

JOHNSTON PARKS  
2007 ANNUAL REPORT

COMPLETED PROJECTS

ADVENTURE RIDGE PARK

- Purchased 5 to 12 year old playground equipment
- Contracted for installation of playground equipment
- Installed recycled rubber mulch safety surface and border
- Drive and parking lot built by contractor
- Painted parking lot lines
- Built and installed kiosk to display park master plan
- Installed wear mats under playground slide exits
- Purchased and installed new park signs

BEAVER CREEK NATURAL RESOURCES AREA

- Realigned trail that was washed out during flooding
- Repaired culvert section under trail

CITY HALL

- Helped build rain garden areas in parking lot
- Re-landscaped planting beds in parking lot

LEW CLARKSON PARK

- Installed wear mats under playground swings and slide exits
- Purchased and installed new park signs
- Parking lot paved and lines painted
- Removed soccer goals from practice area
- Helped Little League with drainage ditch project
- Replace climber on playground structure (warranty)
- Added more rubber mulch playground safety surfacing
- Installed water heater in rest room building
- Installed curb stops in parking lot, donated by JCSD

CROWN POINT

- Stained deck
- Repaired roof leak
- Major clean up of building interior
- Painted Prairie View Room, all rest rooms and downstairs hallway
- Built trash dumpster enclosure
- Purchased new folding tables
- Replaced kitchen stove
- Installed deadbolt locks on downstairs rest room doors
- Helped Clothes Closet get set up in Savanna Room

## DEWEY PARK

- Replenished wood mulch playground safety surface for 5 to 12 year old area
- Replaced damaged climber on 5 to 12 year old playground structure
- Installed wear mats under playground swings and slide exits
- Volunteer planted flowers in parking lot bed
- Painted rest room building
- Painted picnic shelters

## GREEN MEADOWS

- Concrete repairs on greenbelt trail
- Removed dead and dying Scotch pine and other trees
- Trimmed trees and shrubs
- Ground down stumps
- Mulched around trees

## JOHNSTON COMMONS

- Removed trees by Library HVAC units, built enclosure fence
- Replaced Library Christmas tree
- Removed tree planting islands from Library and Simpson Barn parking lot

## MEDIANS

- Removed dead and dying plant material on 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave and planted grass
- Began maintaining Merle Hay Road & 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. medians and ROW
- Began maintaining 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. medians west of Crescent Chase

## PIONEER PARKWAY

- Trimmed Silver Maple trees in ROW and trees on medians
- Installed gravel with borders around all lights and signs on medians

## POINTE VISTA PARK

- Purchased 5 to 12 year old playground equipment
- Contracted for installation of playground equipment
- Installed recycled rubber mulch safety surface and border
- Installed wear mats under playground slide exits
- Purchased and installed new park signs
- Purchased picnic tables and benches, installed on concrete pads

## PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

- Removed dead Spruce trees
- Transplanted White Pines from Terra Park
- Built dog kennels for new animal control facility

## SIMPSON BARN

- Stained deck
- Built trash dumpster enclosure
- Purchased (2) large floor fans
- Repaired hay loft doors
- Helped with Hillary Clinton's Town Meeting

## STAFF

- Attended training at the ISU Shade Tree Short Course, Pesticide Applicator Certification, and a Playground Maintenance Workshop

## TERRA PARK

- Worked with consultants on Terra Lake Concept Plan

## TRAILS

- Trimmed back trees and brush along trails
- Sprayed Garlic Mustard, an invasive species
- Purchased and installed (10) pet waste stations at trail heads

## TREES

- Trimmed property owner trees in the right of way overhanging the street
- Removed dead Ash trees in the ROW
- Inventoried Ash trees on City property and in the ROW (595 Ash trees)
- Contracted for removal of Elm trees at City Hall and Cottonwood in the Green Meadows Greenbelt
- Ice Storm cleanup in parks, on trails and city wide drop off at Public Works
- Help with Residential Tree Program on Arbor Day

## ROUTINE MAINTENANCE TASKS

- Mow and trim 163 acres of parks, trails, cemeteries, and common areas
- Inspect playground equipment
- Monitor trails
- Maintain lights on trail through Green Meadows, in park parking lots
- Snow removal
- Litter pick up and trash removal
- Locate cemetery plots
- Custodial duties at Crown Point, Simpson Barn, Terra Lodge, Creekside rest room, Dewey rest room and shelters.
- Maintain Merle Hay Road medians
- Maintain 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. medians
- Clean drainage flumes in Green Meadows
- Mulch around trees on all city properties
- Maintain irrigation systems on Merle Hay Road medians
- Repair vandalism damage
- Turf Maintenance: fertilize, herbicides, aerification
- Winterize park buildings (Dewey, Lew Clarkson, and Terra Lodge)