

**MUNSTER PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT  
FOR THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2014 THRU SEPTEMBER 23, 2014  
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MAINTENANCE**

Cool weather has settled in on us as we get ready for fall and we turn our attention from hot days to chilly nights. Here is a look at what the Park Maintenance Dept. has accomplished in the last month.

**COMMUNITY PARK CONCESSION STAND:**

We removed the west side storm door and installed plastic strips. The strip door allows employees to enter/exit the concession stand without opening the storm door. This works out well when grills have to be moved in and out. We ordered and installed repair parts for the food warmer and the pretzel machine. New air conditioning has been installed in the concession stand by Pops Heating and Air Conditioning. There was existing air upstairs in the softball press box but never any downstairs in the concession stand.

**SOCIAL CENTER:**

Monthly maintenance has continued in the social center. We have shampooed the carpet and cleaned the windows. Between the carpet and tile room was an accordion sliding door that was never used and since it was old we removed it with the frame work. Four interior doors were painted and we are waiting for one last door to be installed before it gets a paint job.

**COMMUNITY POOL**

It was a typical Monday morning when it entered the pool pump house and could not believe what I saw there is a manhole outside of the pump house where water enters from the swimming pool gutters, pool deck and pump house floor drains. When water in the manhole reaches a certain height the sump pump will kick on and drains all the water out of the manhole into the town's storm system, but when the sump pump stops working, water fills the manhole and backs up through the pump house floor drain and floods the pit where four motors run the 2 slides, activity feature and main pool water flow. Three of the four motors were submerged in the water, after hand pumping the water out we removed two motors and took them to Mills Electric for emergency repairs since the pool was still open on weekends. The third pump was damaged beyond repair and could not be fixed and the main pump was ok. Four days later we were able to put two repaired pumps back into service just in time for the final weekend of the pool season.

Since this incident we have made some modifications to the manhole outside the pump house including a new sump pump, raising the electrical outlet for the sump

pump to a point above the over-flow line and the installation of a check-valve on the pump house floor drain line. Over the winter I will order and install the fourth pump which operates the blue slide. After closing day we have drained and winterized the pool. All wall – pack light bulbs have been replaced and or repaired.

### **MEMORIAL TREES:**

We have planted a Colorado Blue Spruce memorial tree with plaque in Heritage Park for the Munster Mints Girl Scouts Troop 10187.

### **Vandalism:**

Vandals shot off fireworks in the plastic garbage can inside the East men's bathroom in Community Park, garbage was strewn all over the bathroom and a section of the garbage can was melted.

### **OTHER PARK MAINTENANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

1. Cleaned Community Park playground of rocks and debris.
2. Planted 3 Arbovitae trees at White Oak Park.
3. Planted 1 Arbovitae trees at Monon Trailhead.
4. Sprayed weed killer on ball fields at Grove, Frank Hammond, Beech, Bluebird, and Cobblestone Parks.
5. Cut up one huge Cottonwood branch and threw it in chipper at Community Park.
6. Picked up 24 trees donated by Arzumanian Nursery.
7. Cleaned up debris at Manor Park and mowed.
8. Repaired water heater in south press box.
9. Repaired wash sink in park garage.
10. Installed "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signage at Lions Club Drive and Community Park Drive.
11. Delivered stone to Olthoff dirt pile in Community Park to keep mud from being tracked on roadways.
12. Removed old tennis court electrical box.
13. Repaired sliding gate at softball "D" field.
14. Cleaned all equipment.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

1. Grommet 3 Arts and Craft signs and 3 Pooch A Palooza signs and hung them in miscellaneous parks.
2. Repainted track lane lines at Frank Hammond Track for “Big Wheel 500” event.
3. Hung 4 “Big Wheel 500” and 4 Cash for Clutter signs in misc. parks.
4. Set-up 2 soccer fields at Grove and re-stripe Grove, Stewart and White Oak fields weekly.
5. Cleaned up parking lot after Cash for Clutter event.
6. Repaired “Bat” game for recreation dept.

**TREE REMOVAL:**

We have applied for an Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Grant for funding for the removal of 98 public park trees. The removal trees include Ash trees that have been infected with the Emerald Ash Borer disease and other species of dead trees or trees in a state of decline. All of these trees are located in 13 of our 26 parks and/ or green spaces that are maintained by the park maintenance department.