidewalk at this park into the turf area. They then mulched up the leaves.



- Highland Park – This is just an example of how we will be retaining leaves in our parks.



- Gardeners Report (from Tim Pollin) - Monday Steve worked with Albert to help clean up a huge amount of brush here at Lincoln down on the waterfront. He also visited Charles Richey VP for some routine maintenance. Tuesday, we did some weeding and planting around the rainbow sign at Hamilton viewpoint, then Steve and Claire spent a day pruning in the park. Thursday and Friday Steve and I weeded the lower bed next to parking lot and planted a bunch more perennials there. We also took care of a fallen tree across the path at Fautleroy Ravine.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Upcoming Eagle Scout volunteer project, site and date TBD
- Volunteer Beach Clean-up at Alki Beach 11/4
- Leaf team has started, hitting major leaf sites. Pictures coming next week.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Jesse Bonn has started as the Crew Chief here in SW and has proven to be a great fit already. The crew is excited to have him join the team and we are looking forward to doing great work with him!

**Southeast - District 2** – no report

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Flowers planted for the winter at Langston Hughes



- Leaf Removal at Leschi Park



- Leaf Removal at Spruce Mini Park



- Leaf Removal at Hyde Place



- Graffiti Removal at Madison Beach



- Leaf Removal at Miller C.C. Parking Lot





- Graffiti Removal at Williams Park



**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- A crew project was completed at Hubbard Homestead that focused on spreading 60+ yards of mulch over recently cleared areas.





- Staff worked on pruning back overgrown dogwood at Bryant Park.





- Staff worked on digging up and resetting broken irrigation boxes.



- Leaf management was a priority throughout the district – staging and mulching, utilizing the Buffalo Blower.





- Bernard McMorris teamed up with the Turf Crew to top dress the turf at Gas Works Park.

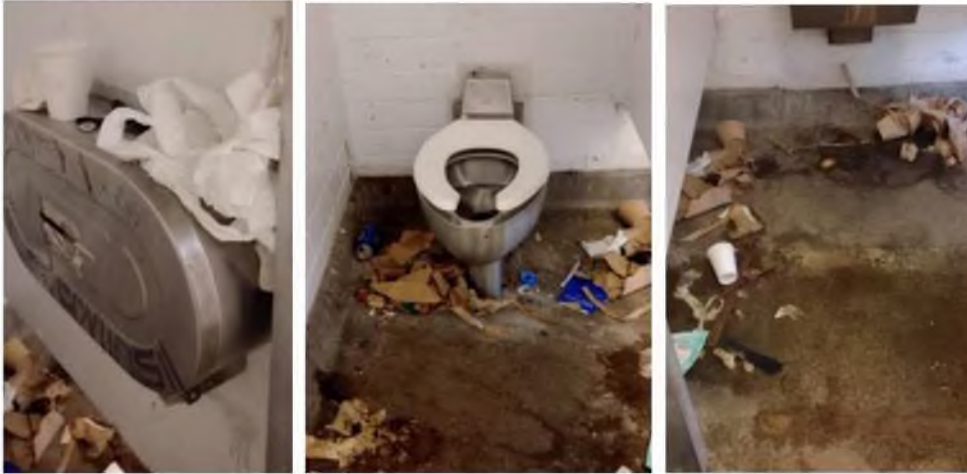


Incidents:

- The chain closing off a road at Magnuson Park has been repeatedly vandalized and repaired.



- Continued vandalism at University Park restroom



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Leaf management and mulching throughout district
- Tree mulching throughout district
- Synthetic turf equipment training at Magnuson
- Flagger training

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to the Jackson Park Golf Course Crew for equipment support and Art Ortega and Art Phoenix for helping us top dress the turf at Gas Works Park.



**Northwest – District 6** – no report

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

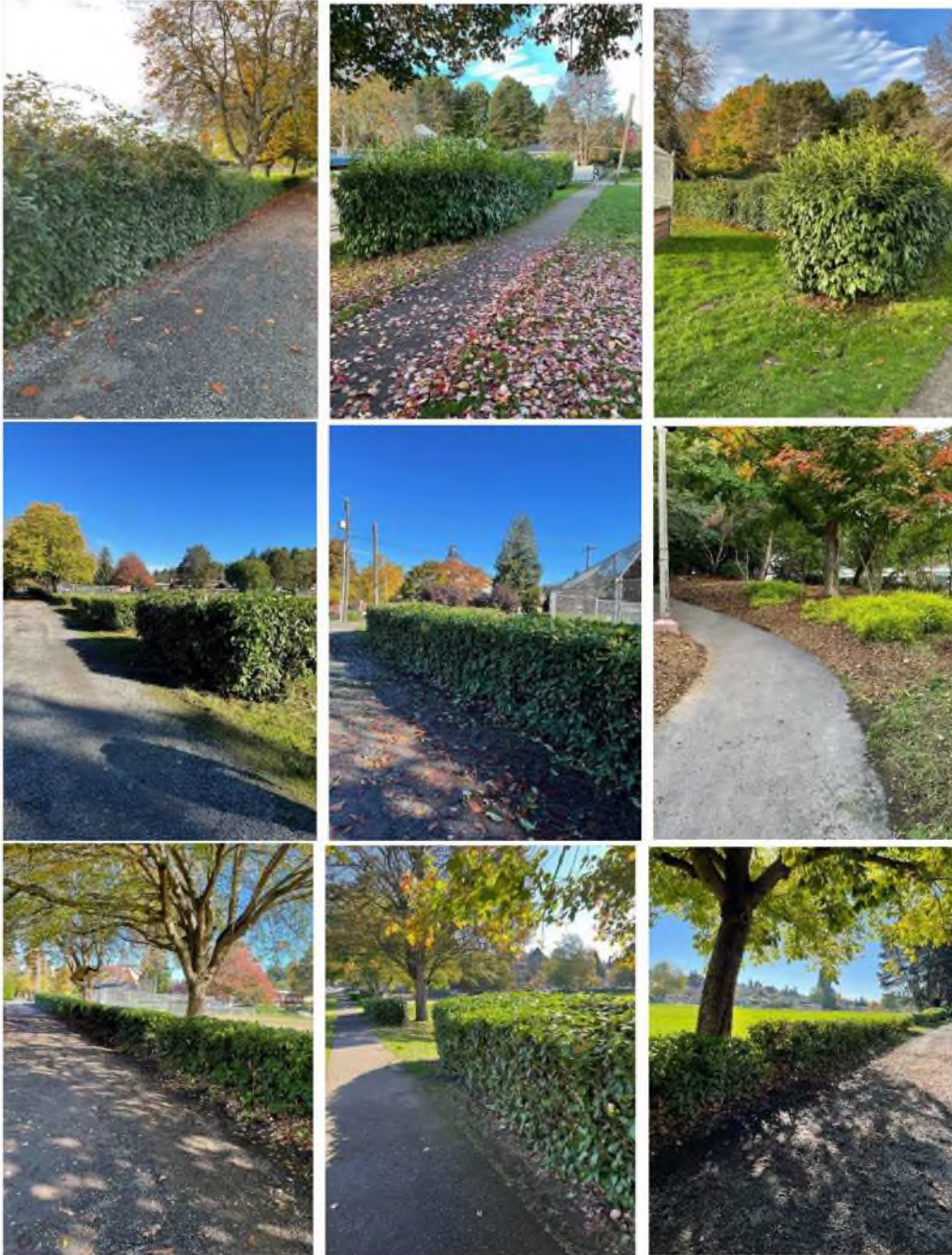
- Staff gathered oak leaves from City Hall Park, deposited them at the Interbay Pea Patch for reuse.



- Crew Project at Kobe Terrace, keeping Pine trees healthy and cleared with fresh mulching.



- Crew Project hedging the large Laurels at West Magnolia Playfield North.



### **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Waterway Park
- CE – North end of Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini
- DT/CW – Lower Kinnear
- Arboretum – Foster Island, under 520

Needles: 0

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- The Ecology Team was excited to welcome Superintendent Diaz to Carkeek Park to take a walk in the forest, talk about ecology (eat some licorice fern), and visit the Carkeek beavers.



- Michael Yadrick is leading work supported by consultant Haven Ecology just south of Interbay Golf. The team got out for a site visit together last week to consider project design and implementation.



- Matthew Hilliard, Ynhi Phan, and Melonae Hill attended the NRPA Conference in Dallas.



#### Volunteer Projects:

- Matthew Hilliard and Rodrick Nicholas supported the annual Duwamish Alive! event at Herring's House on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.





- Eric Sterner coordinated a site visit with long-time Forest Stewards at Llandover Woods. Amir Williams and David Han joined to provide trail management information. Vine maple fall color was on display.



- Volunteers enjoying a fall work party with Friends of Discovery Park.



#### Upcoming Events:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4. Complete event details can be found at [www.seattleforestweek.org](http://www.seattleforestweek.org). A mayoral proclamation, press release, and invites for SPR and City leadership are underway.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Kudos to Rodrick Nicholas for completing his OOC Gardener role with the Natural Area Crew. Rodrick was enthusiastic learner and lovely teammate!
- Kudos to Stephanie Shelton for supporting us with science and creativity. For example, we appreciate her knowledge and creativity with the fish rock fix at Carkeek.
- Kudos to Keri Frattini for her continued help with nursery coordination and recent support on an IPM issue with red huckleberry from an external nursery.

## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

Clean green & chips



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Autumn is here and the rain is back. This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- Nantes Park: SW District has been restoring the park with plants and pruning. The Turf crew assisted with a hydro seed application covering 3500 square ft.

Before





After



- Gas Works Top Dressing: NE district is restoring the turf. The Turf Crew aerated the turf and seeded it. Next week will finish up the top dressing.





#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer Park turf renovation
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 16; Failure Cleanups: 4; Prunes: 2; Snag creation: 1; Trees delivered: 156
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 43
  - Level 2 inspections: 2
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 68 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 3; Open: 899; Average days open: 452
- Robby Dohrn, Lead Tree trimmer, climbed for clearance and cleanup work at Woodland Park.



- Robby Dohrn felled a tree in Carkeek Park, with a sophisticated rigging system set up.



- Robby Dohrn lead the felling of this dead Hemlock tree in Bryant Neighborhood Park.



- At Ravenna Boulevard, Mark Rawlins in the Squirt took down this dead sooty bark tree in 4ft chunks and dropped them into Heavy's truck for disposal at the transfer station. Tony Eggink on site, supervising the operation of this work. The bike lane had to be closed for this work.



- The tree crew was supported by the Heavy team to remove dead trees from sooty bark disease at Ravenna Boulevard. Tommy Ennest provided ground support while Mark Rawlins was cutting. Marcus Lane and Tyree Lee from the Heavy Team operated the trucks for this work.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- Sooty bark tree removal at Ravenna Boulevard - Shout-out to Heavy Team, Tony Washington, Lance Myers, Marcus Lane, Tyree Lee, Calvin Washington, Sara Douvia, for supporting the tree crew in the wood disposal of these trees. Also, kudos to the tree crew for working on the 2 days of removals, Tony Eggink, Mark Rawlins and Tommy Ennest.
- Tree Deliveries - More baby trees arrived earlier last week at Cheasty Yard and in Hort and we received a total of 156 trees. Kudos to Amir Williams and the Trails crew in supporting with receiving and moving the new trees, also to Heavy Team for helping with clearing out more space in Cheasty for storage of these new trees. We also contracted a couple hours of staff and equipment from SCC to support in receiving a load of trees at Cheasty Yard – thanks to SCC for the continued support and collaboration.
- Urban Forestry IDT and Urban Forestry Commission meeting - The annual Urban Forestry IDT and Urban Forestry Commission meeting took place last Wednesday at the Seattle Municipal Tower. Folks from the various city departments and members of the public met to discuss updates and status of the urban forest in the city. SPR represented by Jamie Lim, provided updates on Park's urban forestry current health and conditions. A shout-out to Lisa Ciecko and Michael Yadrick for providing information on GSP work, climate adaptation and forest restoration as part of Parks' updates in the meeting.

## **Trails Crew**

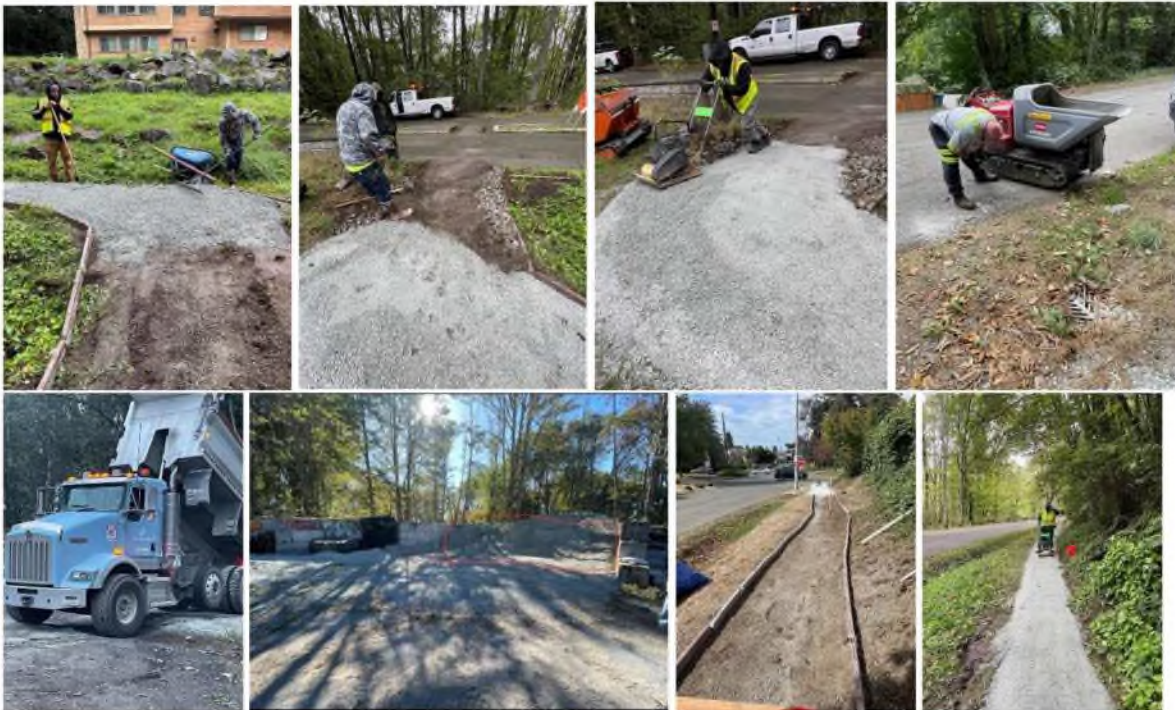
### Maintenance/Projects:

Camp Long- Brandon St gate entry - Crew continued to work on the entry of Camp Long grading and surfacing the trail.



### Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

Conservation Corps on Cheasty Blvd - The Conservation Crew is on the last leg of resurfacing the 4000-foot stretch of Cheasty Blvd. This was a huge job and that will give the community a safer trail to access Cheasty Blvd. They have used a total of 200 yards of crushed rock on this job and we couldn't be happier with the results.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer work party at Longfellow Creek with Vibhuti and staff
- trails and structures in the coming weeks, we are waiting on the set up of our subscription for our mapping system.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.

- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.
- Planting at the Cambridge St entrance of Fautleroy Park for SPU.
- Causeway on Cheasty Blvd pending approval from Eduardo Aban.
- We will be taking a trip to Washington Rock to get some special rock/ gravel to use at Carkeek Park to help with the Beaver damage to the trail.
- We will be working to mitigate the trail damage at Carkeek Park that was caused by the beavers and their dam building.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to Jason Vining Nakamura and crew from the Conservation Corps for getting a big job done for us. 4000' of trail and 200 yards of gravel is a huge accomplishment and is much appreciated by SPR's Trails Program and the community.

**Landscape Crew** – no report

**Specialty Gardens Monthly**

**Arboretum**

Maintenance:

- Aerate, overseed, and fertilize Azalea Way, Graham Visitor Center, and Pacific Connections turf
- Leaf blowing trails, turf, and paved surfaces using handheld, backpack, tow-behind blowers, plus large turbine blower on tractor
- Mow and line-trim all turf areas throughout Arboretum
- Azalea Way Shrub Beds: Weeding, pruning, mulching and other bed-cleanup
- Cut down Blackberries and Bindweed
- Repair holes in gravel paths
- Wetlands: Groundwater monitoring, weeding, line-trimming, and mulching around plantings
- Routine maintenance of composting toilet, including addition of wood shavings and monitoring levels of liquids and solids; schedule removal of materials with septic service



Volunteer Projects:

- Plan, schedule, and lead Garden Stewards on Azalea Way in partnership with Arboretum Foundation
- Monthly Friends of Arboretum Creek work party, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Maintenance yard clean-up in partnership with UW staff
- Mulching of Waterfront Trail on Marsh Island and Foster Island
- Prepare for Year 7 Wetlands Monitoring in 2024, in compliance with US Army Corps Permitting requirements

### Incidents:

Large load of tires illegally dumped in parking lot on Lake Washington Blvd

### Other Information:

- Purchased 2 pieces of battery powered equipment: handheld blower and mower. These work well around the Visitor Center since they create less noise and do not produce exhaust fumes.
- Ongoing traffic challenges as a result of closures of Lake Washington Blvd and Montlake Blvd in connection with SR 520 construction activities. Limited access in and out of our job site impacts not only Arboretum staff but all large truck access such as Heavy Crew, CE packer, recycling truck, diesel delivery, and other deliveries. Access on northbound LWB is limited due to the low clearance footbridge.



### Kubota

#### Maintenance:

- Regular maintenance including hedge trimming, turf renovation, pruning and weeding, mowing.
- It's fall, we're blowing leaves of the trails and turf daily.
- Dig up, divide, pot up or replant dwarf mondo grass.
- Plant lots of Japanese anemone from Jefferson Greenhouse.



Volunteer Projects:

KGF garden volunteers weeded and mulched in the Stroll Garden ajuga bed, along Mapes creek, and on the Mountainside.

Upcoming Events:

KGF Garden Greeters on 10/28 and 10/29.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Planting around new restrooms and rockery below picnic lawn.

Incidents:

3 car prowls in parking lot.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Public restrooms will be closed the week of November 6<sup>th</sup> while contractors and shops personnel install auto locking systems.
- We hosted a stone sculpture exhibit on 9/30 and the Maple Society for garden tours 10/22.
- Many thanks to the Heavy Equipment Crew for grading out a new turf area, bringing 50 yards of chips and emptying our clean green bunker.
- Many thanks to the Turf Crew for overseeding the new turf area.
- Many thanks to Jerry Wayman for getting the Mountainside waterfall pump to work again.

**Volunteer Park Conservatory**

Maintenance:

Whitewash removal - staff took advantage of the fine weather to remove shade compound from the exterior of the building, prior to the fall planting in the front flowerbeds.



Volunteer Projects:

Volunteers from Cascade Cactus Society arrived to help Pan remove two large cactus specimens that had grown into the glass overhead in the cactus house.

Upcoming Events:

Preparing for Evergreen Chrysanthemum society's 76<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Flower Show. Member Load-in, Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Show opens to the public Friday 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Winterizing temperate collections and fall clean up.
- Prepping for Holiday Display, ordering plants, clearing greenhouse space to receive poinsettia delivery.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks to AJ Karlsberg from HVAC for keeping our boilers running, and Eric Hjort and Gregg Matson from Facilities for coordinating repairs and painting to the Conservatory's Peacock Window.

## Peacock Window restoration



## Gardeners at the Conservatory



## SOGETSU IKEBANA DISPLAYS



## ORCHID SHOW



**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT\_** - no report

## ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): No calendared MDAR Removals performed.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 2nd Ave from Blanchard - Lenora St, 3rd & Cherry/James, 3rd Ave & Yesler Way, 4th Ave & Yesler Way Vicinity, 6th-7th & Cherry, 8th Ave NW & NW 46th St Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Library, Bergen Place Park, Cal Anderson Park, Cherry from 9 - 7th Ave, Fremont Canal Park, Hubbard Homestead Park, Lake City Community Center, Myrtle Edwards Park, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, Occidental Square, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave from Yesler - Columbia, S King St & I-5, Thomas St btwn Pontius & Minor Ave N.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 1130 NW 54th St, 1154 Elliott Ave West , 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St Vicinity , 1523 W Garfield St (under the bridge), 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, 2318 N 92nd St, 2924 Franklin Ave E, 3rd & Yesler, 3rd Ave & James St (Alleyway), 403 E Harrison St, 4th & Roy, 5403 5th Ave NE, 5498 5th Ave NE, 6th Ave N. from Mercer - Harrison St, 7th Ave NE & 47th Ave NE, 8th Ave NW & NW 43rd St, 9117 1st Ave NE, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th - 43rd St, Burke Gilman Trail from NW Bowdoin Place to NW 39th St, Children's Park, City Hall Park, Cowen Park, Fairview Ave E from Fuhrman Ave E to E Allison St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St Vicinity, Fire House Alley, Fremont Way N & Linden Ave N (Troll's Knoll Park Vicinity), Hing Hay Park, Interurban Trail from N 128th St - 125th St, Judge Charles Stokes, Kinnear Park, Magnuson Park, Mercer St from 2nd - Warren Ave N , N 87th St from Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th St I-5 NB Exit Sound Barrier, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 41st St. from 6th - 8th Ave NW, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 53rd St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 54th St. & 28th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way from NW Ballard Way from 14th - 15th Ave NW, Occidental Square, Pasadena Pl NE btwn NE 40th & 42nd St, Peace Park, Pike St. & Boren St @ Plymouth Pillars Park (WDOT Property), Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna (Under Bridge), Ravenna Park, Roy St & Minor Ave N, Roy St from 9th - 8th Ave N, S Washington St, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, Stone Pond / Puetz Golf, Thorton Creek Drainage.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 152 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

Over 62,780 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 489

### Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW



NE 50<sup>th</sup> St On-Ramp



Ravenna Park



Advanced Notice Obstruction: NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity



**DATE:** October 6, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 9/25/2023 - 10/1/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Herring House – Eyob Tekle clearing more pathways at Herring House to open them up for foot traffic.



- Play Areas – We have been stressing importance of daily check/maintenance of play areas and raking in fall zones.



- Gardeners Report (from Tim Pollin) - This week we continued working on some big shrub bed renovations at High Point CC. The Bioswale was finished up this week with woodchips and new plantings. We have moved on to shrub beds around the CC building. This week we weeded, mulched, and added some new plantings to several beds on the East side of the building. I have also had several meetings about an irrigation upgrade at Alki Beach. This week Steve, Claire, and I did a thorough audit of the Alki 57<sup>th</sup> system, which has extensive damage and has been mostly down for many years. I wrote a detailed report on what is wrong with the system and what I would like to see different about it in the future. I am working with Karen Galt to secure upgrade funds to renovate this irrigation system. Part of this is also re-imagining the scope of the irrigation system so that it is manageable and effective. This project is set to move forward by this year end.



Incidents:

Small graffiti on the troll at Lincoln Park.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Crew projects coming up at all community centers.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

News coming from SW District: starting next pay period Jesse Bonn is coming over to be the crew chief! I want to thank our entire crew for their support during my out of class stint as well as Albert Smith specifically. He was a huge asset to the crew as the out of class lead.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation
- Irrigation head updates at Benefit Park, Rainier Beach CC, Rainier CC
- Rainier Community Center - restoration increasing site lines for all entrances for CPTED





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Community center shrub/entrance seasonal clean-up
- Engineered wood fiber replenishment in play areas
- End of peak season ballfield renovation
- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Jason Aguirre and Jim Demetre, and SE Crew Anna Lindstrom, Nicholas Pines, Linh Nguyen and Jesse Arthur for outstanding work at RCC.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Fibar maintenance at Garfield Playground



- Hard surface cleaning at Langston Hughes



- Leaf removal at Firehouse



- Leaf removal at First Hill



- Hedging at Flo Ware Playground



- Leaf removal at Montlake.



**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Michael Geiss cleaned curbs and gutters of leaves and debris at Gas Works.



- Vili Tuipulotu trained Mai'lani Marquez on the 4010 mower at Gas Works Park Cracking Towers.



- Swing shift blew leaves off tennis courts



- New metal recycling container at Magnuson



- Christopher Canty led a crew project at University Circle, edging and mulching.





- Magnuson Crew cleaned gravel out of drains in the Off Leash Dog Park.



- Magnuson Crew deconstructed a beaver damn to mitigate flooding.



Incidents:

- Donuts in turf at Virgil Flame



- Upper Ravenna comfort station closed due to vandalism and resulting broken lock.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Painting 20 flag football fields at Magnuson
- Crew project at Hubbard Homestead, continued
- Continuing to paint soccer fields and manage leaves on hard surfaces

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to Tom Barger and the Survey Crew for setting the corners on all 20 flag football fields for our upcoming event at Magnuson.

**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Gemenskap: a crew project was held to weed and mulch the bioretention swales.





- Woodland Park: Senior Gardeners met with staff from MFG cyclocross to discuss the circuit route for the annual bike event in upper woodland. Volunteers from the KPMG Corporation working with NW Gardeners spread 35 yards of chip mulch on a steep hillside to cover the bare ground in Upper Woodland Park.



- Ross: edging and line trimming
- Lower Woodland: cleaning up wing fences and correcting some base anchors.
- Carkeek: Gardeners have worked with NRU to address the ongoing situation with the beaver dams on piper's creek. A notch was cut to relieve the backed-up water that was flowing over and through the walking trail.



- Green Lake CC: Gardeners cleaned up and updated the CC's entry walkway. The MGZ Corporation, working with the NW Gardeners, volunteered and worked around the Green Lake Bath House parking lot clearing out blackberries and pruning overgrown shrubs helping to clear out sight lines and get the landscape back under control. They created approximately 60 yards of debris which the NW Truck Drivers then picked up.





Upcoming Projects/Work:

Line trimming and road clean up along the road of Golden Gardens

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- District Gardeners attended the Rat Academy that was taking place for city employees on Monday through Wednesday.
- Kudos to Jace Breakfield! Jace has only been with the team since the start of the summer season but has since proven himself to be very hard working and a fun personality. He is eager to learn and willing to do anything. Thank you Jace for the hard work!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Grounds maintenance and upkeep district-wide.

Westlake Park



Occidental Park



Kobe Terrace



Queene Anne Bowl



City Hall Park



- Crew Project at Soundview Terrace to prepare for the new playground opening 😊

Before



After



- Discovery Park - some meadow maintenance in the South Bluff area.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Leaf season is coming up! Lots of mulching to do, and leaf management to keep up with.

## District Encampments

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park
- CE – Broadway Hill, Seven Hills
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, and Lake City Mini
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park

Needles: 1

## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- GSP Staff, along with Arboriculturist Emily Hanson, Trails Coordinator Amir Williams, and NRU Manager Stephanie Shelton met with PDM staff and the consultant developing **Cheasty Bike Park** to explore the second loop route and consider restoration and maintenance strategies, building off of lessons learned from loop 1's construction and pass off.



- Bridget participated with Rat Academy for 3 days this last week, including looking for rats in the during the field day at Seattle Center.



- NAC continued to receive plants for the annual GSP pop up nursery at Casa Verde behind Westbridge. Many thank yous to the staff from TC+ and Trails who have offered extra hands this season.
- Eric and Michael met with staff from Dirt Corps at Kingfisher Natural Area in advance of a trainee event. Dirt Corps offers education and job training opportunities, as well as volunteer programming as a GSP partner. This programming offers a link for trainees who have finished the program to continue building field-based skills under close support from Dirt Corps staff on their way to a next employment step.



Upcoming Events:

Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4. Complete event details can be found at [www.seattleforestweek.org](http://www.seattleforestweek.org). A mayoral proclamation and invites for SPR and City leadership will be finalized in early October.



**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

Arboretum



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide
- Demo Madrona Ravine (house)

Notes/Kudos/Other information:

Thanks to the entire Heavy Crew for continued hard work!

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Autumn is here and the rain is back . This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- Gas Works aeration and over seeding with the Ventrac tractor. Gas Works Park had an upgrade to the comfort station due to the damages to the old one. In the process of the model the irrigation which was in the Comfort station pipe alley was cut off to remodel safely from electrical power. During remodeling the turf and shrubs received no water leaving yellow grass and dry out shrubs.



- Repairing trip hazards in play
- Assist in fertilizer application for Lake Ridge
- Filled holes in SW district playfields.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Synthetic PF maintenance
- South Lake Union turf renovations assisting CW district. Aerating, overseeding, lime and fertilize.
- Volunteer Park turf renovation
- Hubbert Homestead Park renovation hydro seeding
- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic fields maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 4; Failure Cleanups: 10; Prunes: 1; Snag creation: 3; Stump grind: 12
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 85
  - Level 2 inspections: 44
  - Planting site surveyed: 1
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 160 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Number of Parks inspected and serviced: 43
- Work orders – Finished this week: 17; Open: 910; Average days open: 413
- Another failure clean up at Sam Smith Park close to the end of the day. Thanks to Tony Eggink, Michael Keodoungsy and Isabel Jimenez for working through the rain and overtime to get this done.



- UF collaboration with Arboretum crew - UF tree crew worked with Arboretum arborists and crews to prune and removal hazard trees. UF tree crew provided support with staffing and equipment, and it was a tag-team effort between the two teams to address outstanding tree issues.
- Wrapping up watering - With the onset of rain, our tree watering season comes to an end and the crew prepares for tree planting season coming up this Fall.

- The tree crew working at the Arboretum.



- Failure cleanup of a Spruce tree down at Woodland Park DOLA.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

Kudos to District crews - The rainy and windy weather brought about multiple tree failures throughout last week. A shout out to District crews, Brian Willis, Shawn Piper, and Susan Yi who responded to some of the failures at Lake Washington Boulevard that occurred during the day and evening. We appreciate your support for helping with some of the major clean ups!

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- Seward Park Trailhead - The crew finished up the rockeries and trailhead work at Seward Park: Bald Eagle Trailhead. One side was built to keep the trail material on the trail and out of the turf and the other was rebuilt to be a little more structurally sound and match the other side. The rockery is about 60' long in total and we have used about 40 1-man rocks, 2 yards of gravel, and 1 yard of spawls.







- Discovery Park- Hidden Valley Trail bridge - We began a material list and are starting to order the needed parts and materials to get it done and hope to start in the next 2 weeks.
- Plant deliveries with GSP - The crew helped the GSP crew with plant deliveries for 2024 and unloaded lots of plants. We unloaded and sorted somewhere around 10,000 plants.



Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

- Conservation Corps on Cheasty Blvd - The Conservation Corps were hired to prep and resurface 4,060' of the Cheasty Blvd Trail. This week they finished another 1000 feet bringing their total to about 2700 feet.
- Project Parks with REI - We're planning a work party for 20 volunteers at the Magnuson Park Wetland Trail on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteer Work Party at Greg Davis Park with Vibhuti - Were in the planning stages of our work party at Greg Davis on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.

- Planting at the Cambridge St entrance of Fautleroy Park for SPU.
- Causeway on Cheasty Blvd pending approval from Eduardo Aban.
- Work with Jacobo Jimenez on the new Camp Long Brandon St. entrance and the new Longfellow Creek Bridge approach.

### **Landscape Crew**

#### Maintenance/Projects:

This week the crew was at Hubbard Homestead getting ready for hydroseeding the newly renovated areas that the crew has been working. Ten yards of topsoil was brought in and placed down for hydroseed. Ten yards of mulch was placed down for weed suppression, water conservation, and ease of maintenance for the NW district.





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Completion of Hubbard Homestead
- Starting Kerry Park and Viewpoint

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you to Heavy Equipment for their continued support of our projects.
- Thank you to Bernard the Truck Driver for NE district for support at Hubbard Homestead.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- Park Ranger Ramsey Fola-Niumata and Park Ranger Lane Byers are patrolling at the Saturday Market adjacent to Denny Park Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.



- Park Ranger Sandra Wilcox takes a pic of the enormity of belongings of homeless persons on the grassy lawn of Cal Anderson park and vandalism also at Cal Anderson Park.



## ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s) at Roy St & Minor Ave N.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 10th Ave S & S Weller, 11th Ave NW from NW 54th St to NW 52nd St, 13th Ave S & S Lane St Vicinity, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th Ave & Yesler Way Vicinity, 6th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Library, Bergen Place Park, Broadway Hill Park, Cal Anderson Park, Hing Hay Park, Homewood Natural Area, Lake City Community Center, N 115th St from Meridian - Stone Ave N, NW 54th St from 11th - 14th Ave NW, Pioneer Square Pergola, Ravenna Park, S Jackson St & I-5, Seven Hills Park, Victory Creek Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 1130 NW 54th St, 1154 Elliott Ave West, 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St Vicinity, 1400 W. Nickerson St, 14th Ave W. & West Garfield St, 1544 W Galer St, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 2318 N 92nd St, 3rd & Yesler, 5915 Whitman Ave N, 5th & Maple Leaf, 5th Ave NE & NE 145th St NB I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, 6th Ave N. From Mercer St - Harrison St, 7341 35th Ave NE, 8842 Nesbit Ave N, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St Vicinity, 8th Ave NW & NW 43rd St, 9117 1st Ave NE, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Commons Park, Ballard Library Vicinity, Bergen Place Park, Blanche Lavizzo Park, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Burke Gilman Trail from NW Bowdoin Place to NW, Children's Park, City Hall Park, Dearborn Vicinity, Fire House Alley, Gilman Playfield, Hing Hay Park, Interurban Trail from N 128th St - 125th St, Jackson Golf Trail, Judge Charles Stokes Park, Kinnear Park, Kobe Terrace Park [SPR], Lake City Community Center, Leary Ave NW From NW Lone Place to 17th Ave NW, Licton Springs, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th St. to NW 83rd St, Meridian Playground, N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 47th st & 7th, NE 50th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 41st St. from 6th Ave NW to 8th Ave NW, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 50th Ave & 14th Ave, NW 54th St. & 28th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, Occidental Park, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Poplar & Dean, Post Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna (Under Bridge), Ravenna Park, S Washington St, Seaview Ave NW & 37th PI NW Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, Stone Pond / Puetz Golf, Victory Creek.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 156 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 42,320 lbs of debris was removed this week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 171

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

8th Ave NW & NW 43rd St



NE 47th St & 7th



Licton Springs



**MDAR:** Roy St & Minor Ave N



**DATE:** November 10, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 10/30/2023 - 11/5/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Team members have been clearing leaves out of play areas and walkways.



- Leaf Team members at EC Hughes



- The Gardeners mulched shrub beds all around the entrance to SW Pool.



- The gardening team weeded entrances at Hiawatha



- Weeding and mulching beds at Delridge CC.



Volunteer Projects:

- Alki Beach cleanup Saturday 4
- Dakota Park shrub bed clean up Saturday 4-5

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Camp Long Bunker expansion to accommodate SW District material storage removed from Lincoln Park for pickle ball courts.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks to the Carpentry Shop for the recent sign installation at the south entrance to Camp Long. Great job Marvin and Ron!



**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Restoration project up at Upper Seward Park play area repair.







Upcoming Projects/Work:

Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Don Tabor's SCC crew are about to begin a path restoration project in the next few days at Van Asselt around the ballfield so we had to remove the Knaack box so they could do the work.



- Crew completed a project at Stan Sayers removing concrete blocks left from Seafair.



- Jacob de Guzman worked on the middle shrub bed at Judkins Park.



- A Plumber fixed a broken methane pump line at Genesee HQ.



- Leaf maintenance & mulching @ Georgetown Playfield.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

SC delivered the street sweeper to SW District.



**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Line trimming, edging and leaf removal at Leschi Moorage.



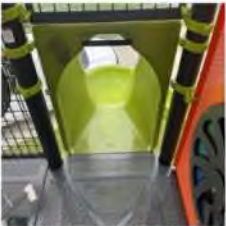
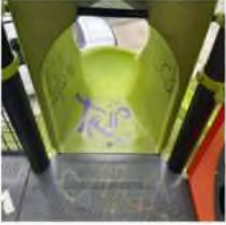
- Clean Green removal at Bullet Property



- Graffiti removal at Yesler CC



- Graffiti removal at Yesler CC



- Leaf removal and drain clearing at Lavizzio



- West Montlake broken sign fixed



- Graffiti removal at Fairview Park



### Northeast – District 4/5

#### Maintenance:

- Picnic shelter and wading pool cleaning at Magnuson





- The swing shift cleared a fallen tree at North Acres Park.



- Tree well clean up at Fritz Hedges



- Tree mulching at Bryant Park



- Overgrown dogwood pruning and bed mulching at Bryant Park.







• Bench cleaning and irrigation box repair



Incidents:

Stolen and abandoned cars at Magnuson, Matthews Beach, and North Acres.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf renovation project at Gas Works
- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Synthetic turf equipment training at Magnuson



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to our Swing Shift Crew: Dylan Roberge, Jason Zimmerman, Pesi Taufa, and Chuck Nakamura for expertly completing whatever jobs come their way at the end of the day.





### **Northwest – District 6**

#### Maintenance:

- Green Lake night crew worked to limb up trees along the path, and also worked to clear leaves around restrooms and community center.



- The crew has been focused on leaf clean up and making a push to edge a lot of our parks.

- Various sign beds and planters were planted with fall/winter pansies.



Volunteer Projects:

- On Saturday 11/4 Kevin Lince helped run an annual volunteer event at Woodland Park focusing on planting natives in an ongoing restoration area in the park.
- There will be a litter pick on Saturday (11/11) at Golden Gardens.

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Leaves getting picked up!

Before



After



- Flowers getting put down!



- Graffiti getting removed!



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Both Mayfair Park and Warm Springs are set for new play structures. Working with planners to make sure landscape is ready for construction.

**District Encampments**

- SW – Greg Davis Park – illegal camping at west end of park
- CE – Cal Anderson comfort station courtyard
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park

Needles: 5

**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- Green Seattle Day was cancelled at all but one site due to the National Weather Service wind advisory. With 477 registered volunteers at 20 locations, coffee/snacks and gifts coordinated for all sites, photographers scheduled, and Superintendent Diaz committed to participate at Seward, it was a difficult call. There was still much to celebrate during Seattle Forest Week. Final metrics and stories will be gathered in a GSP blog post in the next couple weeks.



- Natural Area Crew is rotating 1 or 2 staff daily to support TC+ with tree installation during low staffing days.



- The Ecology Team participated with the [Urban Forest Symposium](#), an annual event hosted by University of Washington. For the second year, the event focused closely on Indigenous leadership in urban forestry. Michael Yadrick participated on a panel related to some of his personal work in Tacoma urban forestry efforts.



- This week, Bridget supported multiple IPM and wildlife efforts, including:
  - Drafted HPA application for Pipers Creek Notch exclusion fence
  - Continued to monitor beaver dams, creek levels, and salmon impacts with DFW, SPU, district staff, and NRU
  - Met with Golf Maintenance Supervisors Rocky Tharp and Larry Glaser to discuss beetle impacts and IPM solutions.
  - Promoted and coordinated Pre-Pesticide license training class
  - Responded to concerns about pesticide use on Hawthorn trees in Discovery Park
  - Scheduled speakers for Pesticide recert webinar

#### Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 1 – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 2 – Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 3 – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Cheasty



- Gas Works Park



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Autumn is here and the rain is back. Jack Frost is on the windshields and turf in the morning. This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- The Turf Crew worked on synthetic field maintenance at Hiawatha and Montlake. The new material being used is cork wood chips replacing the used black tire rubber. Cork wood is the same wood used to make corks for a bottle of wine. This material must be brushed in to fill low spots in the play field.





#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer Park turf renovation
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 10; Failure Cleanups: 13; Prunes: 11; Snag creation: 2; Snag removal: 1; Trees cabled: 1; Trees planted: 30
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 11
  - Level 2 inspections: 39
- Work orders – Finished this week: 30; Open: 920; Average days open: 476
- Winter storms create weekend cleanup - Emily Hanson responded to a large weekend tree failure at Freeway Park on Saturday, November 4th. She activated our emergency response team to address the failure and Mark Rawlins, Joe Perdue and Miles Anderson worked

throughout the day to make the site safe. Thank you to our tireless team for their hard work and dedication.



- Ron Simmons and Michael Keodoungsy prepared to dig another tree well.



- Reeve Belt moved mulch to the job site while Sherman Davis loaded from the truck.



- Cabling job at Lincoln Park - Crews installed steel cabling in a mature oak tree at Lincoln Park this week. The tree in question had an older, outmoded cabling system that needed to be inspected, assessed and ultimately removed. Climbers and buckets worked in concert to reduce lever arms and prune the tree for crown balance, clearance, and retention. A big shout out to Miles Anderson for his leadership and training on this project.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Tree Crew Plus gets new team member - Reeve Belt has come over from Conservation Corps on a 6-month assignment to help with fall tree planting. Reeve joined Michael "Keo" Keodoungsy and a cavalcade of stars from GSP, NAC and Landscape to plant trees at Othello, Martha Washington, and Hubbard Homestead Park this week. We welcome him onto the team and look forward to a great season!

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- Fautleroy Park @ Cambridge St- The Crew worked at the Cambridge St entry of Fautleroy Park in collaboration with Scott Pawling of SPU. We installed 55 plants and 6 yards of mulch.



- Camp Long entry gate- The crew finish up the Camp Long gate entry by planting 35 plants and spreading 2 yards of mulch.



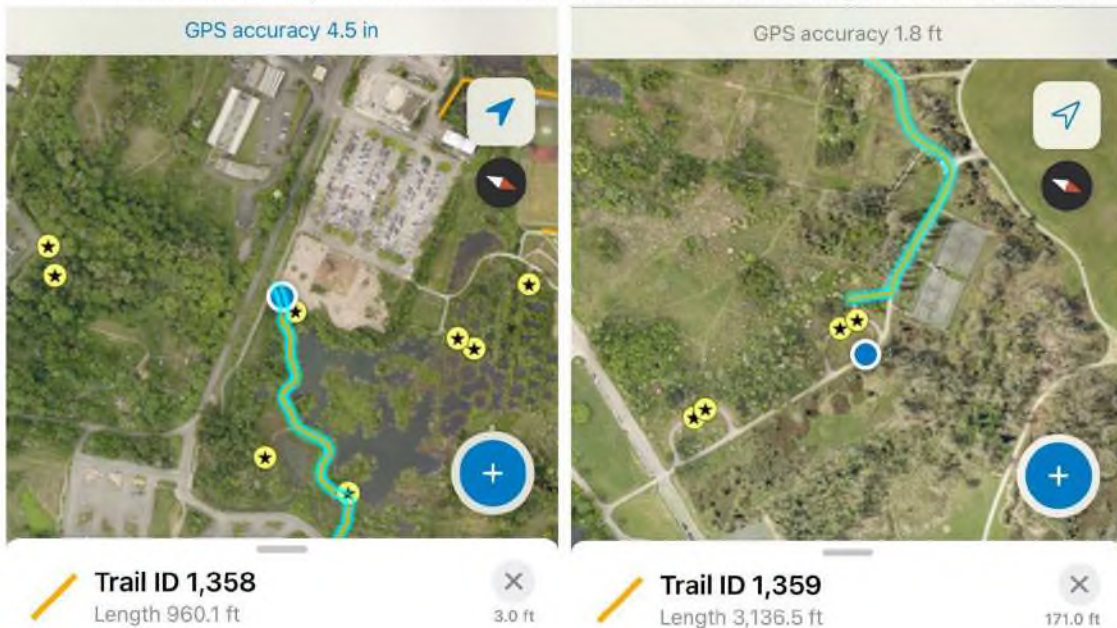
- Magnuson Wetland Trail- The Crew finished up the remaining gravel at Magnuson Wetland Trail and resurfaced 150 feet of trail and used 2 yards of crushed rock.



- Tree Crew planting help- The crew assisted the Tree Crew+ with their tree planting job at Hubbard Homestead and got 14 trees planted.



- GIS Mapping: We finally got our Trimble Mapping devices hooked up and started our mapping. We were able to map about 1 mile of trail and structures at the Magnuson wetlands Trail.



Volunteer/ Contractor Projects:

- Cheasty Blvd- The Conservation Corps finished up their resurfacing job at Cheasty Blvd. for us. They graded and resurfaced 4060 feet of trail using a total of 220 yards of crushed rock. The job looks awesome and is a great accomplishment, making Cheasty Blvd and safer and easier place for the community to walk and jog. GREAT WORK!

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks, we are waiting on the set up of our subscription for our mapping system.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.
- Planting at the Cambridge St entrance of Fautleroy Park for SPU.
- Causeway on Cheasty Blvd pending approval from Eduardo Aban.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- I'd like to give a shout out to Jason Vining Nakamura and Crew of the Seattle Conservation Corps for doing a great job grading and resurfacing Cheasty Blvd.
- I'd like to thank Jordan Ng for all his help and support with getting out GIS mapping devices set up so we can start mapping our trail system again.

**Landscape Crew**

Maintenance:

This week the Crew was at Hubbard Homestead. The crew placed down over 45 yards of topsoil and 10 yards of mulch and prepped and hydroseeded.





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Planting at the Conservatory
- Planting at Julia Lee Park
- Planting at Garfield Community Center

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you, Heavy Equipment, for all the support at Hubbard Homestead.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- Park Rangers Samica Thomas, Lane Byers, and Jordan Sorensen attended the annual Pup Spooktacular event, this year held at Freeway Park. Rangers were on hand to make sure the event went smoothly and did some community engagement and outreach.



- Rangers do regular checks of the parameter fence and engage some of the park regulars who have found a new hangout spot across the street near the Pike Place Market. Rangers plan on having a steady presence at Victor Steinbrueck Park when it reopens, engaging the community and being good stewards of the park.

- Park Ranger Byers monitors the construction progress of Victor Steinbrueck Park.



- Park Ranger Thomas was able to catch a dog running through City Hall Park and the surrounding area with the amazing teamwork from the Park Concierge Alec Louis and the kind help from a Park Busker who happened to have a rope. Teamwork! Ranger Thomas then called the Animal Shelter who sent out an Animal Control Officer who came to pick up the dog. The suspected owner is familiar to Park Rangers who have witnessed abuse in the past. It is an ongoing issue that Park Rangers are looking into.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): Zero MDR Removals Scheduled.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 10th & Lane, 2216 2nd Ave, 2nd Ave from Blanchard St to Lenora St, 3rd & Cherry Vicinity, 6th-7th & Cherry Vicinity, 8th Ave & S King St, 8th Ave NW & NW 46th St Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Library, Bergen Place Park, Cal Anderson Park, Cascade Park, Cherry from 9th - 7th Ave, City Hall Park, Dr. Blanche Lavisso Park, Fritz Hedge Waterway Park, Homewood Natural Area, I-5 Express / Freeway Park Tiers, Lake City Community Center, Pioneer Square Pergola, Ravenna Park, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, Victory Creek Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St Vicinity, 13th Ave S & S Lane St Vicinity, 14th Ave NW From NW Market St. to NW Leary Way, 14th Ave W & W Garfield (behind the businesses), 1523 W Garfield St (under the bridge), 1st Ave & Bell St, 1st Ave N from Mercer to Roy St, 3rd Ave & James St Vicinity, 4th & Roy, 4th Ave between Bell St & Battery St, 7th Ave NE & NE 47th St,



Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th - 43rd St, Corliss Ave N & N 107th St Vicinity, Corliss Ave N & N 92nd St, Cowen Park, Dearborn / I-5 Vicinity, Dearborn Vicinity, Denny Park, Fairview Ave E from Fuhrman Ave E to E Allison St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St Vicinity, Garfield Community Center, Hing Hay Park, International Children's Park, Kinneer Park, Kobe Terrace Park, Langston Hughes Cultural Arts, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th - 83rd St, Midvale Ave N & N 107th St Vicinity, N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 41st St from 6th - 8th Ave NW, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 46th St. & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 53rd St. From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Ballard Way & NW Leary Way from 14th - 15th Ave, NW Leary Way & 9th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, Occidental Park, Park & Ride (Corner of Eastlake Ave & Allison), Pasadena Pl NE btwn NE 40th & NE 42nd St, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna (Under Bridge), Ravenna Blvd, Ravenna Park, Roy St & Minor Ave N, Roy St from 9th - 8th Ave N, S Washington St Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, UGM Vicinity, Wisteria Park.

- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 138 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 43,800 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 468

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

1523 W Garfield St (under the bridge)



N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW



NE 45<sup>th</sup> St Off-Ramp



Removal: I-5 Express / Freeway Park Tiers



**DATE:** November 17, 2023  
**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager  
**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division  
**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 11/6/2023 - 11/12/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**  
**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- The Leaf Team at Highpoint CC cleared leaves from parking lot.



- Gardeners Report (from Tim Pollin) - Finished weeding and mulching shrub beds at Delridge CC and Hiawatha. Weeded entrance shrub beds and south side of building at High Point CC; Leaves Team assisted Gardeners with leaf removal, as well.

Delridge CC



- SW staff added mulch to shrub beds at Hiawatha near the high school entrance.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Camp Long Bunker expansion to accommodate material storage for SW District due to its removal from Lincoln Park for pickle ball courts.

Incidents:

Vandals drove across turf at Highland Park creating numerous tire tracks and left behind a tire and debris.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks to Recreation Equipment Crew Bill Hartwich and Vance Sieber for installing information signage at Brunn Idun in Lincoln Park. Great jobs guys!!





**Southeast - District 2**

**Maintenance:**

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Restoration at Rainier CC
- Restoration at Genesee Playfield Playground at Rainier Community Center





Upcoming Projects/Work:

Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Leaf removal and edging at Spruce Mini Park



- Madrona Beach bus stop Blackberry removal



- Hard Surface blowing at Thomas Mini Park



- Volunteer Park Project



- Cal Andersons Gardener Jamboree





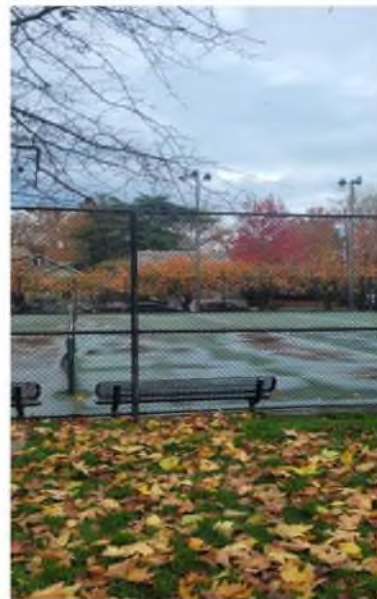
- Graffiti removal at Summit Place Park



- Graffiti removal at Cal Anderson



- Leaf removal at Madison Tennis Court



**Northeast – District 4/5**

**Maintenance:**

- Staff worked on filling path potholes at Cowen Park.



- Leaf management throughout the district continues to be a priority.





- Path clearance pruning at Littlebrook Park.

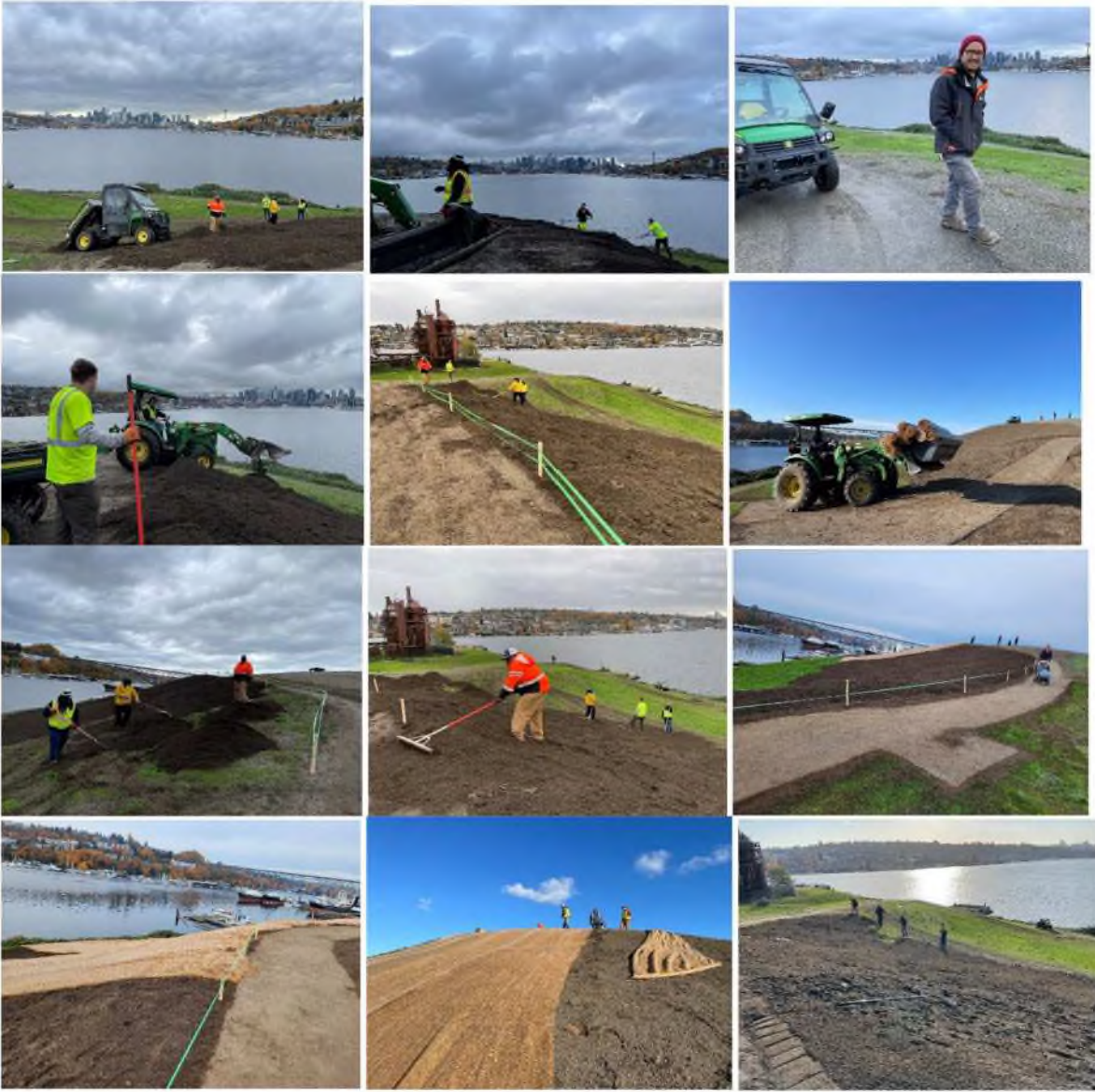


- Spring bulb and winter pansy planting by Christopher Canty



- Gas Works Kite Hill turf and erosion restoration crew project with assistance from the Turf Crew and Ryan Gaskill, moving 100 yards of topsoil onto heavily eroded slope.





Incidents:

Raccoon cleaning up a dead rat in the yard.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf renovation project at Gas Works, continued
- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Candy Cane Lane hedge pruning

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to the Turf Crew and Ryan Gaskill for teaming up with us on the Gas Works turf restoration project.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Time was spent limbing up trees in the Carkeek visitor center parking lot.
- Cleaned up and weeded Bergen Place and used surrounding leaves to mulch the bare soil for the winter.

- Our IMW has been hard at work with graffiti removal around our parks.

Before



After



Volunteer Projects:

The litter pick with the UW Medicine IT services at Golden Gardens on 11/11 went fantastic, they said they collected over 600 pounds of trash!



Upcoming Projects/Work:

On Saturday 11/18 there will be a volunteer work party at Ballard Corners.

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

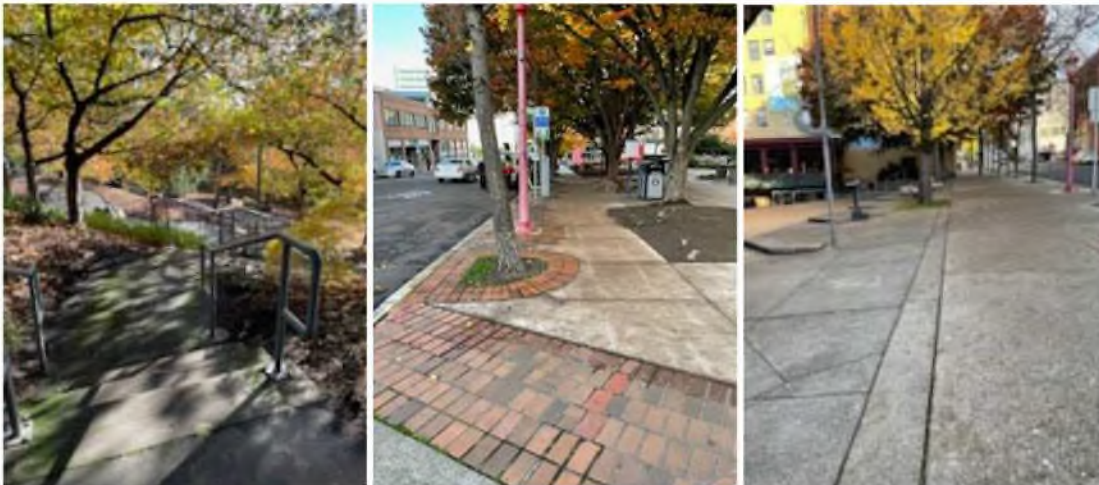
- Leaves getting picked up!



Before



After





- Keeping drains clear!



- Flowers bringing some cheer and color!



### **District Encampments**

- SW – Greg Davis Park – illegal camping at west end of park
- CE – Cal Anderson comfort station courtyard
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini
- NW - Carkeek, Greenwood, Green Lake, and 14th St Boat Ramp
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park

Needles: 0

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- Although we had to cancel Green Seattle Day, all sites are working on rescheduling. Serve Ethiopians Washington hosted a successful rescheduled event on Saturday 11/11 at Beer Sheva Park.



- Michael Yadrick coordinated contracted GSP crews to provide soil stabilization at Jose Rizal where someone with a [stolen excavator](#) damaged soils last week. The crews installed fabric and wood straw to stabilize the site and will return to install plants.

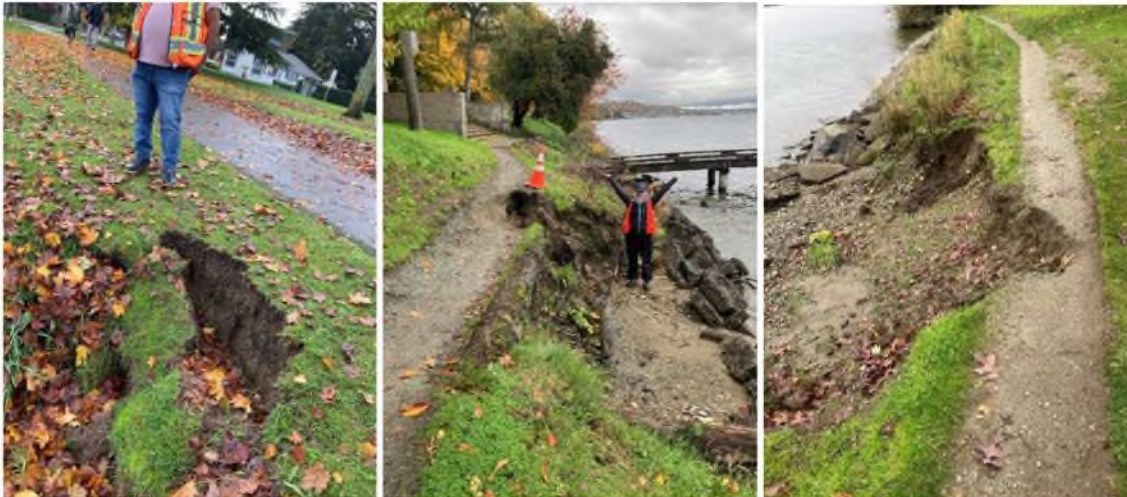




- The Natural Area Crew participated in the Husqvarna electric tool demonstration last week.



- Michael Yadrick received word last week that the King County WRIA 8 Project Innovation and Community Grants review team has recommended his application for full funding (\$75,000), which will support salmon recovery and restoration efforts along Lake Washington Boulevard. The Salmon Recovery Council will finalize funding during an 11/16/23 meeting. GSP partners Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and ECOSS also were recommended for funding for community engagement around salmon habitat along Lake Washington. Photos below show recent failures of the lakeshore/trail.



- King Conservation District reported out on Wolf Creek Ravine Forest Management Plan development, another Michael-supported effort to fund restoration across jurisdiction in a unique ravine habitat. <https://kingcd.org/2023/10/20/wolf-creek-ravine-urban-forest-management-plan/>

- This week, Bridget supported multiple IPM and wildlife efforts, including:
  - Pickleball impacts on wildlife regulations and practices meeting with DFW, Andy Sheffer and Stephanie Shelton
  - Carkeek Beaver/salmon impacts and coordination meeting with SPU and Stephanie Shelton
  - Coordinated Beavers NW work at Magnuson on flooding trails, roads, beaver impacts with NE district.
  - Coordinated on beaver damage impacting trees with SPU, UF, NAC.
  - Coding for C Card purchases for UF, NAC, GSP
  - Coding for citywide rat control invoices
  - Continued to coordinate Pre-Pesticide License training class
  - Short week: off Thursday and Friday for flex day and holiday

#### Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 1 – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
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#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

GSP Forest Stewards have been in touch this last week to share their appreciation for all the effort required to distribute native plants to support citywide restoration work. Big shout to Eric Sterner and Jay Nelson for coordination efforts, and to the entire Natural Area Crew for their commitment to customer service. What we're hearing:

- Thanks Eric. Yes, I received a "heads-up" call from the truck driver. I have been over to look at the plants and they look healthy. They arrived in time for our November 12th Llandover Woods planting day. The Llandover group really appreciates all of the support we receive from you and your staff. - Paul Edmonson, Llandover Woods Forest Steward
- Thanks Eric . I wanted to tell you that I'm really amazed and impressed that the UN sees Seattle as a model for reforestation. I think it should be acknowledged and celebrated. Great Job Eric . - Tom Kushner, Madrona Park Forest Steward
- Hello Eric - My order arrived and the plants are gorgeous. - Heather Scott- Me-Kwa-Mooks Forest Steward

### **Heavy Equipment Crew**

#### Maintenance:

Jefferson Golf



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

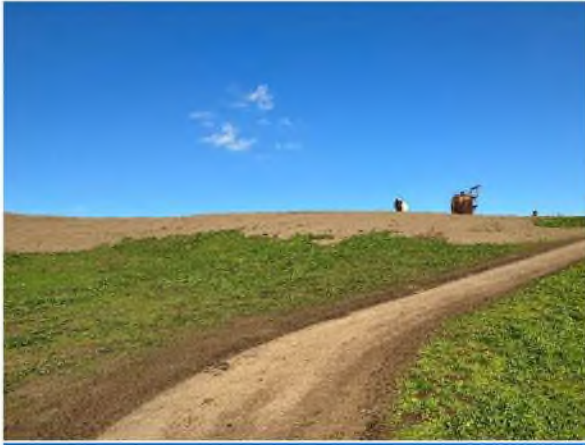
## Turf Crew

### Maintenance:

- Autumn is here and the rain is back. Jack Frost is on the windshields and turf in the morning. This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- Gas Works Park Kite Hill turf restoration, where you can see the sundial clock and a very nice view of South Lake Union Park, Aurora Bridge, I-5 HWY Bridge and the Bay. Turf Crew teamed up with NE district to spread 100 yards of soil to stop the erosion of the soil from washing out. A landscape fabric material was added to help stop the erosion of the soil. Grass seed will be applied to stop the erosion.







Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer Park turf renovation
- Gas Works Park erosion repair
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

## Urban Forestry/Tree Crew

### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 2; Failure Cleanups: 23; Prunes: 2; Snag creation: 2; Trees planted: 20
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 16
  - Level 2 inspections: 48
- Work orders – Finished this week: 30; Open: 1020; Average days open: 440
- Storm Season is upon us! High winds last week coupled with a new front that blew in over the weekend created root, branch and stem failures across the city. Soils are saturating as seasonal rainfall continues, further increasing the rate of whole tree failures while restricting access for heavy equipment, chippers and vehicles. The tree crew got weekend assistance from SDOT at Frink Park and District Crews at Carkeek Park to reopen roads after tree failures. Kudos to both groups for helping keep the public safe and able to access parks.
- Seasonal tree planting continues - Tree Crew Plus received help from Trails, Landscape, NAC and GSP again this week to help supplement our labor for fall tree planting. Staff has been safe, productive, and eager to lend a hand. We are deeply appreciative of these departments and their continued support during this critical time. Crews planted trees in Jefferson Park, Hubbard Homestead Park, Sandel Playground and Flo Ware Park this week.
- Miles Anderson looked on as Robby Dohrn bucked a downed alder.



- Joe Perdue finished clearing a failed cedar off a trail.





- Michael "Keo" Keodoungsy steadied a ball and burlap tree while Sophan Um grabbed it with the skidsteer.



- Tree Crew Plus loaded a large caliper tree onto a flatbed truck at Jefferson Horticulture yard.



- Richard Fryant ran the auger attachment while Reeve Belt stood by with amendments.



- Sherman Davis prepared soil amendments for a new tree.



### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance/Projects:

- Tree Crew planting help- The crew assisted the Tree Crew+ with their tree planting job at Flo Ware Park and Sandel Park, they got a total of 16 trees planted and mulched.



- GIS Mapping- Now that we are up and running with our trails/ structure mapping devices and subscriptions we were able to map another 3.5 miles of trail bringing our mapping total to 4.5 miles.
- Jose Rizal Park/ Natural Area- Zelvian and I had a site visit to come up with a work plan for the demo and rebuild of the trail retaining wall into the natural area.
- Trail Major Maintenance Study- I have been working with Asmita Poudel on a Trails Major Maintenance Study which will give us a long-term overview of our trails and structures. This will help us with future work plans and to prioritize our structure maintenance and trail work. Asmita will be hiring a consulting firm to do an assessment in early 2024 and I am working with SPR's Sr. Civil Engineer Eduardo Aban to come up with a trail and structure assessment form that the consultant can follow when doing their work.
- Fautleroy Park @ Barton St- Zelvian and I did a site visit at the Barton St entrance to Fautleroy Park to assess the condition of the trail and find a way to make this entrance a bit more accessible to folks with disabilities. We will be removing a strip of grass and installing a crushed rock trail from the sidewalk to the trailhead. This entrance is used by a group of children with varying disabilities each year to plant/ release baby salmon into the creek.

### Volunteer/ Contractor Projects:

- We are working with 2 Scout Troops to help them achieve the honor of earning their Eagle Badge. They have chosen parks, and we are now finding some work that is achievable in their time frame and will be putting a work plan together in the coming weeks.
- We hosted a WTA (Washington Trails Association) youth work party at Pigeon Point for 2 days. Unfortunately, we neglected to get any pictures from the Crew or WTA. There was a total of 19 youth volunteers in those 2 days and they got a lot of trail pruning and clearing done while learning about native plants and having fun!

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.
- Causeway on Cheasty Blvd pending approval from Eduardo Aban.
- Bridge replacement at Discovery Park South Beach Trail.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- I have been working with Travis Buell representing the Districts, Beau Baughman representing the Encampment Crew, Jackie Huynh and Edgar Ronquillo on the ML hiring process for the Parks Dept.
- I have been working on and am happy to say that I have completed my Resource Management Plan of Roxhill Park for the PNWRMS and am looking forward to attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> year session in February.
- I did an informational interview on how I got into horticulture and the Parks Department with one of GSP's Forest Stewards, Jana Robbins for her Horticulture Careers class.

**Landscape Crew** – no report

## **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

### Highlights:

- Pioneer Square Park: A Beautiful Veteran's Day where the holiday spirit is in effect early. Ranger Lane and Ranger Fola-Niumata enjoyed community engagement while working with two Park Concierge staff Chris and Sean. There is a beautiful tree on display.



- Counterbalance Park: Park Activation Specialist Tom Diamon coordinated a modern dance event and Park Rangers Fola-Niumata, Thomas, Beyers, and Sorensen connected with him at the Park. Incoming winter weather made the evening windy and cold but with the Counterbalance Park's unique lighting it was the perfect venue. The event went smoothly and had a good turnout.



- Cal Anderson Park: Park Rangers monitor the Community Garden. Ranger Wilcox reported to the Unified Care Team that protestors occupied the shelter house and were using power from shelter house including a microwave, crock pot, heater, radio, and lights.



- General Observations: Ranger Wilcox reported some of the challenges that Park Rangers faced this week. For example, Rangers frequently do welfare checks and interact with people in crisis. The fire department responds and treats the person on site. Often additional medical treatment is refused, and the person then walks away. This is an emotionally challenging aspect of this work. Engaging folks to leave the park if breaking parks codes is another challenge. One recent example at Cal Anderson was getting a person to leave the park who was drinking. Another example was a person in crisis they were not able to engage with and stood by as he exited the park.
  1. A person in crisis Rangers helped them to leave the park.
  2. A person drinking and possessing alcohol asked to leave.
  3. A person leaving after treatment from medics



- Westlake Park: Park Rangers Jordan Sorensen and Samica Thomas have been doing emphasis patrols between 6-10pm at Westlake Park. With the recent installation of Christmas lights there has been a huge increase in people entering the park to take photos and even some families utilizing the playground. After MID closes their Park Activation for the evening and DSA and Iron & Oak Security leave, there have been solid opportunities for Rangers to step in as hosts. Special attention has been paid to the south end of the park by Pike and 4<sup>th</sup> where drug dealing, and fentanyl use is common. On the night pictured Rangers Fola-Niumata and Beyers joined as much needed backup.



## ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): 28th Ave S from S Holgate St to S Walker St & Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Park.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 2nd Ave from Blanchard St to Lenora St, 3rd & Cherry Vicinity, 3rd Ave S from 2nd Ave - S Jackson St, 4th & Yesler, 6th-7th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Bagley & N Green Lake, Ballard Library, Bergen Place Park, Fritz Hedges Waterway Park, Lake City Community Center, Lake City Mini Park, NE 125th St & 33rd Ave NE, NW Leary Way From 9th - 15th Ave NW, Occidental Square, Pioneer Square Pergola, S King St & I-5, Tashkent Park, Volunteer Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St Vicinity, 13th Ave S & S Lane St Vicinity, 14th Ave W & W Garfield, 1523 W Garfield St (Under Bridge), 2nd & Blanchard, 3rd Ave & James St Vicinity, 401 NE 40th St, 6697 Weedin Pl NE, 7th Ave NE & 47th St, Boren Park, Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th St. to NW 43rd St, Cayton Corner Park, City Hall Park, Dearborn / I-5 Vicinity, Dearborn Vicinity, Denny Blaine Park, Fire House Alley Vicinity, Hing Hay Park, Hubble Pl from 9th - Seneca, Interbay P-Patch, International Children's Park, Kobe Terrace Park, Lakeview Park, Leary Ave NW From NW Lone Place to 17th Ave NW, Louisa Boren Viewpoint, Midvale Ave N & N 107th St, N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NE 117th & 1st Ave NE, NE 45th St I-5 Off-ramp, NE 45th St I-5 On-ramp, NE 50th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th St & I-5 Northbound Sound Barrier, NE 65th St & 8th Ave NE, Northeast Queen Anne Greenbelt, NW 46th St. & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 50th St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 50th St. From 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 53rd St. From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Ballard Way from NW Leary Way From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Triangle, NW Leary Way From 9th - 15th Ave NW, Occidental Park, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Plymouth Pillars Park, Post Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna Park (under the bridge), S Washington St Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, W Garfield St (under Magnolia Bridge), W Queen Anne Playfield, West Galer Street & Elliott Avenue.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 124 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

Over 52,700 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 272

### Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

NE 117th & 1st Ave NE



1st Ave N from Mercer to Roy St



Ravenna Park (under the bridge)



MDAR: Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Park



**DATE:** November 3, 2023  
**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager  
**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division  
**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 10/23/2023 - 10/29/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1** – no report

**Southwest - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Maintenance work at Lakeridge and Genesee Jason Aquirre, Jim Demetri excavated the ballfield at Lakeridge to find the dugout leak Rodrigo the plumber repaired the broken joint and they backfilled and playfield regraded.
- Genesee: Skeeter cut back the black berries at Genesee.
- Jim has cleaned the sign-beds and other planting areas at Atlantic Boat Ramp Othello also Genesee Park and Seward
- Jim and Jason pulled the summer annuals from Seward and planted the winter annuals in their place.
- Sturtevant Restoration Project







Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district wide.

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- At Georgetown PF staff worked on blowing and mulching leaves.



- Staff repaired turf damage at Coleman PF.



- Eight American Cranberry & 15 sword ferns were planted in the Judkins Park shrub bed below the comfort station.



- The Columbia Park high vis sign bed was planted with Winter Pansies.



- KB doing some blowing at the Genesee HQ.



- At Rainier PF staff dug holes for drainage testing before they start working on the new synthetic fields.



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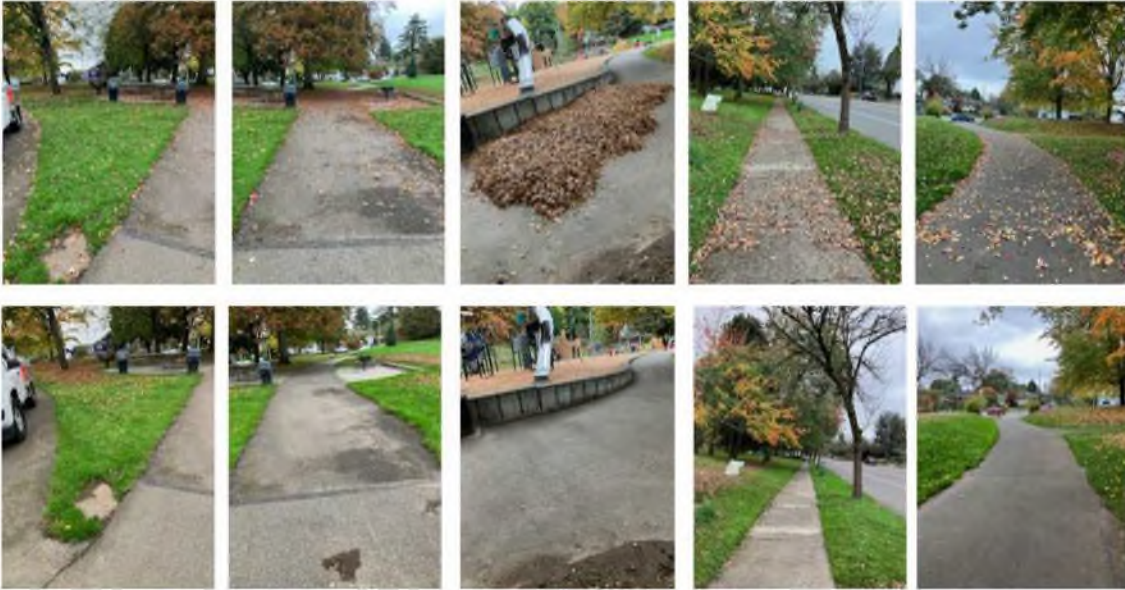
At SC HQ staff took some time to complete a yard clean up.



**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Crews worked on leaf removal and hard surface blowing at Powell Barnett.



- Leaf removal at Flo Ware Park



- Leaf removal at Northend of Madrona Playground



- Hard surface blowing at Madrona Beach



- Leaf and debris Removal S.W. entrance Roanoke Park



- Leaf removal at Lavizzio



- Leaf removal at Prentis Frasier



- Graffiti removal at First Hill Park



**Northeast – District 4/5**

**Maintenance:**

- John Breakfield harley raking at University and Dahl Playfield.



- Warning track weeding at Magnuson.



- Christopher Canty planted flower bulbs at rainbow signs and entrances throughout the district.



- Arctic willow pruning at Magnuson.



- Graffiti removal at Hubbard Homestead.



- Young tree mulching at Bryant Park.







Incidents:

- Illegal dumping at Magnuson



- A car got stuck in Dahl Field.



- Off-roading at Gas Works and Laurelhurst.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Pruning project at Bryant
- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Synthetic turf equipment training at Magnuson

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- James Hinson attended SDOT truck driver snow and ice training.



- KUDOS this week goes to the Vili Tuipulotu for best Halloween costume and wonderful daily attitude.



**Northwest – District 6** – no report

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

**Maintenance:**

- Leaf clean up on Queen Anne Boulevard. Made very efficient by using a team effort to blow and collect the leaves with the tractor and packer. Thank you to our hardworking team that blew leaves for 3 hours! 😊



- Many, many winter annuals are getting planted into shrub beds and planters. Bringing in clean fresh beds with lovely pops of color. Thank you, Jefferson Greenhouse and Gardeners for getting winter annuals planted! 😊

**Freeway Park**





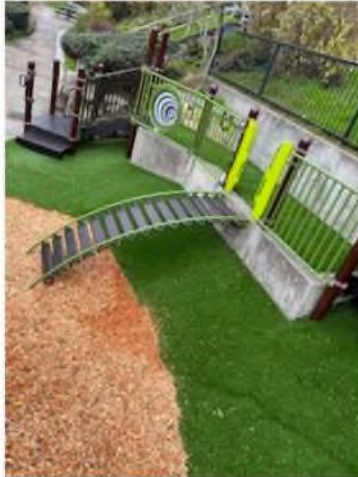
- Very busy keeping leaves picked up off sidewalks, playgrounds, pathways, and lawns. Getting leaves moved and mulched to keep the parks comfortable and clean for all visitors. And the soil absorbs all those great nutrients back into the landscape.

Mayfair Park





- Keeping the newly renovated playground at Soundview Terrace looking new!

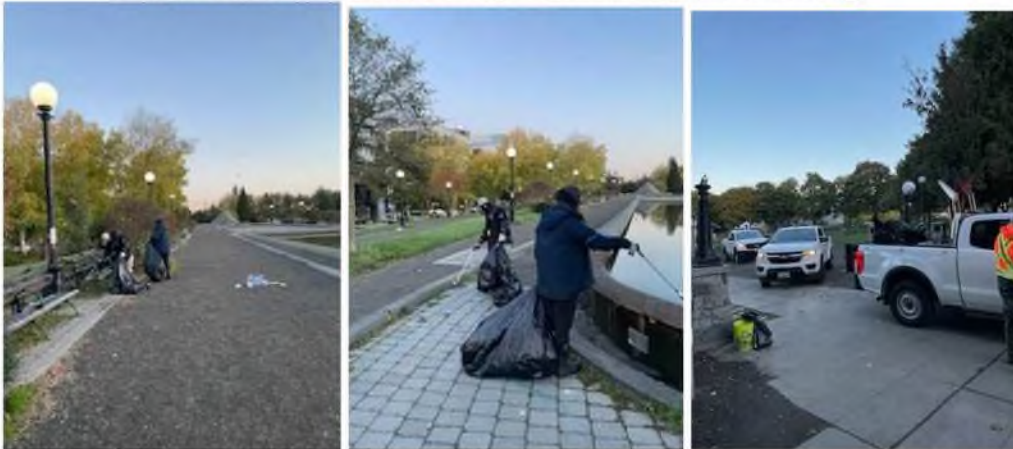


- Cleaning off tennis courts, keeping them playable even in all this fall!

David Rogers Tennis Courts



- Working with natural turf, fertilizing, aerating and top seeding; getting our re-greened lawns some much need TLC after a busy summer.
- Downtown crews have been assisting CE in the mornings at Cal Anderson Park. Thank you for lending a very helpful hand and support to our neighbor district. 😊



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Both Mayfair Park and Warm Springs are set for new play structures. Working with planners to make sure landscape is ready for construction.
- Gardeners are planning their plant orders for next year's perennials.

#### **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Waterway Park
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#### **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

##### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

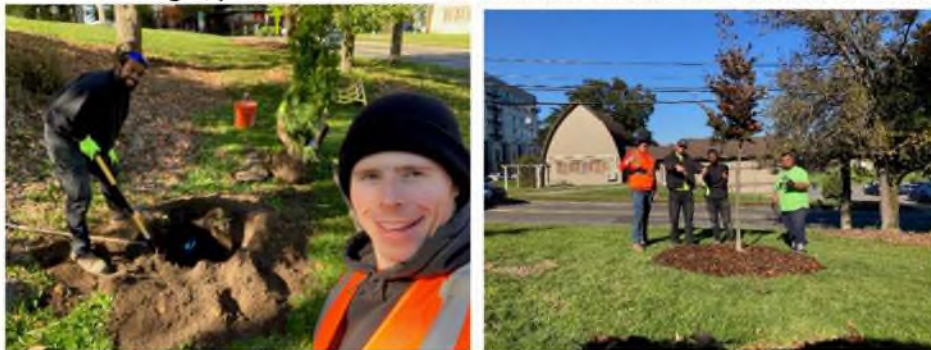
#### Projects/Maintenance:

- Seattle Forest Week is here! We started the week supporting Arbor Day at Jefferson Park (photos below – Melonae from NAC digging big tree holes with Keo from TC+, Jay hosting the outreach table, and Mayor Harrell getting in on the planting action). The Ecology Team is busy supporting Forest Stewards and partner organizations as we gear up to host 500+ volunteers at

Green Seattle Day sites around Seattle on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Natural Area Crew is supporting final tool deliveries after getting all plants to event sites last week. SPR Communications staff are supporting last-minute recruitment efforts via social media. Superintendent Diaz is scheduled to attend the event at Seward Parks with NRU Manager Stephanie Shelton. Seattle Times coverage is [here](#) and Green Seattle Day event details are [here](#).



- Natural Area Crew is rotating 1 or 2 staff daily to support TC+ with tree installation during low staffing days. Photos below from Matthew Hillard of the crew at Othello Park on 10/30/23.



- Michael Yadrick was invited to participate in a workshop in Roseburg, Oregon on Pacific Madrone with partners from Washington State University and the [Arbutus ARME](#).



- Danielle attended an urban forest inventory demonstration put on by Gree Hill and Davey Tree Company at Mt Baker Rowing and Sailing Center. As part of her first week of work, Danielle is getting acquainted with GSP and Urban Forestry current assessment and inventory work and considering opportunities for future efforts.



- Ynhi and TaShon supported a request to fence a large tree being chewed on by beaver at Dragon Fly Park on Longfellow Creek.



- This week, Bridget supported multiple IPM and wildlife efforts, including:
  - Coordinated with Trails crew on trail repair at Piper's Creek
  - Prepared and submitted request for Pesticide Applicator Mobile and Web app upgrade
  - Provided IPM advice to Turf crew and DT district on chafer beetle grub impacts at Lake Union Park
  - Helping Seattle Committee on Invasive Pests prepare for Emerald Ash Borer by getting recommended treatment screened by toxicologist and added to the City's Tier Tables
  - Coordinated with SPU and NAC for beaver fencing at Dragonfly park.
  - Seattle times coverage of beaver at Carkeek Park: <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/beaver-family-that-moved-into-seattles-carkeek-park-may-complicate-salmon-spawning-journey/>

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## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

- The crew moved 142 yards of gravel to the dog off leash at Magnuson.
- Gravel was hauled from Westcrest to Magnuson



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Autumn is here and the rain is back. Jack Frost is on the windshields and turf in the morning. This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- Jefferson and Delridge synthetic playfields are open for play. The turf crew joined the walk thru for Jefferson.



- Green Lake tire ruts repair. This is a reminder that the playfields and parks area are getting rain, daylight time is shorter, and the sun is not drying up the moisture in the turf leaving the soil soft more opportunity for tire ruts.





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer Park turf renovation
- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic fields maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew** - no report

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- Camp Long entry gate - The crew finished up the trail head at the new Camp Long entry gate at Brandon St. We used about 7 yards of crushed rock to bring the trail to the new grade and created about 3 yards of debris to clean up the trailhead to prepare for the new planting that we will be doing next week.





- Carkeek Park @ Pipers Creek- The crew work on repairing the trail at Pipers creek that was damaged by the beaver dam/ overflowing creek. We were able to find some fish friendly rock called “stream bed sediment” to do the repair. It took 3 yards oof material.



- Volunteer Park- The crew repaired 20 feet of trail at Volunteer Park that was damaged by the contractor that cleaned out the pond.



- Tree Crew planting help- Trails Crew has been assisting the Tree Crew with their tree planting program while they await the hiring of new staff.



Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

Longfellow Creek work party with Vibhuti- We had another successful volunteer event at Greg Davis Park/ Longfellow Creek with Vibhuti and staff. We planted 55 native plants at 2 trailheads, chipped 800 square feet of planter bed and pruned/ brushed 300' of trail.



Upcoming Events:

Green Seattle Day at Puget Park with Christine Clark- We will be lending a hand to Christine Clark to help her with Green Seattle Day at Puget Park. We will be doing a lot of planting and general trail work.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks, we are waiting on the set up of our subscription for our mapping system.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
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- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.
- Planting at the Cambridge St entrance of Fautleroy Park for SPU.
- Causeway on Cheasty Blvd pending approval from Eduardo Aban.

### **Landscape Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- This week the Landscape Crew was busy at Jefferson Park and Julia Lee Park.
- Jefferson Park - Removed 15 yards of soil with heavy weed base and brought in 15 yards of 2-way topsoil.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Planting at Cal Anderson
- Planting at Jefferson Park

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Welcome Rodrick Nicholas to the Landscape Crew!!! We are super excited and fortunate to have them as an out of class Gardener for the next three months.
- Thank you to the Heavy Equipment Crew for your support at Jefferson Park.

## SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT

### Highlights:

- Park Rangers: Marlan Teeters and Jordan Sorensen are preparing staff for deployment of electric bikes for another tool to access downtown parks. Urban bike training with Cascade Bike Club and helmet fitting are two examples of preparations.
- Occidental Park: Park Ranger Jordan Sorensen connected with CARE Team member Sasha Pollock at Occidental Park to discuss how Park Rangers and the CARE Team might be able to work together to serve the needs of the downtown area. Part of Mayor Bruce Harrell's One Seattle Initiative, the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Team (CARE), had their first day in the field on 10/25. The program is initially deploying 5 units to assist Seattle Police and Seattle Fire with priority 3 and 4 calls related to individuals experiencing behavioral health issues.



- Kobe Park: Park Rangers requested SPD support to complete a welfare check at Kobe Park. Park Ranger Alexander and Wilcox responded.



- Cascade Park Incident: On Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> a park maintenance worker was at Cascade Park cleaning the restrooms. An aggressive man in the park who looked impaired was watching the employee working. When the employee went to leave the person charged the vehicle slamming the side of the vehicle with their hands. It was scary and the staff person sent a report to the supervisors, safety office and park rangers to be on watch.

Other examples of responses Park Rangers completed the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- Park Ranger Wilcox and Alexander were first on the scene to respond to a man who on a motorized scooter who hit a tree and was critically injured. They called 911 and the Fire

department was quick to respond to the scene. This happened on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Denny, not in a park.

- Park Rangers responded to a man in Occidental Park who was having delusions and said the was the President and was yelling at the Totem Pole. Park Randers diffused the situation. Delusional male who thinks he was the President, Rangers diffused him, as he was screaming at Totem Pole in Occidental Park.
- Park Rangers continue early morning patrols at Cal Anderson Park to support the maintenance crews to clean the park. There are several tents in the park near the comfort station. This Saturday morning there was also a burn barrel in the park.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): Leary Priority Area drawdowns.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 11th Ave & E Howell St, 2nd Ave from Blanchard - Lenora St, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th & Yesler, 6th-7th & Cherry, Ballard Library, Cal Anderson Park, City Hall Park, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park, Homewood Natural Area, King St & 8th Ave, Lake City Community Center, Lake City Mini Park, Ballard Commons Park, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, Phinney Ave N from N 125th - 123rd St, Pioneer Square Pergola, University Playground, Washington & Occidental.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St Vicinity, 13th Ave S & S Lane St Vicinity, 1523 18th Ave, 1740 Melrose Ave, 222 Alaskan Way S, 3013 - 3033 NE 130th St, 3rd & Yesler, 3rd Ave & James St Alleyway, 520 S Main St, 609 Yesler Way, 6697 Weedin Pl NE, 6th-7th & Cherry, 726 Bellevue Pl E, 8th Ave NW & NW 43rd St, Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th - 43rd St, Cherry from 9th - 7th Ave, Dearborn / I-5 Vicinity, Dearborn Vicinity, Fire House Alley Vicinity, Hing Hay Park, International Children's Park, Interurban Trail from N 128th St - 125th St, Kinnear Park, Kobe Terrace Park, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th - 83rd St, N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NE 110th St & 36th Ave NE, NE 143rd St & 17th Ave NE Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 53rd St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 54th & 28th Ave NW, NW 8th & NW 47th St, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way from NW Ballard Way from 14th - 15th Ave NW, Occidental Park, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna (Under Bridge), Ravenna Park, S Washington St Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, Stone Pond / Puetz Golf.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 138 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.



Notes/Other Information:

Over 60,600 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 319

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

Dearborn Vicinity



Ravenna (Under Bridge)



NE 50<sup>th</sup> St Off-Ramp



**MDAR:** NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th Ave NW



**DATE:** December 1, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 11/13/2023 - 11/26/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Final removal of items from now defunct tennis courts at Lincoln Park to Camp Long.



- Leaf team at Hiawatha Park.





- Gardeners' Report – We worked on invasive knockdown at Camp Long.



- Alki crosswalk beds got weeded and mulched.



Volunteer Projects:

There was a Longfellow Creek GSP Restoration event on Saturday November 18.  
Dakota Place volunteer clean up happened the weekend of November 18-19.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Camp Long Bunker expansion to accommodate material storage for SW District due to its removal from Lincoln Park for Pickle ball courts.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thanks to the Turf Crew for filling in low spots on synthetic turf.



- Thanks to Facilities Division for fixing the fence along the Lincoln Park trail that leads down to Colman Pool.



- Thanks to the Drainage and Wastewater Crew for removing the standing water at basement entrance to Hiawatha Community Center.



**Southeast - District 2**

**Maintenance:**

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Invasive weed reduction at Hutchinson
- Genesee Park a controller zone valve location



- Restoration work at Lakewood Playground

Before



After



Incidents:

There was a break in at Kubota Gardens. Locks were cut off but nothing major was taken other than a few rakes.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along the shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Shout out to the Drainage and Wastewater Crew for spear heading the ATL Boat ramp GSI clean-up for clogged drains. Also thank you to the Heavy Crew for their support.



- Thank you to Truck Driver Skeeter Anderson for clearing an acre's worth of blackberry at Genesee Park.



- A shout out to Aardvark Fibar Blowing Team for dispensing fibar to our playground area.
- Kudos to Jason Aguirre, Jim Demetre, Isabella Jimenez, and Julius Cumlat for the work done at Hutchinson Park.



**South Central - District 2**

**Maintenance:**

- At Georgetown PF staff worked on blowing leaves & mulching.



- 48 cistus rock roses were planted on the banks of Rainer PF w/ help from Leng & Art.



- Work orders were generated for upper Colman & Daejeon Park to be slope mowed.

**Upper Colman**



**Daejeon Park**





- Jimi Hendrix Park CPTED pruning before & after.



- Harley raking at Rainier PF before & after



- More Harley raking was completed at Beacon Hill PF with the nice weather.



Incidents:

An abandoned car was found at Mount Baker Park with bullet holes.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Senior staff has been working on park inspections.
- The Toro Grandstand Multiforce blower attachment got installed and is ready for work.



**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Graffiti removal at Cal Anderson



- Hard surface and leaf blowing at Madrona Beach



- Recycle can replacement at Volunteer Park



- Leaf blowing and mulching at Viretta Park



- Graffiti removal at Garfield Playfield



- Hard surface blow and leaf removal at Garfield C.C.



- Hard surface blow and leaf mulching at Plum Tree Park



- Leaf removal at Garfield C.C.



- Hard surface blowing at Powell Barnett



- Preparation for ribbon cutting at Lavizzo Park.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information

Kudos and special thanks to Julian, Alex, Balwinder, Percy and Angel for your work at Lavizzo in preparation for ribbon cutting event.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Candy Cane Lane (aka Park Home Circle) special request: hedge downsizing for holiday display.



- Crews worked on leaf management throughout the district.





- Christopher Canty planted bulbs and winter pansies at Magnuson.

Before



After



- The crew worked on round two of spreading 100myards of top dressing at Gas Works erosion zones.







- Graffiti removal and irrigation box repair.





Incidents:

- Stolen car at Dahl Playfield



- Dumpsters being moved to get into Cracking Towers at Gas Works.



- Irrigation mainline tampering at Ravenna Park.



- Continual off-roading at Magnuson.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf renovation project at Gas Works, continued
- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Bryant mulching project, continued

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to the Landscape Crew and Heavy Crew for their expertise and collaboration on a large CIP project at Hubbard Homestead.



**Northwest – District 6** – no report

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

LEAVES! LEAVES! LEAVES!



Upcoming Projects/Work:

PRUNING! PRUNING! PRUNING!

**District Encampments**

- SW – Greg Davis Park – illegal camping at west end of park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park

Needles: 3

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- A sunny Saturday brought out 50 people to plant and care for the forest at Lincoln Park as part of a makeup event for Green Seattle Day which was cancelled due to stormy weather on November 4th. The event was hosted by Friends of Lincoln Park and Forest Steward Lisa McGinty



- To help plan for 2024, Michael Yadrick is coordinating design review site visits for several crew projects around Seattle. Last week, Eric, Michael, Danielle, and Lisa visited the Magnuson Park shoreline to consider opportunities to address soil compaction, improve native plant cover, and increase salmon habitat. All smiles for the sunny time together.



- Bridget, Matthew and David Koon, Director of Salmon Programs Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project ([www.CarkeekWatershed.org](http://www.CarkeekWatershed.org)) supported salmon access last Friday after low creek flows limited salmon movement upstream. Jim Schloemer, DFW Habitat biologist reviewed the current HPA permit and salmon access problem at the large dam on Piper's Creek and gave permission to do work to improve access by notching the dam. Bridget, Matthew and David observed water flow patterns and removed debris and landscape fabric to deepen an existing channel at the edge of the dam, providing passage to upper creek just in time for Salmon Celebration the next day. KUOW reporter Libby Denkmann and photographer came and interviewed David during project. First set of photos below show before (left) and after (right).



- Eric presented at the University of Washington this last week as part of the ESRM 101 Forestry Speakers Series: Creating Strong Communities through Healthy Forests.
- Michael continued to coordinate crew work to stabilize soils at Jose Rizal where someone with a [stolen excavator](#) damaged the site. Photo updates below.



- Eric Sterner hosted a Forest Steward Workshop on plant placement with Forest Steward Dean Drugge at Magnuson Park this last Saturday.



- Eric met with Forest Stewards Lisa Golden (Interlaken) and Don Syverson (Burke Gilman Trail) for annual work planning check ins.



- This week, Bridget supported multiple IPM and wildlife efforts, including:
  - Met with Dewright Brooks to create chafer beetle monitoring program.
  - Met with Kelly Stamm to consider potential wildlife impacts from the Cheasty North trail construction. Created bird nesting training plan for construction team and volunteers.
  - Coordinated beaver fencing on large poplar in Fremont Canal Park with Urban Forestry and NAC.
  - Continued IPM Recert Webinar planning.
  - Attended monthly meeting with King County Noxious Weeds and Michael Yadrick.
  - Submitted HPA application for beaver dam management at Carkeek Park
  - Set up pre-project site visit for beaver impacts at Magnuson with DFW.
  - Created salmon access around beaver dam in Pipers Creek with Matthew Hilliard and David Koon after coordinating with DFW, NRU and Comms (above).

Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 1 – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 2 – Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 3 – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
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Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Serve Washington has awarded \$1.37 million in grant funding to four organizations that will join the new [Washington Climate Corps Network](#), WCCN. Civic Spark, Earth Corps, The Student Conservation Association, and the Washington Conservation Corps were named as recipients.

The WCCN network was created through [legislation](#) in 2023. This will allow GSP to expand programming with the Student Conservation Association to 12 participants for 7 weeks supporting site care, alongside training, education and career pathway exposure.

- From the Harrison Ridge Greenbelt HRG Forest Stewards, Greg, Linda, and Wayne to Natural Area Crew, Central East Crew and Eric Sterner:
  - *We had a really great year. Most of our plants are in, so now we're working on a few areas that still have blackberry, marking trees for treatment, spreading woodchips in bare areas, and so on. We appreciate the support you and the crew have given us----woodchip deliveries, a cistern with hoses*
  - *Eric, just to chime in some more, our whole HRG gang has expressed deep appreciation for all of your team's support of our work this past year. It has really made our work more efficient and effective. Cheers! - Greg*

### **Heavy Equipment Crew**

#### Maintenance:

Green Lake CC



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

**Turf Crew** - no report

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 6; Failure Cleanups: 4; Prunes: 2; Stump grind: 1; Trees planted: 14
- Inspections/Inventory:



- Level 1 inspections: 3
- Level 2 inspections: 10
- Work orders – Finished this week: 3; Open: 905; Average days open: 438
- Tree removals in Sam Smith Park - The Tree Crew focused on dead tree removals in the last week, cleaning up as many of these trees as they can.
- Winter moth monitoring - Mark Malone initiated the installation of winter moth traps on 2 Big Leaf Maples in Interlaken Park to monitor and test for any positive sample collection of winter moth infestation.



- Logs left behind from a failure cleanup in Licton Springs and Joe Perdue found himself a nice seat made from wood.



- Josh Gilbert spikes up in this dead tree for removal at Sam Smith Park.



- Tommy Ennest trained Reeve Belt on using the winch of the chipper to pull in wood to be chipped at Sam Smith Park.



- Ynhi Phan supported the UF tree planting team by putting mulch on these baby Douglas Firs.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information

- Shout out to NAC, Trails and Landscape teams for staffing support to UF Tree Planting Crew  
Thanks to the above NRU teams for the continued staffing support in UF's tree planting work.  
Also, kudos to Ynhi Phan, Sherman Davis and Josh Gilbert for helping out with tree planting work last week.

#### **Trails Crew**

##### Maintenance/Projects:

- Tree Crew planting help- The crew assisted the Tree Crew+ with their tree planting jobs at Highland Park where they got 12 trees planted and mulched, Judkins Park where they got 11 trees planted and mulched and Van Asselt Playground where they got 9 trees planted and mulched.
- Jose Rizal Park/ Natural Area- We got all the materials and parts needed to do this job. We have also done a site visit as a crew to talk about the scope and expectations of the job and I have done a design drawing to help with the building of the retaining wall and check steps.

- Marth Washington Park- The Crew returned to Martha Washington to do the planting for the step and log installation job we did earlier in the year. We installed 28 plants and 3 yards of mulch.

#### Volunteer/ Contractor Projects:

We are working with 2 Scout Troops to help them achieve the honor of earning their Eagle Badge.

- One Troop will be at Fauntleroy Park- Creating a new trail for better accessibility and creating a new planter bed and installing native plants at the rainbow sign at the Barton St entrance.
- Another will be at Louisa Boren or Interlaken Park- the work to be done is still to be determined.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Trail and Trail Structure assessment with Asmita Poudel
- 3 washouts on the Lake Washington shoreline- We will be working with Michael Yadrick on mitigating this ongoing issue.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- The Crew finished their E-3's and I have reviewed them and have sat down to talk with them about their achievements and ways I can help them to continue to learn and grow.
- The Crew checked on the sinkhole that we back filled with the Heavy Crew last year, I am happy to report we haven't had any further sinking yet and we will continue to monitor it.
- I am currently working on the ML hiring Process for the NRU, Districts and Encampment Crews which is just about finalized and should be taking place in the first part of December.
- I am currently working on a Class Spec/ PDQ process for the Trails Crew members, we would like the Class spec duties to match the daily work that they do.

#### Landscape Crew

##### Maintenance/Projects:

Even though this past week was short the Landscape crew was busy at Hubbard Homestead working on the bioswale renovation. Twenty yards of contaminated soil was removed, placed 10 boulders, and remediated the soil with 25 yards of a bioswale specific mix, and rebuilt the drainage system by bringing in 7 yards of drain rock.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Japanese Garden meadow tree planting.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Huge thank you to the Heavy Crew for the support with Hubbard Homestead!

**Specialty Gardens Monthly Report**

**Kubota Gardens**

Maintenance:

- Regular maintenance including hedge trimming, pruning, weeding, mowing.
- It's fall, we're blowing leaves off the trails and turf daily.

- We had to clear drains often this month due to leaf drop and heavy rains.
- Fixed potholes in parking lot.
- Removed Lombardy poplar roots from the waterfall system vault on the Mountainside.

#### Volunteer Projects:

- KGF garden volunteers weeded and mulched in the Stroll Garden, thinned our black bamboo patch, and removed blackberries canes.
- Earth Corps did ivy and blackberry removal on 11/17 with students from the Window School.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Planting around rockery below picnic lawn.

#### Incidents:

- 2 car prowls in parking lot.
- Evidence of car fire in parking lot. Many thanks to the drain crew for bringing their vac truck and cleaning up all the fire-retardant foam that was left behind.
- KGF shipping container was broken into; 2 pop up tents and some rakes were stolen.
- We've had numerous instances of people riding Lime scooters through the garden at high speed with some near misses with staff.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Public restrooms are back online with the new auto-locking system installed and operational; thanks Semere!
- Kudos to drain crew for cleanup after car fire and for digging out a catch basin that filled with gravel after all the heavy rain.





### **Volunteer Park Conservatory**

#### Maintenance:

Routine Maintenance ongoing. Display change, Glass and structural surfaces cleaning, pressure washing, Custodial duties.

#### Volunteer Projects:

Weekly ongoing support from our NW Orchid Society members, working with staff, six hours per week on Mondays maintaining the collections.

#### Upcoming Events:

The Conservatory is partnering with the Volunteer Park Trust again this season for “Holiday in the Park” a very popular evening event held on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Santa Saturday will happen on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12pm to 3pm. Admission is free the first Saturday of the Month> Santa’s Elves will be collecting a five-dollar suggested donation to help defray the cost of reindeer chow.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Preparations are being made for the post-Holiday display with a nod to spring, fancy florist azaleas, and forced bulbs, presented in a spring themed display in the seasonal house.



- Hundreds of bulbs of different varieties have been potted and are in their coldframes, awaiting forcing in early February.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

FOC Holiday Open house, Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, very well attended and appreciated by the public 150 visitors attended a 2-hour evening preview of the newly installed Holiday display.

#### **Washington Park Arboretum**

##### Maintenance:

- Leaf blowing throughout all of Arboretum of trails, turf, paved surfaces, parking lots, and roads using handheld, backpack, tow-behind blower, plus large turbine blower on JD tractor
- Wetlands: Groundwater monitoring, weeding, line-trimming, and mulching around plantings
- Routine maintenance of composting toilet, including addition of wood shavings and monitoring levels of liquids and solids; schedule removal of materials with septic service
- Maintenance yard clean-up in partnership with UW staff

##### Volunteer Projects:

- Monthly Friends of Arboretum Creek work party, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month



*Pileated Woodpecker*

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Prepare for Year 7 Wetlands Monitoring in 2024, in compliance with US Army Corps Permitting requirements.

Incidents:

Stolen KIA driven into Arboretum and onto Foster Island, coming to a stop off the path and into the marsh. Police were notified and incident report submitted to Safety Office.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- Yesler Terrace Park: Park Rangers Thomas, Byers, Fola-Niumata and Sorensen attempted to contact a tent camper. Rangers frequently contact individuals camping on SPR property and educate them about Seattle Municipal Code and City Policy related to camping. If voluntary compliance is not obtained the locations and pictures are sent to the Unified Care Team for assessment and removal. Pictured, Ranger Thomas documents encampment activity.





- Westlake Park: Rangers outreaching individual looking for spot to sleep.



- Myrtle Edwards Park: During a recent medical or substance abuse crisis, the Rangers arrived to contact the Crisis Team and to keep onlookers away from the scene.



- Cal Anderson Park: The Community Garden is monitored. One camper was verbally aggressive and threatened violence when other campers were verbally warned about smoking narcotics in park. Rangers Fola and Byers were in the park to support staff during cleaning of bathrooms and structures.



- Westlake Park: Rangers Thomas, Fola, and Byers were on hand on November 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Tree lighting by Mayor Harrell. Rangers also provided a support role with site security with the pop-up protest that also took place at Westlake Park during the tree lighting event.



**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW** – no report

**DATE:** December 15, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 12/4/2023 - 12/10/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- The IMW replaced a broken soap dispenser and removed graffiti.



- The District Gardeners completed a weeding project at Cesar Chavez Park





- At the EC Hughes entrance, shrub beds were renovated and over 300 plants were installed, mostly perennials.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

On 12/10 in Lincoln Park two women approached staff member inquiring if he saw two young children, as they were separated from their mothers. The staff member was able to locate children and reunite with their mothers. Great job Claire Yazza!

**Southeast - District 2** – no report

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Staff worked on removing dumpsters out of the clean green banker.



- Trudy's Triangle crew project: 25 yds of brush removed; 22 yds of wood chips installed; 10 gallons of garbage removed; sightlines improved.



- Christmas Ship fire at Stan Sayers Park



Incidents:

Landslide at S Horton St & Lake Washington Blvd S





Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Staff completed a park inspection at Amy Yee Tennis Center along the east side of the building.



**Central East – District 3**

**Maintenance:**

- Hard surfaces and play area at Pratt Park cleaned.



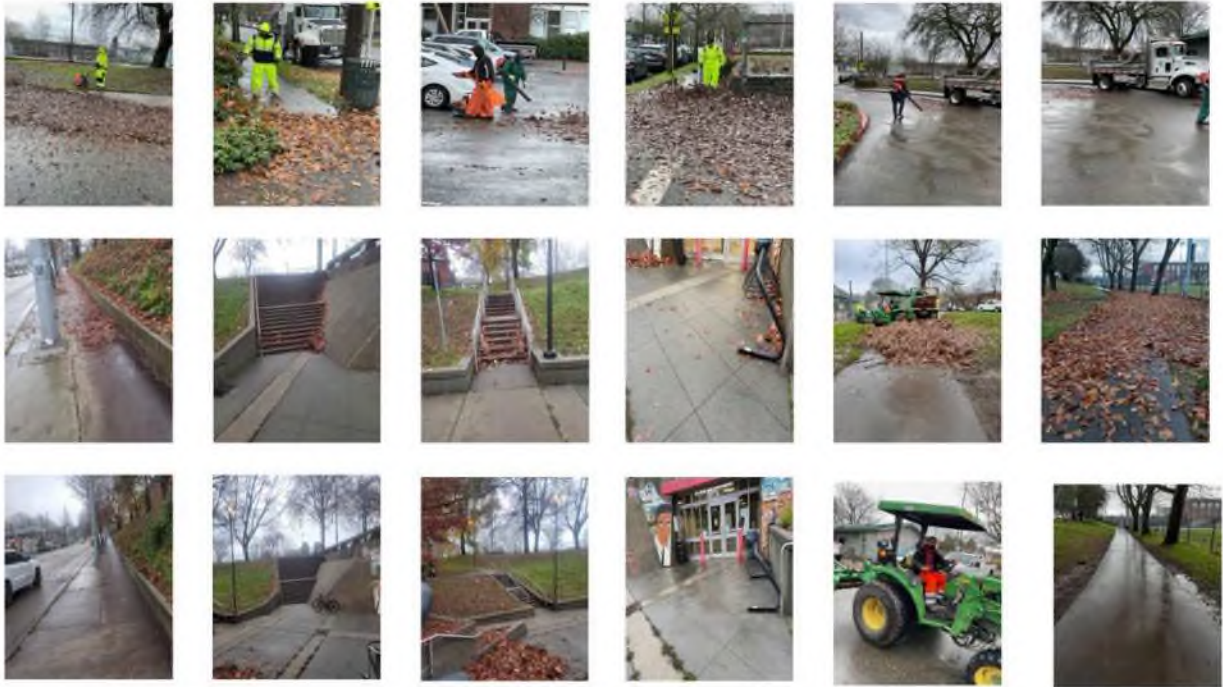
- Leaf removal at Plum Tree



- Hard surface cleaning at Plum Tree



- Garfield hard surface and leaf removal Crew Project





- Sign removal at Denny Blaine



- Madrona Beach preparation for Christmas Lights



- Leaf removal at Firehouse Mini



- Hard surface and leaf blowing at Interlaken.



**Northeast – District 4/5**

**Maintenance:**

- Leaf and debris management at Laurelhurst Park.





• Leaf management throughout district



- NE and NW IMWs teaming up to clean gutters at Maple Leaf Playground and Gilman Park



- Strategic planter installation at Magnuson



- Irrigation box repair and graffiti removal





- Christopher Canty and Remy Shannon worked on CPTED pruning in the Children's parking lot at Magnuson. The greens were donated to the Zoo.



- CPTED pruning at Magnuson Building 2, greens donated to the hippos



- Clearing the beaver deceiver to prevent flooding at the Magnuson wetlands.



- Edging at Magnuson

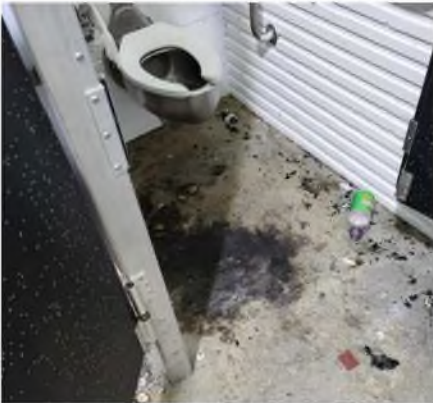


Incidents

- Landslide and 80 ft tree blocking the Burke Gilman Trail



- Fire in the Wallingford restroom



- Turf damage at Magnuson playground



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf renovation project at Gas Works, continued
- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Bryant mulching project, continued
- Magnuson “Brig” shrub bed clean up

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week goes to Braden Caviezel for his dependable work ethic and good sense of humor.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

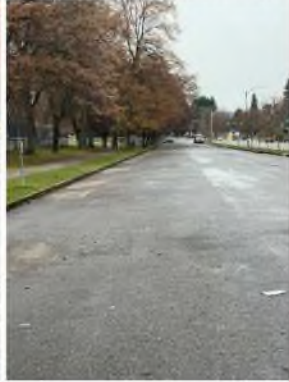
- Blackberry removal and clean up at 14<sup>th</sup> St Boat Ramp.







- Leaf cleanup at Lower Woodland parking lot.



- Leaf cleanup at B.F. Day



- Weeding and cleanup around Green Lake Bathhouse beds.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Continued leaf clean up around Green Lake
- Mulching in roundabout bed at Golden Gardens
- Collecting plant material for Christmas decorations for community centers

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Lots of falling trees, especially at Discovery Park. BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!





- Protests in Westlake left behind a big mess to clean up.



- We are reaching the end of leaf season!



## **District Encampments**

- SW – Lincoln Park Shelter 3
- CE – Cal Anderson comfort station courtyard
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW – Woodland Park, Carkeek Park
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park

Needles: 3

## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- OOC Senior Gardener Matthew Hilliard and the Natural Area Crew were out at Lakewood Sanctuary this week prepping for planting and enjoying the wildlife views (Great Blue Heron mid-photo). Earlier in the week, the NAC also caged mature trees to reduce beaver impacts.



- Michael Yadrick coordinated contracted crew support for erosion and sediment control applications at the landslide location along Lake Washington Boulevard at S. Horton Street.



- Eric Sterner met with Forest Steward Loren at Carkeek Park.



- Daljit Singh helped Bridget Kelsh monitor and maintain the beaver notch exclusion fencing at Longfellow Creek.



- Michael, Matthew, and Jay met with Josh Meidav from Seattle Public Utilities to consider restoration next steps at Puget Creek culvert replacement and restoration site.



Upcoming Events:

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**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

- Burke – Gilman mudslide



- Lake Washington Blvd





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Demo Madrona Ravine (house)
- Clean green
- Chips citywide

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Autumn is here and the rain is back. Jack Frost is on the windshields and turf in the morning. This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- Maintaining synthetic playfields with cork granules to fill in low spots.
- Blowing leaves and debris off the playfields.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- East Queen Anne aeration
- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 2; Failure Cleanups: 21; Prunes: 1; Trees planted: 22; Trees delivered: 849
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 14
  - Level 2 inspections: 24
- Trees/sites inventoried: 84 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 19; Open: 877; Average days open: 471
- Tree crew working on a limb failure of this Linden tree at Woodland Park from weekend storm.



- Zach Pollard is being featured in the Seattle Times working on the failure clean up of this tree that fell across the Burke Gilman Trail from the mud slide.





- Tree Planting at Roxhill Park.



- Planting Shore Pine along Lake Washington. WA Fish & Wildlife permit required us to plant 3 native trees where a Spruce died.



- Planting Excelsa cedars and baldcypress at Miller Playfield.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information

- Storm response - Weekend and early week rain and wind brought down several trees. Kudos to the tree crew for working throughout the week to address a total of 24 incidences of tree failure

from the wet weather. Also thanks to Tony Eggink, Emily Hanson and Mark Malone for supporting tree inspections.

- A major failure was at the Burke Gilman Trail where a mud slide took down a tree that fell across the trail. This was a collaborative work with Heavy and NE District to clean up the failure. Shout out to Zach Pollard, Mark Rawlins, Joe Perdue and Thomas Ennest for supporting this cleanup work.

### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance/ Projects:

- Jose Rizal Park - The Crew continued working on the 120' retaining wall in the natural area of Jose Rizal Park. The trail was eroding away and not easy to walk on and this retaining wall will allow us to bring in gravel to level the trail up. We had to rent a roto hammer as our broke and it's awaiting repair.



- Tree Crew assistance @ the Burke Gilman Trail- Trails crew helped the Tree Crew with a tree failure on the Burke Gilman Trails.



- Lake Washington Blvd shoreline site visit- We had a site visit at Lake Washington Trail shoreline to assess the washouts that are happening and come up with a plan to mitigate them.



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- A lot of the crew is part of the Maintenance Laborer hiring process this week at Rainier Beach CC. We are all very excited to get through this and be able to onboard the new workers at Parks.

**Landscape Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

The past week our entire team has been at The Japanese Garden working in the meadow to install 11 new cherry trees, completing last year's rehabilitation of that area.





Upcoming Projects/Work:

Finishing tree planting at The Japanese Garden

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to the staff at the Japanese Garden for their warm welcome and supporting efforts in planting. It may have been pouring outside but Seattle was still shining.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Park Rangers:

- Occidental Park: Park Rangers Alexander and Wilcox encounter characters in Pioneer Square.



- Donnie Chin International Children’s Park: Park Rangers Alexander and Wilcox also encounter a man in medical emergency after a head injury and call for assistance.



- Electric Bikes: Park rangers are expanding their fleet to include electric bikes to use downtown. On Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> Cascade Bike Club is doing an all-staff training session on Urban Bike techniques, proper gear, and safety.
- Earlier this year Ranger Sorenson and Thomas did some patrols at Myrtle Edwards Park.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): NW Leary Way From 11th - 14th Ave NW.
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Trail Vicinity, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Pratt Park, Tashkent Park, Washington & Occidental.

- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St. Vicinity, 135th & Stone, 13th Ave S & S Lane St Vicinity, 1400 West Nickerson St, 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, 2nd & Mercer to Roy St, 3rd Ave & James St Alley & Vicinity, 4th & Roy, 7th Ave NE & NE 47th St, Bellevue Place (Melrose Trail), Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th - 43rd St, Carkeek Park McAbee Trailhead - 6th Ave NW & NW 100th PL, Corliss Ave & NE 92nd, Dearborn / I-5 Vicinity, Dearborn Vicinity, E Thomas St & Malden Ave E, Eastlake Ave E & E Allison St vicinity, Fairview Ave E from Fuhrman Ave E to E Allison St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St Vicinity, Fire House Alley Vicinity, Fremont Way N from Aurora Ave N SB On-Ramp, Harvard Ave E btwn E Allison St & E Gwinn & Vicinity, Hing Hay Park, International Children's Park, Interurban Trail, Jackson Golf Trail, Kinnear Park, Kobe Terrace Park, Lakeview Blvd E - Roy St, Leary Ave NW From NW Lone Place to 17th Ave NW, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th - 83rd St, Melrose Ave E, N. 102nd St. From Fremont - Evanston Ave N, N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NE 143rd St & 17th Ave NE, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp, NE 45th St I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th St Off-Ramp, NE 50th St On-Ramp, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th St Northbound I-5 (Soundwall Barrier Vicinity), NE Queen Anne Greenbelt, NE Ravenna Blvd 65th to 8th Ave NE, Northacres, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 41st St. & Burke Gilman Trail Vicinity, NW 46th St. & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 47th St. From 8th Ave NW to Leary Way NW, NW 50th St. From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 50th St. From 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 50th St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 54th St. & 28th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & Leary Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way From 11th - 14th Ave NW, NW Leary Way from 9th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way From NW Ballard Way From 14th - 15th, Occidental Park Vicinity, Olga Park, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola Vicinity, Post Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna & Green Lake Way NE, Ravenna Park, Ravenna Park (under bridge), Roy St & Minor Ave N, Roy St from 9th - 8th Ave N, S Washington St Alley & Vicinity, Seaview Ave NW & 37th Place NW, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, W Garfield St (under Magnolia Bridge), W Garfield St to W Galer St from 15th Ave W to Alaskan Way W, Weedin PI NE from NE 68th St to 8th Ave NE.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 142 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 54,500 lbs of debris was removed the week of 12/2/2023 – 12/8/2023 by the Clean City / Encampment / Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 520

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

Peace Park



135<sup>th</sup> & Stone Way



2nd & Mercer to Roy St



MDAR: NW Leary Way From 11th - 14th Ave NW





**DATE:** December 22, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 12/11/2023 - 12/17/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- The crew blew leaves and mulched at Roxhill Park.



- The IMW removed graffiti from info sign, building door, dumpster, and ADA parking sign.





- Gardeners' Report (Tim Pollin) - Roxhill sign bed removal of invasive plants, replant with annuals, and mulched.



- At Myrtle Street Reservoir Park replanted bioswale with 150 native plants (salmonberry, Artemisia, Syrsinchium, sedges, Willow, Rushes, and Shore pine, then added mulch.



- The Gardeners collected 'greens' for Camp Long and Westbridge for Holiday events.

Incidents:

Solstice Park illegal campfire. Staff are monitoring daily for more incidents.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

In-house training on small equipment maintenance, reviews on cornerstone, videos on Custodial, and Ballfield maintenance, too.



**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Leaf Removal at Lakeridge Park



- Leaf removal at RBCC Playground



- Juneau Street North slope landscaping bed mulching



- Seward Park Tree Stump Removal



Incidents:

On 12-11-2023 a car break in occurred at Seward Park

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Shout out to Skeeter for the Tree Stump removal, Ryan Doll for the great job up at Lakeridge Park, and a BIG KUDOS to Jesse Arthur, Nicholas Pines, and Ramone Cunningham for the wonderful work at RBCC playground work.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Leaf removal at Powell Barnett



• Leaf removal at Williams Place



- Graffiti removal at Volunteer Park



- Hard surface and leaf blowing at Lavizzo



- Madrona Parking lot hard surface blow and leaf removal



- Leaf removal at Broadway Hill



- Leaf removal at Firehouse Mini



- Leaf removal at First Hill



Notes/Kudos/Other Information

Christmas Lights at Madrona Beach. Over 1,000 community members attended.



**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Continuing crew project to manage leaves along Ravenna Boulevard







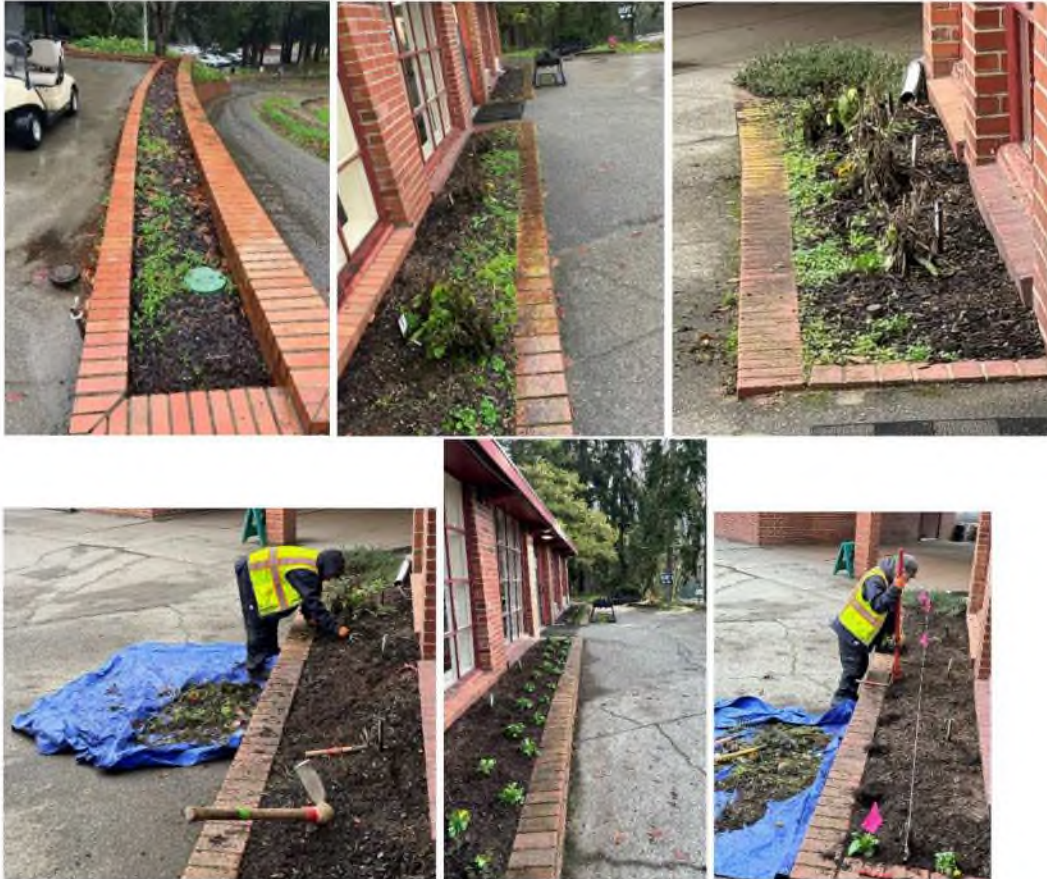
- Filling pot holes around Magnuson Sports Meadow



- Leaf management throughout district

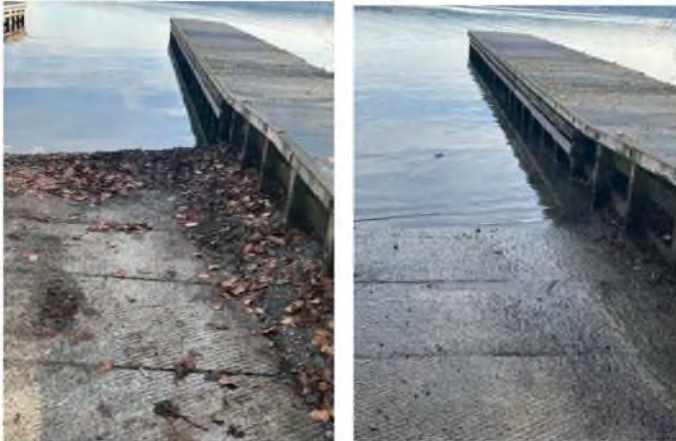


- Winter pansy planting at Jackson Park Golf Course





• Boat ramp cleaning at Magnuson



• Graffiti removal throughout district





- Gutter cleaning and leaf management at Victory Heights



- Finished installing erosion control matting at Gas Works Kite Hill





- Posted signage for toxic green algae at Magnuson dog offleash beach



### Incidents

Tree down across Burke Gilman Trail



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Magnuson Community Center shrub bed clean up
- Mulching project at Meridian

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Sunrise at Magnuson



- NE staff tested out electric blowers.



- Kudos this week goes to Josh Bishop and James Hinson for their leadership and communication not only in their OOC roles but everyday.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- The crew cleaned a heavy blanket of leaves off the turf at Green Lake. All leaves were placed in nearby tree wells. Many compliments were given by park goers.



- Crew delivered and spread 10 yards of mulch to the turn around bed at Golden Gardens.



- Staff worked on graffiti removal at Green Lake

Before





After



**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Split Rail fence repair at the top of Bhy Kracke Park.



- Unauthorized tree cutting in Discovery Park.



- Graffiti at Kerry Viewpoint



- Lots of beautiful annuals in the planters all across Downtown Parks.



- South Lake Union looking refreshed, cleaned and tucked away with mulch for a nice winter sleep.



### **District Encampments**

- SW – Lincoln Park Shelter 3
- CE – Cal Anderson comfort station courtyard
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW – Woodland Park, Carkeek Park, Ballard Commons, Bergen Place
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park

Needles: 0

### **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

#### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### **Projects/Maintenance:**

- The Natural Area Crew, including Rodrick and Jay shown below, have transitioned from receiving plants at the West Duwamish nursery to delivering plants citywide. Deliveries include new signs, tools, and a general site check. This is a big operation and the crew deserves much appreciation for the effort and customer service they are providing to GSP partner organizations and Forest Stewards.



- The Natural Area Crew also did a site visit at Woodland Park.



- Lisa met with partner organization Futures Rising to develop a work plan and community engagement opportunities at Frink Park in coordination with a current Forest Steward.

#### Volunteer Projects:

Eric met with the Forest Steward group at the Mountaineers Building at Magnuson Park to transition leadership as one of the Forest Stewards retires from the program.



#### Upcoming Events:

Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

#### **Heavy Equipment Crew**

##### Maintenance:

Myrtle Edwards sea lion removal





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Autumn is still here and leaf season is upon the parks. Don't know what happen to Jack Frost in the morning. This week used the Ventrac to blow leaves off synthetic playfields. This has been a warm fall season but winter is just around the corner, next week.

Delridge Synthetic Playfield covered with leaves





- The natural play field have lot of damage due to dog owner using the play fields as a dog park .  
The districts and turf crew are always repairing fields
- Delridge After the removal of leaves



- East Queen Anne aerating this will help with unpacking the soil so grass will have deeper roots for a healthier turf.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Volunteer Park turf renovation
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Soil samples
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 2; Failure Cleanups: 14; Prunes: 3; Trees planted: 32
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 7
  - Level 2 inspections: 10
- Trees/sites inventoried: 75 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 12; Open: 871; Average days open: 480
- Tree removal at Spokane Street - This week's project was focused on a major hazard tree removal along Spokane Street. The Tree Crew worked with the rental Bucket truck to take down this tree.



- Miles Anderson did a great job felling this entire stem in the most precise direction - avoiding any damage to the fence, and putting the tree down where they needed it to be. A significant portion of internal decay in the tree, thanks to Mark Malone for discovering this major internal decay in a tomography assessment with the youth interns last summer.



- The Tree Crew at Spokane Street getting a hanger while removing this tree.





- Thanks to Zach Pollard and Tony Eggink for working on tree failure cleanups at North Beach Ravine, where a tree fell and damaged the fence of a homeowner's property and a tree on trail at the Burke Gilman.



- Tree planting at Langston Hughes with Henry Arends, Trevor Dobbs-White and Ron Simmons to support TC+. The team had to remove some gnarly black locust suckers to plant a tree.





- Michael Adams, Reeve Belt and Michael Keodoungsy planting at Miller Playfield.



- Michael Adams and Reeve Belt planting an Incense Cedar and Japanese Snowbell at Miller Playfield.



- Reeve Belt, Michael Adams and Jay Nelson working on planting trees in Miller Playfield.



- Tree planting at Miller Playfield all done! It was 3 days of planting and thanks to the crew of Michael Keodoungsy, Reeve Belt, Michael Adams, Yhni Phan and Jay Nelson. A total of 36 trees were planted in Miller Playfield this season! Great job, Team!



- Jay Nelson at Miller Playfield installing the stake that supports our baby trees during their establishment.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information

- Tree removal at Spokane Street - Kudos to Mark Malone for taking the lead to schedule and plan out all logistical work, including obtaining a permit from SDOT and a traffic control plan. It was an all hands-on deck work over two full days. Great work to the tree crew for supporting this removal.
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#### **Trails Crew**

##### Maintenance/ Projects:

Jose Rizal Park- The Crew continued working on the 120' retaining wall in the natural area of Jose Rizal Park. The trail was eroding away and not easy to walk on and this retaining wall will allow us to bring in gravel to level the trail up. We had to rent a roto hammer as our broke and it's awaiting repair. This has been a difficult job to complete as everything has had to be carried in by hand. So far we have carried in 5 yards of crushed rock using 5 gallon buckets.





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Maintenance/Projects:

- The Landscape Crew was at the Japanese Garden finishing the planting of the cherry trees in the meadow area.



- The Landscape Crew also supported the Tree Crew with planting at Langston Hughes Park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Ave Square Park
- End of year wrap up of projects.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Happy Retirement to Joan Kalhorn thank you for your years of service.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Park Rangers:

- Urban Bike Training: On December 13<sup>th</sup> Cascade Bike Club trained Park Rangers on Rad Bikes. Here are some pictures from the classroom training and street ride.



- Park Rangers interacting for welfare checks at Mertle Edwards and Hing Hey Parks.



- Park Rangers Wilcox, Alexander and Fola-Niumata enjoying a minute at the staff Christmas recognition.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 136 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 50,740 lbs of debris was removed the week of 12/9/2023 – 12/15/2023 by the Clean City / Encampment / Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 559

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

Ravenna Park



Bellevue Place Park



7th Ave NE & NE 47th St



**Obstruction:** Homewood Natural Area



**DATE:** December 8, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 11/27/2023 - 12/3/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Staff cleared walkways of leaves at the Westbridge facility.



- Leaf Team at Delridge CC



- Alki Playfield - leaves moved off walkway.



- The District IMW replaced an irrigation box at Hiawatha and removed graffiti from the rainbow sign.



- District IMW righted sign at Don Armeni Boat Ramp and installed ADA sign Lincoln Park parking lot.



- District IMW removed Marra Farms dilapidated wooden arbor.



- Gardeners' Report (from Tim Pollin) – Lincoln Park South Parking Lot



Alki 63<sup>rd</sup> shrub bed work



Upcoming Events:

- Forest Steward Appreciation Event 12/3 @ Mount Baker Rowing Center
- West Seattle Junction Plaza "Glorious Lights" lighting 12/9/23

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Camp Long site to add bunkers as materials storage area for SW District.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS to the SW District Staff for all the great work they have done this year!

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Genesee Park a controller Zone Valve Location
- Leaf control project at Atlantic Street Boat Ramp, Rainier CC, Rainier Beach CC, and Benefit Park

Atlantic Street Boat Ramp – before & after



Rainier Beach CC – before & after



Benefit Park – before & after



- Ferdinand Chafer Beetle Brigade on Lake Washington Blvd



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along the shore of Lake Washington from Mount Baker to Seward.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Fog at Seward Park.



**South Central - District 2** – no report

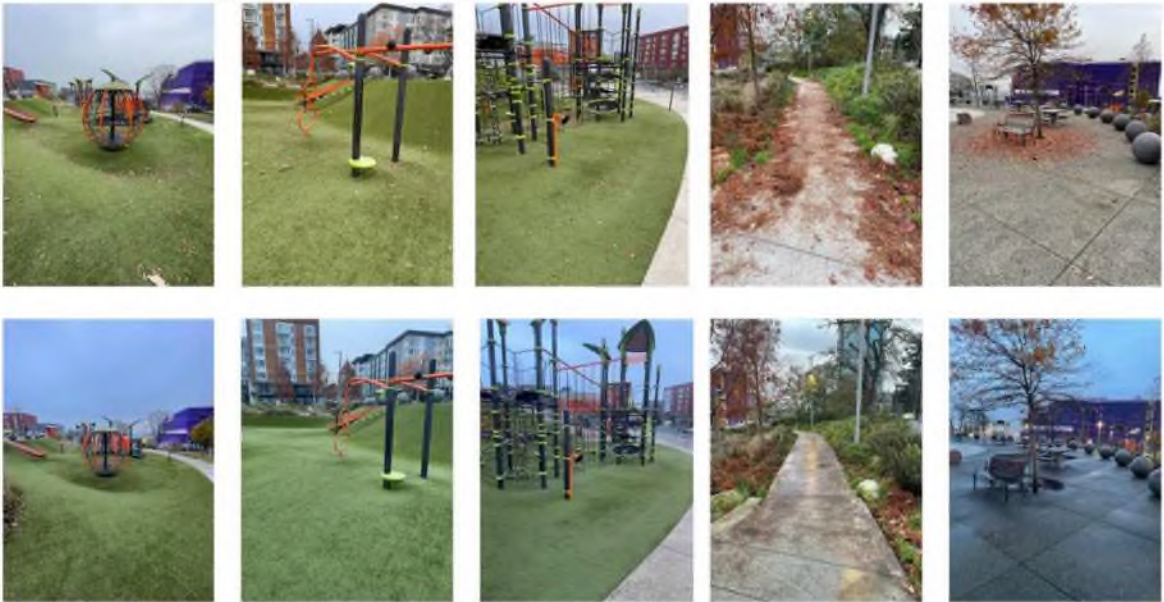
**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Madrona Beach preparation for Holiday Lights



- Leaf blowing of hard surface and play area at Yesler C.C.





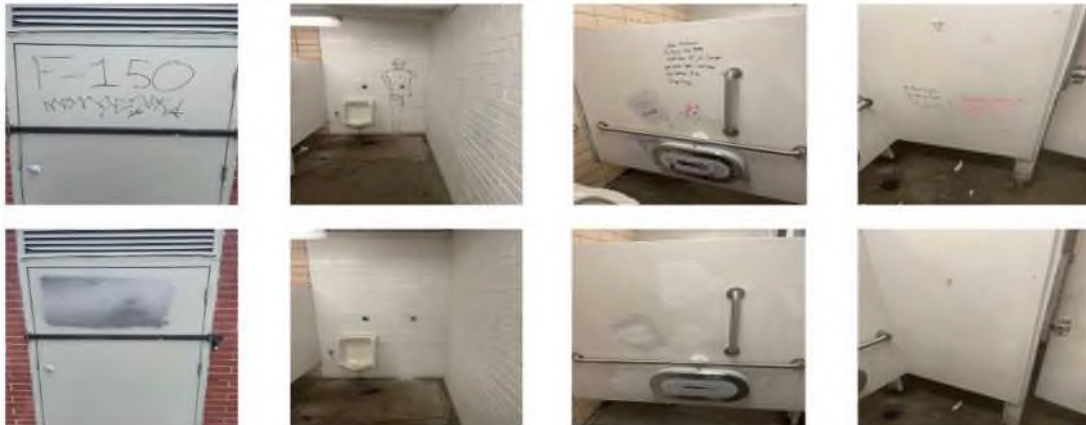
- Leaf removal at Lambert Triangle



- Roanoke Crew Project



- Graffiti removal at Madrona Beach



- Restroom sign replacement and Graffiti removal at Madison Beach



- Hard surface blow at Montlake



### **Northeast – District 4/5**

#### **Maintenance:**

- Leaf management crew project on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave and Ravenna Boulevard





• Leaf management at Gas Works Park

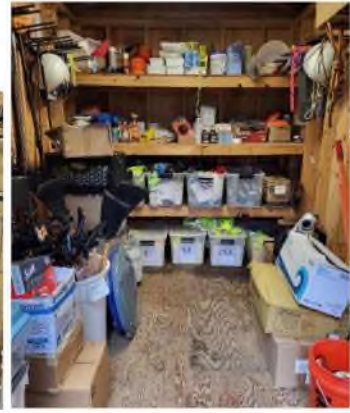




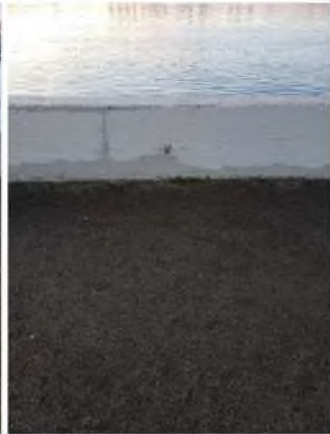
- Winter pansy planting at Virgil Flaim Park by Christopher Canty



- Barn and shed cleaning at Ravenna Headquarters



- Bench repair and graffiti removal



- Gravel work at Ravenna Park parking lot



Incidents:

- Flooding at Magnuson Park



- Bard owl sighting at Magnuson



- Fire near 50<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf renovation project at Gas Works, continued
- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Bryant mulching project, continued

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to our Permanent Part Time employees: AJ Dawson, Jason Zimmerman, Jerrell Davis, and Pesi Taufa for their teamwork and contributions throughout the year.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Leaf clean up at Westcrest play area
- Leaf blowing at BF Day



- Crew picked up unhoued debris from Upper Woodland



- Graffiti clean-up around several parks



- Crew cleaned up large fallen branch at Soundview



Upcoming Events:

Green Lake Pathway of Lights will be taking place on Saturday 12/9

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Wanted to highlight the Christmas Ship bonfires that happened at Carkeek and Golden Gardens Nov 26 that went smoothly!





### **Central West/Downtown – District 7**

#### Maintenance:

- Mulching! Turning the leaves into a beautiful fluffy compost/mulch. We were able to feed our lawns and nourish our shrub beds while reducing our leaf debris and clearing our park's pathways and roadways.

#### Queen Anne Playfield



- Keeping up with and responding to fallen tree branches.
- Clearing drains and run-off water.
- Garbage!! Such a useful and important service we offer the public! Helps keep our city clean!  
WE collect a lot of garbage every day, every week!
- Hundreds of bulbs and annuals planted, lots to look forward to in the spring!

Upcoming Projects/Work:

PRUNING! PRUNING! PRUNING!

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Some beautiful photos of the new bioswale rain garden that was installed this summer at the Discovery Park ELC, nice and full this morning in all this late fall rain!



**District Encampments**

- SW – Lincoln Park Shelter 3
- CE – Cal Anderson comfort station courtyard
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini
- NW – Woodland, Green Lake, Carkeek, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park

Needles: 0

**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- We celebrated the work and commitment of the GSP Forest Stewards this last Sunday at Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing, as part of annual Forest Steward Appreciation Event. Ten Forest Stewards received embroidered vests to mark their ten years of volunteer service as Forest Stewards:
  - Dean Drugge - Magnuson Park, Mathews Beach, and the Burke Gilman Trail.
  - Dianne Kelso - St Marks Greenbelt
  - Doug Gresham - Golden Gardens
  - Jana Robbins - Peppi's Playground
  - Peter Donahue - Mount Baker Park
  - David Kessler - Burke Gilman Trail

- Barbara Broderick - Magnuson Park
- Phillip Osborne – Me-Kwa-Mooks and Kubota Gardens
- Craig Rankin – Duwamish Head Greenbelt



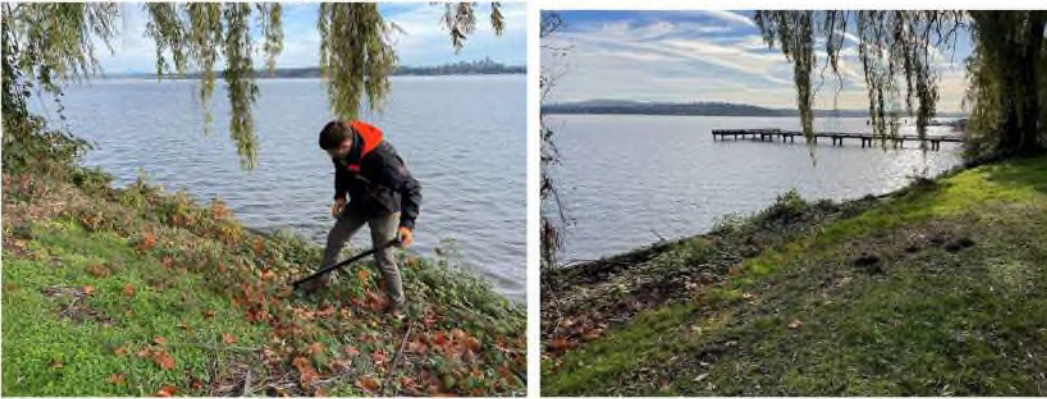
- Natural Area crew worked on prepping for an upcoming planting project at Chinook Beach.



- Michael coordinated professional crew support at Beaver Pond Natural Areas, including weeding throughout the park, brushing along the trail, as well as some clearing along the road.



- OOC Senior Gardner Matthew and Gardener Jay Nelson visited Leschi shoreline to plan for an upcoming weeding and planting project with CE District.



- Bridget worked on a number of IPM / Wildlife topics this last week, including:
  - Carkeek beaver management coordination follow up
  - Magnuson site visit with WDFW, Beavers NW, and NE Sr Staff to discuss upcoming beaver management work scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>, pending HPA approval.
  - Continued work with Chafer beetle team
  - Continued IPM Recertification webinar planning
  - Requested and processing SPR pesticide license renewals
  - Coordinating Salmon screens creation by Metal shop for Carkeek imprint pond— David Koon and Jason Warner are meeting Tuesday to confirm specs.
  - Worked with USDA APHIS' Brook Zscheile on coyote concern from Carkeek neighbor

Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 1 – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 2 – Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 3 – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.

Find upcoming GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

- Demo at Madrona Ravine (house)
- Volunteer Park



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks, as always to the Heavy Crew: Tyree Lee, Josh Jaramillo, Marcus's Lane, Lance Meyers, Calvin Washington, Drew Mc Manus, and Sara Douvia.

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Autumn is here and the rain is back. Jack Frost is on the windshields and turf in the morning. This week was turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- Maintaining synthetic play field with cork granules to fill in low spots in the play fields.
- Blowing leaves and debris off the playing fields.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- East Queen Ann aeration
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

## **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 14; Failure Cleanups: 4; Prunes: 9; Snag creation: 1; Trees planted: 19; Trees delivered: 87
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 4
  - Level 2 inspections: 6
  - Level 3 inspections: 1
- Trees/sites inventoried: 61 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 13; Open: 914; Average days open: 429
- The Tree Crew worked at Discovery Park to remove a tree. Tommy Ennest worked on the skid steer, pulling the tree down to remove it.



- The crew worked on tree planting at Roxhill Park. Ynhi Phan worked on the ski steer with an auger to make the planting hole.





- There was more tree planting at Roxhill Park with crew of Michael Keodoungsy, Michael Adams and Ron Simmons. The crew planted up Forest Green Italian Oak and Douglas Firs.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information

- Weekend tree failures - Shout out to Joe Perdue (OOC Lead) who went out to inspect multiple tree failures at Myrtle Edwards Park, West Crest Park, Cheasty Greenbelt and at Discovery Park on Saturday after a gusty and rainy Friday night.

- Tree Planting support from NRU teams - Much appreciation and thanks to NAC, Trails and Landscape team for providing staffing support to the Urban forestry's tree planting crew. Shout out to Ynhi Phan, Michael Adams and Ron Simmons for working with the crew this week.



### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance/Projects:

- Jose Rizal Park- The Crew completed the demo and started the 120' retaining wall getting roughly 80 feet of the wall installed to create a safer/ level walking experience. We are having issues with our roto hammer and can't pound in the support poles until it is repaired or replaced. We will be working on the uphill portion of the trail installing the edge lumber until we get the roto hammer situation figured out.





- Tree Crew planting help- The crew assisted the Tree Crew+ with their tree deliveries and continued to help them with tree planting. They planted and mulched 17 trees at Roxhill Playground.



#### Upcoming Events:

I will be leading a guided tour and training of Cheasty Greenspace- Sound View Trail to the participants of the GG24 GIS training Conference/ Training in February and will be working with Jasmine Jose and Jordan Ng on this project. We plan to show them how and why the Trails Department utilizes Trimble Mobile manager and Trimble DA2 devices.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- Trail and Trail Structure assessment with Asmita Poudel
- 3 washouts on the Lake Washington shoreline- We will be working with Michael Yadrick on mitigating this ongoing issue.
- We will be removing some turf and creating a new gravel trail at Fautleroy Park -Barton St entrance to help with accessibility issues.
- We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a walk bridge at the Japanese Garden this winter in hopes to have it completed by it re opening on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a large staircase (25 steps) at Discovery Park that has rotted away creating a big safety concern for the trail users.

#### **Landscape Crew**

##### Maintenance/Projects:

This past week the Landscape Crew realized the completion of several CIP projects around the city including Hubbard Homestead and Jefferson Park.

- At Hubbard Homestead, after bringing in over 30 yards of soil, the bio swale is ready for wildflower seed mix being applied in February.



- At Jefferson Park the crew installed over 250 different plants and put down 5 yards of mulch



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Japanese Garden - plant the 11 new cherry trees in the meadow.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Johan and Kari from the Jefferson Greenhouse with all their help collecting the seeds and plants to make Seattle shine.

## **Specialty Gardens Monthly**

### **Japanese Garden**

#### Maintenance:

- Specialty pine pruning with contract team (Keith Kelly, Sam Hendricks, Jerry White), including additional pruning of miscellaneous conifers and deciduous trees.



- Leaf clean-up and leaf litter distribution as winter mulch for weed suppression and soil building.



- The first set of trees arrived from BIG TREE S- yep, they're BIG! The second set of trees came later that week from Northwest Nursery. And of course, Tony from the Heavy Crew delivered them in style. Thanks Tony and Tyree for transporting the trees from Northwest Nursery!



#### Volunteer Projects:

We've had our 2 regular volunteers Brigitta and Nikki in weekly, helping us with the pine pruning as well as cleaning out the iris beds. Very helpful.

#### Upcoming Events:

The garden is now closed for the season as of Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a great year and it's a relief to be closed to now work on some major disruptive projects: Flowering Cherry Tree Plantings. Big job!

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Planting the Cherry Trees. They arrived on site and are being planted as I type this report. LS crew is here giving us some tremendous help.
- Continue clean up and detail pruning
- Build soils, feed plants.
- Remove a shore pine of the east shore and berm up the area with new soil, creating more negative space in that area

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thanks to Tony and Tyree from Heavy Crew for helping us get the trees delivered. They were awesome and really helped keep the trees safe and undamaged in transit. NICE JOB!
- Landscape crew for coming in before the planting to help them plan the work that will be done- smart move!
- LS will rent a small machine to help us transport the trees through our narrow pathways.

## Jefferson Greenhouse

### Accomplishments:

- Winter Annual production wrapped up and our focus shifted to facilitating Fall pick up of Ornamental Perennials, Winter Annuals, Bulbs, and Native Plants.
- Native Plant orders for 2024 came in on time from the District Gardeners. All bare root, plugs and seeds are confirmed.
- Plants produced this quarter = 8,062 Winter Annuals



### Maintenance:

- Seasonal maintenance of plants, the outdoor field, and structures continues.
- Greenhouse structural maintenance:
  - Electrical switches for the cold frame fans were replaced.
  - We're moving forward with a second glass company to replace/repair 18 panels of broken glass.
  - Removal, rebuilding, and replacement of the main circulation pump powering the greenhouse heating system and the pumps for zones #2, and #3 were completed.



### Incidents:

Johan threw his back out! A **BIG** thank you to the Landscape Crew for helping move 8,062 winter annuals from inside the greenhouse into the cold frame outside.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Ornamental Perennial orders for 2024 came in on time from the District Gardeners and are being processed.
- Ordering for 2024 Summer Annuals is in the works. When Gardeners reach out to us with questions, we can create design suggestions like this for their specific needs:



- Care and overwintering plants from Woodland Park Zoo, and the Seattle Center.
- Care and staging for Kubota Gardens' upcoming indoor plant sale, starting online 11/20.
- Greenhouse structural maintenance:
  - Replacing the ignition on both boilers.
  - Replacing the expansion tank for the greenhouse heating system.
  - Replacing the extruded plastic netting on greenhouse tables as needed.
  - Asbestos testing on the ceiling panels in the greenhouse office came back negative, future work on their removal and replacement can now be planned.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Jay Nelson for an amazing job coordinating the Native Plant pick up for GSP! Crews from GSP and the NAC moved thousands of plants from Jefferson Greenhouse to Casa Verde to get ready for

distribution. Communication this year was top notch, pick-ups from the greenhouse happened ahead of schedule, and they were all well organized. Thank you!



### **Volunteer Park Conservatory**

#### Maintenance:

- Interior glass cleaning, pressure washing floors for safety. Routine display maintenance and plant care, watering fertilizing, grooming, pest control. Display changes in Seasonal house and Fern house. Weekly rotation of Orchid specimens into display in Palm House.



#### Volunteer Projects:

- Potting of Flower bulbs for forcing, Orchid care and repotting reoccurring Mondays with Northwest Orchid Society Volunteers Mike Cory and Lilian Otani. Cactus Society volunteer work session completed, repotting of cacti specimens.



Upcoming Events:

- Santa Saturday 12/2/23, garden staff and Friends of the Conservatory hosted over 100 families to this popular annual event. The Conservatory will participate in this year's "Holiday in the Park" event sponsored by the Volunteer Park Trust. The hours are 5pm to 8pm. Volunteers from FOC will assist staff in hosting visitors to the park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Preparations are underway for January display changes, both in the seasonal house and in the Fern house. Examples of plant production for upcoming displays are florist Azaleas, and Hydrangeas, which are being prepared for greenhouse forcing. Various flower crops are being ordered as grown as well.







Incidents:

- No Incidents to report this month.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thanks to Tony Washington's "heavy crew" for pick-up and delivery of greenhouse soils to volunteer park greenhouses. Thank you to Johan Schorer for helping with our plant orders. Thank you to AJ Karlsberg from Parks HVAC for getting the heat on in the Conservatory Cottage offices.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

**Park Rangers**

**Garfield Complex:** On November 30, Park Rangers Wilcox, Alexander, Thomas, and Byers responded to the Garfield Community Center, Medgar Evers Swimming Complex, and Garfield Teen Center in reference to an armed robbery that happened near Garfield HS, which caused the school and adjoining SPR facilities to go into lockdown mode for security reasons. Rangers were on hand to provide support and information to SPR employees until the clear signal was relayed from the SPD and the affected SPR facilities were opened to resume service to the community.

On December 1, Park Ranger Byers responded to the above locations again for a shot fired reported in SPR facilities, causing another lockdown at the Garfield Community Center, Medgar Evers Pool Complex, and Garfield Teen Center. Ranger Byers provided support and information for the affected SPR facilities until he received confirmation from SPD that there were no viable threats in the immediate area. This information was passed along to SPR management, and the facilities were opened to resume operations.

**Westlake Park:** Park Ranger Byers takes a positive approach when communicating with everyone.

**Denny Park:** Ranger Alexander outreaching to someone in Denny Park in need of assistance.



**Cal Anderson Park:** campers at Cal Anderson lighting fires to stay warm. Park rangers work to communicate with individuals and contact Unified Care team.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): 5th & Dearborn.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 2nd Ave from Blanchard - Lenora, 3rd & Cherry Vicinity, 4212 Roosevelt Way NE, 4th & Yesler, 6th-7th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Library, Cal Anderson Park, Fremont Canal Park, Galer Flyover, Homewood Natural Area, Lake City Mini Park, Occidental Square, Pioneer Square Pergola, Ravenna Blvd & E Green Lake Way, S King & I-5, Victory Creek Park, W Garfield St.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St, 13th Ave S & S Lane St Vicinity, 14th Ave W & W Garfield, 1523 W Garfield St (under the bridge), 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, 26th Ave S & S Plum St Vicinity, 3rd Ave & James St Vicinity, 4212 Roosevelt Way NE, 4th & Roy, 5th & Dearborn, 7th Ave NE & NE 47th St, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th St. to NW 43rd St, Burke Gilman Trail From NW Bowdoin Place to NW 39th St, Carkeek Park - McAbe Trailhead at 6th Ave NW & NW 100th Pl, Corliss Ave N & N 107th St, Dearborn / I-5 Vicinity, Dearborn Vicinity, Eastlake Ave E and E Allison St vicinity, Fairview Ave E from Fuhrman Ave E to E Allison St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St Vicinity, Fire House Alley, Franklin Ave E, Harvard Ave E btwn E Allison St & E Gwinn, Hing Hay Park, International Children's Park, Interurban Trail, Kinneer Park, Kobe Terrace Park, Leary Ave NW From NW Lone Place to 17th Ave NW, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th St. to NW 83rd St, Meadowbrook Park, Midvale Ave N & N 107th St, N 135th St & Stone Ave N, N 137th St from Ashworth to Aurora Ave N, N. 87th St From Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW, N. 97th St. & Evanston Ave N, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NE 110 St & 36th Ave NE, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 Off Ramp, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th St & I-5 Northbound Sound Barrier Wall Vicinity, NE Ravenna Blvd from E Green Lake Way N- Woodlawn Ave N, NE Ravenna Blvd from NE 65th St to 8th Ave N, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 41st St. & Burke Gilman Trail Vicinity, NW 46th St. & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 47th St. From 8th Ave NW to Leary Way NW, NW 50th St. From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 50th St. from 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 53rd St. From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 54th St. & 28th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & Leary Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way From 9th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way From NW Ballard Way From 14th -15th Ave NW, Occidental Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna Park, Ravenna Park (under bridge), Roy St & Minor Ave N, Roy St from 9th - 8th Ave N, S Grand St & 22nd Ave S, S Washington St Vicinity, Seaview Ave NW & 37th Place NW, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, W Garfield St to W Galer from 15th Ave W to Alaskan Way, Weedin Pl NE from NE 68th St to 8th Ave NE.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 132 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

Over 32,500 lbs of debris was removed the week of 11/25/2023 – 12/1/2023 by the Clean City/Encampment /Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 403

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals Photos:

N.87th St from Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW



NE 45<sup>th</sup> St I-5 Off-Ramp



NW 50th St. from 15th - 17th Ave NW



**MDAR:** 5th & Dearborn





**DATE:** June 16, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 6/5/2023 - 6/11/2023

#### CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS

#### **PARK RESOURCES**

#### **Southwest - District 1**

##### Maintenance:

- Athletic Field Maintenance – We have had great work from day shift and swing shift on our ball fields. I'm happy with the efforts being made to provide the best conditions possible for all athletic fields.



- Westcrest Park – Line trimming in the parking lot to open up some visibility and keep the main parking lot looking sharp.



- IMW Work – Rudy Carrasco continues to do a lot of great work throughout the district. Last week he focused on rainbow signs.



- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton) - Steve took on a pretty big project at Richie View Point this past week. He and Claire did some planting and turf removal there and they also did some planting at Coleman Pool. Both sites look amazing after their work. The first two pictures are Coleman Pool and the next are Richie Viewpoint.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS to the SW Crew: I'd like to acknowledge Steve Melton as he has stepped into the Senior Gardener position while Tim is out on leave and has done a great job making sure nothing falls through the cracks. Also, Claire Yazza is back filling in for Steve and the two of them are working well together. Another shout out I'd like to give is to Rudy Carrasco for accepting the IMW position here at SW after being awesome in the role OOC. And finally, Sefa Suani has joined the crew and is on the Alki route which is great. He's worked here before and knows the route and is already doing great work.

## **Southeast - District 2**

### Maintenance:

- Mowing projects have been the focus to establish edges and try to keep up with the rapid grass growth.
- Mowing at Genesee OLA
- Focus on Hutchinson and Rainier Beach shrub beds
- Supported mowing at Red Barn Ranch
- Chinook seasonal maintenance

### Incidents:

- A citizen entered SE/SC Headquarters with an alleged complaint using profanity and slurs.
- An accident at Lakeridge caused damage to park fixtures and trees.

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Genesee OLA – Foxtail grass removal and maintenance (closure and project scheduled for 6/14)
- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Ellis Bryant, Eric Smiley, Skeeter Anderson and Marcus Johnson for speedy clean up at Lakeridge following an accident. The site was safe and clean in rapid response.

## **South Central - District 2** – no report

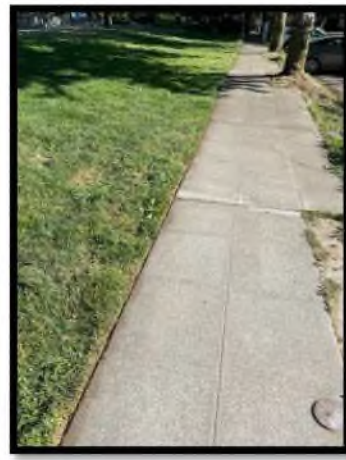
## **Central East – District 3**

### Maintenance:

- Crews worked on pressure washing the pond, and edging and cleaning of hard surfaces at Cal Anderson





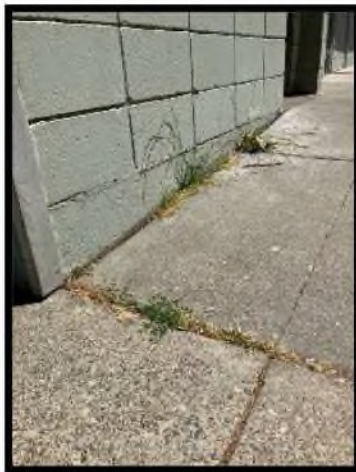


- Turf mitigation at Cal Anderson

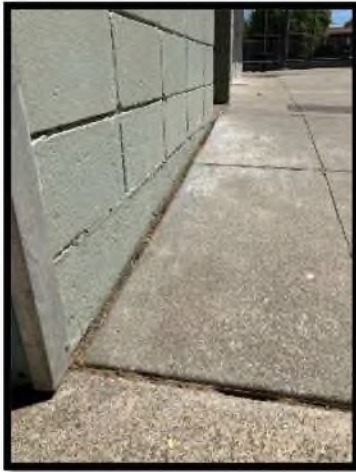


- Staff cleaned up weeds in cracks near the comfort station at Garfield Community Center.

Before



After



- Crews completed line trimming around tree wells and staircase at Miller Community Center.

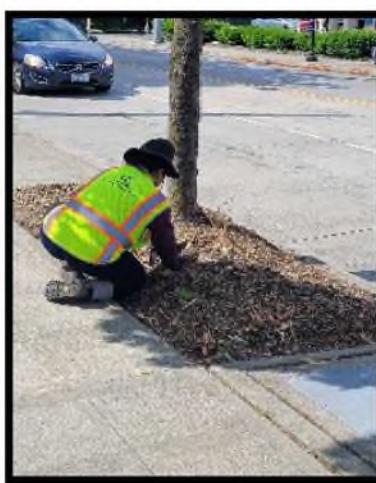


- Crews worked on weeding and annual planting at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center.

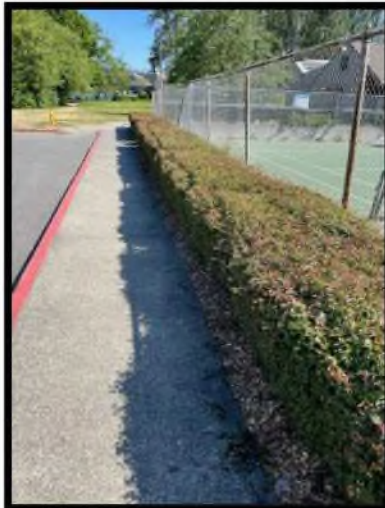
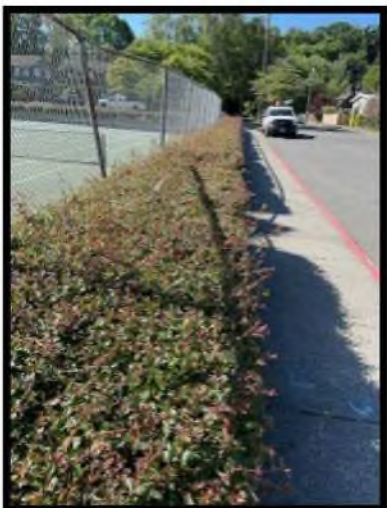




- Staff worked on weeding tree wells at Garfield Community Center.



- Staff worked on hedge pruning outside of the tennis courts at Montlake Community Center.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Pressure washing inside the duck pond at South Lake Union

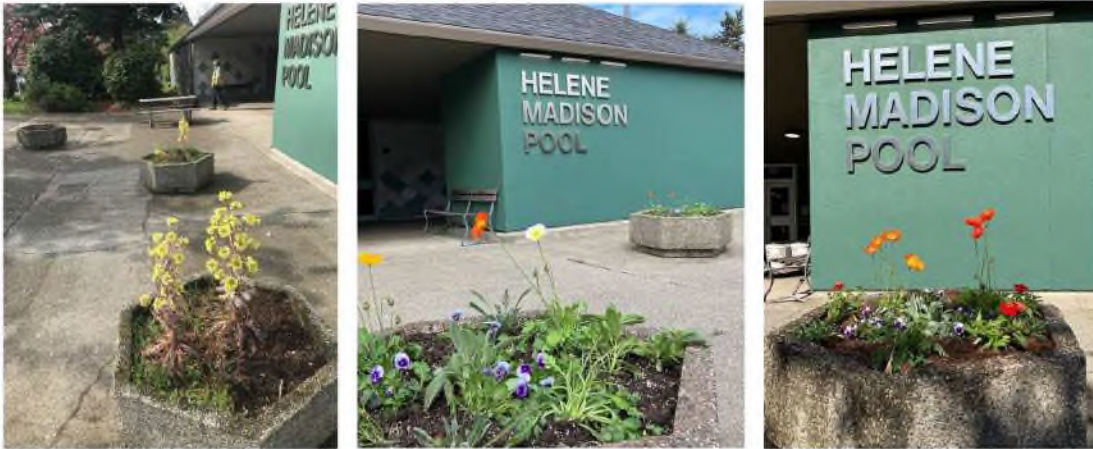
Notes/Kudos/Other Information

- Staff planted 370 annual plants at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center.
- This week the District had 10 tons of litter and garbage removal.

**Northeast-District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Helene Madison Pool: Christopher Canty -SR Gardener and Jim Cooper -Seasonal Gardener planted, conditioned the soil, deadheaded spent flowers, fertilized the flowers, and watered.



- Staff worked on line trimming at North Acres Park.



- Crews added sand to the sand box at Viewridge Play Area.



- A crew project was completed at Dahl Playfield limbing up pine trees, laying down burlap, and spreading 40 yards of mulch.



- John Breakfield layed down rock to fill low spots at Magnuson Park.



- Ryan Rathe used a powerfull magnet to collect nails from illegal beach fires at Magnuson Park.



- Jim Cooper and Chris Canty repaired 3 irrigation heads at Meadowbrook ballfields.



- Landon Messer worked on grooming ballfields at Laurelhurst.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Trail maintenance at Meadowbrook Park
- Removing knot weed and blackberrys at Wallingford steps
- Trail maintenance at Magnuson Park

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week go out to all North end plumbers especially Greg McKibben for all the time and effort he put in at Magnuson, Cowen, Hubbard Homestead, and Gasworks Parks repairing plumbing issues.

**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Trolls Knoll: Line trimming, mowing, raking, and edging were all completed to catch up on regular maintenance needs.





- Ballard Pool: The crew finished up the hardscape maintenance needs like crack weeds, blowing, edging and line trimming. There is a reopening event in July that the district is helping to prepare for. We will do some hedging and shrub bed work there as well.



- Golden Gardens: we supported two separate volunteer projects in the park this week. Both had a litter pick aspect, but the heavy focus was on black berry removal. All in all we removed about 15 yards of blackberry debris and did a very thorough clean up to one of the beach entrances.







- District wide: Irrigation work is being done to get the parks online and prepped for the dry season. Mowing is being prioritized and caught up on slowly but surely. We will be working on setting up some more intentional natural areas and meadows.
- Comfort stations: We have brought back a focus on deep cleaning comfort stations. Recently the Green Lake Wading Pool was done.



- Gilman: The crew had a project cutting down growth along the fence line.





Upcoming Events:

- Ballard Commons 6/18: Pop-up activation space 2:30-4:30
- Ross Park 6/13: All School End of Year Picnic at Shelterhouse

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Gemenskap: Weeding Bio retention area 6/21
- Lower Woodland: Total preparation for MLB weekend and tournaments

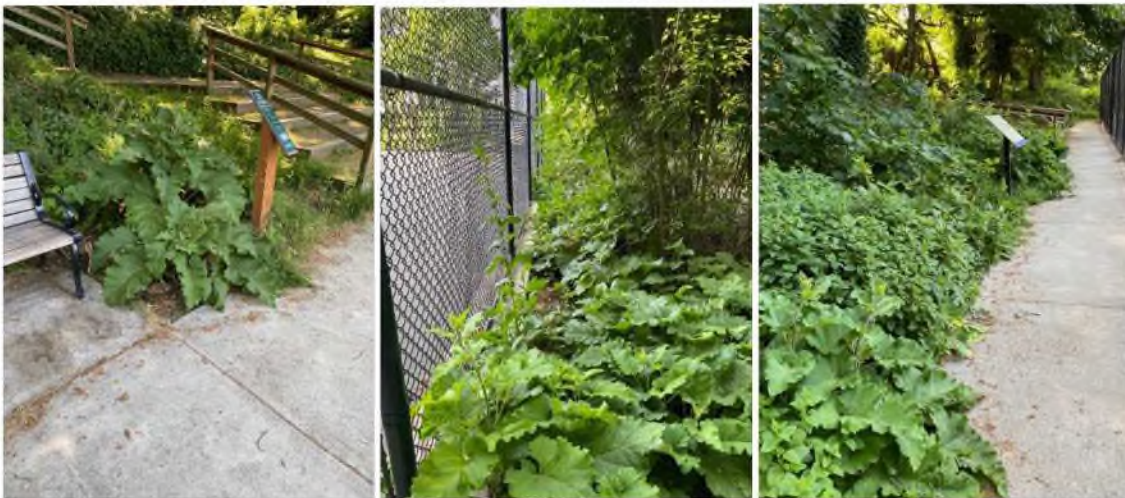
Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Krista Waller! Krista has been a Gardener on the crew for a year now and has proven her dedication, work ethic, and ability to adapt and grow time and time again. She is a dependable worker willing to take on extra responsibilities and she deserves recognition for her efforts. Thank you, Krista!

**Central West – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Thank you to Herbert Arias for keeping Kinnear Tennis Courts cleaned up and looking sharp! The landscape is very lush in that greenbelt and requires lots of upkeep.





- A Crew Project was held to restore a glen of rhododendrons at David Rogers Park, removing many dead branches and mulching the area.



- IMW John Seachao worked very hard on a number of irrigation repairs throughout the district. One in particular had him chasing a broken pipe under a huge sycamore root!



- Our district received a new Toro 4010 Mower, which we put right to use! Excited to have new mower in the fleet.



- Clogged floor drain at Discovery Park Light House restroom.
- 7 Yards of mulch was delivered to MacLean Park where a group of volunteers plans to do a shrub planting and revamp.

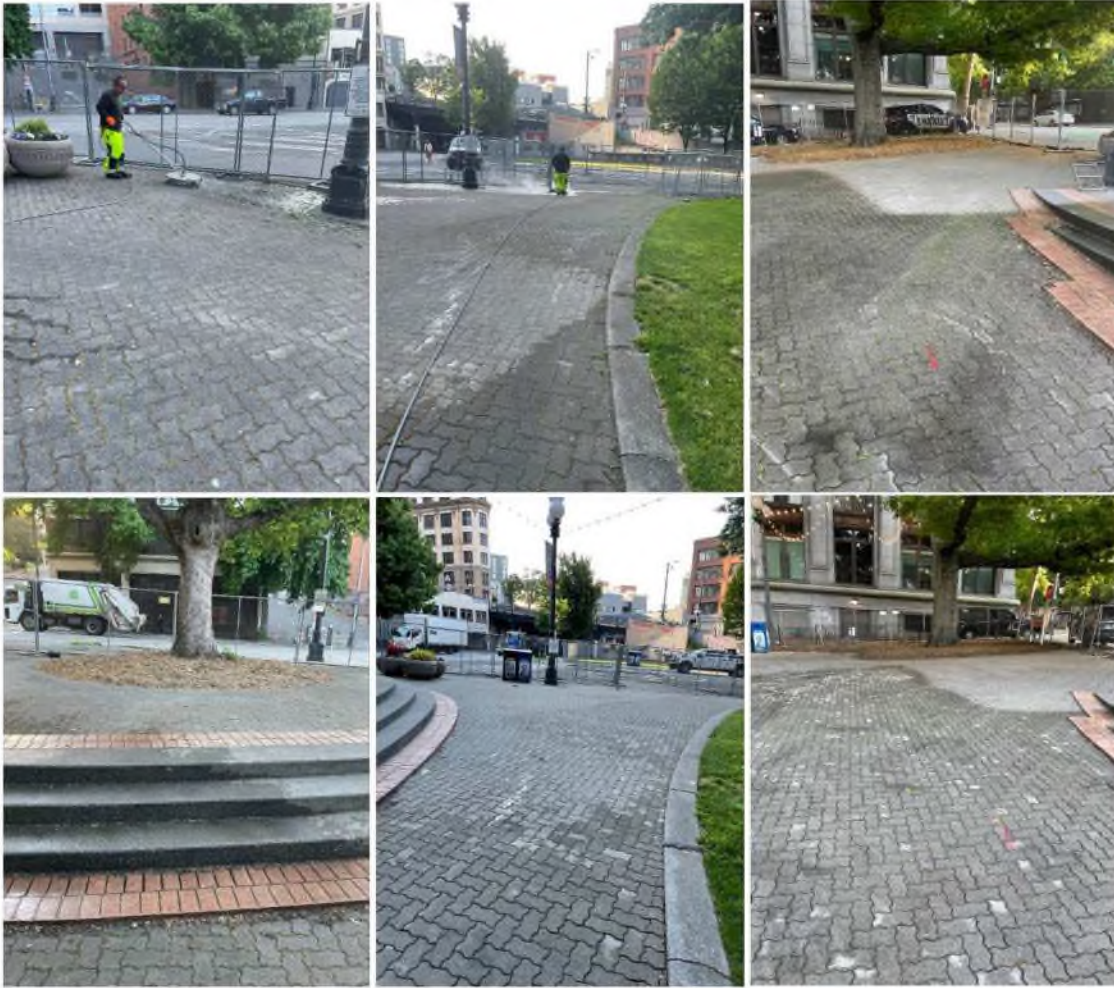
#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Kerry Viewpoint hillside. Removal of invasives, grass cutting, pollinator planting.
- Massive removal of Poison Hemlock behind Interbay playfield

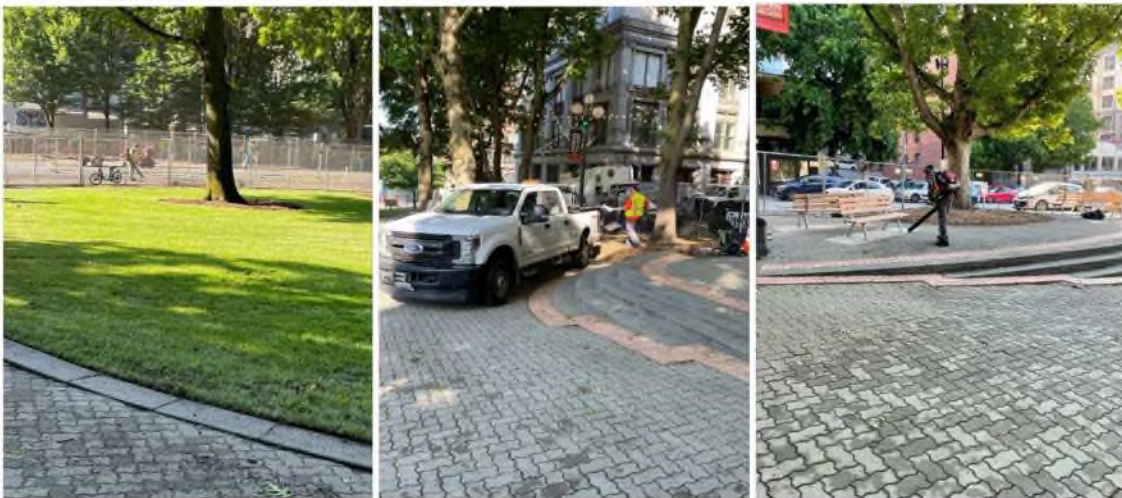
#### **Downtown – District 7**

##### Maintenance:

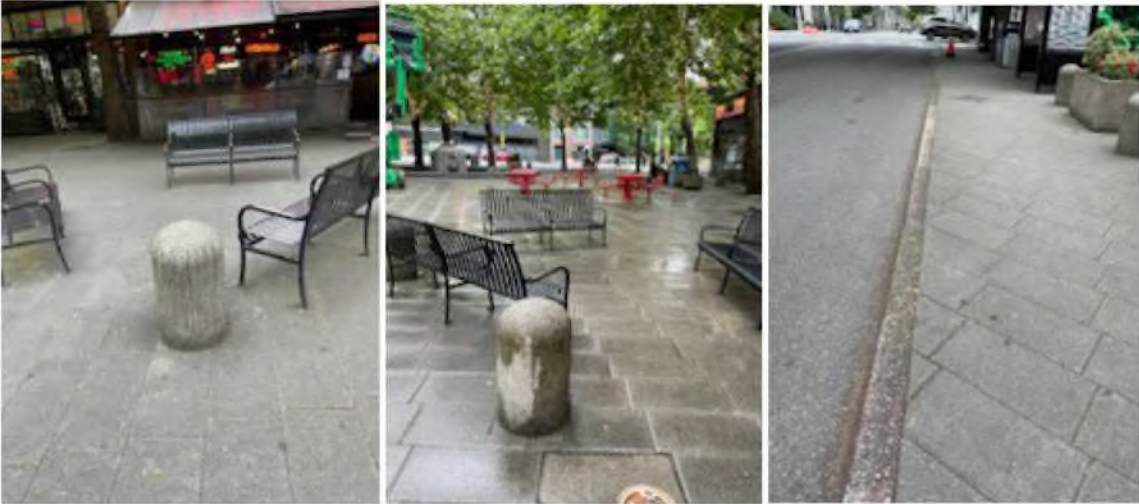
- The crew worked hard for two straight days getting City Hall Park ready for the reopening ceremony on June 13.



- The finishing touches at City Hall.



- The crew blew and rinsed down Tillikum Park.



- The crew blew and rinsed Regrade Dog Park.



- The crew blew and cleaned up broken glass on Bell Street.





- Our bee pollinator habitat at Myrtle Edwards Park is coming in nicely.





- Our Gardeners are adding some color at Westlake Park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Use the walk behind scrubber at a few different parks for a deep clean.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

The crew really worked hard making sure City Hall was ready for the grand reopening. I think the place looked great and hope the attendees and those alike think the same.

**District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace; Herring House is experiencing some uptick in illegal dumping and what looks like belongings to unhoused people; 17 needles at Roxhill.
- SC – Coleman PF, Flume landbank site
- SE – Prichard Beach/Be'er Sheva, Chinook
- CE – Lavizzo Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- CW – Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- DT – Pioneer Square

Needles: 13

**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- The Natural Area Crew supported weeding and plant care at Herring's House along the Duwamish River this last week. Ynhi Phan and Melonae Hill worked on blackberry weeding.



- Michael Yadrick and Lisa Ciecko visited Cheasty Bike Park to inspect weed cover, off-trail activities, and erosion issues in the south loop as part of developing input on the second phase of construction that will create a north bike loop. They will meet in the coming weeks with the PCD Project Manager to further discuss findings and recommendations to improve forest health.



- Eric Sterner coordinated site visits with Forest Steward Jan Munger from Frink Park and Matt Chadsey from Discovery Park.



- Eric Sterner is finalizing the new blanket vendor agreements with native plant nurseries after a several years of effort to update the purchasing list.

#### Volunteer Projects:

Lincoln Park Forest Steward Lisa McGinty coordinated an effort to paint the jobbox. So far, they are hearing nonstop “thank you” and “love it” from park visitors.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

From the Forest Steward at Orchard Street Ravine: *All the work is done and it's fantastic! Reddy's crew removed the old construction fencing and plastic that was used for slope batting. Today's large crew moved the wood slat fence to the NW property line like we discussed and installed a water pipe with a turn-off valve at the top of the 1st ridge. The NW ridge west of where the house was removed will be our last area to restore after it was treated last summer. Having this work done will really help. We'll have some rearranging to do of the tangle of downed limbs before we fully plant but it was started last fall. Thanks so much for all your coordination Eric, and to all the parks team!!! Theodore reminisced about working on restoring OSR when it very first started as a vision about 20 years ago and OSR was a thick massive tangle of vines growing over the tops of the trees consuming everything. That was before I started volunteering in 2006, but I do remember walking there when it looked like a disaster zone. It's such a lovely spot now, supporting wildlife, and is a great place for peaceful nature enjoyment.*

#### **Heavy Equipment Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Staff delivered 50 yd of dirt to Spruce St Mini.
- At Washington Park Arboretum, 40 yd of 5/8 was delivered to assist the Landscape Crew.
- The crew completed slope mowing at West Seattle Golf.

##### Upcoming Projects/Work:

West Crest Park dog off leash area

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Big thanks to the whole crew for their hard work: Tyree Lee, Josh Jaramillo, Marcus Lane, Lance Meyers, Calvin Washington, Drew McManus, and Sara Douvia.

#### **Turf Crew**

##### Maintenance:

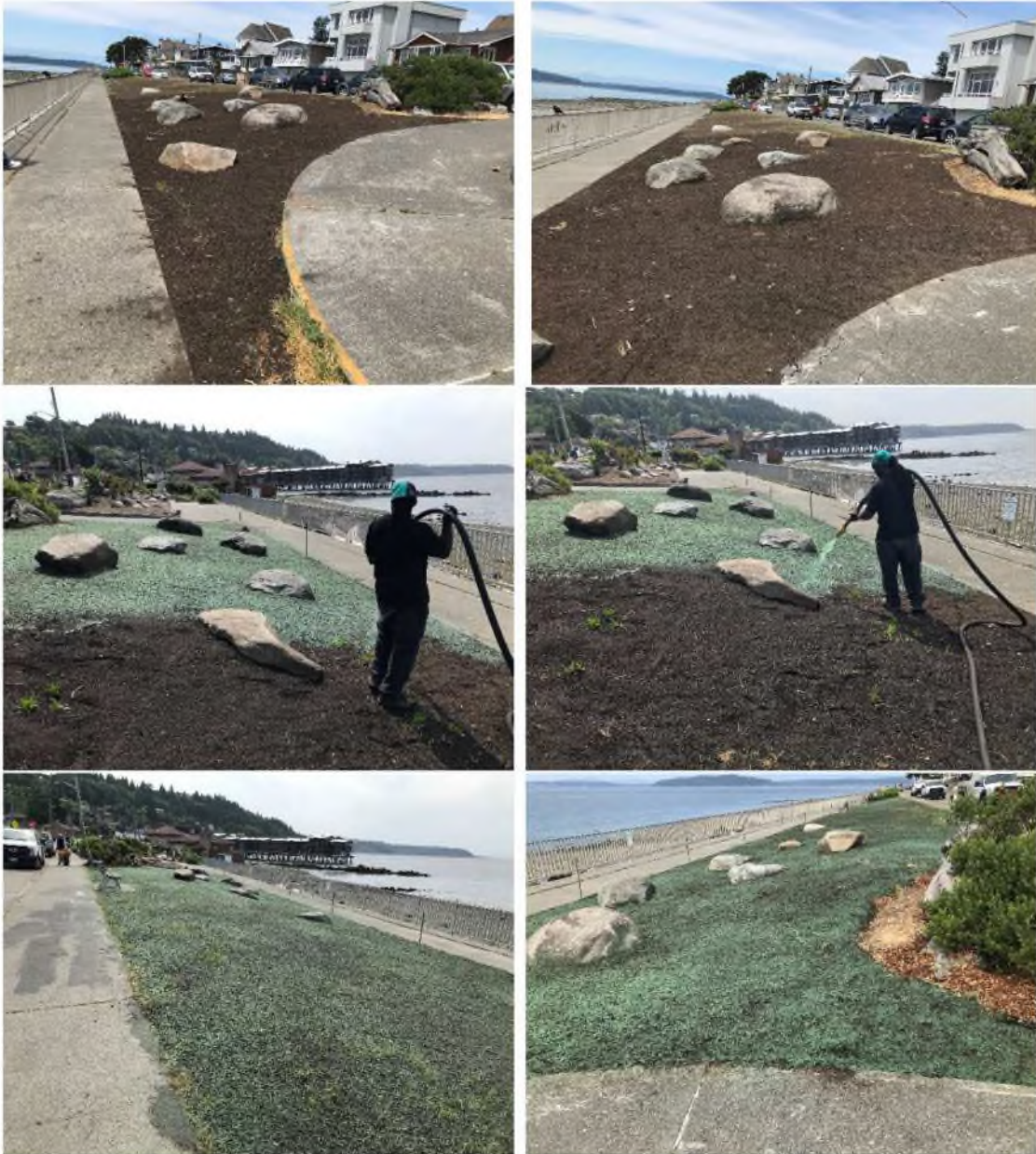
- At Brighton PF the crew worked on sweeping and grooming.



- At Pendelton Miller PF the crew worked on synthetic playfield sweeping.



- Pendelton Miller PF and Brighton PF synthetic fields are groomed to remove the debris and loose fabric from the turf. This sweeping and grooming helps the fibers stand up straight for better field performance.
- At Charles Richey Park, The Turf Crew assisted the Landscape Crew in the application of hydro seed to regenerate the natural lawn along the beach walk.



Upcoming Projects:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic field maintenance weather permitting

**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log - Removals: 16; Failure Cleanups: 5; Prunes: 31; Stump grind: 1; Tree watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 19
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 85
  - Level 2 inspections: 59
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 226 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)

- Planting site survey: 166
- Discovery Park failure cleanup - The tree crew used the Teupen aerial lift to remove a major limb failure at Discovery Park. The tree crew turned the remaining partial tree into a habitat snag.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Teupen Aerial Lift Training - The tree crew finally got our Teupen aerial lift back after 6+ months getting repairs. Kudos to Tony Eggink and Zach Pollard for training the tree crew on Teupen use and safety.



#### Trails Crew

##### Maintenance/Projects:

- Longfellow Creek @ Juneau - The crew did trail maintenance at Longfellow Creek, they brushed back downed wood debris, corrodored, and pruned 2218' of trail. They created approx. 12 yards of debris which we were able to leave on site and use as mulch or in piles to create animal habitat.



- Deadhorse Canyon Trail Head @ Bangor St - The crew did the trail maintenance including brushing, corridoring, removing woody debris, trash clean up and CPTED pruning. The crew created about 18 yards of debris and worked on 336' of trail.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Trail Maintenance at Piegion Point.

- We will be working with Heavy Crew to re establish the trail through Roxhill Playfield which ties Roxbury to the Roxhill Neighborhood.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Bridge replacement at Schmitz Reserve with Girl Scout Troop #12
- We are in the planning stages of a big volunteer work party with REI at Magnuson Park.

### Landscape Crew

#### Maintenance:

- Green Lake Bathhouse Theater—We spent three days sprucing up the area around the theater. We planted four crape myrtles, and weeded and mulched around the winter garden.





- Charles Richey Sr. Viewpoint—We wrapped up work here by planting and mulching the newly renovated garden bed. The turf crew also came in and hydroseeded the lawn area.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Hubbard Homestead
- Laurelhurst Park

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you to Kevin and Jaime for coming out to Green Lake to lay out our next project.
- Thanks to Steve Melton for all his help with Charles Richey.
- Big thanks to Art Phoenix and the Turf Crew for hydroseeding the lawn at Charles Richey!

### **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

#### Highlights:

- The Downtown Parks Activation Program is led by Monica Haugen. Parks Concierge staff work to program parks with outdoor activities and hire buskers to perform in parks. On Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> Cit Hall Park reopened. The Park Concierge had a big hand in activating the park setting up outdoor activities, and entertainment. They will continue to program this park throughout the summer and through the end of the year. At the event they were recognized for their work, and all called to the stage. Approximately 110 people attended the opening with speakers including the Mayor Bruce Harrold and Parks Superintendent AP Diaz.



- Newly deployed Park Rangers were in attendance at the City Hall Park reopening providing positive engagement with visitors, educating and providing outreach. These Park Rangers just completed a six-week training academy, and this is the first full week deployed to the downtown parks.



#### Incidents:

Park Rangers Jordan Sorensen and Samica Thomas were on routine patrol of Freeway Park when they encountered a man screaming in pain, with what appeared to be a large puddle of blood in front of him. Through questioning Rangers determined he was on fentanyl so they radioed for Seattle Fire Department and monitored his condition. Medics determined that he was vomiting blood for an unknown reason and the extreme pain was likely coming from untreated kidney stones.

Park Rangers Samica Thomas and Jordan Sorensen supported All City Fence during their install of a perimeter fence around Prefontaine Park. Despite the challenging people and conditions, the project progressed with no problems. Immediately after their team left on Thursday a man was arrested and found in possession of a loaded stolen firearm and illegal drugs. Rangers recognized the man arrested and he had been hostile towards Rangers that morning.

<https://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2023/06/08/stolen-firearm-recovered-during-narcotics-arrest-downtown/>



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

The Park Ambassador program is also part of the Security Unit. These customer service focused staff create a welcoming safe lively atmosphere for park goers enjoying some of Seattle's busiest parks including Golden Gardens and Alki. This week the weather was a bit cooler but on Sunday both Alki and Golden Gardens had no parking and large crowds enjoying the parks with the help of Ambassadors educating on beach fire rules and helping to manage parking. Denny Blaine is also a Park Ambassadors site where they are helping to reduce parking issues and increase positive parks use. Kudos to Michelle and her team for this positive contribution to these parks.



**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

Maintenance Log:

**6/5/2023**

District 1:

Duwamish Head Greenbelt: 0 Tents; 100 Sharps; 8500 lbs of debris

**6/6/2023**

District 4 (multiple Teams):

NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp: 7 Tents; 1 Bedroll; 1 Structure; 25 Sharps; 200 lbs of debris; 2 Gallon(s) of Water

NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp: 3 Tents; 250 Sharps; 3175 lbs of debris; 2 Gallon(s) of Water

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716 NE 40th St: 1 Tent; 50 lbs of debris

520 NE 45th St: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

NE 40th St & 6th Ave NE: 2 Tents; 150 lbs of debris

District 5 (multiple teams):

Interurban Trail from N 128th to N 125th St: 0 Tents; 4 Sharps; 25 lbs of debris

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8500 35th Ave NE: 1 Tent; 50 lbs of debris

8501 35th Ave NE: 0 Tents; 50 lbs of debris

District 6 (multiple Teams):

Golden Gardens (Duck Pond area): Clear

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NW 50th St & 11th Ave NW: 12 Tents; 1 Structure; 1 RV; 350 lbs of debris; 5 Gallon(s) of Water

940 NW 49th St: 2 Tents; 50 lbs of debris

312 NW 85th St: 1 Bedroll; 50 lbs of debris

NW 40th St & Leary Way NW: 4 Tents; 150 lbs of debris; 2 Gallon(s) of Water

3956 6th Ave NW: 1 Tent; 50 lbs of debris

District 7 (multiple Teams):

1516 15th Ave W: 5 Tents; 400 lbs of debris

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Post Ave Alley Vicinity: 0 Tents; 25 lbs of debris

Pioneer Square Park: 3 Bedrolls; 25 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

3rd Ave & James: 0 Tents; 50 lbs of debris

Prefontaine Place Park: 0 Tents; 25 lbs of debris

Occidental Park: 0 Tents; 5 lbs of debris

Chinatown/International District:

10th Ave S & S Dearborn St (WSDOT): 2 Tents; 3 Structures; 2 RVs; 1 Vehicle; 500 lbs of debris; 2 Gallon(s) of Water

Poplar & Dean: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

Navigation Stairs Vicinity: 2 Structures; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

**6/8/2023**

District 4 (multiple Teams):

Peace Park: 3 Tents; 5 Sharps; 250 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp: 3 Tents; 50 Sharps; 250 lbs of debris

7th Ave NE & NE 47th St: 0 Tents; 50 Sharps; 400 lbs of debris

7th Ave NE & NE 50th Ave NE: 0 Tents; 10 Sharps; 300 lbs of debris

NE 50th St NB I-5 Vicinity: 6 Tents; 1 Structure; 1 RV; 1 Vehicle; 20 Sharps; 500 lbs of debris; 2 Gallon(s) of Water

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4309 University Way NE: 0 Tents; 50 lbs of debris

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NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE: 1 Structure; 200 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

Cowen Park: 0 Tents; 50 lbs of debris

District 5 (multiple Teams):

Jackson Golf Course: 0 Tents; 50 lbs of debris

3521 NE 110th St: 0 Tents; 2 Sharps; 20 lbs of debris

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Hubbard Homestead Park: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

8472 Roosevelt Way NE: 0 Tents; 5 lbs of debris

Greenwood Park: 0 Tents; 50 lbs of debris

District 6:

Burke Gilman Trail from NW Bowdoin Pl to NW 39th St: 6 Tents; 1 Bedroll; 1 Structure; 20 Sharps; 660 lbs of debris; 2 Gallon(s) of Water

District 7 (multiple Teams):

Post Ave Alley Vicinity: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

S Main St: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

Firehouse Alley: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

S Washington St: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

3rd & Cherry/James: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

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Fremont Bridge (Queen Anne Side): 0 Tents; 10 lbs of debris

NE Queen Anne Greenbelt: 2 Tents; 2 Structures; 50 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

Valley St & Queen Anne Driveway: 0 Tents; 10 lbs of debris

**6/9/2023**

District 4 (multiple Teams):

NE 45th St NB I-5 Vicinity: 4 Tents; 1 Bedroll; 1 Structure; 15 Sharps; 300 lbs of debris; 2 Gallon(s) of Water

NE 50th St NB I-5 Vicinity (West of Barrier): 2 Tents; 3 Structures; 2 Sharps; 300 lbs of debris

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Peace Park: 2 Tents; 25 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE: 1 Structure; 50 lbs of debris

8th Ave NE & NE 70th: 1 Structure; 100 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

Cowen Park: 0 Tents; 10 lbs of debris

3058 NE Blakeley St: 0 Tents; 10 lbs of debris

District 5 (multiple Teams):

125th St & 16th Ave NE: 4 Tents; 1 Bedroll; 1 Structure; 8 RVs; 8 Vehicles; 20 Sharps; 440 lbs of debris; 4 Gallon(s) of Water

13008 3rd St NE: 3 Tents; 4 Sharps; 200 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

135th NE & Stone Ave N: 4 Tents; 2 Structures; 4 RVs; 3 Vehicles; 480 lbs of debris

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2318 N 92nd St: 1 Structure; 50 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

N 127th St & Aurora Ave N: 0 Tents; 5 lbs of debris

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15th Ave NE & NE 106th St: 1 Structure; 50 lbs of debris

District 6:

11th Ave NW from NW 50th St to Leary Way NW: 15 Tents; 1 Structure; 3 Vehicles; 150 lbs of debris; 2 Gallon(s) of Water

NW 45th St & Shilshole Ave NW: 1 Tent; 2 RVs; 200 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

17th Ave NW & NW 49th St: 2 Tents; 50 lbs of debris; 1 Gallon(s) of Water

Chinatown/International District:

Poplar & Dean: 0 Tents; 10 lbs of debris

Navigation Stairs Vicinity: 1 Tent; 2 Structures; 300 lbs of debris

10th Ave & Dearborn - Lane: 1 Tent; 2 Structures; 1100 lbs of debris

Hing Hay Park: 0 Tents; 100 lbs of debris

Children's International Park: 0 Tents; 140 lbs of debris

Notes/Other Information:

- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 107 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties – Trash Mitigation: 67; Obstructions: 36; MDAR Removals: 4
- The Encampment/Special Maintenance Team did not participate in any Jamborees/Clean City Volunteer events this week.
- Over 20.44 tons of debris was removed this week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completing trash mitigation, obstructions and MDAR removals.

- On June 7 trainings and orientation were held for newly hired members to the Team.

Encampment Needle Count: 837

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

Duwamish Head Greenbelt



NE 45th St @ I-5 On-Ramp



Burke Gilman Trail from NW Bowdoin Pl to NW 39th St



NE 125th St & 16th Ave NE



**DATE:** June 2, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 5/22/2023 - 5/28/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Camp Long – This is an extremely active park during spring and summer, staff has done a great job working on keeping things up with clearing trails and line trimming areas of high use as well as the obstacle course and other features of the park.



- IMW work – We have an OOC IMW currently, he has been doing a lot of work in the entire district. He often sends pictures of his work and it's been great to see all the things he has been getting done. The first two pictures are at West Seattle Stadium and next are at Solstice Park.



- Alki Bath House – Recently we had poison hemlock found near the bath house and Claire was able to successfully locate and remove it.



- Gardeners Report (from Steve Melton) - Steve is still focusing on getting all irrigation systems working throughout the district.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Full-service mowing is being put in place and we are making a weekly list of sites.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the SW Crew swing shift for handling this weekend so well. First weekend of beach fire program and they did a great job of keeping Alki Beach clean, comfort stations serviced, and fires out at the correct time safely. They have been killing it all season leading up to this weekend, but I'm very happy with the staff and how they performed.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Mowing projects have been the focus to establish edges and try to keep up with the rapid grass growth.



- Memorial Day support - Focused maintenance on high use areas. High levels of trash/litter support. OT to support high levels of use.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration - GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district wide

Incidents:

- A fire was reported at Prichard Beach NA/Be'er Sheva. Crew acted as surveillance to make sure fire did not reignite.
- Report of a verbally violent man staying in a tent in Prichard Beach NA/Be'er Sheva.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the NAC and Turf Crew for supporting us over the weekend.

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- SC worked on several projects this week on individual routes and a Team Project at Jefferson(Beacon Mountain) prepping for Spray Park opening.



- Mulching was completed throughout the rest of Jefferson Park.





- We FINALLY got irrigation out at Jefferson!! The Gardeners and Crew Chief worked together to test and schedule this system to run.



#### Incidents:

A breach at HQ- staff discovered cut locks and an attempted Gator theft.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Planning phases to support BDOP at Rainier PF
- Mariners All Star Week Legacy Projects
- Coordinating with Heavy and implementing turf rehab plans at Rainier PF and group District projects to beautify.
- Turf and irrigation rehab at Judkins Pk
- Turf and irrigation rehab at Beacon Hill PG along with All Star Legacy Projects
- Continuing irrigation sleuthing and repair and planning for next gardener trainings
- Meetings and planning for Jose Rizal restoration Project
- Meetings and planning for Van Asselt PUP projects
- Meetings and planning for Seafair
- Meetings and planning for June Juneteenth events
- Ballfield improvements at Judkins and Rainier PF
- Maintaining Mt Baker Beach closures
- PM- Continuing deep cleans and pressure washing at BFs, Shelters, Spray Parks and Wading Pools as well as daily CS cleaning and disinfects

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Justin Green led Gardener apprentice Vee Xayadety and OCC Gardener Roderick Nicolas in weeding at Yesler Community Center.



- Madrona Beach Comfort Station cleaning after maintenance to be reopen.





- Graffiti removal at Maddison Beach Men's Comfort Station. Shout out to Remy Shannon, for taking the time to remove graffiti of the bathroom stalls. You Rock!!



- Staff completed a Gardeners work party at Cal Anderson with the north end Gardeners working on shrub beds. Huge THANKS to Justin, Ashley, Krista, Jamie, Taylor, Rodrick and Vee. Excellent work!!!!







- Staff worked on line trimming and edging at Yesler Community Center.





- Rock Placement at Volunteer Park, with Heavy, Balwinder Bhuller and Tyree Washington.



- 4 yards of mulch was delivered to Fairview P-Patch.
- 5 Rocks were delivered and placed at Volunteer Park near the Amphitheater.
- 10 tons of litter and garbage removal in the district.

Incidents:

Central East Headquarters fence was cut but nothing was stolen. A work order was created and the Shops crew came to fix the fence the same day.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information

Thank you, Heavy Crew, for assisting with the rock placement at Volunteer Park. Great job!!



**Northeast-District 4/5**

**Maintenance:**

- Yeon Kim cut back overgrown vegetation at Meadowbrook CC.



- Joe Weigel and Seng Saechao teamed up to mow, line trim and blow at Victory Heights Park.



- Christopher Canty and Jim Cooper dug out Canadian thistle and removed other weeds from huge swing-set garden and rainbow sign near Victory Heights daycare center.





- Christopher Canty and Jim Cooper added two hydrangea shrubs to the center of two raised pots at Magnuson CC.



- A Crew Project was held at Dahl Playfield finishing up mulching what was left over from One Day of Service Volunteer project.



- AJ Dawson Pressure washed Dumpster enclosures at all of our Community Center.





- Vili Tuipulotu mowing Pollinator Habitat at Dahl playfield.





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- IMW Jon Tiemeyer and Sr Lead Angela Yeats removed graffiti and put up a new sign.



Incidents:

Two sanicans were blown up at Magnuson Park.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to NED Gardener Eric Edwards for all his hard work and humor throughout his many years.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Bitter Lake: The crew was able to tackle a few more projects to get the park and CC looking really good. The CC sign and entrance was pressure washed and the adjacent shrub bed was mulched. The sign bed was also weeded and mulched. An area by the playground full of poky plants was cut back to prevent injury to kids and to open up sight lines.





- North end Gardener Project: the gardening team went to support the monthly project that was happening at Cal Anderson. Blackberry removal, weeding, and shrub bed work was completed on the east entrance of the park.
- District wide: Irrigation work is being done to get the parks online and prepped for the dry season. Mowing is being prioritized and caught up on slowly but surely.
- Green Lake: Extra maintenance was placed around Green Lake to get the park line trimmed and edged. It looked nice for the regatta that happened this weekend.
- Evening Crew: It was a safe and successful holiday weekend. There was little to report.
- Aurora/Woodland: The crew made it out to the Aurora sidewalk along the westside of Woodland Park to clean up debris. This will be an ongoing project.
- Lower Woodland: regular maintenance of mowing, line trimming, and edging along the parking strips.
- Greenwood: The entire park was line trimmed and edged.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- June 7<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer project with LevelTen Energy at Golden Gardens
- Green Lake Trail: filling low areas with gravel
- Baker: Crew clean up, CPTED pruning, and irrigation training.
- Digging up Irrigation boxes at Golden Gardens

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Jamie Cortes! Jamie is one of the NW gardeners. He has been doing a fantastic job lately taking on his own projects and being self-motivated. He takes pride in his area and really makes it shine. Thank you, Jaime!

**Central West – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Wendy and teammates did a restoration of the Memorial Bed at Discovery Park.



- The floors at Interbay were much improved with a cleaning and polishing treatment.



- MacLean Green Belt had a big garbage pick-up project.



- Continuing to keep up with all the mowing and line trimming! This week West Queen Anne got some TLC.



- Our Gardener has begun to plant summer annuals in all our containers and garden spots.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Kerry Viewpoint hillside. Removal of invasives, grass cutting, pollinator planting.

**Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- The crew used the walk scrubber on the Waterfront and Union Street Bridge.







- Occidental Park was completely blown and rinsed down.



- The crew worked three days cleaning out the fountains at Freeway Park.





- Our IMW was hard at work cleaning up graffiti.





#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Continue using the walk behind scrubber on all hard surfaces.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the Downtown crew for all the hard work during the start of peak season.

#### **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace
- SC - 1 tent located at top of Beacon Mountain Jefferson Pk
- SE – Rainier CC
- CE – Lavizzo Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Hubbard Homestead, and Ravenna Blvd.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp
- CW – Lower Kinneer, MacLean Park
- DT – Pioneer Square

Needles: 20

### **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

#### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

##### Projects/Maintenance:

- Urban Forestry Funding Coordination: Lisa and Stephanie continued to work with department staff, the City of Seattle Urban Forestry Core Team, ECOSS, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Rising Star Elementary School, and Seattle Housing Authority to submit an Inflation Reduction Act grant application to fund Youth Green Corps and forest restoration work on Beacon Hill.
- NAC moved forward some major weeding at Powell Barnett Park's 1/3-acre restoration site that has seen previous planting. Shown below: Daljit is moving Scotch broom, Jay is bagging up shiny geranium, Teo and team are weeding around pollinator plants, and Matthew is busy smiling in the truck.



- GSP launched a major CEDAR upgrade that improves job training and demographics data collection.
- Wildlife and IPM: Lisa supported PDM with review of a capital project IPM proposal.
- Forest Steward Site Visits: Eric Sterner coordinated site visits with Forest Stewards Tim Vos at Genesee Park, Kathy Columbo at Cheasty Greenbelt, and Lisa McGinty at Lincoln Park.

**Heavy Equipment Crew** – no report

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Liming and fertilize continues



- Genesee PF synthetic play field sweeping



- Magnuson Park Kite Hill turf repair filling in tire ruts



- NE district Fertilizer : Northacres PF, Dahl PF, Magnuson PFs 8,9,10,and 11
- SE District : Genesee Synthetic PF

- Judkins PF, Jefferson PF , Lake Ridge, Rainier Beach PF and Hutchinson PF aeration is complete
- Magnuson Park Kite Hill vandilized turf repair from car tire , filling tire ruts
- The natural play field have lot of damage due to dog owner using the play fields as a dog park . The districts and turf crew are always repairing fields
- Repairing trip hazards in playfields

#### Upcoming Projects:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Fertilize CW district and NW district.
- A goal to finish lime and fertilize on parks athletic playfields
- Finish fertilizer and lime on Reservoirs
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance weather permitting

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log - Removals: 6; Failure Cleanups: 3; Prunes: 59; Stump grind: 6; Snag creation: 2; Number of Parks serviced: 13
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 92
  - Level 2 inspections: 4
  - Level 3 inspections: 1
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 187 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work Orders - Open: 758; Finished: 3; Average days open: 409
- Lake Washington Boulevard Weekend work - The Tree Crew began pruning and removal work on LWB last weekend in coordination with road closures from Bicycle Weekends. NAC crew supported the tree crew in this weekend work with ground support and flagging. Kudos to Anthony Eggink (Arboriculturist) for scheduling and getting crews together for this work and everyone on the crew for working on a holiday weekend!



- Reinstalled flag in City Hall Park - Tree crew supported the District to help with reinstalling a new flag back onto the pole.



- Brush fire in Beer Sheva Urban Farm and Wetland area - A brush fire on Friday evening scorched 6 trees in the wetland area of the park. Seattle Fire Department put out the fire and Jamie Lim (Arborist) inspected the affected trees. Joe Perdue (OOC Tree Trimmer, Lead) and Josh Gilbert (Tree Trimmer) supported by helping to piece up a large burnt log and dispersing wood to manage any fire re-starting.



- The tree crew snagged a couple of trees last week in Maple Leaf Reservoir.



- Robert Dohrn climbed this Elm tree in Volunteer Park for removal.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Aerial rescue training in Hiawatha Park - Tree Crew are keeping their climbing and aerial rescue skills sharp by practicing various systems of climbing techniques.
- At Seward Park Josh Gilbert trained with Joe Perdue on stump grinding.





## **Trails Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Martha Washington Park - The crew finished up Martha Washington by adding 5 yards of chips and more logs to keep trail users on the trail. We have ordered plants and will install them this fall.



- Cheasty Blvd Trail - The crew continued to work on Cheasty Trail. We got another 100' of trail prep done and 65' of resurfacing.
- Peppi's Playground Natural Area - The crew spent time going over the work we will be doing at Peppi's PG and did material runs for the job.

### Upcoming Projects:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Trail work at Peppi's Playground includes check steps, trail maintenance, planting and closing of social trails.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Trail head renovation, check step installation and trail maintenance at Dead Horse Canyon (Bangor & 68<sup>th</sup>).
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- We are working on the scheduling and design of the Schmitz Reserve bridge with the Girl Scouts and plan to get started in late June to early July.

## **Landscape Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Volunteer Park—We finished up planting the summer annuals in Volunteer Park with the two shade beds by the Burke statue.





- Charles Richey Viewpoint—While the Heavy Crew moved large rocks, the rest of the crew edged out the beds and removed cobblestones from the lawn.



- Queen Anne Community Center—We replaced several sprinkler heads to get the irrigation working and installed 120 plants in these beds around the community center.





#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Green Lake—Work will begin soon on the beds around the theater and parking lot.
- Jefferson Park—Planning has begun to address neglected maintenance and create a more sustainable design in parts of this park.
- Hubbard Homestead—Work will begin soon to renovate this park in Northgate.
- Rainier Beach Community Center—The crew will be pruning and weeding the garden beds.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you to Lisa at Volunteer Park for your help with the annuals.
- Thank you to Marcus, Tyree, and Calvin from the Heavy Crew for all your help at Charles Richey.
- Thanks Steve Melton for your help at Charles Richey.
- Thank you to Keri in the greenhouse for finding a place for our plants.

### **Specialty Gardens Monthly**

#### **Arboretum**

##### Maintenance:

- Mow and line trim all turf areas throughout Arboretum
- Irrigation start-up, including testing all stations and cleaning heads, make repairs, troubleshoot issues, schedule run times in Maxicom control system, monitor irrigation status in the field
- Turf renovations, including aerating and overseeding on Azalea Way and Graham Visitor Center
- Plan, schedule, and lead Garden Stewards on Azalea Way in partnership with Arboretum Foundation
- Azalea Way Shrub Beds: Weeding, pruning, mulching and other bed-cleanup
- Blowing: trails and turf
- Wetlands: Groundwater monitoring, remove blackberry, mulching around plantings
- Routine maintenance of composting toilet, including addition of wood shavings and monitoring levels of liquids and solids

##### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Coordinate Arboretum daily operations with Parks staff in partnership with UW horticulture staff
- Monthly meeting with UW K-12 Education Coordinator to discuss status and needs of the Fiddlehead Forest School and upcoming spring field trips
- Monthly Operations Mtg in partnership with UW
- Prepare for Mother's Day weekend: Mulch shrub beds on Azalea Way in partnership with Parks Landscape Crew; Mow, line-trim, and groom all areas of Arboretum

- Monthly volunteer event in Arboretum Wetlands with Friends of Arboretum Creek

### **Japanese Garden**

#### **Maintenance:**

- The Carpenters shop began repairs to our historic East gate, replacing roof and other parts.
- Garden maintenance included starting regular irrigation, general maintenance and we began the summer pine pruning.

#### **Notes/Kudos/Other Information:**

- This month spring arrived with warm weather and full bloom of azaleas and wisteria. We celebrated 'Koi Day' May 20 (first day of koi feeding) with display of koinoburi flags.
- We have been in ongoing discussions about long-term improvements with our partners at the Arboretum foundation.
- Attendance for May estimated at around 15,000.



### **Kubota Gardens**

#### **Maintenance:**

- Patrick Spence of Cascadia Iris Gardens donated over 80 varieties of Siberian Iris to the garden. We planted them in various spots throughout the garden with the help of KGF volunteers. Patrick has donated iris to the garden before and held an iris exhibition here. We look forward to having him back for another iris exhibit next year. Many thanks to Sophia Eichholz (KGF) and Marcia High (SPR/KG) for making this happen.



- Irrigation system spring startup is always a challenging process, because we invariably find problems such as broken heads and quick couplers, stuck valves, etc. This year was particularly difficult because we had lots of the usual problems, and some new ones: two lost valves and a

major leak somewhere in the garden. Add 90 degree weather in mid-May and you have a real headache on your hands. Many thanks to Leigh, Michael and Marcia for helping me fix the broken heads and quick couplers and moving plants to the safety of our shaded 51<sup>st</sup> Street nursery; thanks to Chris Hansen and Jerry Wayman from the plumbing shop for making the repairs we can't make; thanks to Chris from Clearmark Locates for marking our mainlines and finding our lost valves; and thank you Turner and Ben from American Leak Detection for finding a lost and leaking quick coupler.

- We do lots of volunteer projects in the garden, and May was no exception. Each week we have a volunteer work parties: *Tuesdays in the Garden* and *Thursday Weeders*, plus we had corporate group from Amazon. Volunteers helped with weeding, edging lawns, mulching and some pruning. They also planted lots of *Ajuga reptans* 'Caitlin's Giant' that was propagated by our greenhouse (thanks Johan!) Many thanks to Marcia and Michael for leading these groups and Sophia Eichholz (KGF) for her assistance and scheduling.
- Regular / seasonal garden maintenance includes mowing, weed trimming, edging, hedge and tamamono shearing, planting, mulching, pine pruning, watering, and blowing trails.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- The Spring KGF Plant Sale was held Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation changed things up this year by extending the hours (9am-3pm), doubling the number of volunteers involved, and making arrangements with Northwest Nurseries to supply plants and take back any unsold plants. KGF plant sales are always well attended, but this years was highest grossing ever (\$40K). Many thanks to KGF, Northwest Nurseries, and SPR staff for making this happen.



- Our new public restrooms finally opened! Now that the security fencing is out of the way, we look forward to finishing the landscaping around our new facility. Many thanks to project manager Morteza Behrooz for guiding this project to completion, Optimus Construction for delivering a fine product despite many unforeseen difficulties, KGF for applying for grants to help with funding, and SE District staff for coming up with the plan for securing the bathrooms and cleaning them twice daily.



- We have another Gardener: Hannah Gunther has been reassigned to us from the NE District, so now we have 3 permanent Gardeners and 2 seasonals. Many thanks to Markeith Blackshire for making this happen.

### **Volunteer Park Conservatory**

#### **Maintenance:**

- Conservatory routine maintenance, from 7am to 10am every morning, focus on grooming of plants in display, minor display enhancements, pathway maintenance and irrigation.
- Greenhouse/living collection maintenance and propagation. This week focus on chrysanthemum production for fall display, potting and moving to outdoor grow spaces. Prepping Lathhouse for Summer use, moving temperate crops from winter storage.
- Division and repotting of Bromeliads, work on Orchid display. Pesticide application, lower greenhouse orchids and white was application to building exterior, north side weather permitting.

### **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT – no report**

### **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

#### **Maintenance:**

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at Ravenna Park, Cowen Park, Stanley Ave S and S Albro Pl and S Eddy St & S Albro, and W Garfield St under Magnolia Bridge.
- Obstruction removals were completed at Ballard library, Ballard Commons Park, 316 NW 85<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cherry, Pioneer Pergola, 6<sup>th</sup> and Cherry, Albert Davis Park, Gilman Playground, Royal brougham and Airport, and Cal Anderson.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: NE 45th St NB I-5 On-Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St NB I-5 On-Ramp Vicinity, Golden Gardens Park, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St, N 127th St & Aurora Ave N, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 10921 36th Ave NE, NE 86th St & 35th Ave NE, 2317 N 92nd St, NW 49th St & 17th Ave NW, 6418 Seaview Ave NW, 6706 Seaview Ave NW, 5301 15th Ave NW, NW 40th Ave & Leary Way NW, 3956 6th Ave NW, NW 39th St & Leary Way NW, 1st Ave N & Roy - Mercer St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St, 2035 4th Ave, 409 NE Pacific St, NE 64th St & 8th Ave NE, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, 4506 5th Ave NE, 5627 Park Rd NE, 6156 15th Ave NE (Cowen Park), 1430 N Northlake Way, 900 N 36th St, 863 NE 145th St, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, NE 110th St & 36th Ave NE, 13539 32nd Ave NE, Hubbard Homestead Park, Maple Leaf Park, Greenwood Park, 2318 N 92nd St, 1425 Dexter Ave N, 2920 Dexter Ave N, 400 Roy St, NE 45th St I-5 On-Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St I-5 On-Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 45th & 50th St NB I-5 Off Ramp, Burke Gilman Trail from NW Bowdoin Pl to NW 39th St, NE 43rd St & 8th Ave NW, 312 NW 85th St, 15th Ave W & W Emerson St, Poplar & Dean, Navigation Center Vicinity, 10th Ave S & S Dearborn, Cowen Park, 8th Ave & NE 70th St, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, 2318 N 92nd St, 15th Ave NE & 106th St, Seaview Ave NW & NW 37th Pl, 1803 12th Ave W, 714 1st Ave W, Post Ave Vicinity, Occidental Park, Fire House Alley, S Washington St, Prefontaine Park, 3rd & James, Cal Anderson Park, S Industrial Park & Airport Way S, Gilman Playground, Royal Brougham and Airport Way S, Cal Anderson, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Yesler, 6<sup>th</sup> & Yesler, Ballard Library, and Ballard Commons.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 125 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

- The Encampment/Special Maintenance Team did not participate in any Jamborees/Clean City Volunteer events this week.
- Over 31,720 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 392

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

400 Roy St



10th Ave S & S Dearborn



NW 40th Ave & Leary Way NW



**MDAR Removal:** Ravenna Park



**DATE:** June 23, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 6/12/2023 - 6/18/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Hamilton Viewpoint – I recently had an in-person meeting with a group of neighbors at Hamilton Viewpoint to discuss some maintenance concerns and questions they had. It went well and I'm happy to say that some staff have addressed the grounds maintenance issues and it's looking good. Swing shift did some work there as well as Claire Yazza.





- Duwamish Waterway Park – Swing shift went and did a lot of mowing and line trimming at this park last week.



- Alki Playfield Whale Tail – The play areas are a main focus for our department and Sefa did great work cleaning out the play area and getting ready to have more materials delivered.





- Gardeners' Report - Claire and Steve have continued to work on irrigation as well as planting projects throughout the district.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Full-service mowing is being put in place and we are making a weekly list of sites.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Southwest Crew: Claire Yazza has been filling in a few different roles for us recently. He has covered Maintenance routes as well as Gardener and Senior Gardener. At Hamilton Viewpoint he did a lot of work there this past week while coving that route just for the day. Claire is someone we can always count on to work hard and step up to help out the district however we need.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Mowing projects have been the focus to establish edges and try to keep up with the rapid grass growth.
- Focus on Genesee shrub beds and mowing in the park and off-leash area.





Incidents:

Shooting at Othello Park 6/14.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the SE District crew for their quick response/support at Genesee OLA removing foxtail grass.

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- This week and next week SC is continuing prep for several major events including a regional baseball tournament at RPF, and all weekend holiday events at Judkins Pk, Jimi Hendrix Pk and Jefferson Pk.
- Ballfield improvements at RPF- Harley Raked and added infield mix to Field #3, toppedressed outfield turf using 50yrds of 80/20 mix treated blackberries around the perimeter, moved and power washed under and surface of bleachers and dugouts on all 3 fields, freshened up shrub beds, line trimmed tall grasses and requested several work orders.





- SC Hosted 55 volunteers from International Starbucks at Jefferson Pk- The results were a great face lift at the NE corner of the park.
- DOLA at Jose Rizal Pk- Staff addressed tall veg and trimmed inside the DOLA and stairs.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Beginning Seafair Prep
- Beginning Umoja Fest Prep
- Ballfield improvement windows after baseball and before soccer
- Genesee HQ reorg and housekeeping Projects next week
- Getting pollinator signage out to Van Asselt, Jefferson, Deajon Pk and other locations designated

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- KUDOS to all the hardworking staff at SC
- Farewell Gardener Jacob DeGuzman. Thanks for jumping in and helping beautify the District and for a great friend and leader.

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Mowing and edging at First Hill Park.



- Hedging and Trimming at Homer Harris.



- Weeding Project around Volunteer Park Ponds with the north end Gardeners.





- Line trimming at Harrison Ridge.



- Weeding Rainbow sign at TT Minor.



- Annual planting at Volunteer Park around the Asian Art Museum.



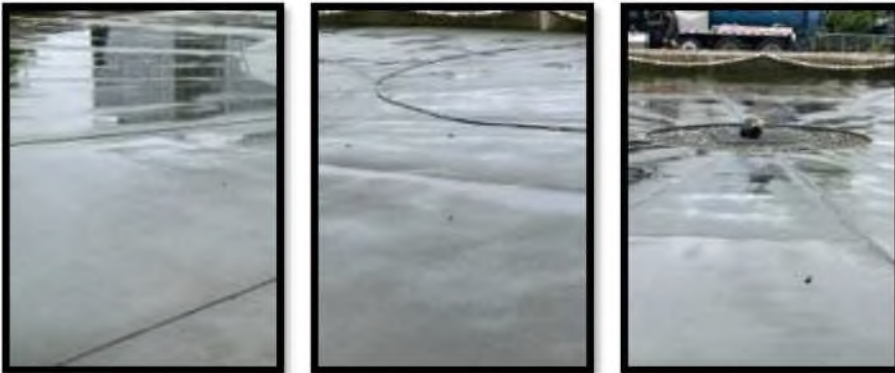
- Soft opening for the newly renovated Spruce Street Mini Park.



- Weeding project at South Lake Union.



- Draining and Pressure Washing inside the Duck Pond at South Lake Union.



Incidents:

Two Park users were in a confrontation at Cal Anderson where one of them flashed a gun in front of park staff. No one was injured.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information

- Kudos to Tyree Washington for taking the initiative in replacing edger belts for staff. Great work!



- A huge thank you to the Aquatic Technical Department for scheduling a Vactor truck to empty out the duck pond at South Lake Union.

**Northeast-District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- The Crew worked on line trimming at Gas Works Park in preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.







- Gardeners removed old shoes thrown up onto power lines.



- Gardeners cut back overgrown vegetation along pathways at Meadowbrook Park.



- IMW Jon Tiemeyer and Lars Neilson replace plexiglass on rainbow sign at Hubbard Homestead, and replaced backboards and padding .



- Seasonal Laborer Malachi Walton fixed irrigation heads at Magnuson Field 5.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Trail Maintenance at MagnusonPark
- Continue Removing Knot Weed and Blackberrys at Wallingford steps
- Trail Maintenance at Promitory Point at Magnuson Park.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week go out to all Northeast and Magnuson staff for all of their hard work.

**Northwest – District 6** – no report

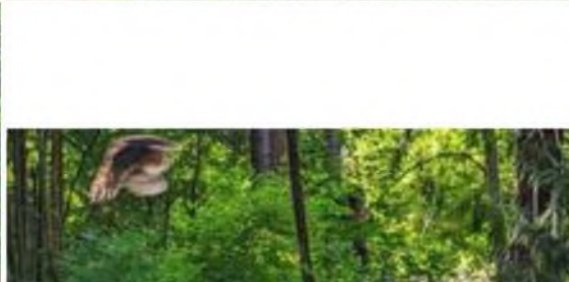
#### **Central West – District 7**

##### Maintenance:

- Commodore mowing and grass cutting, Maintenance of the park balanced with restrictions due to the Blue Heron Habitat.



- The crew at Discovery is doing a wonderful job keeping trails clear and pathways open. The natural beauty of the park being maintained.



- Gardener removed an invasive stand of Japanese Knotweed at Queen Anne CC.



- Heritage cobble Stones were laid in the newly renovated shrub beds near the chapel at Discovery Park.



- Hedges at West Magnolia Playfield North were cut back and lined up!



Upcoming Projects/Work:

The Daybreak Star Pow Wow is quickly approaching, and the crew has been doing maintenance to prepare the grounds. Additionally, crew chief Jeff had some very nice new signs commissioned by the sign shop. We can now replace the old spraypainted planks, what an upgrade! Thank You Jeff, Thank You Sign Shop!



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A BIG congratulations to John Seachao who has accepted a permanent IMW position with Shops! Best of luck John! We appreciate all your good and hard work.



**Downtown – District 7** - no report

**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

The Special Project Response Team continued pressure washing throughout the districts.

Wallingford Playfield

Before



After



North Acres Dugout

Before



After



Montlake Dugout

Before



After



## South Lake Union

Before



After

## Ross Dugout

Before



After

## Magnuson Building #18.

Before



After

## Upcoming Projects/Work:

ROGERS (Eastlake)/ DAHL #2 Dugout, ROGERS (Eastlake)/ GARFIELD Dugout, South Lake union, Madrona/ Miller Dugout, MAGNUSON BLD 11/WASHINGTON Park Dugout, RED BARN Inspection /South Lake Union Pond

## District Encampments

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace; Herring House
- SC – Coleman PF, Flume landbank site
- SE – Rainier CC
- CE – Lavizzo Park picnic shelter, Cal Anderson Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- CW – Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park

Needles: 0

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- The Natural Area Crew maintained the beaver structure along with edge care at Longfellow Creek Greenspace this last week. Thanks to Daljit Singh for his hard work!



- Michael Yadrick is providing job shadowing for two AmeriCorps, Daniel Hatchet and Rosie Llewellyn. To support their learning as part of their year of service at partner organization, Forterra, they are learning from Michael about ecological restoration and project planning. Below, they are sampling soils along the west edge of Jefferson Park as part of an activity to develop a restoration plan for the site.



- Eric Sterner coordinated site visits with Forest Steward David Sohlstrom at John C Little and Elissa Ostergaard and her pup Ollie at Genesee Park.



- Haven Ecology's is supporting GSP with project planning this year. They wrote, "while surveying the East Duwamish Greenspace, we came across survival rings where ivy had been recently removed from mature alder and big leaf maple trees. On one tree, there was a vine over 3" in diameter. Based on the number of rings in the cross section, we estimated that the vine started climbing the tree in the late 1980s."



- Bridget secured the NPDES permit for aquatic noxious weed treatment and communicated use expectations with SPR Senior Gardeners.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- GSP and Trails will be supporting a youth program at Ravenna Park starting 6/27. There has been camping in the work site that needs to be addressed for the program to start there. It has been reported.
- Kudos to Bridget Kelsh from Stephanie Shelton regarding the aquatic permit: *This takes a ton of work, so I wanted to recognize you for all that goes into pulling these permits (and associated education, posting, rollout, program management) together. These permits allow us to operate in a manner compliant with federal/state/local environmental regulations around our spray program. It's an effort that is frequently unrecognized but vital, so thank you Bridget!*
- *Philadelphus lewisii* (mock orange) in full bloom 😊





## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Arboretum
- Rainer PF
- Arboretum backfill.
- Martha Washington
- Othello Park
- Green Lake Park
- Trail resurfacing at Washington Park Arboretum.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Mt Baker Beach

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Bobbie Morris PF swept and groomed to remove the debris and loose fabric material.





• Washington Park Playfield grooming and sweeping



• Hutchinson Playfield after fertilizing and lime application with a supply of water(Irrigation).



- Northacres Play Field after fertilizing and lime application with a supply of water (Irrigation).



- The natural playfields have lot of damage due to dog owners using the play fields as a dog park. The districts and Turf Crew are always repairing fields.

#### Upcoming Projects:

- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic field maintenance weather permitting

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

This is the time of year to groom synthetic fields and repair turf damage like tire ruts, illegal dog use in the playfields and just plain use of field for practice and games. Summer is here!

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log - Removals: 6; Failure Cleanups: 4; Prunes: 7; Stump grind: 3; Snag creation: 1; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 11
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 24
  - Level 2 inspections: 24
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 91 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Planting site survey: 21
- Work orders - finished this week: 10; Open: 778; Average days open: 397
- Oak tree failure at Martha Washington Park - A massive oak tree fell and damaged a park bench and was a major clean-up work for the Tree Crew.





- Failed limb blocking road at LWB - At Lake Washington Boulevard and E Jefferson St, a big limb of an Oak tree failed and blocked both side of the road, damaged a car and took down powerlines. The Tree Crew worked OT with the help of Heavy (Thanks Heavy!) to clear up this failure late into the evening on Wednesday.



- The Tree Crew came back to LWB the next day to removal this oak tree due to the large tear out wound from its limb failure.



- Downed tree at Green Lake CC on Sunday morning - A large Oak tree fell at Green Lake Community Center from an irrigation line break. Kudos to Mark Rawlins, OOC Tree Trimmer, Lead who mobilized the crew together and responded very promptly to the call. Also, special shoutout and compliments to the crew of Mark Malone (Tree Trimmer, Lead), Emily Hanson, (Arboriculturist), Henry Arends (Tree Trimmer, Lead) and Sophan Um. They did a great job.
- Lake Washington Boulevard Tree Work - The tree crew continues with weekend maintenance work during the Bicycle Weekend road closure.

- The crew cleared a failed tree over trail at Kiwanis Memorial Preserve Park.



- Photo: Josh Gilbert making a cut to remove the tree with Michael Keodoungsy as ground support at Lewis Park.



- The Tree Crew worked with the Arboretum Crew to remove some trees and also to deadwood a Madrone tree.



- Oak branch failure at Jefferson Park onto Beacon Avenue on Friday that our crews took care of.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Youth At Work (YAW) Summer Interns Meet and Greet at Garfield High School - Jamie Lim (Arborist) attended this event to meet and get to know the 4 youth interns assigned to Urban Forestry and Trails and Ecology, through icebreaker games and went over workplace expectations and the upcoming work with the respective units.



## Trails Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Longfellow Creek @ Juneau - The crew finished up the Trail head maintenance on 2 Trail Heads @ Longfellow Creek- Juneau St.



- Deadhorse Canyon Trail Head/ Check Step & out slope log installation @ Bangor St. - The crew finished up the trail maintenance and installed some check steps and out slope logs on a steep slope entering Deadhorse Canyon from Bangor St. We worked on a 125' stretch of trail installing 6 check steps and 12' of outslope log to hold in the trail tread.



- Pigeon Point Trail Maintenance/Renovation - The crew did some much-needed trail maintenance on 392' of trail in Pigeon Point from 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SW to Pathfinder School.



- Magnuson Park Volunteer work party with REI - I did a walk through to look with Anna Rylko and Angela Yeats at the Wetland Trail at Magnuson to go over the scope of work and plan for the work party REI will be having in August.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Final planning and ordering of materials for the bridge replacement at Schmitz Reserve with Girl Scout Troop #12.
- We will be working with Heavy Crew to reestablish the trail through Roxhill Playfield which ties Roxbury to the Roxhill Neighborhood.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Bridge replacement at Schmitz Reserve with Girl Scout Troop #12
- We are in the planning stages of a big volunteer work party with REI at Magnuson Park.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

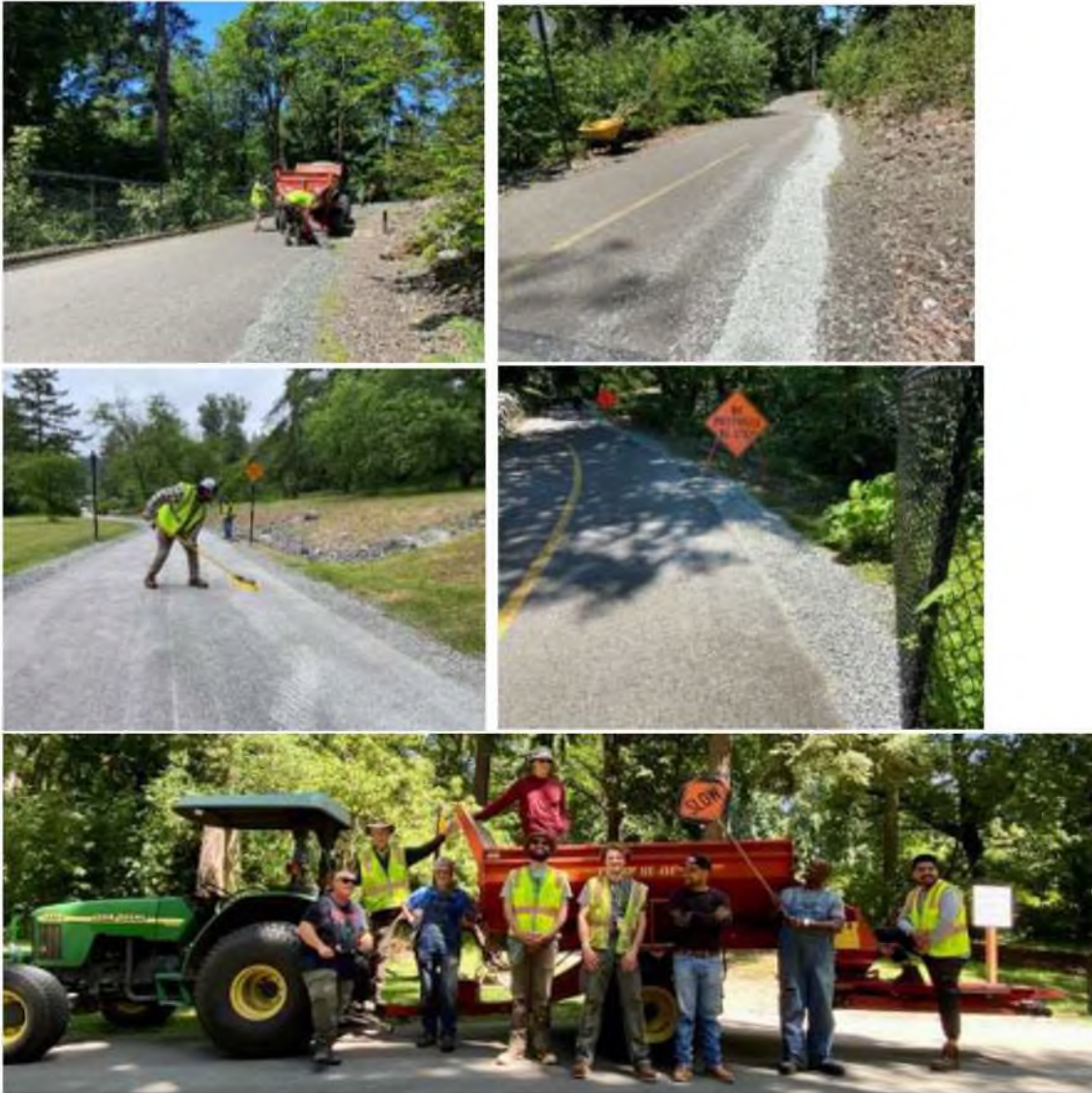
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#### **Landscape Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Arboretum—We spent all week laying down gravel on both edges of the arboretum bike path. We distributed the gravel using a Tycrop then came behind with rakes and brooms to smooth it out. We then used a compactor to pack it down. In total we spread 8,815 feet of gravel!





Upcoming Projects/Work:

Hubbard Homestead—This week we're starting to clear brush around the edges of this Northgate Park to prepare the site to be converted to turf.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you to the Heavy Crew for moving equipment and delivering gravel. And a big thanks to Josh for wrangling the tractor and Tycrop through the Arboretum for a week!
- Thank you to Karen Stener for coordinating our project at the Arboretum and keeping us supplied with tools and snacks!

- Big thanks to Apprentice Gardener Bryant Lankster. Thank you for all your hard work and your positive attitude. It was great having you on the crew and we wish you all the best in your next position as IMW.



## **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

### Highlights:

- City Hall Park: Park Rangers did specialized emphasis patrols in City Hall park during the reopening and the days following. Rangers Samica Thomas and Jordan Sorensen witnessed some nice events that signaled a shift in use. A couple took photos in the park and had what looked like a brief vow before a courthouse marriage. Rangers prevented the moment from being disrupted by creating a perimeter around a woman who was in crisis, shouting, and kept moving her hand to her purse like she had a firearm. She eventually left. Pictured below is the park at 10pm lit up and safe. Good changes to lighting and a presence from Rangers and Private Security in the evenings and overnight has had an impact.



- Westlake Park: Park Ranger Sorensen and Thomas posted up at Westlake Park for a church rally. It lasted all afternoon and into the evening. There was a march about 3pm on a route past the Amazon spheres and then back to Westlake. Rangers were in communication with volunteer “church security” and event organizers about details of the event.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Park Ranger Wilcox ran in to Deputy City Attorney Scott Linsey while patrolling Westlake Park.
- Park Ranger Daniels communicates supportively to a park user in Freeway Park.



**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and NW Bowdoin Place to NW 40<sup>th</sup> St, NE 40<sup>th</sup> St & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Myers Way S, 16<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 15<sup>th</sup> St to NE 123<sup>rd</sup> St, Burke Gilman Trail, and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW from NW 50<sup>th</sup> to Leary Way NW.
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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 141 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

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- Over 30,960 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 834

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

NE 50th St NB I-5 On-Ramp Vicinity



4th Ave & Roy St



15th Ave W & W Garfield St



MDAR Removal: 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW from NW 50<sup>th</sup> to Leary Way NW





**DATE:** June 30, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 6/19/2023 - 6/25/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Ballfield Maintenance – Being one of the core services, staff continue to work hard on our athletic fields. Games are slowing down a bit in SW, but we still make this a priority.



- Cormorant Cove – During the week we always have a project for the swing shift to take on during the first half of their shift. Cormorant Cove was one this past week, mow, line trim and blow.



- Marra Desimoine Farm – This past week we held a crew project at Marra Farm. We had push mowers, line trimmers, and edging to get the park back into shape.





- Gardeners' Report - Claire and Steve have continued to work on irrigation as well as planting projects throughout the district.

Incidents:

There was a stolen car found at Westcrest Park. It tore up the upper field and then was rolled down the hill towards the dog park.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Just want to give a shout out to our newly hired Laborer Kina Pupungatoa. She started on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month and everyone she has worked with so far has nothing but good things to say about her work ethic.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Irrigation – fixing breaks at Genensee in collaboration with the plumbing shop in preparation for Seafair.
- Maintenance support of mowing routes

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward



- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Kao Seng Saechao and Julius Cumlat for taking on a large edging restoration project at Genesee Park.

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

Going Green! With Summer arriving early we managed to level out and green up a bit at Rainier PF, Judkins PF, and Jefferson Lid.



- Nice assist! SC staff assisted the Heavy Equipment Crew to remediate toxic sand at Mt. Baker Beach after a car fire and fire extinguisher incident.



- Lewis Park- Some much needed vegetation management.



- The wading pools are all pressure washed and prepped for opening.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Judkins PF- Prepping for turf improvements. Art O. brought in 30yrds topdressing for middle field.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

SC District hosted the International Starbucks Employee Volunteer Project. Went great. Kudos Team!

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Junior,  
Here is the list of people who did the volunteer event on Tuesday.  
I just wanted to let you know that Jacob and crew were **absolutely wonderful!** We had a great time pulling weeds and spreading mulch. We would definitely love to come back and help out again in the future.  
Thanks to you and Brian for all your help in setting this up.  
Beckie



**Central East – District 3**

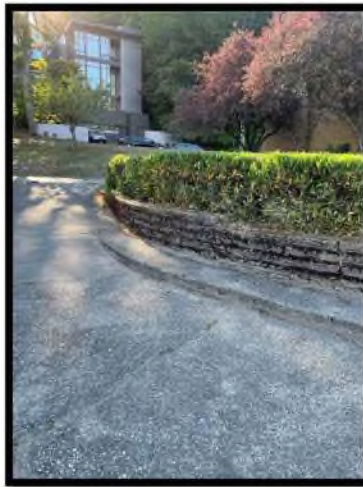
Maintenance:

- Hedging at Firehouse Mini Park to address homelessness concerns.





- Hedging and line trimming at Madrona Beach around dance studio.



- Push mowing at First Hill Park.



- Street sweeping at Washington Park parking lot. Also swept at Denny Blaine, Madrona beach Parking Lot and Garfield CC.



- Annual weeding and planting at Gerber Park and Medgar Evers Pool.



- Litter and Garbage from Cal Anderson/ Bobby Morris and Volunteer Park during Pride Fest Weekend.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information

- Kudos to the weekend Staff Tyree Washington, Leon Calloway, Jerry Thompson, Barry Davison, Meles Wereta, Mario Gloria, Eric McDonald, and Percy Cornett for manning Pride Fest weekend. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to keeping the parks clean.
- Over 10 tons of trash mitigation was done during Pride fest weekend 6/23-6/25.

#### **Northeast-District 4/5**

##### Maintenance:

- Landon Messer line trimmed and edged sidewalks and cracks at Laurelhurst Park.



- Gardeners remove a dead Cedar tree from Magnuson Park.





- The crew added play sand to sand box at Dahl Playfield.



- Magnuson Crew Project cutting back vegetation away from trails.



- A Crew Project was held at Wallingford steps removing knot weed and blackberrys.



- Crews have been working on removing large area of Blackberrys around Building 12 at Magnuson Park.



- IMW Jon Tiemeyer removing Grafitti at Magnuson Park.



Incidents:

Some cars were vandalized at Magnuson Park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Brush cutting at Gasworks park
- Mulch at Wallingford steps

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week go out to Brad Schneider and the landscape crew for all the hard work at Hubbard Homestead.

**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Gemenskap: The crew weeded the bioretention swale in the park. It was completely overgrown with weeds, but within a morning we were able to clean it up.

Before



After



- Ballard Corners: Turf was mowed, edged and line trimmed.





- Golden Gardens: Sand build up was removed from in front of the wheelchair access to the beach. This will become regular maintenance to ensure that the ramp remains accessible.
- Ross and Gilman: Fibar was added to the playgrounds.



- Loyal Heights: No Dogs signs were placed around the synthetic field in hopes to prevent damage and unhygienic conditions for park users.



Incidents:

A large Oak tree fell down in front of Green Lake CC on the 20<sup>th</sup>. It was removed and more work was done on the surrounding tree that also posed a potential problem.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Lower Woodland: Total preparation for MLB weekend and tournaments

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Krista Waller! Krista has been a Gardener on the crew for a year now and has proven her dedication, work ethics, and ability to adapt and grow time and time again. She is a dependable worker willing to take on extra responsibilities and she deserves recognition for her efforts. This past week she filled in for senior gardener and did a fantastic job running the Gemenskap crew project and attending to the OOC duties. Thank you, Krista!

**Central West – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Gardener Ashley continuing with painting projects. Parsons Garden received some beautiful begonias, Thank you Jefferson Green House team!



- Weeding and Planting at many of our Parks Rainbow Signs



- Pollinator Habitat signs posted at our Pollinator sites; Magnolia Park Triangle, Ursula Judkins, Thorndyke, Kerry Viewpoint Hillside and David Rogers.



- Active in the Woodland Park Zoo Browse program, delivering any large loads of edible plant materials for the animals, most notably tree and shrub branches.



- In an attempt to preserve the fields, new signs have been posted reminding citizens, NO DOGS ALLOWED!



- Tree limbing at Discovery.



- At MacLean Greenbelt, a group of volunteers worked on litter pickup and garden bed maintenance. Wonderful to see this neighborhood so invested in their local greenspace.

Incidents:

- Fire, honey bucket burned- Discovery Park



- Graffiti- Ella Bailly



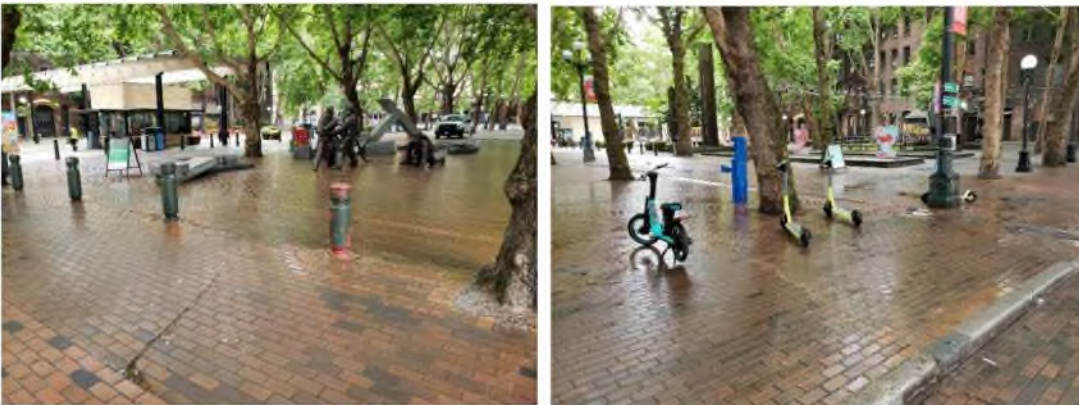
**Downtown – District 7**

**Maintenance:**

- Staff completed weekly maintenance at Cascade Park mowing, edging and line trimming.



- Nick Fischer and his Laborer got things done to shape up Occidental Park. Citizens are happy and appreciative of how this park looks.



- Rick Saetern and helping Laborer worked hard at Tilikum Park completing the daily routine maintenance of blowing down the park.



- OOC IMW Jeff Paradis worked on graffiti removal at Plymouth Pillars, Freeway Park, and Hing Hay Park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:  
Mulching at Freeway Park

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS!! To our Downtown staff for their hard work and what they have to deal with at work, day in and day out.

**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

- Pressure washing completed at:

Rodger Eastlake Playfield

Before



After



South Lake Union

Before



After



Garfield Dugout

Before



After



Magnuson Building #11

Before



After



- Red Barn inspection on 06/23



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Madrona/Miller Dugout, Beacon hill / Brighton, Cleveland /Coleman, Lower Woodland # 1,3,4,5,6 , and South Lake Union Pond.

**District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace; Herring House
- SE – 1 car at Genesee Park
- SC – Campers/RVs at Amy Yee TC, Jose Rizal DOLA, Stirgus Park - burning in the Pagoda
- CE – Lavizzo Park picnic shelter, Cal Anderson Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- CW – Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- DT – Freeway Park, Pioneer Square

Needles: 50

**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- The Natural Area Crew worked on maintenance and establishment at Beaver Pond Natural Area along Thornton Creek, addressing regulated weed Garlic Mustard, weeding around plantings, and cutting down trees across the access trail.



- Natural Area Crew supported ivy removal around the methane monitoring equipment at Interbay Golf Course.



- Eric Sterner coordinated site visits with Forest Steward at Lincoln Park and Magnuson. George Macomber, bottom photo, is retiring after 20 years of service at Ravena as well as Mountaineers Native Plant Garden at Magnuson Park. The garden includes unusual native species, including the prickly pear cactus native to dry slopes in a couple counties in western Washington.



- Eric Sterner attended a symposium put on by Washington Native Plant Society that focused on the future of stewardship programming.



- Michael Yadrick is busy supporting professional crew citywide, including Zaldivars at Victory Creek, shown below supporting vegetation management along the Right of Way.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Summer youth programming, including paid career exposure and job training programs get started in earnest the first couple weeks in July, including:

- Student Conservation Association – Colman, 5 youth
- Tilth Alliance Rainier Beach Stewards - Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, 10 youth
- SPR Youth at Work – Jefferson Horticulture, 2 youth
- Partner in Employment – Westcrest and Kubota, 14 youth
- Na’ah Illahee Fund and Futures Rising LLC – Daybreak Star, 30 youth over 2 cohorts

**INDIGENOUS YOUTH LAND RESTORATION & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY COHORT (JULY)**

**CALLING ALL FUTURE LAND & WATER PROTECTORS:**

- NOURISHING OUR CONNECTION WITH THE LAND THROUGH RESTORATION, WEEDING, MULCHING
- HARVESTING & PLANT TEACHINGS
- SERVING COMMUNITY IN PREPARING LAND FOR THE SEAFAIR POW WOW
- MAKING GIVEAWAYS AND LEARNING ABOUT PROTOCOL
- CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS AND CAREER EXPLORATION
- \$500.00 STIPEND
- AGES 13YRS-25YRS
- SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY!

**WHEN:**  
 THURSDAY JULY 06, 10A-4:30P  
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**THINGS TO BRING:**  
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 3. WARM LAYER  
 4. TOOLS WILL BE PROVIDED.

**GREEN SEATTLE**

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**GREEN SEATTLE**

- o Delridge Neighborhood Development Association – Roxhill Bog and other sites – 10 youth
- o Rythers Aspiring Day Camp – Ravenna Park, +40 youth once a week
- o Cascadia GSP Youth Ambassadors – Citywide, 2 youth

**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

Mt Baker Beach clean-up.

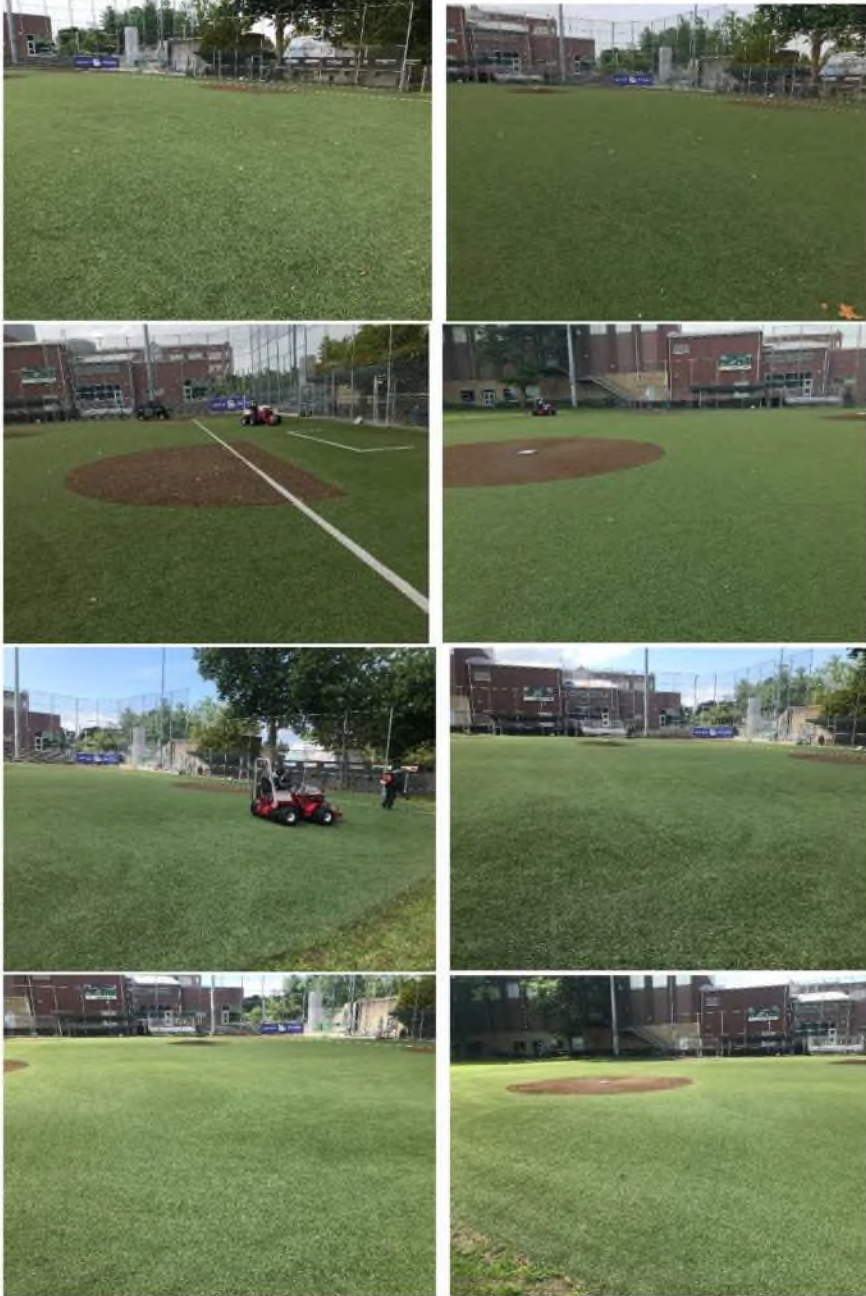


Upcoming Projects/Work:  
Westcrest Park DOLA

**Turf Crew**

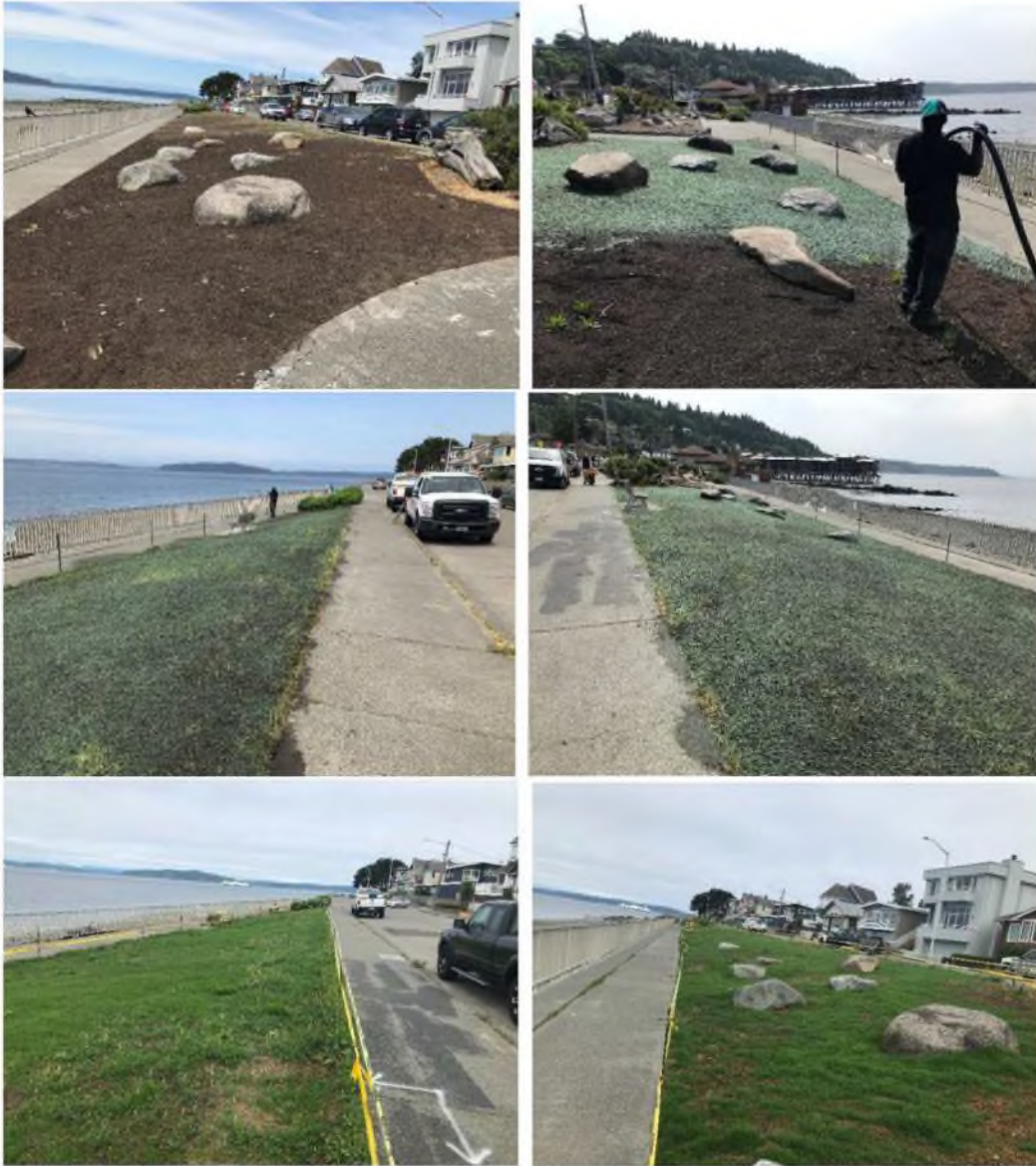
Maintenance:

- Garfield PF sweeping and grooming - Garfield PF was groomed to remove the debris and loose fabric material off the play field for better field performance and just make it look good.



- Charles Richey Viewpoint hydro seeding - The turf is growing after three weeks and is looking green. SW District will give the viewpoint a mow this Friday to remove the fowtail grass seeds that are about to drop. Foxtail grass seeds are very harmful to dogs, that causes irritation and damage to the dogs skin, sometime ending in surgery or death when the seeds turn yellow.





#### Upcoming Projects:

- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic fields maintenance, weather permitting

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log - Removals: 8; Failure Cleanups: 6; Prunes: 11; Stump grind: 5; Snag creation: 1; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 13
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 16
  - Level 2 inspections: 7
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 81 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Planting site survey: 13
  - Work orders - finished this week: 3; Open: 792; Average days open: 395

- Failed tree from private property over Burke Gilman Trail - The tree crew stepped in to mitigate this tree of imminent hazard over the Burke Gilman Trail when the property owner couldn't get a tree service contractor for this work. District staff led by Angela Yeats helped to close this section of the trail and re-route pedestrian and cyclist. Tree crew and District staff worked late into the evening to complete this work. Kudos to Tony Eggink for coordinating the crews and the work, Josh Gilbert, Joe Perdue and Miles Anderson from the tree crew for helping out in this work. Also, a shout-out to the District staff for their help in watching traffic and re-directing people.



- Lake Washington Boulevard Tree Work - More tree maintenance work took place this weekend with the road closures from the Bicycle Weekend.





- Our tree planting crew, Michael Passalacqua and Michael Keodoungsy continue the job of watering our baby trees. Thanks for taking care of these young trees!



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Bartlett Conference in Woodinville - Jamie Lim, Emily Hanson, Mark Malone and Miles Anderson attended a conference organized by Bartlett Tree Experts on pest management strategies for trees and soil health care.
- IML Resistograph Demo - The tree crew participated in a product demo on the latest resistograph drill manufactured by IML.



## Trails Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Roxhill Ballfield Trail Renovation - The Crew worked with the Heavy crew to excavate and cut a new 420' by 6' trail through the Roxhill Ballfield that goes from Roxbury St. to the Roxhill Natural Area to provide better access for the community. The Crew limbed up 2 very large sycamore trees to provide the turf more light and water along with creating better sight lines.



- Schmitz Bridge replacement - The Crew picked up the material for the Schmitz Bridge replacement, prepped and did a site visit to get a better idea of what the job is about and what is expected.

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We are in the planning stages of a big volunteer work party with REI at Magnuson Park.
- We are preparing to take on a new Youth at Work Program along with the Tree and Ecology Crew.
- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Final planning and ordering of materials for the bridge replacement at Schmitz Reserve with Girl Scout Troop #12.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Bridge replacement at Schmitz Reserve with Girl Scout Troop #12
- Maintenance at the new Cheasty Mountain Bike Trail.
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.
- Build a railing at Landover Woods.

- Check-step install at Golden Gardens Dog Park.

### **Landscape Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Hubbard Homestead—We knocked down brush along the north and south perimeter of this park in Northgate and detailed the garden beds along the western boundary. Over the course of three days, we removed 28 yards of brush.



- Laurelhurst Park—We spread chips along the eastern edge of this park to suppress weeds in the open areas and clean up these beds that are right next to the sidewalk. In total we spread 12 yards of mulch.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Kerry Viewpoint—Planning continues.
- Arboretum—Planning has begun to replace wooden steps in two areas of the park.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Big thanks to Anna Rylko for helping with the Hubbard Homestead project.
- Kudos to everyone on the Landscape Crew for knocking out a tough project at Hubbard Homestead! Good Job!

### **Specialty Gardens Monthly**

#### **Arboretum**

##### Maintenance:

- Mow and line trim all turf areas throughout Arboretum
- Irrigation management: make repairs, troubleshoot issues, schedule run times in Maxicom control system, monitor irrigation status in the field
- Turf maintenance: fertilize Azalea Way and Graham Visitor Center
- Plan, schedule, and lead Garden Stewards on Azalea Way in partnership with Arboretum Foundation
- Azalea Way Shrub Beds: Weeding, pruning, mulching and other bed-cleanup
- Blowing: trails and turf
- Wetlands: Groundwater monitoring, remove blackberry, mulching around plantings
- Routine maintenance of composting toilet, including addition of wood shavings and monitoring levels of liquids and solids
- Watermain break in north Arboretum: Original 6" cast iron pipe from the 1930's failed the morning of June 8, resulting in significant mess and no potable water to either the Graham Visitor Center or our maintenance crew barn.  
KUDOS to Plumbers, Drainage Crew, and Arboretum staff that worked together to complete the repair by the next afternoon!  
KUDOS to Heavy Crew for backfilling and repairing large hole that was left in ground!



- Landscape Crew and Heavy Crew: Re-graveling of 1.2 mile Arboretum Loop Trail shoulder. The adjacent area has subsided since installation of the trail in 2018, resulting in a significant grade change of 4-6" along edge of pavement and therefore a hazard to trail users. Total length of trail

edges graveled: 1 mile, both sides; 62 yards of 5/8- gravel installed. KUDOS to Landscape Crew and Heavy Crew!



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Pond cleaning on Azalea Way: removal of aggressive weeds in partnership with Landscape Crew staff
- Monthly volunteer event in Arboretum Wetlands with Friends of Arboretum Creek
- Student Conservation Association here in August for one week to work in the Wetlands

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Coordinate Arboretum daily operations with Parks staff in partnership with UW horticulture staff
- Monthly meeting with UW K-12 Education Coordinator to discuss status and needs of the Fiddlehead Forest School and upcoming Summer Camp
- Monthly Operations Mtg in partnership with UW

#### Japanese Garden – no report

#### Kubota Gardens

##### Maintenance:

- Landscape renovation behind new bathroom: removed invasive laurel, renovation pruning performed on yew, planted hydrangeas and camellias, weeded and mulched beds.



- Landscape renovation around 5<sup>th</sup> pond: pond was drained so we could weed and prune around the banks, planted 5 rhododendrons, other pruning, weeding, and mulching.
- Landscape renovation around new Katsura: we add a Japanese maple and 5 yards of soil to regrade planting bed and mulch.
- KGF Soapstone Carving event: local artist shoe kids how to sculpt with soapstone; garden staff provided support for event.

- Rhododendron dead-heading party: volunteers came to remove spent flowers from rhododendrons in the Tom Kubota Stroll Garden.



- Pine pruning workshop with Plant Amnesty: 16 participants came to learn pine pruning techniques with master pruners Mark Akai and Don Brooks. Appearance of pines in the parking lot is greatly improved.
- King County Council staff volunteers spend a morning weeding the “big brown berm” in the stroll garden.



- Major irrigation system troubleshooting and repairs: Clearmark came to mark the mainlines of our upper irrigation system and found two lost irrigation valves in the process. American Leak Detection charged our lines with nitrogen to find a lost, leaking quick coupler.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

New staff! We welcome Hannah Gunther, our fourth full time gardener.





## Volunteer Park Conservatory

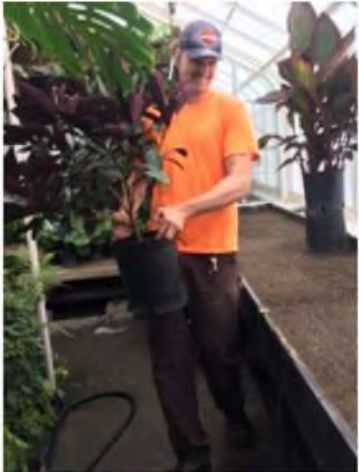
### Maintenance:

- Full display change, Seasonal house. Summer perennials from Jefferson Greenhouses, mixed temperate collection – Hydrangeas, Hosta, Astilbe, Cardiocrinum. Mixed Tropical/subtropical plants – Canna, Boston and maidenhair fern, Dracaena, Spathiphyllum. Floral elements – Fuchsia, Lilies, Veronica, Salvia, Gaura.
- Full display change Fern house. Tropical Foliage and Flowering specimens from our rotating living collections. Clerodendron quadriculara, Canna, Begonia species, Pavonia, fern species, Anthurium, Croton, Calathea species, Clown Fig, Cinnamon, Medinilla, Sarracenia species.
- Bromeliad House bench/growing medium replacement, partial. Gardeners, Emily Allsop, Seasonal Truman Ricks, Arborist/Intern, Henry Arends.
- Palm house, Giant Bird of Paradise (Strelitzia Nicholai) removal of mature 25' stalk, Henry Arends, Pan Kantiyavong, David Helgeson.
- Conservatory/Support Greenhouses, ongoing care and maintenance of display and living collections. Irrigation, Grooming and Training, Plant Propagation, greenhouse sanitation, exterior yard maintenance, mowing, weedeating, pruning.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Pan Kantiyavong, Pans focus on Orchid Collection and Maintenance with support from volunteers with the Northwest Orchid Society is yielding great results with numerous display enhancements and new plant acquisitions. Pan is responsible for the Conservatory's large Cactus and Succulent collection, where he is also supported by Cascade Cactus and Succulent Society Members. We are excited to report the flowering of a mature specimen of Agave perryi var. truncata. In Early July, Pan will be attending the biennial conference of the Cascade Succulent Society of America in Colorado Springs. His Trip is being subsidized by Seattle Parks with generous support from the Friends of the Conservatory.
- Emily Allsop, Emily is responsible for the large living collections that comprise the displays in the Conservatory's west wing, Fern House and Bromeliad Houses respectively. Aside for the daily care and maintenance of the Many tropical plant species that make up her displays, Emily also is involved in Plant propagation and production of seasonal crops, such as the spectacular exhibition Chrysanthemums that are more than a six-month growing commitment. Hundreds of specimen Chrysanthemums are grown for exhibition in September/October, starting with cuttings taken earlier in the year.
- Truman Ricks, Truman began his first year as a seasonal gardener and comes to us from the UW botany department where he is pursuing his post graduate degrees in Botany/Horticulture. Aside from supporting staff with the care and upkeep of the Conservatory's seasonal house, Truman also has been assigned to the temperate collections, which are grown in our outdoor nursery/ lathhouse grow spaces.
- Garden Staff Continued.
- Trumans past landscape maintenance and nursery experience has proven indispensable in the yard maintenance where his duties include Mowing Weedeating and pruning. Aside from his Horticulture /Botany skills Truman is also an accomplished Musician and will be performing for visitors to the Conservatory as part of the 90-year celebration of SAAM later this month.
- Henry Arends, Henry is on loan to the Conservatory from the NRU tree Crew, where he holds a position as Lead tree trimmer. Henry is participating in NRU's pilot training program with other park district staff and has been assigned to the Conservatory for a month starting June seventh. Henry's tall stature and superior reach, coupled with arboriculture skill has proven most useful recently in the removal of a mature 25' Strelitzia nicholai stalk from the Conservatory's Palm house dome. Henry hails originally from Iowa and attended college at Marquette University in

Milwaukee. After completion of College Henry worked as an Arborist for the City of Milwaukee. During his tenure he assisted the Nursery/Greenhouse team, gaining knowledge and skills there as well.





## **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

### Highlights:

- City Hall Park: Park Rangers emphasis patrols in City Hall Park during the reopening and the days following. One challenge is delays in outfitting staff. Official Uniforms should be arriving any day so Park Rangers will be more visible to all Public and approachable.



- Westlake Park Mayors Press Conference June 28<sup>th</sup>: Park Rangers joined Mayor Bruce Harrold in announcing the Downtown Activation Plans. When the mayor began speaking a loud group of advocates for unsheltered populations was also there to have their voices heard too. The mayor addressed the groups directly and enjoyed the dialog but it was disruptive. The Park Rangers work plan did adjust. Park rangers supported SPD to interact and be a buffer with the public. Many people came up to the rangers afterward to thank them for their work and program.



## ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at Seaview Ave NW & NW 37<sup>th</sup> Pl, Riverview Playfield, NW 40<sup>th</sup> St from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW to Leary Way NW, and 115<sup>th</sup> from Aurora to Meridian.
- Obstruction removals were completed at Ballard library, Ballard Commons Park, 316 NW 85<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cherry, Pioneer Pergola, 6<sup>th</sup> and Cherry, Albert Davis Park, Victory Creek Park, Green Lake Park, Volunteer Park, Alaskan Way S and S Main, Bitter Lake CC, Cal Anderson, Freeway Park, Ravenna Park, 4<sup>th</sup> & Royal Brougham, Washington St (east of Occidental Ave), and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave NW.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: NE 45th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th & 7th Ave NE, Ravenna Park, Hubbard Homestead Park, Interurban Trail (N 128th St to N 125th St), 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 3200 Fairview Ave E, 5100 Shilshole Ave NW, 11th Ave NW from NW 50th-Leary Way, NW Leary Way from 11th-14th Ave NW, 3rd Ave btw Cherry & James, Prefontaine Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Occidental Park, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St Vicinity, Peace Park Vicinity, NE 55th & 7th Ave NE, 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, NW 49th St & 17th Ave NW, 714 1st Ave W, 3919 Pasadena Pl NE, 8500 & 8501 35th Ave NE, 1224 N 137th St, 3956 6th Ave NW, NW 53rd St from 14th-15th Ave NW, NW 40th from Leary Way-6th Ave NW, 1st Ave N from Roy-Mercer St, 2112 3rd Ave, 2035 4th Ave, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St, 4506 5th Ave NE, NE 45th St and NE 50th St Southbound I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW from 14th Ave NW to NW 46th Ave, NE 45th St Off Ramp from Northbound I-5 Vicinity, NE 50th St Northbound I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St & 7th Ave NE, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St, Burke Gilman Trail, 8th Ave NE & NW 43rd St, Navigation Center Vicinity, Hing Hay Park, International Childrens Park, Poplar & Dean, 10th & Lane, 10th & Dearborn, 8th Ave NE & 70th St, NE 45th St & NE 50th St SB I5 Off Ramp Vicinity, 1228 & 1322 NE Ravenna Blvd, Hubbard Homestead Park, 2318 N 92nd St, 10921 36th Ave NE, 12363 Lake City Way NE, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 783 Convention Pl, Post Ave Vicinity, South Main Vicinity, Fire House Alley, S Washington St, Alleyway btw James & Cherry, Eastlake Ave E & Denny Way, Roy St from 9th Ave N to 8th Ave N, Mercer St from 2nd-Warren Ave N, and Prefontaine Park.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 115 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

- The Encampment/Special Maintenance Team did not participate in any Jamborees/Clean City Volunteer events this week.
- Over 45,640 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 174

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

NE 45th St NB I-5 Off-Ramp Vicinity



840 NW Market St



NE 50th St NB I-5 On-Ramp Vicinity



**MDAR Removal:** Seaview Ave NW and 37<sup>th</sup> PI NW Vicinity



**DATE:** June 9, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 5/29/2023 - 6/4/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Seola Park/Greenbelt – We ran a crew project at Seola Park last week, it was overdue for maintenance work. Staff line trimmed, mowed, edged, and did some pruning as well. Neighbors came out and expressed their gratitude for the work being done.





- Greg Davis – We are still getting a lot of mulching done in the district. Greg Davis was also done as a quick crew project to spread mulch in the beds there.



- Comfort Stations – We keep stressing core services to the crew, comfort stations being in the top 3 core services we provide. I'm happy with the level of work staff have done with deep cleaning comfort stations.



- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton) - Steve's main focus this week will be at Richie View Point, planting and mulching.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Full-service mowing is being put in place and we are making a weekly list of sites.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Shout out to Albert Smith, he filled in as crew chief while I was gone for 5 days and did a great job. He kept things running smoothly, handled time sheets, and dealt with all the things that come your way in that role. Another shout out to Mario Armijo, a seasonal for us who is doing a fantastic job in our comfort stations. Most days that is his assignment and he doesn't complain or fuss and I know we can depend on him to produce high quality of work.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Mowing projects have been the focus to establish edges and try to keep up with the rapid grass growth.
- Focus on Hutchinson and Rainier Beach shrub beds
- Supported mowing at Red Barn Ranch

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Julius Cumlat for supporting the mowing at Red Barn Ranch.



## **South Central - District 2**

### Maintenance:

- This week SC had group projects at Jefferson Pk, Dearborn PG and Beacon Hill PG
- Continued CS emphasis and deep cleans
- Gardener Training Program worked on irrigation repairs at Judkins, Columbia Pk and Jefferson Pk and also cleaned sign beds for annual flower installation
- Planned BF improvements and began Rainier PF upgrades
- Inventory and electrification program
- Prepping for curb paint at Stan Sayers and Lk Washington Blvd
- The crew completed a spruce-up at Beacon Hill PG.

Before



After



Incidents:

- The burnt portable at Judkins Pk has been removed



- The burnt dumpster at John C Little has been locked



Upcoming Events:

- Juneteenth events at Judkins Pk and Seward Pk
- MLB ALL-STAR events at Rainier PF

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf and shrub bed Projects at Judkins PF, Rainier PF and Amy Yee TC
- Beginning Seafair prep

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- At the Madrona Beach parking lot staff worked on blackberry removal and tree pruning.



- A big focus this week was ballfield mitigation and line trimming.

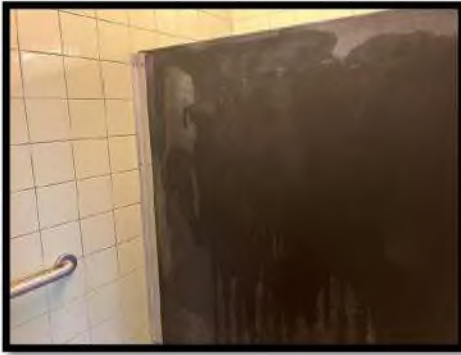
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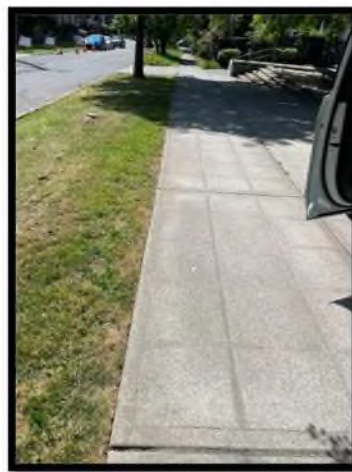
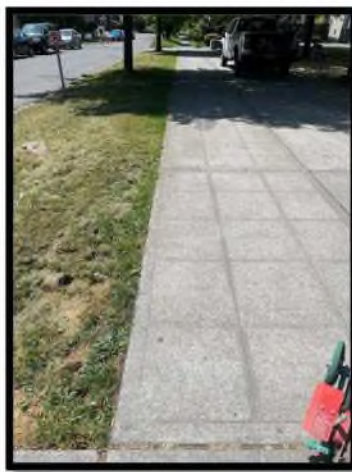


- Graffiti was removed at Madrona Beach and Cal Anderson comfort stations.



- Crews worked on edging at Seven Hills Park.

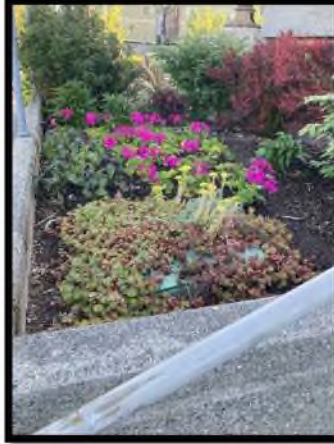




- Line trimming was the focus at Madrona Beach.



- Staff worked on shrub bed maintenance and planting perineal plants at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center.



- Crews completed mulching and trimming at Yesler Community Center.





Notes/Kudos/Other Information

This week 15 tons of litter and garbage was removed and 27 yards of clean green was removed from the Central East Barn.

**Northeast-District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- A Crew Project was completed at Mineral Springs Frisby Golf Park prepping area for new netting to be installed.





- Landon Messer did some edging at Laurahurst Playfield.





- At Magnuson Park staff was trained in the operating of the street sweeper.



- Michael Geiss filled low spots in pathways and access roads at Gas Works Park.



- A Crew Project was held at University Playground clearing overgrown hillside.



Incidents:

A truck window broken and fuel tank punctured at Magnuson 308 Yard.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mulch Cedar Trees at Dahl Playfield
- Line Trim the perimeter of Wallinford Park
- Blackberry removal from Gasworks Cracking towers.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to all NE District Seasonal Laborers for all the hard work during the start of peak season.

**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Ross Park: Low turf areas and tripping hazards were addressed by filling them in with 3-way topsoil. Missing lids to irrigation boxes were replaced.



- Ballard Pool: the retaining wall above the parking lot was line trimmed and cleaned up.
- Red Barn Auburn: The crew went down to the Red Barn property in Auburn to perform fire prevention maintenance. Mowing and line trimming of the whole property.





- District wide: Irrigation work is being done to get the parks online and prepped for the dry season. Mowing is being prioritized and caught up on slowly but surely.
- Lower Woodland: Multiple Base anchors were replaced on the ballfields.
- Ballard Pool: Line trimming and Hedging were done on the south side of property.



- June 7<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer project with LevelTen Energy at Golden Gardens
- June 9<sup>th</sup>: Windermere Volunteer project at Golden Gardens

#### Incidents:

Golden Gardens 6/3: There were gunshots in the parking lot at closing time. Nobody was harmed.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Spanish Community Bible Study at Green Lake: Every Saturday in different locations.
- Ted Houk Memorial Regatta (6/9) Green Lake 6am-7pm
- Ballard Commons 6/11: Pop-up activation space 2:30-4:30

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Green Lake Trail: filling low areas with gravel

- Red Barn in Auburn: 06/06 Fire prevention maintenance
- Baker: Crew clean up, CPTED pruning, and irrigation training.

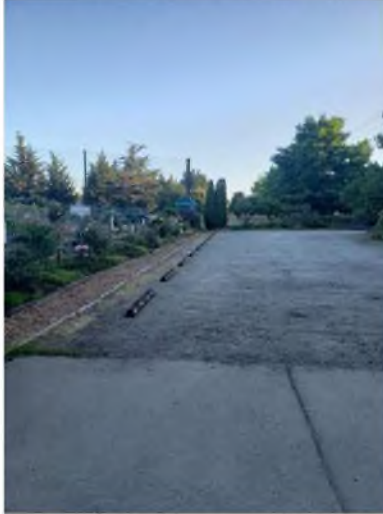
Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos Fred Schauer! Fred Schauer is a cornerstone of the NW district. He is always on top of our schedule and project workflow and so much more. He puts out a lot of metaphorical fires as well as some literal ones. You can always depend on him to get a job done well. Thank you, Fred.

**Central West – District 7**

Maintenance:

- New parking wheel-stop buffers were installed at Interbay Pea Patch.



- 10 yards of fresh gravel was laid on the pathways at Parson's Garden.



- Magnolia Boulevard had a big fence line clean up, along with help from NW district team, Thanks!



- Annuals are being planted in all our containers. Thank you to Johan and the greenhouse team!
- A shiny new park sign was installed at Observatory Courts.



- Grass maintenance is a priority district-wide.



- The Discovery Park Rainbow Sign got a sprucing up.



Incidents:

Multiple incidents of bathroom vandalism at Discovery Park comfort stations.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Kerry Viewpoint hillside. Removal of invasives, grass cutting, pollinator planting.
- Massive removal of Poison Hemlock behind Interbay playfield

**Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- The crew rinsed down Prefontaine Park on a quiet Saturday morning.





- Second shift responded to an emergency at Pioneer Square. The Chief Seattle statue was defaced. It was pressure washed and cleaned.



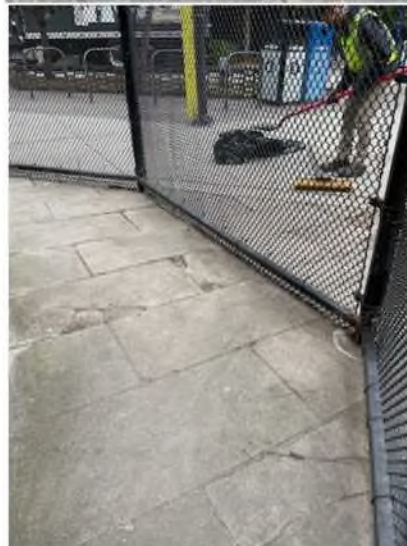
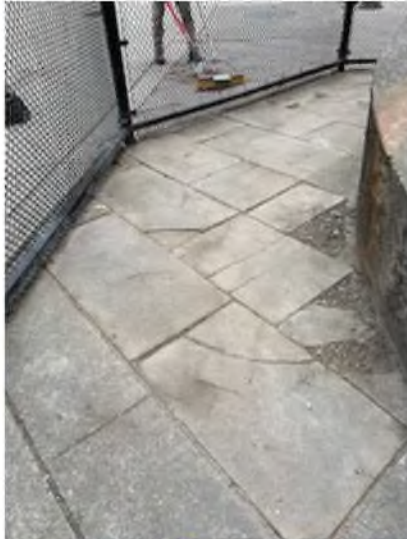
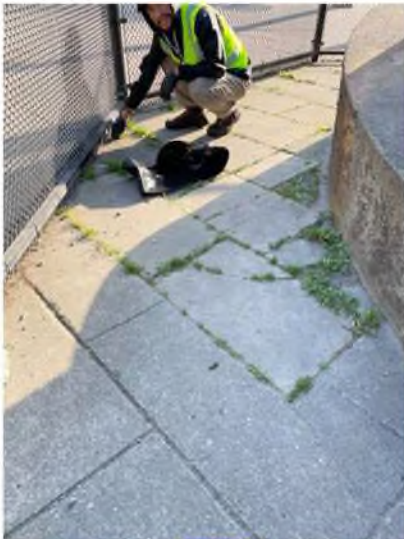
- Crew cleaned out flower beds at Urban Triangle and Cascade.







- Crews cleaned up crack weeds and gravel around Bell Street Dog Park.



- Our IMW was painted over some graffiti at Freeway Park.



- He is also very busy replacing/repairing benches at Myrtle Edwards.



- Our Gardeners hard at work make Downtown parks look beautiful for all to enjoy. Here is just a couple examples at Westlake Park and Tillicum.





Upcoming Events:

One World One Seattle at Westlake Park on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting very large crowds.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

They are opening a pop-up dog park inside Westlake Park in late June.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks to all the crew for working hard during peak season.

**District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace
- SC – Coleman PF, Flume landbank site
- SE – Prichard Beach/Be'er Sheva, 1 tent
- CE – Lavizzo Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- CW – Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- DT – Plymouth Pillars, on WSDOT property

Needles: 12

Plymouth Pillars Campers



**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- NAC finalized clean up weeding work at Powell Barnett Park. Before and after below, full bloom coming soon.



- Wildlife and IPM: Bridget worked with Todd Burley and Communications staff to produce a blog post on Osprey nesting (<https://parkways.seattle.gov/2023/06/05/supporting-the-citys-osprey-nests/>) that showcased the active nesting platform at Dahl Field, pictured below.



- Forest Steward Site Visits: Eric Sterner coordinated a site visit with Forest Steward Nancy Callery at E Pine St Shoreline (Madrona Park).



- Lisa and Stephanie supported the submission of an \$18.5 million request for funding from the US Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act grant.
- Eric participated on behalf of GSP with the Green Cities Network meeting, hosted in Redmond, that focused on mapping tools and included a tour of Farrell-Whitaker Park, shown below.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- The GSP Engagement Committee, comprised of partner organization staff and community member representatives, met at Jefferson Hort for their quarterly meeting this last week. They focused on GSP branding for upcoming promotional material and website updates. They also set the date for Seattle Forest Week and Green Seattle Day (11/4/23).



- NRU Manager Stephanie Shelton enjoyed a hug from a Pacific Madrone at Magnolia Park.



**Heavy Equipment Crew** – no report

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- The fertilizing is done for all play fields that do not have construction projects.



- NE District Fertilizer : Pinehurst PF, Victory Heights ,Meadow Brooks
- NW District Fertilizer : Gilman PF,Soundview PF
- CW District Fertilizer: Smith Cove, Magnolia CC PF, Magnolia PF, East Queen Anne, West Queen Anne
- PF aeration fields completed this week : Beacon Hill,Ballard CC PF,
- Magnuson Park Kite Hill vandilized turf repair from car tire , filling tire ruts
- The natual play field have lot of damage due to dog owner using the play fields as a dog park . The districts and turf crew are always repairing fields
- Repairing trip hazards in playfield

#### Upcoming Projects:

- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Finish fertilizer and lime on Reservoirs
- Synthetic field maintenance

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Maint Log - Removals: 4; Failure Cleanups: 1; Prunes: 1; Stump grind: 2; Planting site survey: 8; Water bags installed: 143; Number of Parks serviced: 8
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 98
  - Pre-watering inspections: 151
  - Level 2 inspections: 38
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 306 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work Orders - Open: 757; Finished: 4; Average days open: 410

- Michael Keodoungsy did a great job this past week getting 151 trees inspected for pre-watering and installed 143 water bags on young trees in various parks.
- Downed tree blocking road - A tree from the Duwamish Greenbelt fell and blocked Bonair Drive last Thursday evening. SDOT's rapid response team assisted to secure the site and redirected traffic until UF Tree Crew came in the next morning to clear the site.
- The Tree Crew removed a dead tree that had grown through the structures in Gas Works Park.



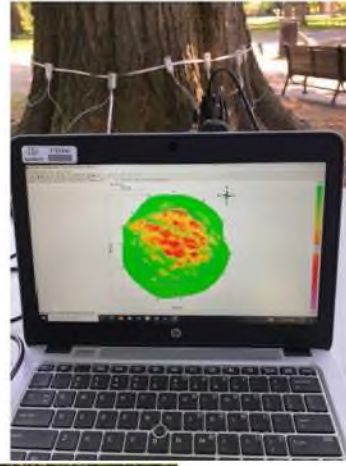
- A tree uprooted and was hung up in another tree in Kingfisher Natural Area on Thornton Creek. Joe Perdue climbed up to get this tree removed.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Advanced tree diagnostics in Tacoma - Mark Malone and Robby Dohrn spent a day in Tacoma helping their Urban Forester with some advanced tree diagnostic work with tomography and resistance drill.





- Getting ready for watering season - Emily Hanson spent the last few months organizing and planning out contracts with Bartlett, Monarch and Conservation Corps for watering this summer, and in the past couple of weeks got them set up with all necessary logistical needs to begin watering soon.

### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Longfellow Creek @ Findlay St - The crew did trail maintenance at Longfellow Creek, they brushed back downed wood debris, corriodred, and pruned 1,862' of trail. They created approx. 40 yards of debris which we were able to leave on site and use as mulch or in piles to create animal habitat.





- Peppi's Playground Natural Area - The crew replaced 2 failing check steps and added 3 additional check steps covering about 30 feet of trail. We used about 24' of 6x8 lumber. The crew resurfaced the check step tread using about ½ yard of 5/8 gravel. We plan to add some logs and chips to the bed edges and plant some native plants in the fall to try to keep the users on the trail.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Trail head renovation, check step installation and trail maintenance at Dead Horse Canyon (Bangor & 68<sup>th</sup>).

- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Bridge replacement at Schmitz Reserve with Girl Scout Troop #12

### Landscape Crew

#### Maintenance:

Rainier Beach Community Center—We joined up with Jason, Jim, and Isabel to renovate the shrub beds in the parking lot. We removed 15 yards of brush and spread 10 yards of chips.



- Jefferson Park—We prepared two planting beds near the playground by digging out the top layer of soil that had become overrun with grass and weeds.





- Charles Richey Viewpoint—We spread 26 yards of soil over the lawn, which will be hydroseeded by the turf crew to revive this grassy slope on Alki.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Arboretum Trail—We'll start work soon to resurface 1.2 miles of gravel trail in the arboretum.
- Hubbard Homestead—After initial planning we're waiting for the go-ahead to start work here.
- Kerry Viewpoint—After a plan is finalized, we'll spruce up an area of this popular park.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you to the two members of the Gardener Apprenticeship Program who have joined our crew, Angel and Bryant. They've already learned so much and it's been great working with them.
- Thank you to Jason, Jim, and Isabel for your help and direction at Rainier Beach CC.
- Thank you to Lisa Chen and Stephanie Shelton for supporting our team bonding outing.
- Thank you to David Han and the trails team for lending us vans for transportation.
- Team Bonding—The crew took a fun and educational trip to the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden for our annual gardener's field trip. The garden has around 750 unique species of rhododendron and a plethora of amazing companion plants.



## **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> Park Rangers will begin 7-day coverage with three shifts and two routes in the Downtown parks.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- One of the Park District Priorities is to ramp up the Park Ranger program focused on Downtown Parks. 20 positions were funded. On April 26<sup>th</sup> the first phase of this ramp up staffing began when eight Parks Rangers were hired. Along with the five current staff all will have the title Park Ranger. May 4<sup>th</sup> began a 6 week "Ranger Academy" to train and refresh training with the goal to deploy on June 12<sup>th</sup>. With the leadership of Jon Jainga, Marlan Teeters and the skilled training and coordination of Senior Training Coordinator Jen Awe this the Academy is wrapping up this week and deployment will begin ahead of schedule.

**To highlight the experience and dedication of these new and experienced staff here are a few of their stories and accomplishments.**

- **Alysse Daniels:** In 2008 Alysse joined the U.S. NAVY and was active duty over 6 years as an Aviation Boatswains Mate. I served aboard the USS Nimitz in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom where I received accommodations for aircraft handling and aircraft firefighting. I recently earned my Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and plan on returning next year to finish my second bachelor's degree in environmental science, focusing on ocean conservation and environmental forensic science. *"Seattle Park Ranger was a great opportunity for me to give back to*

*my community by working to keep it protected. I am honored to be a part of this team and excited to see what new opportunities it will bring me and my new team of fellow Rangers! “ Alysse*

- **Domico Curry:** I am a Seattle native, and citizen of the Muscogee Creek Nation and graduate of Rainier Beach High School. I have an associate degree in substance abuse and behavioral counseling from Southwest Tennessee Community College. I have over 30 years of experience working with high to low gang impacted youth and families. Prior to becoming a Park Ranger, I was a Chaplain for the Fresno Police Department, and developing programs for Project STEALTH (Stop Teen Exploitation and Liberate Through Hope) through the Chaplaincy. I am excited to be returning home and being a part of the team that is going to help educate the public about our wonderful park system.
- **Ramsey Fola-Niumata:** Ramsey is a full time Dad to 4 beautiful children and a Husband to a wonderful Wife. He loves spending time with family by going to the park, swimming, restaurants or hanging out at home. Football season and the holidays are his favorite time of the year. Before coming to the City of Seattle, Ramsey enjoyed 3 Years with the Public Works Department in Burien where he was certified in multiple Power Equipment/Heavy Machinery like the plate compactor, jackhammer, Back-hoe, slope mower, Roller Compactor, crack sealer. Ramsey quickly moved through the ranks of Laborer positions with Seattle parks and was awarded with Out of Class Senior Lead before starting his career as a Park Ranger.
- **Tiara Skinner:** Tiara joined the parks department because growing up in the City of Seattle a lot of my childhood memories were made at our local parks and community centers. I understand the importance of a safety and welcoming environment that our parks should exhibit, and I look forward to being a part of a team that plays a big role in ensuring that. Prior to coming to the parks department, I worked various safety roles within behavioral health facilities such as the Special Commitment Center, Navos, and the emergency psychiatric unit at Multicare. I developed a strong passion for helping children and adults who struggle with behavioral issues because I believe that everyone, at some point of their life, has been directly affected by someone who struggles with their mental well-being.
- **Samica Thomas:** Samica is originally from Arizona. Samica previously worked as a security guard for 6 years with various security companies. Samica is CPR Certified, MOAB Instructor Certified, Armed Guard Certified. All about working and becoming her best self and growing to become a better version of herself. Samica is passionate about the outdoors, loves exploring new places and making new memories, hiking, traveling, and loves animals especially dogs.
- **Lane Byers:** Lane is a retired Police Officer from Georgia with over 30 years of law enforcement experience, most of which were spent working within a park setting. He holds a BS degree in Organizational Management and a AAS degree in Law Enforcement. *“My goal is to help make Seattle Parks safe and enjoyable for all residents and visitors while I am assigned to patrol Seattle’s downtown parks. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family and learning about anything to do with history.”*
- **Jordan Sorensen:** Jordan has been serving the City of Seattle as a Park Ranger for seven years. He earned a BFA in Architectural Design from Parsons School of Design, subsequently serving as an Architect in New York City. Seeking nature and adventure he made a career shift working as a backpacking guide in national and state parks in the Southwest. Seeking a job working outdoors with the public he pursued a career as a Park Ranger. In this position he has dedicated his efforts to discovering innovative methods to preserve our expansive park system for the benefit of current and future generations. He believes that ensuring universal accessibility and fostering positive experiences for the people of Seattle within our park system is of the upmost priority. In his free time, he enjoys backpacking, biking, and teaching primitive skills and bushcraft.

## ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at 26th Ave. S. & S. Plum St, NE 45th St & 5th Ave NE, W Garfield St, NE 45 ST, 26th Ave. S. & S. Plum St, and NE 45th St & 5th Ave NE.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Royal Brougham, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cherry, Occidental Park, 6<sup>th</sup> & Cherry, Pioneer Pergola, W Garfield St, Ballard Library, Ballard Commons Park, Albert Davis Park, Fremont Canal Park, Freeway Park, 1200 6th Ave Ballard Commons Park, Interurban Trail from 128th to 125<sup>th</sup>, N. Northlake Pl from N. Northlake Way to South End Dead End (Gasworks Park), Leary Triangle, 87<sup>th</sup> St from Palatine to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW and 87<sup>th</sup> St to 85<sup>th</sup> St, 316 NW 85<sup>th</sup> St, Licton Springs Park, Cowen Park, Ravenna Blvd, Albert Davis Park, Homewood Natural Area, and Victory Creek.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: NE 45th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, 3200 Fairview Ave E, 35th Ave NE & NE 120th St, 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, Interurban Trail (N 128th St to N 125th St), 9117 1st Ave NE, Post Ave Vicinity, Occidental Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Prefontaine Park, 3rd & James, Poplar & Dean, Navigation Center Vicinity, 10th & Lane, 10th & Dearborn, 851 NE 40th St, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 40th St & 6th Ave NE, 2318 N 92nd St, 15th Ave NE & 106th St, N 127th St & Aurora Ave N, NW 49th & 17th Ave NW, 312 NW 85th St, 6418 Seaview Ave NW, 3956 6th Ave NW, NW 40th St from Leary Way - 6th Ave NW, 1st Ave N from Roy - Mercer St, 2035 4th Ave, Fairview Ave N & N Mercer St, Duwamish Head Greenbelt, Ravenna Park, Cowen Park, Hubbard Homestead Park, Greenwood Park, 8472 Roosevelt Way NE, 2318 N 92nd St, 11th Ave NW & NW Leary Way, Harborview Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Royal Brougham, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cherry, Occidental Park, 6<sup>th</sup> & Cherry, Pioneer Pergola, W Garfield St, Ballard Library, Ballard Commons Park, Albert Davis Park, Fremont Canal Park, Freeway Park, 1200 6th Ave Ballard Commons Park, Interurban Trail from 128th to 125<sup>th</sup>, N. Northlake Pl from N. Northlake Way to South End Dead End (Gasworks Park), Leary Triangle, 87<sup>th</sup> St from Palatine to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW and 87<sup>th</sup> St to 85<sup>th</sup> St, 316 NW 85<sup>th</sup> St, Licton Springs Park, Cowen Park, Ravenna Blvd, Albert Davis Park, Homewood Natural Area, Victory Creek, 26th Ave. S. and S. Plum St, NE 45th St & 5th Ave NE, W Garfield St, NE 45 ST, 26th Ave. S. and S. Plum St, and NE 45th St & 5th Ave NE.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 79 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

- The Encampment/Special Maintenance Team did not participate in any Jamborees/Clean City Volunteer events this week.
- Over 43,250 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

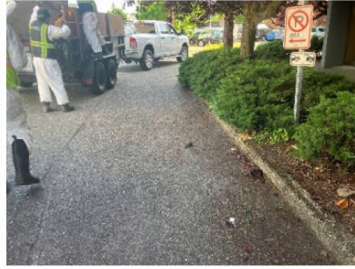
Encampment Needle Count: 610

### Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

6418 Seaview Ave NW



11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW & NW Leary Way



Harborview Hill



MDAR Removal: West Garfield St (Underneath Magnolia Bridge)





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**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 7/3/2023 - 7/9/2023

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**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Herring House – Seasonal staff Mario Armijo and Marvin Maaele have teamed up on occasion and doing good work in parks assigned to them.





- Nantes Park – Marvin Maele and Mario Armijo again at Nantes Park, line trimming and general grounds maintenance.



- Kilbourne Park – Swing shift did a quick project at Kilbourne Park, mowing and line trimming along the street.





- Swing Shift – Swing shift has continued to complete projects throughout the district daily. We are able to send part of the crew to a park at the start of their shift and line trim, mow, edge, or whatever is really needed at that park. It's been a big help to our district overall.



- Gardeners Report (from Steve Melton) - Steve and Claire had another busy week of irrigation, planting, and weeding. They worked at Hamilton Viewpoint, Lincoln Park in the south parking lot, Delridge CC and Southwest CC.



Volunteer Projects:

Youth Restoration Training Crew at Westcrest Park

Upcoming Events:

Junction Festival 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Crew Project at Hiawatha Community Center

Incidents:

Truck Driver was struck on the face with latch for packer and got a black eye.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

We have a new staff member that joined the team on July 5. His name is Eyob Tekle and we are happy to have him. He is a newly hired Laborer and seems to be a great addition to the crew.

## Southeast - District 2

### Maintenance:

- Atlantic City Boat Ramp - CPTED Pruning and mowing in response to criminal activity and safety concerns. First two stages of the project were completed by SE District Staff



- LW Blvd Slope Mowing - SE District Crew supported Heavy Equipment in the hand work and clean-up of the slope mowing project in preparation for Seafair.
- Maintenance support of mowing routes

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district wide.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to SE District Crew for the support of the ACBR project.

**South Central - District 2**

**Maintenance:**

- Ballfield Renovation - Middle Judkins got toppedressed by Art and Robert- 30 yrds 80/20 mix



- Beacon Hill PG- Art and Sam 30yrds 80/20 mix





• Rainier PF Crew Project – Linetrimming, edging, lifted trees, slope mowing (Heavy), irrigation



• Slope Mowing Lake WA Blvd- Sacha, Byron, SE/SC support, Heavy- Great work





- Firework cleanup went well using a Packer team and a Hotspot team comprised of SC and SE

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- More turf reno planned for Upper Judkins and Van Asselt
- Continue prep for major events Seafair, Umoja Fest, BDOP

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

SC hosted Mayor Harrell, MLB, The Mariners and H9 LL at Rainier PF for a dedication ceremony and ground breaking for the All-Star Legacy Improvements Project, community ballfield projects put on in each city the hosts the game. We are excited that RPF was chosen.





**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Graffiti mitigation at Cal Anderson 7/4/23

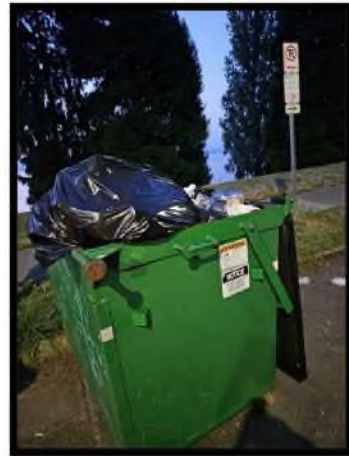


- More Graffiti mitigation at Miller Park Rainbow sign and parking signs





- Lots of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks cleanup



- Volunteer Park litter mitigation around the Blvd. Looks like a busy Sunday worth of trash!



Upcoming Events:



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Shout out to Alex Tautolo, Balwinder Buller and Frank Robinson for keeping watch at the synthetic fields during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- 5<sup>th</sup> of July Clean up at Gasworks Park. Kudos to NW and CW Districts for their support.





- Extra soil normally used for turf repair used to fixed tripping hazard at bench.



- Ryan Rathe cut back over grown foliage at Promontory Point at Magnuson Park.



- James Cooper and Chris Canty limbed up Cedar trees at Mathews Beach.



- Dylan Roberge cut hedges at Ravenna Eckstein Park.



- Jon Tiemeyer and Yeon Kim replaced signs at Gas Works Park.



- Staff worked on turf repair on the spot where a sanican was burned down.



Incidents:

There was synthetic turf damage at Magnuson Park due to fireworks.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Line trimming and hedge trimming at Wallingford and Meridian parks.
- Trail work at Jackson Park Golf Course

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week go out to all the NE staff, NW and CW for the cleanup at Gas Works Park and Magnuson.

**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Lower Woodland: With the MLB All Star Game events starting on July 8<sup>th</sup> and going all through the weekend, the crew has been working extremely hard to get lower woodland looking great. Weeding and clean up of the parking lot was done. Extra attention was given to the ballfields, including work done to one of the mounds.







- Ballard Commons: the whole park was mowed line trimmed, edged, and weeded by the team in preparation for Ballard Seafood Festival.



- Ballard Pool: line trimming and cleanup up of the grounds.
- Trolls Knoll: Line trimming, edging, and blowing
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Pocket Park: Sand was added to the play area. Shrub bed pruning took place as well.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Clean Up: most of the crew went down to gas works to help the clean-up efforts after the fireworks display. Extra attention was given to Green Lake as well since it was hit hard too.
- District Wide: Efforts to report and remove graffiti are being emphasized. Remove of flowering morning glory from the shrub beds has been given to the crew with direction to bag and throw away.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Preparation for Ballard Seafood Festival
- Green Lake line trimming. All around the lake next week.
- Loyal Heights edging project
- Soundview shrub bed sheet mulching
- Hedging at Bitter Lake CC

**Central West – District 7** – no report

**Downtown – District 7** – no report

**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

- Loyal Heights Playfield Dugout

Before



After



- South Lake Union

Before



After



- Jefferson Park outlook

Before



After

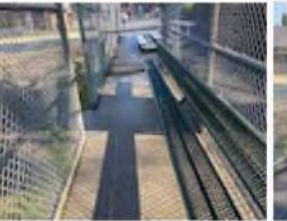


- Hutchinson Playfield dugout

Before



After



- Jefferson Park comfort station.

Before



After



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Genesee Park/Georgetown Playfield
- Lakeridge/Lakewood Playfield
- Rainier Beach/Rainier Playfield
- Van Asselt/Lakeridge Playfield
- Jefferson Playfield /South Lake Union Pond

#### **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park, Herring House, Junction Plaza, Roxhill
- SE – RVs at Genesee Park and Chinook
- SC – MLKing Park
- CE – Cal Anderson near wading pool there are 4 tents and growing
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place

- CW – Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- DT – Freeway Park, Pioneer Square

Needles: 11

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- The Natural Area Crew have been supporting continued restoration at Herring's House along the Duwamish River. New OOC Senior Gardener Jay Nelson, pictured here, worked to removed pepperweed, a regulated noxious weed.



- The Natural Area Crew, especially Ynhi Phan and Melonae Hill have been engaging with Rythers Aspiring Day Camp to learn about and care for newly planted native plants at Ravenna Park once weekly. Rythers provides programming and behavioral health services, including for youth diagnosed with autism, ADHD, learning disabilities, and similar neurodiverse traits.
- Lisa met with partner organization Student Conservation Association at Colman Park. Five youth will participate in the job training and conservation career exposure program this summer, working on weeding and trails improvements at Colman in addition to work with the National Park Service and Washington Park and Arboretum.



#### Volunteer Projects:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- ECOSS is hosting a Mulch and Mingle at Seward Park on Saturday 7/22 (20 participants, near Shelter 5). This private event will support immigrant and refugee community member engagement at their Seward Park restoration site, and will include kids activities and bagged compost giveaways, a birdwalk by Seward Park Audubon Center.

Upcoming Events:

Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

(Reposting since we're getting started this week and next) Summer youth programming, including paid career exposure and job training programs get started in earnest the first couple weeks in July, including:

- o Student Conservation Association – Colman, 5 youth
- o Tilth Alliance Rainier Beach Stewards - Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, 10 youth
- o SPR Youth at Work – Jefferson Horticulture, 2 youth
- o Partner in Employment – Westcrest and Kubota, 14 youth
- o Na'ah Illahee Fund and Futures Rising LLC – Daybreak Star, 30 youth over 2 cohorts



- o Delridge Neighborhood Development Association – Roxhill Bog and other sites – 10 youth
- o Rythers Aspiring Day Camp – Ravenna Park, +40 youth once a week
- o Cascadia GSP Youth Ambassadors – Citywide, 2 youth

**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

Kubota Garden





Upcoming Projects/Work:  
Westcrest Park DOLA

### **Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Washington PF Synthetic water break causing damage to the synthetic PF



- Due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations on Wednesday the Turf crew was on inspection patrol for fire or firework damage.
- The natural playfields have a lot of damage due to dog owners using the play fields as a dog park. The districts and Turf Crew are always repairing fields.
- Repairing trip hazards in playfields.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic field maintenance

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log - Removals: 4; Failure Cleanups: 6; Prunes: 6; Snag creation: 2; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 10
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 15
  - Level 2 inspections: 20

- Trees/sites inventoried: 78 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Planting site survey: 1
- Work orders - finished this week: 8; Open: 802; Average days open: 432
- Failure clean ups - The tree crew worked mostly on failure clean ups in the past week, clearing downed branches, trees and hangers at Mount Baker, Golden Gardens, Long Fellow Creek, Mineral Springs, David Rodgers Park, Volunteer Park, Leschi Park, Sandel Playground.
- The Tree Crew worked at Green Lake for dead wooding, tree removal and clearing a downed willow, which folks from the Woodland Park Zoo came by to collect as feed for the animals.



- Tommy Ennest got all geared up to get a dangerous hanger at the Burke Gilman Trail.



- Josh Gilbert got way up in a tree at Day Break Star.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Visiting Arborist from Gardens by the Bay (GB), Singapore - Clarice Xue, Arboriculture Specialist from GB visited NRU on a work trip to learn about the work that the various teams do. She will be visiting for 2 weeks and she spent the first week out on site with the tree crew, observing the tree work operations, exchanging tips and pointers on arboriculture work with the crew. She also joined in for staff meetings and discussions and went out for site visits with the NAC crew and Horticulture Teams in the Specialty Gardens. A shout out to Stephanie Shelton for supporting this work visit and to the rest of the NRU folks, Tony Eggink, Joe Perdue, Miles Anderson, Mark Malone, Tommy Ennest, Matthew Hilliard, Jay Nelson, Lisa Chen, Amanda Hannah, Emily Allsop, Peter Putnicki, Giles Morrish, Marcia High, Michael Helms, for your warm hospitality and sharing the work that you do.





## Trails Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Golden Gardens Dog Park Trail - The Crew installed 6 water bars on the trail at the dog park behind the bathrooms to help with the water runoff and avoid ruts in the path in the rainy season. We covered 120' of trail and used 48' of water bar material I complete this job.
- David Rodges Park - The Crew replaced 1 14' water bar that the Park Inspection team had found to be deteriorating and needed replacement.
- Ravenna Park - The crew did a site visit and planned the work to be done for our Summer Youth Program with Rythers/ Aspiring Youth.
- Cheasty Mountain Bike Trail - The Crew did a site visit to the Cheasty Mountain Bike trail to assess the maintenance that will be required for us to accomplish now that we will be taking over the maintenance duties of this trail system.

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We are in the planning stages of a big volunteer work party with REI at Magnuson Park.
- We are planning our workload for the new Youth Program YAW (Youth at Work) that we will be starting next week.
- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Bridge replacement at Schmitz Reserve with Girl Scout Troop #12
- Maintenance at the new Cheasty Mountain Bike Trail with the new youth program Youth at Work (YAW).
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.
- Walk through of the Squebeqed Trail @ Seward Park with Forest Steward Paul Shannon to talk about trail maintenance.
- Walk through at Llandover Woods with Forest Stewards to tall about a railing installation.

## Landscape Crew

### Maintenance:

- Laurelhurst Playfield – An additional 14 yards of mulch was applied to the park's hillside perimeter in order to prevent erosion and weed growth, thus completing this phase of renovation (roughly 867 linear ft.). Senior Gardener, Brad Schneider, also did some mid-year pruning to the vegetative growth, as well as treating the invasive hedge bindweed that was overtaking our previous landscape renovation.



- Japanese Garden – Our crew lent the skills and labor of Travis Dobbs-White to the Japanese Garden. He has been helping them prune, remove leaves, maintain the lawns and garden beds, and anything else they may need help with.
- Denny Blaine Lake Park – We are beginning a total pond restoration at this historic picnic shelter and reflection pond. In its current state, there is very little “reflection” that can occur in this 3,737 ft<sup>2</sup> due to the invasive Yellow Flag Iris, Iris pseudacorus, and Fragrant Water Lily, *Nymphaea odorata*.



- South Park Community Center – The crew completed the garden bed renovation and preparation work, so now all that is left is to install the new plants.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Gardener Apprentices, Isabelle and Daniel, have joined the crew! They will be with us for the next six weeks.
- Denny Blaine Lake Park - collaboration with Heavy Crew.
- Japanese Garden – lily removal in main pond.
- Kubota Garden – pond sediment removal and cleanup with vacuum truck contractor.
- Green Lake Bathhouse - parking lot planting bed renovation with Heavy Crew.
- STIHL is preparing to bring a suite of Battery Powered equipment for us to demo. The tentative date for this is July 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Another set of vacations for the crew made for a short, yet efficient end to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week.
- Senior Gardener - Brad Schneider, and OOC Senior Gardener - Steve Guardi, completed the Landscape Crew's 2023 CIP & MPD 'Second Quarter Update'.
- Congratulations to Angel Sandoval-Garcia for completing ¼ of his Gardener Apprenticeship programming with our Landscape Crew. We wish him all the best as he continues to dig into his apprenticeship at Japanese Garden.



Welcome!!

2023 NRU Gardener  
Apprenticeship

Angel Garcia-  
Sandoval

## SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT

### Highlights:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Security at Synthetic Fields throughout Parks: Marlan Teeters and Lisa Harrison coordinated staffing for overnight security of the synthetic ballfields for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We covered 20 ballfields using grounds staff and Phoenix Security. This program ensures that synthetic fields aren't used to ignite fireworks and reducing repair costs.
- Little Saigon Park: on July 6<sup>th</sup> Park Rangers attended the groundbreaking for Little Saigon Park. A park renaming opportunity will be coming and the estimated grand opening is in time for the Lunar New Year in 2024. Parks Superintendent AP Diaz participated too.



- Cal Anderson Park: Park Rangers report increasing Camping, illegal activity, and vandalism.



- Emergency Operations During the All-Star Break: Jon Jainga is a key point person for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the EOC was activated for the All-Star Break. The Park Rangers supported EOC operations at four primary parks; Occidental Park, Pioneer Square, City Hall Park,

and Westlake Park that held Major League Baseball (MLB) events. One request was to allow only permitted vendors in these parks. The emphasis is on Safety, Education and Positive engagements. Also reporting crowd levels, and any situations with potential to escalate. Park Rangers sent regular reports updating Jon Jainga and the EOC. Here are a few pictures from the various parks and events outside of the stadiums.

Red Carpet Ceremony July 11<sup>th</sup> and Pioneer Square Roller Rink.



Klondike Gold Rush Park Booth and Parks Buskers.



City Hall Park: Folks enjoying Adirondack seating and Park Rangers engaging with people in the park.



Staff encountered folks drinking at City Hall Park at the benches and other park users in the sunshine.



Kids playing with the big toys in Occidental and the Jewel Tones performing



Play Area in Occidental Park and Park Ranger Wong helping visitors with directions.



Park Ranger Sorensen working in Occidental Park and Rangers Patrolling Hing Hay Park



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at Rainier Ave S & S Thistle St, Utah Ave from S Atlantic St to S Stacy St Vicinity, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S from S Massachusetts St to S Lander St.
- Obstruction removals were completed at Ballard library, Ballard Commons Park, 316 NW 85<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cherry, Pioneer Pergola, 6<sup>th</sup> and Cherry, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Yesler, and 4<sup>th</sup> & Jackson.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites NE 45th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th & 7th Ave NE, Ravenna Park, Hubbard Homestead Park, Interurban Trail (N 128th St to N 125th St), 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 3200 Fairview Ave E, 5100 Shilshole Ave NW, 11th Ave NW from NW 50th-Leary Way, NW Leary Way from 11th-14th Ave NW, 3rd Ave btw Cherry & James, Prefontaine Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Occidental Park, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St Vicinity, Peace Park Vicinity, NE 55th & 7th Ave NE, 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, NW 49th St & 17th Ave NW, 714 1st Ave W, 3919 Pasadena Pl NE, 8500 & 8501 35th Ave NE, 1224 N 137th St, 3956 6th Ave NW, NW 53rd St from 14th-15th Ave NW, NW 40th from Leary Way-6th Ave NW, 1st Ave N from Roy-Mercer St, 2112 3rd Ave, 2035 4th Ave, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St, 4506 5th Ave NE, NE 45th St and NE 50th St Southbound I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW from 14th Ave NW to NW 46th Ave, NE 45th St Off Ramp from Northbound I-5 Vicinity, NE 50th St Northbound I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St & 7th Ave NE, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St, Burke Gilman Trail, 8th Ave NE & NW 43rd St, Navigation Center Vicinity, Hing Hay Park, International Childrens Park, Poplar & Dean, 10th & Lane, 10th & Dearborn, 8th Ave NE & 70th St, NE 45th St & NE 50th St SB I5 Off Ramp Vicinity, 1228 & 1322 NE Ravenna Blvd, 2318 N 92nd St, 10921 36th Ave NE, 12363 Lake City Way NE, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 783 Convention Pl, Post Ave Vicinity, South Main Vicinity, Fire House Alley, S Washington St, Alleyway btw James & Cherry, Poplar & Dean, Navigation Center Hing-hay park, Childrens Park, 10<sup>th</sup> & Lane, Post Ave Vicinity, Occidental Park, Pioneer Square Park, South Main St Vicinity, Fire House Alley, S Washington St, Prefontaine Park, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & James St.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 126 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

Over 26,780 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 113

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

840 NW Market St



NW 50<sup>th</sup> St & 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW



Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45<sup>th</sup> St



7th Ave NE & NE 47th St



**DATE:** July 21, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 7/10/2023 - 7/16/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Hiawatha Community Center – Last week we had a crew project at Hiawatha Community Center to get the park caught up on the line trimming that needed to be done. Sefa Suani led the project and it went really well.



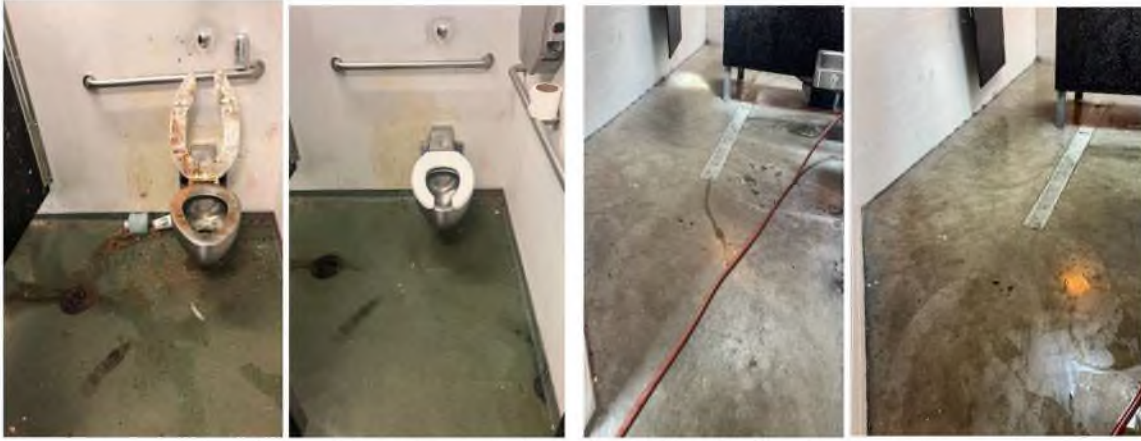




- Don Armeni – This is a very popular park in our district and staff have worked hard to keep it in best condition possible.



- Comfort Stations – Staff have continued to stick to the deep clean schedule and have expanded on it. Swing shift also does a great job cleaning the comfort stations and have dealt with serious messes. Here are a couple pictures of just small parts of what they do.



- Swing Shift – Swing shift continues to help day shift with all sorts of maintenance work. Everything from comfort stations, small crew projects and ball fields.



- Gardeners' Report - With Steve being out Claire has stepped up to continue the work at community centers they have already started. Claire has put a lot of attention at Southwest Community Center weeding the flower and shrub beds at the entrance so we can finally use the mulch pile in the parking lot. In the pictures of SWCC you'll see Claire completely weeded the shrub bed and mulched it. Also, Claire planted more flowers at Lincoln to add more color to the beds in the parking lot.





Volunteer Projects:

Youth Restoration Training Crew at Westcrest Park

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Crew Project at SW Community Center

Incidents:

Steve Melton was getting out of the bed of the truck and fell. He will be off until the end of the month.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Atlantic City Boat Ramp – Continued CPTED pruning and mowing in response to criminal activity and safety concerns. Final stages of the project were completed by SE District Staff.





- LW Blvd- Slope Mowing. SE District Crew supported Heavy Equipment in the hand work and cleanup of the slope mowing project in preparation for Seafair.
- Maintenance support of mowing routes

Incidents:

There was a shooting incident at Atlantic City Boat Ramp.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to SE District Crew for the support of the Atlantic City Boat Ramp project.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Central East IMW removed the handicap signs from the Arboretum. This was deferred maintenance from 2021. The Concrete blocks will be removed from Heavy Team



- Volunteer Park line trimming project by Jerry Thompson

Before



After



- Mowing at Miller Lower Parking Lot and fence clearing

Before



After



Before



After



- Miller shrub bed renovation

Before

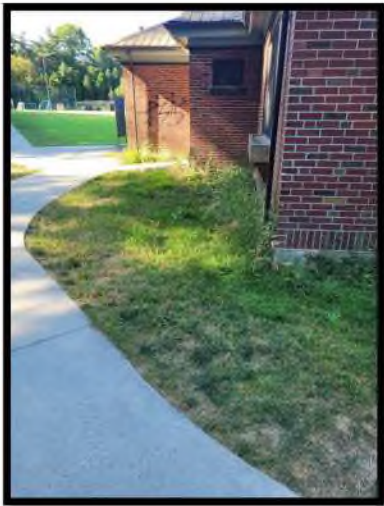


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- Washington Park comfort station line trimming

Before



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- Summit Park maintenance

Before



After



- Miller Park rail clearing

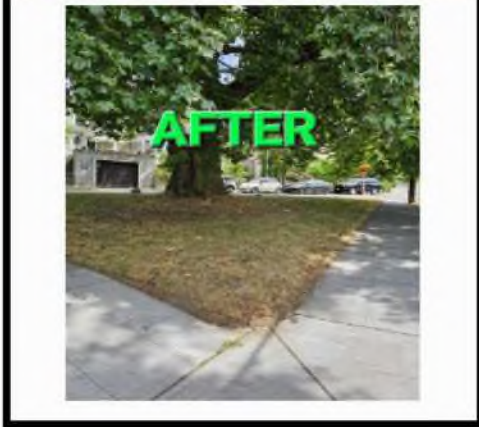
Before



After



- Summit Triangle Park before and after shots



Upcoming Events:

Youth Opera in the Park (Spanish/English)		1 resource(s)	2 booking(s)	Subtotal: \$0.00
Booking Summary				
Powell Barnett Park (Event - Outdoor)			Center: Powell Barnett Park	
START DATE/TIME	END DATE/TIME	ATTENDEE	AMT W/O TAX	
Jul 22, 2023 9:00 AM	Jul 22, 2023 2:00 PM	1	\$0.00	
Aug 13, 2023 9:00 AM	Aug 13, 2023 2:00 PM	1	\$0.00	
Resource level fees			\$0.00	



<b>Summer Fun with Tabla</b>		1 resource(s)	1 booking(s)	Subtotal: \$240.00
Booking Summary				
Volunteer Park Amphitheater (Event - Outdoor)			Center: Volunteer Park	
START DATE/TIME	END DATE/TIME	ATTENDEE	AMT W/O TAX	
Jul 22, 2023 1:00 PM	Jul 22, 2023 3:00 PM	1	\$70.00	
Resource level fees			\$170.00	

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Ongoing work at Washington Park
- Roof replacement at Pratt Fine Arts Center

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Alex has been catching the Central East Crew up on lots of deferred IMW maintenance work! Great job Hitting the ground running!
- Kudos to our evening shift crew and Jamar Buchanan and Mai' Lani Marquez! They've been doing great work on projects.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Landon Messer, AJ Dawson, and Vita Tuipulotu hedge trimmed, and brush cut half of the fence line on 145<sup>th</sup> at Jackson Park Golf.





• Eric Edwards and Anna Rylko repair irrigation at Cowen Park.



• Dylan Roberge line trimming at Ravenna Eckstein.





- Jon Tiemeyer and Yeon Kim replaces signs at Gas Works Park.



- Crew Project at Jackson Park Golf cutting back vegetation on trails, unfortunately 3 staff members got stung by Bald-face Hornets, Senior Gardener Christopher Canty was able to safely exterminate the nest so the crew could continue their work.



Incidents:

Fire destroyed tool sheds and other structures at Magnuson Dog OLA.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Line trimming and hedge trimming at and Merridian park.
- Continue to work at Jackson Park Golf Course.
- Cutting sightlined to lake washington at Mathews Beach Natural area.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week go out to Angela Yeats Ryan Rathe, James Hinson and Scott Docherty for the cleanup of the burned down sheds and sanican at Magnuson Dog OLA.

## **Northwest – District 6**

### Maintenance:

- Lower Woodland: Prep work has been done for a pickleball tournament July 27<sup>th</sup>. This includes cleaning the courts so they can be repainted, line trimming the fence line, cutting back blackberry, and pruning trees.



- Ballard commons/Bergen/Marvin's: Ballard seafood fest was this past weekend. The crew pressure washed, weeded, added garbage cans and did all other manners of shrub bed and turf work in order to prepare for the event.
- Ballard Pool: Tree work and shrub bed cleanup was done in prep for a large swim meet.
- District Wide: Efforts to report and remove graffiti are being emphasized. Remove of flowering morning glory from the shrub beds has been given to the crew with direction to bag and throw away.
- Alice Ball: Mainline irrigation break was investigated and found. Shrub bed work was completed and plants were cut back from the sidewalk areas.
- Volunteers completed a small litter pick at Carkeek Park on Saturday July 22.

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Preparation for Lower Woodland pickleball tournament
- Green Lake line trimming. All around the lake next week.
- Loyal Heights edging project
- Soundview shrub bed sheet mulching
- Hedging at Bitter Lake CC

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to our entire Sunday crew!! This was a busy weekend with both Ballard Seafood Festival and Battle at the Lake. Sunday was a big wrap up and cleanup day with limited staff. They responded well

and worked very hard to address all the issues and keep the parks looking exception. Thank you all for being such hard, diligent workers!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Maintenance road clearing/pruning at Discovery Park.



- Kobe Terrace Park, Hedge trimming and weed removal. Thank you, Rick and Anthony.





- Ella Bailey staircase was beautifully cleared, Thank you, Tai.





- Stairs at Bayview got new gravel and leveling, Awesome work, Tai!



- Clearing the fence of morning glory and cleaning shrub beds at Cascade Park. Thanks Gab and Kathreen.



- Shrub bed at Queen Anne Pool cleaned, and several irrigation heads fixed, Thank you, Ashley and Jeff W.



- Pressure washing of the bricks at Kerry Viewpoint. Great work, Jose!



- Cleaning against wall and around benches at Commodore Park. Thank you, Le Luong and Bang.



- Of course, lots of graffiti removal all around town. Thanks team!



- A large group of volunteers from Amazon helped with weeding and mulching at South Lake Union. This project was led by Gardner Aaron Vander Linden. Great work!





Incidents:

- A tree fell at the playground at Discovery Park. The Tree Crew came for removal, no damage to playground.
- Illegal dumping/camping at Kinnear Park.

Upcoming Events:

Pow Wow this weekend! Thank you to Andre Martin for keeping it organized.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Volunteer Project at Denny Park.

**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

- Van Asselt Playfield Dugout

Before

After



- South Lake Union

Before



After



- Green Lake basketball

Before



After



- Bergen Place

Before



After



- Rainier Beach Playfield

Before



After



- Rainier Playfield

Before



After



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Laurelhurst Playground/Blakely Crescent
- Delridge/ EC Hughes Playfield
- Hiawatha/Highland Playfield
- Red Barn inspection/South Lake Union Pond

## **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park, Herring House, Roxhill
- SE – 1 tent at Rainier CC; 1 vehicle at Seward expanding into picnic shelter #3; 1 tent at Genesee on 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave
- CE – Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park

Needles: 16

## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- Bridget Kelsh coordinated a contractor, Dan the Bee Man, to remove two paper wasp nests at Martha Washington on Saturday 7/16 to support GSP volunteer access. The wasps are essentially vacuumed from the nest--it's an effective alternative to insecticides. Bridget is also compiling information on management strategies, including acceptable products and signage to share with District staff.



- The Natural Area Crew worked deep in the West Duwamish Greenbelt this last week, hiking into Lost Pond to weed around and care for plants they installed this past season.



### Volunteer Projects:

- Eric provided site visits and annual plans for two Forest Steward Groups – Cheasty Greenspace at Mountain View and Beaver Pond Natural Area.



- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

### Upcoming Events:

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### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Aquatic weed management at swim beaches and Stan Sayers will move forward on 7/19/23. Districts, Recreation's Aquatic staff, and SPR Communications Division staff have been notified.
- Youth At Work Interns are scheduled to start on 7/24/23, a delay of two weeks due to physicals required for the Park Aide job classification.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Michael Yadrick and OOC NAC Senior Gardener Jay Nelson attend a tour of two assisted species migration project sites in King County to learn more about climate change management strategies.



**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

- Boat ramp - Stan Sayers, Atlantic Street. Temporary gates closure using eblocks.



- West Crest Park DOLA



## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Washington PF Synthetic – A water break caused damage to the synthetic PF. The Turf Crew used the hydro seeder to wash the soil and rocks off the synthetic PF. Work will continue next week to add cork to the carpet for soft landing and replacing the cork that washed off the field and down the drain.



- Loyal Height synthetic PF grooming







#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Washington PF temporary repair to keep the field open for practice and games
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic field maintenance

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- It's the time of year to groom synthetic fields and repair turf damage like tire ruts, illegal dog use on the playfields, and just plain use of fields for practice and games.
- Summer is here!

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log - Failure Cleanups: 3; Prunes: 1; Snag creation: 5; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 16
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 83
  - Level 2 inspections: 7
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  - Trees/sites inventoried: 58 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Nursery visits: Emily Hanson visited 6 nurseries to inspect tree quality – with Eric Sterner, Michael Passalacqua, and Michael Keodoungsy.
- Tree Work at Discovery Park.



- The TC+ (Tree Planting Crew) visited Urban Forest Nursery.



- Emily and Eric (GSP) visited Hima Nursery.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Visiting Arborist/Work Shadowing Program: Guest Arborist Clarice Xue from Gardens by the Bay, Singapore gave presentation to NRU about Urban Forest Management in Singapore.
- Tree appraisal training: Jamie Lim and Tony Eggink attended tree appraisal workshops.

#### **Trails Crew**

##### Maintenance/Projects:

- Aspiring Youth @ Ravenna Park - The Crew worked with the kids of Aspiring Youth at Ravenna Park and taught them a little about Native Plants and Trail Standards. We cleaned up 2 trail heads by weeding, moving brush and downed woody debris and the beginning to chip the 2 entrances.



- Solstice Park - The crew did some weed eating and path/box step maintenance on a staircase at Solstice Park. It was about 96' of stairs and 192' of trail maintenance.



- Roxhill Ball Field - The Crew added a base layer of gravel to the new path we created in preparation for the final layer, it was about 350' of trail and used about 6 1/2 yards of gravel .





- Landover Woods - Zelvia did a site visit with the Forest Stewards at Landover Woods to measure out the staircase that we will be installing a handrail on.



- Seward Park - I did a walkthrough of the Sqebeqsed Trail with Forest Steward Paul Shannon to try and come up with a better maintenance plan for this trail which we will be starting a renovation of in the coming weeks.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

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- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
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- Maintenance at the new Cheasty Mountain Bike Trail with the new youth program Youth at Work (YAW).
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.

#### **Landscape Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- The crew had their first 5-day work week in a while, so we were able to begin a couple of new CIP projects, with Golden Gardens nearing 100% completion.
- Golden Gardens – The crew began and nearly completed the planting bed renovation at Golden Gardens, in front of the off-leash dog park. The crew installed 10 large logs supported by a half yard of gravel, pruned the Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albos*), removed 3 yards of debris, spread 3 yards of arbor chips.

Before



During



After



- Denny Blaine Lake Park – The crew finished prepping the site for the final phase of the project with Heavy Crew. A lot of pruning as accomplished, as well as edging and re-establishing garden beds. Just over 10 yards of mulch was installed after the removal of 25 yards of brush and debris. We are now waiting for the adolescent waterfowl to begin their migration south in September/October. By this time next year, they will have a more sustainable and ecologically functional habitat to nest.

Before



During



After



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Gardener Apprentice, Isabel, has joined the crew! She will be with us for the next six weeks.
- Denny Blaine Lake Park - collaboration with Heavy Crew.
- Japanese Garden – lily removal in main pond.
- Kubota Garden – pond sediment removal and cleanup with vacuum truck contractor.
- Green Lake Bathhouse - parking lot planting bed renovation with Heavy Crew.
- STIHL is preparing to bring a suite of Battery Powered equipment for us to demo. The tentative date for this is July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Guest Speaker – A previous colleague of Arborist, Jaime Lim, gave a presentation on how their employer Gardens by the Bay in Singapore manage their green spaces – especially trees. In conjunction with the Landscape Crew's daily plant identification studies, this was a great opportunity for continuing education and building bridges across the globe.
- Birds are still nesting! Please comb through any vegetation before conducting maintenance in order to avoid the loss of avian lives.



- Thanks to Amanda Hannah for taking on an OOC role for Lisa Chen while she is away on vacation.

- We have been delayed on partnering with a Heavy Equipment Operator for our Denny Blaine Lake Park, Green Lake, and others – unfortunately our Operator was injured in a car accident. The good news is that they are on the mend and we should be seeing them back in action soon.

## **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

### Highlights:

- Park Ambassador Program: Staff at Alki experienced a calmer weekend than normal in the park possibly due to multiple festival/street fair/market options to attend City wide, as well as Bike Weekend on Lake Washington Boulevard. Unfortunately, that calm was short lived when Sunday an accident sends one car into Elliot Bay. Good Samaritans that witnessed the accident and neighbors rescued the driver. The Park Ambassador Team continues to provide positive interaction with public daily.
- Police Boat responding to Alki vehicle in Elliot Bay and park closure.



- Park Ambassador engagement at Don Armeni Boat Ramp and Alki Beach



- Center City Cinema at Cal Anderson Park: Park Rangers supported the Center City Cinema at Cal Anderson Park Friday night July 14<sup>th</sup>. Cal Anderson has been increasingly challenging and dangerous in the evenings. Groups associated with drug use and unsheltered have regularly become hostile. Events like this to support community have good turn out and are high priority. Park Rangers Fola-Niumata and Byers supported a safe environment for Center City Cinema at Cal Anderson Park.



- Yesler Community Center: Early Saturday Morning Yesler staff reported a man outside the CC in an altered state. The Coordinator came to support the staff and staff called 911. Dave Waterson of Parks Facilities, Park Rangers Alexander and Wilcox also responded. Medics arrived and the individual was unresponsive. Security Manager Jon Jainga contacted HR and the Care Team to support Community Center and Park Ranger staff.
- Westlake: Park Ranger Alexander and Wilcox reported an individual wielding a hammer in the park and stayed nearby during the episode. Also completed several welfare checks throughout the park.
- Cal Anderson: Saturday Morning Park Ranger Wilcox heard a radio call while in the park of an individual in a tent reported interacting with an armed man (white approx. 27). Park Rangers had district staff leave the area while police responded.





- Myrtle Edwards: Park Rangers checked on permit compliance for special event.



- Occidental Park: Rangers supported medical emergency due to skating accident.



- Denny Park: Park Rangers Daniels and Curry met Aaron from Read-A-Rama and learned about the organization. It is a nonprofit that takes children of color from marginalized communities and creates an environment where children are given access to new free books from the library. Read-A-Rama visit downtown parks and do reading groups.



- South Lake Union Park: Park Ranger Curry and Daniels were offered to come aboard a Foss Tugboat and meet one of the engineers. Recently trespassers have been climbing aboard their boats and jumping off of them into the lake.



Upcoming Projects:

Jon Jainga is working with the EOC to provide traffic control at the Torchlight Parade using Parks trucks and staff including 5-yard trucks, F250 trucks, maintenance staff, and Park Rangers, it is important to have a flagging card.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Work Order/Dispatch team has an OOC opportunity as Dispatcher. This is a great opportunity for Parks staff with great customer service and AMWO interest to elevate their skills.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/seattle/jobs/4125792/ooc-radio-dispatcher>

**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at Matthews Beach and MLK Jr Way from E Cherry St to Yesler.
- Obstruction removals were completed at Ballard Library, Ballard Commons Park, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cherry, Pioneer Pergola, 6<sup>th</sup> and Cherry, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Yesler, Green Lake, Western Ave btw Yesler and Columbia, Olga Park, Madison Park Beach, Albert Davis Park, Upper Kinneer Park, Alleyway behind 2044 NW Market St, 14<sup>th</sup> Ave W from W Norton St to W Howe St, and Lake City Mini.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: NE 45th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th & 7th Ave NE, Ravenna Park, Hubbard Homestead Park, Interurban Trail (N 128th St to N 125th St), 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 3200 Fairview Ave E, 5100 Shilshole Ave NW, 11th Ave NW from NW 50th-Leary Way, NW Leary Way from 11th-14th Ave NW, 3rd Ave btw Cherry & James, Prefontaine Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Occidental Park, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St Vicinity, Peace Park Vicinity, NE 55th & 7th Ave NE, 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, NW 49th St & 17th Ave NW, 714 1st Ave W, 3919 Pasadena Pl NE, 8500 & 8501 35th Ave NE, 1224 N 137th St, 3956 6th Ave NW, NW 53rd St from 14th-15th Ave NW, NW 40th from Leary Way-6th Ave NW, 1st Ave N from Roy-Mercer St, 2112 3rd Ave, 2035 4th Ave, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St, 4506 5th Ave NE, NE 45th St and NE 50th St Southbound I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW from 14th Ave NW to NW 46th Ave, NE 45th St Off Ramp from Northbound I-5 Vicinity, NE 50th St Northbound I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St & 7th Ave NE, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St, Burke Gilman Trail, 8th Ave NE & NW 43rd St, Navigation Center Vicinity, Hing Hay Park, International Childrens Park, Poplar & Dean, 10th & Lane, 10th &

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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 172 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 33,340 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 377

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

NE 50<sup>th</sup> St NB I-5 Off Ramp



12612 Ashworth Ave N



8th Ave NW & NW 46th St



MDAR: Matthews Beach Park





**DATE:** July 28, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 7/17/2023 - 7/23/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Myrtle Reservoir – Part of full service mowing we did at Myrtle Reservoir, after mowing was done small crew went and line trimmed and blew the whole park.





- Morgan Junction – Hand mowing being done on a schedule now here at Morgan Junction.



- Westcrest Off Leash Area - Recently request have been coming in from park users to remove foxtails from the off-leash area. Staff line trimmed and picked up all debris so that there wouldn't be any left behind as it's a danger for dogs. Pictures aren't great, but it's been reported that it's complete.



- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - This past week Claire has been working alongside Jody Blacksmith to get irrigation controls with Maxicom online and to locate on Maxicom as well. He also spent a lot of time in the district pruning and cutting back vegetation at Lincoln Park and at Southpark Community Center.



#### Volunteer Projects:

Amazon Volunteer Project at Alki Beach 07/26/23: Litter and garbage pickup on the beach.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Crew Project at Southpark CC and Southwest CC

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS - Claire Yazza has been OOC Gardener and recently stepped up to do OOC Senior Gardener with the injury of Steve. Claire is a general laborer but has skills beyond that title and everyday puts those skills to use. He communicates well, has a great eye for what needs to be done and is always willing to help wherever it is needed.

#### **Southeast - District 2**

##### Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew completed a post construction landscape restoration project to make the entrance of the CC more inviting.

- Lake Washington Blvd- Slope Mowing. SE District Crew supported Heavy Equipment in the hand work and cleanup of the slope mowing project in preparation for Seafair.



- Gates added to Atlantic City Boat Ramp. IMW supported sign installation.
- Seward Park - Signs installed along the shore Andrew's Bay



Incidents:

- Multiple crew members stung by bees this week at multiple sites.
- Safety Office issue with contaminated vehicle.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park



- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Jim Demetre and crew for the post construction maintenance project at Rainier CC.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- At Rodger’s Playfield, the Central East team put up a fenced perimeter to prevent dogs causing damage to the playfield that will be renovated soon. Shout out to Balwinder, Alex, and Tyree.



- At Leschi Moorage providing maintenance in preparation for Seafair.



- Gerber Park Curb cleaning.

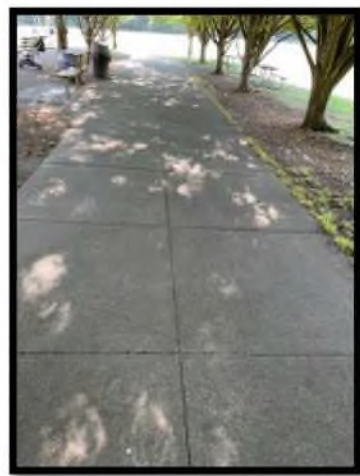


- Thomas Mini Park maintenance



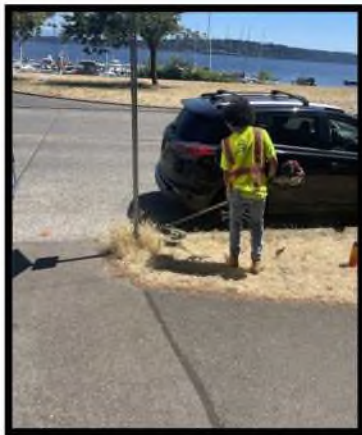


- Montlake CC Playground area raked fibar, cleaned hard surfaces, and leveled fibar



- Leschi Moorage continued





Incidents:

Leschi Boat Moorage - broken window by rock from line trimmer



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Harrison Ridge Greenbelt - Central East crew will stage 6 yards of chips for GSP's volunteer work party on 7/27.
- Leschi Parking Lot



- Horiuchi fire damage cleanup and brushing back the blackberry that's taking over the sidewalk



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Welcome Lexie and Peter to CE District as our new seasonal workers.
- Welcome back Ron McCray

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Mathew's Beach natural area- Created 3ft tall branch pile walls - opened up branches and created a maze of branches - zig zagging trail building walls from downed branches; put opened sandbags to cover tripping hazards; and opened up dense views from benches to beach.



- Chris Canty at Meadowbrook PG - Capped irrigation head at pinch point- trucks and people break heads but no more plants or grass there at gravel hillside.



- Landon Messer Cutting back overgrown vegetation at Burke Gilman



- Ryan Rathe cleans Magnuson swim beach wading pool daily from illegal fires, and exterminated a bee nest next to Comfort Station.





- Staff continues to help with graffiti removal throughout the parks.



- Crew project at Wallingford park Hedge trimming and line trimming



- Magnuson crew project line trimming Slope by sail sandpoint.



- IMW Jon Tiemeyer replaced plexiglass at Froula Park, replaced boards on burnt picnic table, and removed graffiti.





Incidents:

Unfortunately someone put needles, 2 knives and a pair of scissors in the Ravenna Park Sandbox, Safety recommended that we remove all the sand and replace it. Kudos to Tony Washington, Josh Jaramillo, Michael Geiss and Vita Tuipulotu for making this happen on short notice.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Line trimming and hedge trimming at and Merridian park.
- Blackberry Removal from Gasworks Park cracking tower.
- Cutting sightlined to lake washington at Mathews Beach Natural area.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the Heavy Crew for removing the sand from Ravenna Sand box that was contaminated with needles.

**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Lower Woodland: Prep work has been done for a pickleball tournament July 27<sup>th</sup>. This includes cleaning the courts so they can be repainted, line trimming the fence line, cutting back blackberry, and pruning trees. Removing morning glory.



- Ballard Pool: Buddelja and Linden trees were pruned for clearance. Maintenance Sara Salse had a learning moment as she was taught some tree pruning. The debris, which totaled about 4 yards worth of vegetation was donated to the Woodland Park Zoo to be used for animal browse.



- District Wide: Bee, wasp, and hornet nests have been popping up everywhere this past week and causing trouble. The gardeners have been assessing them case by case and deciding appropriate actions.
- Soundview: Line trimming crack weeds and blowing the parking lot. Field #1 was also Harley raked and groomed so it would be level again. The base anchors were reset as well.

- Bitter Lake Route: The entire route was blown, and the playgrounds were all raked and manicured.



- Loyal Heights: A crew project was held to edge and line trim around the entire park.
- Green Lake: Line trimming was done around the edge of the lake. Preparation for the Regatta has begun too.

Upcoming Events:

- 7/30 Green Lake: Take Back Our Bodies 1:30-3:45pm
- 7/31 Sandel Park: Music for Youth Summer Program 8:30am-4:30pm

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Preparation for Lower Woodland Pickleball Tournament
- Green Lake Regatta is coming up, and preparation has begun to make the lake look exceptional.
- Soundview shrub bed sheet mulching
- Hedging at Bitter Lake CC

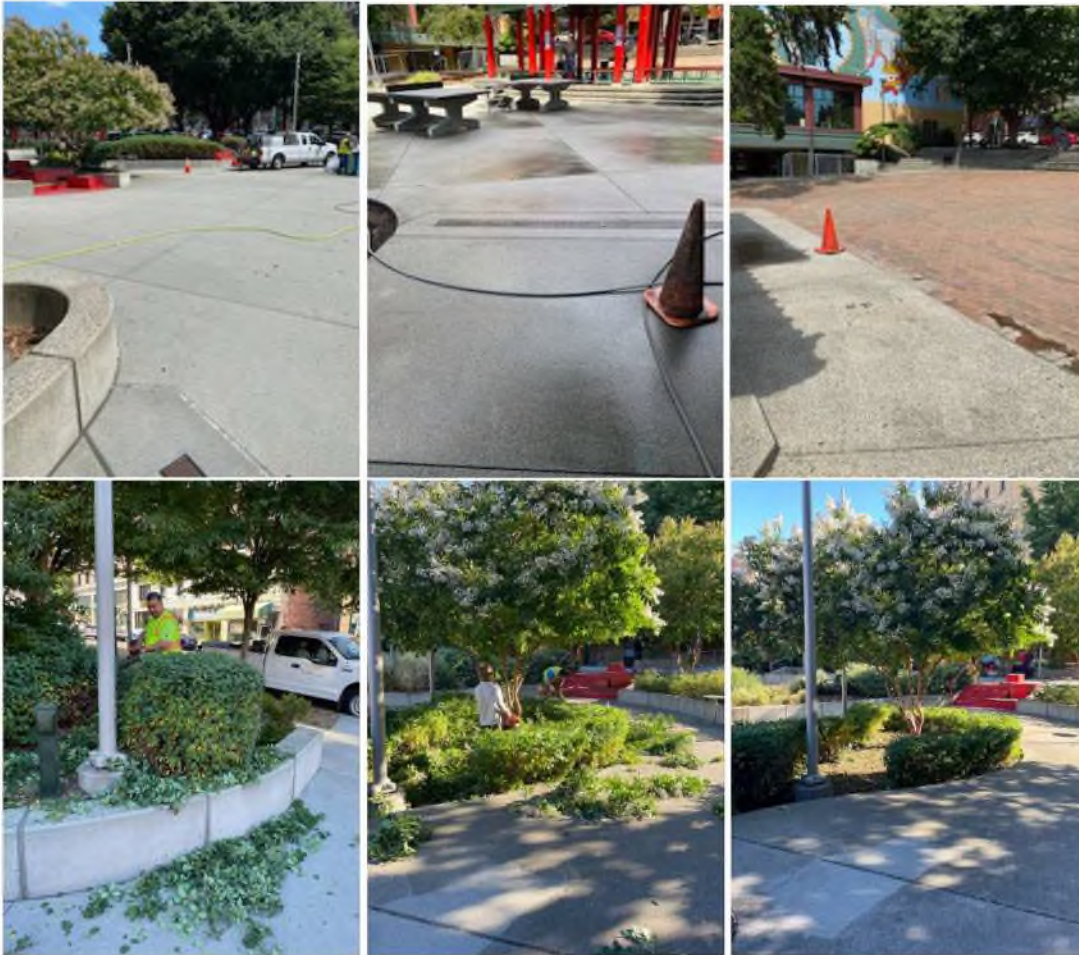
Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Raymond Green! Raymond green has been with NW for quite some time now and has always been dependable and provided great work. Recently he completed his CDL training and past his drivers test. He is also acting as OOC Maintenance Crew Lead. Keep up the solid work, Raymond, and congrats!

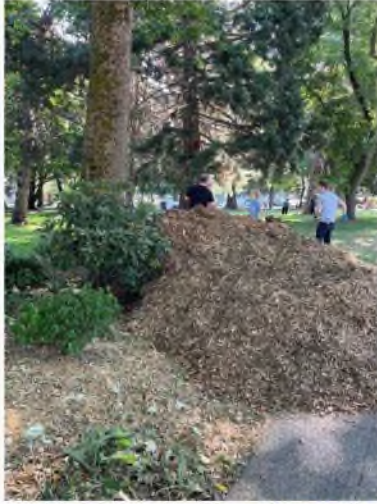
**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- A successful and enjoyable Pow Wow, 34<sup>th</sup> annual!
- Pressure washing and shrub bed maintenance of Hing Hay park in preparation for the International Festival over the weekend.



- Keeping parks, playgrounds and athletic facilities cleaned and ready for use!
- Multiple irrigation break repairs! Busted pipes, broken heads, leaking valves...
- A group of volunteers at Denny Park, helped weed and mulch shrub beds and large trees.



- Ella Baily Park got some sprucing up.





- Staff worked on hedge trimming at David Rogers.





## **Special Response Team**

### Maintenance:

- Wallingford steps

Before



After



- Seward shelter #3

Before



After



- Laurelhurst Playground

Before



After



- Highland Playfield

Before



After



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Judkins Playfield
- South Park Playfield/Walt Hundley Playfield
- Alki Playfield/Bar S Playfield

## **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park, Herring House, Roxhill, Junction Plaza
- SE - Rainier CC, Seward Park
- CE - William Grose Park, 3 tents and growing as of 7/17
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW - Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park

- Arboretum - SW corner of Japanese Garden, Foster Island under SR 520  
Needles: 6

## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projects/Maintenance:

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- Seward Park Audubon Center also coordinated a large event at Seward Park on 7/22 for Latino Conservation Week with multiple partners. More information and celebration can be found on Instagram @wa\_vamos.
- Bridget also has been communicating about wasp management strategies, including working with Samantha Burton from Communications to develop the following sign to use where we can flag and leave wasp nests when there is no imminent public safety risk.

## CAUTION



**YELLOWJACKETS  
NESTING NEARBY**



### Volunteer Projects:

Eric met with Forest Steward Kevin Steffa at Froula Park to help identify an appropriate work plan and address community member requests.



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Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Barred Owl spotted at Discovery Park. (photo by Michael Yadrick)



**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

Kubota dirt haul



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Little Saigon test pits.



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- Work Orders - Finished this week: 9; Open: 821; Average days open: 451
- Nelson Mandela Day Tree Planting - The tree planting team planted a commemorative tree grove of 5 Maple trees in celebration of Mandela Day 2023 at Pratt Park. Kudos to Emily Hanson, Michael Passalaqua, Michael Keodoungsy and Angel Sandoval-Garcia for making this a very successful tree planting day in Pratt Park. Also, a shout out to Samantha Burton for coming out to take pictures of this event.





- Downed limbs at Meridian Playground - Two major limbs came down and blocked the service road and damaged the fence. Kudos to District crews, Christopher Canty and Jim Cooper who helped with this clean up. Much appreciation to District crews for going out of the way to help with tree failure clean up.
- Limb failure at Ravenna Boulevard and CID event - Shout out to Tony Washington from the Heavy Crew who informed the Tree Crew of a downed limb blocking the street and damaging a car on Ravenna Boulevard. Also, much thanks and appreciation to the Tree Crew team of Tony Eggink, Michael Passalacqua and Henry Arends who cleaned up the tree failure and then continued working to support the CID event.
- Robert Dohrn pruned at Lakeside with a nice view of Mt Rainier.



- Tommy Ennest and Joe Perdue training interns Josh Urry and Gabe Veltri on chipper work.



- Major limb failure of a Horse Chestnut tree at Ravenna Boulevard. The failed limb blocked the street and damaged a car. The Tree Crew was activated for the cleanup



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Urban Forestry Interns - We welcomed two new interns, Josh Urry and Gabe Veltri, to the Urban Forestry team. The interns will focus on tree inventory and provide support to field staff in tree care work.
- STHL Demo - Special thanks to Tony Eggink who organized this demo of battery powered equipment for all staff to attend.

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

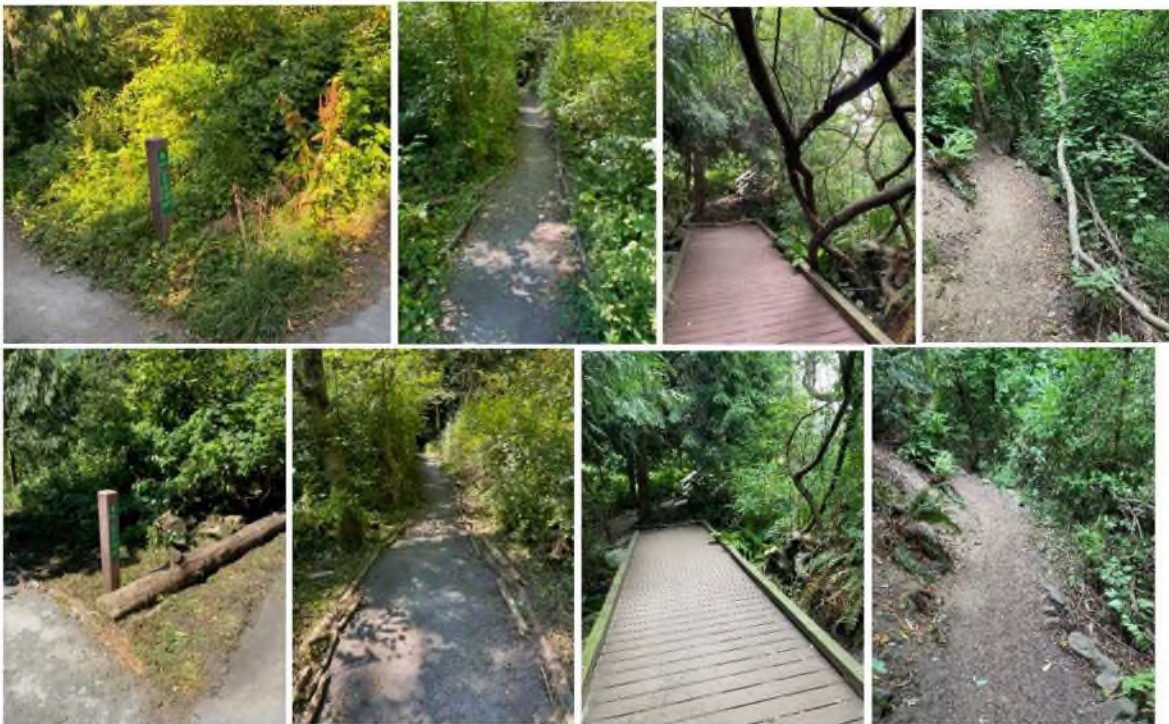
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- North Beach Park - The Crew went up to North Beach Park to look into some community complaints of fallen trees and overgrown plants encroaching the trail. Unfortunately, what we found was the downed trees and overgrown plants were on “social trails” which we do not maintain.



- Thornton Creek Beaver Pond - Thanks to Eric Sterner for bringing this Natural Area to our attention. It is a great little space near the Northgate Mall, that is in great need of some attention.
- The crew went through the trail system there and did a lot of brushing and corridoring, removed a large willow tree that was growing up under a bridge, and worked on getting the trail to our 4' standard. We completed 738 feet of trail maintenance and created about 5 yards of debris.
- We will be going back once we can get gravel to resurface the trail.



- Cheasty Green Space Natural Area - The Crew started this project and we will be there for the next week or so getting the deferred maintenance done for this trail system. It has 4 trail heads and a lot of trail that is heavily used by the community so we want to create a safe and healthy environment. So far we have worked on about 190 feet of trail creating 8 yards of debris.





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- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- CID Event - Zelvia and I worked at the CID event this weekend. It was a celebration/revitalization effort for the International District that the Parks Department has been a part of for the last 3 years. There was fun had by all who attended and seemed to be a very successful event. Along with GSP, Trails gave out plants and provided a lot of information about our Trails and Green Spaces around Seattle. We also had 8 Volunteer inquiries so we will have a chance to teach our trail standards and practices to people of the community so they can see what goes into maintaining our great trail system.



- Big shout out/Kudos to Dave Han and Jason Vining- Nakamura for their hard work and organization for the CID event. It was a very long day but was well worth the effort that was put in by all the Parks Staff that was there and helped put it together.

### **Landscape Crew**

#### **Maintenance:**

- Japanese Garden – The crew spent Monday pruning the lily patches and cleaning sediment from the pond water filter area at Japanese Garden.



- Laurelhurst Playfield – We finished! This has been a lengthy project that began one year ago. The crew laid the final layer of 17 yd<sup>3</sup> mulch. The hedge bindweed has been treated along with any other aggressive weeds.

### Before



### During



### After



- Green Lake – With the help of Heavy Crew the crew removed and hauled 12 yd<sup>3</sup> of debris to the Transfer Station. The crew then used manual tools to remove an additional 5 yd<sup>3</sup> of weeds and soil, as well as 1.5 yd<sup>3</sup> of brush. For the final phase of the project, Turf Crew will convert what was previously a garden bed to a more manageable turf bed.

Before



Before



After



- Garfield Community Center – We finished off the week back at Garfield Community Center. In only a few hours (after finishing up the work at Green Lake Park), the crew was able to remove 3 yd<sup>3</sup> of brush and 4 yd<sup>3</sup> of weed and soil debris.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Garfield Community Center – replacing sprinkler heads, plant installation, and mulching.
- Kubota Garden – pond sediment removal and cleanup with vacuum truck contractor.
- Green Lake Bathhouse – final phase of renovating the previous garden bed to a more.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Continuing Education - The crew has continued to study nearly 100 ornamental horticulture plants found throughout our parks. At this point, we have a good handle on over 50 of these species, with our testing specimen being one leaf of each plant. Senior Gardener, Brad Schneider, makes sure we get practice both in the office at the beginning of each day, as well as in the field.



- Arborculturalist, Tony Eggink, organized a Stihl Battery Powered Tool demo for employees to test out some of the small engine machines that we will be transitioning to in order to reduce noise pollution and fossil fuel investment.
- Check out this big ol' frog! Charlie and Steve found it, while cleaning the pond filter at Japanese Garden.



## Specialty Gardens Monthly

### Arboretum

#### Maintenance:

- Lookout pond 1<sup>st</sup> summer cleaning on Azalea Way with Landscape Crew staff

Before



After



- Mow and line trim all turf areas throughout Arboretum
- Irrigation management: troubleshoot issues and make repairs, schedule run times in Maxicom control system, monitor irrigation status in the field
- Azalea Way Shrub Beds: Weeding, pruning, mulching and other bed-cleanup
- Blowing: trails and turf
- Wetlands: Groundwater monitoring, weeding, mulching around plantings
- Routine maintenance of composting toilet, including addition of wood shavings and monitoring levels of liquids and solids

#### Volunteer Projects:

- Plan, schedule, and lead Garden Stewards on Azalea Way in partnership with Arboretum Foundation
- Monthly Friends of Arboretum Creek work party, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Student Conservation Association (SCA) workweek in Wetlands, August 14-17
- Lookout Pond 2<sup>nd</sup> cleaning on Azalea Way in August

### Incidents:

- The usual parties on Foster Island and Pacific Connections Garden that include massive litter and fireworks, illegal bonfires, and Sanican pushed over.
- Deer are discovered living in the Arboretum

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Ongoing traffic challenges as a result of closures of Lake Washington Blvd and Montlake Blvd in connection with SR 520 construction activities. Limited access in and out of our job site impacts not only Arboretum staff but all large truck access such as Heavy Crew, CE packer, recycling truck, diesel delivery, and other deliveries.
- Renovation of Tot Lot playground at 26<sup>th</sup> Ave E & E Lynn St completed. Neighborhood celebration on July 19 with cookies, lemonade, and bubble machine was a big hit!

### Japanese Garden

#### Maintenance:

Landscape Crew support



- Reduction of lily pad growth in pond
- Grading outside of gate. NW corner— prep for future emergency egress
- Help from Trevor for a week (thank you!)

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Professional Development (thank you for the support to make these happen)
  - Andrea participated in the Waza to Kokoro Seminar (lev. 2) at the Portland Japanese Garden Training Institute, studying history/design as well as hands on construction/pruning
  - Jose spent a week working at the PJG as part of a Gardener exchange program. We host-ed one of their gardening staff in November for pine pruning
- Angel Sandoval-Garcia is working with us as part of the Gardener Mentorship Program
- The annual celebration of Tanabata, a 3-day public family event, July 6-8
- Garden Party, private Arboretum Foundation fundraising event July 20 (parking support provided by Don and Romaine from Parks Arbo crew)



- Power was restored to outlets around meadow by Parks electricians

### Jefferson Greenhouse

#### Maintenance:

- Greenhouse structural maintenance, starting with broken glass repair.
- Seasonal maintenance of outdoor field & structures.



- The Great Jefferson Greenhouse Bake Off! After fully emptying, pressure washing, & cleaning zones 3 & 4 in the greenhouse, the vents, & doors are kept shut to produce extreme heat. This helps sanitizes our work area in an environmentally friendly way.

#### Accomplishments:

- Our second quarter is over, hooray!
- The majority of Summer Annuals have been picked up/planted, & we fulfilled all orders with the Urban Food Programs we support. Quite the success!
- Plants produced in this quarter:
  - 3,037 Ornamental Perennials
  - 3,310 Vegetable Starts
  - 21,134 Native Plants
  - 27,231 Summer Annuals



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- WATER!!!
- Focus on outdoor care for native plants including weeding, pruning, fertilizing, & potting up.



- Send out order forms for Winter Annuals, & Bulbs to our District Gardeners, & Specialty Gardens.
- Continue participation in the Gardener Mentorship Program.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Henry Arends! He did a terrific job at Jefferson Greenhouse while participating in the Gardener Mentorship Program. Henry got exposure to daily greenhouse operations. He paid attention to instructions, was enthusiastic, & a great help. Thank you!

**Kubota Garden**

Maintenance:

- The Heavy Equipment Crew rebuilt the e-block retaining wall that was pushed over by huge cottonwood tree. They also built a new e-block wall to widen the maintenance road, making more room for big trucks to turn around. They also helped us empty our pit so we are ready for pond cleanouts this month. Many thanks to our Truck Drivers for delivering e-blocks and moving soils; to Lance for running the excavator and to Michael and Henry for helping set the blocks, and the drain crew for setting pipe at the base of the wall.





- The pump that runs the waterfalls on the Mountainside was replaced along with its flow switch and pressure gauge. Many thanks to Chris and Jerry from the plumbing shop and Ryan from the electrical shop.
- ISA training on weekend in garden. Participants received training and pruned some large blue Atlas cedars and removed two large dead pines. Many thanks to Marcia and Michael for
- Garden staff finished several projects, including renovation pruning along the Promenade, planting annuals and perennials throughout the garden, and several mulching projects.
- Contractors are still working on the punch list of remaining tasks to finish the new public restrooms. They will be here this Wednesday to finish the project.
- We do regular maintenance including watering, mowing, line trimming, weeding, litter and liners.

#### Volunteer Projects:

- KGF garden volunteers did lots of weeding and a little bit of mulching this month.
- Filson employees weeded around the event entrance.

#### Upcoming Events:

- July 30, 12pm - 3pm: Wandering & Wondering, a Butoh Performance
- August 6, 2023, 9am - 11am: Forest Bathing Session
- August 8, 2023, 6:30pm - 8:00pm: Jazz in the Garden
- August 20, 2023, 1pm - 3pm: Summer Thunder at the Garden

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Pond cleanup
- Tamamono shearing

#### Incidents:

- There were two car prowls in the parking lot.
- A bobcat was spotted in the garden!

## SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT

### Highlights:

- Park Ambassador Program - Alki Arts and Crafts fair was the main attraction and the great weather. Park Ambassadors help provide customer service and support activities at Alki and Golden Gardens. No major incidents to report and great day at these beaches.



- Uniforms Arrive - Park Rangers have been waiting for new uniforms to arrive to be more recognizable while in the downtown parks. After several delays they arrived this week. Park Rangers Fola-Niumata, Byers and Alexander are displaying these new uniforms while on patrol at the Freeway Park Fountain Festival and at Denny Park.



- Hing Hay Park - Weekend Protest at the Park was peaceful and colorful.



- Westbridge Parks HQ Accident Response - As several Park Rangers were preparing to leave Westbridge HQ Park Ranger Richardson witnessed a RV crash into tree and telephone pole with debris going all over the street and railroad tracks. Park Ranger Wong-Garcia and Richardson moved the Parks Vehicle south of the accident a safe distance between RV and oncoming traffic with Ambers on. Ranger Wong-Garcia started to flag oncoming traffic as ranger Damico called in to Dispatch. I went to talk to Individuals that were in the accident to make sure they're safe and ask about injuries. Ranger Ramsey and Ranger Lane came out to assist and helped set up a buffer with cones for oncoming traffic. Fire responded quickly and police came shortly after to add an additional buffer. Ranger Richardson and other patrons around area cleared off railroad tracks of debris just in time for train to pass without any hold ups. Fire and Police took control of the situation allowing us to clear from the incident.

**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW** – no report



**DATE:** July 7, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 6/26/2023 - 7/2/2023

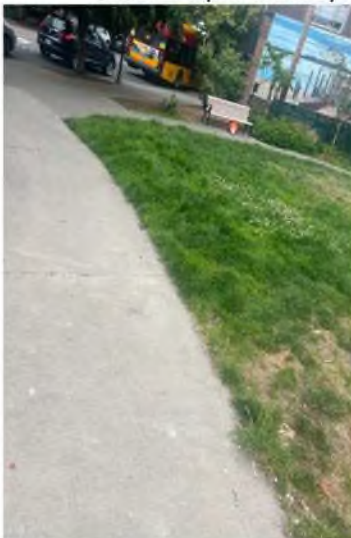
**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Junction Plaza – Seasonal staff Mario Armijo mowed Junction Plaza last week and Maintenance Laborer April Winfrey did some line trimming.



- Alki Statue of Liberty – We had a recent request to have the hard surface blown off at the Statue of Liberty at Alki. Maintenance staff Sefa Suani jumped on it and did a great job.



- Lincoln Park – In preparation for an art installation happening at Lincoln Park, maintenance staff Jason Pegues did some mowing and line trimming in the area where a large piece of art will be placed this summer.



- Swing Shift – Swing shift does a wide range of work and has really helped all summer keep up on maintenance in our parks and athletic fields. We give them daily projects to work on in addition to comfort stations, litter and garbage, and beach fires at Alki. Here are some photos from the last week. Don Armeni line trimming and mowing, Roxhill litter/garbage removal.





- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton) - Steve and Claire have spent time at Hamilton Viewpoint trouble shooting irrigation. There has been no power there for the irrigation clock to run. It has been sent to City Light to get it up and running. They also have done planting at Richie Viewpoint. Still working to get Steve to send pictures.

Incidents:

- Junction Plaza had an incident with an unhoused individual sleeping in the park with all their belongings spread out.



- Marra Farm had a big 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and staff found the evidence of it this morning. There were shell casings at Marra Farms as well.







Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Southwest Crew - swing shift all summer has been amazing. They communicate often during the shift to keep me updated on any issues, they get a ton of work done outside of litter and garbage and they all have been extremely dependable. Can't say enough how well they have done as a group.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Maintenance support of mowing routes.
- Slope Mowing LW Blvd. SE District Crew supported Heavy Equipment in the hand work and clean up of the slope mowing project in preparation for Seafair.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Seafair preparation at Genesee Park
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to SE District Crew for the support of the LW Blvd project.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

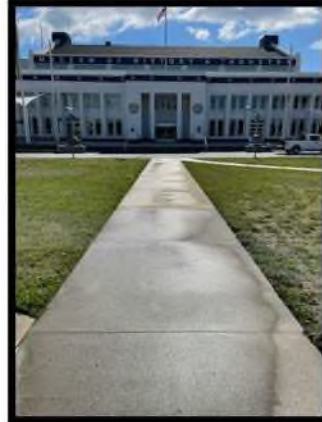
**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- The crew worked on pressure washing at Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park picnic shelter.

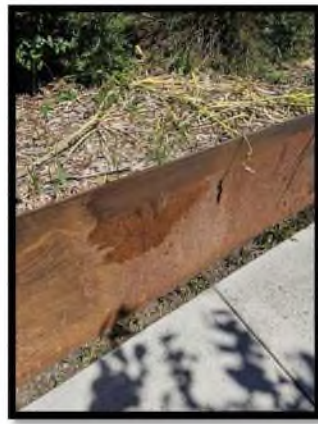


- The crew completed a mowing and edging project at South Lake Union in preparation for July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.



- Graffiti removal and weed pile removal from a volunteer project at South Lake Union.

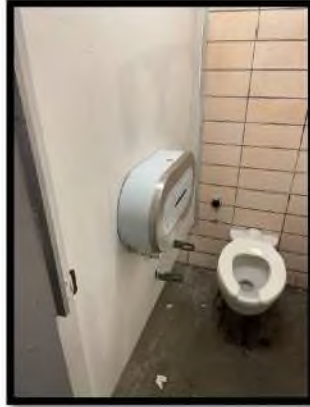




- Graffiti removal at Leschi Comfort Station.



- Madrona Beach Toilet Paper dispenser replacment.



- Grafitti Removal on Comfortation door at Pratt Park.



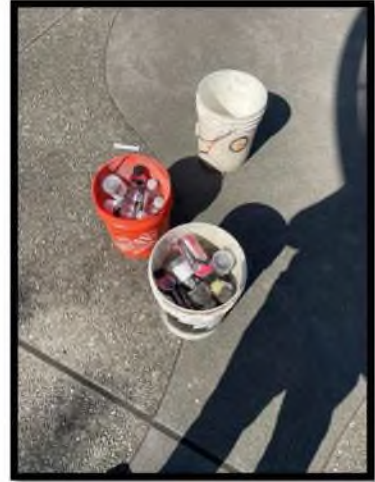
- Pruning low hanging tree limbs and brush clearing near fence that was sticking out onto sidewalk at Madrona Playfield.





- Debris removal from over head net and graffiti removal at 12 Ave Square Park.





Upcoming Events:

- Seattle Outdoor Theatre Festival 2023 at Volunteer Park Amphitheater.

Incidents:

A 6 inch water line pipe busted at Washington Playfield damaging turf.



**Northeast-District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Anna Rylko led a huge crew project over multiple days to remove Knot weed and Blackberrys at Wallingford Steps and mulched all the beds.







- Meadowbrook Pea Patch paper hornets hive threatened people at the information kiosk. All entrances were killed, and threat neutralized by NE Senior gardener Chris Canty



- Adam Dawson and Ryan Rathe mow trimmed and edged the Magnuson Park Amphitheatre.





- Crew Project at Gas Works Park preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks.

Before



After



- Jon Breakfield layed down rock for pathways at Gasworks Park and cleared debris from container that is being removed from inside the cracking towers.



#### Incidents:

A tree came down over the Burke Gilman Trail. Kudos to the Tree Crew's fast response time.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Line trimming and hedge trimming at Wallinford and Merridian parks.
- Gasworks park 5<sup>th</sup> of July Clean up

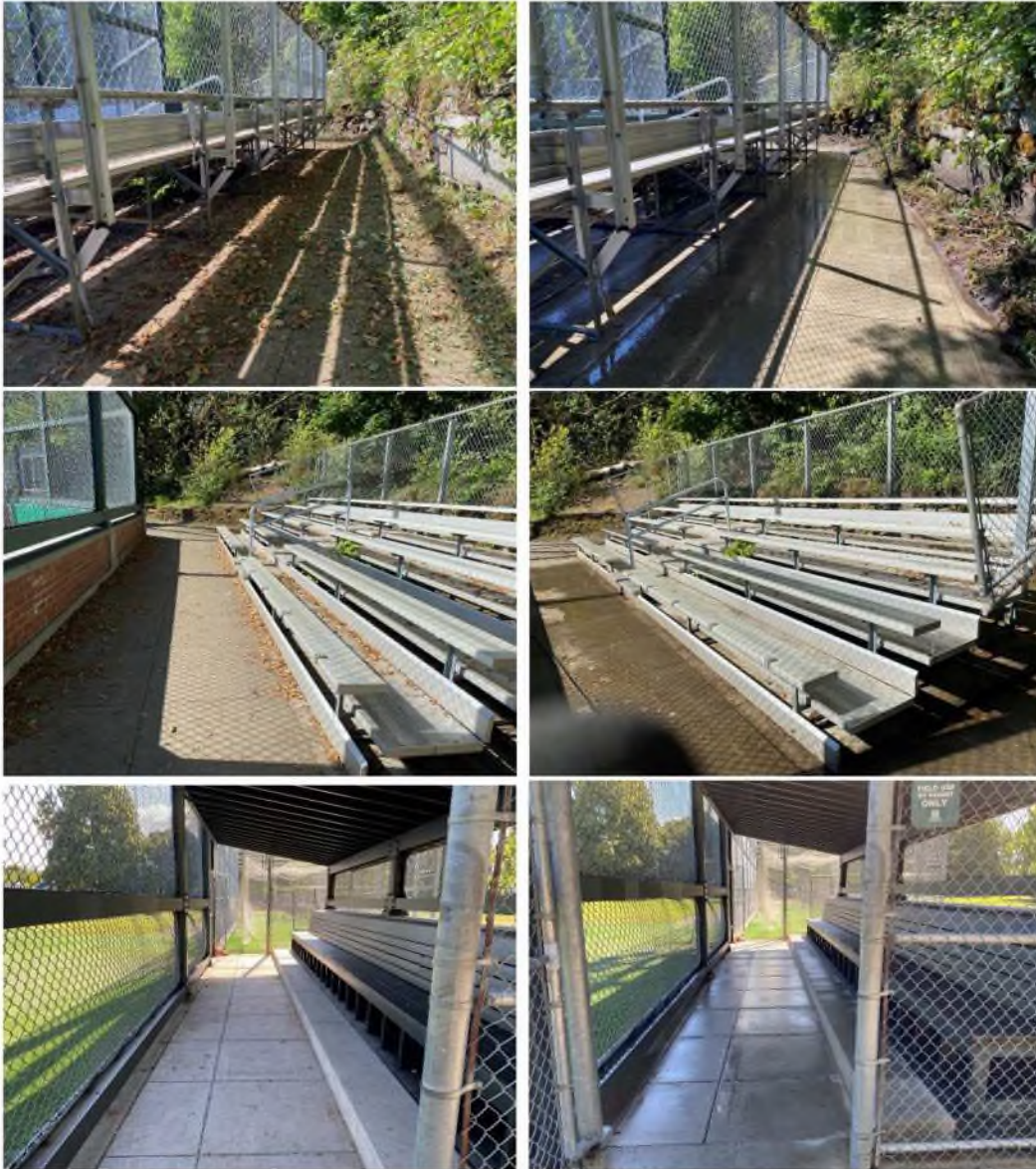
#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week go out to Ryan Rathe, Eladio Gonzalez and AJ Dawson for all the hard work keeping up on all the trash while still finding time to complete all of there day to day duties.

### **Northwest – District 6**

#### Maintenance:

- Lower Woodland: With the MLB All Star Game events happening on July 8<sup>th</sup>, the entire crews efforts have been focused on making lower woodland look fantastic. Cleaning and line trimming wing fences. Getting dugouts cleaned out, blown and pressure washed. The parking lot was weeded of crack weeds, line trimmed, edged, and blown. All of the garden shrub beds were weeded and spruced up to look tidy. This clean-up has taken multiple days of full crew work projects.



- Bitter Lake Reservoir: The water pump for the irrigation was recently replaced. It has been several years since the park was properly watered, so it needs some work and time to catch up.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Lower Woodland: Total preparation for MLB weekend and tournaments

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Meti Gaytan! Meti has been a part of our crew for a long time now. He primarily maintains Lower Woodland, doing a fantastic job on all the ballfields and maintenance tasks. Recently, he has even stepped up to help the entire district with mower operating. Thank you, Meti, for being a team player and filling all sorts of roles.

**Central West – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Interbay Sports field fence line got a nice cutback after the Applied Ecology crew was able to help with Poison Hemlock control.

Before



After



- Tidelands Park was cut back and cleaned up.



- Irrigation repairs were made at the Queen Anne Pool after a large leak in the main line was repaired. The system is now running and the grass is greening again. 😊

- Thomas Wales Park was brush cut to fight back blackberries, open paths, and reduce “hiding spots”.
- MacLean Park was fully mulched by our lovely Friends of MacLean Park volunteers.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Daybreak Star Pow Wow is quickly approaching, and the crew has been doing maintenance to prepare the grounds.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to our wonderful Plumber, Ahmed! Always so responsive, knowledgeable and helpful!

**Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

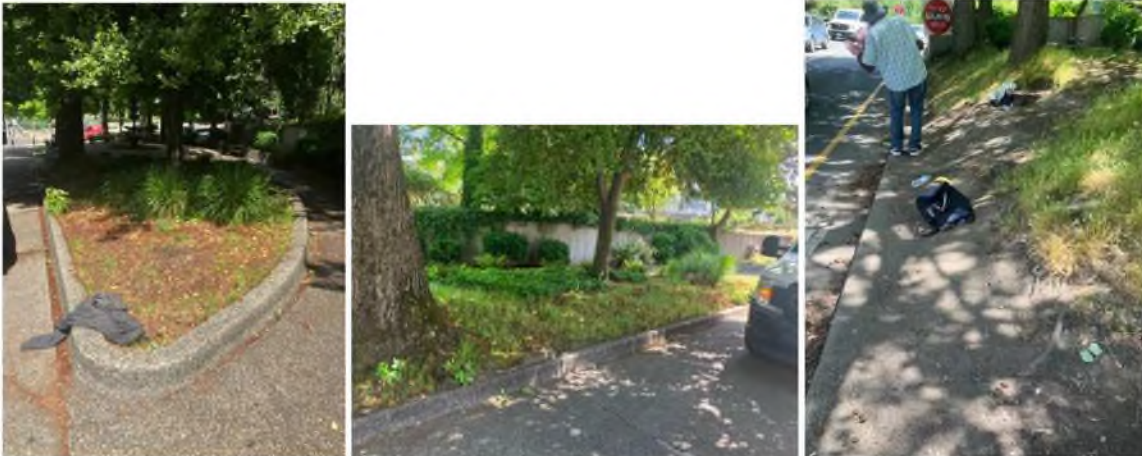
- Westlake Park got its weekly blow and rinse down.



- Staff completed pressure washing and a rinse down at Hing Hay Park.



- OOC Maintenance Laborer Ernesto Salinas prepped and got Freeway Park ready for a mulching crew project.





- IMW Jeff Paradis got it done at Hing Hay Park with the weekly problem of graffiti.





Upcoming Projects/Work:  
Mulching at Freeway Park

**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

- Miller Playfield Dugout

Before

After



- South Lake Union

Before

After



- Lower Woodland Dugout

Before



After



- Magnuson Building #138

Before



After



- Maples Wood Playfield Dugout

Before



After



- Colman Playfield Dugout

Before



After



- Woodland Ballfield #1

Before



After



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Hutchinson Playfield /Jefferson Lid Playfield. Loyal Heights playfield dugout South Lake Union Pond

**District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace; Herring House
- SE – 1 RV at both Genesee Park and Chinook
- SC – Campers/RVs at Amy Yee TC, Jose Rizal DOLA, Stirgus Park - burning in the Pagoda

- CE – Lavizzo Park picnic shelter, Cal Anderson Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- CW – Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- DT – Freeway Park, Pioneer Square

Needles: 28

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- Bridget Kelsh coordinated a tour at Lakewood Marina with community members, the Manager of Lakewood Marina, the Natural Area Crew, the Ecologists, a turtle expert, and Beavers Northwest staff, and Seward Park Audubon Center staff to share updates on the restoration and consider next steps for caring for this important stretch of lakeshore in SE Seattle.



- Eric Sterner coordinated a site visit with Tim Vos, a Forest Steward at Genese Park. The SE District Gardener Team came in full force—we're are grateful for their continued support!



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

(Reposting since we're getting started this week and next) Summer youth programming, including paid career exposure and job training programs get started in earnest the first couple weeks in July, including:

- Student Conservation Association – Colman, 5 youth
- Tilth Alliance Rainier Beach Stewards - Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, 10 youth
- SPR Youth at Work – Jefferson Horticulture, 2 youth
- Partner in Employment – Westcrest and Kubota, 14 youth
- Na'ah Illahee Fund and Futures Rising LLC – Daybreak Star, 30 youth over 2 cohorts

**INDIGENOUS YOUTH LAND RESTORATION & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY COHORT (JULY)**

**CALLING ALL FUTURE LAND & WATER PROTECTORS:**

- NOURISHING OUR CONNECTION WITH THE LAND THROUGH RESTORATION, WEEDING, MULCHING
- HARVESTING & PLANT TEACHINGS
- SERVING COMMUNITY IN PREPARING LAND FOR THE SEAFAIR POW WOW
- MAKING GIVEAWAYS AND LEARNING ABOUT PROTOCOL
- CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS AND CAREER EXPLORATION
- \$500.00 STIPEND
- AGES 15YRS-23YRS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY!



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**GREEN SEATTLE**

- o Delridge Neighborhood Development Association – Roxhill Bog and other sites – 10 youth
- o Rythers Aspiring Day Camp – Ravenna Park, +40 youth once a week
- o Cascadia GSP Youth Ambassadors – Citywide, 2 youth

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

<https://mynorthwest.com/3903653/seattle-homeowner-pays-125k-settlement-for-cutting-down-tree/>

**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

Kubota Garden work



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Westcrest Park DOLA

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks to the Heavy Crew for all your hard work! Tyree Lee, Josh Jaramillo, Marcus Lane, Lance Meyers, Calvin Washington, Drew McManus, and Sara Douvia.

**Turf Crew** - no report

**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log - Removals: 3; Failure Cleanups: 4; Prunes: 17; Stump grind: 12; Snag creation: 3; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 8
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 25
  - Level 2 inspections: 72
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 143 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Planting site survey: 7
  - Work orders - finished this week: 4; Open: 803; Average days open: 392
- Lake Washington Boulevard Weekend Tree Work - The crew continues to do great work on LWB, with clear and safe work zones on site. Kudos to the Tree Crew (Emily Hanson, Miles Anderson, Josh Gilbert, Tommy Ennest, Michael Keodounsgy) and supporting staff (Michael Helms, Matthew Hillard, Sara Douvia, Malonae Hill and Tyree Washington) for helping out on this weekend work!
- The crew wrapped up a removal of a large oak that had a major limb failure on Lake Washington Boulevard.



- The crew worked on dead tree removal and snagging at North Acres Park.



- The crew tried out a new model of the resistance drill on a Maple tree across from Cheasty Yard.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Resistance drill and tomography training - The crew did a group training to test out a new model of resistance drill and conducting advance level inspections on a Maple tree in Jefferson Park and near Cheasty Yard before heading back to the shop for the NRU July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.



## Trails Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Roxhill Ballfield Trail Renovation - The Crew worked at resurfacing the trail Heavy helped excavate. So far we have used 15yds of gravel and resurfaced 225' of trail. We will get back to finishing the resurfacing when we can get more gravel (There is a City of Seattle spec gravel shortage).



- Schmitz Bridge replacement - The Crew worked the weekend with Girl Scout Troop #12 to get the bridge at Schmitz Preserve built. It has been a long time coming with a lot of planning and coordination to get this job done. I am very happy with the results and am glad we could be a part of helping Aurielle Ronda get her "Eagle Badge" for providing "Service to the Community" and more access in Schmitz Preserve with the new 20' bridge.





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We are in the planning stages of a big volunteer work party with REI at Magnuson Park.
- We are preparing to take on a new Youth at Work Program along with the Tree and Ecology Crew.
- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Bridge replacement at Schmitz Reserve with Girl Scout Troop #12
- Maintenance at the new Cheasty Mountain Bike Trail with the new youth program Youth at Work (YAW).
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.
- Check-step install at Golden Gardens Dog Park.
- Walk through of the Squebeqed Trail @ Seward Park with Forest Steward Paul Shannon to talk about trail maintenance.
- Walk through at Llandover Woods with Forest Stewards to talk about a railing installation.
- Water bar install at David Rogers Park that was brought to our attention by the Park Inspection Program.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

The Crew set up and attended the NRU 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ/Staff Appreciation Day. There was a lot of cooking and fun to be had by all.



**Landscape Crew**

Maintenance:

- South Park Community Center – Continued CIP work to renovate the garden beds at the South Park CC. The crew removed an additional 1.5 yards of material and laid out 8.5 yards of mulch in preparation for planting. Edging was also done to further delineate and fortify the garden beds.



- Hubbard Homestead – The crew continued removing invasive blackberry and other unwanted weeds around the perimeter of the park. An additional 40 yards of debris was removed.

Electricians and Plumbers have been on site to review infrastructure in preparation for our work with Heavy Crew to remove the large vegetative debris.

- Laurelhurst Playfield – Mulch, mulch, mulch! Senior Gardener, Brad Schneider, has applied herbicide to the English ivy, allowing the crew to continue mulching the work area. An additional 22 yards of mulch has been applied to the park's hillside perimeter to prevent erosion and weed growth.



- Japanese Garden – Our crew lent the skills and labor of Travis Dobbs-White to the Japanese Garden. He has been helping them prune, remove leaves, maintain the lawns and garden beds, and anything else they may need help with.
- Lake City Mini – Continued maintenance work on previous renovation job. The crew added new plants (Liriopi 'big blue' and Carex 'evergold'), followed by mulch.
- Jefferson Center for Urban Horticulture – The crew tied up some loose ends around the 'Hort' grounds in preparation for our July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic. Pictured is Brad Schneider in front of our newly constructed trellis, as well as a view of the renovated front garden bed.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- New Gardener Interns are coming to join the crew next week, Isabelle and Daniel.
- Japanese Garden – lily removal in main pond
- Kubota Garden – pond cleanup
- Green Lake Bathhouse parking lot work with Heavy Crew

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

We had a great time getting together to have a team building BBQ . As you can see, the tree crew even brought out their cherry picker for the ultimate group photo.



**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- This week Marlan Teeters and Jon Jainga are working with the Park Ranger staff to order Rad Bikes to use downtown. This adds visibility, increases approachability, and will support the growing team. They are working on places to house the bike in the downtown corridor.
- Park Ranger Staff will be focused on Occidental Square and Westlake during the MLB All Star events. These parks have concerts and programming during the festivities. They are also focused on City Hall Park and parks with Concierge programming in the downtown parks.
- Denny Park: Park Ranger Richardson and Park Ranger Wong had positive interactions today which resulted in education of Parks Code to the individuals. At Denny Park an individual had a hammock put up in between two trees which resulted in a positive interaction and compliance.



- Cascade Park: An individual had setup a tent at Cascade Park and resulted in a positive interaction and a complied removal of tent by the individual.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Park Rangers Lonnie Alexander, Alysse Daniels, Lane Byers, Samica Thomas and Sandra Wilcox who responded to a medical emergency at Hing Hay Park. Fire and medics responded but were unable to resuscitate the elderly gentleman. Rangers also stayed to console the family. Very difficult emotionally but their training and experience kicked in and helped to add stability to the moment.

Encampment Related:

Park Rangers reported growing tent population at Cal Anderson to Donna Waters and team who manage the Unified Care Team for Parks & Environment Division. Kobe Terrace was also reported for outreach.

**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at 6100 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, NE 145<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, and Maynard Ave S from S Lucile St to S Brandon St.
- Obstruction removals were completed at Ballard Library, Ballard Commons Park, 316 NW 85<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cherry, Pioneer Pergola, 6<sup>th</sup> and Cherry, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Yesler, Olga Park, Green Lake, Ravenna Park, 4<sup>th</sup> & Royal Brougham, Seward Park, 10<sup>th</sup> & Weller to Dearborn and Lane, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & Seattle Blvd, Volunteer Park, and Western Ave btwn Yesler & Columbia.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: NE 45th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 50th & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th & 7th Ave NE, Ravenna Park, Hubbard Homestead Park, Interurban Trail (N 128th St to N 125th St), 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 3200 Fairview Ave E, 5100 Shilshole Ave NW, 11th Ave NW from NW 50th-Leary Way, NW Leary Way from 11th-14th Ave NW, 3rd Ave btw Cherry & James, Prefontaine Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Vicinity, Occidental Park, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St Vicinity, Peace Park Vicinity, NE 55th & 7th Ave NE, 36th Ave NE & NE 110th St, NW 49th St & 17th Ave NW, 714 1st Ave W, 3919 Pasadena Pl NE, 8500 & 8501 35th Ave NE, 1224 N 137th St, 3956 6th Ave NW, NW 53rd St from 14th-15th Ave NW, NW 40th from Leary Way-6th Ave NW, 1st Ave N from Roy-Mercer St, 2112 3rd Ave, 2035 4th Ave, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St, 4506 5th Ave NE, NE 45th St and NE 50th St Southbound I-5 Off Ramp Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW from 14th Ave NW to NW 46th Ave, NE 45th St Off Ramp from Northbound I-5 Vicinity, NE 50th St Northbound I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 50th St & 7th Ave NE, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St, Burke Gilman Trail, 8th Ave NE & NW 43rd St, Navigation Center Vicinity, Hing Hay Park, International Childrens Park, Poplar & Dean, 10th & Lane, 10th & Dearborn, 8th Ave NE & 70th St, NE 45th St & NE 50th St SB I5 Off Ramp Vicinity, 1228 & 1322

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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 165 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 40,080 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 568

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

Fremont Ship Canal Bridge



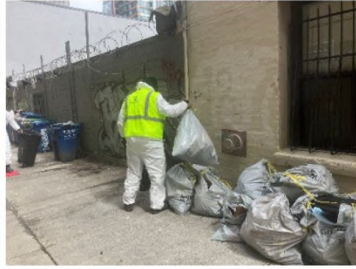
Ravenna Park



13008 3rd Ave NE



2035 4<sup>th</sup> Ave





**DATE:** August 11, 2023  
**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager  
**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division  
**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 7/31/2023 - 8/6/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Cesar Chavez – This is a small pocket park where staff had done some mowing and line trimming.



- Camp Long – Dave Herring is the maintenance at Camp Long, he is very passionate about that park specifically and works hard to keep trails in good condition for the public.

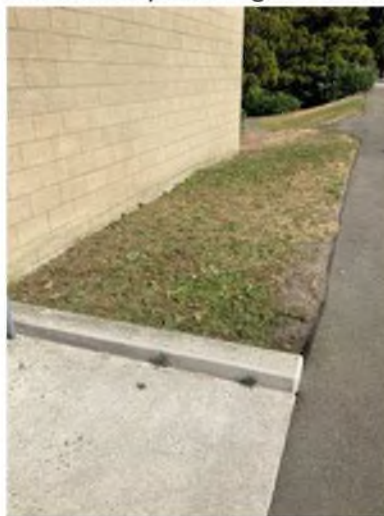




- Emma Schmitz - Swing shift went and cleaned up the entrance and the bridge at Emma Schmitz.



- Southwest CC – At Southwest CC a lot of work has been put in the last few weeks to spread 5 yards of mulch and get the entrance way back in good condition.







- IMW Maintenance – Rudy Carrasco continues to provide excellent work and pictures as well. He also does a great job on the sand sifter at Alki Beach.



- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - Steve and Claire have been working on irrigation throughout the district and at community centers to clear out shrub beds from weeds. Southwest Community Center has been a focus and between Claire, Steve, and Marvin they have spread the pile of mulch that was there for some time.

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Working with Heavy Equipment crew for blackberry removal at Delridge CC.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Sr Lead Lee Perry is now back in action! She returned at the start of this pay period and it's great to have her at work helping out.

## **Southeast - District 2**

### Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew completed a post construction landscape restoration project to make the entrance of the CC more inviting.
- Lake Washington Blvd- Slope Mowing. SE District Crew supported Heavy Equipment in the hand work and cleanup of the slope mowing project in preparation for Seafair.
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- Seafair – (Major Event) – SE/SC Districts along with support from other district and division crews supported 4 days of packed parks for Seafair. The crew removed trash and litter, excuted safety protocols and supported miscellaneous event needs before during and after the event. It was a safe and successful event.



### Incidents:

- Multiple crew members stung by bees this week at multiple sites.
- A child stepped on a needle at Lakeridge Park

### Upcoming Events:

- Othello Festival – 8/15/2023
- Big Day of Play – 8/19/2023

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Othello Festival preparation jamboree at Othello Park
- Rainier CC shrub bed renovation in preparation for Big Day of Play

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the entire staff for support of Seafair and the district this weekend. It was a massive team effort and the teamwork was fantastic.



**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Limbed up trees at Leschi Park in preparation for Seafair weekend.



- Blackberry removing at Leschi South Moorage in preparation for Seafair Weekend.



- Broken irrigation head repair and rut repair that was created by leaking water at Cal Anderson.



- Trimming long grass on hillside of Yesler Community Center.



- Parking lot maintenance at Lanston Hughes.



- Line trimming at I-5 Colonnade and South Passage Point.



- Bleacher removal at Miller Playfield.



- Picnic table replacement at Madrona Beach Park.



- Backpack blowing on the back side of Pratt Park on 18<sup>th</sup> Street.



- Line trimming fence line and outside perimeter of TT Minor Park.



- Spruce Street Mini Park Grand Opening; one of the biggest turnouts for a park renovation.



Upcoming Events:

Youth Opera in the Park at Powell Barnett Park 8/13

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

This week 5.5 tons of garbage was removed from Central East District.



- Huge thank you to those who had a hand in planning and developing the renovation of Spruce Street Mini Park. A big thank you to those who were able to come and join the Central East district at the ribbon cutting/ Grand opening which was a huge success and one of the biggest turnouts for a ribbon cutting.
- Kudos to the Central East Staff for prepping for Seafair Weekend and making beach parks look amazing for all its visitors.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Crew Project at Meridian Park 50<sup>th</sup> St ivy removal.







- Adam Dawson exterminating hornets at Magnuson Park JLS Playground.



- Frank Barrow, Antonio Hall and Chuck Nakamura line soccer fields at North Acres Playfield.



- Crew Project at Magnuson Park tennis court cutting back overgrown vegetation.



- Dylan Roberge cutting back blackberry on upper trail at Dahl Playfield.



- Irrigation repair at Mapleleaf Lid.



- Jon Tiemeyer IMW work throughout NE District.



Volunteer Projects:

There was a volunteer project at North Acres Park with Lakeside students and parents repairing gravel pathways (30 yards).





Incidents:

Brush fire at Magnuson Park parking lot.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lining soccer fields throught the district.
- Irrigation repair throught the district.
- Volunteer project at Magnuson with REI

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to all NE Staff for taking care of multiple wasp and hornet nests throughout the district.

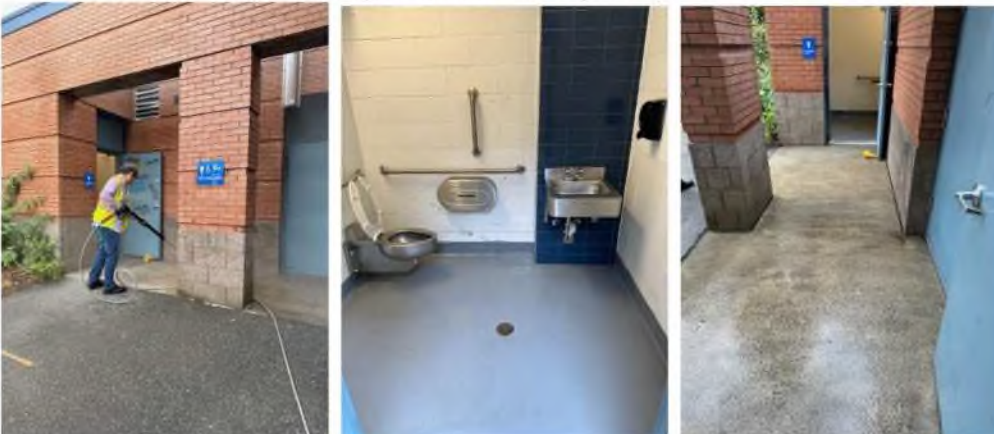
## Northwest – District 6

### Maintenance:

- Ballard Commons: edging of the whole park was done in preparation for the movie in the park night.
- Ballard CC: Line trimming, edging, and crackweeds. Some tree pruning was performed as well, for parking clearance.
- Alice Ball: Mowing, edging, and cleaning up gravel play pit. Mulching was done on the south end to eliminate tripping hazards.



- Green Lake: a huge crew project was done to line trim one section along the inside path.
- Crown Hill: Line trimming, edging, and blowing of the entire park. Some irrigation work was done as well.
- Sunset Hill: Gardeners weeded and pruned the shrub beds.
- Irrigation: District wide irrigation work has been taken place. This week's focus was on loyal heights, Green Lake, Bitter Lake CC, and Sunset Hill.
- Comfort station cleaning continues to be a priority district-wide.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Soundview shrub bed mulching
- Othello work party
- Baker Park weeding
- Sunset Hill invasive and slope control, edging, line trimming, and shrub bed work/mulching
- Green Lake path line trimming
- Loyal Heights Irrigation Project
- 8/12 Ballard Corners. A work party will take place, hosted and run by a community member in the neighborhood. Lots of Gardening work!

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Raymond Green! Raymond green has been with NW for quite some time now and has always been dependable and provided great work. Recently he completed his CDL training and past his drivers test. He is also acting as OOC Maintenance Crew Lead. Keep up the solid work Raymond, and congrats!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

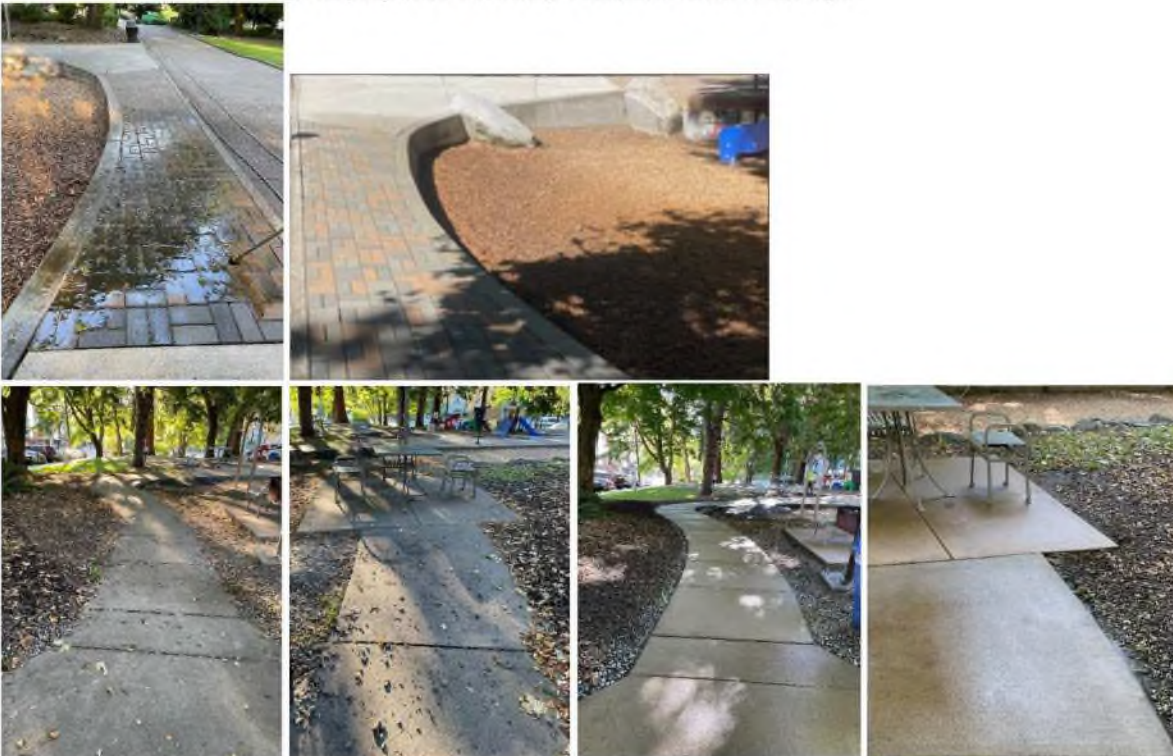
- SW Queen Anne Greenbelt Park Maintenance at 12<sup>th</sup> and Howe, Keeping paths and stairways clean.



- Crew Project restoring raised beds at Freeway Park, fresh burlap and mulch!



- Pressure Washing the play area at Denny Park, awesome clean up!



- Removing grass and weeds from the hard surfaces at Queen Anne CC, nice clean lines!



Before



After



- Ward Springs Park, keeping lawns green and well maintained!





- IMWs responding to any needed repairs, especially to benches, bleachers and picnic tables for safe use!

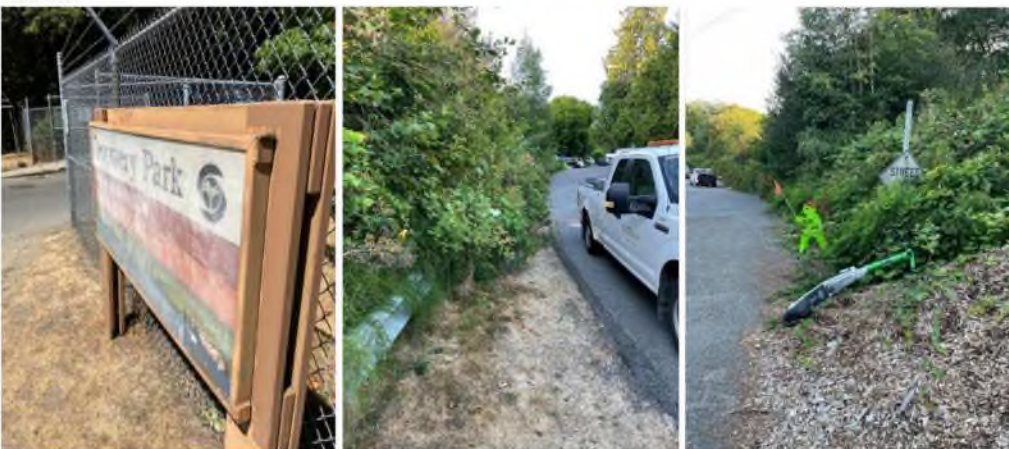


- Graffiti removal, Keeping park's surfaces clean and free of unattractive messaging!
- Upper Kinnear Park, Fighting back aggressive overgrowth at this historic park!



- Large irrigation repairs being accomplished with the cooperation of Senior Gardeners and Plumber! Specifically, at Bhy Kracke Park and Myrtle Edwards Park.
- Discovery Park Maintenance! Beautiful Work!

Before



After



**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

- Gasworks Water View

Before



After



- University Work Out Pad

Before



After



- Ravenna Lower Park

Before



After



- Albert David Park

Before



After



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Riverview
- Roxhill Park
- Jefferson soccer
- Genesee PF Park
- High Point picnic area
- Interbay soccer field bleachers

**District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park, Herring House, Roxhill, Junction Plaza, Westcrest
- SE – Rainier PF, Seward Park
- SC - MLK upper along 28<sup>th</sup> Ave, Georgetown PF, John C Little
- CE – Cal Anderson, Gerber Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park

Needles: 1

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- Natural Area Crew, Youth at Work Intern, Calvin Wu working at Lakewood.



- The Natural Area Crew were out at the Lion's Club zone in Discovery Park last week. Clearing blackberry after the end of bird nesting season.



- Plant Ecologist Eric Stener, Arboriculturalist Jamie Lim and the Forestry Interns Josh Urry and Gabe Veltri attended a site visit at Martha Washington with volunteer David Perasso. Looking at impacts from Phylloxera on the oaks.





- Gardener Matthew Hilliard found a big patch of healthy flowering Wapato in the Food Forest. You can read more about the importance of this plant as a food crop for Native Peoples here. [The Northwest's Earliest "Garden" Discovered in British Columbia | Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine](#)



- Michael Yadrick, the Natural Area Crew, and the Field Committee hosted a meet up at Seward Park with community stakeholders. Michael taught them about the Urban Heat Island Effect and some of the things that Seattle Parks and Recreation are doing to help mitigate it. They ended their tour at The Hatchery, that is now home to the Urban Food Systems Program, to learn about how the forest and food systems are connected.





- Green Seattle Partnership hosted a workshop on restoration strategies in beaver habitats on August 2, at Longfellow Creek. The event was facilitated by GSP partner Cascadia Consulting and led by Elyssa Kerr from Beavers Northwest.



#### Upcoming Events:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.

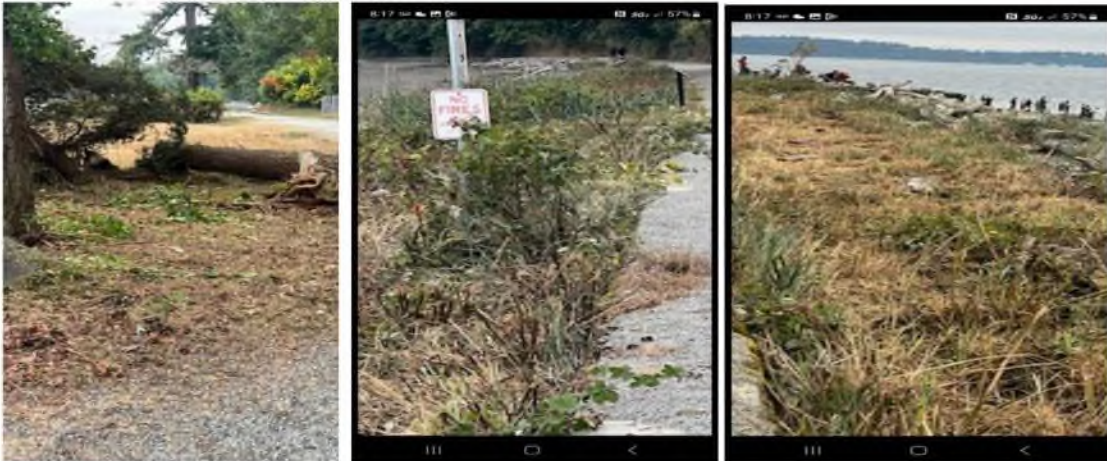
#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Amanda Hannah will fill in OOC for Lisa Ciekto to cover for her vacation through 8/21.

## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

- West Seattle logs
- Lincoln Park logs
- Hiawatha PF logs
- Lincoln Park slope mowing



## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Bobby Morris PF and Brighton PF grooming and sweeping of synthetic fields using the gator and the sport champ. The Turf Crew has blowing out dug outs and touch.





- The Sport Champ brushes, sweeps and vacuums debris off the field.
- Roger PF hydro seeding the outer playfield for better quality of turf before the children are back in school.



- Roger's Hydro seed after pictures showing the coverage to help the bare the spots in the turf.







#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Synthetic PF maintenance
- Beacon Hill arch cutting on baseball fields
- Mont Lake PF grooming
- This fall will have 4 new remodel synthetic play fields. New fields: Miller, Washington, Georgetown, and Montlake . Jefferson, Delridge and Hiawatha are under construction. Magnuson field 05 is schedule this to be completed this year.
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 12; Failure Cleanups: 7; Prunes: 8; Stump grind: 5; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 23
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 4
  - Level 2 inspections: 57
  - Intern inventory work: 208
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 307 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work Orders - Finished this week: 5; Open: 878; Average days open: 402
- Weekend work on 8/5, Saturday - The tree crew worked on clearance prunes at BF Day in preparation for the park's opening. The crew were also alerted to a cracked branch over a bicycle path at Green Lake and took care of that too. A shout out to Joe Perdue (OOC Tree trimmer, Lead), Mark Rawlins and Josh Gilbert for working the weekend!
- Miles Anderson and Josh Gilbert tag-teamed doing aerial work to remove this tree.



- A heavy branch broke and was hanging over the bicycle path at Green Lake. Our tree crew of Joe Perdue (OOC Lead), Mark Rawlins and Josh Gilbert were activated and cleared this branch.



### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance/Projects:

Magnuson Wetland Natural Area - The Crew went back to Magnuson to finish up some work that the folks at REI couldn't finish during their work party. We cleaned up the blackberry piles, did about 270' of trail pruning and adjusted a few outslope logs. We finished 3 trail heads.





Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

- REI @ Magnuson - We had 138 volunteers show up to this event. The "Trail Pruning" group completed 2,167 linear feet of trail maintenance (brushing, blackberry removal, trail pruning) and produced about 12 yards of debris. Removed approximately 600 square feet of blackberry. The "Trail Prep and Resurfacing" group completed 350' of trail prep and resurfacing and went through 7 yards of gravel. The "Outslope Log" group installed 180' of logs along the path in different areas where the pond rises in the rainy season in hopes to keep the path from washing out. The "Litter Removal" group picked up 14 bags of garbage.





- Aspiring Youth @ Ravenna Park - The Crew worked with the kids (8–11-year-olds) of Aspiring Youth at Ravenna Park doing trail maintenance such. They worked on removing all the downed woody debris (Sticks and Branches) from the trail corridor and trail buffer, removed some blackberry and raked the trail. They completed 200' of trail maintenance and created about 3 yards of debris which was left on site in piles as wildlife habitat.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)

- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.
- Railing installation at Landover Woods.
- Collaboration with SPU at Cambridge St. bringing in soil, planting, and chipping on a drainage project they built.
- Working with Volunteer Park Trust on a major trail resurfacing project.
- Resurface the new trail we installed at Roxhill Ball Field.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- I'd like to thank Anna Rylko and the NE District Crew for helping with organizing and helping staff the REI/ Magnuson Volunteer event. We couldn't have done it without their help and input. It was a great deal of planning and collaboration to get it done efficiently and without any issue.
- The Crew attended the monthly NRU Safety meeting and learned about different types of fire extinguishers and their uses. We even got to try some of them, which was fun, I wish I had taken pictures.

**Landscape Crew**

Maintenance:

- Continuing Education – The crew spent this week studying native plants. We used flash cards, specimen from the greenhouse (and Lydia's expertise), and finally took a hike at Lost Pond in the West Seattle Greenbelt to practice identification in the field. There were 30 species on our list, but some of our Gardeners are so well educated they couldn't help teaching their colleagues a few extra.



- NRU Safety Meeting – Western Fire and Safety came out to give us a two-hour training on fire extinguishers. We even had the opportunity to practice putting out fires with two types of extinguishers.



- Cal Anderson – Half of the crew removed 3 yd<sup>3</sup> of weed debris as part of the continuing maintenance of the playground garden.



- Hubbard Homestead – The crew removed an additional 4 yd<sup>3</sup> of material as part of this long running projects. We were able to located sprinkler heads, and further prepare the area for collaboration with Heavy Crew.



- Watering – Half of the crew went to a few sights to water, namely Garfield and Magnuson CC.
- Green Lake Bathhouse Theater – This project was completed at the end of the week on Friday. Looks beautiful!



- Van Asselt CC – The crew removed 3 yd<sup>3</sup> of material from the stairwell garden in preparation for further renovation.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Garfield Community Center – planting!
- Kubota Garden – more pond sediment removal and cleanup with vacuum truck contractor.
- Hubbard Homestead – continue renovation of the perimeter garden beds to turf. Collaboration with Heavy Crew to remove large woody material.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

This is likely Steve Guardi's final weekly report as OOC Senior Gardener. Look forward to a fresh weekly report from Nick Hocking.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- Park Ambassador Program: Park Ambassadors support the department to monitor for unlicensed vendors in the parks. With many events including Seafair this week it was a priority. One example is this tent vender selling alcohol at Seward Park. Park Ambassadors frequently report using the the Find It Fix it program and this week submitting reports of increasing camping at Woodland and Gasworks Parks.



- Cal Anderson is a daily priority for Park Rangers. Rangers Byers, Alexander, and Fola-Niumata responded to Cal Anderson Park on Saturday regarding a naked female in the park. Upon arrival, the Rangers spoke with Concierge Alec, who advised the unknown female earlier knocked his sunglasses off his shirt, breaking them upon hitting the ground. Alex then stated the female began wandering around the park, exposing her breast, and causing a disturbance. The Rangers located the female in the park. She appeared to be having a mental health emergency due to

her shouting and being partially clothed. After asking the female to cover herself, we asked if she needed medical aid or police assistance. The female declined assistance, but clothed herself and left the park while shouting obscenities. Alec was advised to contact the police anytime someone made unwanted physical contact with him.

- Cal Anderson: Woman exposing herself to Concierge staff and individual semi-unconscious in the early morning.



- Center City Activation staff has a hard job creating great events like Dancing until Dusk and Movies in the park while also responding to aggressive behavior in the parks. Park Rangers try to support these events and the Center City staff.
- Hing Hay Park Movie night and Cal Anderson Dancing until Dusk



- Park Rangers Crew Quarters: As the Park Rangers Program grows larger crew quarters is needed. Plans have been on the drawing board for several months to remodel the current crew quarters to accommodate the larger staff. Here is before pictures and the crews working near completion. Next week the new furniture will be completed.







## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at Mercer St from 2nd Ave N to Warren Ave N, Roy St from 1st Ave N - Queen Anne Ave N, 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, and Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th & Yesler, 4th Ave North and Roy St, 6th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Community Center, Ballard Library, Bitterlake Community Center, Cal Anderson Park, Carkeek Park (McAbee Trail), Cascade Playground, Cherry St btwn 6th-7th, City Hall Park, Freeway Park, Fremont Canal Park, Nagle Pl, Occidental Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Pratt Park, Queen Anne Community Center, Tashkent Park, Victory Creek Park.
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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 131 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

Over 31,880 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 253

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE



NW 41st St. From 6th Ave NW to 8th Ave NW



N 87th St from Palantine - 1st Ave NW



**MDAR:** Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St



**DATE:** August 18, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 8/7/2023 - 8/13/2023

## CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS

### PARK RESOURCES

#### Southwest - District 1

##### Maintenance:

- Westbridge Facility – We had a request to cut/remove weeds and blackberry at Westbridge. Swing shift had a crew project and cleaned up the area.



- Ball Field Maintenance – Senior staff made it clear that ball fields are a priority, and that maintenance staff should be grooming/dragging fields regularly. Unfortunately, we have had locations not meet our standards, but we have been able to correct and improve playing conditions. This is Lincoln field #2.





- Schmitz Preserve -This week I was able to work with SDOT and have slope mowing done at Schmitz Preserve on SW Stevens St. This was a great project as the vegetation had grown over the curb onto the street blocking parking access. They started at the entrance of Schmitz Preserve and went to the end of SW Stevens St.



- Southwest CC – A couple more pictures for work at Southwest CC, entrance shrub beds were weeded and mulched.



- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - Steve has been working at all the community centers on various projects. Mostly weeding shrub beds, mulching, and checking irrigation to make sure all is working well.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Upcoming volunteer project at Alki Beach on the 26<sup>th</sup> this month
- Ball field maintenance training is being held this week and next week. This week will be utility/general laborers being trained and next week will be Maintenance Laborers.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Crew KUDOS - Steve Melton has been doing amazing work all summer long, getting irrigation up and running, restoration of shrub beds and a lot of other projects that come up and need his expertise. Rudy Carrasco has been great to have as the IMW, he always gets work done each day and is great at sending me pictures of it. Eyob Tekle is a newly hired general laborer and has already shown how capable he is. He is new to working for the city of Seattle so he's still learning a lot about procedures, but he has a large skill set that fits our work perfectly. We're very happy with the potential he has shown.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Othello – Multiple District jamboree in preparation for Othello Festival.



- Atlantic City Boat Ramp CPTED Renovation – Crew project to maintain and enhance sight lines at Atlantic City Boat Ramp to support SPD policing.



Incidents:

Gator damaged at Prichard Beach

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Rainier CC shrub bed renovation in preparation for Big Day of Play

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Jason Aguirre for leading the Atlantic City Boat Ramp renovation project.

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- This week SC continued to provide excellent customer service, grounds maintenance and major event prep and support in addition to the regular, daily cleaning, garbage and recycling service and asset management.
- Prep for the Jazz Festival at Jose Rizal VP: Staff prepped the scene for this major event.





- The crew beautified a bus stop in Columbia City.



- Helping Electrician Shop help us:



#### Volunteer Projects:

- Upcoming meetings and organizing Amazon Volunteer Proj
- Groups volunteered to clean up Jose Rizal DOLA and Orchard

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- SC is continuing major athletic field renovations at Beacon Hill PG and Van Asselt PG
- Quarterly maintenance projects at Landbank sites Flume and N Rainier
- Implementing new tracking and measuring tools
- Tool and equipment inventory and asset reduction plans
- Slope mowing SDOT site at Sturgis Pk

- Prepping Football and Soccer Fields

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Kudos to South Central PM Shift for keeping up on CS deep cleans and power washing at many, many shelters, picnic areas, bleachers and other hard surfaces.
- The crew helped Hoang (Thomas) Phan celebrate earning his American citizenship.



- “The gals” of Seafair



**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Graffiti removal and pressure washing park benches at Madrona Beach.





- Hedged and trimmed blackberries in alleyway behind Homer Harris.



- Morning Glory and Blackberry removal at Volunteer Park.



- Hedging and Line Trimming at Miller Community Center.



- Line trimmed weeds in cracks and cut overgrown tree suckers by park sign at Interlaken.



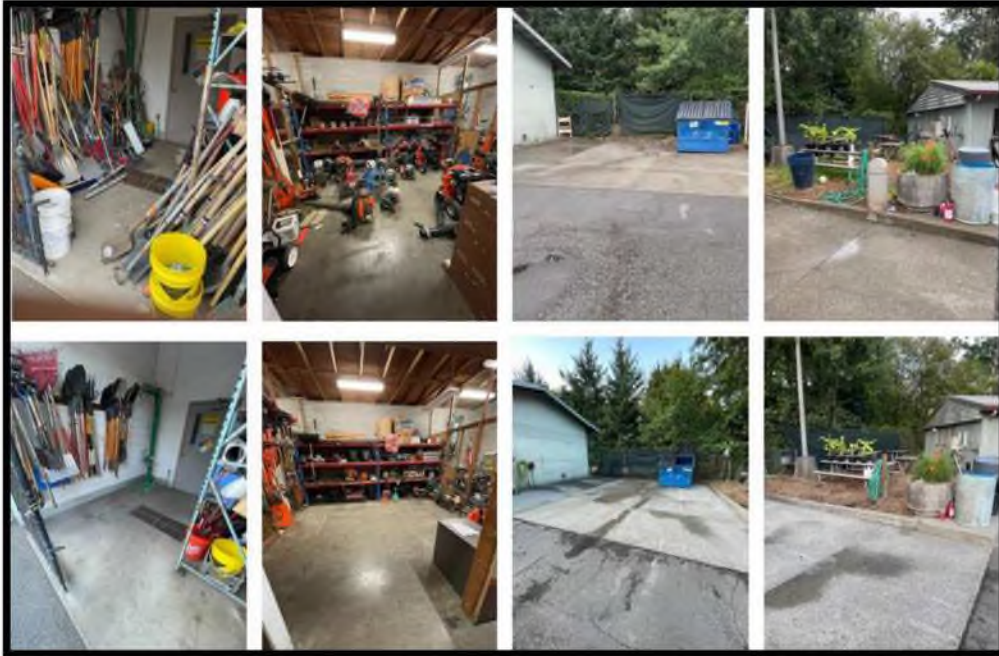
- Weeding project at Langston Hughes.



- Central East Yard Clean up in preparation for clean green, gravel, medal, and dumpsters.



- Central East Barn clean-up organized the garden cage, relocated and pressure washed area where dumpsters were located and weeded out morning glory by washing station. Cleaned out and Organized Gold room.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the Central East night crew for going above and beyond the ask to take care our parks.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Jon Tiemeyer and Braden Caviezel replaced a broken water box.





- Jim Cooper weeded the sign bed at Cowen Park.



- Ryan Rathe mowed islands at Magnuson parking lot.



- Michael Geiss and Vita Tuipulotu picked up piles of weeds at Fritz Hedges park left by volunteers.



- A Crew Project was completed at Gasworks Park Annex.





- Graffiti removal at Gasworks Park.





- Ecology blocks signs and chain intalled at Magnuson park Lake Shore Drive Rd.



Volunteer Projects:

A volunteer project was completed at Magnuson Park with 150 REI volunteers repairing wetland pathways, cutting back overgrown brush and picking litter.









Incidents:

- There was a brush fire at Magnuson Park. The fire department was called to extinguish the fire.





- Fifty tires were illegally dumped at Magnuson Park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lining Soccer Fields through the district.
- Irrigation repair through the district.
- Volunteer Project at Magnuson with REI

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

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## Northwest – District 6

### Maintenance:

- Othello: A couple crew members went down to help SE district at Othello Park to help prepare for a big event over the weekend.
- Soundview: The crew spread out 10 yards of mulch at the Soundview upper playground area shrub beds.



- Bitter Lake: Shrubs were cut back or down to make room for construction project taking place in the service area.
- Green Lake: A toxic blue green algae bloom was identified in an area of the lake. The crew mobilized with lifeguards to poster informational fliers around the lake.

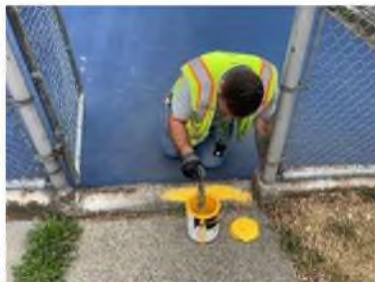
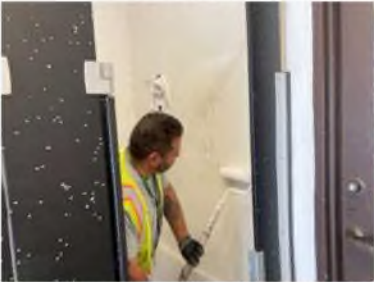


- Sunset Hill: Gardeners and maintenance crew edged and line trimmed the turf, and mowed down blackberry along fence line. Shrub bed work was done as well, pruning, planting, and mulching.





- IMW: lots of Graffiti removal at Green Lake, painted stairs and steps at Gilman, cut and drilled holes in timbers for Carkeek park stewards' trail project.



- Gilman: chipping the play area



- Kirke: sand was added to the park's sand pit.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Baker Park weeding
- Loyal Heights Irrigation Project
- Densmore yard clean-up

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Krista Waller, David Guerrero, Pete Cochran, Kevin Lince, and Tyler Flynn! These crew members were the fast-acting response team to a toxic algae bloom that popped up at Green Lake. They worked with Parks Aquatics team to post signage around the entire lake warning the public of potential concerns with swimming. Great teamwork and dedication staying late to help the public!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- South Lake Union





• Mayfair Park



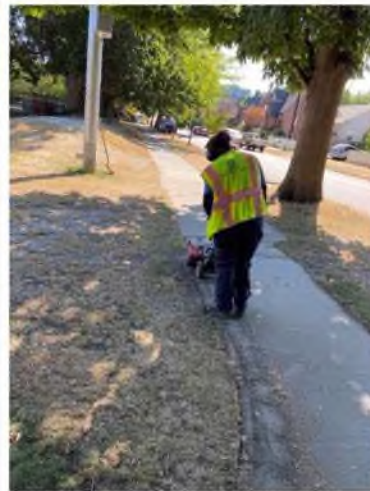
- Queen Anne Bowl



- Lynn Street Park



- West Queen Anne





Upcoming Projects/Work:

Multiple crew projects are being planned to clean up overgrown areas.

**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

- River View Ballfield

Before



After



- Roxhill Ballfield

Before



After



- Roxhill park comfort station

Before



After





- Roxhill playground

Before



After



- Roxhill picnic area



- Walt Hundley playground



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Interbay soccer field bleachers and ballfield dugout
- Lawton ballfield park

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- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- Heavy - Helped with a clean-up at W Wheeler & 15 Ave, 1 – excavator, 3 – 10 yd dump truck

Needles: 37

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Maintenance:

- Jay and Rodrick treated Knotweed and Yellow Flag Iris at Beaver Pond Natural Area.



- The crew was back at Union Bay Boglands for some sidewalk upkeep and clematis & blackberry removal and started on NW 60th St Viewpoint!



- The crew also continued maintenance at Chinook Beach Park with clematis and blackberry removal. Weeded, and watered at Beaver Pond. Finished nightshade removal at Lost Pond. Began treating blackberry at Herring's House and continued EZ-Jecting near the Magnuson Dog Park.
- IPM and Wildlife:
  - Met with stakeholders about Green Lake IAVMP (Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan) and finalized design for signs about invasive aquatic weeds at GL.
  - Coordinated with UW IPM about managing loosestrife at Arboretum (UW is hiring contractor to do this work.)
  - Met with Jordan Meriam, NW SR Staff and NRU Leads about shoreline vegetation focus.
  - Met with SPR, Councilman Andrew Lewis and Friends Of Lake Union Park about problems and renovation at Lake Union Park/ geese mgmt. options.
  - Conferred with WDFW on protocols to protect wildlife, ducks during pond renovation at Denny Blaine Park.

- Worked with Beavers NW on appropriate language about SPR partnership and beaver management during Carkeek tours.

Upcoming Events:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Recent article from Crosscut about Licton Springs and its significance to local Native people.
- <https://crosscut.com/2019/04/north-seattle-native-people-reclaim-whitewashed-spring>
- The Natural Area Crew welcomed Rodrick Nicholas as an OOC Gardener. He is joining us from the Central East District. WELCOME Rodrick!



**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

- SDOT slope mowing
- West Wheeler & 15<sup>th</sup> Ave encampment clean-up





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Queen Anne Bowl PF and Montlake PF grooming and sweeping of synthetic fields using the gator and the sport champ. Montlake synthetic playfield is very new receiving its first maintenance this year. Nice field!

Montlake



## QA Bowl



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Synthetic PF maintenance
- Beacon Hill arch cutting on baseball fields
- Lower Woodland synthetic grooming
- West Seattle Stadium irrigation adjustment and topsoil
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 9; Failure Cleanups: 6; Prunes: 5; Snag removal: 1; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 14
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 2
  - Level 2 inspections: 48
  - Level 3 inspections: 1
  - Intern inventory work: 231
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 303 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work Orders - Finished this week: 5; Open: 922; Average days open: 388

- The Tree Crew worked on clearing a large limb failure at Prentis Frazier.

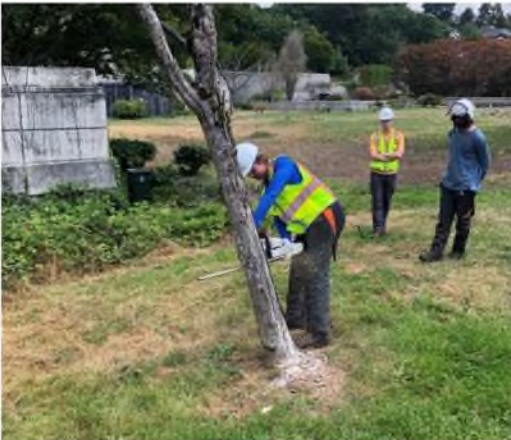


- The Urban Forestry team was alerted to inspect a locust tree which had a branch failure behind a private property at Interlaken Park.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- Interns training with Urban Forestry - Urban Forestry interns Josh Urry and Gabe Veltri shadowed the tree crew and had chainsaw training while working with the crew. Thanks to folks on the tree crew for sharing their skills and experience with the interns.



- Kudos to Mark Malone for leading a day of tree inspection and advance tree diagnostic workshop for interns Calvin Wu, Preston Lam, Danita Egboh, Josh Urry and Gabe Veltri.
- A shout out to Josh Urry and Gabe Veltri for also doing great work with tree inventory and picking up the use of GIS very quickly. They also taught the rest of the YAW interns how Urban Forestry's GIS system works and went out on a field trip to inventory trees.

### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance/Projects:

- Japanese Garden- Stine step rebuild - The Crew assisted Pete at the Japanese Garden to rebuild the stone steps at the Northwest side of the harbor where a citizen attending a special event tripped and fell. It wasn't the best reason to do this work, but it was a great learning experience and training for the new staff on the Trails Crew to learn how to work with stone.



- Cheasty Green Space Natural Area - The crew continued to work on the deferred maintenance at Cheasty Green Space doing trail maintenance and pruning. They completed 155' of trail maintenance creating 4 yards of debris.





- Roxhill Ball Field - The Crew went back to Roxhill Ball Field to continue to resurface the trail that we dug out and re made with the help of the Heavy Crew. They completed 165 feet of resurfacing using 6 yards of gravel and compacted 273 feet of the trail that has been installed.



#### Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

Aspiring Youth @ Ravenna Park - The Crew worked with the children of Aspiring Youth at Ravenna Park doing trail maintenance. They did some trail clearing and trail buffer clearing by removing weeds, broken/ fallen branches and creating debris piles to prep for next week's group that will be mulching.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

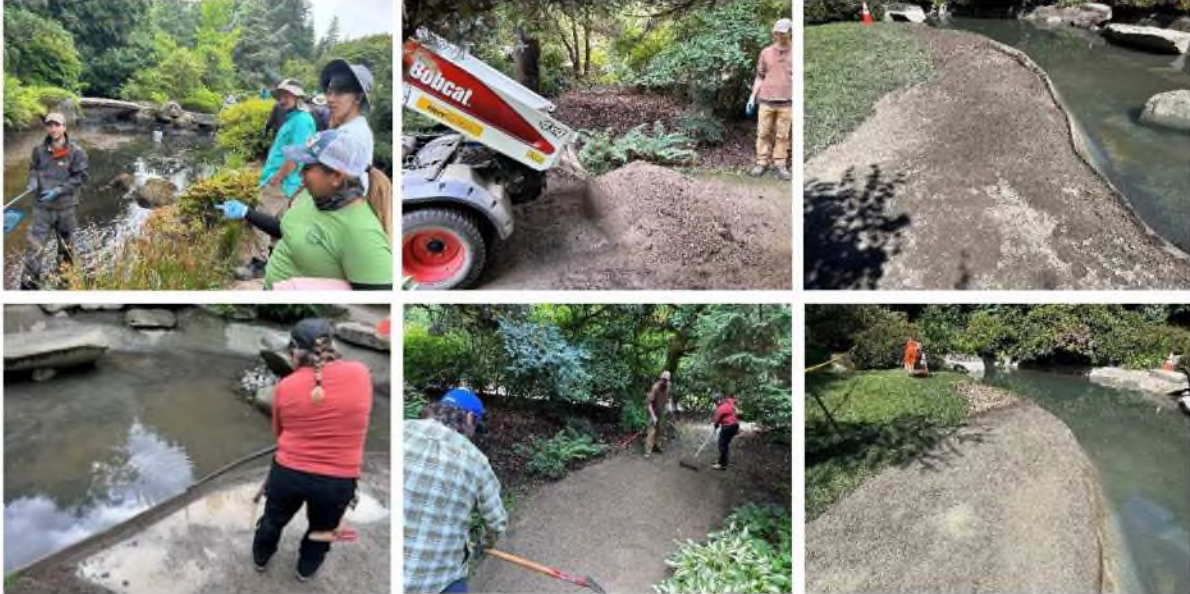
- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.
- Railing installation at Landover Woods.
- Collaboration with SPU at Cambridge St. bringing in soil, planting, and chipping on a drainage project they built.
- Working with Volunteer Park Trust on a major trail resurfacing project.
- Resurface the new trail we installed at Roxhill Ball Field.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.



## **Landscape Crew**

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Kubota Gardens: The Crew spent most of the week back at Kubota Gardens assisting with pond cleanup, pruning, and trail maintenance. The tractor truck was able to remove EIGHT TRUCKLOADS of sediment, roughly 100,000 gallons. 3 yd<sup>3</sup> of pruning and weeding debris was removed. The gravel landing beside the lower pond needed resurfacing, so some of the crew spent Friday repairing the gravel paths to be more ADA accessible.



- Hubbard Homestead: The Crew followed the removal of an encampment that has been hindering the completion of site prep. An additional 6 yd<sup>3</sup> of vegetative debris was removed.



- Continuing Education: The crew has continued to study native plants, as seen here at Kubota Garden on the way to the project site.



#### Incidents:

Hornets, wasps, and other stinging insects are out in full force. More than one member of our crew has been stung. Please be careful and be prepared to treat swelling and pain.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Bell Street irrigation improvements and planting.
- Reporting total square footage of CIP from January 2023 to present.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Nick Hocking attended an Equity Committee meeting.
- Steve Guardi led his final Safety Meeting as Committee Chair.
- Steve Guardi has completed his 6 week OOC Senior Gardener assignment. Next up is Nick Hocking.
- Brad Schneider's LAST DAY BEFORE RETIREMENT is September 12, that's less than a month away!

### **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

#### Highlights:

A Park Rangers' day ranges from customer service and positive engagements in Downtown Parks to medical emergencies and Police contacts for illegal and escalating activities.

Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>

- Myrtle Edwards Park: Park Rangers Daniels and Skinner checked in with annual festival presented valid permits. Also spoke to bikers to stay on the bike path. A park goer requested that more signage be added to better notify the public of speed limits and other safety precautions on the bike path. Pioneer Square Park: Supported the Downtown Concierge programing.

Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>:

- Freeway Park: On Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> four Park Rangers saved the life of a woman who was suspected of suffering from an overdose at Freeway Park. These individuals showed great teamwork, thinking on their feet and strength of character to go above and beyond and intervene in a very difficult situation. Amazing work. Please recognize Park Rangers Alysse Daniels, Tamara Skinner, Domico Curry, and Joseph Garcia-Wong for their heroic efforts on Monday.



- Hing Hay Park: Martin, Tiara, and I went by the CID community center and spoke to the people at the front desk. We went to Hing Hay park and met with concierge, Marlan, Andy Schoeffler, Monica, Phillip, Susan Lin and rangers Lopez, Skinner and Daniels met to listen to concerns regarding the local community and illegal activity in the park.
- Freeway Park: Movie Night pictures credits to Ramsey Fola-Niumata



- Cal Anderson Park: Example of drug paraphernalia found by park rangers and disposed of safely and bike patrols inspecting the park.



- Park Ambassador Program: Park Ambassadors had a busy week focused on data collection and education Alki Beach and Golden Gardens. Mostly low-key behavior reported but illegal parking and unpermitted vending are two areas this team reports and educates. Golden Gardens always

has unauthorized parking issues that Ambassadors frequently report using the the Find It Fix it program and parking enforcement.

- Pictures: Golden Gardens illegal parking and the marsh pond at the north end where folks can find some calm.



- Pictures: Alki Beach beautiful skys and Olympic mountains and signs posted on the posts about unauthorized vending.



## ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s) at 15th Ave W & W Wheeler St Vicinity.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 1560 W Wheeler St, 24th Ave NW & Shilshole, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th & Yesler, 6th & Cherry Vicinity, Alleyway from James - Cherry, Ballard Commons Park, Ballard Leary Triangle, Ballard Library, Bergen Palce Park, Cal Anderson, City Hall Park, Herring House Park, Hubbard Homestead Park, Nagle Place, NW 46th St & 11th Ave Vicinity, NW 85th St & 6th Ave Vicinity, Occidental Square, Pioneer Square Pergola, Pratt Park, Westlake Ave N & Dexter Ave N.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 10703 36th Ave NE, 10th & Dearborn, 10th & Lane 1137 NW 54th St, 12869 5th Ave NE, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 1st Ave N & Roy St, 227 NE 130th St, 2318 N 92nd St, 312 NW 40th St, 3200 Fairview Ave E, 3212 NE 125th St (Private Property), 3956 6th Ave NW, 4710 Ballard Ave NW, 4th Ave & Roy St, 520 NE 40th St, 5245 Shilshole Ave NW, 7003 Woodlawn Ave NE, 8324 Mary Ave NW, 840 NW Market St, 8500 35th Ave NE, 8842 Nesbit Ave N, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St, 8th Ave NW & NW 46th St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 940 NW 49th St, 951 NW Ballard Way, 999 NE 40th St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St, Fire House Alley, Fremont Way N & Aurora N, Hing Hay Park, International Childrens Park, Interurban Trail from N 128th St - 125th St, Navigation Center Vicinity, NE 40th St & 6th Ave NE, NE 45th St NB I-5 Off-Ramp, NE 45th St On Ramp, NE

47th & 7th Ave NE, NE 50th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 50th St Off Ramp, NE 50th St On Ramp, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 67th & 8th Ave NE, NW 50th & 14th Ave NW, NW 50th St from 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 85th St & Mary Ave NW, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW, NW Leary Way from 11th - 15th Ave NW, Occidental Park, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Poplar & Dean, Post Alley Ave, Ravenna Park, S Main St Vicinity, S Washington St, Seaview Ave NW & 37th PI NW Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, Woodland Park.

- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 139 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 83,740 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 472

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

851 NE 40<sup>th</sup> St (Peace Park)



NE 45<sup>th</sup> St On-Ramp



Woodland Park



**MDAR:** 15th Ave W & W Wheeler St Vicinity



**DATE:** August 25, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 8/14/2023 - 8/20/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Westbridge Facility – Crew project at Westbridge, cleaning up the sidewalk and side of building in the parking lot.



- Irrigation – With the recent heat wave, we were asked to increase irrigation levels across the district.



- Camp Long - With all the trails and pathways at Camp Long Dave Herring is busy keeping them open and clear from vegetation.



- IMW Maintenance – Rudy Carrasco continues to cover a lot of ground in the district and get things fixed, cleaned, and replaced.



- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - Steve and Claire have been trouble shooting irrigation issues all through out the district. Hamilton Viewpoint have been an ongoing saga of no electricity in the park which took a collaborative effort from Steve and City Light to get to the bottom of it. Steve has also worked on Nantes Park, Richie Viewpoint, and continued at SW Community Center. Pictures to come, still waiting for those.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Upcoming volunteer project at Alki Beach on the 26<sup>th</sup> this month
- Another crew project at Westbridge is happening in the next week

Incidents:

A stolen car drove through West Seattle and was left in the skate park at Roxhill Park

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the Southwest Crew - The whole crew came together and did a solid job at Westbridge this week on a crew project. Still work to be done there, but the finished product of what they did looks really nice and Albert Smith did a great job leading the project.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Seward – preparation for Seattle Marathon
- Genesee and Rainier CC - preparation for Big Day of Play

Upcoming Events:

- Seattle Marathon (LW Blvd and Seward) – 8/26/2023
- Seattle Peace Concert (Seward) – 8/27/2023

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Play area replenish engineered wood fiber
- District wide fall shrub bed renovation

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

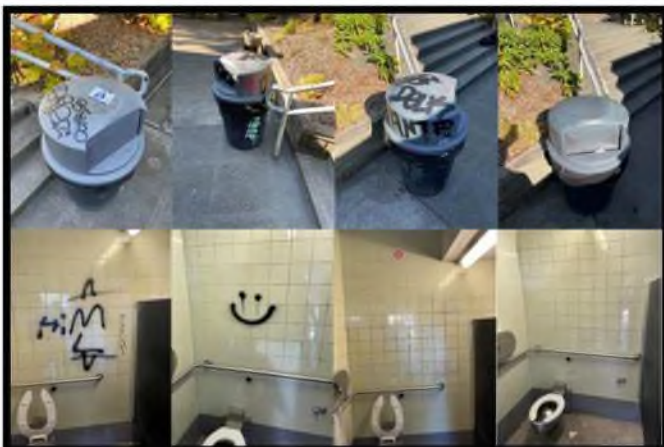
Kudos to Marcus Johnson for focusing weekend coverage to support short staff and events.

**South Central - District 2** - no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Graffiti removal at Madison Comfort Station.





- Lake Washington Blvd vegetation overgrowth project.



- Hedging overgrown shrubs at Miller Community Center.



- Pressure washing graffiti off benches and picnic tables at First Hill Park.



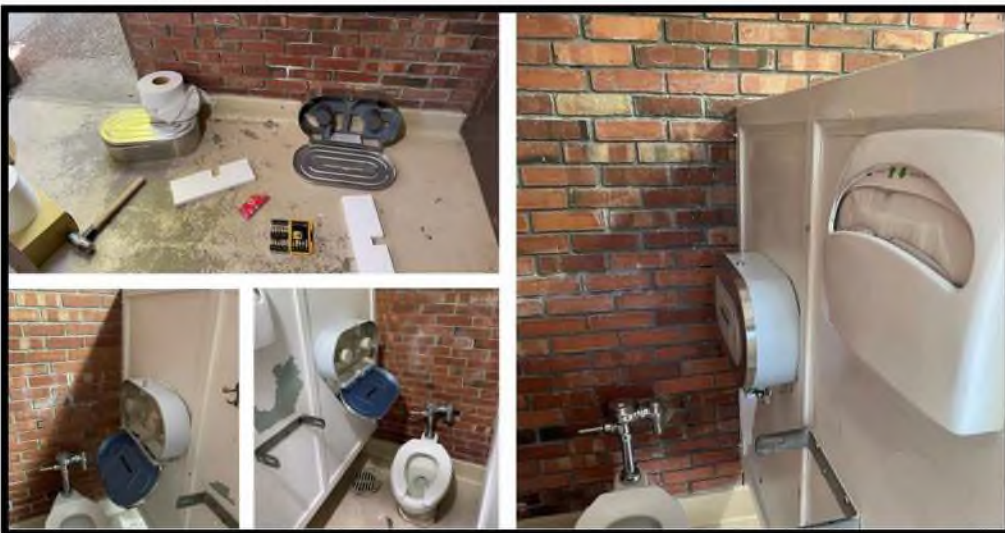
- Line trimming, hedging, and blowing at Rogers Playground.



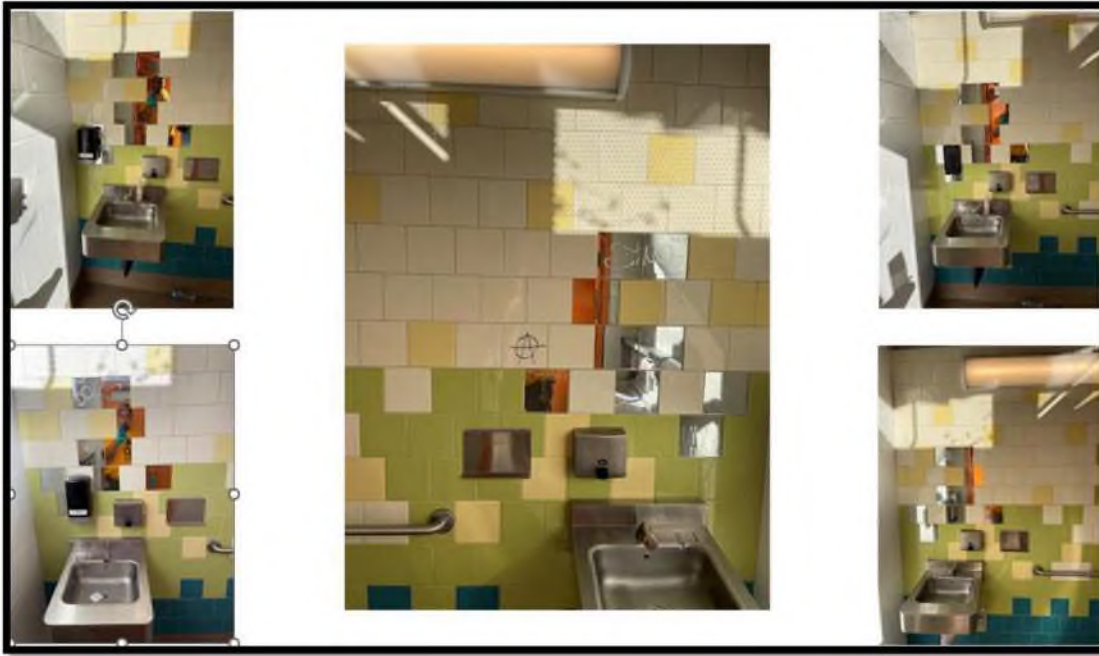
- Removed weeds in shrub beds by entrance and along the side of Main Street.



- Toilet paper dispensers replacement at Montlake Community Center Comfort Station.



- Soap dispenser replacement in two bathrooms and graffiti removal at Pratt Park.



Upcoming Events:

- Back to school backpack give away at Pratt Park August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Teen Summer Musical at Langston Hughes August 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Huge thanks to the Natural Area Crew and the GSP for helping with the planning and overseeing the Lake Washington Natural Area.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

District staff laying out Soccer fields through NE District.

Dahl



Laurelhurst



Viewridge



- Blakely Crescent tree well re-establishment project.



- Cutting back overgrown vegetation off fence line at Magnuson Park DOLA.



- Crew Project at Magnuson Park cutting back snowberry along 65<sup>th</sup> & Sportsfield Dr.



- Crew project at Magnuson Park mulching hillside on 65<sup>th</sup> and Sandpoint way.



- Graffiti removal at Gasworks Park



- Graffiti at Ravenna Comfort Station



- Jon Tiemeyer and James Hinson installed a retractable power and compressor reel at Ravenna HQ.



Incidents:

Two stolen cars found at Magnuson Park- Lower Kite Hill parking lot.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lining Soccer Fields through the district.
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**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Densmore: Our big crew project this week was cleaning up the yard. It comprised of cleaning up debris and litter that had built up for a long time. We also threw away a lot of ancient and unusable material. The crew also had a potluck cook out to celebrate all the hard work we've done this year.

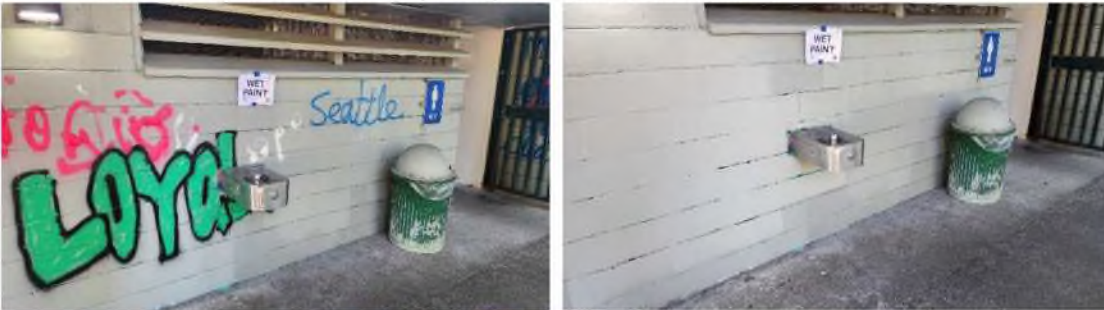


- Ballard CC: Dog holes were filled and some other turf repairs were made.





- Green Lake: The crew has been monitoring the signage for the toxic algae bloom in the lake. We continue to make sure that any damaged or vandalized fliers are replaced.
- IMW: Graffiti removal and repairing several broken benches.



- Loyal Heights: A small crew project was done at Loyal heights to replace a bunch of old sprinkler heads. People that were interested in learning about irrigation were invited to help.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Baker Park weeding

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Sara Salse! Sara just finished working OOC Maintenance Laborer for the past couple of months on the Ballard route. This can be an exceptionally difficult route and she absolutely exceeded expectations. We want to thank her for all of her efforts!



**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

**Maintenance:**

- Line trimming and pruning at Kobe Terrace Park.



- Line trimming crack weeds in parking lot at Magnolia Park.



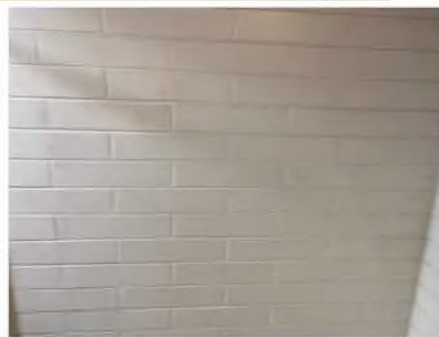


- Tree came down across pathway at Discovery Park and was quickly cleaned up by crew.



- Our IMW cleaning graffiti off garbage cans and comfort station walls.





- Pruning the hedges at Counterbalance Park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We have a crew project set up at Commodore Park this week.
- We have a volunteer project set up at Myrtle Edwards Park on 8/30/23.

**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

- Interbay stadium

Before



After



- West Crest playground

Before



After



- West Crest picnic area

Before



After



- West Crest playground

Before



After



- Blakeley Crescent Park

Before



After



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Interbay ballfield dugout
- Lawton ballfield park
- Mount Baker playground

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- Mercer & Fairview encampment clean providing: \_1 – skid steer, \_1 – excavator, \_3 – 10 yd dump truck

Needles: 57

### **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

#### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projecta/Maintenance:

- Natural Area Crew worked at Herring's House, Cheasty Greenspace, and Lakewood Marina to support weeding and watering needs. Calvin Wu, shown below is the NAC Youth at Work Intern.



- Michael Yadrick directed professional crew support along the boulevard at Leschi Park on Lake Washington Boulevard to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety.





- IPM and Wildlife Program -
  - Put on IPM/Wildlife Workshop for Youth at Work Interns
  - Met WDFW biologist Jim Schloemer at Carkeek to strategize on beaver activity with NW Sr staff
  - Summarized geese mgt strategies at LUP for Stephanie
  - Worked with WDFW and Landscape Crew on caring for turtles during pond cleaning at Denny Blaine

#### Volunteer Projects:

Eric Sterner met with the Forest Stewards at Ravenna Park this last week, including Ann Stevens, one of the first Forest Stewards trained with the program.



#### Upcoming Events:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- GSP is recruiting for fall youth job training and career exposure programming. This includes 2 Youth Ambassador roles with Cascadia Consulting that will lead youth engagement for Seattle Forest Week and 10 roles with Partner in Employment's Restoration Training Crew.

## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

- SDOT slope mowing
- Magnuson Park clean green
- Magnuson Park compast
- Volunteer Park clean green



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

Woodland PF and Cleveland PF grooming and sweeping of synthetic fields using the gator and the Sport Champ. The Sport Champ brushes, sweeps and vacuums debris off the field.

Woodland PF



Cleveland PF



- Assisted in fertilizer application for West Seattle Stadium to help to restore the turf for September 9.

Upcoming Projects/Work:



- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Beacon Hill arch cutting on baseball fields
- West Seattle Stadium irrigation adjustment and topsoil.
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance

Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- This is the time of the year to groom synthetic field and repair turf damage like tire ruts, illegal dog use in the playfields and just plain use of field for practice and game.
- At the mid of the Summer and children will be back in school in two weeks. For the Turf Team soccer and football will fill Parks play fields. We welcome shorter days and longer nights.

**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 15; Failure Cleanups: 13; Prunes: 5; Snag removal: 1; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 10
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 19
  - Level 2 inspections: 11
  - Intern inventory work: 209
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 272 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work Orders - Finished this week: 16; Open: 933; Average days open: 363
- Failure clean-ups - The tree crew worked on some tree failures at Interlaken, Discovery Park, Seward Park, Interbay Athletic Field and Green Lake.
- Tommy Ennest in the Squirt Boom took care of a broken limb of a birch tree at Seward Park.



- The tree crew worked on a removal at Discovery Park.



- The crew cleared a branch failure from a tree at Interbay Athletic Complex #2.



- A Silk tree at Green Lake suffered a crack at its main branch union. Tree Surgeons to the rescue! Joe Perdue, Mark Rawlins and Mark Malone mended this Silk tree back together using a brace, cables and ratchet straps.



- Tommy Ennest in the Hybrid at Green Lake.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- ISA Annual Conference - Jamie Lim, Mark Stokke and Miles Anderson attended this conference last week. This is one of the major arboriculture conferences that saw professionals from around the world. A very eventful 4 days of conference to learn more about developments in the industry, especially in using technology for urban forestry management and updates in research, best management practices, work techniques and networking. Thanks to our management Stephanie Shelton, Markeith Blackshire and Andy Sheffer for supporting the crew to pursue this professional development opportunity.
- Big Day of Play - Urban Forestry had a booth for this event at Rainier CC. The team brought out our Hybrid Bucket Truck and climbing gear display. Kudos to Tony Eggink for planning out activities for the UF booth, making tree cookies that were a hit with the public and having knot tying stations for folks to try out some rope work. Also, a shout out to Joe Perdue who was great with engaging the public and sharing out arboriculture work and to Michael Passalaqua for supporting the team in setting up. Tony Eggink made several tree cookies as freebies, together with hand sanitizers and rope tying stations. Thanks to Belinda Chin and Todd Burley for getting UF a booth at this event!



- Joe Perdue and Tony Eggink showed park patrons our tree climbing gear set up. Also got creative about using the poster stand as a “climber” with all their gear in place. Joe Perdue also did a great job explaining to kids about tree rings and tree growth patterns.





- The World Cup of the climbing world – This is the Masters’ Challenge at the International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) in Hyde Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Held in conjunction with the ISA Annual Conference, the ITCC brings together tree climbers internationally and the Masters’ Challenge is the final event where finalists must complete this climb with simulated tree work tasks in a designated time. Photo credit by Miles Anderson.



## Trails Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Solstice Park - The Crew worked at Solstice Park to clean up the box steps there and ended up working in the much-needed trail maintenance as well. We did 1010 feet of brushing, grubbing and general trail maintenance creating about 7 yards of debris.



- Roxhill Ball Field - The Crew went back to Roxhill Ball Field to finish up the remaining 206' resurfacing we had left. We went through 35 yards of gravel to get the 660 feet worth of new trail built and resurfaced.





Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

Aspiring Youth @ Ravenna Park - The Crew worked with the children of Aspiring Youth at Ravenna Park doing trail maintenance. They did some trail clearing and blackberry removal and mulching. They created 3 yards of debris and spread 4 yards of mulch.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.
- Railing installation at Landover Woods.
- Collaboration with SPU at Cambridge St. bringing in soil, planting, and chipping on a drainage project they built.
- Working with Volunteer Park Trust on a major trail resurfacing project.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement and continue the trail maintenance at Solstice Park.

## **Landscape Crew**

### Maintenance/Projects:

- This week the Landscape Crew were at four sites around the city and worked out a game plan.



- Hubbard Homestead - CIP Project 45 percent completed with two yards of gravel brought in.



- Making improvements for safety and walkability. Great work Trevor, Isabel, and Ron!





- Julia Lee Park - 60 percent completion. Brought in 2.5 yards of soil and 6 yards of mulch. Replaced 45 pop up sprinkler head nozzles and mapped the irrigation system and found the valves!



- Bell St Park - CIP project at 60 percent completion. Replaced 40 pop up sprinkler nozzles. Replaced 10 pop up sprinkler heads. Put down 2 yards of mulch. Plants coming soon.



- Viretta Park - 50 percent complete. The crew worked on invasive removal, limbing and selective pruning. Six yards of material hauled away.



Upcoming Events:

Brad Schneiders Retirement Party

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Arboretum Step Replacement

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

James Lohman from the Encampment Team, thank you for your quick work at Hubbard Homestead.

## SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT

### Highlights:

- Hing Hay Park: Rangers Byers, Fola, and Curry provided aid and assistance to a male victim of an assault that occurred near Hing Hay Park earlier. Medical aid and police were called to the scene. The male was transported from the scene to the hospital due to a head injury.



- Park Activation events downtown: Park Rangers Jordan Sorensen, Samica Thomas, Ramsey Fola-Niumata, and Lane Beyers have been supporting park activation events downtown throughout the summer evenings. They are on hand to provide assistance to the community and park visitors. They have been actively addressing medical emergencies, drug use, and various other types of disruptive behaviors.



- Hing Hay Park: Movie Night



- Freeway Park Movie Night: On Friday 8/18/2023 For the viewing of “Everything Everywhere All at Once” we had a record-breaking attendance of 339 patrons and 139 patrons in the beginning enjoying the overture of Marvel themed music via orchestra in the parks!! Pictures of Ranger Byers and Thomas who administered first aid to a patron who fell and severely gashed her arm and was later helped by first responders with her wound.



- Hing Hay Park: Blurred image of unwelcome behavior at the park Rangers interrupt and encourage positive uses.



- Park Ambassador Program: Park Ambassadors continue to support Alki and Golden Gardens providing education, customer service and data collection. This week Alki had the West Seattle Pride Fair and the Ambassadors supported Seattle Parks Big Day of Play. This included reuniting a lost child with its family.

Picture: Beach Volleyball at Golden Gardens



Pictures: Alki Beach Ambassadors supported the West Seattle Pride fair.



Pictures: Paddle Board lessons at Big day of play and dragon boat.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s) at 8842 Nesbit Ave N.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 12707 33rd Ave NE, 1560 W Wheeler St, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th & Yesler, 6th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Cal Anderson Park, Nagle Place, Nesbit Ave N & N 90th St, Pioneer Square Pergola, Rainier Playfield.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 10 & Lane/Dearborn, 10703 36th Ave NE, 11229 Evanston Ave N , 1137 NW 54th St, 11923 Stendhal DR N, 1209 NE 135th, St, 12504 N Park Ave N, 13161 - 13231 Stone Ave N, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th, 15th Ave W & W Emerson St, 1819 1st Ave N, 1st Ave N & Roy St, 2090 Westlake Ave N, 2318 N 92nd St, 2956 6th Ave NW, 312 NW 40th St, 3200 Fairview Ave E, 35th Ave NE & NE 86th St, 3rd Ave & Yesler Way, 401 NE 40th St, 4240 9th Ave W, 4710 Ballard Ave NW, 520 NE 45th St, 5245 Shilshole Ave NW, 590 6th Ave N, 6100 15th Ave NW, 690 Fairview Ave N, 7003 Woodlawn Ave NE, 7576 W Green Lake Dr N, 840 NW Market St, 849 NE Northlake Pl, 8500 35th Ave NE, 8622 1st Ave NW, 8725 Seaview Ave NW, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St Vicinity, 8th Ave NW & NW 46th St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 940 NW 49th St, 951 NW Ballard Way, 999 NE 40th St, Albert Davis Park, Alleyway from James - Cherry, Fire House Alley, Fremont Way N & Aurora N, Gilman Ave W btw W Ruffer St & W Bertona St, Hing Hay Park, Homewood Natural Area, International Childrens Park, Interurban Trail from N 128th - 125th St, Jackson Golf Course Trail, Lake City Community Center, Lake City Mini Park, Leary Ave NW from NW lone Pl - 17th Ave NW, NE 40th St & 6th Ave NE, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 47th & 7th Ave NE, NE 50th St Off Ramp, NE 50th St On Ramp, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 67th

St & 8th Ave NE, North Passage Point Park, Northacres Park, NW 43rd St & 8th Ave NW, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 47th St from 6th Ave NW to Leary Way NW, NW 50th St from 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 53rd St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 85th St & Mary Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way from 11th - 15th Ave NW, Occidental Park, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Poplar & Dean, Post Alley Ave, S Lane St to Dearborn from 10th-12, S Main St Vicinity, S Washington St, Seaview Ave NW & 37th PI NW Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, Victory Creek Park.

- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 126 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 33,340 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 107

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

951 NW Ballard Way



NE 50<sup>th</sup> St On-Ramp



Prefontaine Park



MDAR: 15th Ave W & W Wheeler St Vicinity



**DATE:** August 4, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 7/24/2023 - 7/30/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

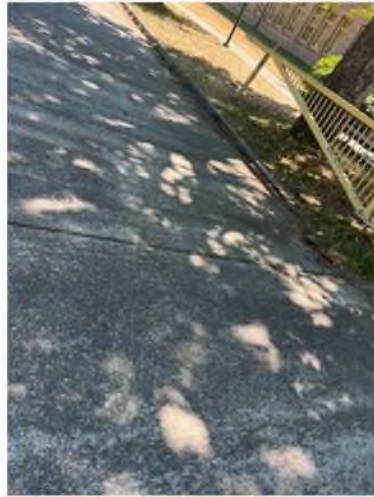
**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Westbridge Facility – We held a small crew project at Westbridge to address the shrub beds and the main entrance to the building.



- Hiawatha CC – We had an ask to blow out the parking lot between the high school and Hiawatha CC.



- IMW Work - Rudy Carrasco has hit the ground running after being promoted to IMW, I receive daily pictures and updates on the jobs he is working on.

Before





After



- Delridge CC – With the construction and renovation happening we were asked to remove the soccer goals from Delridge. We got them relocated to Highland Park.



- Gardeners Report (from Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - Claire Yazza did a great job filling in for Steve while he was injured by continuing their irrigation work throughout the district, planting and cutting back vegetation. This past week Claire cut back a lot of growth at SouthPark CC and they have been working on Southwest CC in the shrub beds to clean them and get them mulched. Claire also addressed a large hornets' nest in Lincoln Park in the north parking lot.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Crew Project at Southpark CC coming soon
- Working with Heavy Equipment Crew for blackberry removal at Delridge CC

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Southwest Crew: Would like to keep shouting out the swing shift. It's not an easy job to be responsible for Alki all summer long with beach fires, but they have kept me informed every step of the way and also been able to do other projects for the district.

**Southeast - District 2** – no report

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- This week SC continued prep for several major events happening in the next few weeks. We've carried out several team projects in Ludington Judkins Pk, Jimi Hendrix Pk, Coleman Bch, Stan Sayers BR and Lake WA Blvd S. Work included brush removal and vegetation management, weeding shrub beds and adding mulch, hard surface and playground cleaning and pressure washing and working to with the Seafair staff to solve problems and improve safety
- Continued turf rehab program. We have been renovating turf by several rounds of punching and seeding, topdressing using a sandy compost mix by Cedar Grove, overfeeding and constant irrigation fine tuning. Parks include Beacon Hill PF which is part of the MLB/mariners Legacy Projects, Judkins Pk, Rainier PF
- Continued tto Harley rake to restore infields at baseball hubs, dugouts and bleachers were power washed and cleaned.
- Began prep for Soccer Season. Pulling nets and ordering materials needed to begin mid august
- Aux watering of new trees and areas where irrigation isn't efficient
- Removing graffiti is ongoing
- Power washing of picnic Shelters and reserve Shelters is ongoing
- Adding and replacing trash and recycling receptacles
- Adding and replacing hot coal cans
- Maintaining the areas where Sack Lunch is provided
- Blowing and cleaning water features ie wading pools and spray Parks
- Emphasis on public restrooms. Deep cleans in major event parks and regional parks

Incidents:

- A fire occurred at Daejeon Pk. Several units are working the unhoused population and security
- We've seen an uptick in bumps and digs in trucks

Upcoming Events:

- Seafair Weekend – Lake WA Blvd/ Genesee Pk
- Umoja Fest – Judkins Pk
- Big Day of Play – Rainier PF/CC Prep

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Continue major event planning, cleaning and safety tasks
- Fine tuning irrigation at high viz areas

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

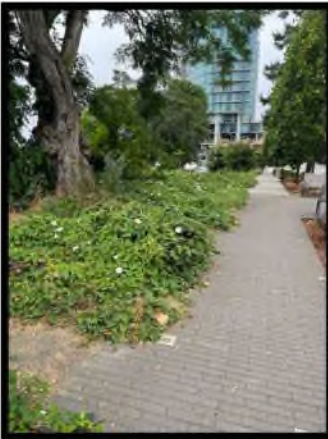
- Kudos to Sacha Wyatt and Robert McElroy working together and alongside staff within a new district structure, assigning and dispatching work, supplying crews with equipment and supplies and Implementing several programs during peak season 2023.

- Kudos to all staff for having flexibility and willingness to pivot and/or mitigate safety concerns.

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Yesler CC weeding and trimming



- Miller CC shrub removal



- Cal Anderson litter mitigation



- BBQ and bin cleaning from a very busy day at the beach. 10 pits cleaned throughout the district.



- Leschi Park CPTED pruning done by CE Gardeners



- Central East Clean Green removal



Volunteer Projects:

Harrison Ridge mulching took place 7/27. Central East provided mulch for a large GSP project.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Yesler Mowing, Blowing, Line trimming.
- Mowing, Blowing, line trimming @ Pratt and Miller CC.
- Miller can use blackberry mitigation on service road leading from the tennis courts all the way to the rails at the front of the CC. all the tall grass and the gravel left in the yard can be added to the box steps near the parks sign.
- More Work that can be done is Virretta Park needs suckers lopped to the left and right of the Parks Rainbow sign.
- Spruce Street Park needs a full makeover for the grand opening. Just began the work but mowing, blowing, edging, entrance cleanup, etc.

- Washington Park the trail next to the viewpoint SW corner leading down to the batting cages needs to be resurfaced do to the washout. All cracks need to be filled with 5/8s minus as soon as possible to eliminate tripping hazards and resurfaced with 1/4inch dust. Check in with Jason for more details.
- Madrona Woods vegetation can be cut 3ft back off trails and all down woody debris can be fan raked off the trail tread. *“Good job to do when it gets very hot out.”*
- Frink vegetation can be cut 3ft back off trails and all down woody debris can be fan raked off the trail tread *“good job to do when very hot out.”*

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Kudos to Percy for his leadership and excellent daily reports
- Shout out to NW crew for assisting with line trimming at Cal Anderson Park. John Mckinney, Jace Breakfield, and Meti. Much appreciated.
- Shout out to CE Gardeners for their invasive mitigation and shrub bed renovation at Spruce Mini in preparation for the ribbon cutting event. Also included are the CE route staff for all the maintenance work.



**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Magnuson Park crew project line trimming log rails.



- Jon Tiemeyer cut a Spiera Hedge at Ravenna Park.



- Meadowbrook pollination field with massive tripping hazard fixed by NE gardeners.



- Eric Edwards limping up irrigation and view blockers at Gas works.



- NE Gardeners rehabbing turf at Magnuson Ballfield 10.





- Landon Messer cleaning community fire pit at Laurelhurst Park.



- IMW Jon Tiemeyer removing graffiti and installing "No Camping" signs





- A volunteer project was held at Gasworks Park with Tableau.



Incidents:

- A large limb came down at Merridian Park. Kudos and thanks to Tony Eggink and the Tree Crew for the fast reponse.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Line trimming and hedge trimming at and Merridian park.
- Blackbery Removal from Gasworks Park cracking tower.
- Cutting sightlined to lake washington at Mathews Beach Natural area.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS to Jay Nelson, Matthew Hillard, and the NAC for helping us hunt down and treat purple loosestrife in the Magnuson wetlands.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Lower Woodland: The Pickle Ball tournament took place at lower woodlands courts. It was a massive turn out and the district responded accordingly. No parking signs were placed in areas that were getting congested, and we have parks crews out directing people. Preparation for the event in the form of blowing, adding garbage cans, and weeding consumed much of the crew's time.



- Ballard CC: Hornets nest was removed.
- Green Lake: weeding and mulching of shrub beds
- Bitter Lake CC: Hedging, line trimming, and tree pruning took place in front of Bitter Lake CC entrance. A hornet nest was removed as well.



- Greenwood and Sandel: Dead wooding of trees at greenwood park. The debris was taken to Sandel to be utilized in our no mow pollinator habitats. The debris will be effective at creating habitat, adding carbon, and mulching tree areas that are dry and barren.
- Golden Gardens: Invasive plant removal and treatment took place. Monitoring areas moving forward.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Pocket Park: 2 yards of sand were added to the sandbox in the park.
- A volunteer project took place at Green Lake on Friday 7/28. Approximately 40 people were mulching various tree and shrub beds.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Soundview shrub bed sheet mulching
- Loyal Heights edging and line trimming
- Green Lake line trimming project

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to John McKinney! John has been working OOC as NW Crew Chief for some time now. This past weekend with the Pickleball Tournament required a lot of attention. He was fast acting, responsive, and levelheaded in managing all the situations that arose. Well done, John. Keep up the great work!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Preparing for soccer season at our large playfields. Line painting and new goal nets.

West Queen Anne



- Crews completed major shrub bed work at Kobe Terrace.





- Continued restoration at South Lake Union, crew project.



- Lots of graffiti clean up and removal.
- Bench fixes, and bleacher repairs.



- Irrigation repairs.
- Mulching of drought endanger trees, Western Red Cedar at David Rogers Park.



Upcoming Events:

Magnolia Summerfest Aug 4-6

**Special Response Team**

Maintenance:

- Walt Hundley Playfield

Before



After



- Judkins Playfield

Before



After

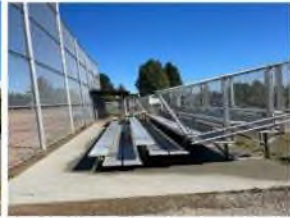


- S Bar Playfield

Before



After



- Alki Playfield

Before



After



- Fairmount Playground

Before



After



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Gasworks water view
- University workout pad
- Riverview
- Roxhill Park
- Jefferson soccer
- Genesee Park

**District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park, Herring House, Roxhill, Junction Plaza
- SC - MLK upper along 28<sup>th</sup> Ave, Georgetown PF, John C Little
- CE - Cal Anderson wading pool, Lavizzo, Gerber Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, and Cowen Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place

- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park  
Needles: 1

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- The Natural Area Crew is continuing to care for Pelly's Place, a small natural area in SW District. Before (left lower) and after (lower right) show vine management efforts.

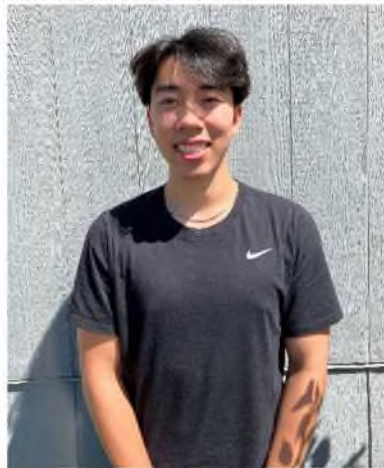


- Michael Yadrick is working with neighbors of Wolf Creek Natural Area to apply for funding King Conservation District Urban Forest Health Management funds. KCD ranked the Wolf Creek Park project highly and so he met with Ellen Arnstein (KCD Forest Stewardship Program Manager) and Erica Chung (QA Lorentz PI neighbor) for a site visit and scope of work discussion. The Parks property in the ravine is 2 acres, but there is also private property and ROW where KCD could provide support. The neighbors of Lorentz PI are seeking assistance in the development of a strategy with a timeline. They anticipate the assessment, strategy and design may take about a year and approximately \$20,000. They are proposing to raise funds from the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhood community grant for \$5,000 and approximately \$5,000 from the neighborhood. GSP restoration of the forested parks could be leveraged \$60,000. The City of Seattle (SDCI) may likely be able to waive permit fees for design and revegetation work proposed for the Environmentally Critical Areas.

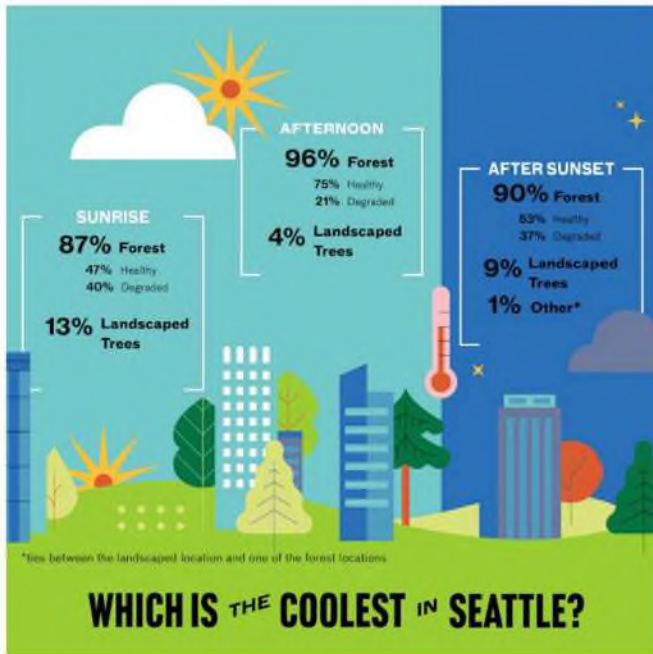




- GSP and NAC welcomed two Youth at Work Interns for the summer: Danita Egboh (left) and Calvin Wu (right). They will be learning about restoration ecology efforts and will join other NRU crews to learn more about their lines of our work.



- Michael Yadrick published a GSP blog post about forested natural areas as a nature-based solution to cool urban areas: [Caring and Cooling: Seattle's Forests in a Warming World](#). He also supported Todd Burley in adapting the content for a Parkways blog. Both reference research that GSP participated with In Summer 2022, along with 11 other cities led by New York City-based [Natural Areas Conservancy](#). The study examined the cooling potential of forests and green spaces. In Seattle, GSP staff deployed six sets of sensors in forested parklands, adjacent landscapes and neighborhoods. The results were telling – the forested natural areas were up to 9 degrees cooler than average citywide temperatures depending on city and forest type. We think the results reinforce how improving urban natural areas is a vital way to disrupting elevated urban heat in cities. Cooling Cities: Harnessing Natural Areas to Combat Urban Heat has been released and is available here: <https://bit.ly/CoolingCitiesReport>



#### Upcoming Events:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Seward Park Audubon Center will host two workshops on urban heat and urban forestry as part of their work with Green Seattle Partnership. More information here: <https://sewardpark.audubon.org/events/understanding-climate-and-tree-canopy-are-we-losing-trees-seward-park-audubon-center>
- Green Seattle Partnership will host a workshop on restoration strategies in beaver habitats on August 2, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Longfellow Creek facilitated by GSP partner Cascadia Consulting and led by Elyssa Kerr from Beavers Northwest.
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Bridget is working with WDFW and APHIS to field media inquiries and address concerns stemming from a Next Door post about a coyote grabbing a small leashed dog at the Arboretum. The Arboretum has signage already that describes how to respond to aggressive coyotes. More information on avoiding conflicts with coyotes can be found here: <https://wdfw.medium.com/tips-for-living-with-coyotes-e99a20f2ae89>
- From Eric Sterner: Just really wanted to elevate this KUDOS to the Trails Crew!!! Thanks Amir and Zelvia and your trails team. Really appreciate the support!! This recent trail work really truly means so much to these very dedicated stewards at Beaver Pond Natural Area:

*Amir,*

*Thank you and your colleagues for your prompt and helpful widening of the trail and pruning last week. Your crew's efforts will make a great difference to our frequent visitors.*

*In closing, let me say that it is very encouraging to us few volunteers who have worked at BPNA for the past 15-20 years to have the guidance and support of your colleagues in creating a beautiful and welcoming oasis in our neighborhood.*

*In gratitude,  
Joseph Zohn*

Amir,

Thank you so much for addressing trail issues at Beaver Pond Natural Area and getting that in among your busy schedule to take care of sooner than later. Having the areas pruned back, widened, resurfaced with gravel, and elevated out of the mud will make a huge difference!

I will check out your progress to date this coming week and let you know if there are any other spots that need attention. Joseph and Carole will likely be checking it out as well when they come to work in the site before the next work party, and can also provide feedback, especially Joseph since he has made it his goal to keep the trails open and safe for users.

Cheryl

### **Heavy Equipment Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Specialty soils 20 yd
- Washington rock 90 yd of 5/8
- Lake Washington logs
- Slope mowing Seward Park
- West Seattle slope mowing

### **Turf Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- New Sport Champ with attachments for the care of synthetic fields.



- Kevin a representative for the company SMG did a training for the Turf Crew and Westbridge Mechanic shop. The Sport Champ brushes, sweeps and vacuums debris off the field.
- Work continued repairing trip hazards on playfields.

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Rogers Park hydro seeding play field
- This fall will have 4 new remodel synthetic playfields: Miller, Washington, Georgetown, and Montlake. Jefferson, Delridge and Hiawatha are under construction.
- Magnuson field 05 is schedule this to be completed this year.
- Turf repairs on playfields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic fields maintenance

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

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- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 13
  - Level 2 inspections: 7
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 203 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work Orders - Finished this week: 5; Open: 837; Average days open: 418
- Tree failure at Kubota Garden 7/23 - Last Sunday, Tony Eggink attended to a Locust tree that was actively splitting in Kubota Garden. Tony went on site to inspect and taped off the tree. Tree crew followed up with the removal the next day. Thanks to Tony Eggink and Marcia High for working on this weekend.



- Troll Site Art Pruning Work - The tree crew did some deadwooding prune and hazard tree removal work in preparing for this art installation in Lincoln Park.



- Robert Dohrn climbed a tree to for pruning work in West Crest Park.



- The Tree Crew worked at Beaver Pond to prune a Cottonwood tree. Joe Perdue (OOC Tree Trimmer, Lead) and Miles Anderson took a selfie from up in the tree.



- Josh Gilbert worked on snagging down a Maple tree at West Crest Park.



- Tommy Ennest worked to get a tree removed at Lincoln Park.



### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance/Projects:

- Cheasty Green Space Natural Area - The Crew worked on trail maintenance including brushing, corridoring and stair tread clearing. They finished 260' of maintenance and cleared/ cleaned up 30 stairs. They produced about 8 yards of debris in the process.



- Cheasty Blvd - The Crew resurfaced 119' of trail and used 3 yards of gravel.



### Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

- Aspiring Youth @ Ravenna Park - The Crew worked with Aspiring Youth at Ravenna Park doing trail maintenance and learning about Native plants. They completed 374' of trail maintenance and created about 4 yards of debris.
- Prep for REI @ Magnuson - We gathered 200' of outslope logs and figured out where we will stage the gravel.
- We did a site visit to determine where we will have our workstations, who will be working each one and material storage locations.
- We're working with Anna and Angela from the NE District getting the workstation signage made and gathering the necessary tools.

### Incidents:

Sophan and Zelvian were hit by a Kenworth dump truck on the freeway which took our flatbed out of service. There were no injuries in the accident.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.

### **Landscape Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Kubota Garden – The Landscape Crew partnered with Kubota Staff and a Vactor Truck vendor to remove years of sediment at the bottom of a few ponds throughout their “necklace pond garden”. We estimate that nearly 65,000 yd<sup>3</sup> of sediment was scraped, shoveled, and vacuumed out of the ponds over three days. In addition to the pond clean-up, our crew pruned the vegetation around the beds and removed invasive weeds like hedge-bindweed (*Calystegia sepium*) and evergreen blackberry (*Rubus laciniatus*), and cleared the walking path of debris.





- Garfield Community Center – We finished off the week back at Garfield Community Center. We replaced sprinkler heads, adjusted irrigation components, and created a planting plan to be reviewed by the Landscape Architect. Some of the species we've selected are *Sarcococca hookerana humilis* "creeping sweet box", *Epimedium versicolor* "bishop's hat", and *liriope muscari* "border grass".



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Garfield Community Center – planting!
- Kubota Garden – more pond sediment removal and cleanup with vacuum truck contractor.
- Hubbard Homestead – continue renovation of the perimeter garden beds to turf. Collaboration with Heavy Crew to remove large woody material.
- Van Asselt Community Center – planting bed renovation – weed removal, mulch installation, planting.
- Cal Anderson – weeding maintenance at playground garden.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Continuing Education - The crew has continued to study nearly 100 ornamental horticulture plants found throughout our parks. On Friday, we had a Practical Exam where we were tested on the 30 ornamental plants that comprise our B list.





- NRU All Staff Meeting – We got together for our monthly All Staff meeting where each team presented their accomplishments since the last meeting. It is always impressive to see the service NRU provides.
- BIG SHOUTOUT to the crew! They do so much work, but their names aren't often found here in the weekly. Thanks to **Ron Simmons**, **Charlie Wakenshaw**, **Nick Hocking**, **Steve Guardi**, **Trevor Dobbs-White**, **Joan Kalhorn**, and **Isabel Jiminez**.
- Thanks to Steve Guardi for taking on OOC Senior Gardener for the past few weeks. Look forward to the torch being passed on in future weekly reports.
- Western Safety is coming to Jefferson Horticulture to give staff a hands-on fire extinguisher training. Thanks to Steve Guardi and the safety committee for organizing this.

## **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

### Highlights:

- Park Ambassador Program –
  - Ambassadors assisted at Lower Woodland Park when the region became overwhelmed with parking issues due to the large success of a large cricket tournament. Michelle Atkins leads this team and after observing and helping to positively support the illegal parking issues she will follow up with reports and data to help the even scheduling office for next time.
  - Alki was busy with the weather and the Boat celebrations.
  - Seward Park and Lake Washington boulevard are gearing up for next week's Seafair so Lake Washington beaches were busy too. This small team goes into the action and provides great reporting and customer service.

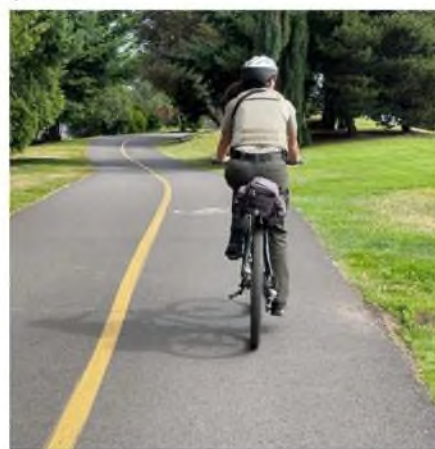




- Torch Light Parade Event Support - Emergency Manager Jon Jainga organized Heavy Truck Drivers, Truck Drivers, Park Rangers, and other maintenance staff to support with flagging and traffic control at specific intersections to support Emergency Management Operations. The event planning went well.
- Marlan Teeters completed training on writing citations.
- Park Ranger A. Daniels and Ranger L. Richardson worked at Westlake Park during the Torchlight Parade with mostly positive interactions and a distant view of the parade. The early start and sunshine but moderate temperatures made for a successful afternoon from Westlake Park.



- Patrolling by Bike - Because of parade traffic and street closures Ranger S. Thomas and Ranger J Sorensen took out the bikes for Ranger work. Public reaction to Rangers on bikes was positive and they were able to quickly traverse the waterfront and Myrtle Edwards area. More training is needed for Bike operations and with the great E-bikes on the market staff are looking forward to this option to patrol the downtown parks.



- At City Hall Park Ranger J Sorensen witnessed a male subject kick a dog in its side with such force it was knocked off its feet. Ranger Sorensen and Thomas attempted to contact the Male suspect, but he quickly left the park. Rangers wrote statements about the observed behavior

and contacted Animal Control Officers. Other witnesses reported this treatment of the animal fit into a regular pattern of potential abuse. Ranger S Thomas is leading an ongoing effort with Animal Control to impound the dog and do a medical examination and welfare check of the animal.

- Ranger Jordan Sorensen and Samica Thomas responded to Pioneer Square for reports of a man intentionally exposing his genitalia to Park Concierges and members of the public. After the suspect tried to re-enter the park Ranger Sorensen informed him, he was not welcome back for the remainder of the day. He immediately left the premises.



- Hing Hay Park: Park Ranger Byers patrolled during Movie night.



- Cal Anderson Park - Parks Rangers were on site for the Cal Anderson Movie night Friday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Great turn out for this event. Pictured is Ranger Sorensen making positive contact with Marlan Teeters Ranger Manager.





#### Upcoming Work/Projects:

- Aug 9<sup>th</sup> training for Park Rangers on advanced Radio Operations
- APEC Conference continues through August 21
- BDOP August 19

### **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

#### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removals at Northacres Park and Virgil Flaim Park.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 10th & Main, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th & Yesler, Albert Davis Park, Alleyway from James - Cherry, Ballard Library, Cal Anderson Park, Cherry St btwn 6th-7th, Gas Works Park, Harborview Hill, Nagle Place, Occidental Square Park, Olga Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Pratt Park, Volunteer Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 10526 9th Ave NE, 10th & Dearborn, 10th & Lane, 1154 Elliot Ave W, 116 Warren Ave N, 11th Ave NW from Leary-Ballard Way, 1471 NW 85th St & Mary Ave NW, 1501 NW 45th St, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 16th Ave NE & 125th Ave NE, 16th Ave NE & 125th Ave NE, 1819 1st Ave N, 1st Ave N from 2nd-Warren, 1st Ave N from Roy -Mercer St, 215 9th Ave N, 2229 N 107th St, 2829 NW 54th St, 3378 NE 105th St, 3956 6th Ave NW, 4240 9th Ave W, 4905 Leary Ave NW, 4th Ave N & Roy St, 5025 15th Ave NE, 514 E Denny Way, 5245 Shilshole Ave NW, 5615 24th Ave NW, 590 6th Ave N, 6100 15th Ave NW, 6533 37th Ave NW, 690 Fairview Ave N, 6th Ave NW from 46th-45th, 7th Ave NE & 47th St, 800 NE 40th St (Peace Park), 8324 NW Mary Ave NW, 840 NW Market St, 8622 1st Ave NW, 8725 Seaview Ave NE, 8842 Nesbit Ave NE, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St, 8th Ave NW & 64th St, 8th Ave NW & NW 43rd, 8th Ave NW, 9117 1st Ave NE, 920 Westlake Ave N, 920 Westlake Ave N, Alleyway from James - Cherry, Bellevue Ave & E Olive Way, Burke Gilman Trail, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St, Fire House Alley, Gilman Ave W from Ruffner - Bertona St, Hing Hay Park, International Childrens Park, Interurban Trail from N 128th to N 125th, NE 40th St & 6th Ave NE, NE 45th St NB I-5 Off-Ramp, NE 45th St NB I-5 On-Ramp, NE 47th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NW 41st & 6th-8th Ave NW, NW 43rd St & 8th Ave NW, Occidental Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Plymouth Pillars Park (WSDOT), Poplar & Dean, Post Alley Ave Vicinity, Prefontaine Park, S Main St Vicinity, S Washington St, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th, Victory Creek Park.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 122 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

#### Notes/Other Information:

Over 42,760 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 247

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

Myers Way



9117 1st Ave NE



8622 1st Ave NW



MDAR: Northacres Park



**DATE:** September 1, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 8/21/2023 - 8/27/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Southwest CC – Community centers being a focus to bring up expectations, staff working to maintain at a higher level.



- Seola Park – Line trimming and blowing to keep the pathway clean and doing this all over the district.

Before



After



- IMW Maintenance – Rudy Carrasco has been focusing on signs in our parks and parking lots throughout the district.





- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - Steve and Claire both were a big help with the troll installation, running loads of soil to the crew there and assisting in maintenance to get ready for the unveiling. Steve also did major work at Hamilton Viewpoint and the irrigation system there. He was able to get the irrigation back online. We aren't sure how long it has been off, but Steve thinks it's been at least a couple years. Hard to see, but the irrigation is running.



Incidents:

Pictures from stolen car last week at Roxhill:



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Westbridge crew project



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Here are pictures from the troll that was put up at Lincoln Park, and bird houses that Rudy and facilities IMW installed for the troll:



**Southeast - District 2** – no report

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Landscape Project at Jefferson CC: The team gave Jefferson a face lift. Shrub beds weeded and mulched, trees limbed up and hard surfaces rinsed.





- Landscape Project at Van Asselt CC: Intentional maintenance at Van Asselt. The team was able to navigate the steep slopes while line trimming at the corner of Beacon Ave and S Myrtle St. and zipped down crack weeds improved to look and feel of the area.



- Landscape Project at Deajon Pk: The District had deferred maintenance while a CIP Project adding lighting to the Mountain to Sound Trail, had the area fenced off. By Special request and

concern for the legacy shrubs and emphasis around the Sister City Pavillion. The team weeded and added mulch, pruned trees/ shrubs and cleaned hard surfaces.



- Infield Renovation Project at Beacon Hill PG: As part of the Mariners/MLB Legacy Projects, the SC and Turf teams made improvements to the Infield skins at Beacon Hill. Arc and field dimensions were improved and wing fences weeded.





- Jose Rizal VP DOLA Kiosk:



#### Upcoming Events:

ROOTS PICNIC at Jimi Hendrix Park

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- SC is modifying our work scope and staff and building out plans in prep for the Fall season
- Will continue BF renovations at Van Asselt PF, Beacon Hill PF and Judkins Upper and Lower fields. Work includes turf improvement, infield improvements and reconfiguring of bleachers, goals, goal posts.
- Continuing restroom cleans and planning deep cleans in prep for painting.
- District staff and management have established plans for Amazon's cleanup projects. Parks chosen were Amy Yee TC and MLK Pk. Team will now begin moving materials in place and securing tools and staff to support the effort.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Van and crew received KUDOS for Soccer field maintenance
- KUDOS to Negash Wereta, Juan Espinosa, Nardo Garcia and Roberts Banks, seasonals who are leaving next week. Thank you for your service until next year!

### **Central East – District 3**

#### Maintenance:

- Ballfield training at Montlake Trainer Garry Tisdale; trainee Frank Robinson.
  - Measured out five soccer fields.
  - Placed line string on turf and Painted Lines.



- Removed picnic tables from Denny Blaine Park.



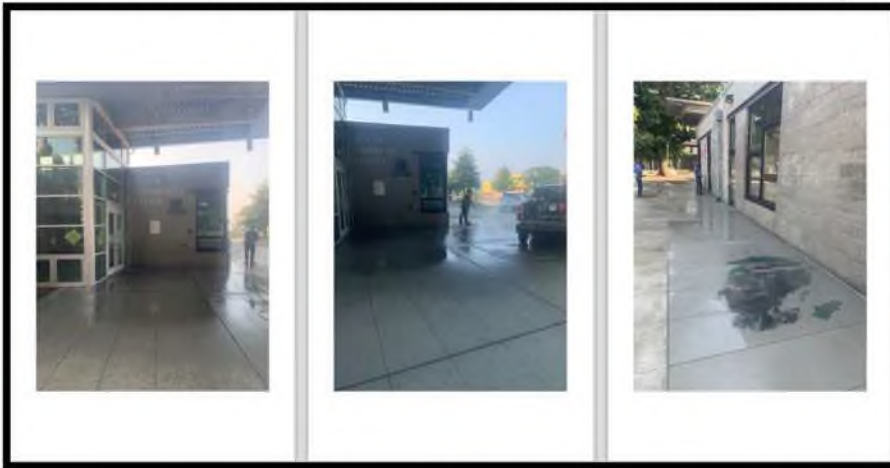
- Graffiti Removal at Williams Place



- Graffiti Removal and Pressure washing at Summit Slope Park.



- Pressure washing hard surfaces and entry way at Yesler Community Center.



- Teen Summer Musical “Dream Play” at Langston Hughes Performance Arts Center.



- City of Seattle and Mayor Bruce Hurrell Backpack and Bike Giveaway Event and the Eritrean Community Event at Pratt Park.



Upcoming Events:

Velocity Dance Center Presents: Meg Foley at Volunteer Park Amphitheater Tree Grove 8/31, 9/1, 9/3, & 9/4.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the Heavy Crew for fixing bunkers at Central East Yard. Great work!!



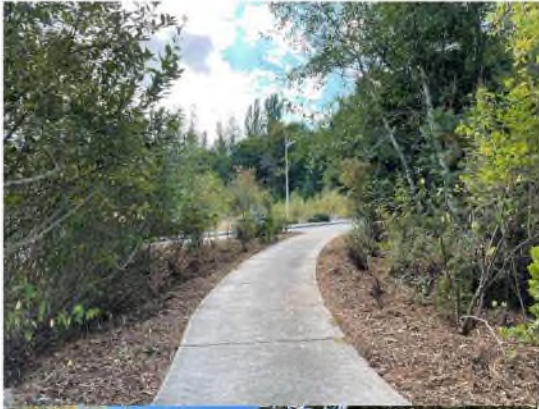
**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Anna Rylko, Eric Edwards and Jim Cooper cut back overgrown vegetation and placed logs for seating at Magnuson Park Forest Remnant area.







- This week we focused on replenishing Fibar in our play areas.



- John Breakfield and Bernard McMorris finishing Mathews Beach Natural area with 30 yards of 5/8 minus on pathways.



- IMW John Tiemeyer removing graffiti throught NE district.

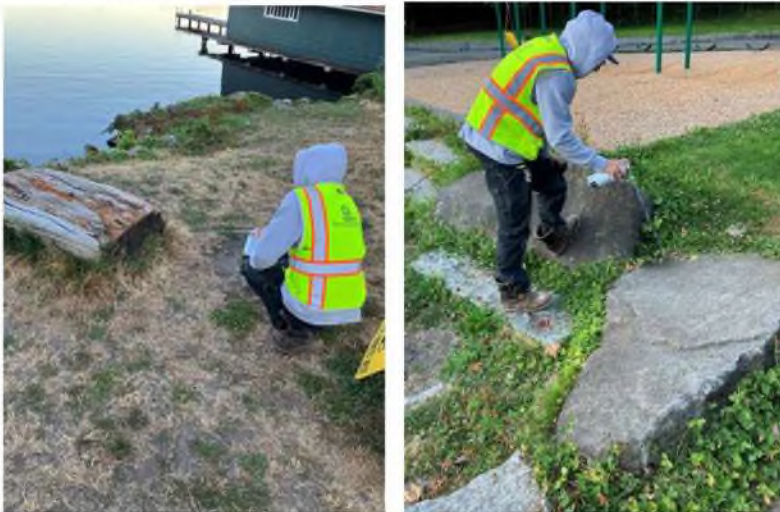




- Jon Tiemeyer and James Hinson installed solar security lights at Magnuson 308 building.



- Staff exterminated wasps nest at Belvoir and Dahl.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Remove Blackberrys at BGT Park
- Irrigation repair throught the district.
- Weed and tighten up the butter fly garden at Maple Leaf Park

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to the Heavy Crew and John Breakfield for loading and moving logs to Magnuson Park Forest Remnant area.



### **Northwest – District 6**

#### Maintenance:

- Bitter Lake CC: a crew project was held to get the location ready for a pickleball tournament. The crew edged, line trimmed, and blew the whole area. Gardeners also working on some shrub beds cutting back vegetation and weeding.
- Ballard CC: leaf clean up, line trimming, and an emphasis on filling holes in the turf.
- Comfort Stations: Deep cleaning one or two a week. This included pressure washing inside and getting cobwebs.
- Crown Hill: Full edging and line trimming
- Gardeners: working on irrigation breaks, gravelling paths, and planting some perennials

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Baker Park weeding
- Clearing out Golden Gardens ditch and line trimming the roadside
- September 8<sup>th</sup>: at Carkeek University of Washington Prep with litter pick and mulching

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Sara Salse! Sara just finished working OOC Maintenance for the past couple of months on the Ballard route. This can be an exceptionally difficult route and she absolutely exceeded expectations. We want to thank her for all her efforts!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Big group project at Commodore Park getting things cleaned up after Heron Season, and we can use machines there again! Lots of Brush cutting, Line trimming, Hedge cutting, and Tree pruning!

Before



After





- Continued clean up and maintenance of South Lake Union, goose poop!!



- Many successful irrigation repairs all around the districts as gardeners and plumbers continue to keep up with all the unexpected water issues.
- Volunteers did a litter pick at McLean Greenbelt.

**Special Response Team** – no report

### **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park, Roxhill, Westcrest
- SE – Rainier PF, Seward Park
- SC - MLK upper along 28<sup>th</sup> Ave, Georgetown PF, John C Little

- CE – Cal Anderson, Gerber Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, and Lake City Mini Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park

Needles: 0

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projecta/Maintenance:

- Natural Area Crew worked on “cones of light” around young conifer trees in Puget Park this last week. Pruning vegetation that’s over-topping young conifer is an important part of tree establishment efforts, improving early growth and long-term success. Camouflaged seedling before and after below.



- NAC is prepping the nursery at the Green House above Westbridge for plant deliveries starting in late September.







- Michael Yadrick coordinated team review of the GSP Work Specifications for our annual update. This is an important opportunity for the team to consider improving practices and setting standards for restoration success.



- Lisa attended the final day of the Na'ah Illahee and Future's Rising youth cohort at Daybreak Star. The youth supported restoration efforts in the forest and learned about harvest. The final day's activities included learning about cedar bracelet weaving with Muckelshoot tribal member.

#### Volunteer Projects:

Eric Sterner met with the Forest Stewards at Duwamish Head Greenbelt this last week. Doug Adams and Carl Spears are shown below.



#### Upcoming Events:

- GSP partner Futures Rising will be hosting several events this fall at Kubota Gardens Natural Area, Maple Wood Playfield, and Frink Park to support BIPOC community participation. Draft flyer is included below (waiting on place name edits for additional promotion).

*Futures Rising and yahaw Indigenous Creatives Collective is inviting you to come and create art through the form of printmaking. We will be printing with plants and other materials. This space will*

center Black, Indigenous, and People of Color to come together to talk about possibilities, be held by the land and each other. In our deep need for community and the restoration of relation with the land we invite you to share space with us!



- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- GSP is recruiting for fall youth job training and career exposure programming. This includes 2 Youth Ambassador roles with Cascadia Consulting that will lead youth engagement for Seattle Forest Week and 10 roles with Partner in Employment’s Restoration Training Crew.

**Branch Out by Supporting Seattle’s Urban Forests:**

**Become a Green Seattle Partnership Youth Ambassador!**

Green Seattle Partnership (GSP) is seeking two youth aged 15-18 to serve as Youth Ambassadors (YAs). The Youth Ambassador role is a unique opportunity to gain employment skills, take action around local environmental and social justice issues, and make an impact in their communities.

**Why Should I Become a GSP YA?**

This is a unique opportunity to take action around local environmental and social justice issues and gain valuable employment skills. All applicants are encouraged to make an impact in their region, all while gaining employment skills.

This is a position that includes the following benefits:

- 100-hour training program
- Additional perks such as GSP t-shirt

**Interested applicants should complete by August 25th, 2023**

**About the Role**

YAs will take leadership roles in Seattle Forest Week events and programs. Leadership opportunities may include:

- Hosting a park volunteer event for your community as part of Seattle Forest Week
- Creating a GSP media project (video, social media campaign, etc.) to be presented at Seattle Forest Week
- Creating and giving youth intern on GSP social media
- Representing youth perspectives on topics like green jobs, park access, and climate justice.

**Questions?**  
Contact Christy Chew at [christy@casadiorconsulting.com](mailto:christy@casadiorconsulting.com)

Learn about environmental issues and careers, help your community through ecological restoration, and get paid!

**WESTCREST PARK, KUBOTA GARDEN, NORTH SEATTLE PARK, AND MORE!**

**RESTORATION TRAINING CREW**

*for Immigrants and Refugees*

**Sept 11 – Nov 17, 2023**  
3pm-6pm, 16 – 20 hours/week  
Monday-Friday, occasional weekends  
Stipend: \$76.24/day

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Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

IPM and Wildlife Program - We are excited to announce that Bridget Kelsh has accepted the permanent Senior IPM and Wildlife Analyst role and will start her new position on Wednesday, 8/30/23. Staff on the Move update coming soon.

**Heavy Equipment Crew** – no report

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Washington Park PF grooming and sweeping of synthetic fields. The Ventrac and the Sport Champ working together to complete this task. The Sport Champ brushes, sweeps and vacuums debris off the field. Washington Park PF synthetic playfeild is very new but is still waiting for repairs to the field due to the city water pipe bursting and damaging the under gravel this year.



- Beacon Hill PF arch cutting with SC district assisting on the tractor and the Turf Crew cutting and sod removal. The Ventrac making smooth slices of sod with the sod cutter.





- The natural play field have lot of damage due to dog owner using the play fields as a dog park .  
The districts and turf crew are always repairing fields
- Repairing trip hazards
- Assisted in fertilizer application for Lake Ridge

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Synthetic PF maintenance
- West Seattle Stadium irrigation adjustment and topsoil.
- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 21; Failure Cleanups: 6; Prunes: 13; Snag creation: 1; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Number of Parks serviced: 10
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 49
  - Level 2 inspections: 21
  - Level 3 inspections: 2
  - Intern inventory work: 34 sites
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 148 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work Orders - Finished this week: 7; Open: 994; Average days open: 397
- The team of Mark Malone, Mark Rawlins, Tony Eggink and Jamie Lim attended to a tree emergency at Madison Park where a large branch broke out and was hanging over a sidewalk and road. Tony Eggink was in the bucket cutting and rigging the branch out, while Mark Rawlins and Mark Malone set up the rigging lines.



- Josh Gilbert pieced out this tree for removal, finishing up his third pine removal at Ravenna Park.



- The Tree Crew continued with the cable installation to fix a cracked branch union of the Silk tree at Green Lake.



- Tommy Ennest got in the bucket to remove this declining Ash tree. Interns Josh Urry and Gabe Veltri helped Josh Gilbert and Mark Rawlins with group support for brush chipping.



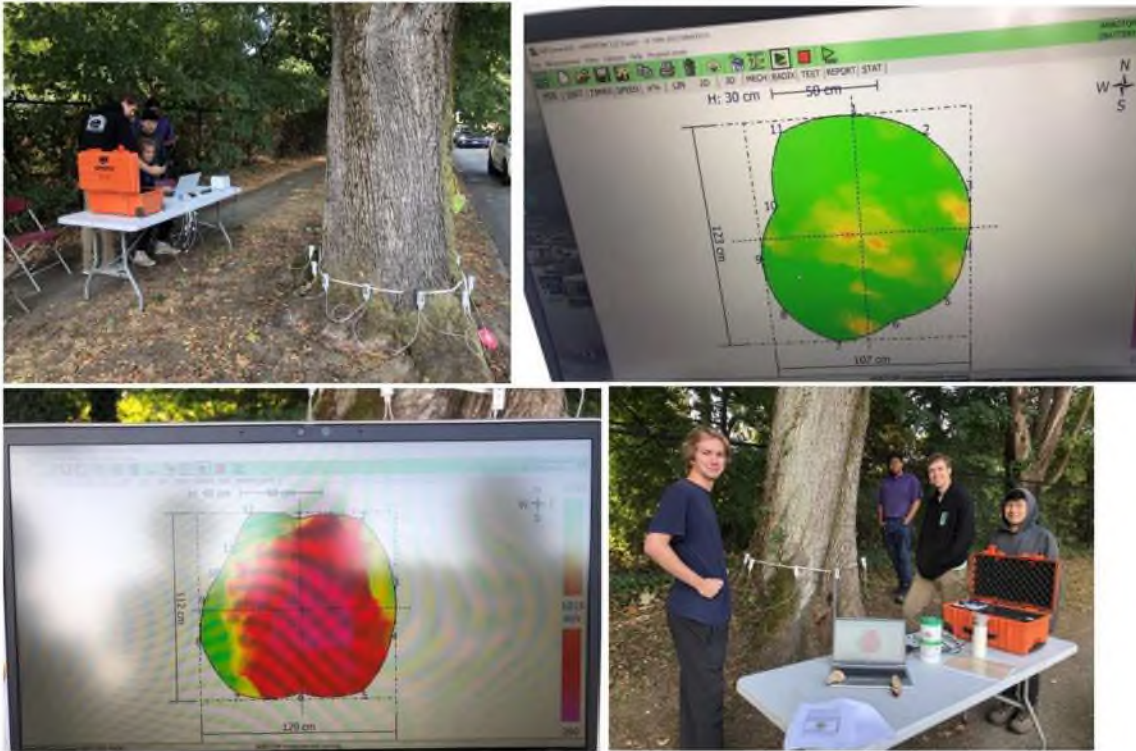


Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- Sooty-bark tree removal at Mt Baker Blvd - Kudos to Tony Eggink for planning and leading this removal and thanks to Mark Rawlins for supporting this work. The crew had to be in full PPE with respirators and Tyvek suits due to the respiratory hazard from the spores of this fungal disease.



- Sonic tomography training with Interns - Kudos to Mark Malone for training the interns (Josh Urry, Dan Lorzano, Gabe Veltri and Preston Lam) on sonic tomography. The team conducted a tomography assessment on two trees at Spokane Street and the interns were intrigued with this technology for assessing the internal condition of trees.



## **Trails Crew**

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Solstice Park - The Crew worked at Solstice Park finishing up the trail maintenance on the remaining 300'. We completed a total of 1,296 linear feet and created 10 yards of debris.







- Seward Park Squebeqsed Trail - The Crew worked at Seward Park on the Squebeqsed Trail completing the maintenance on the entire 1.2-mile trail. We completed 3,442 linear feet of corridoring/pruning and 150 feet of grubbing out the trail to get it back to standard.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Step replacement at Stan Sayers beach.
- Railing installation at Landover Woods.
- Collaboration with SPU at Cambridge St. bringing in soil, planting, and chipping on a drainage project they built.
- Working with Volunteer Park Trust on a major trail resurfacing project.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement and continue the trail maintenance at Solstice Park.

## Landscape Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- This past week the Landscape Crew was at the Arboretum to replace failing wooden staircase. Replaced 27 boards with 4x6 pressure treated lumber custom cut to fit the space. Drove in by hand 54 pieces of rebar. Laid down 2 yards of gravel for stability and walkability on the staircase.

Arboretum Steps Before



Arboretum Steps After



- On Friday the Landscape Crew planted this beautiful Lagerstroemia better known as Crepe Myrtle at NRU in honor of Brad Schneiders retirement.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Planting at Bell St Park and Julia Lee

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you to Lance from Heavy Crew with planting of the tree.
- A sad farewell to Charlie Wakenshaw as he is leaving Parks to start his Masters Program in Landscape Architecture.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

Emergency Management & Parks Security - This past week Park Rangers Byers and Ranger Rola-Niumata participated in the search for a lost child at South Lake Union. The child was found but it was all hands on deck during the search. Here is the email from Lieutenant Shaun Hilton thanking everyone involved in the search:

*"Thank you to the officers, PEO's, Parks Department and CSO's who responded to today's missing child in South Lake Union. As always, you volunteered and responded incredibly quickly when called to help and were prepared to work tirelessly to find the child.*

*Specifically, I'd like to thank A/Sgt Tre Smith and Officer Brook David for their quick, clear direction and consistent communication. Their knowledge of the area kept 31 responding units informed and working from the same plan. Multiple simultaneous searches were conducted ranging from phone calls to parents, to social media searches to physically checking buildings and the nearby waterfront.*

*This call ended the best way possible with the child located safe at home within 35 minutes. You all knocked this call out of the park.*

*It is truly circumstances like today that make me proud to be a police officer and reminds me why many of us decided to wear the badge.*

*My humblest of thanks and appreciation for the hard work you put in today and every day.*

*Respectfully,*

*Shaun Hilton/Lieutenant/West Precinct – 1<sup>st</sup> Watch Commander/City of Seattle, Police Department*

Other Park Ranger interactions and engagements.

1. Park Ranger Alexander talks with visitors from Michigan about Centennial tree in Denny Park
2. Park Ranger Lopez engages with citizens in downtown traffic.



3. Park Ranger Wilcox and Alexander call Medics for gentleman high on Hallucinogenic Mushrooms Denny Park.
4. Park Ranger Daniels and Lopez engage with someone sleeping at Vine Street Pea Patch



5. Westlake Park: Park Ranger Wilcox reports to Police an individual with gun visible in the park.



Hing Hay Park: Morning fitness classes



Pioneer Square Park: Park Rangers called to address negative graffiti on the Fire Department Memorial statue. Staff called in to remove graffiti.



Park Ambassador Program: Park Ambassadors continue to support Alki and Golden Gardens providing education, customer service and data collection. Both sites were very busy the past weekend with great weather and summer still on folks minds.

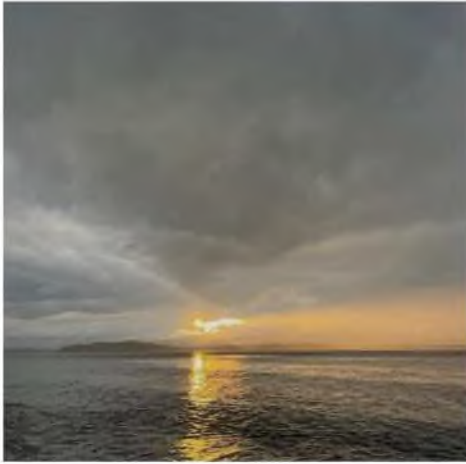
Picture: Golden Gardens Parking issues



Pictures: Alki Beach Ambassadors supported the late August crowds, Fire department training.



Pictures: Alki sunset and long view of Alki Beach



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 125 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

Over 68,540 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 151

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

15<sup>th</sup> Ave W & W Emerson St



NW Leary Way from 9th - 15th Ave NW



NE 50<sup>th</sup> St On-Ramp



**MDAR:** Fairview Ave N & Mercer St Vicinity





**DATE:** September 15, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 9/4/2023 - 9/10/2023

#### CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS

#### **PARK RESOURCES**

#### **Southwest - District 1**

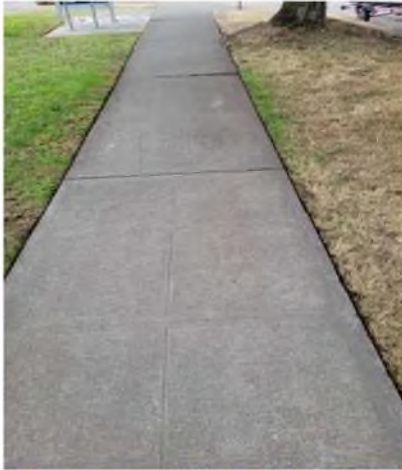
#### Maintenance:

- Southpark Community Center – Staff have continued to put an emphasis on community centers in our district. This is the alley way at Southpark Community Center that runs along the building and parking lot, it's the access road for our packer to the dumpsters.





- Duwamish Waterway Park – At this park we have had staff continue to edge, line trim, blow and mow. It can be a difficult park to work in as there is a high volume of unhoused living in their cars at this park.



- Delridge C.C. (Amazon Day of Service) - This past Saturday we hosted Amazon for their Amazon Day of Service volunteer project. It was at Delridge Community Center this year. Volunteers were busy spreading mulch, picking up litter and pulling weeds. The pictures are the finished product.





- Gardeners Report (from Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - Steve and Claire continued work at Richie Viewpoint. Tim, Steve, and Claire set up the areas for the mulching at the Amazon Day of Service. Steve also removed a fallen tree at Dakota Place this past week. As always, irrigation was a focus. Steve has dedicated so much time to problem solving irrigation issues and getting systems back online.

### Incidents:

Last Friday a large branch fell on two cars at the Lincoln Park upper parking lot.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Crew project at High Point Community Center.

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

I want to give a big shout out and thank you to the SW District swing shift. The beach fire program is over now and all summer long they did a great job handling all the things that come with having beach fires. Sione Manu was fantastic about reporting to me and so was Josh Scott. The entire crew was amazing, they got a lot of work done over the summer beyond beach fires and they deserve recognition for that.

## **Southeast - District 2**

### Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation
- Lake Washington Blvd. SE District Crew supported Heavy Equipment in the hand work and cleanup of the slope mowing project in preparation for Seafair.
- Gates added to Atlantic City Boat Ramp. IMW supported sign installation.
- Seward Park - Signs installed along the shore Andrew's Bay
- Seward park-Tree took down at south Seward lot
- Irrigation head updates at Benefit Park, RBCC/P, Rainier CC

### Volunteer Projects:

Amazon Day Project- On September 9, 2023, the Seattle Parks Department, in conjunction with Seattle Parks Foundation, hosted volunteers from Amazon at two parks in its South East District: Genesee Park and Othello Park. The volunteers were tasked with mulching tree wells with wood chips. From 9 am to 11 am, they succeeded in laying down approximately 40 cubic yards of mulch, making use of the district's pitchforks, shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows. The following hour was spent cleaning up the sites, returning tools, and enjoying a catered lunch. At Genesee Park, the volunteers were assisted by Gardener Jim Demetre and Maintenance Laborer Vercell Jones. The Othello Park project was coordinated by OOC Senior Lead Marcus Johnson and NAC Gardener Matthew Hilliard. Mulch was delivered on Friday by Truck Drivers Skeeter Anderson and Art Ortega at seven locations, four at Othello and three at Genesee. The Genesee Park event included opening remarks from at-large Seattle City Council member Sara Nelson, Seattle Parks Superintendent AP Diaz, and Amazon Vice President and

Associate Legal Counsel Andrew DeVore. Jim Demetre gave a brief history of the park and the ecological significance of the volunteers' activity.



Incidents:

- Multiple crew members stung by bees this week at multiple sites.
- Safety Office issue with contaminated vehicle

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Amazon Day Volunteer Project at Genesee and Othello 9/9
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Kudos to Jim Demetre and crew for the post construction maintenance project at Rainier CC.
- Special thanks to the participants from Amazon and Seattle Parks and Recreation crew for a wonderful time spent working together to help make our parks safe and enjoyable.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Staff back filled a huge hole at Denny Blaine Park.



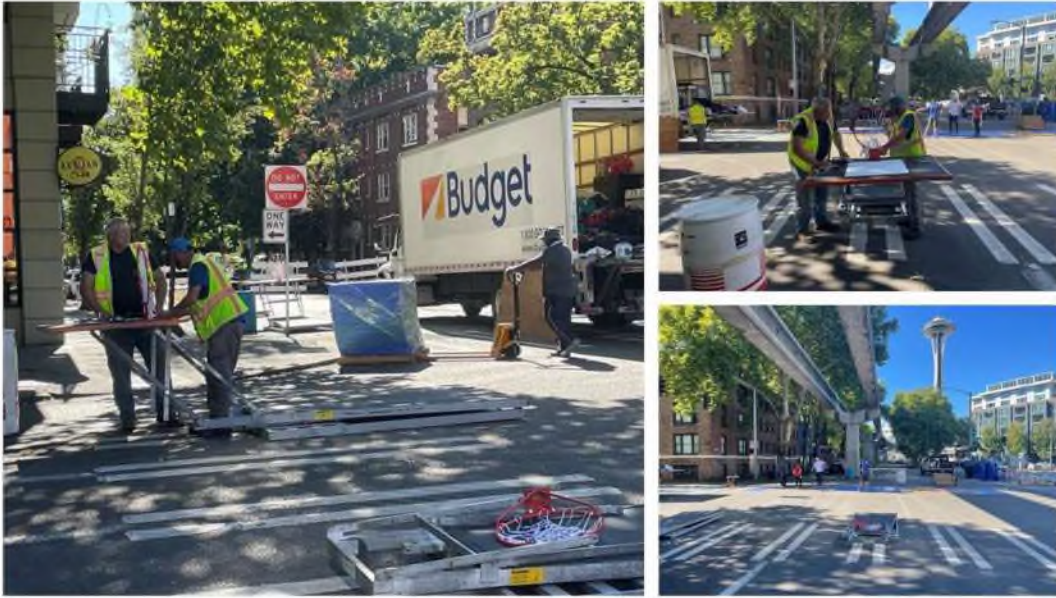
- Denny Blaine Pond restoration - huge shout out to CIP Landscape Crew for running the project.



- Hedge trimming and leaf removal on the backside of Madrona Playground.



- Event setup in preparation for the 3-3 tournament Downtown at 5<sup>th</sup> and Denny. Assisted by Garry Tisdale and Alex Tautolo along with other Parks IMWs and Maintenance Laborers throughout the city.



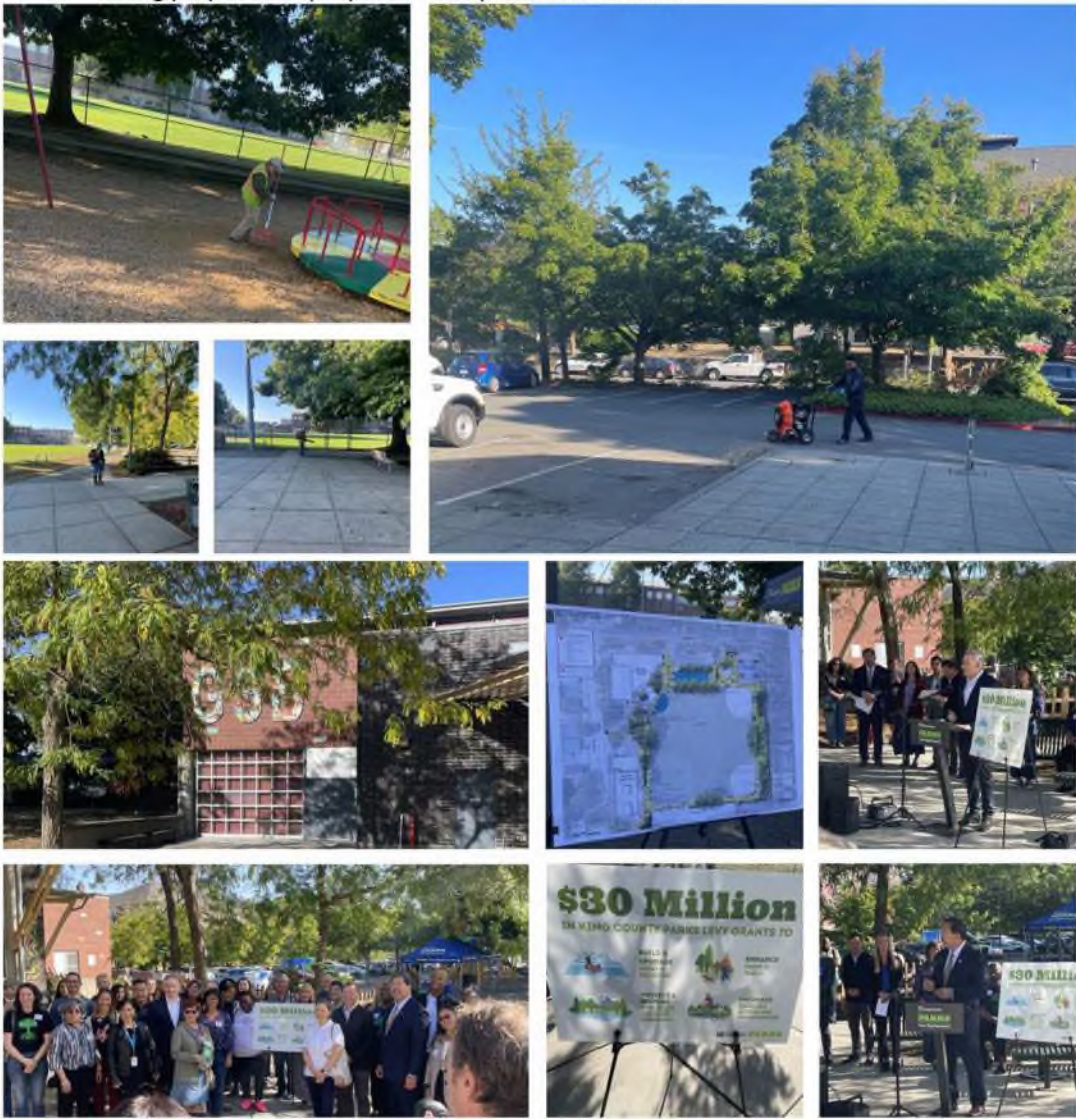
- Irrigation Repair at Volunteer Park.



- Pressure washed along the backside of Garfield CC, line trimmed, weeded, and hedged near the GSB (Garfield Super Block) area in preparation for the \$30 million grant Levy in King County Parks Press Conference Announcement with King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell.



- Continued maintenance at Garfield Community Center blowing parking lot, hard surfaces, and raking play area in preparation of press conference.



Upcoming Events:

- Walk to End Lupus Now 2023 at Volunteer Park September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm
- Blood Donation Drive at Garfield Community Center September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- Modular on the Spot at Volunteer Park Amphitheater September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information

Huge Thank you to CIP Landscape Crew and the Heavy crew for the restoration work at Denny Blaine Pond.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- The Landscape and Heavy crews helped pull out Arctic Willow, Blackberries and Dogwood at Hubbard Homestead.



- This week NE staff focused on removing weeds and grass from play areas in preparation for new fibar delivery.





- Magnuson Crew project on fence line North Side off Sand Point Way. Focus: mow blow and edged.



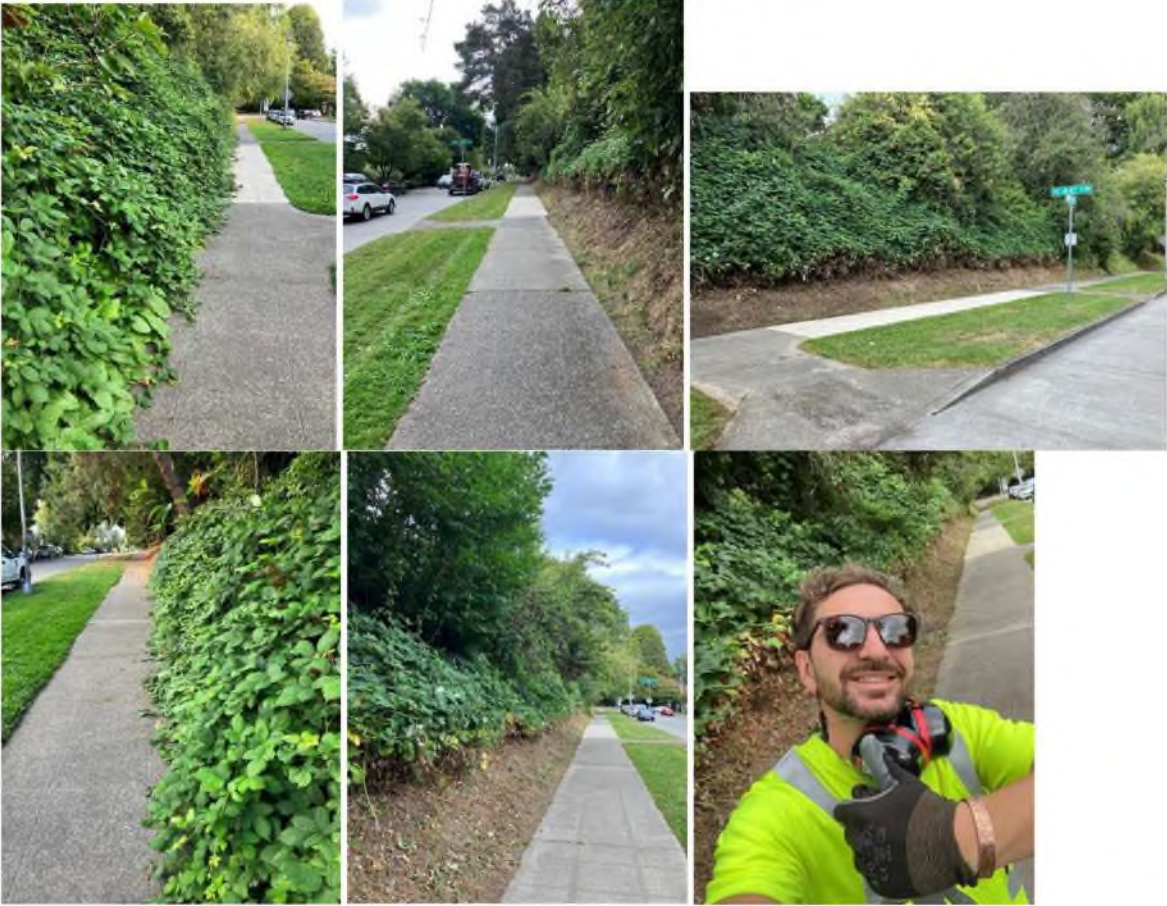
- Anna Rylko thinned out Dogwood at Fritz Hedges Park.



- Andy Rasmussen was able to find and exterminate hornet nest in Ravenna Ravine.



- Landon Messer cut Blackberrys off sidewalks at Laurelhurst Park.



- Yeon Kim removed overgrown blackberries at Meadowbrook pool.



- Jon Tiemeyer & Angela Yeats put together new soccer goal at Magnuson Park.



Incidents:

Small toilet paper fire and garbage can fire at comfort station at Dahl Playfield.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Crew project at Hubbard Homestead
- Irrigation repair throughtout the district.
- Cutting back overgrown vegetation on outside path at Jackson Golf.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to Ryan Rathe for all the hard work at Magnuson Park.



## Northwest – District 6

### Maintenance:

- Baker: Weeding and Lawn renovations (aerating and seeding)
- District: NW provided truck driver and IMW support for the Basketball tournament this past weekend. Specifically, we delivered bleachers.
- Carkeek Park: a volunteer group of 100 8<sup>th</sup> graders from UW Prep came to the park and held a very successful litter pick.
- Green Lake: A volunteer group from KapKa and Seattle Jewish Community School came to the park to spread mulch, pull weeds, pick litter, and cut off tree suckers. More people showed up than had been expected, so a lot was done!



- Alice Ball: lawn renovation. Aerating, seeding, and topdressing with soil/mulch.

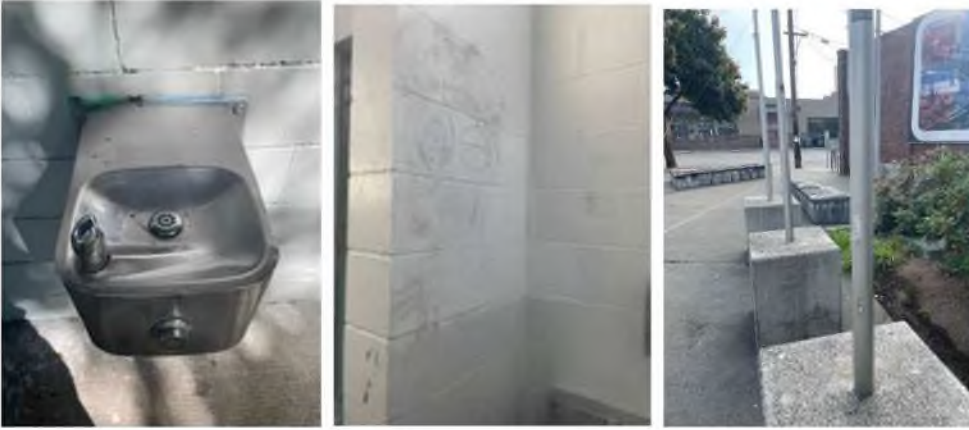


- Bergen Place: graffiti removal

Before



After



- Night crew: Graffiti removal



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Clearing out Golden Gardens ditch and cistern for winter water flow.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Brandon Willecke! Brandon has been with the team for a long time but has recently stepped up to fill in as Truck Driver for the district. He never shies away from taking on extra tasks to help the team. He is a very dependable worker and proved that this weekend when he helped deliver some much-needed bleachers for a big event in another district. Thank you, Brandon, for all you do!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Mounger Pool curb appeal maintenance.



- Graffiti removal at David Rogers Park.

Before



After



- Beautiful maintenance at Children's Park.

Before



After



- Keeping wing fences clean and clear at the baseball fields.

Before



After



- Cascade Park staying well maintained.



### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Great job to the team, and our Crew Chief, Terry, doing such a great job getting things ready for the 3-on-3 B-ball tournament! Such a great community event! And we are proud to have hosted in our district! Thanks team!

**Special Response Team** - no report

### **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park - people living in their cars leave litter/trash all over the park.
- SE – Rainier CC, Seward Park
- CE – Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, and Lake City Mini Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- Heavy - 10th & Dearborn: 1 – skid steer, 1 – excavator, 3 – 10 yd dump truck
- NAC - growing camps in Cheasty Blvd north of the Hanford Steps in GSP zone “EC5”.

Needles:

## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- NAC members Matthew and Ynhi supported turtle, amphibian, and fish care as part of the Landscape Crew’s renovations at Denny Lake Park in Madrona. Animals are being help and will be re-released back to the pond after it’s refilled this week.



- NAC continues to care for Chinook Beach along Lake Washington. They treated over 100 black locust stems, 4,000 sq ft weeded, 2,000 sq ft seeded, cone of light pruning for 12 conifers.





- Michael continues to support contracted crew work at Interbay. The green patch in the photo below is a small wetland at the toe of the slope.



#### Volunteer Projects:

Eric Sterner met with the Forest Stewards Sharon and Carrie at Herring's House Park, and ran into the NAC gardener's Jay, Matthew, and Rodrick.



#### Upcoming Events:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.
- King County Public Health is offering 10 Parks and Recreation slots for their free Rat Academy Training September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. This training is not a repeat of previous trainings but a follow up workshop that includes national experts like Bobby Corrigan as well as industry experts in the latest tools and techniques to control rats. It's a great opportunity for Crew Chiefs, Rec Center Coordinators, and Landscape workers to learn from the best with 2 days of classroom training at Bertha Knight Landes room in City Hall, followed by a field day at Seattle Center. There are WSDA Public Operator credits available. First come, first serve. Please see the attached flyer to sign up. Or you can email Bridget Kelsh for registration help – [bridget.kelsh@seattle.gov](mailto:bridget.kelsh@seattle.gov) .

**PEST COAST WORKSHOP** 2023 Seattle City Rats  
For City/County Agencies & Partners

**Guest Speakers**

Bobby Corrigan, RMC Consulting

Kurtis Brown, Associate Certified Entomologist

Daniel A. Baldwin, BCE, REHS/RS, CCFS, CP-FS, PCQI

**Featured Topics**

- FIFRA updates
- IPM - how to use the right tool
- New rodent control tools
- Sanitation and exclusion
- All about bait
- Trapping and other non-chemical tools
- Rats in the city-urban harborage and sewers
- Engaging the community to reduce rodents
- Hands-On IPM -Seattle Center

**SEPTMBER 25-27**

**CLASSROOM LECTURE**  
8:30AM-4:00PM  
SEATTLE CITY HALL  
SEPTEMBER 25-26

**FIELD DAY**  
7:30AM - 3PM  
SEATTLE CENTER -ARMORY  
SEPTEMBER 27

**Agenda:** <https://wspma.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Agenda-2023-website.pdf>

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Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Lisa presented to the Indigenous Advisory Council on September 8th about Green Seattle Partnership alongside Indigenous-led partner organizations Na’ah Illahee Fund and Futures Rising.

Lisa joined Jordan Merriam for the Leschi Community Council meeting on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss natural area maintenance efforts.

**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

- SDOT slope mowing
- Hubbard Homestead





- Denny Pond



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide
- Delridge chips 40 yd
- Amy Yee Tennis chips 170 yd
- 15<sup>th</sup> & Willow chips 60 yd

#### **Turf Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Assist in fertilizer application for Lake Ridge
- Filled holes in SW district playfields
- Walter Hundley PF grooming and sweeping of synthetic fields. The Sport Champ with Keylon operating worked to complete this maintenance task. The field was covered with leaves, pine needles and debris from use by the community.



- Magnuson PF # 6 Sport Champ grooming



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Synthetic PF maintenance
- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields

- This fall will have 4 new remodeled synthetic play fields: Miller, Washington, Georgetown, and Montlake. Jefferson, Delridge and Hiawatha are under construction. Magnuson field 05 is scheduled to be completed this year.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Hiawatha's new synthetic playfield is open.
- The Turf Crew attended the Western WA Field Day setup by (PGMS) Professional Grounds Management Society (sponsored by Horizon, Turf Star Western and Simplot) last Thursday at Marymoor Park. The crew got see and hear about new technology: electric linetrimmers and back pack blowers; power equipment that can climb and mow steep slopes and hills; a small tractor with attachments; new technology in irrigation clocks from Rainbird letting you control from your computer and cell phone.



**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 6; Failure Cleanups: 3; Prunes: 3; Snag creation: 2; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164

- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 4
  - Level 2 inspections: 44
  - Tree Planting survey: 50 sites
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 149 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Number of Parks inspected and serviced: 45
- Mark Rawlins did some tree climbing at Interlaken Park for removal of black locust.



- Joe Perdue (Tree Trimmer) pruned a red oak tree at Green Lake Park.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

Tree Planting Survey Training: On September 7, Emily Hanson trained the 4 college interns and TC+ (tree planting crew) on site and species selection for tree planting. As a group, they surveyed 50 locations for tree planning at Martha Washington Park, John C. Little, Jr. Park, and Daejon Park.

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- SPU Support for Cambridge St at Fauntleroy Park - The Crew installed 9 yards of soil and 6 yards of chips to replant this area after SPU installed this drain system. We will be going back this fall to plant some Huckleberry, Snowberry, Mahonia and Sword Ferns.



- Jose Rizal Trail - The crew did trail maintenance such as brushing, corridoring and general pruning to get the trail opened and safer feeling. We will continue to work with Brian Wilis to come up with a plan for other trail improvements.





#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Railing installation at Landover Woods.
- Working with Volunteer Park Trust on a major trail resurfacing project.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

We met with Jordan Ng and are set up to start mapping with our Geode (GIS receiver) and coming up with a mapping plan for the rest of the year so we can then upgrade our mapping devices which will be more accurate and efficient.

#### **Landscape Crew**

##### Maintenance/Projects:

- The Landscape Crew was working hard during the short week!
- We were at Denny Blaine Lake Park for the pond rehabilitation in collaboration with Heavy Equipment and the Natural Area Crew.







Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Completion of Denny Blane Lake Park.
- Continuing at Hubbard Homestead working towards project completion.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you, Bridget Kelsh, for finding temporary homes for the turtles until they can go back to Denny Blane Lake.
- Thank you, Heavy Equipment for help with the pond.
- Thank you, Natural Area Crew for your support at Denny Blain Lake Park.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

- Rangers Fola-Niumata, Sorensen, and Byers supported the final movie in the summer movie series at Hing Hay Park. Their official mission was 'keeping the peace' but they managed to also positively engaged with the public and partner organizations.



- Cal Anderson Park: Park Ranger Wilcox reported graffiti that targets the concern over city sweeps.



- Tent camping at Cal Anderson Park



- Incident Report as filed by Damico Curry: A 50–65-year-old male was found diseased on the ADA ramp on the sidewalk on the southwest corner of Occidental and Washington street across from Occidental Park. Narrative: On Friday September 8 at approximately 13:10 hours, while walking to Pioneer Square Park, Park Ranger Samica Thomas and I noticed a middle-aged man lying on the sidewalk on the ADA ramp not moving. Ranger Thomas “asked if the man was alright” and the man did not respond. I approached the man to check and see if he was breathing and noticed his hands were lifeless and not moving. Per my experience as a Former Police Chaplain, I arrived at the conclusion that the male had died. Ranger Thomas notified Seattle Police Dispatch that we had a DOA (Dead on Arrival) male on the Southwest Corner of Occidental and Washington and we would need an officer. At approximately 13:15 Hours Seattle Police arrived and took over the scene and Ranger Thomas and I set a perimeter around the body to direct citizens away from the scene. Seattle Fire Battalion 10 arrived around 13:20 hours and did a vital check of the male and confirmed the male was deceased. At approximately 13:45 hours the Coroner arrived and collected the gentleman and took him to the county morgue.

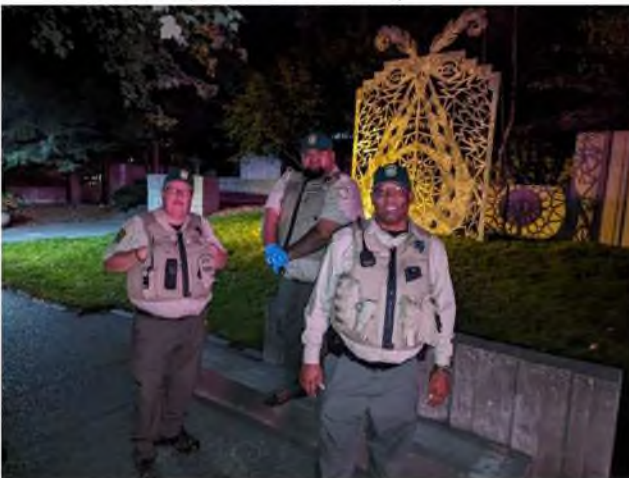
- On Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Park Rangers Lane Bryant and Ramsey Fola-Niumata on duty at the City's Seattle Slam Showdown Youth Basketball tournament under the Monorail at Taylor and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Plaza.



- Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Movie Night at Freeway Park. On duty for this event Park Rangers Domico Curry, Ramsey Fola-Niumata, and Lane Bryant. The night went smoothly except for Rangers encountering a woman in the grounds crew toilet facility who refused to exit. They waited for 25 minutes during which time she refused to exit and took a shower. The woman was homeless. Ranger Domico Curry used a technique of giving her a countdown from 10 to exit and she opened the door when he said one.



- Park Rangers at Movie Night at Freeway Park from left to Right: Lane Bryant, Ramsey Fola-Niumata, and Domico Curry.



- Park Rangers lining-up for promo shots and interviews Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at Hing Hay Park.



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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 71 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

### Notes/Other Information:

Over 34,100 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 439

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

Weedin Place NE & NE 65<sup>th</sup>



N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW



Interurban Trail



MDAR: Navigation Center Vicinity / Dearborn



**DATE:** September 22, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 9/11/2023 - 9/17/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Me Kwa Mooks Park – Eyob Tekle has done some OOC maintenance and provided some pictures of the work he did at Me Kwa Mook.



- Morgan Junction – Mowing at Morgan Junction by April Winfrey and Rocarla Beattie.





- Camp Long - Dave Herring putting work into open pathways.



- Gardeners Report (from Tim Pollin/Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - This week the Garden crew continued a project that started over the weekend at the Amazon Day of service. We are mulching tree circles at Delridge Community Center. As a part of the Community Center focus, we are also doing some work at High Point CC. There is a street corner where approaching vehicles had a huge blind spot, so we have done some visibility pruning there, and along the adjacent street. There is also a bio-swale near the playground that has been a problem area for

invasive weeds, so we are working on getting that back into good shape. Maybe Steve can get you a few pictures of the progress here early next week, I don't have any. In my part-time capacity I have been taking some time to evaluate the condition of SW district parks and where I need to focus our efforts. I am also transitioning back into monitoring our remote irrigation control systems, performing park inspections, planning upcoming enhancement projects with the landscape crew, and planning the planting of perennials that are still being held at the Hort. Greenhouse for our district.



Incidents:

Small graffiti on the troll at Lincoln Park.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Crew projects coming up at all community centers.
- Potential volunteer project coming up at Alki Beach.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Southwest Crew Kudos - Eyob Tekle has been a standout so far; he has a large skill set and has been able gain OOC maintenance experience early on. Sefa Suani also deserves a shout out, as he does outstanding work on the Alki route. He also is great at filling in as OOC lead when given the opportunity and continues to develop his leadership skills.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation
- Gates added to Atlantic City Boat Ramp. IMW supported sign installation.
- Seward park-Tree taken down at south Seward parking lot
- Irrigation head updates at Benefit Park, Rainier Beach CC, and Rainier CC
- Rainier Beach CC shrub bed restoration including weeding and hedge trimming







Upcoming Events:

St. Judes Walk/Run at Seward Park 9/29-30

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Community Center Shrub/Entrance Seasonal Clean-up
- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Amazon Day Volunteer Project at Genesee and Othello 9/9
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Special thank you to the Southeast District Anna Linstrohm, Jesse Arthur, Julius Cumlat, Jim Demetre, and Jason Aguirre for leading the project at Rainier Beach CC.

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Amazon landscape project - The Amazonians have landed again. SC hosted over 100 Amazon employees to twp landscape projects at MLK Park and Judkins Pk. They weeded, cut suckers and moved 120 yards of mulch into shrub beds.

MLKing Park



## Judkins Park



- SC hosted the annual Roots Picnic at Jimi Hendrix Park- The Mayor and other dignitaries came out to show solidarity of culture peoples in the CD Park, shared food, music, heard speakers and classic cars.



- Lead Workers Sacha and Robert picked up our PL Sweeper and gave it a go. The equipment should help improve curb appeal in and around parks.



- Reducing our footprint by returning rental trucks. We had to move our power washer skid from a rental into Parks truck.

- SC Staff Vilaysak, Ameet and Himilton worked to improve shrub beds at Upper Judkins.



Incidents:

WHOA a Grandstand mower caught fire while mulching leaves! Staff is ok. The SFD and SPD responded and helped put it out.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Community Center landscape improvements
- Continue mulching shrub beds
- Continue leaf mulching and clearing drains of leaves
- Prepping CS for closures and improvements ie paint, fixtures and lighting
- Implementing Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- District staff and resource realignments

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Goodbye seasonals Negash, Robert Juan and Nardo! Thank you!

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Hedging and line trimming at Leschi Park.



- Graffiti removal at Rogers comfort station.



- Barn work restoration and added fence coverings.



- Replaced boards on picnic tables in preparation of the pickleball tournament. Big shout out to our IMW Alex Tautolo, Balwinder Bhuller, and Toso Autagavaia for making this happen.



Incidents:

Fallen Tree on 38<sup>th</sup> and Spring near the Madrona Ravine.



**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Magnuson staff line trimmed along beach road.





- Jashaun Johnson weeded JLS playground shrub bed.



- Crew project at Magnuson mulching tree rings at sports field 6.



- IMW John Tiemeyer Remy Shannon and Michael Geiss removing graffiti throught NE district.





- Replacing soccer nets and painting fields at North Acres Park.





- Gardeners Anna Rylko, Eric Edwards and James Cooper limbed up trees next to Ravenna play area.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Crew project at Cedar Park.
- Irrigation repair throught the district.
- Shrub bed maintenance at Fritz Hedges.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to Sean Hermes and Andy Rasmussen for their years of service.



**Northwest – District 6**

**Maintenance:**

- Lower Woodland: general debris clean up around skate park. Blowing, weed eating.



- Downtown Pickleball Event: the district helped support by delivering bleachers and providing crew presence for garbage control and customer service.





- Ballard CC: cleanup of debris build up along walkways and service roads.



- Gemenskap: Lawn renovations. Aerating, seeding, and top dressing. The irrigation system was also audited.



- IMW: Graffiti removal, and goals relocated and secured.





- Loyal heights: with the help of the heavy crew, the district IMWs and truck drivers were able to install the football goal posts for the season.



- Golden Gardens: the crew had a large project removing sediment and vegetation build up from the drainage ditches along the road of golden gardens. The cistern behind the dog off leash park was also cleaned up.



- Night crew: Graffiti removal
- Thyme P-Patch: lawn renovations.
- September 18: a small volunteer litter pick was held at Golden Gardens

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Line trimming roadside at golden gardens
- Repairing irrigation heads at lower woodland ballfield #1

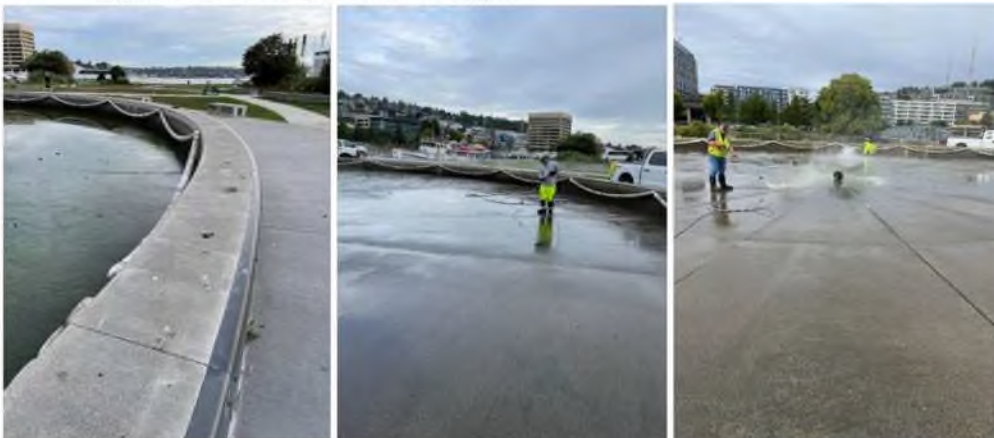
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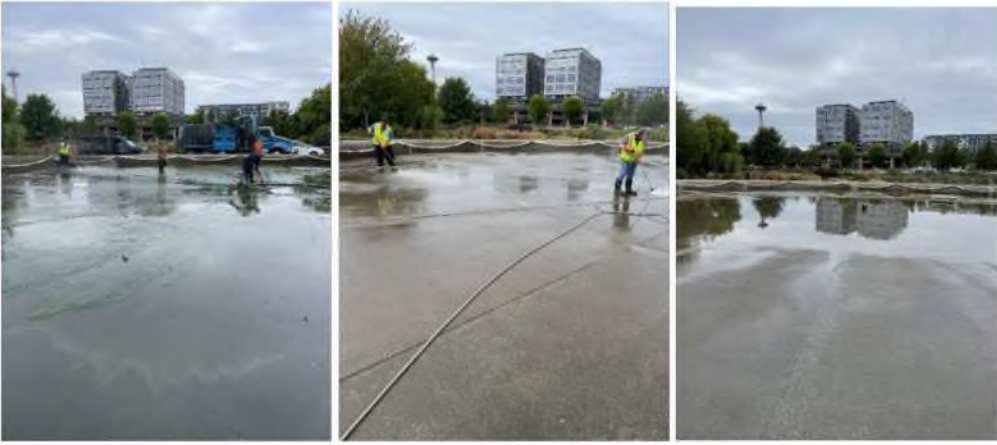
A Kudos to Ngoc Tran! Ngoc has been part of the NW crew for a long time now. He came to us as a general laborer and excelled at comfort stations cleanings. He was then placed in OOC Maintenance where he did a great job on Bitter Lake and continues to show that work effort now on Lower Woodland. He is conscientious of work he does and documents well. His effort and diligence cannot go unnoticed. Thank you, Ngoc!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Major cleaning, pressure washing, of the sailboat pond at South Lake Union! Great work team! That was a big job and it was awesome seeing the crew, the Leads and Crew Chief all out there together to accomplish the messy job!





- Graffiti downtown at Plymouth Pillars, washed clean away!



- Hard surfaces at Westlake Park staying cleaned and ready for the public to safely enjoy.





- City Hall Park and Occidental Park; hard surfaces clean and clear. Here comes leaf season!

City Hall Park



Occidental Park



- Lower Kinnear Park, beautiful fall day, lots of leaves on the way! Brush clearing paths and the dog park area!





- Pressure washing the comfort stations, keeping away moss build up, and making sure things remain clean and welcoming.

Before



After





- Crews worked on leaf mulching at East Queen Anne.



- Nice new order of Diamond Dust a new product Jordan Merriam would like to try on ballfield infields.



- Seasonal brush cutting at Discovery Park included training on the machinery for crew members.



Incidents:

Discovery Park Lighthouse keeper house was vandalized, the door broken down, and a number of windows broken in. The facility will need to be properly boarded up by shops to keep access closed to trespassers.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Fall is upon us, and many group projects will be going on, as we clear overgrown areas and get ready for winter!

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks so much to this year's seasonals who helped to support the crew during the busy spring/summer! Best of luck! And hope to see you back at Parks again!

**Special Response Team** - no report

**District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park - people living in their cars leave litter/trash all over the park.
- SE – Rainier CC, Seward Park
- SC – Encampment items were removed from Stan Sayers Boat Launch

- CE – Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, and Lake City Mini Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- Heavy - 10th & Dearborn: 1 – skid steer, 1 – excavator, 3 – 10 yd dump truck
- NAC - growing camps in Cheasty Blvd north of the Hanford Steps in GSP zone “EC5”.

Needles: 0

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- NAC cleared weeds and reduced the height of native plants at Herring’s House to improve sight lines and increase park safety. Before (left) and After (right):



- NAC continues to care for Chinook Beach along Lake Washington. They treated over 100 black locust stems, 4,000 sq ft weeded, 2,000 sq ft seeded, cone of light pruning for 12 conifers.

- NAC has kicked off the annual plant receiving and distribution push, including setting up the nursery at Green House behind Westbridge and moving the first trees from the Jefferson Greenhouse (581 beautiful western redcedar and 572 Douglas-fir, many thanks Johan and the Greenhouse crew).



- Lisa traveled to New Haven, CT to join members of the Forest in Cities Network that convened at Yale School of the Environment for the Hixon Urban Ecology Conference. Researchers and practitioners in the field of urban forestry shared new research and forest management models. The group also got their hands dirty in the New Haven woods and removed invasive vines from tree canopy.



- We were thrilled to receive notice from the US Forest Service about the grant application submitted in May. More info here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf/2023-grant-funding>. This will support Youth Green Corps programming, as well as ECOSS and Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust work with Seattle Housing Authority at Cheasty, Seattle Public Schools adjacent to the East Duwamish Greenbelt, along with neighborhood tree planting efforts. We think it spotlights the amazing urban forestry skill and relationships that Green Seattle Partnership carries--something for us all to be proud of!

#### Upcoming Events:

- King County Public Health is offering 10 Parks and Recreation slots for their free Rat Academy Training September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. This training is not a repeat of previous trainings but a follow up workshop that includes national experts like Bobby Corrigan as well as industry experts in the latest tools and techniques to control rats. It's a great opportunity for Crew Chiefs, Rec Center Coordinators, and Landscape workers to learn from the best with 2 days of classroom training at Bertha Knight Landes room in City Hall, followed by a field day at Seattle Center. There are WSDA Public Operator credits available. First come, first serve. Please see the attached flyer to sign up. Or you can email Bridget Kelsh for registration help – [bridget.kelsh@seattle.gov](mailto:bridget.kelsh@seattle.gov).
- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.

## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

Red Barn Ranch



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide
- Amy Yee Tennis chips 170 yd

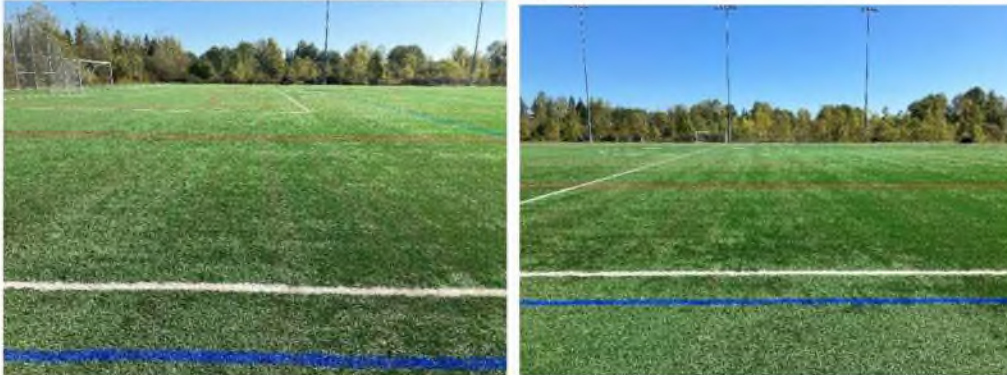
## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Magnuson PF #6 & #7 grooming and sweeping of synthetic fields using the Sport Champ with Fatia operating. The field was covered with leaves and debris from the use community. This site you have to take extra care when blowing debris due to the surrounding wetland making sure the conditioner rubber stays out of the wetland. The synthetic conditioner has change from black rubber to woody cork more like the cork found in wine bottles.



- Magnuson PF #7 Sport Champ grooming



- Walter Hundley/ Highpoint Community Center had a large hole in the turf. If it was any deeper I would have thought it was a bear's den. Good thing it wasn't . This will be the third time filling this hole.





#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic field maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 6; Failure Cleanups: 4; Prunes: 10; Snag creation: 1; Snag removal: 1; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Mulch: 1
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 10
  - Level 2 inspections: 58
  - Level 3 inspections: 1
  - Tree Planting survey: 4 sites
  - Intern trees inventoried: 10
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 128 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Number of Parks inspected and serviced: 87
- Work orders – Finished this week: 61; Open: 928; Average days open: 337
- UF interns, Gabe Veltri and Josh Urry got some tree work in with the crews at David Rodgers Park.



- The Tree Planting Crew (TC+) mulched a Big Leaf Maple at David Rodgers Park.



- Robert Dohn in the tree for clearance pruning of this tree away from the lights at Cal Anderson.



- Miles Anderson and Robert Dohn at LWB weekend work removing a tree.



- Tree crew cleaned up a tree on a trail at Golden Gardens.





Notes/Kudos/Other information:

Lake Washington Boulevard Weekend work (9/15 – 9/16) - The last weekend work on LWB as Bicycle weekends wrap up. Kudos to crew members, Robert Dohrn, Miles Anderson, Joe Perdue, Tommy Ennest, Michael Passalaqua, Michael Keodoungsy, Mark Rawlins, Drew McManus and Teo Martinez for working the weekend and shout out to Tony Eggink and David Han for putting this crew together.

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- Westcrest Park Natural Area - The Crew did some trail maintenance and path restoration at West Crest Park. They completed 584' of trail maintenance creating 4 yards of debris and restored 65' of trailhead using 2 yards of crushed rock.



- Discovery Park Hidden Valley Trail - We attended a site meeting with our Engineer Eduardo Aban and District Lead Jeff Westling to look at the failing bridge on the Hidden Valley Trail, come up with a plan for replacement and talk scheduling that best suits all of us for collaboration purposes.



- Conservation Corps on Cheasty Blvd - The Conservation Corps were hired to prep and resurface 4,060' of the Cheasty Blvd Trail, so far they have achieved 383'.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Repair rotting Box Step at Carkeek Park.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Railing installation at Landover Woods.
- Working with Volunteer Park Trust on a major trail resurfacing project.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.
- Trail resurfacing at Volunteer Park for the Volunteer Park Trust.
- Bridge demo and construction at Discovery Park Hidden Valley Trail
- Rockery at Seward Park at the kiosk at the head of the Bald Eagle Trail.
- Planting at the Cambridge St entrance of Fauntleroy Park for SPU.
- Team up with GSP to help unload and organize the 2023-2024 Plant Order.
- Causeway on Cheasty Blvd pending approval from Eduardo Aban.
- Work with Jacobo Jimenez on the new Camp Long Brandon St entrance and the new Longfellow Creek Bridge approach.
- Scope for work for WTA, Volunteers, The Boy Scouts of America and Project Parks/ REI

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

P&E Staff Appreciation Day - The Crew helped set up and attended the Parks and Environment Staff Appreciation Day.

## Landscape Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

It was a very busy week at Denny Blain Lake Pond. The crew is working with Ventilation Power, Heavy Equipment Crew, and help from the Trails Crew to rehabilitate and clean out this historic pond: removed all Class C Noxious Weed Yellow Flag Iris in the pond; reduction of lily pads by 90% for more animal habitat; removed 120 yards of muck, organic material, and trash; the wildlife such as the turtles and fish will be returned to the pond.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Hubbard Homestead
- Some of our crew members will be attending Rat Academy

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you, Heavy Equipment Crew for your support on these big projects!
- Thank you to the Trails Crew for coming in for a day and working with us at the pond.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- Park Rangers submitted the photo below of the Pickle Ball Tournament that took place Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. They reported that it was a fun event with no unusual or major incidents.



- Park Ranger Sandra Wilcox submitted a picture of the Parks Foundation at the Pickle Ball Tournament



- In the picture below Park Ranger Lonnie Alexander listens intently as he speaks with veterans at the National POW Remembrance Day ceremony on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.



- Park Ranger Sandra Wilcox taking a picture at the National POW Day Ceremony of veterans raising the flag.



- Park Rangers, with staff Marlan Teeters, Jon Jainga and Colleen Hackett meet with the superintendent, AP Diaz and the Director of Human Resources, Desiree Tabares for a discussion about the challenges of Park Rangers in the field and AP Diaz's vision for the future growth of the unit.



- Group photo of the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Park Rangers meeting with Desiree Tabares, Human Services Director and AP Diaz, the superintendent of Parks.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s) at Burke Gilman Trail at NE 40th & 1154 Elliott Ave W.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 10700 Corliss Ave N, 10th & Dearborn, 10th & King St, 10th Ave S & S Weller St, 12th Ave S & S Weller St, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th & Columbia St, 4th Ave & Yesler Way Vicinity, 6th & Cherry Vicinity, 9th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Leary Triangle, Ballard Library, Blanche Lavizzo Park, Cal Anderson Park, Dearborn Corridor, Elliott Ave W & W Lee St, Freeway Park, Fremont Canal Park, Homewood Natural Area, Meadowbrook Payfield, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NW 43rd St from 8th-9th Ave NW, NW 43rd St from 8th-9th Ave NW, Occidental Square Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, S Charles St & Hiawatha Pl, University Playground.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 1130 NW 54th St, 1154 Elliott Ave West, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th, 1st Ave N from Roy to Mercer St, 2318 N 92nd St, 3rd Ave & James St (alley near Pioneer Square), 4th Ave N & Roy St, 8th Ave NW & NW 43rd St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 940 NW 49th St, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Library Vicinity, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Burke Gilman Trail at NE 40th, Cheasty Greenbelt from McClellan - Hanford, Dearborn Vicinity, Fairview Ave & Mercer St, Fire House Alley (litter pick - vicinity), Gilman Playground, Hing Hay Park, International Childrens Park, Interurban Trail, Judge Charles Stokes Park, Kinneer Park, Kobe Terrace Park, Lake City CC, Lake City Mini Park, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th - 83rd St, Mercer St from 2nd - Warren, N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 41st St. From 6th - 8th Ave NW, NW 43rd St from 8th-9th Ave NW, NW 54th St. & 28th Ave NW, Occidental Park (litter pick), Pioneer Square Pergola (litter pick), Post Ave Vicinity (litter pick), Prefontaine Park Vicinity (litter pick - alley), Ravenna (Under the Bridge), Roy St from 9th - 8th Ave N, S Washington St (litter pick - alley), Seaview Ave NW & 37th Place NW, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity (litter pick - alley), Stone Pond /Puetz Golf, University Playground.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 121 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 51,280 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 338

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

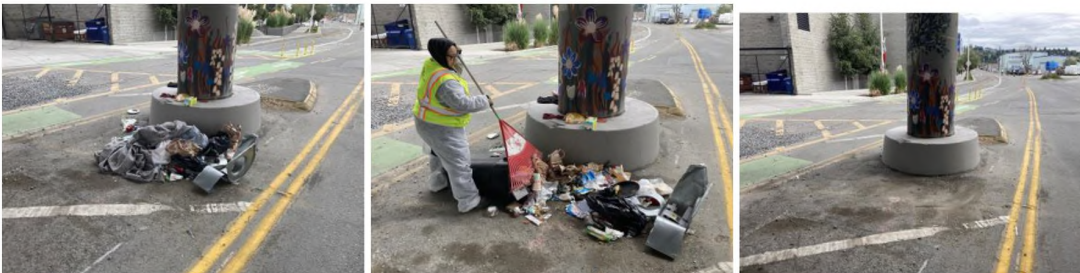
Lake City Community Center



NW Leary Way from 9th - 15th Ave NW



Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St



**MDAR:** Burke Gilman Trail at Meridian Ave N to I-5 Vicinity



**DATE:** September 29, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 9/18/2023 - 9/24/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Marra-Desimone – We had a great crew project at Marra-Desimone. Loved seeing it lined and trimmed up. Push mowed in hard to reach areas, and fine edges on the curb line. Adrian Arias, Robert Kelby, Dave Hering, Marvin Maele, Emile Milford and Iosefa Suani all assisted in these tasks.







- I would like to thank and highlight Nick Martinez for the great slope mowing being done at Pigeon Point. I really like how he takes his time and provides a safer walkway for children. We hope to continue to have all of our walkways clear for visitors and provide great visibility for pedestrians.

Before



After



- Gardeners Report (from Tim Pollin/Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - This week the Gardener crew continued a project that started over the weekend at the Amazon Day of service. We are mulching tree circles at Delridge Community Center. As a part of the Community Center focus, we are also doing some work at High Point CC. Steve and Claire have managed to turn off all of our Maxicom and stand-alone parks in the SW district.



Incidents:

Bikes at Delridge in skate park.

Upcoming Events:

- Green Seattle Partnership will be having a mulching project at Lincoln Park.
- Alki Volleyball the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Crew projects coming up at all community centers in the shrub beds.
- Potential volunteer project coming up at Alki Beach

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Southwest Crew KUDOS - Eyob Tekle has been a standout so far; he has a large skill set and has been able gain OOC Maintenance Laborer experience early on. Sefa Suani also deserves a shout out, as he does outstanding work on the Alki route. He also is great at filling in as OOC Lead when given the opportunity and continues to develop his leadership skills.

## **Southeast - District 2**

### Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation
- Seward Park-Tree took down at south Seward lot
- Irrigation head updates at Benefit Park, Rainier Beach CC, Rainier CC Irrigation head updates at Benefit, Rainier Beach CC, Rainier CC
- Rainier Beach CC shrub bed restoration weeding, hedge trimming, chipping
- Rainier Beach southside entrance restoration



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Community Center Shrub/Entrance Seasonal Clean-up
- Engineered Wood Fiber replenishment in play areas
- End of peak season ballfield renovation
- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Special thank you to the Southeast District Anna Linstrom, Jesse Arthur, Julius Cumlat, Jim Demetre, and Jason Aguirre for leading and completing the project at Rainier Beach CC.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

**Maintenance:**

- Blowing hard surfaces at Prentis Frasier



- Painted Seven Soccer fields at Montlake CC.



- Placing dog signs on Rogers Playfield.



- Line trimming at Seven Hills Park.



- Garbage removal at Louisa Boren Lookout Park.



• Barn Clean up at Volunteer Park.





Incidents:

- Two staff members from Central East were attacked at Cal Anderson Park on the west side of park. A camper came out of tent throwing some type of liquid at one and yelling at the other.
- Cal Anderson Park Comfort Station was vandalized.



- Someone removed the cover of a sewage drain at Denny Blaine Park.





Notes/Kudos/Other Information

Some of the staff from Central East went to the union pep rally in support of a new union contract.



**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Magnuson staff tarped a new delivery of Diamond Dust for ballfield prep.



- Remy Shannon worked on leaf management at Meridian Park.



- Eladio Gonzalez and Jashaun Johnson edged at Magnuson baseball fields grounds.



- Tree limbs were removed from overhanging metallic fences at Jackson Golf Course



- Christopher Canty and Josh Burbank hunted down buried irrigation boxes at North Acres Park.



- A crew project was completed at Hubbard Homestead focusing on CPTED pruning.





- Landon Messer and Nick Villanueva got ready for game day at Belvoir Place.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Crew project at Lake City Community Center
- Crew project at Hubbard Homestead, continued

- Setting corners for flag football fields in preparation for large event at Magnuson
- Tree removal at Jackson Golf

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to seasonal Laborer Tevita Tuipulotu for working so hard and being a great part of the NE team this season.



**Northwest – District 6** – no report

**Central West/Downtown – District 7** - no report

**District Encampments**

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Needles: 0

Cal Anderson Campers



## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- The Ecology Team worked with NW District staff, SPU, and Beavers Northwest to manage creek flows to support beavers, trees, salmon and trail access at Carkeek Park. On Friday ahead of the return of rainy weather, staff removed material from the dams, creating a notch to reduce water depths and increase flow across the dams. Video:

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- Lisa met with GSP Partner Organization Serve Ethiopians Washington to check in on progress caring for Mapes Creek at Beer Sheva Park in Rainier Beach. They will host community on 9/30 for weeding event in advance of the 11/4 Green Seattle Day planting event.



- The Natural Area Crew continued to receive plant material at the Green House (above Westbridge). The pop-up nursery will support native plant distribution citywide for the Green Seattle Partnership this planting season. Much appreciated for the Youth At Work interns, Tree

Crew + team, and the Urban Forestry intern Josh for their support this week with moving materials.



- NAC Gardener Matthew Hilliard interviewed with Todd Burley for a video for the Thriving Environment Initiative.



#### Upcoming Events:

- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4. Complete event details can be found at [www.seattleforestweek.org](http://www.seattleforestweek.org). A mayoral proclamation and invites for SPR and City leadership will be finalized in early October.



**Heavy Equipment Crew** – no report

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- The autumn is here and the rain is back . This week was about turf repair and filling hazardous holes in playfields.
- Alki PF had large trip hazards due to irrigation repair and dog damage. The irrigation valve was damaged and was replaced leaving the turf to a dry summer. The crew and district are working together to reestablish the turf use the last part of the growing season.



- Madrona PF was reported to the Turf Crew for having large trip hazard and no turf grass in the middle of the field. Turf Crew responded by add top soil, grass seed to help bring back the turf and fill hazards hole in the playfield.







- East Queen Anne has a large holes in the turf and an irrigation issues . The Turf crew working and assisting with CW district came out adding soil and grass seed. With Fall season rain will help some of the grass come back , but it is a long road due to the dog park activities.



- The natural play field have lot of damage due to dog owners using the play fields as a dog park . The districts and turf crew are always repairing fields
- Repairing trip hazards.
- Assist in fertilizer application for Lake Ridge
- Filled holes in SW district playfields.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Aerating and top-dressing playfields
- Gas Works aerating

Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- Hiawatha's new synthetic playfield is open.
- All trucks and equipment are back from the shop.

**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 13; Failure Cleanups: 13; Prunes: 16; Snag creation: 3; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164
- Inspections/Inventory:
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  - Intern trees inventoried: 7
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 104 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Number of Parks inspected and serviced: 38
- Work orders – Finished this week: 11; Open: 887; Average days open: 427
- Weekend emergency work at Northacres Park - On Saturday (9/23) afternoon, a tree failed and was hung up in a power line over the main road of NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street. Seattle City Light de-energized the lines and Jamie Lim, Joe Perdue and Miles Anderson were activated to remove the tree. Kudos to Joe Perdue and Miles Anderson for coming out on a weekend to support this work!



- Moving plants - Tree planting crew (TC+), Michael Keodoungsy, Isabel Jimenez and UF interns, Josh Urry, Dan Lorzano and Preston Lam supported NAC with receiving and storing their plant orders.
- The top of a Sitka Spruce failed and was hanging over the road in Woodland Park.



- A codominant top of the Blue Spruce failed at Magnolia Way.



- Tommy Ennest set up a speedline to take down a tree at Madison Park.



- Robert Dohrn climbing this tree to remove it at Madison Park.



- The tree crew removed a very large dead Lombardi Poplar at John C Little Park. It was a full day of work. Great job, Team!



- Miles Anderson among the pile of brush from the tree removal.



- Kudos to Joe Perdue (OOC Lead), Josh Gilbert and Tommy Ennest for working on a tree failure clean up at Carkeek and coordinating with Steve Damm to place logs in the creek for wildlife.



- A crew member used a rope to pull down the power line that the tree was caught on.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

YAW interns' last day - Dan Lorzano and Preston Lam completed their program with Urban Forestry and Trails last Thursday, 9/21. It was a great pleasure to have them, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors! Shout out to Amir Williams, Emily Hanson, Lisa Ciecko, Ynhi Phan, Melonae Hill, Jay Nelson and Matthew Hilliard for having Dan and Preston on their teams.

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- Seward Park Trailhead - The Crew is working on building a rockery to help keep the path in place at Seward Park at the Bald Eagle Trailhead. This is a great opportunity for the new crew to learn

the ins and outs of stonework. It is a slow and heavy process but very rewarding in the end. The rockery is about 40' long and we have used about 25 1-man rocks to construct it so far, we will be redoing the other side of the box steps and adding in an outslope log where the rockery dies out into the path.



- Carkeek Park - The Crew went out and repaired/ replaced a rotting box step on the South Bluff Trail.



- Conservation Corps on Cheasty Blvd - The Conservation Corps were hired to prep and resurface 4,060' of the Cheasty Blvd Trail, so far, they have achieved about 1600' of the trail and it's looking really good.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement at Solstice Park.
- Bridge demo and construction at Discovery Park Hidden Valley Trail.
- Planting at the Cambridge St entrance of Fautleroy Park for SPU.
- Causeway on Cheasty Blvd pending approval from Eduardo Aban.
- Work with Jacobo Jimenez on the new Camp Long Brandon St. entrance and the new Longfellow Creek Bridge approach.

#### **Landscape Crew**

##### Maintenance/Projects:

- It was another busy week for the Landscape Crew!
- Green Lake Bathhouse Planting - This project consisted of the planting of over 250 different specimens including Rudbeckia, Carex, Taxus, and Sour Wood Trees. Three and a half yards of chips were placed down in the beds and 1825 sq ft was relandscaped.



- Bell St Planting – 325 plants installed and 2 yards of mulch placed down.







Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Hubbard Homestead
- Garfield Community Center

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Big shout out to the Jefferson Greenhouse Team for making space for our plants but also taking care of the Bell St. plants for an extended period.
- A huge thank you to the Landscape Crew. Let's keep up the amazing work.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Highlights:

- Park Ranger Alysse Daniel's pictures of the Tsimshian Haayuuk Tribe Pow Wow last Sunday, Sept.24 at City Hall Park.



- Picture below of Park Ranger Samica Thomas patrolling on Myrtle Edwards Park.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Obstruction removals were completed at 10th & King St, 1201 NE 145th St, 12th Ave S & Weller St, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th Ave & Columbia St, 4th Ave & Yesler Way Vicinity, 5th Ave & Denny Way Vicinity, 5th Ave NE & NE 145th St, 6th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Commons Park, Ballard Library, Bitter Lake Community Center, Bitter Lake Reservoir, Broadway Hill Park, Cal Anderson Park, City Hall Park, Dearborn Vicinity, Green Lake Park, James St from 6th-7th Ave, Pioneer Square Pergola, Virgil Flaim Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 10th & Dearborn, 10th Ave & E Republican, 1130 NW 54th St, 1154 Elliott Ave West, 1400 W. Nickerson St, 14th Ave W. & West Garfield St, 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer, 4th Ave N & Roy St, 6th Ave N. From Mercer St. to Harrison St, 725 9th Ave (9th & Cherry), 7th Ave NE & 47th Ave NE, 8th Ave NW & NW 43rd St, 940 NW 49th St, Albert Davis Park, Alleyway from James - Cherry, Ashworth Pond, Ballard Library Vicinity, Blanche Lavizzo Park, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Burke Gilman Trail at Meridian Ave N to I-5, Burke Gilman Trail from NW Bowdoin Place to NW 39th St, Cowen Park, Dearborn Vicinity, Fairview Ave E from Fuhrman Ave E to E Allison St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St Vicinity, Fire House Alley, Gilman Playground, Hing Hay Park, International Childrens Park, Interurban Trail from N 128th St - 125th St, Jackson Golf Trail, Judge Charles Stokes Park, Kinnear Park, Kobe Terrace Park [SPR], Lake City Community Center, Lake City Mini Park, Leary Ave NW From NW Lone Place to 17th Ave NW, Magnuson Park, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th St. to NW 83rd St, Mercer St from 2nd - Warren Ave N, N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, NE 45th St I-5 Off-Ramp, NE 45th St I-5 On-Ramp, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 65th & Weedin Pl, Northacres Park, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 54th St. & 28th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, Occidental Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Post Ave Alley Vicinity, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna Park, Ravenna Park (Under Bridge), Roy St from 4th Ave - Nob Hill Ave N, Roy St from 9th - 8th Ave N, S Washington St, Seaview Ave NW & 37th Pl NW Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, Stone Pond / Puetz Golf, University Playground.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 171 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 58,020 lbs of debris was removed each week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 285

Trash Mitigation (No MDAR Removals this week):

NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th Ave NW



Albert Davis Park



14th Ave W & W Garfield



N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW



**DATE:** September 9, 2023

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 8/28/2023 - 9/3/2023

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Westbridge Facility – A work order came in for some noxious weed removal at Westbridge recently and we were finally able to get to it last week. Swing shift did a great job with this project and day shift also did more work mulching and cleaning up the front entrance shrub bed.



- Cormorant Cove – Recently hired Laborer Eyob Tekle mowed, line trimmed and blew Cormorant Cove and provided before and after pictures.



- Gardeners' Report (from Steve Melton/Claire Yazza) - Steve was busy this past week working on several different items. We had a fallen tree at Dakota Place that he removed, continued work at Richie Viewpoint, Delridge Community Center and of course some irrigation issues in several parks. Here is a before and after of Delridge CC.



Incidents:

There has been an excess of stolen vehicles in the West Seattle area, we've seen evidence of stolen cars being driven through some of the parks.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Amazon volunteer project Sept 9.
- Removing the fire pits from Alki Beach

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Southwest Crew Kudos - Steve Melton who has done OOC Senior Gardener has done an incredible job stepping up this summer to fill that role. He has had his hands full with irrigation issues in many of the parks here in SW District but has managed to make major progress in getting irrigation systems back on and running. Wanted to make sure his hard work is recognized. With that being said, Tim Pollin is coming back this Thursday part-time: he will be working Tuesday and Thursday each week.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation
- Lake Washington Blvd - SE District Crew supported Heavy Equipment in the hand work and cleanup of the slope mowing project in preparation for Seafair.
- Gates added to Atlantic City Boat Ramp. IMW supported sign installation.
- The crew prepped Othello park for an Amazon volunteer project on 9/9.



- Seward Park - Signs installed along the shore Andrew's Bay
- Seward Park - Tree took down at south Seward lot; mowing



- Irrigation head updates at Benefit Park, RBCC/Pool, Rainier CC

- Crews worked on cutting back shrubs at Lakeridge Park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration- GSP has a consultant looking at project scope for shoreline restoration along shore of Lake Washington from Mt. Baker to Seward
- Amazon Day Volunteer Project at Genesee and Othello 9/9
- Gardener Training Program- focused on irrigation assessment district-wide

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Jim Demetre and crew for the post construction maintenance project at Rainier CC.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- The crew completed some street sweeping around Madison Triangle.





- Crews worked on line trimming at TT Minor.



- Line trimming crack weeds around dugouts at Garfield CC.

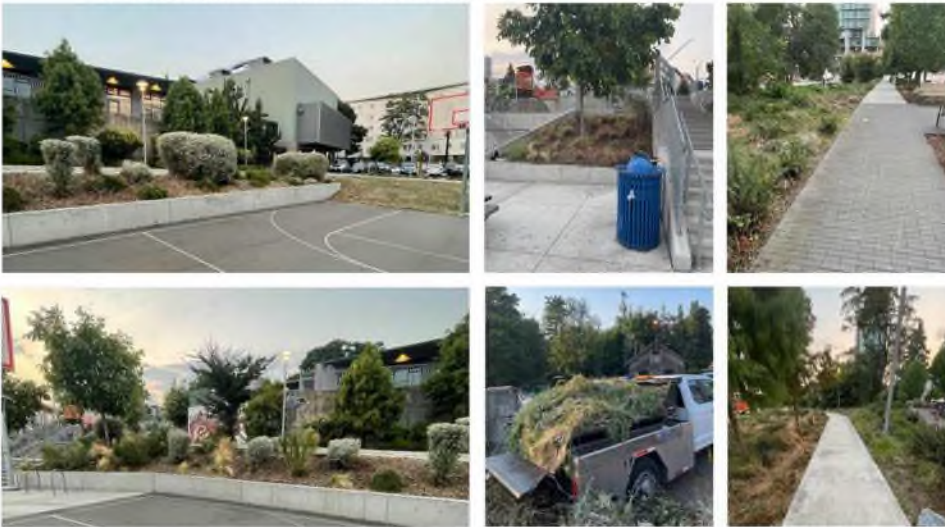




- Line trimming at Seven Hills.



- Staff weeded shrub beds, hedged shrubs, and removed morning glory at Yesler CC. Over 3 loads of debris was removed from the park.



- Yesler CC maintenance project continuance: mulched shrub beds.





- Everybody pitched in for a barn clean-up at Central East HQ.



Upcoming Events:

- Madrona Park Event "Maafa 2023" September 10, 2023
- Pratt Fine Arts Center's Fall Open House September 9, 2023

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

This week 13.5 tons of garbage was removed from the CE District.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- A crew project was held at Burke Gilman Park clearing blackberrys off of construction fence.



- NE crew came together to clean and organize the Magnuson 308 yard.



- District truck drivers adding gravel to level ground at Magnuson park and adding sand to sand box at Maple Leaf Park.





- IMW John Tiemeyer and Michael Geiss removing graffiti throughout NE district.



- Angela Yeats and JaShaun Johnson cleaned up after a party with some help from our future Parks employees.



Incidents:

A car was able to get on Magnuson Beach and get stuck on shoreline due to deteriorating log rails.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Crew project at Cedar Park.
- Irrigation repair throught the district.
- Shrub bed maintenance at Fritz Hedges.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

KUDOS this week goes to Eric Edwards district Gardener who after 25 years with the department decided to retire. We all here at NE district are happy for Eric and will miss him.



## **Northwest – District 6**

### Maintenance:

- Ballard Corners: The gardeners did some tree pruning which was delivered to Woodland Park Zoo as browse for the animals. The lawn was also aerated and renovated with grass and clover seed.
- Sandel Park: The whole park was edged and blown.



- Ballard CC: the park was blown and leaves were pushed onto the turf field for mulching. Weeding in lower parking strip area as well.
- Bergen Place: A crew project was held to cut back the spirea in the park. This opened up the shrub bed area for a very solid litter picking that has been needed to be done for a long time. Lots of graffiti removal.





- Greenwood Park: Edging and mowing the entire park.
- Baker and Alice Ball: lots of weeding and cutting back vegetation along sidewalk.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Clearing out Golden Gardens ditch and line trimming the roadside.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Sione Siua and Ryan Doll! These two were the night crew and fire program leads at Golden Gardens this summer season. That is a difficult position that requires a lot of public interaction and can be downright dangerous at times. They both did fantastic jobs in their roles. The fire program just wrapped up for the year, and we are excited to have Sione back on the day shift. Ryan will continue to lead the evening lock up shift. Thank you both!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Plenty of graffiti removal district-wide.
- At Fort Lawton, staff worked on emergency brush clearing for SPU.







- Kerry Viewpoint, keeping that popular viewpoint looking super sharp for all visitors. Mowed using electric lawn mower!



- Continued cleaning and revitalization of South Lake Union. Pruning for sprinkler clearance and getting water to the root zones. Also, many repairs to the irrigation system.



- Staff worked at Kobe Terrace line trimming and clearing sight lines.



- A crew project was held cleaning up the Interbay Sports Complex.



### Incidents:

An arson fire at Discovery Park Learning Center caused pretty severe damage to the building. Occurred night of Friday 9/1.



**Special Response Team** – no report

### **District Encampments**

- SW - Duwamish Head Greenspace, Duwamish Waterway Park - people living in their cars leave litter/trash all over the park.
- SE – Rainier PF, Seward Park
- CE – Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, and Lake City Mini Park.
- NW - Gilman Park, Carkeek Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW– Freeway Park, Pioneer Square, Upper Kinnear, Lower Kinnear, MacLean Park
- Heavy - 10th & Dearborn: 1 – skid steer, 1 – excavator, 3 – 10 yd dump truck

Needles:

## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- The Natural Area Crew continued care at Lakewood Maria. They removed flowers from purple loosestrife, weeded around plantings and pruned the large willow on the north side to increase light for new plantings.



- NAC also worked on “cones of light” in West Duwamish Greenbelt, clearing around planted conifer trees to provide for sunlight needs. Rodrick training on the chainsaw, show below.



- Michael coordinated crew work at Interbay Golf after camp removal, knocking down extensive blackberry. This work includes coordination with P-patch staff as well.





- NAC continued ivy management work at 60th St Viewpoint.



#### Volunteer Projects:

Sent out the Monthly Mulch, 2 forest steward site visits- Riverview and East Duwamish Greenbelt MacLean Park, Met with Junior for Quarterly Volunteer Programming Meeting.

#### Upcoming Events:

- GSP partner Futures Rising will be hosting several events this fall at Kubota Gardens Natural Area, Maple Wood Playfield, and Frink Park to support BIPOC community participation. *Futures Rising and yəhaw Indigenous Creatives Collective is inviting you to come and create art through the form of printmaking. We will be printing with plants and other materials. This space will center Black, Indigenous, and People of Color to come together to talk about possibilities, be held by the land and each other. In our deep need for community and the restoration of relation with the land we invite you to share space with us!*
- Find GSP event details here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>
- Save the Date: Seattle Forest Week has been set for 10/29 to 11/4, culminating in Green Seattle Day on 11/4.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Something pretty for today - Clarkia flowering in Clark's meadow in Seward Park in patches where NAC flame weeded and seed last spring.



**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

- SDOT slope mowing
- Cheasty Park clean green
- Cheasty Park compact
- Central East new yard e-blocks



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

- Assisted in fertilizer application for Lake Ridge
- Filled holes at Walter Hundley PF, Jimmi Hendrix PF, Madrona PF, Riverview PF, Jefferson PF.
- Miller PF grooming and sweeping of synthetic fields using the Sport Champ. The field was covered with leaves from the hot sunny weather causing the trees to shed leaves.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards.

- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Trailer 33029 went in PM
- Truck# 32941 in the shop for brakes and tailgate lift is not working
- Ventrac aerating attachment has a broken belt so the ventrac is in the shop

**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 18; Failure Cleanups: 2; Prunes: 13; Snag creation: 1; Trees watered (in-house crew): 164; Treatment: 28
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 2
  - Level 2 inspections: 32
  - Intern inventory work: 19 sites
  - Trees/sites inventoried: 123 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
  - Number of Parks inspected and serviced: 151
- Work Orders - Finished this week: 30; Open: 919; Average days open: 386
- Tommy Ennest and Josh Gilbert cleaned up this Alder failure at Discovery Park.



- The crew continued weekend work at Lake Washington Boulevard. Josh Gilbert was in the bucket for the aerial work while Henry Arends and Matthew Hilliard supported with rigging for lowering wood.





• Tommy Ennest climbed into the bucket for this Elm tree removal at TT Minor Playground.



- Miles Anderson got up in the tree and the bucket to first remove the branches of this dead Elm tree at TT Minor Playground before the final felling.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- Dead Elm removal at TT Minor Playground - A large Elm tree died from Dutch Elm Disease and required several days of work for the take down. Kudos to Miles Anderson (OOC Tree trimmer, Lead) for leading the crew to complete this removal before school starts this week.
- After hours emergency response - Shout out to Tony Eggink, Michael Keodoungsy and Michael Passalaqua for working overtime to clear a large fallen tree branch that was caught in the comms line at Queen Anne Boulevard. Also, thanks to Mark Malone for putting eyes on this tree and mobilizing the crew. Another shout out to Josh Gilbert and Tommy Ennest for removing a fallen Alder at Discovery Park that was blocking a road, close to the end of the day last Friday.
- Lake Washington Boulevard Weekend work (9/2 – 9/3) - The tree crew (Josh Gilbert, Henry Arends, Mark Malone, Michael Keodoungsy, Michael Passalaqua, Jamie Lim) together with support from NAC (Matthew Hilliard, Ynhi Phan, Tashon Washington, Melonae Hill), worked on pruning and tree removals during this weekend's bicycle road closure. Thank you all who worked this weekend, including Tony Eggink and David Han for getting the crew together.

## Trails Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Cheasty Blvd Trail - We were hosting the kids in the Yaw Program, so we decided to go to dome basic trail maintenance and teach Preston and Dan our Trail Standards and the ways we maintain them. The Crew did the Trail Buffer Maintenance to help keep the trail to our 4' standard width, they completed feet of trail work.



- SPU Support for Cambridge St at Fauntleroy Park - The Crew did a sit visit to look at the scope of work (Soil Chipping and Planting), estimate the time and materials needed to complete this project. We plan to bring in 8-10 yards of soil, 15-20 Huckleberry and then 6-8 yards of mulch for moisture retention and weed suppression.



- Stan Sayers - The Crew went out to clear and clean up the staircase at Stan Sayers Beach so that we could assess if they needed replacement or not. Luckily, they only needed cleaning and some minor maintenance.



- Jose Rizal Trail - The Crew did some pruning and general trail maintenance to widen the trail and give it a safer feel. We also resurfaced the box step tread. We are also prepping to install a new 250' retaining wall to help level out the trail and help mitigate the runoff issue.



- Aspiring Youth @ Ravenna Park - The Crew worked with the children of Aspiring Youth at Ravenna Park for their final week with us doing trail maintenance. They chipped the logs installation area they built last week.



- Discovery Park - These are pictures from the "Friends of Discovery Trails" installing 100' of outslope logs.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Mapping trails and structures in the coming weeks.
- Jose Rizal Trail retaining wall and stair structure.
- Granite step installation at trail head @ Frink Park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.)
- Granite step demo/installation at the Kubota Garden Natural area.
- Railing installation at Landover Woods.
- Collaboration with SPU at Cambridge St. bringing in soil, planting, and chipping on a drainage project they built.
- Working with Volunteer Park Trust on a major trail resurfacing project.
- Resurface the trail at the Beaver Pond Natural Area to help the Forest Stewards there.
- Box step replacement and continue the trail maintenance at Solstice Park.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

The Crew helped set up and facilitate Brad Schneider's retirement Party which was a lot of fun and a huge success. Brad is one of a kind and will be missed by everyone.

**Landscape Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- This week the Landscape Crew was at the Arboretum near the Centennial Garden for stair replacement and restoration of trail.
  - Replaced staircase and reconfigured design with 20 new steps in pressure treated wood.
  - Added 7 large stones on the side of staircase for stabilization and prevention of materials sluffing off hillside. Backfilled with steps with 3 yards of gravel.
  - At the bottom of staircase brought it up to grade with 1 yard of 5/8- and compacted the area down.

Before



After



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Big work week after Labor Day!
- Denny Blain Pond w/Heavy Equipment.
- Hubbard Homestead Park w/Heavy Equipment.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- The landscape crew will have representation at the Emerging Leaders Training.
- Big thank you to the staff at the Arboretum for their support with the stair replacement.
- A huge shout out to those who help with making Brad Schneider's retirement shin: Melonae Hill, Dave Han, Matthew Hilliard, Keri Frattini, Amir Williams, and anyone else that helped make that day special for Brad.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**– no report

**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s) at Fairview Ave E from Fuhman Ave E to E Allison St.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 10th Ave S & S Main St Vicinity, 3rd & Cherry/James, 4th & Yesler, 4th Ave N from Valley - Roy, 6th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Alleyway from James - Cherry, Bagley Overlook, Ballard Commons Park, Ballard Library, Bergen Place Park, Cal Anderson Park, Charles Stokes Overlook, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park, Gerber Park, Homewood Natural Area, Lake City Mini Park, Nesbit Ave N from N 90th-88th St, Pioneer Square Pergola, Pratt Park, Ravenna Park (under bridge), University Playground, Victory Creek Park, Volunteer Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 1154 Elliott Ave West, 12869 5th Ave NE, 14th Ave W. & West Garfield St, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 15th Ave W & W Emerson St, 17th Ave NW from 48th - NW Ballard, 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, 2318 N 92nd St, 3rd Ave & James St (alley near Pioneer Square), 4th Ave & Roy, 4th Ave N. From Valley St. to Roy St., 5th Ave NE & NE Maple Leaf Pl Vicinity, 6th Ave N. From Mercer St. to Harrison St., 8842 Nesbit Ave N, 8th Ave NE & NE 70th St Vicinity, 9117 1st Ave NE, 940 NW 49th St, Amy Yee Tennis Center Vicinity, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Cal Anderson Park, Children's Park, Cowen Park, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park, Fairview Ave E from Fuhman Ave - E Allison St, Fairview Ave N & Mercer St Vicinity, Fire House Alley Vicinity, Gerber Park, Gilman Ave W btw W Ruffer St & W Bertona St, Hing Hay Park, I-90 Rainier EB On Ramp corner at Rainier Ave S, Interurban Trail from N 128th St - 125th St, Judkins Park, Kinnear Park, Lake City Mini Park, Leary Ave NW From NW Lone Place to 17th Ave NW, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th St. to NW 83rd St., Miller Playfield & Community Center, N 87th St from Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW, NE 40th & 6th Ave NE, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp Vicinity, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 67th St & 9th Ave NE, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 47th St from 6th Ave NW to Leary Way NW, NW 50th St from 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 53rd St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 54th St. & 28th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & 9th Ave NW - 15th ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle Vicinity, Occidental Park, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Pergola, Poplar & Dean, Post Ave Vicinity, Powell Barnett Park, Pratt Park, Prefontaine Park Vicinity, Ravenna Park, Ravenna Park (under bridge), S Main St & 10th Ave S Vicinity, S Washington St Vicinity, Seaview Ave NW & 37th Pl NW Vicinity, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, South Main St Vicinity, Tashkent Park, Volunteer Park.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 131 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 39,060 lbs of debris was removed for the week by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 446

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

1154 Elliott Ave West



Peace Park



Ravenna Park (Under the Bridge)



MDAR: Fairview Ave E from Furhman Ave E to E Allison St



**DATE:** January 12, 2024

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 1/1/2024 - 1/7/2024

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Holiday week short staff. Crews checked on drains, and general maintenance.
- Crew prepared for King Tides at Alki Bathhouse and Statue of Liberty





- Gardeners' Report - Alki shrub beds weeded with assistance from crew, and wood chips to follow.



- IMW Report - Lincoln Park reset metal bollard sleeve. Removed graffiti Westcrest comfort station outside walls.



- Replaced soap dispenser in Camp Long comfort station.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Apply mulch to Alki shrub beds. New plant installation on Alki at new crosswalk beds.
- Pressure wash Tennis Courts

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks to the Concrete Crew for repairing our HQ floor to eliminate a tripping hazard.



**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Seattle Amphitheater fallen tree/Renovation.





Incidents:

- Car break-in happened at Seward Park on 1-2-2024.
- Tree Fall at Seward Park Playground

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Issabella Jimenez, Jim Demetre, Jason Aguirre, and the Trails Crew for the Upper Loop landscape renovation by 'mulching in place' invasive weeds, overgrown native plants, dead and disease plant matter.

**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3** – no report

**Northeast – District 4/5**

**Maintenance:**

- Leaf management crew project at Ravenna Eckstein CC



- Leaf management crew project at Meridian Park



- Turf repair at Cowen Park



- Trail closure/restoration at Magnuson Park



- Restroom clearance pruning at Matthews Beach



- Graffiti removal throughout district



Incidents:

- Off-roading at Magnsuon



- Hazardous material dumping at Magnuson



- Cut/stolen tree at Bryant Park



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Magnuson wetland trail resurfacing
- Mulching projects at Meridian
- Gas Works erosion control, continued

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week goes to Chuck Nakamura for being a great sport.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Alice Ball: Gardeners have been doing seasonal clean up and pruning of the park. This includes shearing back grasses, coppicing dogwoods, and separation pruning of ornamental shrubs.







- Woodland Park: Big crew project to restore picnic shelter #3 which was heavy occupied by houseless individuals. This included lots of leaf removal, debris clean up, and re-saddling of logs along roadside.



- Shoreline restoration: Gardeners went to help a different district with removal of invasives as part of a restoration project through Natural Resource Unit.
- IMW has removed graffiti at several parks throughout the districts.

#### Upcoming Events:

1/13: Green Lake: 2024 SAA Superbuild Walkathon 9am-5pm

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Slope gardening work at Loyal Heights CC
- Salmon Bay shrub bed restoration
- District Wide tennis court clean ups
- 14<sup>th</sup> st Boat Ramp renovation.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to everyone who was offered a Maintenance Laborer position: Brandon Willecke, Jace Breakfield, and Eli Ng. Whether you are staying with NW or going somewhere else, thank you for your hard work and congratulations. Best of luck!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7** - no report

**District Encampments**

- SW – Roxhill Park located on north side of Park; Lincoln Park off trail near Wading Pool
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW –Carkeek Park, Gilman Park, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park, Kobe Terrace

Needles: 0

Roxhill Park



Lincoln Park



**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- NAC just finished the first planting project of the season at Lakewood Marina! The NAC installed 700 plants, spread 20 yards of mulch, and caged over 100 woody plants to prevent damage from beavers and rabbits. Way to go crew!





- Eric met with Ashley Robles (CW Gardener and soon to be OOC Plant Ecologist for 3 months starting 1/17) for a Forest Steward site visit at Discovery Park with Aaron Barnett.



- NAC continued to support requests for protective fencing in areas where beavers are active and its deemed necessary to manage tree damage. They installed fencing along Lake Washington and at Montlake Community Center.



- No photos, but Bridget met with CE District staff and Sprague to coordinate rat management at Cal Anderson, including holding them accountable for implementation last year and getting a commitment for regular monitoring and treatment moving forward.

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## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

Red Barn slope mowing



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

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- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
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- Soil samples
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 12; Failure Cleanups: 1; Prunes: 26; Snag creations: 2; Trees planted: 8; Mulch: 3
- Inspections/Inventory:
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  - Level 2 inspections: 16
- Trees/sites inventoried: 76 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 23; Open: 823; Average days open: 471
- Tree Crew updates - The crew worked on prunes, removals and a major failure clean up at Cheasty Greenspace where an Alder tree failed. The team of Robby Dohrn and Miles Anderson also did a resistance drill assessment on a Douglas Fir snag in Seward Park, preserving that tree as a snag habitat.
- Tree Planting updates - TC+ planted a total of 8 trees this week – 7 trees at Delridge Playfield and 1 at T.T. Minor.

- Tommy Ennest got up in the bucket truck to remove a tree at Genessee Park.



- The Tree Crew removed an Alder tree that failed in Cheasty Greenspace.



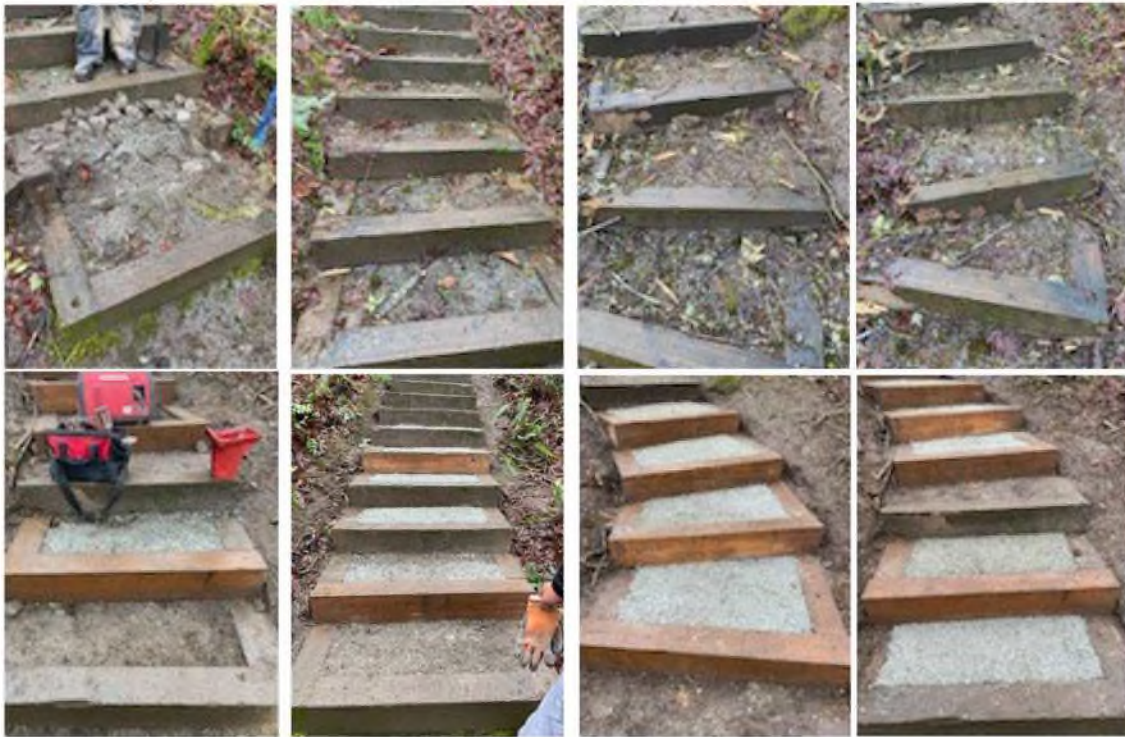
- Henry Arends enjoyed his last day in the bucket.



## Trails Crew

### Maintenance/ Projects:

- Cheasty Green Space @ Mtn. View- The Crew repaired/ replaced 16 box steps that were destroyed from a few fallen trees in last week's wind and rain.



- Jose Rizal- The crew finished up the last of the gravel surfacing the newly renovated Jose Rizal Trail. This was a big improvement to the trail and will a much safer access and use. We are planning for phase 2 in hopes of adding steps all the way down to the dog park.



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We are working with a Scout named Kai Longmier to help them achieve the honor of earning their Eagle Badge. They will be at Fautleroy Park at the Barton St "rainbow sign" creating a new trail for easier accessibility and creating a new planter bed and installing native plants. The paperwork has been finalized and is being scheduled.

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### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

We just finished the SPR ML hiring process and the different crews have had a chance to see who they will be adding to their crews and have begun giving initial offers and checking references. It was a great experience and fun to be able to go through an entire hiring process from start to finish. Thank you to Jackie and Edgar from HR, Travis and Beau from the District and Encampment Crews and the NRU staff Lisa Ceiko from GSP, Emily Hanson and Jamie Lim for Urban Forestry.

### **Landscape Crew**

#### Maintenance/Projects:

- The Landscape crew worked at several sites during the week of January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our senior staff has been concluding the site visits for the upcoming CIP/MPD 2024 project list.
- The crew worked on the fence line at Pritchard Beach removing 4 yards of material.





#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Pritchard Beach
- Gearing up for the start of CIP project list

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to the Senior Gardeners from all the districts who have taken the time to meet with us for site visits.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT** – no report

#### **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

##### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): Zero calendared events.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 12th & Weller, 3rd & Cherry Vicinity, 4th & Yesler, 6th & Cherry Vicinity, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Library, Broadway Hill Park, City Hall Park, Dearborn & I-5 Vicinity, Fremont Canal Park, Homewood Natural Area, Lake City Mini Park, Leary Triangle Vicinity, Miller Playfield, NE 120th St & 30th Ave NE, NW 24th St from 60th-59th, Tashkent Park, Thomas St Mini Park, W Garfield St (under Magnolia bridge).
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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 123 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 40,240 lbs of debris was collected the week of 12/31/2023 – 1/5/2024 by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 492

Trash Mitigation & MDAR/Obstruction Removals:

N 87th St from Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW



Burke-Gilman Trail / Pathways Park



Kinnear Park



**Obstruction:** Thomas St Mini Park



**DATE:** January 19, 2024

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 1/8/2024 - 1/14/2024

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Crew project at Alki Beach spreading 15 yards of mulch in shrub beds.



- Gardeners' Report (Tim Pollin) - Alki Beach rainbow sign removal of weeds.



- IMW - Don Armeni Boat ramp comfort station graffiti removal.



Incidents:

- Vandals tore down fencing for upcoming pickle ball courts in Lincoln Park.



- Lincoln Park windstorm blew down branches at north boundary of park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Tree rings at EC North.
- Remove turn at Alki.
- Pressure wash Tennis Courts.

## Southeast - District 2

### Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Pritchard Beach N.W. Property Line
- Seward Park Shoreline Clean Up



### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Jason Aguirre from the Natural Area Crew and Isabel Jimenez for the wonderful work at Seward Park and for helping identify the property Line at Pritchard Beach.



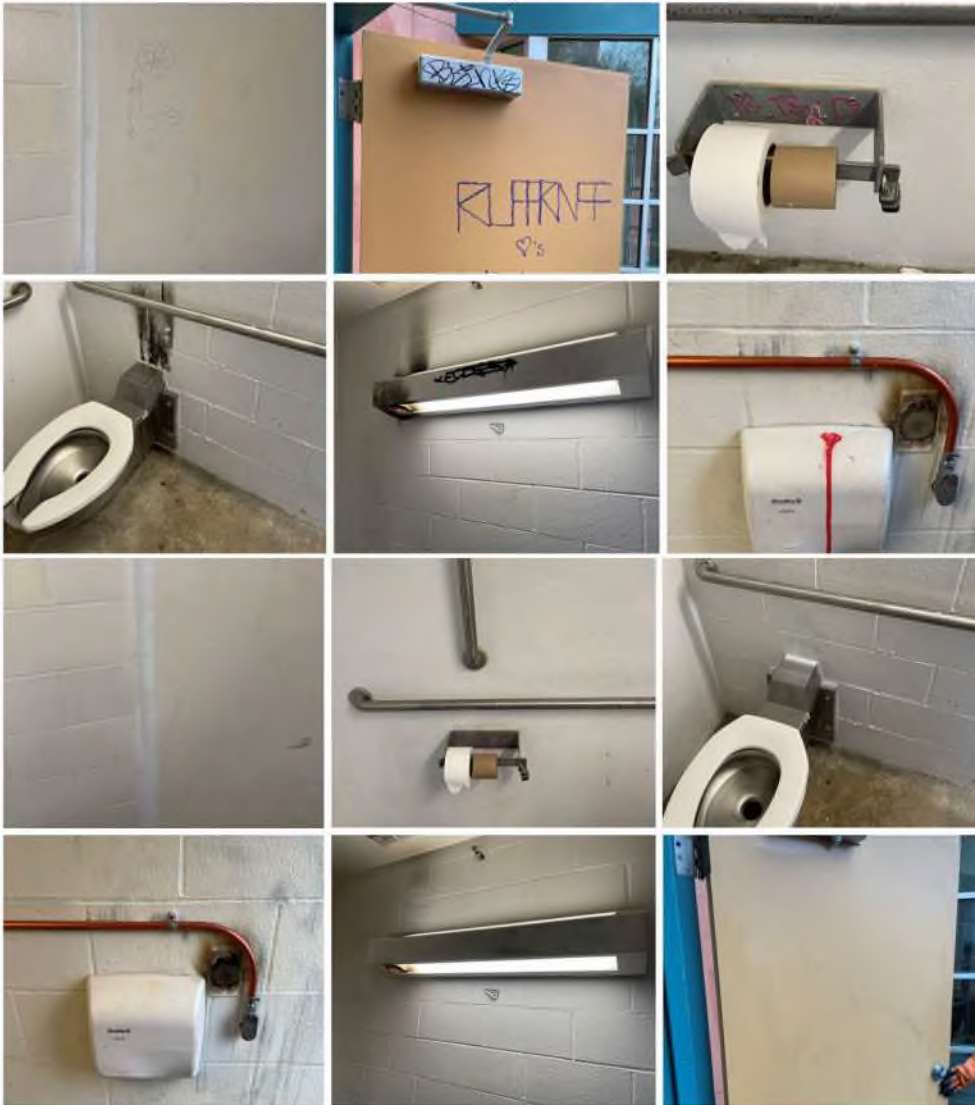


**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Graffiti Clean Up at Miller Community Center Restrooms.



- Broken tree on Inter Laken Blvd. Central East crew assisted the Volunteer Park staff with removing debris off the Road.



- Leaf removal at Washington Park around the backstops and playfield.



- Leaf removal and mulching at Peppi's Playground.



- Shoreline restoration with NAC at Madrona Park.



- Pressure washing picnic area at Cal Anderson on westside of park.





Incidents:

A tree broke at Nora Woods Natural Area breaking electrical wire and landing on top of car. No injuries or damage was caused to any vehicles.



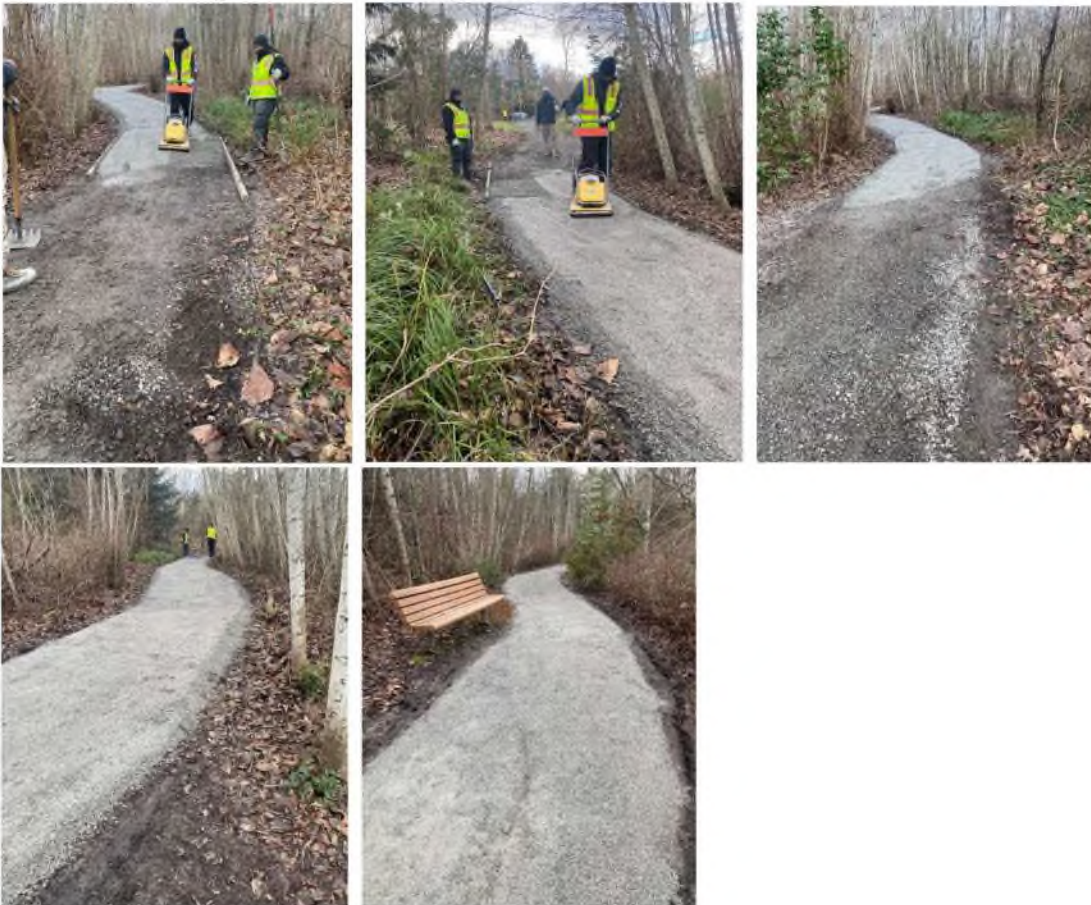
Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Matthew Hillard and the NAC team for planning the Shoreline Restoration project at Madrona Beach. Thank you for your hard work. Looking forward to the next phases of this project.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Resurfacing wetland trail at Magnuson



- Leaf management at Cowen Park, staging leaves for new mulch beds.



- Leaf management at Gas Works



- Leaf management and storm clean up at View Ridge



- Installing erosion control logs at Gas Works





- Burke Gilman leaf management



- Spreading de-icer around Magnuson and Meadowbrook community centers during freeze.



- Graffiti removal throughout district



Incidents:

Toilets frozen during weekend freeze

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Mulching projects at Cowen and Ravenna Eckstein CC
- Perennial planting throughout district when ground thaws

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week goes to Vili Tuipulotu for spending his last 15 months with us at NE. Congratulations on your promotion to Maintenance Laborer with NW District. We all hope to see you soon!



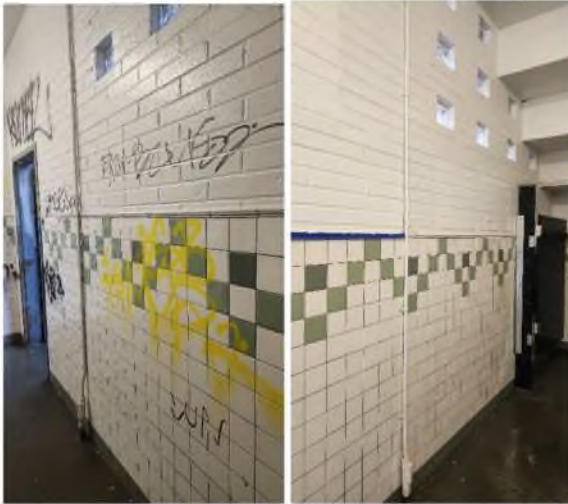
**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Crown Hill Park: Gardeners pruned and cut back shrubs in a garden bed.



- Lower Woodland: IMW cleaned up graffiti covering the bathroom at Cloverleaf playfield.



- District Wide: Litter and Garbage has been the main focus; reporting any storm damage to trees; the freezing temperatures have been a bit limiting.
- District Wide: putting down De-Icer at all the community centers. Reporting any frozen and busted plumbing in bathrooms, and then closing those bathrooms.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Vegetation cut back at Loyal Heights
- Shrub bed restoration at Salmon Bay
- Soil leveling at Crown Hill skate park
- Cleaning tennis courts district wide
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. Boat ramp shrub bed renovation

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Krista Waller and Kevin Lince! They were both helping to fill the void of a Senior Gardener position for 3 months. Kevin is already a Senior Gardener, so he was taking on extra duties and Krista had plenty of OOC opportunities and experience. Thank you for stepping up and helping out.

**Central West/Downtown – District 7** – no report

## **District Encampments**

- SW – Lincoln Park inside women’s comfort station by Colman Pool
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW – Sandel, Ballard Commons, Green Lake, Upper Woodland
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park, Kobe Terrace

Needles: 5

## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- The Natural Area Crew started in on some shoreline work with Central East District in Leschi, just south of Madrona Beach at the T-Dock. Senior Gardener Matthew Hilliard picked up the request from Manager Jordan Merriam to support weed management, pruning, and planting at this site while also engaging the district in natural area cross-training work. Thank you, Matthew and NAC!



- West Seattle High School’s Earth Club came out to Lincoln Park (from 1/6) to prep for MLK day at Lincoln Park with Forest Steward Lisa McGinty. MLK Jr. Day of Service numbers and photos will come in over the next couple weeks.





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### **Heavy Equipment Crew**

#### Maintenance:

South parking lot at Discovery Park



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Demo Madrona Ravine (house)
- Clean green
- Chips citywide

### **Turf Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- The crew are finishing the soil sample this week. The turf crew is in training using the Field Maps apps to track European Chafer Beetles and have been collecting information on the European Chafer Beetles movement.
- The crew did training on Turf And Landscape Ornamentals on a webinar sponsored by Wilbur Ellis. Everyone was given credits for attending.
- The turf crew has been collecting soil samples for lime fertilizer this spring.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Soil samples
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Staying ready for snow and ice.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- This time of the year to groom and blow synthetic fields and repair turf damage like tire ruts, illegal dog use in the playfields and just plain use of field for practice and game.
- The region is experiencing freezing weather and snow. Welcome Winter!

#### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 31; Failure Cleanups: 14; Prunes: 2; Snag creations: 4; Trees planted: 14
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 24
  - Level 2 inspections: 33
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- Work orders – Finished this week: 14; Open: 834; Average days open: 496

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- Great team work on this project – Tommy Ennest starting off the removal, followed by Josh Gilbert and Joe Perdue. Zach Pollard keeping the crews all in check with ground support.



- Wind Storm event - Overnight high winds on Monday night and into Tuesday saw a number of tree failures. The crew took care of major failures at Ravenna Boulevard, Seward Park, Golden Gardens, Carkeek Park, Madrona Ravine. Shout out to Heavy team for supporting tree removal work at Ravenna Boulevard and to the Tree Crew for working through the winter weather cleaning up failures and tree hazards for public safety.



- Robert Dohrn and Miles Anderson conducted an advance diagnostic tree assessment with the resistance drill on this Douglas Fir in Seward Park. With the assessment and mitigation pruning, they were able to retain the tree and preserve it as a habitat snag.



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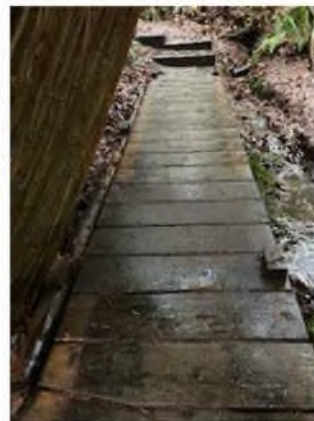
Notes/Kudos/Other information:

- Staff movements - We congratulate Henry Arends, Tree Crew Lead, for getting an 8-month OOC opportunity as a Trees For Seattle Program Manager position with Seattle Public Utilities.

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/ Projects:

- Frink Park- The Crew removed and replaced the kick board on the boardwalk/ bridge that was vandalized.





- Fauntleroy Park- The Crew went to take measurements of a bridge that was crushed by 2 falling trees. We will be doing the repair as soon as we get the materials.
- Schmitz Park- we did a site visit to assess a trail that is in desperate need of some trail maintenance and structures added that was called in by a community member. The trail is in desperate need of some work and is going to require some additional thought and possibly a site visit by our engineer.
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**Landscape Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

- During the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>, the crew was at Pritchard Beach working on the western fence line with blackberry, holly, and ivy removal. The crew hauled out another 6 yards of material from this site.



- The crew also helped the Tree Crew with planting at Othello Park. The crew helped to plant 12 new trees, mulch, and stake the trees.





#### Upcoming Events:

- Gardeners Retreat in late February.
- WSDA Pesticide Training.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Working at the Arboretum on March Island.
- At the Japanese Garden helping with the season opening.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to Rodrick Nicholas for your amazing out of class assignment at NRU and the Landscape Crew. Rodrick is dedicated to horticulture, has a willingness to learn, humor, and will be missed.

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- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 111 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 46,560 lbs of debris was collected the week of 1/6/2024 – 1/12/2024 by the Clean City / Encampment / Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 437

Trash Mitigation & MDAR/Obstruction Removals:

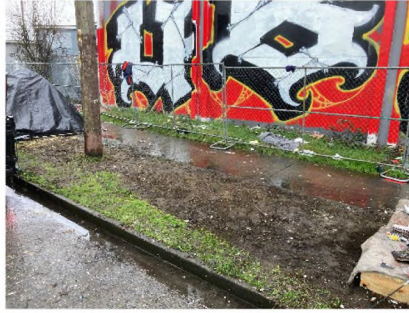
East Pine St to Pike St from 18th to 17th



Burke Gilman Trail along NE 40th St from Pasadena PI - University Bridge



NW Leary Way From 9th - 15th Ave NW



Removal: N 87th St from Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW



**DATE:** January 26, 2024

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 1/15/2024 - 1/21/2024

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

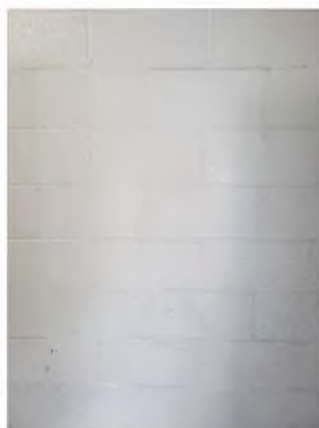
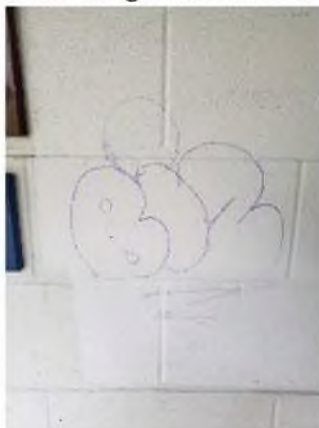
**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Staff continued with pressure washing Tennis Courts.
- Gardeners' Report (Tim Pollin) - Alki Shrub bed clean-up



- IMW - Seacrest comfort station graffiti removal.



Hiawatha Plyfld Kiosk Sign



Incidents:

Marra Farms - truck stuck in mud.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

IMW Jamborees every Wednesday

**Southeast - District 2** – no report

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- It was a hard week dealing with the cold weather comfort stations and a freezing wash rack and pesticide room with gushing broken pipes at Genesee HQ. Shout out to the Plumbers. Thanks for your hard work.
- The crew worked on de-icing community centers, major pedestrian walkways, and bus stops.
- Senior staff continued grinding on park inspections.
- Getting ready for tennis season with pressure washing the courts.
- Truck Driver Skeeter Anderson worked at Sierra Place removing debris off the sidewalk.





- Crew installed a hot wash in the back of a work truck for the team to use on tennis courts.



- De-icing at Jose Rizal



- Amy Yee tennis court clean-up



Incidents:

At Amy Yee someone burnt a honey bucket next to the outdoor courts.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

SE District got some nice new units including a Toro 72s to help them to install blower attachments.



**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Cal Anderson IMW Jamboree Graffiti Removal



- Sign Replacement and Graffiti Removal at Denny Blaine Park



- Mcgilvra Triangle Leaf Removal



- Flo Ware Park Leaf Removal



- Lynn St Park Leaf Removal



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Madrona Shoreline Restoration Jamboree 1/24/24
- Cal Anderson All IMW Jamboree 1/24/24

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Blackberry removal at Magnuson

Before





After



- Leaf management at Virgil Flame



- Leaf management at Pinehurst



- Graffiti removal throughout district

Before



After



- Sign replacement throughout district



- Fixing the Lakeshore Drive barrier chain at Magnuson



- Spreading de-icer as necessary



Incidents:

- Frozen synthetic turf warping at Magnuson



- Burst pipes at View Ridge



- Multi-vehicle collision with parked Parks truck at Lake City Mini



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Tree and shrub bed mulching throughout district
- Mulching projects at Meridian and Ravenna Eckstein CC
- Perennial planting throughout district

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week goes to our IMW Jon Tiemeyer for bearing witness to all the graffiti of NE and making it disappear, while being a source of knowledge and role model to all.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Triangle: The crew cleaned up sidewalks and curb lines. Line trimmed and edged.





- Ballard Pool: Route staff cleaned up leaves and sidewalks surrounding the property.



- Carkeek: wooden boards of a bench that has been incorporated into the beaver dam were removed for safety reasons.
- Loyal Heights: Gardeners cut back large overgrown shrubs along the hillside. ~10 yards of debris removed.





- Green Lake: The crew provided customer service for the boat rental/coffee shop at Green Lake by removing old dead shrubs and pruning a very non maintained flowering crab apple tree. The owner of the shop was well pleased.



- Gemenskap: Graffiti was removed from utility boxes.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- 14<sup>th</sup> st Boat Ramp Renovation
- District wide tennis court clean ups
- Salmon Bay shrub bed cutbacks
- Sandel retaining wall instillation.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Sara Salse! Sara has been part of the NW team for a while now. In that time, she has filled in for Utility and Maintenance Laborer positions, on top of learning and helping with IMW work. She is

always willing to help, flexible, and dependable. She is always on time and hardly misses a day of work. Thank you for being a model employee, Sara!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

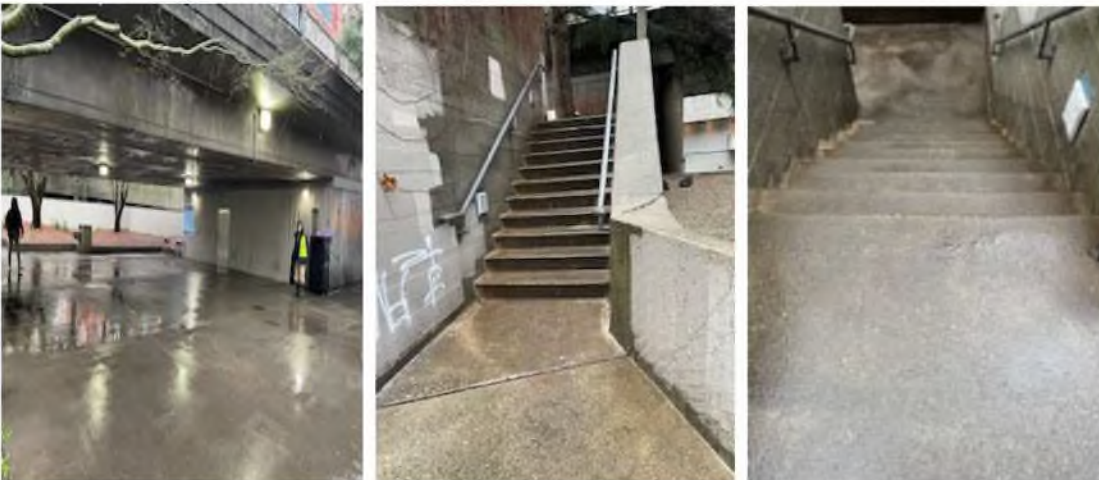
- Cleaning shrub beds at Children’s Park.



- Mulching shrub beds at Plymouth Pillars.



- Cleaning hard surfaces at Freeway Park.



- Cleaning all hard surfaces at South Lake Union.



- Cleaning hard surfaces at Hing Hay Park



Incidents:

During the deep freeze Queen Anne Bowl synthetic turf bubbled up.





Upcoming Projects/Work:

Leaf removal at Freeway Park

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Like to acknowledge the crew for their hard work while welcoming new staff to the district and showing them the way.

**District Encampments**

- SW – Lincoln Park inside women’s comfort station by Colman Pool
- SC – Coleman Playground
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW – Sandel, Ballard Commons, Green Lake, Upper Woodland, Carkeek
- DT/CW –Kobe Terrace
- Kubota Garden - encampment in the natural area just north of the garden; used the ‘find it, fix it’ app to report it. The encampment has been removed and a huge amount of litter was picked up as well.
- Arboretum - Foster Island, under SR 520; Ongoing issue with camper in Pacific Connections Interpretive Shelter

Needles: 6

Kobe Terrace Campers



**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

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Projects/Maintenance:

- Bridget Kelsh coordinated a planning meeting and site visit to consider how we’ll manage water levels around the beaver dam at Carkeek Park. Participants represented Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project, Beavers Northwest, Washington Fish and Wildlife Dept, Seattle Public Utilities, SPR Natural Resource Unit, SPR Northwest District, and University of Washington.



- Eric Sterner met with Forest Steward Site Visit Jeff Welke at Meadowbrook Park.



- Follow up on MLK Day of Service restoration event at Lincoln Park with WSHS Earth Club hosted by Lisa McGinty (with more photos here: [https://seattlegov-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/personal/eric\\_sterner2\\_seattle\\_gov/Documents/GSP%20Forest%20Stewards/Lincoln%20Park%20MLK%20Day%202024?csf=1&web=1&e=71KDaW](https://seattlegov-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/personal/eric_sterner2_seattle_gov/Documents/GSP%20Forest%20Stewards/Lincoln%20Park%20MLK%20Day%202024?csf=1&web=1&e=71KDaW)):

*Hello! Just wanted to share that we had a great experience with all of the youth who joined the MLK Day of Service restoration event at Lincoln Park on Monday morning. Despite the cold, over 50 students showed up and joined the effort. We broke the volunteers into 7 smaller groups and each group was lead by a student from WSHS Earth Club. The group leads and I met a week prior to the event, at the park to tour the site and participate in a 'how to lead a volunteer restoration event' session. They were AWESOME all supported each other with respect and kindness and made the event a total success. Many students didn't want to stop working at the end and asked when they could volunteer again.*



- Natural Area Crew supported weed removal and sight line improvements at Herring's House.



#### Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 1 – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 2 – Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 3 – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
- Forest in Cities Workshop – February 5 – 8, 2024
- Find upcoming GSP events here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

#### **Heavy Equipment Crew**

##### Maintenance:

Golden Gardens tree stump





Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Compost citywide
- Chips citywide

**Turf Crew**

Maintenance:

The crew is almost finished collecting soil samples and will turn over to Wilbur Ellis this week. Turf crews are in training using the Field Maps apps to track European Chafer Beetles. The turf crew has been collecting information on the European Chafer Beetles movement.

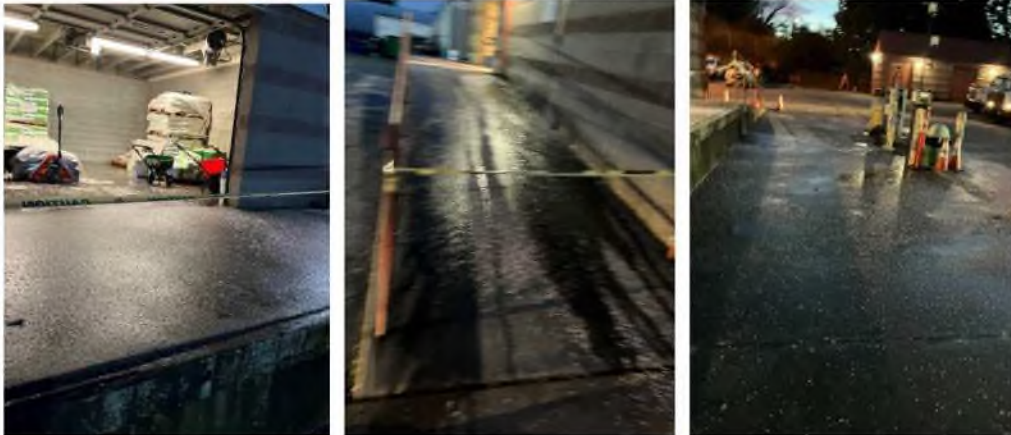


- Montlake PF winter weather damage and clean-up



Incidents:

- Last week was the end of the freeze in Washington. The freeze was so bad that waterpipes froze and busted. The seed & fertilizer room eyewash station waterpipe burst. When the garage door opened, a 5-inch wave of water rolled out over the floor covering the loading dock and the gas pumps. The weather was so cold the water froze into a sheet of ice. One coworker had a bad slip and took a couple days off. The crew had to spread ice melt and cone/caution tape the area off.



- Last week freeze also affected the synthetic playfields. The playfields could not drain due to the freeze in the drain pipes. The fields formed mounds and waves of frozen water riffs in the carpet. Woodland PF, Loyal Heights PF and Queen Anne Bowl PF were affected.

Queen Anne Bowl PF Carpet Riffles





Loyal Heights PF Carpet Ruffles



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Staying ready for snow and ice.

**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 3; Failure Cleanups: 5; Prunes: 2; Snag creations: 4; Trees planted: 7
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 9
  - Level 2 inspections: 12
- Trees/sites inventoried: 38 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 3; Open: 835; Average days open: 495; Number of parks serviced: 13
- Lakeridge tree removal - Tree Crew took down an uplifted Cottonwood tree that was looming over the play area at Lakeridge Park. The crew attached a line to the tree and pulled it down safely without any damages to the surrounding fence. Great job, Team!
- Tree Planting updates - TC+ planted a total of 7 trees in Judkins Park and built fences to protect some new trees from Disc Golfers at Mineral Springs Park.

- Robert Dohrn climbing a tree in Harrison Ridge.



- Miles Anderson making a rope harness and a blake's hitch to climb up this small tree for removal at Harrison Ridge.



- Thomas Ennest using the skid steer to direct the felling of this poplar tree in West Seattle Golf Course.





- Robert Dohrn up in the bucket removing an old cable and replacing it with a steel cable at Madrona Ravine.



- The crew of Henry Arends, Mark Rawlins, Joe Perdue, Josh Gilbert and Thomas Ennest working at Lincoln Park to remove a Fir tree and a Maple tree branch failure clean up.







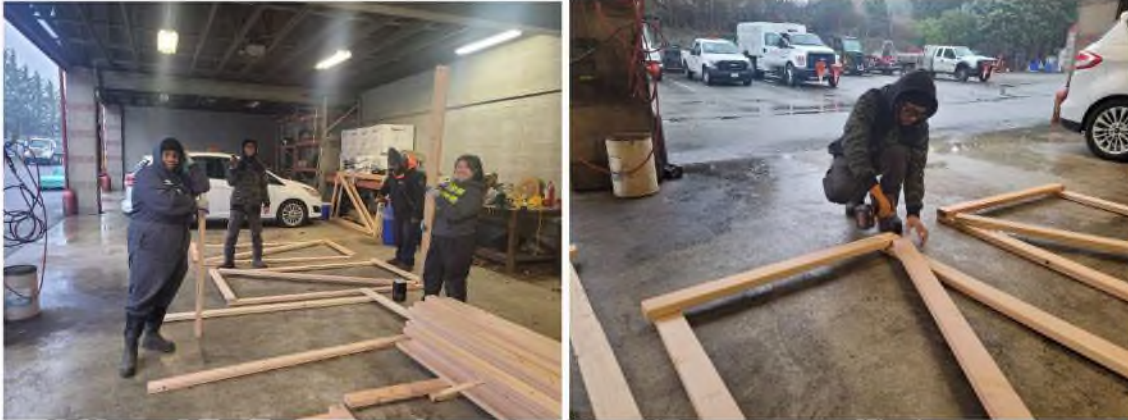
- Brush chipping and Josh Gilbert bucking up this large log at West Seattle Golf Course.



- Tree Crew working along Beacon Ave to take out a hanger from tree at Jefferson Golf Course.



- Melonae Hill, TaShon Washington, Michael Keodoungsy and Ynhi Phan building fences to protect our new trees from Disc golfers at Mineral Springs Park.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

New Staff - We welcome Alex Carlsen, our newest member of the tree crew and internal transfers, Ynhi Phan and TaShon Washington to the Tree Planting team.

**Trails Crew**

Maintenance/ Projects:

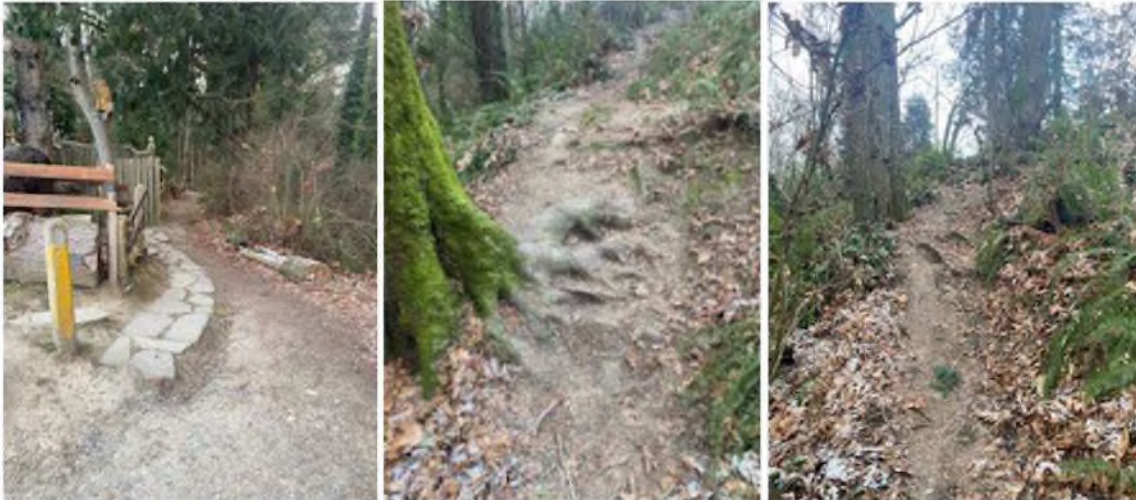
- Roxhill Natural Area Trails - The crew went out and used Roxhill as the beginning of teaching our new crew members our trail standards. Today we went over trail width and trail buffer pruning and maintenance standards. We did 654 feet of trail maintenance and removed one tree that fell across the trail.



- Carkeek Park - We had a meeting and site visit with members of Beavers NW, SPU, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, SPR staff and David Koon to talk about what is happening at Pipers Creek with the beaver dams, culverts, and lots of rain. We have begun discussing our short and long-term solutions for the beavers, salmon and humans coexisting together in a wetland area.



- Schmitz Park- We did a site visit to assess the condition and safety of a trail that was called in by a community member. After further investigation the trail isn't an SPR maintained arterial trail, it is a social trail that has grown and become heavily used over the years. We will have to look into possible options but may need to be decommissioned for the safety of the users.



#### Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

We had a site meeting with a Scout named Kai Longmire at Fautleroy Park Barton St entrance to go over the workplan for their Eagle Badge. We will be delivering a job box, tool, and materials so they can start work this weekend. We put together a job box with the necessary tools for Kai and team to do the trail work to earn their Eagle Badge. We will be delivering it and the needed materials for them to start work.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- Trail and Trail Structure assessment with Asmita Poudel

- 3 washouts on the Lake Washington shoreline- We will be working with Michael Yadrick on mitigating this ongoing issue.
- We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a walk bridge at the Japanese Garden this winter in hopes to have it completed by it re opening on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a large staircase (25 steps) at Discovery Park that has rotted away creating a big safety concern for the trail users.
- We will be repairing a washout of the trail at the Golden Gardens Dog Park.
- We will be repairing a major washout at Carkeek Park that has occurred due to a failing culvert and excessive rain over the last few weeks.
- We will continue the trail and trail structure maintenance at Frink Park that was brought to our attention by the Forest Steward there.

#### Upcoming Events:

I will be leading a guided tour and training of Cheasty Greenspace- Sound View Trail to the participants of the GG24 GIS training Conference/ Training in February and will be working with Jasmine Jose and Jordan Ng on this project. We plan to show them how and why the Trails Department utilizes Trimble Mobile manager and Trimble DA2 devices.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

The Trails Crew lost 2 crew members, Sherman Davis and Michael Adams. I would like to thank them for the hard work they put in the 6 months they were with the Trails crew. I would also like to welcome the 3 new FTE ML's to the Trails Crew, Ian Capper (Outside/ USFS- new hire), Henry Rabauliman (transfer from Encampment) and Reeve Belt (Conservation Corps- new hire).



## Landscape Crew

### Maintenance/Projects:

- Jefferson Green House - Supporting the Green House with a reduction of the Barberry (Berberis) for the upcoming window replacement. Taking away over a yard of material.



- Schmitz Park - Road clearing and maintenance. The crew hauled away over 4 yards of downed trees.





- Benefit Park - The crew was also back at Benefit Park weeding, deadheading, and general clean-up of the project we did last year. Hauling away 2 yards of weeds and vegetation.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Marsh island mulching at the Arboretum.
- Hubbard Homestead bioswale planting
- Magnolia Community Center tree removal

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A HUGE congratulations to Trevor Dobbs-White for being accepted into the Electrician Apprenticeship Program in Parks. What an amazing accomplishment!!!!

#### **Specialty Gardens Monthly Report**

##### **Japanese Gardens**

##### Maintenance:

- Seasonal maintenance and renovation continues during winter closure. East shoreline was renovated with new soil berm, set stone, and donated *Pinus sylvestris*. (stone set by Pete with help from tripod). Area will be mulched in preparation for groundcover growth.



- Andrea cleared drainage rocks from drain around the Shoseian Tea House. Drain will be cleaned, repaired, and washed rocks put back in place.



- Cold weather prep was done before the freezing temperatures. Although SJG is closed to the public, sidewalks and courtyard were treated with salt. Jose spread Hakonechloa, cut down from the courtyard, onto mondo grass to prevent frost scorch. A temporary greenhouse was constructed for nursery items to prevent freezing.



- The frozen garden.



Upcoming Events:

Garden reopens to the public 3/1.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Winter pruning, Roji drain repairs and cleaning, bridge repair, stone setting, garden cleanup, emergency egress installation...

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Our new Club Car was delivered. The purchase of this was possible due to partnership with the Arboretum Foundation.



**Jefferson Greenhouse**

Highlights:

- We created an inventory list of surplus plants at Jefferson Greenhouse & shared it with City Gardeners. Response & coordination for pickup was terrific! Plants are going to Kubota Garden, The Arboretum, Seattle Center, NE, SC, SE, Seward Park, Beacon Food Forest, The Landscape Crew, & GSP. This distribution will help create much needed space to meet the requirements of our upcoming 2024 crops, not to mention beautifying our parks & greenspaces.



- Jefferson Greenhouse provided 50 Aloe vera plants to Eric Sterner for a giveaway at the Denny Awards.



**Surplus Cornus sericea**



**Eric Sterner**

Maintenance:

- Repairs continue in Zone #1.
- Herzog Glass replaced broken panels of glass for the Greenhouse in December, but a large Barberry impeded access to one of them. We have an estimate for the single panel's replacement, & are coordinating with the Landscape Crew to create a safe working space.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Johan is sowing seed to fulfill upcoming orders. Our new fridges are being put to good use!
- Khalil Griffith, with Beacon Food Forest, met with us to collaborate on this year's plans for production. Last year they supplied the Beacon Hill Food Bank with over 1,000 pounds of produce, which was a requirement of their grant. Jefferson Greenhouse supplied the majority of vegetable starts to reach that goal, in addition to providing starts for their open picking, & BIPOC specific gardens.



**New Refrigerator with seeds & seed flats**

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

**Kudos** to our City Gardeners for their timely response to our surplus plant list. Due to their efforts, these plants get new homes & will help beautify our Seattle parks and greenspaces!



**Kubota Gardens**

Maintenance:

- Pruning, weeding, and mulching project around the parking lot and behind the main entrance stone setting (thanks Hannah!).



- Pruning and weeding project on Mountainside by middle pond and nearby rockery and lawn.
- Dividing and potting up perennials.
- We replaced an ailing pine with a stone by the Terrace shelter.
- Started building rockery adjacent to public restrooms.



- Other regular maintenance including cutting back perennials, pruning, mulching.

Volunteer Projects:

KGF Tuesday volunteers come to mulch behind entry stone arrangement, plant ajuga in the stroll garden, and weed/remove blackberries in various areas throughout the garden. Reduced number of events due to holidays and inclement weather.

Incidents:

- 4 car prowls in parking lot.
- Someone broke into the irrigation hut with a crowbar and damaged the door.



- Someone tried to break into the donations box and ruined the padlock.
- The pipes froze in our new public restroom and they are closed until repairs are made.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Repair trails around public bathroom and accessible parking.
- Planting, pine pruning, hedge trimming.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- I don't know which crew came to clean up the encampment, but they did an amazing job!
- Marvin Christianson fixes our damaged door.
- Shout out to Hannah Gunther for all her great work!
- Superintendent AP Diaz visited the garden on Thursday 1/4!



- Icy cold!



### **Volunteer Park Conservatory**

#### Maintenance:

Routine daily maintenance of conservatory displays and collections. Preparation of seasonal display crops for January/February 2024. Winterizing of tools and equipment ongoing

#### Volunteer Projects:



Our native Cactus and Succulent display Garden continues to increase in scope and is now filled with many interesting specimens from around the region. This Volunteer Project is under the loving stewardship of Cascade Cactus and Succulent Society member, Jose' Alvarez. Jose shares his enthusiasm and knowledge of Rare and endangered Northwest Native plants with Visitors to the Conservatory.

Upcoming Events:

- Specialty Gardens Manager, Lisa Chen, is helping to organize a special event for Lunar New Year, in conjunction with events at SAAM, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Artists from the Chinese community will display examples of traditional flower arranging and host several musical performances during the exhibition at the Conservatory. We are all very excited to help produce this cultural event for the community.
- Ooh La La! It's Ciscoe! King 5 shot two segments of "Gardening with Ciscoe." The shows will air Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- The Cactus House has a new rising star! A specimen of Washington States's own *Pediocactus negrospinus* is currently on display in the Cactus house! This Cactus is found in the dryer regions east of the cascades. Legislation is being presented that if successful would make this species our state cactus,

how cool is that!



Incidents

- Our Comfort Station looks anything but comforting. The only open restrooms in a fifty acre park, 100yards from the children's play area, rodents, human waste, needles etc.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thanks to our incredible team for a great year!



**Washington Park Arboretum**

Maintenance:

- Blackberry removal
- Wind storm clean-up
- Ice-melt treatment to paved surfaces
- Leaf blowing throughout all of Arboretum of trails, turf, paved surfaces, parking lots, and roads using handheld, backpack, tow-behind blower, plus large turbine blower on JD tractor
- Azalea Way: Weeding, pruning, and clean up of shrub beds
- Wetlands: Groundwater monitoring, weeding, line-trimming, and mulching around plantings

### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Prepare for Year 7 Wetlands Monitoring in 2024, in compliance with US Army Corps Permitting requirements
- Mulching of Waterfront Trail along Marsh Island and Foster Island
- Reconstruction of slope that had previously been repeatedly washed out by faulty catch basin at the top of slope, meeting set up with Parks engineer. SPU has since replaced their catch basin
- Gravel trails maintenance

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Ongoing traffic challenges as a result of closures of Lake Washington Blvd and Montlake Blvd in connection with SR 520 construction activities. Limited access in and out of our job site impacts not only Arboretum staff but all large truck access such as Heavy Crew, CE packer, recycling truck, diesel delivery, and other deliveries. Access on northbound LWB is limited due to the low clearance footbridge.

**SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT** – no report

### **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

#### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): 26th Ave S & S Plum St.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 4212 Roosevelt Way NE, 4th Ave from Columbia - Cherry St, 6th & Cherry St, 9th & Hubbell, Ballard Commons Park, Ballard Library, Dr. Blanch Lavizzo Park, Freeway Park, Hubbell & 9th, Lower Woodland Park, Magnuson Park, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW, Sandel Park, Woodland Park
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 1154 Elliott Ave West, 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St, 1400 West Nickerson St, 14th Ave W & W Garfield St, 1560 West Wheeler St, 15th Ave NE & NE 106th St, 16th Ave & E Madison St / E Pine St, 23rd Ave S, 26th Ave NE/Hiram PL NE from NE 125th - 123rd St, 2929 Franklin Ave E, 2nd & Bell St, 30th Ave NE from Lake City Way NE to NE 120th St, 31st Ave NE to NE 130th St, 3rd Ave between Pike St & Union St, 5th Ave NE & NE Maple Leaf Pl Vicinity, 6697 Weedin Pl E, 6th Ave N, 6th Ave S from S Washington St to S Main St, 7th Ave NE from NE 53rd - 50th St, 9th Ave from Virginia to Stewart, Alleyway from Republican - Harrison St / from 9th - 8th Ave N, Aurora Ave N & Galer St, Bellevue Place Park, Belmont Ave & Bellevue, Bryant Park, Burke Gilman Trail from 1st Ave NE to N 38th St, Burke Gilman trail From NW 45th - 43rd St, Carkeek Park - McAbee Trailhead at 6th Ave NW & NW 100th Place, Denny Park, E Pine St to Pike St / 18th to 17th, Eastlake Ave E & E Allison St Vicinity, Evanston Ave N & N 102nd St, Foster Island, Fremont Way N from Aurora Ave N SB On-Ramp to Aurora Ave N, Fritz Hedges Waterway Park, Gasworks Park & Vicinity, Greenwood Park, Haller Lake Access, Hubbard Homestead Park, Jackson Golf Course, Judge Charles Stoke, Lake Washington Blvd, Leary Ave NW From NW Lone Place to 17th Ave NW, Licton Springs, Magnuson Park, Mary Ave NW from NW 85th - 83rd St, Meadowbrook, Melrose Ave E, Midvale Ave N & N 107th St, N 135th & Stone Way, N 137th St from Ashworth Ave N to Aurora Ave N, N 97th St & Dayton Ave N, N Northlake Pl from N Northlake Way to South End Dead End, N. 87th St from Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, NE 110th St & 36th Ave NE, NE 135th St from 11th - 12th Ave NE, NE 143rd & 17th Ave NE Vicinity, Nesbit Ave N from N 90th - 85th St, Northacres, NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 41st St. & Burke Gilman Trail Vicinity, NW 46th St. & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 47th St. From 8th Ave NW to NW Leary Way, NW 50th St & 14th-15th Ave NW, NW 50th St. From 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 53rd St. From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 54th St. From NW 26th St. to NW 24th St, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & Leary Way Triangle, NW Leary way from 9th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way From NW Ballard Way From 14th - 15th Ave NW,

Organic Cleaning, Peace Park, Pinehurst Park, Plymouth Pillars Park, Ravenna Ave NE from NE 98th - 95th St, Salmon Bay Natural Area, Sam Smith Park, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, Spring Street Mini Park, Thomas Street From 1st Ave N. To Queen Anne Ave N, Union & Terry Ave, W Garfield St (under Magnolia bridge), Weedin Pl NE from NE 68th St to 8th Ave NE, Westlake Ave N to Dexter Ave N to Aurora Ave N Bridge, Wisteria Park.

- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 123 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 53,940 lbs of debris was collected the week of 1/13/2024 – 1/19/2024 by the Clean City / Encampment / Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 231

Trash Mitigation & MDAR/Obstruction Removals:

Bellevue Place Park



6697 Weedin Pl E



NW 40th St. From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW





Removal: 26<sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Plum St Vicinity



**DATE:** January 5, 2024

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 12/18/2023 - 12/31/2023

### CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS

#### **PARK RESOURCES**

##### **Southwest - District 1**

###### Maintenance:

- Fauntleroy Place Park Leaf Removal



- SW District Yard Deep Clean



###### Upcoming Projects/Work:

Camp Long site to add bunkers as materials storage area for SW District.

###### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

THANKS to the SW District staff for all the great work they have done this year!

##### **Southeast - District 2**

###### Maintenance:

Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.

Seward Park Amphitheater Access Road Renovation



Incidents:

- There was a car break-in at Seward Park on 1-2-2024.
- A tree fell at Seward Park Playground

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Big thanks to Jason Aguirre, and Jim Demetri for their outstanding job on the Seward Park renovation.



**South Central - District 2** – no report

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Pressure washed graffiti off sidewalk at First Hill Park.



- Leaf removal at Bellevue Place Park.



- Leaf removal at Tashkent Park.



- Graffiti Removal on park sign at Miller Park.



- Thomas Street Mini Park sign install.



- Crew Project at Garfield Community Center - leaf removal.



- Pressure washing graffiti at Louisa Boren Park.



- Pressure wash graffiti at Madison Park Playground.



- Leaf removal at Volunteer Park, Boyer Ave.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information

Thanks to all the Departments and districts that were involved in the removal of the garden at Cal Anderson Park.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

**Maintenance:**

- Leaf management at Virgil Flame: blowing leaves off paths and turf; staging them for mulch to create new tree wells.



- Leaf management at University Playground





- Leaf management at Blakely Crescent



- Leaf management crew project at Meridian Park







• Trail mulching at Magnuson Park



• 308 Yard clean up at Magnuson



- Christopher Canty worked on tree pruning and pathway clearance at Jackson Park Golf Course.



- NW and NE IMWs pressure washed restroom roofs at Little Brook and Matthews Beach.



- Graffiti removal throughout district



- Staff moved fire pits and worked Christmas Ship fires at Matthews Beach, Magnuson, and Gas Works Park.





Incidents:

- Gate lock was cut at the Ravenna Barn



- Stolen car at Meadowbrook CC



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Tree and leaf mulching throughout district
- Magnuson Brig shrub bed clean up
- Mulching projects at Meridian, Virgil Flame and Bryant
- Gas Works erosion control, continued

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Kudos this week goes to Angela Yeats for her leadership, crew support, and expertise of all the complexities at Magnuson Park.



- Happy Holidays from the NE Crew.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Crew cleaned up around ballfield #1 at Woodland Park
- Before



After



- Eric Snyder and Kevin Lince placed rocks around field at Carkeek to deter turf damage



- Brandon and Jamy cleared pathways around B.F. Day





### **Central West/Downtown – District 7**

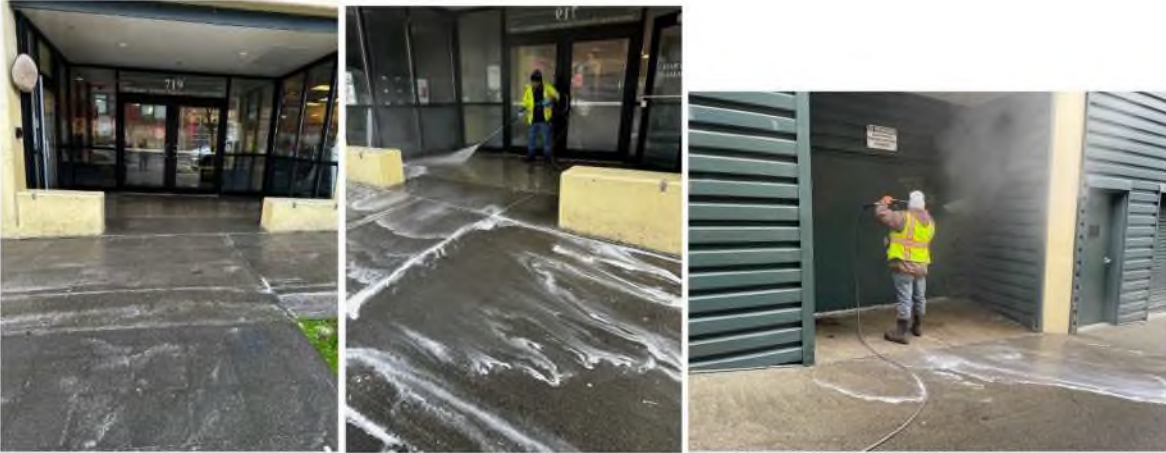
#### Maintenance:

- Much consistent maintenance was needed over the holiday season in support of all the festivities in Westlake Park. Keeping things clean and ready for enjoyment!



- Keeping the city clean and healthy during these cold, wet winter months.

- Pressure washing for healthy maintenance.



### **District Encampments**

- SW – Lincoln Park Shelter 3
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW –Carkeek Park
- DT/CW – Kinnear Park, Kobe Terrace

Needles: 0

Kobe Terrace Campers



### **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

#### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- Eric Sterner met with longtime Forest Steward Joanne Ishisaka at Mathews Beach, along with fellow Forest Steward Jim Corson and NE staff Remy Shannon and Christopher Canty.





- The Natural Area Crew cut down about 18,600 square feet of blackberry today for forest steward Rob Stevens and the UW-Restoration Ecology Network student group he's working with. Major props to the crew for making it happen in less than one day! It was all hands on deck and a lot of work, but we got it done.



- The beavers and bunnies have had voracious appetites lately so NAC are caging new plants we have installed at Lakewood Marina so they have a solid chance to establish before being nibbled at once again.



- Eric met with Forest Stewards at Discovery Park, including Phil Vogelzang, David Hutchinson and Noah Starbuck. They are setting up watering options for Noah's group, the Marici Fellowship, and their tree planting initiative: <https://marici-fellowship.org/branch-out/>.



- Michael led Zaldivar's in some willow thinning work at Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetland to improve native understory diversity and reduce shade and failing trees around the veggie production beds.



- Bridget has been working on many things the last two weeks, including the following highlights:
  - Trained Turf Crew and CE leads on chafer beetle monitoring using IPM Pest and Disease tracking app with Jordan Ng; Created manual form for monitoring for those who couldn't access mobile app.
  - Renewed all SPR WSDA pesticide licenses
  - Supported Beavers Northwest with the first phase of beaver device repair at Magnuson, including permit coordination with Washington Fish and Wildlife.
  - Organized and sent documents on SPR's pesticide policies to King County Public Health Nurse Consultant to meet her protocols for children's education programs on SPR properties.
  - Coordinated completion of 6 new salmon screens for Carkeek Watershed Salmon Imprint Pond.
  - Responded to Andy Sheffer concern about visible rat presence near bathrooms and shelter in Cal Anderson Park; Set up meeting with Sprague and CE district leads to assess needs and improve control efforts.
  - Forwarded information on state laws and BMPS for heron rookeries to NE gardeners (for Heron rookery in Matthews Beach Park)
  - Over weekend I responded to citizen complaints:
    - Dead beaver in Martha Washington Park – I emailed SE sr staff with request and instructions on disposing of body
    - Oil leak from parked truck at Adams Street Boat Ramp leaking into drain and lake – communicated with SC sr staff, Adam Bailey and Andrew Shroyer of Lakewood Marina. Truck belongs to a Marina tenant. More pads and socks were installed. Adam Bailey is following up with Andrew Shroyer to remove truck from parking lot.

Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 1 – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
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## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

Logs and chips to various sites.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Chips citywide

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- The Turf Crew assisted in the removal of the garbage and graffiti in Cal Anderson clean up on 12/27/23 last Wednesday. After the removal of the debris soil was added and graded for Hydro seed. The Turf crew applied 15000 gallons of hydro seed to cover the lawn. The weather feels warm, and the seed will germinate in the spring. The site had many dangerous problems: syringes on the lawn, rats living in the shrubs and graffiti on the comfort station. This was team work with Heavy Crew, Police, CE district, CW district, Rangers, IMW, Parks Security and Turf crew.





- Turf Crew has been collecting soil sample for lime fertilize this spring.
  - Turf Crew has been collecting information on the European Chafer Beetles movement.
- West side of Genesee lawn                      Van Asselt Playfield the middle



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Soil samples
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance

### **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 19; Failure Cleanups: 14; Prunes: 12; Snag creations: 2; Trees planted: 25
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 14
  - Level 2 inspections: 41
- Trees/sites inventoried: 136 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 4; Open: 819; Average days open: 509
- Dead tree removal at Denny Park OLA - Tree crew removed a large dead Tulip Poplar and pruned the trees in the dog OLA park for deadwood.
- Tree Planting - TC+ along with support from NRU teams planted a total of 25 trees in the past week at Van Asselt Playground, Roanoke Park, T.T. Minor, North Leschi Moorage and Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park.
- Tommy Ennest took down this tree a piece at a time in Genessee Park.



- The Tree Crew of Henry Arends, Joe Perdue, Tommy Ennest, Zach Pollard and Reeve Belt removed a large dead Tulip Poplar in Denny Park OLA.



- The Tree Crew cleaned up a major Madrone tree failure at Seward Park Playground.



- Josh Gilbert pruned a tree (left) and removed another (right) at Green Lake Park.



- Tree planting at Pratt Park with Ron Simmons and Ynhi Phan supporting TC+.



#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information

NRU Holiday Douglas Fir - Kicking off the festivities with a Holiday tree from TC+ that the team brought in for the NRU all staff Holiday Party. Photos: From top left – Ron Simmons and Michael Keodoungsy moving the NRU Holiday Tree into Hort. Ron Simmons, Michael Adams and Michael Keodoungsy with the Holiday Tree. Tree crew, Josh Gilbert, Joe Perdue and Tommy Ennest adding the finishing touches of decorations to the tree. Photo credit: Emily Hanson.



#### **Trails Crew**

##### Maintenance/ Projects:

Jose Rizal Park- The Crew finished up the new path and retaining wall construction. The 120' section of trail took up about 8 yards of gravel which was all brought in carrying 5-gallon buckets. A lot of them. Great job by the whole Trails Crew Zelvian Hutchison, Sophan Um, Sherman Advis and Michael Adams.





#### Volunteer/ Contractor Projects:

We are working with a Scout Troops to help them achieve the honor of earning their Eagle Badge. They will be at Fautleroy Park- Barton St "rainbow sign" creating a new trail for easier accessibility and creating a new planter bed and installing native plants. The project has been accepted by the Troop and is in the planning stages.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- Trail and Trail Structure assessment with Asmita Poudel
- 3 washouts on the Lake Washington shoreline- We will be working with Michael Yadrick on mitigating this ongoing issue.
- We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a walk bridge at the Japanese Garden this winter in hopes to have it completed by it re opening on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a large staircase (25 steps) at Discovery Park that has rotted away creating a big safety concern for the trail users.
- We will be doing an assessment of the Trails at Seward Park in preparation of being the first park in the United States to earn the Green Flag Award.
- We will be repairing a washout of the trail at the Golden Gardens Dog Park.
- We will be repairing a major washout at Carkeek Park that has occurred due to a failing culvert and excessive rain over the last few weeks.

- We will be repairing a set of box steps at Cheasty Green space that were damaged by falling trees.
- We will be doing some trail and trail structure maintenance at Frink Park that was brought to our attention by the Forest Steward there.

Upcoming Events:

- I will be leading a guided tour and training of Cheasty Greenspace- Sound View Trail to the participants of the GG24 GIS training Conference/ Training in February and will be working with Jasmine Jose and Jordan Ng on this project. We plan to show them how and why the Trails Department utilizes Trimble Mobile manager and Trimble DA2 devices.
- The Trails Department will be onboarding 3 new Maintenance Laborers in the next few weeks so we will be focusing on training in our work, materials and standards.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Planning for 2024- New crew training, volunteer projects, contractor projects, crew projects and clearing past work orders.

**Landscape Crew**

Maintenance/Projects:

The Landscape Crew took the opportunity to head back to Albert Davis Park to continue the work that was started in early 2023. The team addressed the landscape beds and mulching.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

The start of the CIP/MPD 2024 season.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to all the staff that submitted projects for 2024 to the Landscape Crew.

## Specialty Gardens Monthly Report

### **Japanese Garden**

#### Maintenance:

Major work planting 11 new FLOWERING CHERRY TREES (The varieties are “[Accolade](#)” and “[Snowgoose](#)”) in the meadow, a long awaited project now coming to completion. The machinery was delivered on Monday, 12.4, but had a mechanical issue and had to be replaced. A slight delay, but the new machine worked great, confirmed by Justin’s “thumbs up”. Then we had to deal with heavy rain on Tuesday that filled the holes with water- another delay, but after a dry day and some pumping out, things started to flow.





Volunteer Projects:

Our volunteers, Nikki and Brigitta continue to join us one a week, helping us with maintenance and upkeep. A big help, as always.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Now that the trees are planted (YAY!), we can focus on restorative pruning of Azaleas, as well as lots of detail pruning throughout the garden. We are also working with Amir in Trails Crew to help fix the ADA bridge, which has needed repair for a while. Amir is coordinating with carpenters to see what work and material they have already completed off site.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Big thanks to LANDSCAPE CREW for helping us plant the cherry trees. They did a nice job, working on the inclement weather. They also helped by lifting a pine that had been planted too deeply, digging out a pine outside the building, and helping with restorative pruning of Azaleas.
- Thanks also to Manu and fence crew for repairing some barbed wire that had been cut and used as access by people when we are closed.

**Jefferson Greenhouse**

Highlights:

- Johan finished up all 2024 order confirmations for Summer Annuals, Ornamental Perennials, and Cascadian Natives.
- We worked with the Landscape Crew to utilize remaining plant stock for a project in Jefferson Park. The removal of the plants created space in our yard and they were provided free of cost for the project. **Win-win!**



- Keri took on the role of "project manager".

- New plywood and Wilsonart laminate were acquired to resurface the countertops in Zone #1, including refurbishing, and resurfacing the failing potting table.
- Scheduling in-house help from the plumbing and carpentry department.
- Coordinating with Herzog Glass to repair 19 panels of broken glass.

Maintenance:

- Final Cascadian Native distribution field inventory, and field maintenance.
- Over the years, the Greenhouse has endured 19 panels of broken glass. 14 of the panels were in a vertical “stack system”, 2 were in sliding doors, and 3 panels in the ceiling had shattered and were completely missing. They were all successfully replaced with great skill from Herzog Glass.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Care and overwintering plants from Woodland Park Zoo, and the Seattle Center.
- Greenhouse structural maintenance:
  - Replacing the ignition on both boilers.
  - Replacing the expansion tank for the greenhouse heating system.
  - Replacing the extruded plastic netting on greenhouse tables as needed.
  - Asbestos testing on the ceiling panels in the greenhouse office came back negative, future work on their removal and replacement can now be planned.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- This year we were able to make significant improvements to the Greenhouse with the help and support of Markeith Blackshire, Stephanie Shelton, and Lisa Chen. A **BIG** thank you from Jefferson Greenhouse!
- Kubota Gardens had a successful indoor plant sale. Plants were picked up from the Greenhouse and distributed the first week of December.
- Thank you to David Han and Amir Williams for helping pick up the Wilsonart laminate!



## Kubota Garden

### Maintenance:

- Planted rockery below new picnic lawn.



- Re-worked grades and mulched around new katsura next to moss lawn.



- Major rains in early December: 8" in 10 days! We had to clear drains of gravel from deep ruts in trails, placed new gravel and plate-compacted to improve visitor safety.



- Middle storage container cleanout begins.
- Major effort to map irrigation valves and quick couplers throughout garden using Field Maps and Juniper system / Geode.
- Plant yews and camellias above Amphitheater Lawn.
- Other regular maintenance included hedge trimming, pruning, mulching.

#### Volunteer Projects:

- KGF Tuesday volunteers come to mulch replanted rockery and on Terrace, remove dead leaves from dissected leaf maples and witch hazel, and divide ajuga in the Stroll Garden.
- Iron Mountain volunteer group removed ivy and other invasives on the Mountainside.

#### Incidents:

Four car prowls in parking lot.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Repair trails around public bathroom and accessible parking.
- Build a short retaining wall by public bathroom.
- Planting, hedge trimming.

### **Volunteer Park Conservatory**

#### Maintenance:

- Routine maintenance of the facility and displays is on going for the Month, with weekly enhancements to the Clise Orchid Display in the Palm House, curated by staff Gardener Pan Kantiyavong. Improvements to the Fern house display are underway with many new specimens being prepared for installation along with cultural pest control and cleaning being carried out by Staff Gardener Emily Allsop. Production of Plants for Display in the Seasonal house in January and February are currently underway in the Production Greenhouses.



### Volunteer Projects:

- Thanks to all our conservatory staff and volunteers, past and present for all the hard work accomplishing this year's project and educational goals. Volunteers helped make possible six major floral exhibitions, that brought many new visitors to Volunteer Park for the first time.



### Upcoming Events:

- Specialty Gardens Manager Lisa Chen is assembling a team of Floral artists from three different schools of traditional Chinese flower arranging to mount an exhibition in the Conservatory Palm House for Lunar New Year February 10<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> 2024. Conservatory staff will work with her team to assemble the exhibit which will highlight the occasion and its cultural traditions.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

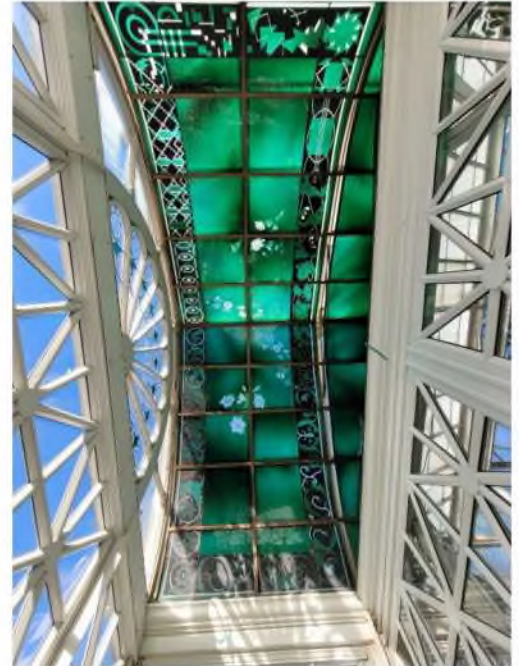
- improvements to the Cactus house display this month include the installation of several large specimens from our living collections, notably a large Jade Plant, Crassula sp and several new Sanseveria sp.





Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thanks are due to the Parks shops for the restoration of the conservatory's signature "peacock" window above the main entry. Eric Hjort's carpentry crew made the initial inspection and determined the scope of work as well as managing the re-glazing contract, scaffolding etc, necessary to get the job done. Our Paint crew did an excellent job applying a durable fresh coat of paint, preserving the window from the elements. Bravo! Well Done!



**Washington Park Arboretum**

Maintenance:

- Leaf blowing throughout all of Arboretum of trails, turf, paved surfaces, parking lots, and roads using handheld, backpack, tow-behind blower, plus large turbine blower on JD tractor
- Azalea Way: Weeding, pruning, and clean up of shrub beds
- Wetlands: Groundwater monitoring, weeding, line-trimming, and mulching around plantings

Incidents:

A citizen drove a truck off Lake Washington Blvd and crashed into an 85 year old Bald Cypress along Arboretum Creek. Police were on site and truck was eventually towed out of creek. The tree is damaged but not determined to be a hazard.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Prepare for Year 7 Wetlands Monitoring in 2024, in compliance with US Army Corps Permitting requirements
- Mulching of Waterfront Trail along Marsh Island and Foster Island
- Reconstruction of trail that had previously been repeatedly washed out by faulty catch basin at the top of slope, SPU has since replaced their catch basin
- Gravel trails maintenance

## SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT – no report

### ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW

#### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): Zero calendared events.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 2nd & Lenora, 3rd & Cherry Vicinity, 4th & Yesler, 6th-7th & Cherry Vicinity, Ballard Commons Park, Ballard Library, Pioneer Square Pergola, Prefontaine Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St, 13th Ave S & Lane St, 1400 West Nickerson St, 14th Ave W & W Garfield (behind the business), 1523 W Garfield, 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, 2105 5th Ave, 2924 Franklin Ave E, 2nd & Mercer to Roy St, 3rd Ave & James St Vicinity, 3rd Ave NW From NW 87th - 85th St, 401 NE 40th St, 4th Ave N & Roy St, 516 6th Ave/James St Southbound I-5 Off Ramp, 6th Ave N, 7th Ave NE & NE 47th St, 7th Ave NE from NE 53rd - 50th St, 8th Ave NE & 73rd St Vicinity, Bellevue Place Park, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th - 43rd St, Carkeek Park - McAbee Trailhead at 6th Ave NW & NW 100th, Coleman Park, Dearborn I-5 Vicinity, Dearborn Vicinity, Eastlake Ave E & E Allison Vicinity, Fairview & Mercer St Vicinity, Harvard Ave E btwn Allison & E Gwinn, Hing-Hay Park, International Children's Park, Interurban Trail, Jackson Golf Trail, Judge Charles Stokes, Kinnear Park, Kobe Terrace Park, Leary Ave NW From NW Ione Pl. to 17th Ave NW, Mary Ave NW From NW 85th - 83rd St, Melrose Ave E, N 102nd St from Fremont - Evanston Ave N, N 135th St & Stone Ave N, N 137th St from Ashworth Ave n to Aurora Ave N, N. 87th St. From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, Navigation Stairs Vicinity, NE 110th & 36th Ave NE, NE 45th St I-5 Off Ramp, NE 45th St I-5 On Ramp, NE 50th St I-5 Off Ramp, NE 50th St I-5 On Ramp, NE 55th St & 7th Ave NE, NE 55th St Northbound I-5 Sound Wall Barrier, NE Ravenna Blvd from NE 65th St to 8th Ave NE, NW 41st St. & Burke Gilman Trail Vicinity, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW, NW 47th St. From 8th Ave NW to Leary Way NW, NW 50th St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 50th St from 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 53rd St From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way From 9th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way from NW Ballard Way from 14th - 15th Ave N, Occidental Park & Vicinity, Peace Park, Pioneer Square Park, Poplar & Dean, Ravenna Park, Ravenna Park (under bridge), Roy St & Minor St, Roy St from 9th - 8th, S Washington St Vicinity, Seaview Ave NW & 37th Place NW, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, W Garfield St (under Magnolia bridge), Weedin Pl NE from NE 68th St to 8th Ave NE, Wisteria Park.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 108 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

#### Notes/Other Information:

Over 27,760 lbs of debris was removed the week of 12/25/2023 – 12/29/2023 by the Clean City / Encampment / Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 559

Trash Mitigation/MDAR Removals:

N 137th St from Ashworth Ave N to Aurora Ave N



2nd & Mercer to Roy St N



NW Leary Way from 9th - 15th Ave NW



**DATE:** February 16, 2024

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 2/5/2024 - 2/11/2024

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Pressure Washer Team at Hiawatha tennis courts.



- Gardener's Report (Tim Pollin)- Southwest CC CPTED project for CCTV





- Alki shrub bed removed to improve sightlines for pedestrians and cyclists. Alki Berm mulched.



- IMW - Camp Long removed temporary fencing. Longfellow Creek boardwalk removed rebar, safety issue.



- Memorial bench lumber replaced.



Upcoming Events:

- Charles Richey, Sr - Viewpoint Evening Walks
- Ballfield Training 2/15
- Rec In the Streets at Highland Park, Roxhill, Cottage Grove - occurs every Tuesday 3pm – 5pm from 2/13 thru 3/16.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

South Park Renovation

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you, Chuck (Facilities-Plumber) for quickly fixing our wash station faucet.

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Genesee Path Gravel Add



- Atlantic Street Boat Ramp Graffiti Removal



- Atlantic Street Boat Ramp Renovation Work



- Benefit Turf Project Work



- RBCB Tennis Court Restoration



Incidents:

Adams Boat Ramp Incident



**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

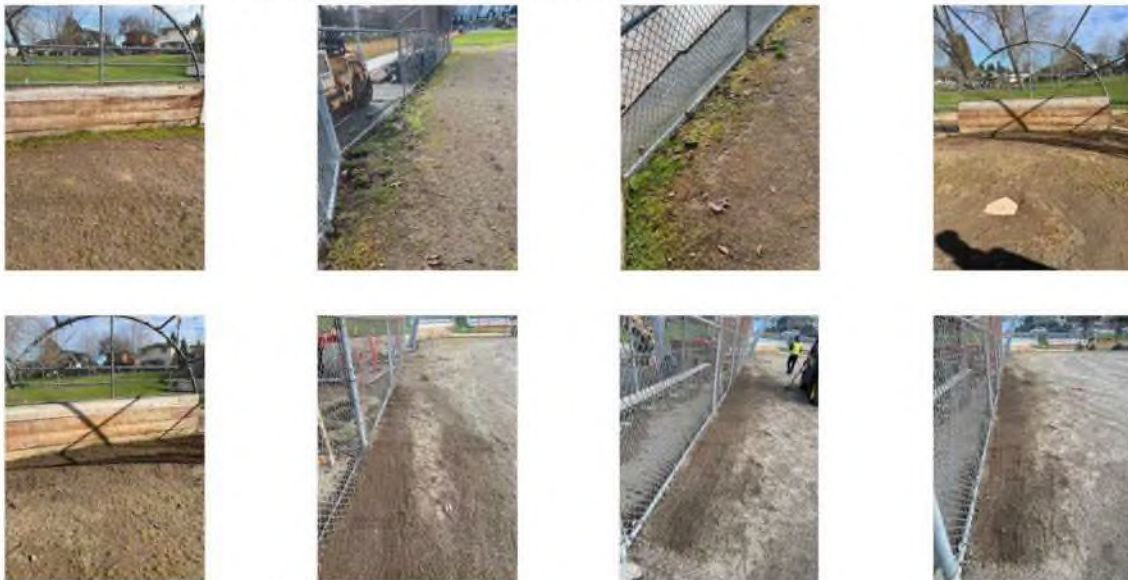
- Our main focus has been getting ready for baseball season starting with the wing fences and still working on tennis courts.



- Wing fence scuffling at Judkins ballfield #2



- Wing fence scuffling at Rainier playfield ballfield #3



- Wing fence scuffling at Coleman Playfield



- Hard surface blowing at Judkins middle parking lot



- Tennis court blowing at Rainier Playfield



**Central East – District 3**

**Maintenance:**

- Leaf Removal at Miller Community Center.



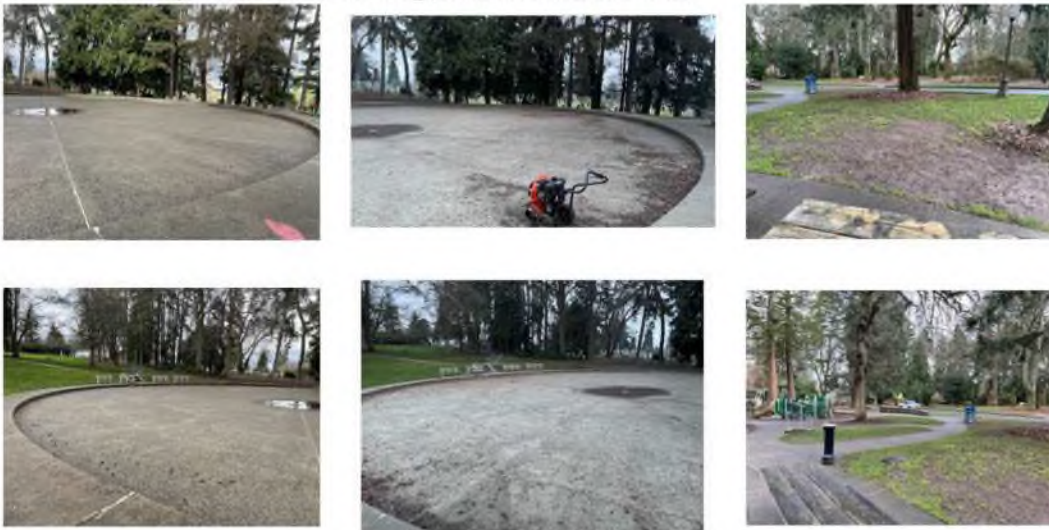
- Leaf Removal at Al Larkins Park.



- New Signs installed at Volunteer Park.



- Blowing debris out of wading pool at Volunteer Park.



- Blackberry removal in preparation of land survey at Leschi Moorage.



- Turf repair from tire damage at Volunteer Park.



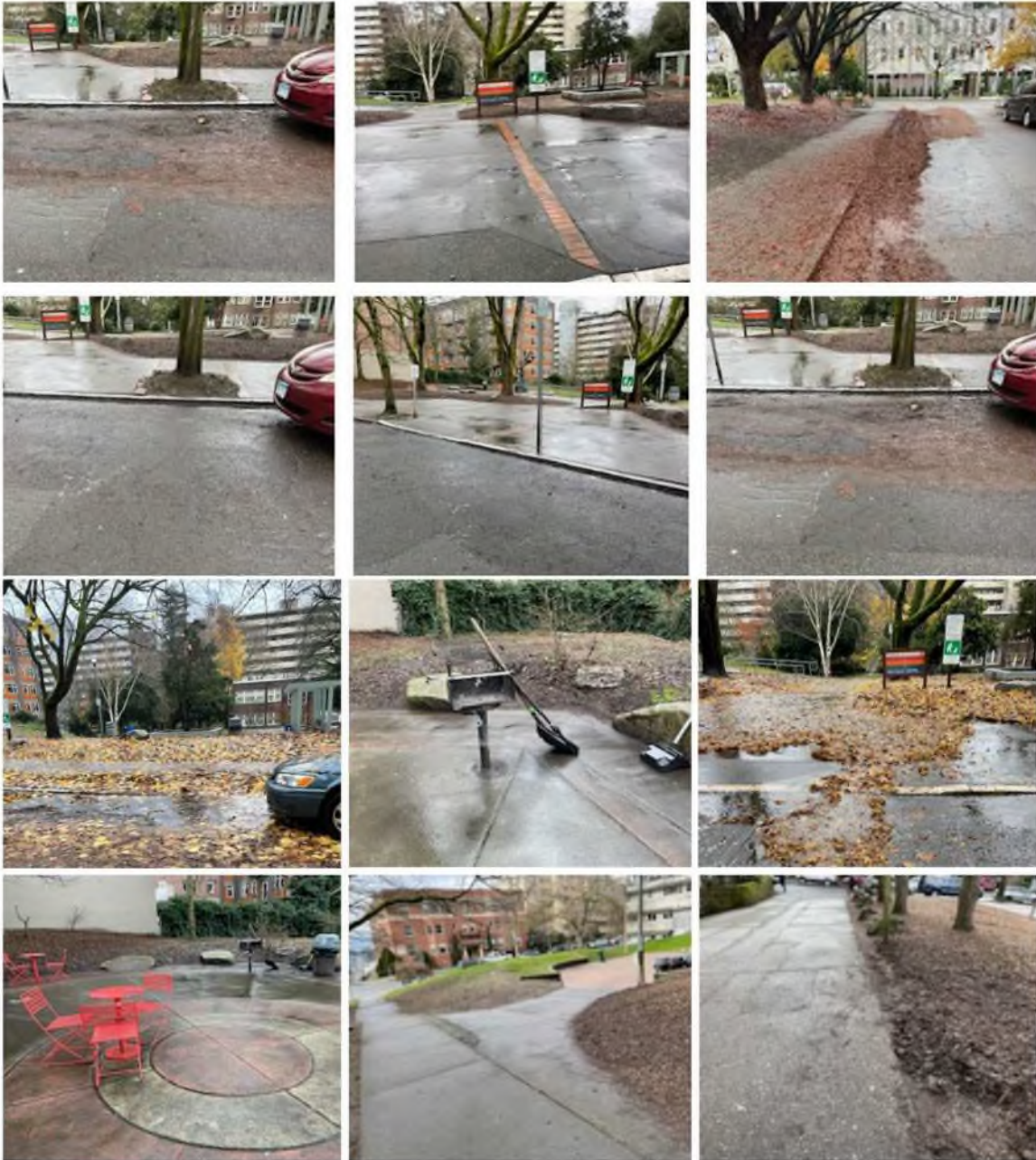
- Graffiti removal at 12<sup>th</sup> Ave Square Park.



- Scraping and pressure washing creek at Madrona Beach.



- Left Removal at Tashkent.



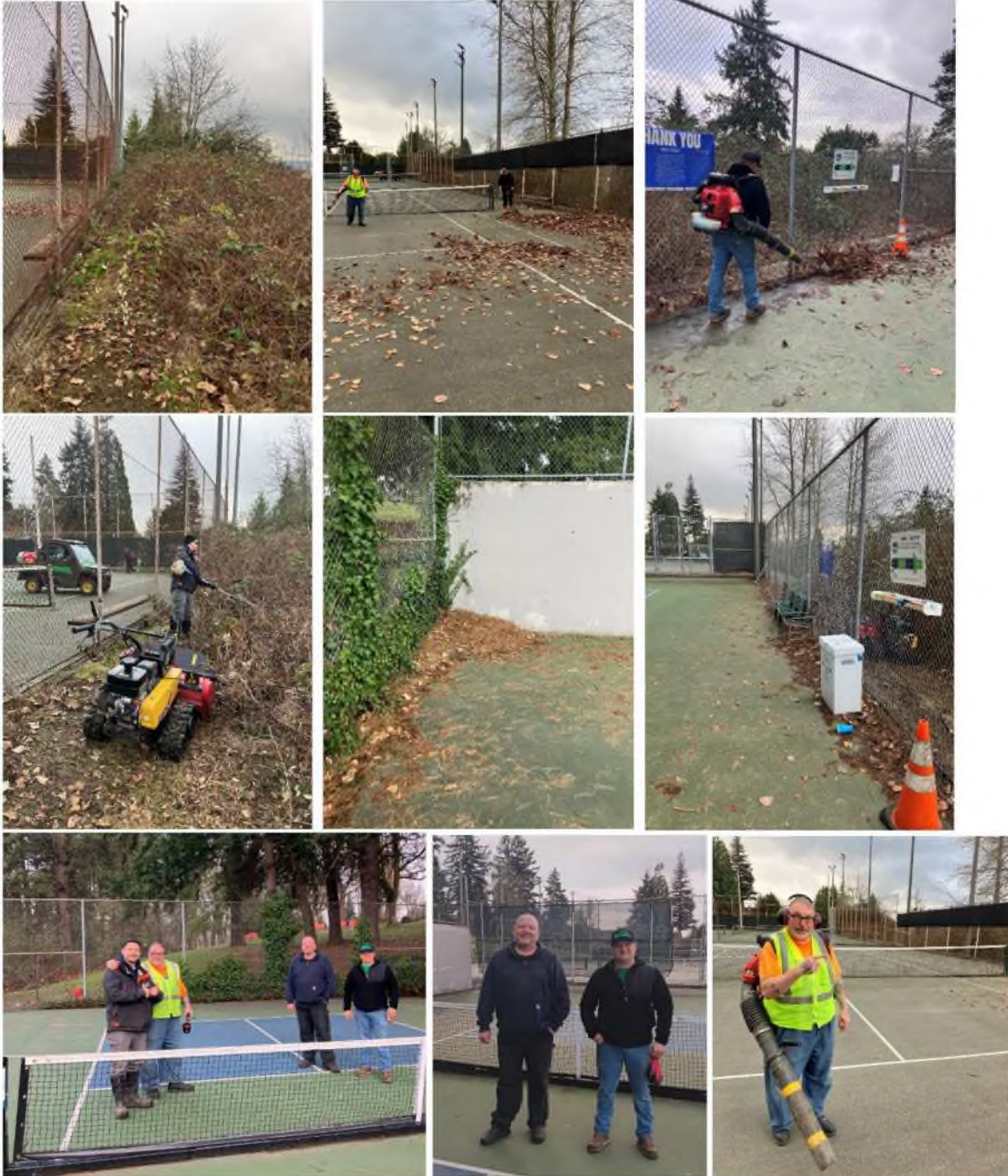
Incidents:

Eric McDonald was in a vehicle accident at I-5 Colonnade. No one was injured and an incident report was sent to the Safety team.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

**Maintenance:**

- Crew project clearing brush around tennis courts and prepping for pressure washing at Laurelhurst.

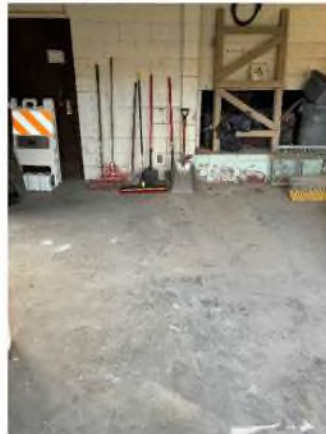




• James and Jon decommissioning skate park ramp at Dahl Playfield



• Dylan cleaning up Dahl storage area



• Paul doing ballfield prep at Pinehurst

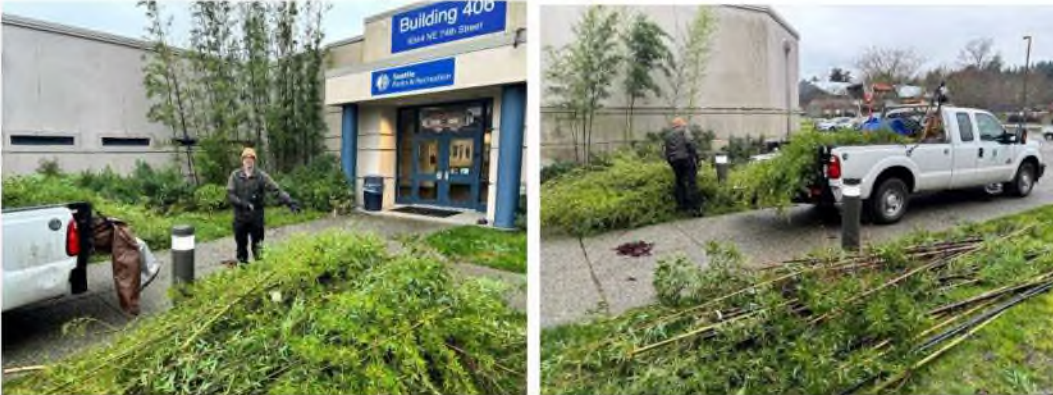




- Crew project edging at View Ridge



- Sr. Gardener Christopher Canty coordinated with Peter Putnicki to put bamboo that needed thinning at Magsnuon to good use at the Japanese Garden.



- Joe and Michael clearing wading pool at Wallingford



- Gas Works mulching project



- Graffiti removal throughout district



- AJ and Sherman pressure washing at Meadowbrook



- Jon and James sign installation at Pinhurst Pocket Park



- Bryant rainbow sign upgrade (come spring)





- Nick and Landon cleaning wing fences at View Ridge



- Heavy Crew helping us create log benches at Cowen Park





### Incidents

#### Off roading at Magnuson



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Ballfield prep throughout district
- Mulching projects at Meridian and Gasworks
- Tennis court pressure washing
- Meridian fruit tree pruning jamboree

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week goes to Maintenance Laborer Gwen McQueen, who always comes up with great project ideas, and who is a role model for the crew.



## Northwest – District 6

### Maintenance:

- Woodland Park: crew project around the 50<sup>th</sup> st. Tennis court to remove blackberry and trim shrubs away from fence line.
- Soundview: CPTED pruning of trees and shrubs. Cutting shrubs back and away from tennis court fence.



- Blackberry removal - 4 yards of vegetation debris was taken to Woodland Park Zoo for animal browse.
- Ballard Commons: tree wells were line trimmed, weeded, and generally cleaned up.
- Golden Gardens: fallen trees were removed from the stair wells.



- Greenwood Park: weeding and shrub cutbacks.

- Green Lake: blackberry removal and sheet mulching near coffee shop and tennis courts.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Pressure washing of all district tennis courts
- Blackberry removal around Green Lake
- Renovating Ballfield #3 Arc at Soundview Upper

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Jaime Cortes! Jaime has been with parks for a long time now. A few years ago he became a Gardener, and is currently filling in OOC as Senior Gardener. Jaime has been leading projects with the crew and tackling some of the most visited parks in the city. He is hard working, kind, and experienced. Thank you, Jaime for the years of service!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Senior Gardener worked to add over 200 five gallon-sized shrubs and perennials to the Pioneer Square shrub bed.



- IMW performs graffiti removal tasks in our Downtown/CW parks.





- Maintenance Crews working on curb appeal.



- Edging project on Magniola Blvd.



- Weekly scrubbing at Westlake/Hing Hay using the walk behind scrubber





- Play area maintenance.



Upcoming Events:

Hing Hay Park will host its annual Chinese Expulsion Remembrance and March.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

Senior Gardener is preparing 6 planters to be added to Pioneer Square. Old soil is being removed and new soil added.

Incidents:

- SPU crew members damaged the turf at Myrtle Edwards. They were kind enough to offer repairs!
- Crew members found an unresponsive citizen at Hing Hay Park and attempted to perform CPR.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the IMWs for their quick response time when tackling the districts graffiti removal needs!

**District Encampments**

- SW - Lincoln Park Shelter 3
- SC – Jefferson Playfield near VA, bottom of Cheasty Blvd, west side of Coleman playground baseball field
- CE – Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW – Gilman, Carkeek, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> St Boat Ramp, Bergen Place, Woodland Park, Ballard Commons
- DT/CW –Kobe Terrace, Pioneer Square, and Freeway Park

Needles: 52

**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects/Maintenance:

- Eric Sterner met with Forest Steward Elly Hale at Jackson Park Golf Course for their semi-annual work planning site visit. Photos below show progress near the maintenance shop from 2022 to 2024!



- Eric Sterner also got a note from long-time Forest Steward Phillip Osbourne. He is battling cancer but was able to go enjoy some of his previous work at Kubota Gardens Natural Area – Parks Rx in action. Here's his note:

*Daughter Beth took me down to Kubota and we did an extremely slow circuit around the outer trail of the restoration sites. All in all things look in pretty good shape, though I would need to reestablish another trail to look at the interior. Attached is a picture of several of the Doug Fir planted in December of 2014. A forest steward grew them and we planted around 200 between Kubota and Me-ka-mook. They get the maximum sun in the big canopy opening. I am guessing about 40 feet tall (?). Many of the more recently planted cedar and grand fir are also thriving under the big maple canopy. It was good to see the plants keeping on. Take care all, Phillip*



- The Natural Area Crew did a weed sweep at Powell Barnett to clean up weeds in the pollinator buffer planting in advance of the Black Forest event on 2/25. They also addressed a regulated species called shiny geranium along the path, aiming to reduce the chances it will move to the boots and paws of people walking by.



- Michael, Danielle, and Lisa participated in the national Forest in Cities Workshop coordinated by NYC-based Natural Area Conservancy and hosted by Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources. Participants from 19 cities came together to discuss urban natural area management needs. Michael presented a soon-to-be published case study from Seattle's work on climate adaptation. And GSP Partner staff Shameka Gagnier from Futures Rising and Shanoa Pinkham from Na'ah Illahee Fund presented on Indigenous community engagement. The workshop included site visits to the Pine Rocklands and mangrove forests, both critically endangered urban forest types.



Upcoming Events:

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**Heavy Equipment Crew**

Maintenance:

- South Lake Union - back fill hole



- Cowen Park chips.



#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Compost citywide
- Chips citywide
- Slope mow Seward Park

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thanks to the whole Heavy Crew for all your hard work: Tyree Lee, Josh Jaramillo, Marcus's Lane, Lance Meyers, Calvin Washington, Drew McManus, and Sara Douvia

#### **Turf Crew**

##### Maintenance:

- The turf crew has been continuing the maintenance of the playfields by blowing off synthetic field debris with blowers and the ventrac tractor. Last couple of weeks has been true Washington state weather moment with the rainfall. The crew spent time monitoring, inspecting and unclogging drains in parks and reporting the status and conditions if playable or not due to flooding.
- At Montlake the synthetic playfield regularly floods during heavy rainfall and backs up the excess water through the drains. The turf crew worked the cork conditioner back into the synthetic carpet fibers with blowers and brooms.





- Turf crews are in training using the Field Maps apps to track European Chafer Beetles. The turf crew has been collecting information on the European Chafer Beetles movement.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Staying ready for snow and ice.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

The turf crew attended a webinar from Green Earth AG & Turf in the crew room. This was a webinar about fungi, insects and how to have a healthier turf. The turf crew learned lot of information on turf conditions, soil quality, European Chafer beetles and other beetle and grubs. The webinar speakers knowledge came from East coast to West coast horticulture, agriculture, nursery, landscaping and University instructors backgrounds.

## **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

### **Maintenance:**

- Maint Log – Removals: 6; Stump grinding: 5; Failure cleanups: 3; Prunes: 25; Trees planted: 26; Cable: 1
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 12
  - Level 2 inspections: 23
- Trees/sites inventoried: 51 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 8; Number of parks serviced (tree work and planting): 7
- The tree crew pruned 25 trees at Occidental Square, focusing on removing deadwood and broken branches for public safety. The tree crew, with Tony Eggink's guidance and Robby Dohrn's Lead, was very effective in using traffic and pedestrian control, including flaggers, to keep the public out of the work zone.



- Turkey oak tree failure at Mineral Springs Park. The tree crew cleaned up this failure on Friday, February 9, with Henry Arends as lead.



## **Trails Crew**

- Seward Park Trailhead renovations- The crew has been out doing some trailhead renovations at Seward Park on 2 Trailheads. One was extremely muddy as it went through the grass so we created a new gravel trail from the existing trail to the asphalt trail and the other is in desperate need of some more serious work we will be installing 30' of outslope logs so we can build up the trail with spawl and gravel so trail users won't have to walk through the mud, we will also be adding 5 steps at the head of the trail where it is eroding due to all the run off.





- Volunteer Park Trail repair demonstration- The Crew went out to Volunteer Park to work with Senior Gardener Josh Burbank to give him some instruction/ demonstration on how we repair trails to help him, and his crew keep the trails at Volunteer Park looking good and to be able to do small repairs on their own. It is always nice to be able to help District staff with training so they can do small repairs to the trails. We will be providing them with some trail forms and materials for future repairs they may run into.



- Carkeek Park- The Crew went out to repair a trail and culvert that was washed out and filled with gravel after the big rain a few weeks back. It took 2 yards of gravel to do the repair and we removed ½ yard of gravel and mud from the culvert and creek. We will be going back to dig out both ends of the culvert to create a sump to collect the debris ahead and behind the inlet and outlet of the culvert to make it easier to keep clean.



### Volunteer/ Contractor Projects:

Fauntleroy Park- Barton St entrance- We delivered 5 more yards of gravel to Fauntleroy Park for Kai and their Scout Troop to finish up the new trail. They have used about 8 yards of gravel so far, planted 15 plants and used ½ yard of mulch. They also used the soil that was excavated from the new trail to add to the low spots in the turf area to hopefully mitigate the standing water in the turf.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- The Crew will be working at Carkeek Park to repair a washout and clear a culvert.
- Trailhead renovation/ Check step & outslope install at Seward Park
- 3 washouts on the Lake Washington shoreline- We will be working with Michael Yadrick on mitigating this ongoing issue.
- We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a walk bridge at the Japanese Garden this winter in hopes to have it completed by its re opening on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
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- Box Step replacement at Frink Park that was brought to our attention by the Forest Steward there.

### Upcoming Events:

I (Emir Williams) will be leading a guided tour and training of Cheasty Greenspace- Sound View Trail to the participants of the GG24 GIS training Conference/ Training in February and will be working with Jasmine Jose and Jordan Ng on this project. We plan to show them how and why the Trails Department utilizes Trimble Mobile manager and Trimble DA2 devices.

### Landscape Crew

- The Landscape Crew finished the trail mulching of Marsh Island. Marsh island trail is 1,150ft long and 8ft wide all together using over 35 yards of mulch. This week we completed 462ft of trail using over 14 yards of mulch.



- The Landscape Crew also came back to Hubbard Homestead, taking down the remaining stakes and blew the leaves from the newly installed turf. Also made sure to complete the mulching of the 4 remaining tree rings and weeding of bio-swale.



Upcoming Events:

- Gardeners Retreat
- Pesticide Certification Credits
- CPR Training

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Cottage Grove Park
- Japanese Garden

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to Heavy Equipment for making sure we had enough mulch to complete the trail project!

**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW/UCT**

Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): Jackson Golf and Shilshole Vicinity.
- A total of 44 Obstructions and 2 Advanced Notice Removals were completed this week.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 72 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Encampment Needle Count: 163

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- 40,480 lbs of debris was collected the week of 2/03/2024 – 2/09/2024 by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance teams.
- The crew completed Flagger Certification Training.
- We've on-boarded 9 new Maintenance Laborers
- The team was invited to attend Unified Care Team Appreciation Breakfast on 2/9/24 at City Hall.

Trash Mitigation & MDAR/Obstruction Removals:

**MDAR Removal:** Jackson Golf



NE 50th St Northbound I-5 On ramp Vicinity



16th Ave & E Madison St/E Pine St



North Acres Park





**DATE:** February 2, 2024  
**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager  
**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division  
**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 1/22/2024 - 1/28/2024

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**  
**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Crew began pressure washing Alki Tennis courts.



- Gardener's Report (Tim Pollin) - Gardeners, with district Truck Driver support continued renovation project on the berm adjacent to the Statue of Liberty, completed shrub tear outs at Don Armeni Boat Launch, and transported large rocks and driftwood (salvaged from Don Armeni Boat Ramp) to Alki 57<sup>th</sup>.





- Don Armeni Boat Launch - removed invasives and laurel hedge, and mulch applied later date.



- IMW - Replaced Soccer net at Delridge Playfield



- Removed graffiti from tennis court backboard at Hiawatha.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

South Park Plaza construction begins Feb. 5 – Aug. 2024

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Seward Park shelter #1 Upslope Renovation





- Renovation work at Brighton Park Tennis Court



### **South Central - District 2**

#### **Maintenance:**

- Our main focus has been getting ready for tennis season, so our priority has been the whirling and pressure washing the courts. We have also had trees falling in our district. Kudos to our team for responding and clearing the roadway for the community to travel safely and continue to enjoy our beautiful parks. We pride ourselves on maintaining our parks and roadways if needed for the community to enjoy.
- Saturday team working with SDOT to remove fallen tree on Lake Washington Blvd. Near Mt. Baker Beach house.



- Laying fibar at Jefferson C.C. and playfield.



- Whirling and pressure washing Amy Yee Tennis court.



- Edging at Stan Sayers



- Leaf removal and blowing at Dearborn



### Central East – District 3

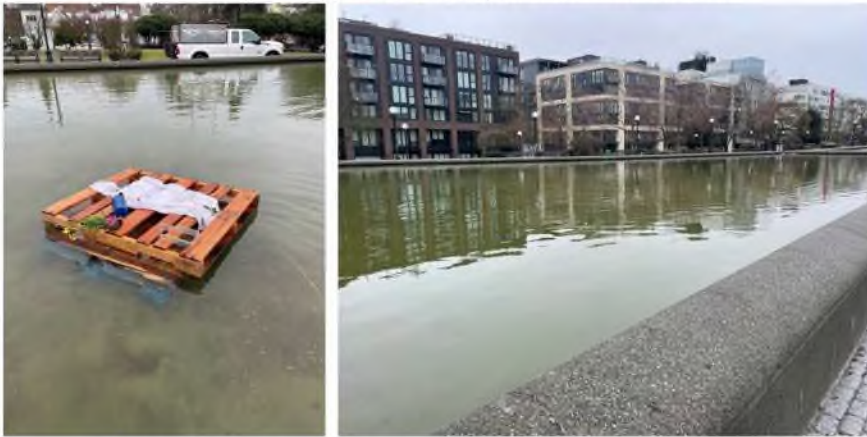
#### Maintenance:

- Cal Anderson IMW Jamboree part two - IMW's from across the city came out to do Graffiti removal around ballfield, Basketball court and tennis court.

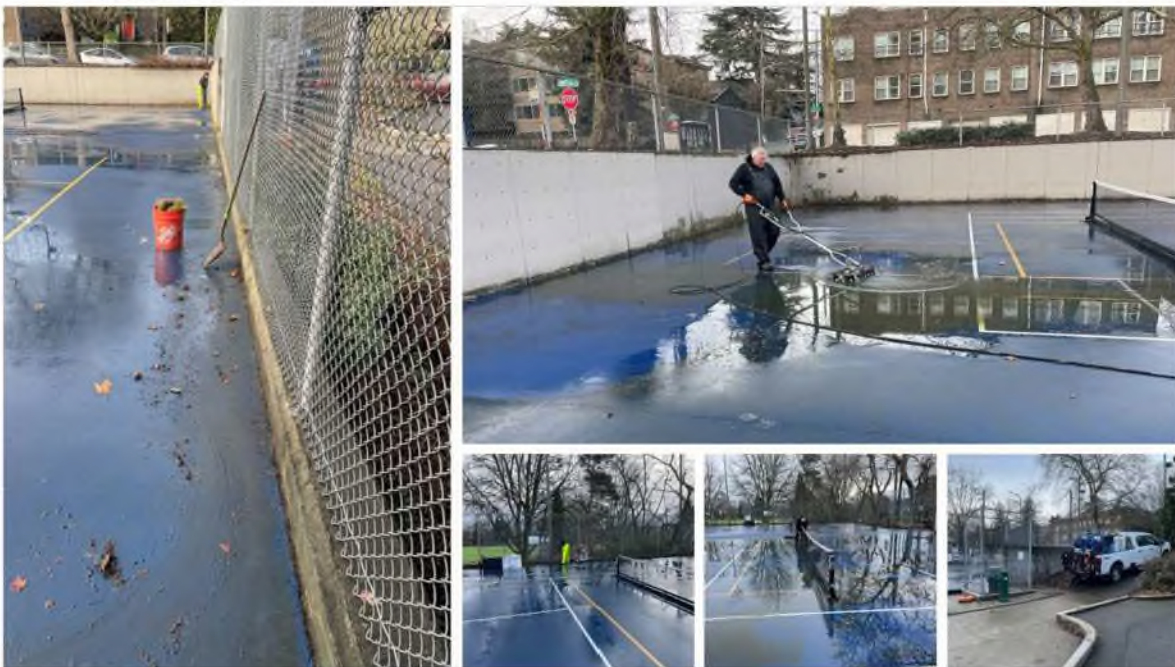




- Removed illegal dump out of duck pond at Cal Anderson.



- Pressure washing and crack weed removal at Miller Community center in preparation for high school Tennis.



- Madrona Beach Shoreline Restoration Jamboree.



- Brush debris removal at Madrona beach from the shoreline restoration Jamboree.



- Cleaning hard surfaces at Tashkent Park.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Huge Thank You to the Natural Area Crew for assisting with the Shoreline Restoration Jamboree.
- Big Thanks!! To All City IMWs for assisting with the graffiti removal at Cal Anderson Park.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Pulling Scotch Broom at Magnuson



- Thorton Creek leaf management





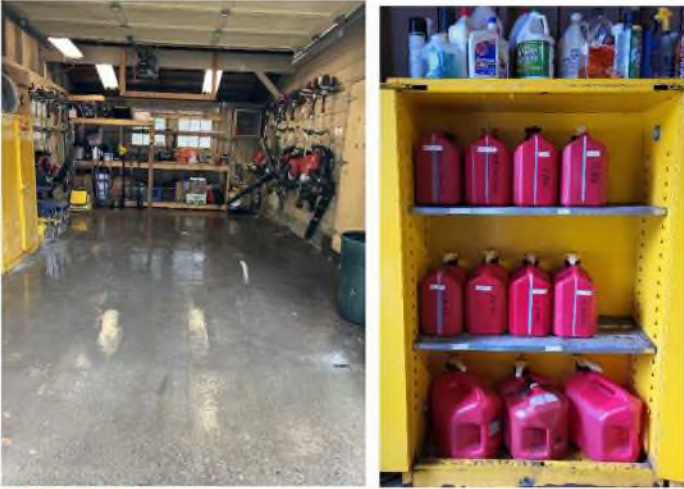
- View Ridge tree pruning



- View Ridge high traffic area improvements



- Barn organizing



- Wallingford leaf management





- Bryant Park mulching



- Cowen Park mulching





- Maple Leaf irrigation and path repair



- Graffiti removal at Magnuson



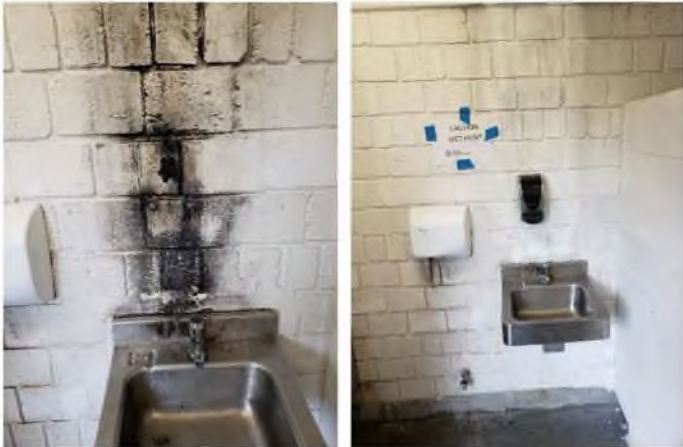
Incidents:

- Two trees down on Burke Gilman Trail





- Fire in Maple Leaf restroom



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Tree and shrub bed mulching throughout district
- Mulching projects at Meridian and Gasworks
- Tennis court pressure washing

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week goes to Nick Villanueva for his daily good attitude and teamwork.



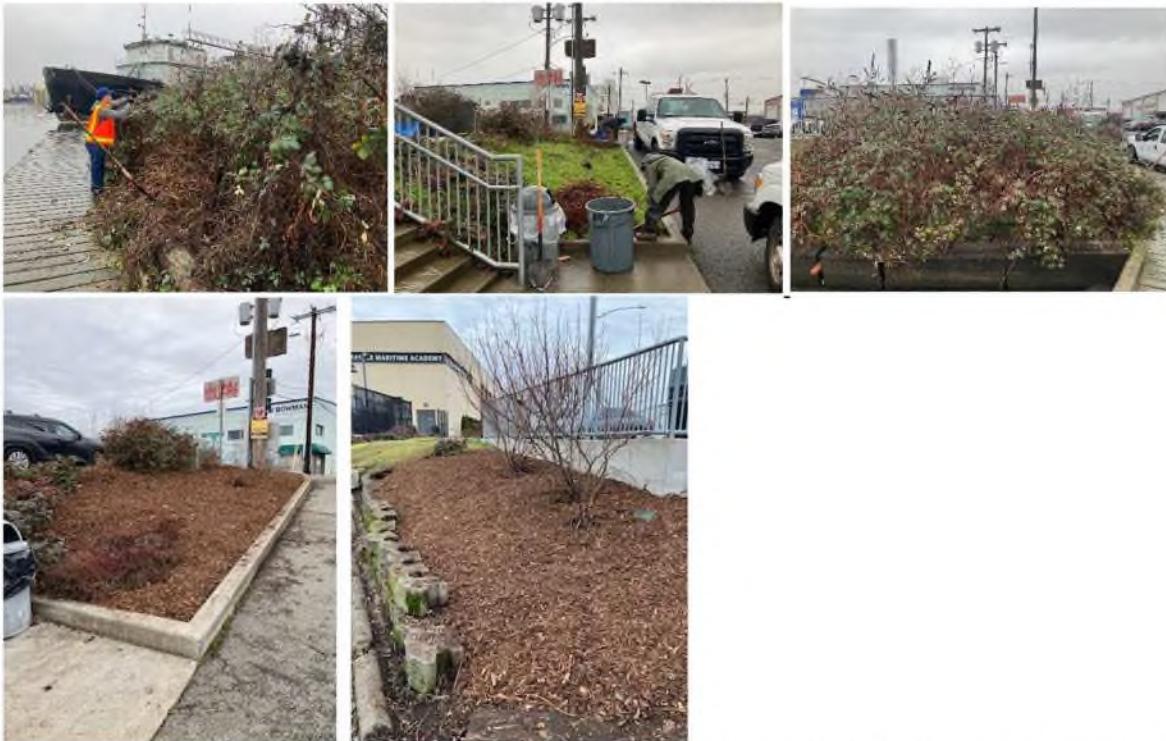
**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Green Lake: Overgrown Arbutus trees were pruned away from the fence line of the Green Lake CC tennis court. 12 yards of debris was removed!



- 14<sup>th</sup> St Boat Ramp: This shrub bed was completely rehabbed by removing weed filled soil, digging out blackberry and adding a thick layer of arborist chips. More appropriate, hardier plants will be added to the area over the next few weeks.



- Greenwood Park: Snowberries were cut back to encourage healthy, maintainable growth.
- District Wide: IMW graffiti removal. Pictures from Loyal Heights.
- Green Lake Aqua Theater: large leaf removal project.



- Woodland Park: The horseshoe pics were line trimmed, edged, and blown in preparation for a tournament that happened over the weekend.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Soundview tennis court clean up
- Crown Hill skate park turf work
- Renovating the baseball arc of Soundview #3

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Eli Ng! Eli has been with the team for a while now, but recently got placed into Green Lake maintenance route position. This is a very important route with a lot of eyes on it. Not everyone is able to handle the kind of pressures that come with that park, but Eli has done an excellent job so far. Keep up the great work, Eli!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

**Maintenance:**

- Leaf removal at Freeway Park.



- Pruning around the rainbow sign at Magnolia Manor Park.



- Levelling the fibar at Ella Bailey.



- Cleaning debris off tennis courts at David Rogers Park.



- Taking advantage of the decent weather to work on a couple ballfields.





- IMW is trying to keep up with the mass amounts of graffiti.







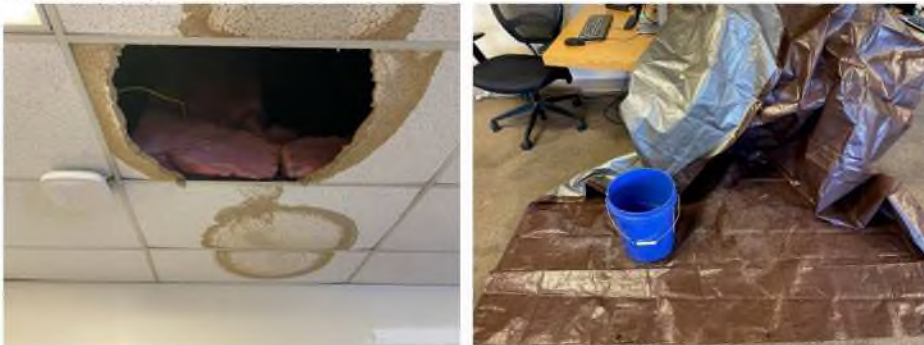
- Our gardeners are out there planting, pruning and mulching flower beds.





Incidents:

The DT/CW headquarters have multiple leaks in the roof. This specific area above our computer workstation gave way.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

We would like to thank the Superintendent and others who came out to do a meet and greet Q&A with the crew. It's nice to be able to ask some important questions face to face.

## **District Encampments**

- SW - Lincoln Park Shelter 4 & 5; person continues to move back and forth sleeping in shelter.
- SC – Jefferson Playfield near VA, bottom of Cheasty Blvd, west side of Coleman playground baseball field
- CE – First Hill Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW – Gilman, Carkeek, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> St Boat Ramp, Bergen Place
- DT/CW –Kobe Terrace and Freeway Park

Needles: 0

First Hill Park



Kobe Terrace and Freeway Park



## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

### **GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- Bridget Kelsh and the IPM Recert Committee hosted the first of three Integrated Pest Management Seminars, with 315 attendees registered and 240 people receiving WSDA pesticide license credits.
- NAC and Central East staff had another productive day of weeding at the Leschi T-Dock site, an effort to work collaboratively and train together on shoreline care. Props to NAC and CE members who helped out! We accomplished a lot: 6 yards of debris removed and weeded 6,900 sq ft of park space. Probably half day more weeding before we wrap it up and jump in to pruning.



- Teo, Todd and Matthew fenced 5 trees at Gateway Park North after requests from community groups and other department staff.



- NAC Continued (modeling) work at Herring's House along the Duwamish River:



- Ecology Team members participated in the two-day Seattle Parks and Recreation | Tribal Nations Gathering. GSP partners Shameka Gagnier from Futures Rising and Shanoa Pinkham from Na'ah Illahee Fund provided a tour of restoration at Daybreak Star the afternoon of the first day.



#### Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for the next two City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 2 – Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 3 – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
- GSP is coordinating with TC+ and Trees for Seattle to host a tree planting and community celebration at Powell Barnett on Sunday, February 25 with Black Forest, a national effort to honor black lives lost during the covid pandemic.
- Find upcoming GSP events here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

**Heavy Equipment Crew** – no report

#### **Turf Crew**

##### Maintenance:

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- Turf crews are in training using the Field Maps apps to track European Chafer Beetles. The turf crew has been collecting information on the European Chafer Beetles movement.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Staying ready for snow and ice.

## Urban Forestry/Tree Crew

### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 7; Failure Cleanups: 13; Prunes: 7; Snag creations: 2; Stump grind: 5; Trees planted: 32; Tree protection fence installed: 10
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 21
  - Level 2 inspections: 11
- Trees/sites inventoried: 107 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 11; Open: 847; Average days open: 484; Number of parks serviced: 25
- Heritage Poplar tree - Tree Crew was alerted to the Heritage Poplar tree actively failing at South Park CC. This is the largest Poplar tree in North American and iconic to the South Park Community. The tree had a severe crack at its main union and going up to one of its stem. Tony Eggink, Zach Pollard and Mark Malone attended to the inspection of the tree and activated contractor Kemp West to do a major reduction of the tree. The work took 4 days to complete, going into one of the weekend. Kudos to the team for getting to this tree promptly and saving this Heritage tree!
- Tree Protection Fence installation - Crew of TC+ (Michael Keodoungsy, TaShon Washinton, Ynhi Phan), led by Emily Hanson, together with assistance from NAC (Melonae Hill), Landscape (Steve Guardi, Ron Simmons, Trevor Dobbs-White) and Trails (Henry Rabauliman, Ian Capper, Sophan Um, Reeve Belt) installed 10 tree protection fences at Mineral Springs Park. The crews did a great job constructing the fence and installing them to protect the newly planted baby trees from being damaged by Disc Golfers. Another fantastic cross team collaboration and thanks to all NRU crews and leads for supporting this project.





- Stump grinding at Hiawatha Park.



- Tree Crew cleaned up a Spruce tree that broke and fell onto the road at the Arboretum.



- Tree planting at Wallingford Playfield. The team planted 3 Emerald Sunshine Elms, 3 Kentucky Coffee trees, 3 Yellowwoods and 1 Hollywood Juniper.







- The crew of Josh Gilbert, Tommy Ennest and Joe Perdue working on a hazard tree removal at Interlaken Park.





- The Team planting up 5 new trees at Albert Davis Park. 1 Douglas Fir, 2 Parrotias and 2 Magnolias.



- Heritage Poplar Tree had an active failure. Significant crack at the stem and its main union. Work was immediately contracted out to Kemp West to reduce the tree and preserve as much of it as possible.



### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance/ Projects:

Mineral Springs Disc Golf Park- The Crew helped out the Tree Crew + with tree planting and building some fences around 10 new trees to protect the new trees from the disc golf players.



### Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

Kai and their Scout Troop started the new trail installation at Fautleroy Park. They made a lot of progress and have done an excellent job so far.



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- Trail and Trail Structure assessment with Asmita Poudel
- 3 washouts on the Lake Washington shoreline- We will be working with Michael Yadrick on mitigating this ongoing issue.
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### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

The Crew drove around to inspect and look at sites that we worked on over the last 2 years to check for maintenance needs and use the opportunity to show the 3 new crew members some of the work we have done and talk about our standards, how and why we do what we do.

**Landscape Crew** – no report

## **SECURITY/RANGERS /EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

### Security/Park Rangers

Park Ranger Wilcox and Bryant encountered this messy person at Hing Hey Park and had them clean their belongings to contain themselves in the park for everyone to use. Also helped to move people sleeping under the ping pong tables so seniors can have their scheduled activities in the park.



## **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW**

### Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St Vicinity, 15th -16th Ave & E Madison St / E Pine St, 26th Ave S & S Plum St, 2nd Ave from Blanchard to Lenora St, 3rd & Cherry, 6th & Cherry, Ballard Commons Park, Ballard Library, Carkeek Park, Cascade Playground, Fairview Ave E from E Blaine St to Fairview Ave E, Hubbard Homestead Park, Leary Ave NW from NW Lone Pl to 17th Ave NW, Leary Triangle, Nesbit Ave N from N 90th St to N 85th St, NW Leary Way from 9th-15th Ave NW, Ravenna Park, Sandel Park, Woodland Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 1154 Elliott Ave W, 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St, 1400 West Nickerson St , 14th Ave W & W Garfield St, 1560 West Wheeler St, 16th Ave E & E Madison - E Pine St, 1st Ave N from Roy St to Mercer St, 23rd Ave S & S Lane St, 26th Ave NE/Hiram PL NE from NE 125th - 123rd St, 2924 Franklin Ave E, 2nd & Bell, 31st Ave NE to NE 130th St, 4th Ave N & Roy St, 5th Ave NE & NE Pacific St Vicinity, 6697 Weedon PL E, 6th Ave N, 6th Ave S from S Washington St to S Main St, 9117 1st Ave NE, 9th Ave from Virginia to Stewart, Alleyway from Republican- Harrison St/ from 9th-8th Ave N, Aurora Ave N & Dexter Way N, Aurora Ave N & Galer St, Bellevue Place Park,

Belmont Ave & Belluvue, Burke Gilman Trail at 6418 Seaview Ave NW, Burke Gilman Trail From NW 45th - 43rd St, Burke Gilman Trail From NW Bowdoin Pl. to NW 39th St, Burke-Gilman Trail from Sand Point Way NE to Fairway Estates, Carkeek Park 6th Ave NW & 100th Pl, Denny Park, East Pine St to Pike st 18th to 17th, Eastlake Ave E and E Allison St Vicinity, Fairview & Mercer St Vicinity , Foster Island, Freeway Park, Fritz Hedges Waterway Park, Gasworks Park / Waterway 19, Hubble Pl from 9th-Seneca, Interurban Trail from N 128th - 125th St, Jackson Golf Course, Jackson Golf Trail, Judge Charles Stokes Park, Kinnear Park, Lake Washington Blvd, Leary Ave NW From NW lone Place to 17th Ave NW, Licton Springs, Magnolia Park, Magnuson Park, Meadowbrook, Melrose Ave E, Mercer St from 2nd to Warren Ave N, Midvale Ave N & N 107th St, N 128th St from Ashworth Ave N to Stone Ave N, N 135th & Stone Way, N 137th St from to Ashworth to N Aurora, N 87th St From Palatine Ave N. to 1st Ave NW, N Northlake Pl from N Northlake Way to South End Dead End, N. 102nd St. From Fremont Ave N. to Evanston Ave N, NE 135th St from 11th - 12th Ave NE, NE Ravenna Blvd from E Green Lake Way N - Woodlawn Ave NE, NE Ravenna Blvd from NE 65th St to 8th Ave NE, North Acres, North side of Mercer, NW 40th St From 3rd Ave NW to Leary Way NW, NW 40th St From Leary Way NW to 6th Ave NW, NW 41st St. & Burke Gilman Trail Vicinity, NW 46th St. & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 47th St. From 8th Ave NW to Leary Way NW, NW 50th St & 17th Ave NW, NW 50th St From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 50th St From 15th - 17th Ave NW, NW 53rd St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW 54th St & 28th Ave NW, NW 54th St from NW 26th - 24th St, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Ballard Way From 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way & Leary Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way From 9th - 15th Ave NW, NW Leary Way From NW Ballard Way From 14th - 15th Ave NW, Organic Cleaning, Peace Park, Plymouth Pillars Park, Ravenna Park, Ravenna Park (under bridge), Roy from 9th to 8th, Roy St & Minor, Roy St from 4th Ave N to Nob Hill Ave N, Salmon Bay Natural Area, Sam Smith Park ( behind dog park), Seaview Ave NW & 37th Place NW, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, Smith Cove Park, Thornton Creek at Sandpoint Way NE and NE 95th Vicinity, Union & Terry Ave, W Garfield (under Magnolia bridge), Weedin PL NE from NE 68th St to 8th Ave NE, Westlake Ave N & Dexter, Wisteria Park.

- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 139 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 57,880 lbs of debris was collected the week of 1/20/2024 – 1/26/2024 by the Clean City / Encampment / Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 580

Trash Mitigation & MDAR/Obstruction Removals:

Magnuson Park



Mercer St from 2nd to Warren Ave N



Terry Ave & Union St Vicinity



Removal: NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity



**DATE:** February 23, 2024

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 2/12/2024 - 2/18/2024

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1** – no report

**Southwest - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Rainier CC – SE District Crew updating irrigation.
- Genesee Park Irrigation head repair and creeping Thistle Frost Dieback



- Hutchinson Ballfield Prep







Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Kudos to Kao Seng Saechao, Bryant Lancaster for the modifications done on our dumpsters.



- Special thanks to Jason Aquirre for Irrigation Head Repair
- Kudos to Sam Matamua and Kao Seng Saechao for a great job at Hutchinson Ballfield

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- SC crew has still been focusing on tennis courts and prepping for baseball season.
- Getting markers ready for baseball season



- Glass removal and prep for pressure washing at Jefferson



- Georgetown tennis court pressure washing done



- A little housekeeping at Genesee HQ



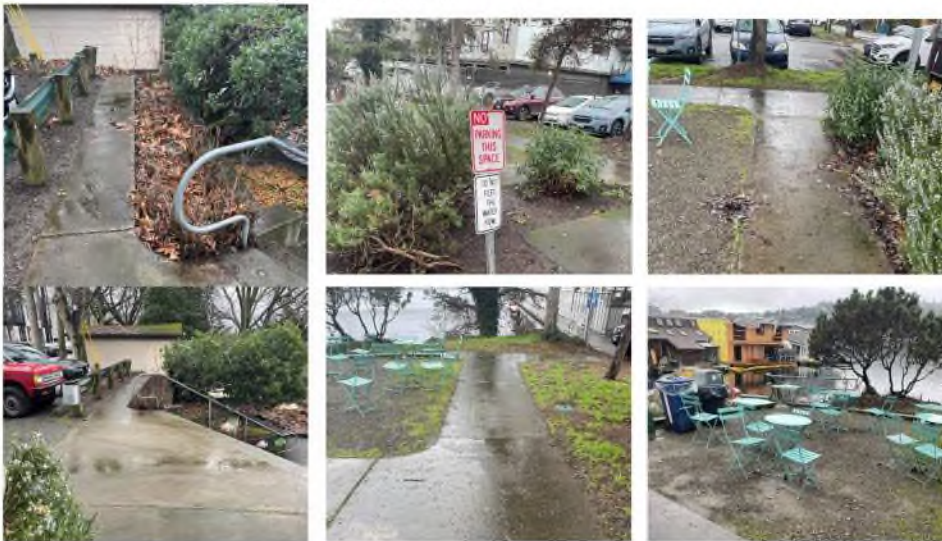
**Central East – District 3**

**Maintenance:**

- Al Larkins Leaf Removal and Park sign maintenance.



- Leaf removal at Lynn Street Park.



- Leaf removal at I-5 Colonnade.





- Leaf removal and pressure washing tennis court at Garfield Community Center.



- Graffiti removal at Interlaken Park sign.



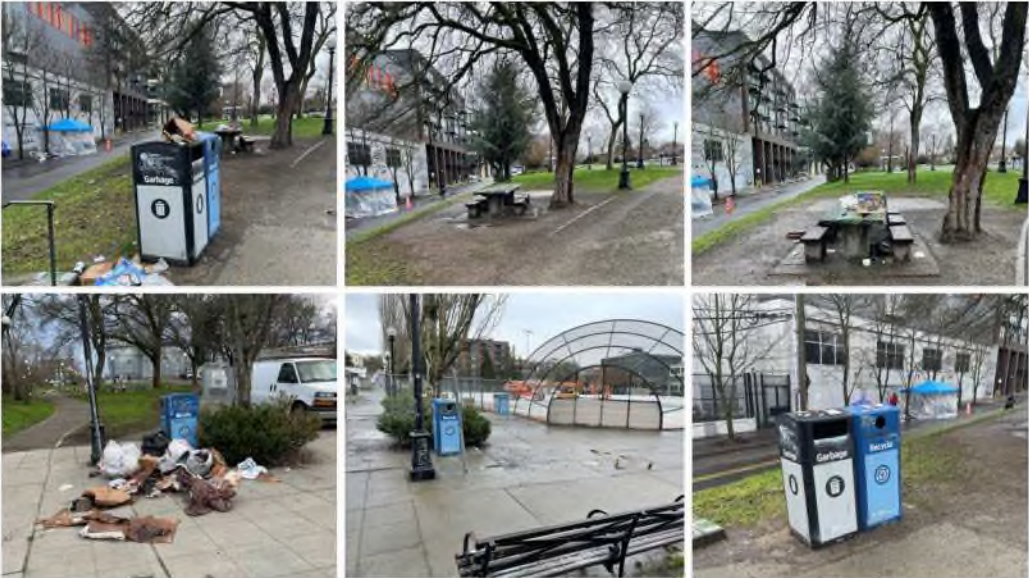
- Graffiti removal at Cal Anderson garbage cans and restroom.



- Graffiti Removal at Miller Park.



- Illegal Dumping removal at Cal Anderson Park.



- Restroom repair light fixture and sign removal at Madison Park.



- Mulching tree rings at Leschi Park.



- Debris clean up at Terry Petus Park dock.



- Leaf Removal at Firehouse Mini Park.



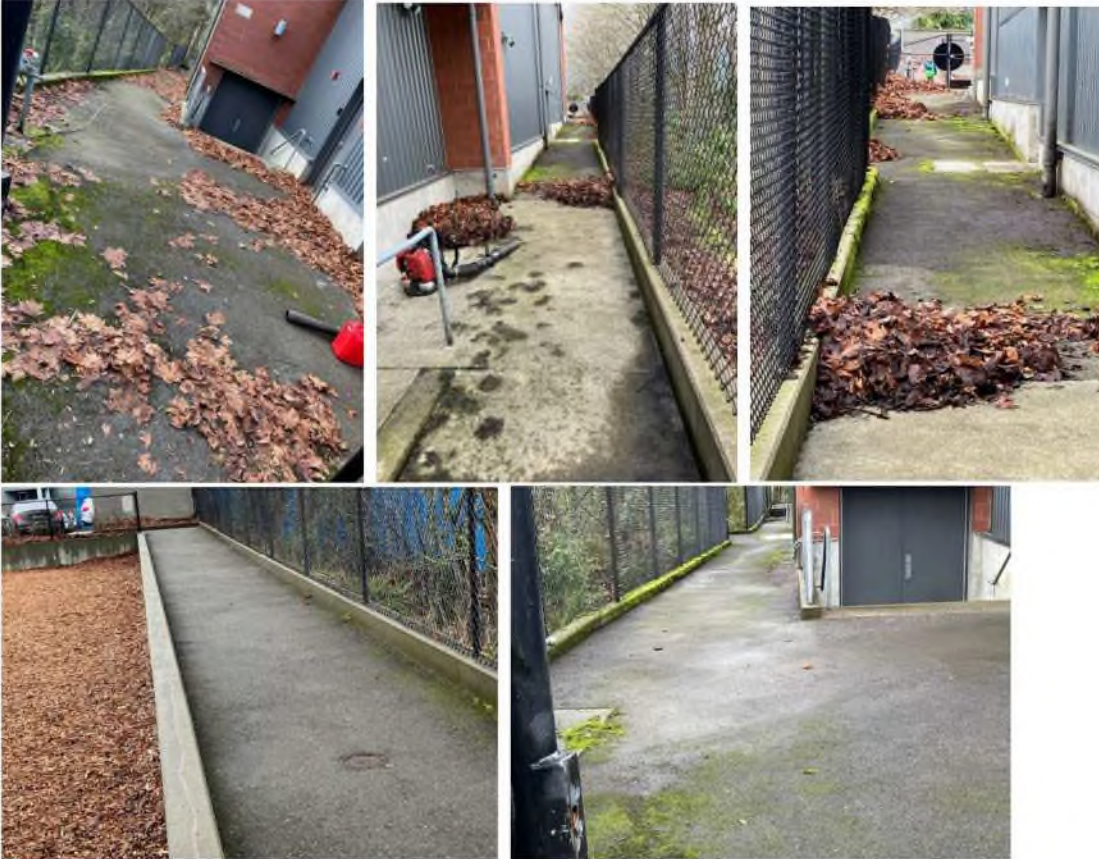
Notes/Kudos/Other Information

Kudos to the entire Central East Staff for your hard work!!!

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Paul doing leaf management at Northgate CC



- James replacing strut on job box at Meadowbrook.



- AJ and Sherman pressure washing Laurelhurst pickleball courts



- Nick and Landon prepping ballfields at View Ridge.







- New fibar at Maple Leaf Playground



- Christopher pruning trees off the fenceline at Jackson Park



- Michael raking fibar at Wallingford





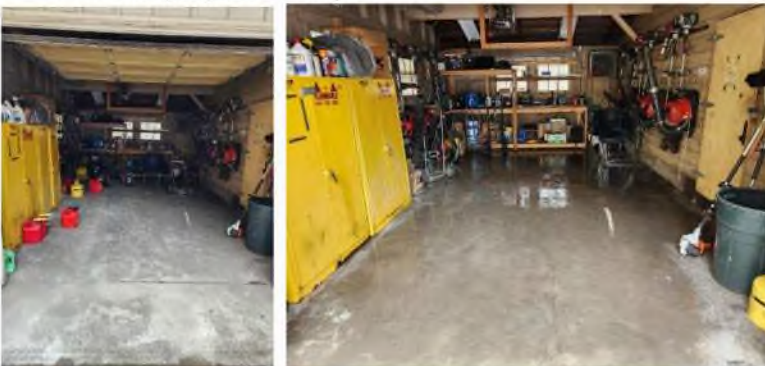
- Jon taking care of graffiti throughout district



- Replacing irrigation boxes at Magnuson



- AJ keeping the barn spotless



- Continuing to work on trail gravel in the Magnuson wetlands



### Incidents

More off-roading at Magnuson



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Ballfield prep throughout district
- Mulching project at Gasworks and Meridian
- Tennis court pressure washing
- Meridian fruit tree pruning jamboree
- Ballfield training

### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week goes to our truck drivers Bernard McMorris and John Breakfield, who are endlessly helpful and wonderful to work with.



**Northwest – District 6** – no reports

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

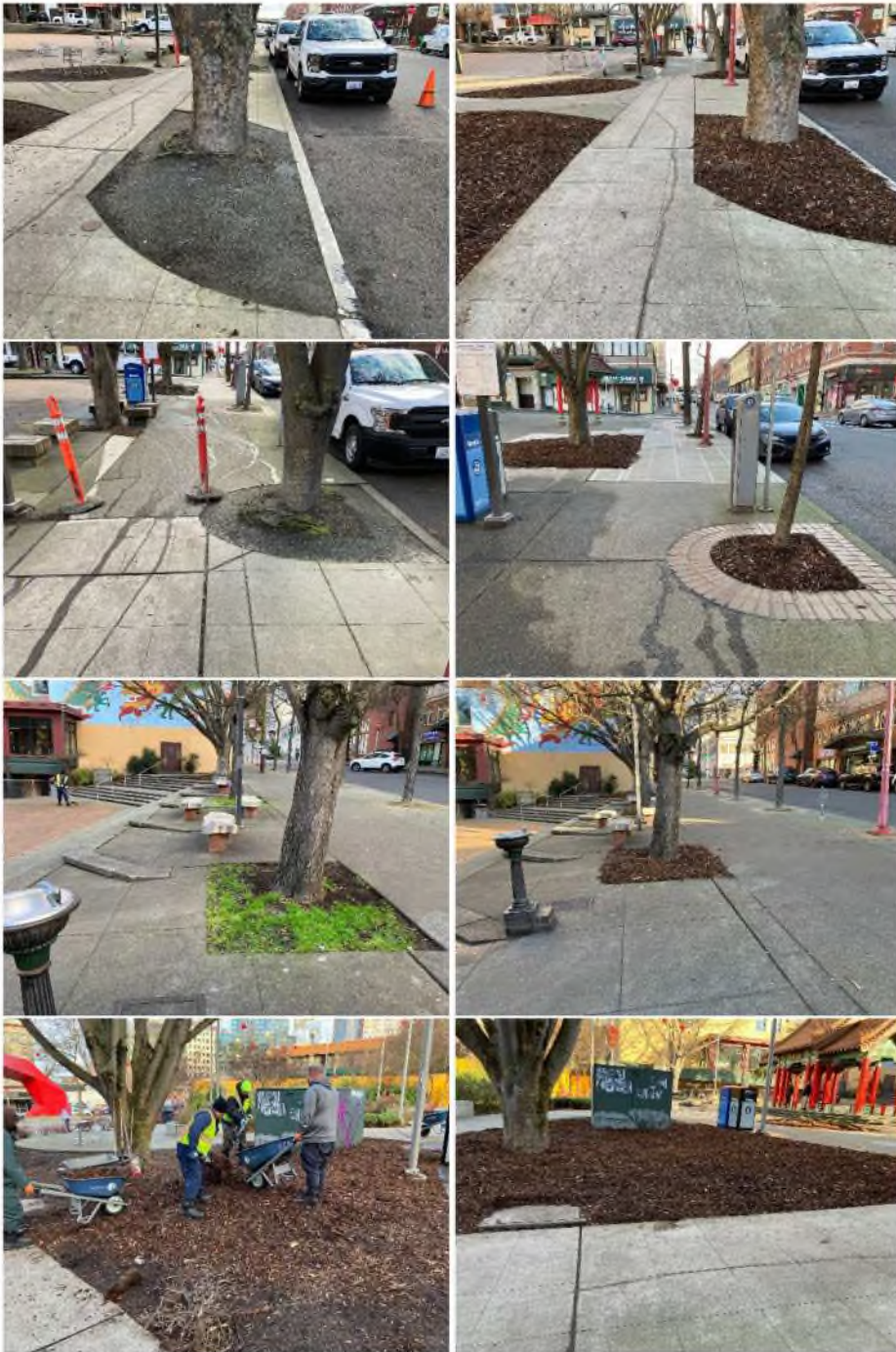
- Maintenance staff performing line trimming tasks at Bayview Hill/trail repair at Discovery Park.



- Senior Gardener added six new planters to Pioneer Square Park.

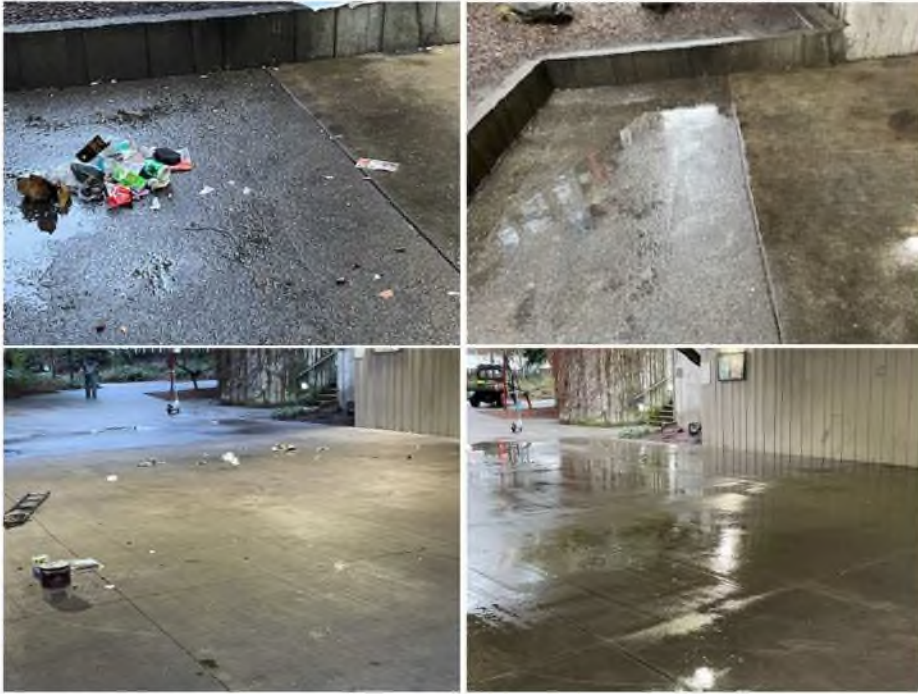


- Hing Hay Mulching Project.



- Morning clean up at Freeway Park.





- District IMW'S with graffiti removal.





- Ballfield Prep.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

West QA Edging Project.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the Downtown Crew for their excellent teamwork! Keep up the great work!

**District Encampments**

- SC – Jefferson Playfield near VA, bottom of Cheasty Blvd, west side of Coleman playground baseball field
- CE – Cal Anderson

- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- DT/CW –Kobe Terrace, Pioneer Square, and Freeway Park

Needles: 48

## **NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife** – no report

**Heavy Equipment Crew** - no report

**Turf Crew** - no report

## **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 3; Failure cleanups: 11; Snag creation: 3; Trees planted: 26
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 4
  - Level 2 inspections: 6
- Trees/sites inventoried: 53 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 6; Number of parks serviced (tree work and planting): 9
- Weekend tree failure - A tree fell onto the Burke Gilman trail over the weekend and thanks to Emily Hanson, who filled in as OOC Arborist for getting down to site to inspect the tree and taping the tree hazard for public safety.



- Folks from UF and Ecology Team on their tree planting next to a parking lot in Discovery Park.





- Ynhi Phan and Thomas Ennest putting in the final touches of a mulch ring for this new tree.



- Robert Dohrn creating an Alder snag in Carkeek Park.



- The Tree Crew working at Kubota Garden.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

UF/Ecology Team cross training - Part II of this cross training took place last week at Discovery Park. Both Teams got together to share knowledge and technical skills in tree planting, chainsaw work, tree

removal and ecological thinning. Thanks to Robert Dohrn, Tree Crew Lead, in initiating this cross trainings.



### **Trails Crew**

#### Maintenance:

Seward Park Trailhead renovations/Green Flag Award prep.- The Crew has completed 2 trailhead renovations one at Andrews Bay Trail and one at the Oak Grove Trailhead. At the Andrews Bay Trailhead they created a 50' path using 3.5 yards of gravel to get through the muddy grass and to provide easier access. We also installed 30' of outslope logs to bring up the trail height and make the trail a little less muddy and safe, installed 5 check steps on the hill at the trailhead entrance for easier access. We resurfaced the first 130' of trail and used 7.5 yards of crushed rock. We will be returning for planting and chipping next week.



Volunteer/Contractor Projects:

- Fauntleroy Park- Barton St entrance- Kai Longmier finished up the work at Fauntleroy Park to get one step closer to earning their Eagle Badge. They created about 140' of new trail and standing area in front of the kiosk to create easier access to the trails from the sidewalk as the turf is muddy in that area. They used about 8 yards of gravel in this project.





- Other Volunteer Projects: We are quickly getting closer to our volunteer season, so we are out looking for work and planning the events we have on the calendar so far. We have some exciting new partnerships with Rivian, FEMA and a montessori school in Woodenville and we are looking for long term opportunities for their groups for the future.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- 3 washouts on the Lake Washington shoreline- We will be working with Michael Yadrick on mitigating this ongoing issue.
- We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a walk bridge at the Japanese Garden this winter in hopes to have it completed by it re opening on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
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- We will be repairing a washout of the trail at the Golden Gardens Dog Park.
- Box Step replacement at Frink Park that was brought to our attention by the Forest Steward there.

#### Landscape Crew

##### Maintenance:

- The past week our crew completed the bioswale restoration at Hubbard Homestead. Broadcasting the seeds in February as they need 6 to 8 weeks of cold stratification.



- The Crew also started on its first MPD project of the year at Cottage Grove Park in the SW District. Over 9,000 SQFT of Blackberries and other invasives were cleared.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Japanese Garden

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to Johan Schorer from Jefferson Greenhouse for helping with procuring the seed mix for Hubbard Homestead!!!

**Specialty Gardens Monthly Report**

**Japanese Garden**

Maintenance:

- 2024 Production kicked off with bareroot trees & perennial plugs arriving.



- Marvin Christianson, with the City's Carpentry Department, finished resurfacing & repairing our potting table & countertops in Zone #1.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- 2024 Production: The seed Johan sowed is now ready to be potted up. That, plus the arrival of new plant material will fill the Greenhouse & our field quickly!
- We met with Jennifer Romo & volunteers at Garfield Community Center to discuss the upcoming needs of their community garden. Jefferson Greenhouse will be providing vegetable starts & other plants to help support their plans.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Kudos to Michael Yadrick for coordinating the pickup & distribution of the leftover surplus native plants for GSP projects. Thank you!
- Kudos to Marvin Christianson for doing such a nice job on the Greenhouse repairs in Zone #1!



- Our new Seasonal Gardener Brigitta Ujhelyi started February 14<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Brigitta!



### **Kubota Garden**

#### Maintenance:

- Pruning, weeding, and mulching project behind the main entrance stone setting (thanks Hannah!).
- Major pruning around Ponds 1 and 2, including shearing of large yews.
- We receive a beautiful mature dwarf conifer (*Abies nordmanniana* "Golden Spreader") and plant it in the garden.
- Other regular maintenance including cutting back perennials, pruning, mulching.

#### Volunteer Projects:

- Renovation pruning of a massive aucuba planting, including removal of ivy, blackberry and laurels. We mulched there and in adjacent planting beds with help from KGF Tuesday Volunteers.



- We participated in a very nice volunteer appreciation party at Mt Baker Rowing Center on Saturday, 2/10. Many thanks to Marcia High and Michael Helms for helping with the event.

#### Upcoming Events:

- 2/17: private wedding, 12-3pm.

#### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Repair trails around public bathroom and accessible parking.
- Planting, pine pruning, cutting back dwarf bamboo and epimedium throughout garden.

#### Incidents:

- 4 car prowls in parking lot.

- Abandoned vehicle in parking lot finally removed after 3 weeks.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Landscape crew came to do maintenance pruning with us throughout the garden.
- Justin Green helped us dig up and transport the donated dwarf conifer.



- Marvin Christensen installed a portable eyewash station for us.
- Ted (Boldt?) from the metal shop installs a steel shroud around the padlock on one of our containers to deter break-ins.
- Mike Seyler (HVAC) came and fixed the heater in our bathroom.
- The tree crew came and removed a big dead Japanese red pine and several European white birch that are declining because of the birch borer.



- The heavy equipment crew came to empty our clean green bunker.
- Last but not least, Rodrigo Tellez from the plumbing shop makes numerous repairs to get the public restrooms back in service (pipes burst because of cold weather).

**Volunteer Park Conservatory**

Maintenance:



- Daily maintenance of Conservatory and living collections. Forcing of Spring Bulbs and Hydrangea's. Chrysanthemum cuttings, Prepping for spring seasonal display.
- Prepping for Lunar New Year Installation, on Ladders cleaning glass and structure with pressure washer.



Volunteer Projects:

- Members of the Chinese Community Setting up for Tea Demonstration/tasting in the Conservatory's Seasonal house, Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>. Over 285 guests attended this Cultural event.



Current Events:

- Young Musicians performing on traditional instruments during Lunar New Year Event!
- Many exotic teas from various regions of China were sampled during the event.
- Floral Arrangements provided by artists from Seattle's Chinese Community paired with traditional art and décor will be on display through February 25<sup>th</sup> in the Conservatory's palm house.

### Upcoming Projects/Events:

- Sogetsu School of Ikebana, 35<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition, March 30 – 31<sup>st</sup>
- Puget Sound Gesneriad Society (African Violets) April 13 – 14
- Seasonal House Spring Display, “The Art of Gardening” an evolving exhibition display from late February through Summer.



### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Kudos to Lisa Chen and Her team of artists for all their hard work in making our Lunar New year event a success.
- Kudos to Tony Washington’s Crew for driving up North to pick up Timber Bamboo and delivering it to the Conservatory, above and beyond as usual.



### **Washington Park Arboretum**

#### Maintenance:

- Blackberry removal
- Brush-mowing
- Leaf blowing throughout all of Arboretum of trails, turf, paved surfaces, parking lots, and roads using handheld, backpack, tow-behind blower, plus large turbine blower on JD tractor
- Occasional mowing of Graham Visitor Center

- Azalea Way: Weeding, pruning, and clean up of shrub beds
- Wetlands: Planting, groundwater monitoring, weeding, line-trimming, and mulching around plantings
- Landscape Crew mulched the west end of the Waterfront Trail on Marsh Island

Volunteer Projects:

- No volunteer activities over the winter months
- Friends of Arboretum Creek work parties resume in March
- Azalea Way Garden Stewards resume in May

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Prepare for Year 7 Wetlands Monitoring in 2024, in compliance with US Army Corps Permitting requirements
- Mulching of Waterfront Trail on Foster Island
- Reconstruction of slope and trail that had previously been repeatedly washed out by faulty catch basin at the top of slope, meeting with Parks engineer. SPU has since replaced their catch basin
- Gravel trails maintenance

**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW/UCT**

Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave from Blanchard St to Lenora St, 24<sup>th</sup> & Shilshole, Gasworks Park, Interurban Trail, and E Pine St to Pike St 18<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 143 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Encampment Needle Count: 112

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- 38,440 lbs of debris was collected the week of 2/10/2024 – 2/16/2024 by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance teams.
- Kind words from a citizen:

**“Subject:** With sincere thanks!

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle City Leaders:

I write to express my very sincere appreciation and to commend your effort and use of proper authority this day to remove encampments from the Jackson Park Trail near our condo association, Greentree Village. Please convey my appreciation to all those who helped with this massive effort! It is still going on outside my dining room window. Additionally, I truly hope that services provided to the folks being removed will result in helpful solutions to their lives.

When tarps and tents began disappearing this morning, I was struck with the beauty of the sun peeking through the forested area once again after being hidden by an enormous

tent structure for many months. And I look forward soon to the freedom of walking the path, without fear, and enjoying the quiet, peaceful beauty of this JPP city trail.

These situations, I realize, are neither easy, simple, or quick to resolve, but my husband and I are relieved and grateful to have this one resolved, we hope, permanently. While we will surely remain vigilant, it is good to live with less anxiety and fear about what might happen next outside our condo window. Thank you for hearing my voice and listening to my concerns these past months!

With gratitude and respect,  
Greentree Village”

**MDAR Removal: Jackson Golf**



**135th and Stone Way**



**Queen Anne Greenbelt**



**East Pine St to Pike St 18th to 17th**



**DATE:** February 9, 2024

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 1/29/2024 - 2/4/2024

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- West Seattle Stadium crew prepare for upcoming Track and Field events.



- Gardeners Report (Tim Pollin) – a hedge along Alki was removed due to the obstruction of site lines on the bicycle trail.



- Crew weeded shrub bed along Alki.



- Don Armeni shrub bed removed grasses and applied mulch.





- IMW – A branch broken off tree in Lincoln Park fell on and damaged a bench.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

Construction work to begin at South Park Plaza

**Southeast - District 2**

Maintenance:

- Be'er Sheva Park: The fence went down after a construction project was substantially complete. The district installed ash cans to the new BBQ's. The district also pressure washed the outside of the restroom.



- Be'er Sheva: The district removed material from the new entrance bench. This material was placed over lettering in a hateful way.



- Genesee Park path resurfacing:



### **South Central - District 2**

#### Maintenance:

- Our main focus has been getting ready for tennis season, so our priority has been the whirling and pressure washing the courts. We have also been modifying dumpsters as well as helping with ecology blocks to deter mobile home parking. We pride ourselves on maintaining our parks and roadways for the community to enjoy.
- Modifying dumpsters at Genesee barn.





- Installing boulders at MLK.



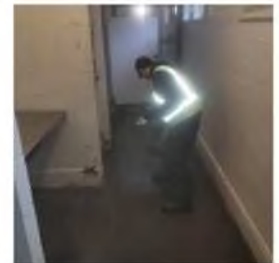
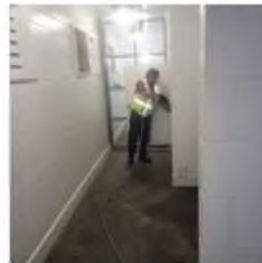
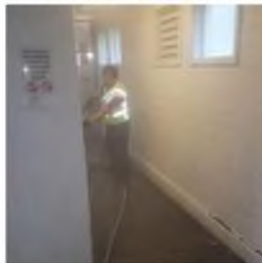
- Whirling and pressure washing Mt Baker Park tennis court



- MLK fibar placement in shrub bed



- Restroom cleaning at Mt Baker beach house



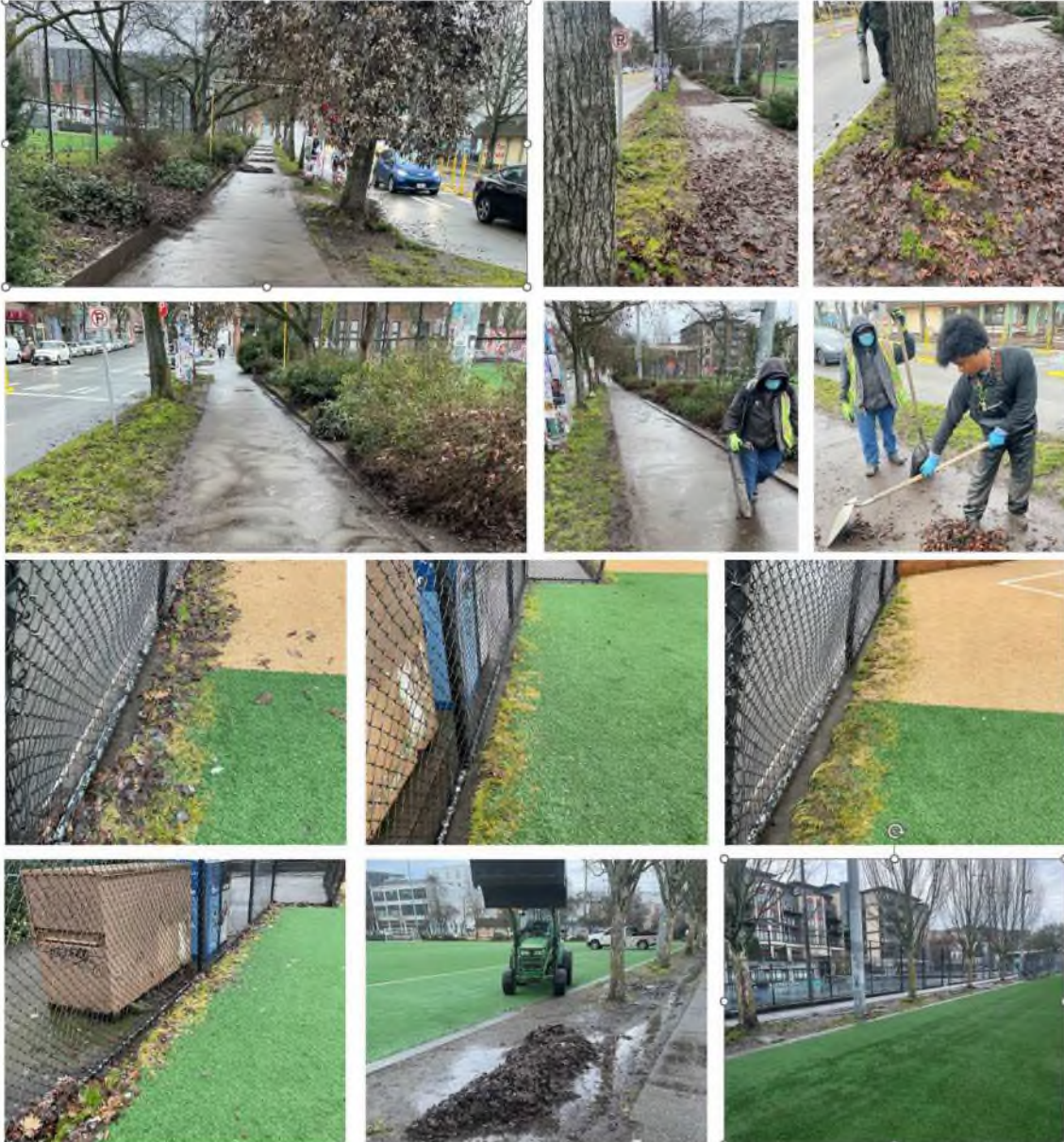
- Court prep at Georgetown



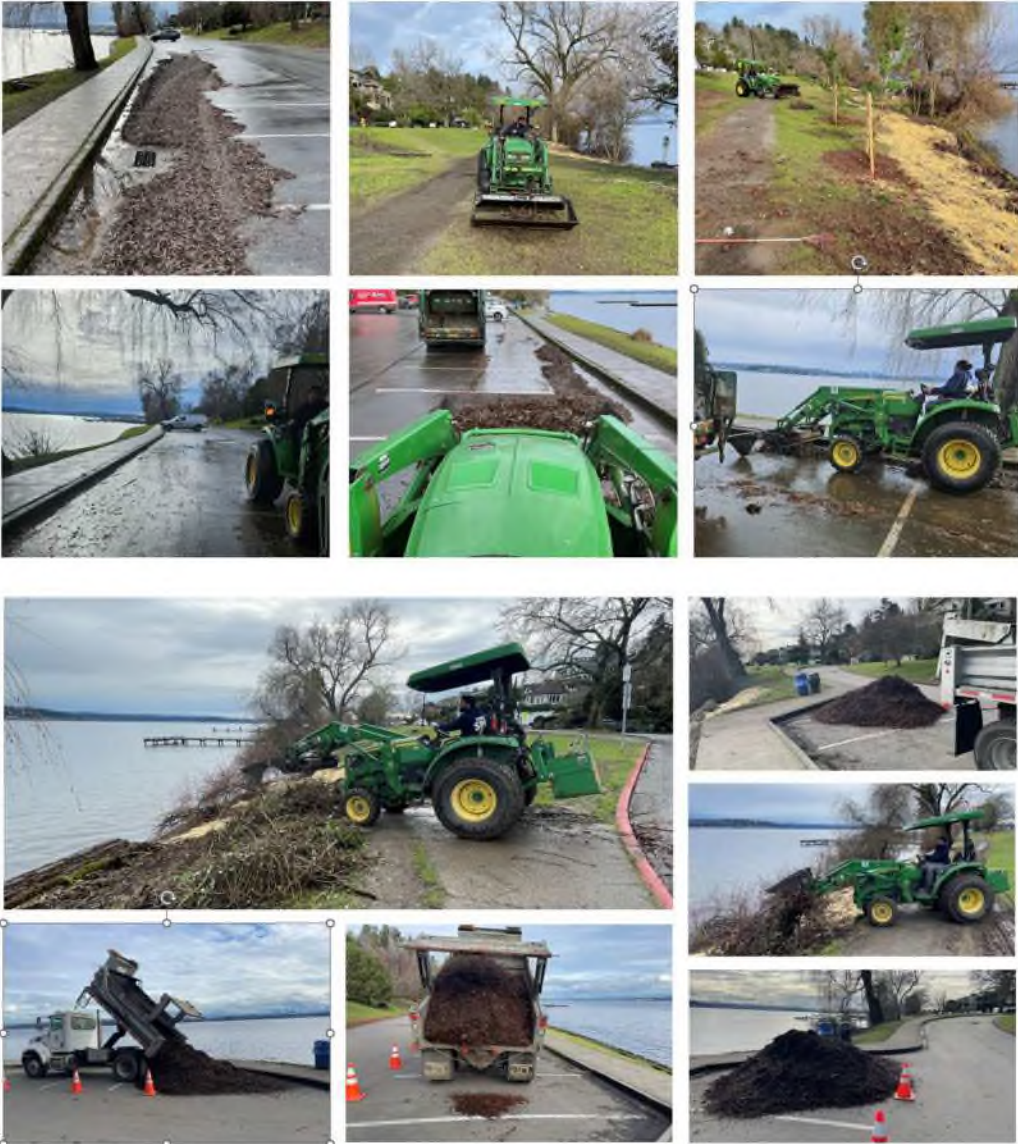
### Central East – District 3

#### Maintenance:

- Cal Anderson Group Project with team removing leaf on south side of Cal Anderson.



- Madrona Shoreline jamboree Pt 3.



- Langston Hughes cleaning up the back side of Building.

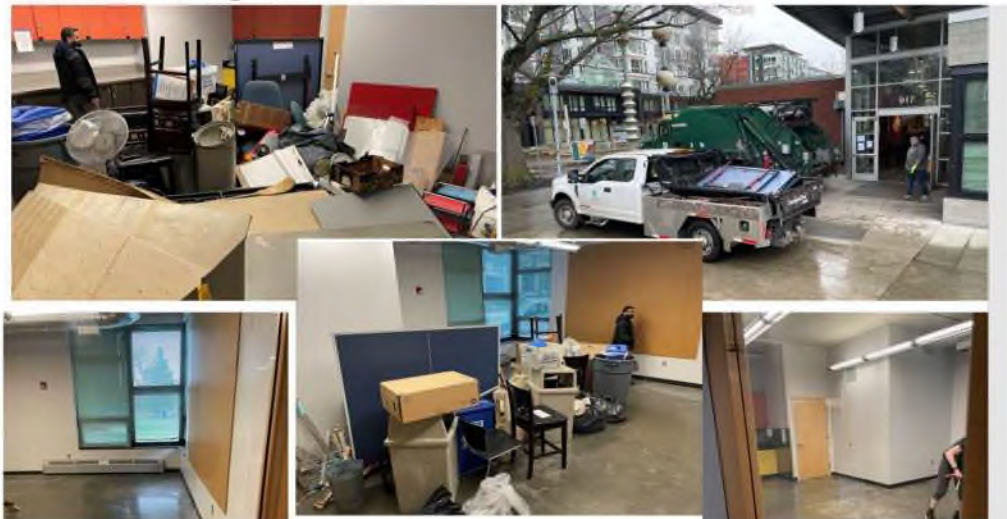




• Blowing and removing crack weeds at Medgar Evers Swimming pool



• Yesler CC Garbage Removal





- Pressure Washing at Roger's playfield in preparation of art Mural.



**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Crew project blowing Ravenna perimeter and trails





- James and Nick transporting grandstands to Westbridge for maintenance



- John and Bernard laying down new gravel at Cowen



- Pressure washing tennis courts throughout district



- Leaf management at Wallingford



- Landon and Nick doing View Ridge pitchers mound rehab: conditioner and weed suffocation





- Chuck grooming ballfields and cleaning wing fences at North Acres



- Jon and Toso replacing bench boards at Cedar





- Tree mulching at Magnuson



- Jonathan, Rolando, Freddy, Toso and Manu and Jon replacing trail fencing at Ravenna Par

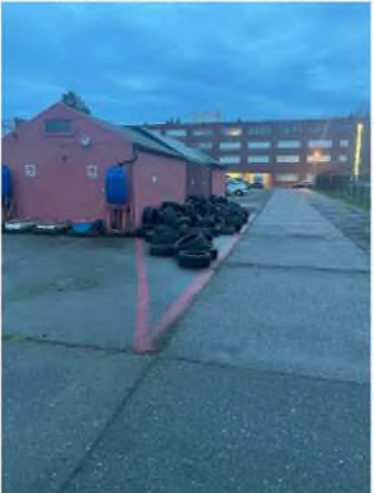


Incidents:

- Illegal dumping at Matthews Beach



- Illegal dumping at Magnuson



- RV sewage spill at Magnuson



- Off-roading at Laurelhurst



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Tree and shrub bed mulching throughout district
- Mulching projects at Meridian and Gasworks
- Tennis court pressure washing

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos this week goes to Paul Dietzel, who is always willing to help out at crew projects, and who always asks if more help is needed afterwards.



**Northwest – District 6**

Maintenance:

- Soundview: tennis courts were blown, and crack weeds were removed in preparation for pressure washing.



- Sunset Hill: weeding and shrub work. Hedge around bench was selectively pruned and lowered for CPTED purposes.
- Green Lake: Shrub bed was removed of blackberry and sheet mulched.
- Gardeners: Several of the gardeners attended a pesticide certification training.
- IMW: Graffiti work orders were completed district wide.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Soundview: Cutting shrubs back from tennis court fence line. Vegetation will likely be donated to the zoo for animal browse.
- Crown Hill: skate bowl turf leveling and renovation.
- Soundview Ballfield #3 Arc renovation

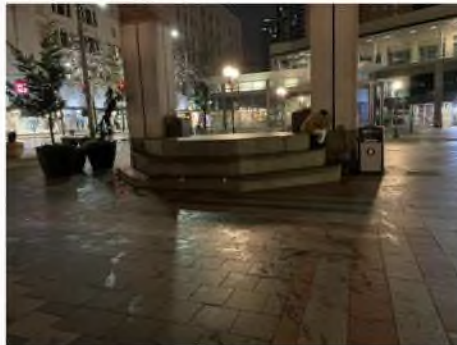
Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

A Kudos to Villi Tuipuloto! We are welcoming Villi back to the NW district after spending some time in NE. Villi is an excellent worker and was very deserving of his promotion to Maintenance Laborer. He always brings positive energy to the team and has a real can-do attitude. Thank you for being so dependable Villi!

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

Maintenance:

- Crew cleaning downtown parks each morning.





- IMW repairs bleachers before the season begins.



- Maintenance crews edging in the parks.



- IMW does graffiti removal in various locations.



- Gardener performing shrub bed maintenance.





- More shrub bed maintenance.



Incidents:

An employee was pricked by a needle.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

CW will work together to complete the edge on Magnolia Blvd.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to the crew for all the hard work they do day in and day out.

**District Encampments**

- SW - Lincoln Park Shelter 4 & 5; person continues to move back and forth sleeping in shelter.
- SC - Jefferson Playfield near VA, bottom of Cheasty Blvd, west side of Coleman playground baseball field
- CE - First Hill Park
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- NW - Gilman, Carkeek, Fremont Canal Park, 14<sup>th</sup> St Boat Ramp, Bergen Place, Woodland Park, Ballard Commons
- DT/CW - Kobe Terrace, Pioneer Square, and Freeway Park

Needles: 73



## NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

### GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife

#### Projects/Maintenance:

- Lisa helped host a tour with WA Department of Natural Resources staff and City of Seattle staff representing the Urban Forestry Core Team. The group visited Cheasty greenspace and several sites in southwest Seattle to consider urban forestry co-management efforts and connections with the state technical assistance. Thank you to Tony Eggink for stepping in to provide a tour stop on Beacon Ave looking at sooty bark disease.



- Urban Forestry and the Ecology Team had a successful day of cross training at Camp Long! Much appreciation to Robby for organizing. Thank you also to Miles, Danielle, and Michael for presenting.



- Forest Steward Heather Scot hosted A Cleaner Alki again last week Friday 2/2 Duwamish Head.



- Jay sent this sweet before/after photo from Herring's House along the Duwamish River, managing an area of ground ivy.



Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for the next two City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 2 – Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Session 3 – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
- GSP is coordinating with TC+ and Trees for Seattle to host a tree planting and community celebration at Powell Barnett on Sunday, February 25 with Black Forest, a national effort to honor black lives lost during the covid pandemic.
- Find upcoming GSP events here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

## **Heavy Equipment Crew**

### Maintenance:

Magnolia galar mud slide



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Clean green
- Compost citywide
- Chips citywide
- Slop mower
- Seward park
- West Seattle golf course

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- The turf crew has been maintenance of the playfield by blowing off synthetic fields' debris with blowers and the ventrac tractor.



- Turf crews are in training using the Field Maps apps to track European Chafer Beetles. The turf crew has been collecting information on the European Chafer Beetles movement.



- Last week the weather was a true Washington state moment with the rainfall. The crew spent time monitoring, inspecting and unclogging drains in parks reporting the status and conditions if playable or not due to flooding.

Montlake



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance
- Staying ready for snow and ice.

## **Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

### Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 3; Failure Cleanups: 13; Prunes:1; Trees planted: 15; Cable: 1
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 11
  - Level 2 inspections: 12
- Trees/sites inventoried: 56 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 11; Number of parks serviced: 29
- The team of Zach Pollard, Josh Gilbert, Alex Carlsen and Tommy Ennest clearing a tree failure at Discovery Park during the day of the UF/Ecology cross training. Thanks to these folks for continuing to keep our operational work moving, clearing up tree failures to keep streets and sidewalks safe and accessible.



- TC+ of TaShon Washington, Michael Keodoungsy and Ynhi Phan planting up 5 trees at Bitter Lake Playfield.



- Michael Keoudoungsy adding the final touches to this new tree planting at Bitter Lake.



- This Japanese Hornbeam was planted at Cascade Playground last week. This planting was supported by donated money of \$5000 for planting and tree establishment care, in honor of community member Lloyd Davis. Thanks to TaShon Washington, Miles Anderson, Joe Perdue and Melonae Hill for planting this tree.



Notes/Kudos/Other information:

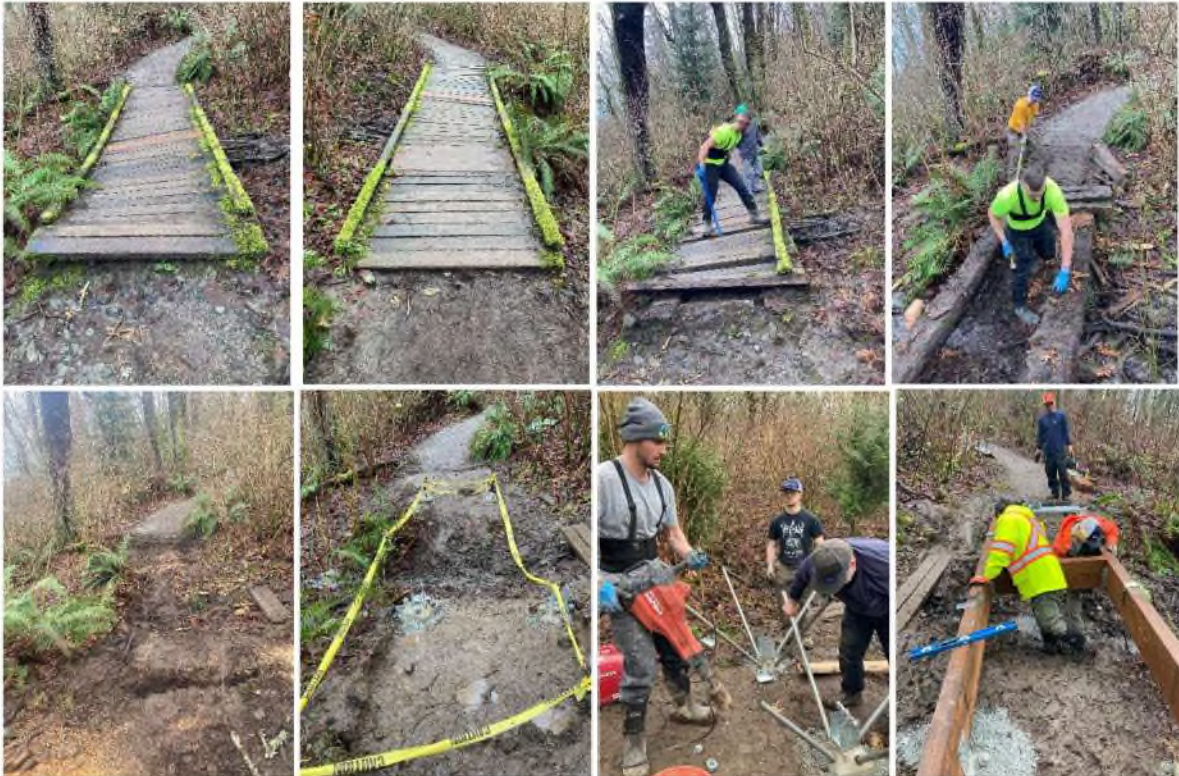
UF/Ecology Team cross training - UF and Ecology Team had a joint cross training at Camp Long, sharing out on each team's body of work through indoor classroom and field sessions. Kudos to Robert Dohrn, Crew Lead, for his initiative to bring this training together for both teams to learn about Urban Forestry. Shoutout to Miles Anderson, Tony Eggink, Lisa Ciecko and Michael Yadrack for leading the topics and site visits for the day. Finally, thanks to the Team of Zach Pollard, Josh Gilbert, Tommy Ennest and Alex Carlsen for working hard through the day to address multiple tree failures that had come down from the wet weather.



## **Trails Crew**

### Maintenance/ Projects:

Discovery Park: Hidden Valley Trail- The Crew demoed and rebuilt the bridge on the Hidden Vally Trail at Discovery Park that has been long overdue for a rebuild and was beginning to be unsafe. All the tools and material for this 16' bridge was hiked in by hand. Great job by Reeve, Henry, and Ian on building their first bridge/ boardwalk.





Volunteer/ Contractor Projects:

Kai and their Scout Troop started the new trail installation at Fautleroy Park to earn their Eagle Badge. They have excavated and graveled a path about 50' long and a wider entry and area to view the kiosk. They used the soil from the path to fill in low spots in the turf area and have used about 7 yards of 5/8 crushed rock. This path will provide easier and safer access to the visitors of the park.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- We will continue to map our trails and structures.
- The Crew will be working at Carkeek Park to repair a washout and clear a culvert.
- Trailhead renovation/ Check step & outslope install at Seward Park
- 3 washouts on the Lake Washington shoreline- We will be working with Michael Yadrick on mitigating this ongoing issue.
- We will be working with the Carpenter Shop to replace a walk bridge at the Japanese Garden this winter in hopes to have it completed by its re opening on March 1<sup>st</sup>.



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- Box Step replacement at Frink Park that was brought to our attention by the Forest Steward there.

#### Upcoming Events:

I will be leading a guided tour and training of Cheasty Greenspace- Sound View Trail to the participants of the GG24 GIS training Conference/ Training in February and will be working with Jasmine Jose and Jordan Ng on this project. We plan to show them how and why the Trails Department utilizes Trimble Mobile manager and Trimble DA2 devices.

#### Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Congratulations and great job to Reeve, Henry and Ian the 3 new Maintenance Laborers on the Trails Crew for completing their first bridge replacement/ build.

**Landscape Crew** – no report

### **ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW/UCT**

#### Maintenance:

- Encampment teams conducted MDAR removal(s): Nesbit Ave N and from N 90th - 85th St.
- Obstruction removals were completed at 10th Ave and E Fir St, 24th Ave NW and Shilshole Ave NW Vicinity, 6th & Cherry, 9th & Cherry, 9th Ave from Virginia - Stewart St, Albert Davis Park, Ballard Library, Broadway Hills Park, Carkeek Park, Cherry St btwn 6th - 7th Ave, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park, First Hill Park, Freemont Canal Park, Freeway Park, Gilman Playground, Hubbard Homestead, Leary Ave NW from NW Lone Pl to 17th Ave NW, Lewis Park, Magnuson Park, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way from Ballard Way NW to 15th Ave NW, Ravenna Park, Russell Ave NW, Tashkent Park, University Playground, W Garfield under Magnolia Bridge, Woodland Park.
- The Clean City Initiative (CCI) Teams completed trash mitigation at the following Parks and non-Parks sites: 11th Ave NW & NW 49th St, 16th Ave & E Madison St / E Pine St, 1st Ave N & Roy St to Mercer St, 2112 N 113th St, 23rd Ave S & S Lane St, 26th Ave NE & Hiram Pl NE, 2789 Dexter Ave N, 2nd & Bell St, 31st Ave NE & NE 130th St, 3rd Ave btwn Pike St & Union St, 3rd Ave from Blanchard - Lenora St, 400 Broadway E, 4th Ave & Pike St (btwn Pike & Pine), 4th Ave N & Roy St, 5th Ave NE & NE Pacific St Vicinity, 650 NE 42nd St, 737 9th Ave N, 9117 1st Ave NE, 9th Ave from Virginia to Stewart, Bay St & Elliott St (underneath bridge), Beaver Pond Natural Area on Thorton Creek, Bellevue Place Park, Belmont Ave & Bellevue, Bitter Lake Reservoir Park, Burke Gilman Trail at Meridian Ave N, Burke Gilman Trail from NW 45th - 43rd St, Burke Gilman Trail from NW Bowdoin Pl. to NW 39th St, Carkeek Park - McAbee Trailhead at 6th Ave NW & NW 100th Pl, Cayton Corner Park, Colman Park, Cowen Park, Denny Way from 1st Ave N to Queen Ave N, East Pine St to Pike St btwn 18th to 17th, Eastlake Ave E & E Allison St vicinity, Elliott Way from Elliott Ave to Lenora St, Evanston Ave N & N 102nd Vicinity, Fairview & Mercer Vicinity, Freeway Park, Fremont Canal Park, Fritz Hedges Waterway, Greenwood Park, Hubble pl from 9th to Seneca, Interurban Trail from N 128th - 125th St, Jackson Golf Course, Jackson Golf Trail, Judge Charles Strokes Park, Kinnear Park, Lake City Way & NE 92nd St, Lake Washington Blvd, Mary Ave NW from 83rd - 85th St, Melrose Ave E, Mercer St from 2nd Ave N to Warren Ave N, Midvale Ave N & N 107th St, N 102nd St from Fremont Ave N to Evanston Ave N, N 135th & Stone Way, N 137th St from Ashworth to N Aurora, N 87th St from Palatine Ave N to 1st Ave NW, N 97th St & Dayton Ave, NE 110th St & 36th Ave NE, NE 135th St from 11th - 12th Ave NE,

NE 63rd St & 6th Ave NE (dead end), NE Ravenna Blvd from Green Lake Way, NE Ravenna Blvd from NE 65th St to 8th Ave, Nesbit Ave N from N 90th - N 85th St, NW 40th St from NW Leary Way -6th Ave NW, NW 41st St. & Burke Gilman Trail Vicinity, NW 46th St & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW 47th St from 8th Ave NW - NW Leary Way, NW 50th St from 14th-15th Ave NW, NW 50th St from 15th-17th Ave NW, NW 53rd St from 14th - 15th Ave NW, NW Ballard Way & 11th Ave NW Vicinity, NW Leary Way & Leary Triangle Vicinity, NW Leary Way from 15th-9th Ave NW, NW Leary Way from NW Ballard Way from 14th - 15th Ave NW, Peace Park, Ravenna Ave NE from NE 98th - 95th St, Ravenna Park, Ravenna Park (under the bridge), Roy St & Minor, Roy St from 4th Ave to Nob Hill Ave N, Roy St from 9th to 8th, Salmon Bay Natural Area, Sam Smith Park, Sandpoint Way NE & NE 74th St, Shilshole Ave NW & NW 45th St, Spring Street Mini Park, Thomas Street from 1st Ave N to Queen Anne Ave to W Harrison, Union & Terry Ave, University Playfield, W Garfield St (under Magnolia bridge), Weedin Pl NE & NE 68th St Vicinity, Wisteria Park

- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 179 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

Over 48,320 lbs of debris was collected the week of 1/27/2024 – 2/2/2024 by the Clean City/ Encampment /Special Maintenance Teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 1165

Trash Mitigation & MDAR/Obstruction Removals:

Westlake & Dexter Ave



N 135<sup>th</sup> & Stone Way



NW 40<sup>th</sup> St from NW Leary Way – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW



Removal: Nesbit Ave N from N 90th - N 85th St



**DATE:** March 1, 2024

**TO:** Rachel Schulkin, Communications Manager

**FROM:** Markeith Blackshire, Director - Parks and Environment Division

**SUBJECT:** Park and Environment Division's Weekly Report 2/19/2024 - 2/25/2024

**CURRENT PROJECTS/NEWS**

**PARK RESOURCES**

**Southwest - District 1**

Maintenance:

- Crew continues preparing athletic fields for play....EC Hughes.



- Gardener's Report (Tim Pollin) - Work continued at Don Armeni Boat Ramp



- IMW Work – At EC Hughes Park graffiti removed from ballfield dugout and kiosk.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- South Park Plaza renovation
- Friends of Lincoln shrub bed invasive removal and mulch application.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

The Gardeners attended Pesticide Recertification Classes.

**Southeast - District 2** – no report

**South Central - District 2**

Maintenance:

- This week SC carried out an improvement project at Coleman Beach. Gardeners and Route Staff renovated the area, relandscaped and added a Pine tree.



- SC lent a hand to help SE with the goals at Brighton PF.



- A big boulder was installed at Judkins PF to hopefully stop curb jumpers.



- Tree pruning at Columbia Park.



Volunteer Projects:

- Coordination for 2 Projects began this week
- Rainier PF – Mariners
- Beacon Hill PG- Local wholesale/retail companies

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Continue prepping ballfields ie topdress soccer field at Judkins
- Complete Tennis Courts Cleaning
- Cleaning League Storage building at Rainier PF
- Continue powerwashing dugouts/bleachers
- Edging, weedwhacking
- Essential functions as needed

**Central East – District 3**

Maintenance:

- Synthetic turf repair at Garfield Playfield Field 1.



- Hedging and curb scraping at McGilvra Blvd.



- Pressure Washing at Lavizzo picnic shelter.







• Leaf removal at Madrona Playground.



• Leaf removal at St. Marks Natural Area.

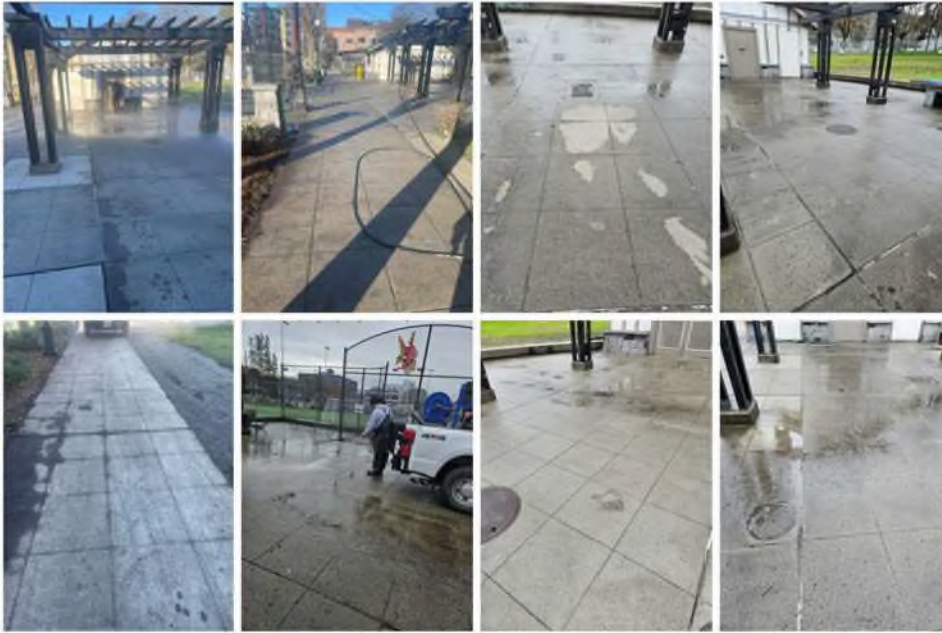


- Cal Anderson crew project weeding, pressure washing, mulching shrub beds, and turf repair with gravel.



- Pressure Washing.





• Weeding



• Mulching



Notes/Kudos/Other Information

Huge thanks to the Turf Crew for coming out to repair the Garfield Playfield synthetic turf so baseball season could start on time.

**Northeast – District 4/5**

Maintenance:

- Christopher Canty put on a hydrangea pruning class/work party for the crew at Laurelhurst.



- Mini crew project/ training session hosted by Andy, rebuilding the mound at Meadowbrook Field 1.





- Crew project at Meridian spreading 200 yards of mulch under trees.





- Graffiti removal throughout district.



- James and Jon installing reflective tape on new gate at Magnuson.



- Ballfield training at Meadowbrook



- Continued laying down gravel in Magnuson wetlands.



### Incidents

- Illegal tire dumping in Thorton Creek





- More off-roading at Magnuson



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Ballfield prep throughout district
- Mulching project at Gasworks
- Tennis court pressure washing

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to the Heavy Crew for helping us out with an on-going effort to replace the miles of collapsing creosote logs with rocks at Magnuson.





### **Northwest – District 6**

#### Maintenance:

- Woodland Park: 11 coniferous trees were planted in the woodland park ravine system. Located in an area that is seeing erosion and water runoff, these trees will prove invaluable.



- Staff cleaned up the Woodland Park Tennis courts.





- Salmon Bay: CPTED pruning of low hanging holly trees.
- Ballard Commons: Crew project to mow turf, edge, and line trim the entire park. Grass was getting long enough that a larger mower would have made a mess.



- District Wide: Pressure washing all tennis courts.
- All maintenance staff has been focused on edging and line trimming parks including Linden Orchard.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- 2/27 Repair Soundview Ballfield #3 Arc. Remove turf, add infield soil, and level
- Mulching at Webster Park
- Cutback Perennials at Kirke
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Pocket Park pruning

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Gardener Retreat: District Gardeners attended the annual retreat on Wednesday.

**Central West/Downtown – District 7**

**Maintenance:**

- Maintenance Crews blew off the tennis courts at David Rogers.



- Maintenance staff blew the curblines at Smith Cove.



- Edging at David Rogers.



- Gardener pruning at Parsons.



- Maintenance crew with a daily Freeway Park clean up/graffitti removal.





Volunteer Projects:

- Bishop Blanchet High School kids did a Volunteer Project at Discovery Park.

Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Maintenance Crews are prepping ballfields for opening day.
- Upcoming crew project at South Lake Union.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Kudos to Paul Bourgette for stepping up and doing an excellent job in his OOC Crew Chief role!

**District Encampments**

- SC – Jose Rizal DOLA continues to grow and build out; Beacon Mountain Lookout/Jefferson Pk
- CE – Cal Anderson
- NE - Ravenna Park, Magnuson Park, Gas Works Park, Ravenna Blvd, Cowen Park, Lake City Mini, Albert Davis
- DT/CW –Kobe Terrace, Pioneer Square, and Freeway Park

Needles: 39

**NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT**

**GSP/NAC/IPM & Wildlife**

Projects:

- Planting continued in earnest as we near the end of the season. Dirt Corps' team (including staff that have come through their training program) stopped for a photo at Westcrest. And

EarthCorps AmeriCorps teams have been busy in developing a slide, along with carrying bags, and stretchers for getting plants into Longfellow Greenspace.



- Plant Ecologist Eric Sterner met with Forest Stewards Drexie, Barb and Mary Ann at Carkeek Demonstration Garden site for their annual work planning visit.



- Natural Area Crew members got creativity to move large woody debris into place at Herring's House. The wood will improve habitat structure, soil, and plant establishment—giving removed trees new life in parks.



- OOC Plant Ecologist Ashley Robles and GSP Partner Shameka Gagnier with Futures Rising coordinated logistics and community connections for the Black Forest Event at Powell Barnett on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Black Forest is a national living memorial to black lives lost during the covid pandemic. 14 large trees were planted ceremoniously. Photos will be provided with the Urban Forestry Weekly.
- The Ecology Team also represented at the annual Gardeners Retreat. Bridget Kelsh presented on Integrated Pest Management and Eric presented the GSP 101 information.
- Plant Ecologist Eric Sterner hosted UW ESRM Capstone students working with Forest Steward Lisa McGinty at Lincoln Park for a visit to Jefferson Horticulture. They especially appreciated the tour provided Keri Frattini at the Green House. Kudos for her willingness to share off the cuff about her work!



Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date for the next two City of Seattle Pesticide Recertification Seminars:
  - Session 3 – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11:30 a.m.
- Find upcoming GSP events here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/>

**Heavy Equipment Crew** – no report

## **Turf Crew**

### Maintenance:

- The Turf Crew has been working on synthetic playfield maintenance by blowing off debris with blowers. The last couple of weeks have been true Washington state weather with excessive rainfall.
- The crew spent time monitoring, inspecting and unclogging drains in parks reporting the status and conditions if playable or not due to flooding. The Montlake synthetic playfield that floods during heavy rainfall had a basin installed that seems to be working keeping flood water down.

### Montlake Synthetic Playfield



### Walter Hundley PF



### Georgetown Synthetic Playfield



### Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Turf Repairs on play fields repairing trip hazards. Crows and Chafer Beetle turf damage.
- BF Day renovation – Filling trip hazards, Aerating, Seeding and fertilizing.
- Aerating and fertilizer
- Inspecting playfields
- Synthetic Fields Maintenance



- Staying ready for snow and ice.
- Volunteer Park turf renovation.

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Thank you, Turf Crew: Keylon, Joal and Fatai
- Big thanks to Lisa Chen for the invitation to the Garden Retreat. It was nice to see Brad.



**Urban Forestry/Tree Crew**

Maintenance:

- Maint Log – Removals: 2; Failure cleanups: 4; Prune: 6; Snag creation: 5; Stump grind: 7; Trees planted: 19
- Inspections/Inventory:
  - Level 1 inspections: 7
  - Level 2 inspections: 6
- Trees/sites inventoried: 56 sites (includes sites listed for work, inspections, survey)
- Work orders – Finished this week: 7; Number of parks serviced (tree work and planting): 18
- Robert Dohrn up in a Hemlock to remove a hanging branch over the Kurt Cobain Bench in Viretta Park.



Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

- Black Forest Tree Planting Event - A volunteer event took place on Sunday, 2/27/24 at Powell Barnett Park. Kudos to Emily Hanson for leading and coordinating this event, and to crews of

Michael Keodoungsy, Ynhi Phan, TaShon Washington, Miles Anderson, Josh Gilbert and Tommy Ennest for supporting with site set up and preparation on a very gusty day.





- Kudos to Michael Keodoungsy (TC+) - Shout out to Keo for holding down the tree planting work all season and for his positive attitude that he brings to work. Despite having a lean crew last Friday, the 2-person team of Keo and Ynhi Phan did fantastic work of planting up 5 trees in Madison Park.



**Trails Crew** – no report

### **Landscape Crew**

#### Maintenance:

- The past week the Landscape Crew was at the Japanese Garden placing down 5 yards of soil.
- The crew also attended the Gardeners Retreat with Nick Hocking and Justin Green presenting.



Upcoming Projects/Work:

- Magnolia Community Center
- Alki Beach
- Continue work at Cottage Grove
- Nick Hocking and Ron Simmions will be attending the Emerging Leaders Training.
- IPM training

Notes/Kudos/Other Information:

Thank you to the staff that helped with the Gardeners' Retreat and the hospitality at the Arboretum.

**ENCAMPMENT/SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREW/UCT**

Maintenance:

- Encampment Teams conducted MDAR removal(s): N 135th St and Stone Ave N Vicinity, E Republican St & Broadway E.
- Encampment/Special Maintenance Teams completed over 114 site cleans at Parks and non-Parks properties.

Notes/Other Information:

48,640 lbs of debris was collected the week of 2/17/2024 – 2/23/2024 by the Clean City/Encampment/Special Maintenance teams.

Encampment Needle Count: 75

Trash Mitigation and MDAR Removals:

**MDAR Removal:** N 135th St and Stone Ave N Vicinity



NW 53<sup>rd</sup> St from 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Ave NW



Russell Ave NW from Lone Place to NW Dock S



NW 50th St from 15th - 17th Ave NW

