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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (SPRAB)
ON-LINE MEETING AGENDA

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CITY OF SALEM
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
DIGITAL AGENDA
October 14, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS, CITY STAFF &
UPCOMING MEETINGS**

BOARD MEMBERS

Dylan McDowell, Chair
Micki Varney, Vice Chair
Alan Alexander
Tony Caito
Woody Dukes
Dave Fridenmaker
Rick Hartwig
Keith Norris
Paul Rice

CITY STAFF

Robert Chandler, Assistant Public
Works Director
Mark Becktel, Operations Division
Manager
Patricia Farrell, Parks and Natural
Resources Planning Manager
Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation
Services Manager
Becky George, Recreation Supervisor
Milan Davis, City Urban Forester
Toni Whitler, Parks Planner & Board
Liaison

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- City Council – October 11 & 25 @ 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Work Session, Our Salem, October 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

LINKS

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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** (5:30 p.m.)
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. MINUTES** (5:40 p.m.)
 - a. September 9, 2021
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Public Comment for agenda and non-agenda items, 3 minutes.*) (5:45 – 5:55 p.m.)
- 5. BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS** (5:55 – 6:40)
 - a. Tree City USA and ODF Programs – *Katie Lompa, Oregon Department of Forestry*
 - b. Salem Beaver Strategy – *Jennifer Mongolo, Natural Resources Planner*
 - c. Salem's Climate Action Plan - *Patricia Farrell*
- 6. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES** (6:40 – 6:50 p.m.)
- 7. INFORMATION REPORTS – WRITTEN** (6:50 – 7:15 p.m.)
 - a. Mission Street Park Conservancy Minutes & Quarterly Report
 - b. Urban Forestry Update
 - c. Parks & Natural Resources Planning Update
 - d. Parks Operations Update
 - e. Recreation Services Update
 - f. Park Damage Report
- 8. NEW BUSINESS** (7:15 – 7:30 p.m.)
- 9. NEXT MEETING**
 - a. December 9, 2021 (*November 11 SPRAB falls on Veteran's Day and meeting is cancelled*)
- 10. ADJOURN**



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
DIGITAL MEETING
September 9, 2021
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Alexander
Woody Dukes
Dylan McDowell
Micki Varney
David Fridenmaker
Paul Rice
Rick Hartwig
Tony Caito

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave Fridenmaker

STAFF PRESENT

Becky George
Toni Whitler
Robert Chandler
Marc Weinstein
Milan Davis

1. ROLL

Member Dave Fridenmaker marked absent. Chair McDowell mentioned that the Salem Beaver Strategy update has been postponed and will be struck from the agenda. Salem Parks Foundation Update is being moved to the top; swapped with PUP update.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Varney moved to accept minutes from previous meeting. Member Rice seconded. Member Norris requested clarification that the approval was for both SPRAB meeting minutes as well as minutes from the PUP Subcommittee meeting. Chair McDowell and Member Varney confirmed.

Minutes approved with no changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair McDowell noted that no public comments were made. Two members of the public were in attendance; no verbal comments made.

4. BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Salem Parks Foundation – Carol Snyder

Carol Snyder presented the annual report for the Salem Parks Foundation for fiscal year running through September 2021. (Report to be provided via PDF to Toni Whitler.) Chair McDowell requested clarification whether additional funds were brought in despite fundraiser being canceled. Carol answered that additional funds were distributed despite no fundraising.

No further comments or questions.

b. Status of Unsheltered Individuals – Gretchen Bennett

Gretchen thanks the board for taking the time to continue discussions about unsheltered issues. She explained that there are currently no plans to move unsheltered individuals into specific parks despite rising pandemic numbers. Medical professionals are being consulted for options related to vaccination and other health issues. Cascades Gateway is completely closed and work is continuing at Wallace Marine to remove garbage and mitigate the impact of unsheltered presence. Some space along Cascades Gateway is adjacent to ODOT property onramp to I-5, which has caused issues with people cutting fences and attempting to camp on state property. Work is being done to prepare alternative sites that will help mitigate impact on City parks. A navigation center and a second microshelter are underway.

Chair McDowell inquired as to timelines for the completion of the navigation center and microshelter. Gretchen replied that the target is spring or early summer 2022 for the navigation center. Building will hopefully be used through the winter as a temperature-activated warming site while other preparations are being made to ready the building for 24/7 use. Funding partners are being sought as costs have exceeded original expectations. The additional microshelter site is located at 3749 Portland Rd and is adjacent to property owned by Catholic Community Services. Safe parking has been opened there for vehicle living. Thirty microshelters are overdue for this site and are under production. Supply and contractor issues have caused these delays. Beginning October 1, 2021, the indoor building at 2640 Portland Rd will be opened to house twenty additional people for sheltering through March 31st. Project Turnkey Hotel is also under renovations and the Community Action Agency expects to open the first floor of the hotel in November. This will provide individual hotel rooms for sheltering people.

Member Rice complimented these efforts and said that visible indications of unsheltered in parks has been significantly reduced. He inquired if shelters have helped with that, or if unsheltered have simply moved on from the area. Gretchen replied that it is an issue of all of the above – two families with small children at Cascades were able to step into housing placements. Many have taken advantage of open shelter beds or have relocated to other parts of town. Union Gospel Mission expanded their men's shelter to accommodate more people. There are concerns about camping in front of Big Lots and the large camp on private property at Portland Rd and Kale Rd. Some unsheltered are returning to the Market St I-5 entrance, and concerns are being monitored there.

Member Alexander thanked Gretchen for her work and said the situation looks promising. He expressed concern over cleanup and restoration, and where funding is coming from for continued work. Gretchen replied that she does not know the exact funding source; she believes it is either the general fund or the American Protection Recovery Act dollars. Can find out and report back with a clarification.

Member Norris reiterated thanks and commendation. He asked about potential capacity regarding microshelters, safe parking, and navigation centers. At last report there had been approximately 1500 unsheltered individuals living in parks. Gretchen clarified that the estimate of 1500 included those unhoused throughout the region, not just those living in parks. Shelter capacity projections are not near this number. The turnkey hotel project will include 120 hotel rooms, at 2-4 people per hotel room. The Union Gospel Mission expansion adds approximately 100 beds to their previous capacity. The 3749 Portland Rd site will house well over 100 people. The current 2640 Portland Rd is increasing their capacity by 20 people. A hotel program is currently running that includes 15 hotel rooms for 10 weeks; there are currently about 90 people being assisted by this program. Gretchen added that for some people, the right type of shelter has not been designed, and not all unsheltered will be incentivized to move inside. Some of these reasons can be related to mental health, addiction issues, or other trauma in a person's past that prevents them from coming indoors.

No further comments or questions.

c. Parks Usage & Permitting Subcommittee – Dylan McDowell

Chair McDowell commended the subcommittee for their work and for making these recommendations possible. He summarized what the subcommittee has been up to, reviewing policies and meeting with Human Rights Commission and the LGBTQIA+ Intersectional Task Force to craft recommendations. Two public meetings were held; the first meeting compiled recommendations, and the second meeting refined those recommendations for a finalized memo. During this time, three public comments were received that included positive feedback; no criticisms were vocalized during the process. Chair McDowell explained that the goal was to review the memo and recommendations, and to hopefully vote as a board to approve the memo for forwarding to City Council.

Member Varney requested clarification on how many public meetings were held. Chair McDowell replied that two meetings were hosted by the PUP subcommittee, and that two were meetings for other task forces that the PUP members attended.

Chair McDowell reviewed the recommendations as written in the final memo and asked the subcommittee members if they would like to provide any additional thoughts or comments.

Member Dukes said that he did not have any additional comments. Member Norris requested clarification on what the next expected steps are for this process. Chair McDowell explained that the next steps would be to approve the memo at this meeting and forward it to City Council with the expectation that City Council would direct City staff to begin implementing these recommendations. Eventually these changes would come back to SPRAB for review and then return to City Council for final implementation. Chair McDowell asked Robert Chandler if his explanation was accurate; Robert Chandler confirmed that it was.

Member Alexander commented that he believed the subcommittee had done a good job of being thorough in their considerations. Member Rice agreed and expressed that he was impressed by the amount of information reviewed and the amount of effort put into the process. Member Varney commended the subcommittee for an amazing job discussing the feasibility of their recommendations. She mentioned that a comment brought up in City Council was regarding public events and private events. Chair McDowell replied that primarily permitted private events were considered during this process. Member Varney inquired if there is an approximate goal timeline for implementing these changes. Chair McDowell asked Robert Chandler for insight. Robert replied that timelines were not discussed; the goal would be to have changes implemented in time for the next busy season. A lot will depend on staff availability and resources.

Member Varney inquired regarding the recommendation for notification of area residents when sound permits are acquired. She recommended posting a calendar so that individuals who want to know if there are events scheduled that may affect their park usage would be able to see this information beforehand on the City website. Robert Chandler commented that physical postings within parks were often vandalized and these issues will require further consideration.

Member Norris commented regarding Member Varney's question about public versus private events; he believes most of the recommendations would apply to both public and private events, save perhaps the ADA recommendations. Member Dukes agreed that both types of events should be treated the same and therefore recommendations should apply to both.

Chair McDowell mentioned that one of the considerations regarded alcohol in parks, and that other city codes and policies regarding alcohol were reviewed. The subcommittee decided that this issue did not currently warrant mention within the recommendations.

Chair McDowell requested Marc Weinstein's feedback as to the language of the motion to approve these recommendations. Marc Weinstein replied that language directing staff to implement these changes would be unnecessary. He explained that Councilor Nordyke requested specific information from this subcommittee and recommended that the wording reference this and designate the memo as SPRAB's formal response to Councilor Nordyke's request.

Robert Chandler commented that it might be helpful for the motion to include wording that indicates that SPRAB is submitting these recommendations to Council "for further consideration". Marc Weinstein confirmed that would be a clear and concise wording. He recommended that wording include that SPRAB is "adopting the recommendations of the subcommittee and forwarding them on to Council". Chair McDowell placed the following

wording in the chat: “SPRAB adopts the following policy recommendations from the Parks Usage and Permitting Subcommittee and forwards to Council for further consideration.”

Member Alexander motioned to enact this. “SPRAB adopts the following policy recommendations from the Parks Usage and Permitting Subcommittee and forwards to Council for further consideration.” Member Hartwig seconded.

No further comments or questions.

All members voted in favor.

5. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Chair McDowell noted that the Climate Action Plan will be reviewed at a City Council work session on September 20th, 2021.

Member Norris shared information from the library subcommittee – Public Library Strategic Plan Steering Committee. An equity lens workshop was completed earlier this year. There was intent to circulate a multi-language survey among library patrons, but this has been postponed due to the postponement of the opening of the main library.

No further board member updates.

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Mission Street Parks Conservancy Minutes

No comments or questions.

b. Urban Forestry Update – Milan Davis

Milan Davis explained that he has been working on preparing a presentation to bring to the board in the future regarding ice storm damage.

Member Norris inquired as to whether the City favors native tree planting. Milan replied that the City would love to give preference to native trees where possible, but many trees are chosen based on their resiliency to the growing conditions. Hot arid climate in the streets has changed tree selection over time.

Member Rice commented that native trees can be slower growing, which may factor into consideration. Milan Davis replied that it’s not necessarily speed, but soil requirements. More natives were planted this year, especially Oregon White Oak.

No further comments or questions.

c. Parks & Natural Resources – Toni Whitler (standing in for Patricia Farrell)

Toni highlighted the Climate Action Plan work session on September 20th and said that councilors will utilize this opportunity to discuss some of the challenges involved with reducing greenhouse gases.

She explained that the Geer Park Master Plan will begin public outreach in the form of a survey near the end of the month. On behalf of Jennifer Mongolo, Toni explained that tree planting being done will focus on McKay and Brown Road Parks. There is also a pilot project moving forward to encourage tree planting on private property. A mailer about this will be going out to the North Lancaster neighborhood area. The Beaver Strategy should be presented to SPRAB in October.

Chair McDowell asked if Toni could expand on more information about the pilot project. Toni confirmed that Salem Friends of Trees contributed information to help formulate a survey to gauge interest level regarding private property planting. Milan Davis confirmed that work was being done with Salem Friends of Trees to plant on City property as well as future private property planting.

Jennifer Mongolo, Natural Resources Planner, joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the tree survey project and pilot yard tree projects. She explained that these are two separate projects. Questions for the tree survey are being prepared and will be sent out to low-canopy areas of Salem. The yard tree project involves cooperation with Salem Friends of Trees, which will focus on the North Lancaster area. The goal is to focus planting between McKay School Park and Brown Road Park, with shade trees being planted in the parks and street trees being planted in between. The hope of the pilot yard tree project is to get neighbors in the area interested in planting trees in their front yard. Mailers will be sent out in the coming months.

Member Varney inquired if the mailer/survey will go out to individual residences, or to the owners of the properties. Milan Davis replied that it will most likely be a door hanger left at the residences.

Member Norris inquired whether City Council considered the revised Geer Park Master Plan. Toni Whitler replied that Council approved the revised plan with forty additional parking spaces. Robert Chandler confirmed. Chair McDowell mentioned that Member Varney did an excellent job presenting the revised plan to Council. Member Varney confirmed that she believes Council came up with a satisfactory compromise.

No further comments or questions.

d. Parks Operations Update – Jennifer Kellar

Chair McDowell thanked Jennifer for all of the photos in the update to aid with visualization. Jennifer had no additional comments to add to her report.

Member Norris inquired about the additional lighting mentioned in the report. Referenced a previous public comment regarding lighting at Pioneer Cemetery. Asked what sort of awareness had been made to neighbors regarding additional lighting being installed.

Jennifer explained that the Pioneer Cemetery lighting issue has been resolved. Representatives from PGE made adjustments including tilts, shields, etc., to prevent glare. No additional negative feedback has been received regarding that issue. Jennifer explained that these types of issues are always considered when new lighting is installed. PGE provides recommendations and goes out after lighting is placed to see if adjustments need to be made.

Member Norris commented that the report mentioned safety concerns and asked if safety concerns were brought up by neighbors or determined by Parks. Jennifer Kellar replied that it is both; concerns from Northgate Neighborhood Association have been raised regarding darkness at Inglewood Park during dawn and dusk hours. Inglewood has such a thick tree canopy that proper lighting has become an issue and has resulted in increased drug activity. Additional streetlights have been requested, which Parks is now working with Kevin Hottmann about. Cameras have been requested in the park as well. Parks met with Salem Police Department and councilors last month to discuss the feasibility of cameras and lighting modifications. Two cameras are being ordered – one placed in an interior area of the park where tree canopy won't be an impediment, and the other closer to 19th Street where drug activity has been prevalent. SPD will monitor the footage. Lighting may also be adjusted closer to 19th Street; a request has been put in to PGE to see if lighting angles can be adjusted to illuminate the area without impacting neighbors.

Jennifer Kellar continued by adding that Bush's Pasture Park's lighting changes were initiated by PGE. Additional lighting was needed along Mission St. for security reasons to illuminate parking areas. Hoover Park lighting issues were raised by SPD. Research was conducted and the lighting issues are predicated on the recent school construction. Lines were damaged during construction which affected the function of the lighting. The damage in the lines will have to be sought out and repaired.

e. Recreation Services – Becky George

Becky did not have additional comments to add to her written report.

Member Norris inquired if the 2,000 participants in Ironman met expectations. Becky replied that participation numbers were originally capped at 2,500 but the number was lowered to 2,200. This met expectations. Member Norris inquired regarding the agreement with Ironman and whether it is a multi-year agreement with an option to continue. Becky confirmed that it is a three-year agreement with Travel Salem with an option to continue beyond that. It is likely that the participant cap would be increased if COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. She estimates that the cap may be increased to as much as 3,000 if accommodations allow.

Member Rice commented that each individual participant in Ironman wore a tracking device which allowed their time and place to be tracked online. Becky confirmed that this was helpful in the 70.3 miles course, aiding both family members and organizers.

No further comments or questions.

f. Park Damage Report – Toni Whitler

Chair McDowell mentioned that he did not see a report provided with the agenda and inquired if one would be available. Toni Whitler replied that a report is forthcoming and would be provided within the next few days.

No further comments or questions.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Toni Whitler commented that she will be sending out last year's annual report for review, in anticipation of this year's annual report. She informed the board of an upcoming virtual meeting with neighbors surrounding Bill Riegel Park in anticipation of the completion of this park. Information will be solicited this meeting, as well as online, regarding neighbors' preferences for playground equipment and other features.

No further comments or questions.

8. NEXT MEETING

October 14, 2021

9. ADJOURN

6:53 PM

Minutes: Kimberly Spivey

Public Comment

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

October 14, 2021

Comment on Agenda Item 5.b

1. Ken Bierly, received October 9, 2021
2. Linda Bierly, received October 11, 2021

Comment on Non-Agenda Item

1. Geoffrey James, received October 8, 2021

Toni Whitler

From: Kenneth Bierly <bierlykenneth@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 7:32 PM
To: Toni Whitler
Subject: Fwd: Comments on Draft Strategic Operations Plan for Addressing Beaver Activity within the City of Salem

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I presume SPRAB will be reviewing this.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kenneth Bierly** <bierlykenneth@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Oct 9, 2021 at 5:02 PM
Subject: Comments on Draft Strategic Operations Plan for Addressing Beaver Activity within the City of Salem
To: Jennifer Mongolo <JMongolo@cityofsalem.net>
Cc: David Simmons <davidatoo@gmail.com>, Deborah Topp <DTopp@cityofsalem.net>, Dorald Stoltz <dorstoltz@msn.com>, E. Easterly <emeasterly@comcast.net>, Keith Bondaug-Winn <bondaug@gmail.com>, Kenneth Bierly <bierlykenneth@gmail.com>, Linda Bierly <bierlyskl@gmail.com>, Stacey Kline <catsread@yahoo.com>

I have read over the Draft and have both a few specific comments and a few general comments.

General Comments

In general the plan is well written and clear. It has a bit of a focus on the regulatory environment which is helpful but gets in the way of adapting to living with beaver. To be a more focused tool for the City staff there could be chapters on "Beaver in City Parks", "Beaver and Public Works" and "The City's responsibilities for managing beaver" or perhaps a chapter that integrates these three topics. I believe that it would provide a clearer context for the proposed plan. It would also provide some guidance for how the plan would be used by different staff responsibilities in the City.

Specific Comments

Page 1 - paragraph 2, It would be helpful to understand how the plan interacts with the NPDES MS4 permit and FEMA Community Rating System. Since these appear to be drivers it would help to further explain how the requirements of each affect beaver management options.

Page 2 - paragraph 1, I suggest another purpose would be to have a uniform approach to responding to citizen complaints.

Page 2 - paragraph 3, While the eastern slope of the Coast Range confines the Willamette Valley, it seems inaccurate to infer the Coast Range is in the Willamette Valley.

Page 3 - paragraph 4, The first sentence starts with "water quality" but the sentence seems to be addressing "water quantity".

Page 7, under **Things to Consider**, the last bullet is yearly checking sufficient for caged trees?

Page 10. This discussion would benefit by referring to The Evolution of Flow Devices Used to Reduce Flooding by Beavers: A Review by J.D. Taylor and R.D. Singleton published in Wildlife Society Bulletin in 2014.

Page 14, List of **Things to Consider**, I would suggest you add the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz as an additional contact since they also include indigenous people from the Willamette Valley.

Page 15. last bullet. I suggest you add brook lamprey. They have been observed in Glenn Creek.

Page 17 Pond Levelers & Culvert Protection Systems. I suggest you explain the NMF means Native Migratory Fish and refer to OAR 635-412-005(32) in the Fish Passage Administrative Rules.

Page 18. I suggest you add:

Taylor, J. D., & Singleton, R. D. (2014). The evolution of flow devices used to reduce flooding by beavers: A review. *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, 38(1), 127–133. <http://doi.org/10.1002/wsb.363>, and
Bailey DR, Dittbrenner BJ, Yocom KP. 2018. Reintegrating the North American beaver (*Castor canadensis*) in the urban landscape. *WIREs Water*. 2018;e1323. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wat2.1323>

Toni Whitler

From: Linda Bierly <bierlyskl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 8:17 AM
To: Jennifer Mongolo; Toni Whitler
Subject: Comments on Draft Strategic Plan for Addressing Beaver Activity Within the City of Salem

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Jennifer and Toni,
Here are my comments and if possible, I would like to direct them to the members of the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) as well as to the writers of the draft plan.

Ms. Mongolo and Members of the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

I thought the draft Plan did a good job of advising City staff on the technical aspects of permitting and procedure of "dealing" with beaver activity in Salem. I did wonder about the ability of staff to address the monitoring and maintenance of many of the activities mentioned. It seems as though park staff at all levels continually deal with staffing shortages and I don't know if there are enough people to perform the recommended tasks.

When dealing with citizen complaints about beaver activity, education is important. The Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council has worked with citizens dealing with beaver activity upstream of the beaver marsh in the Dan Chandler Nature Park. From these folks' experiences, we have learned that lethal controls through professional trappers are expensive and futile. The beavers simply return with their children and cousins. The best solutions have been to plant native trees and vegetation along streams. The beaver do use these plantings but they are adapted to beaver activity and will regrow.

This is another instance that demonstrates the inadequacy of the 15 foot riparian corridor building setbacks in the Salem Unified Building Code. The lack of riparian corridor protection remains a major weakness in Salem's land use policy. New land use rules promulgated by the State of Oregon mandate a 100' setback from streams for middle housing. This should apply to all development, no matter what zone.

Riparian corridors are critical habitat for many species. The section of the draft Plan describing the benefits of beavers and the habitats they create underscore the importance of leaving enough room for this activity to occur. Development and non-native landscaping should stay well back from all streams and floodplains. This is an area that is critical for aquatic, avian and wildlife species. Due to flooding and unstable slopes, it is unsuitable for development. It makes so much sense to protect both nature and the built environment by leaving this area unaltered by development and protecting native trees and vegetation.

Certainly in Salem city parks, riparian corridors can be respected and preserved. All beaver activity should be allowed and, if possible, public education about natural processes such as beaver dams and marshes should occur through environmental education classes and / or signage.

I think it is also important to point out the importance of switching out undersized culverts. They are often barriers for fish passage. Beavers are not the only animals that plug undersized culverts. Culverts seem to be the primary justification for the "stream cleaning" crew to go through the City and remove woody debris that should be left for habitat. If culverts must be used, they should be the arching type that uses the natural stream bed for the bottom. Ideally, bridges would always be used to cross streams and waterways.

SPRAB advises the Salem City Council on parks and recreation policy. My hope is that you will endorse this plan while advocating for leaving nature and natural processes alone in Salem's parks. The benefits of this approach are multi-faceted. Trying to regulate beaver within parks seems expensive and futile. Best to leave them alone to do their work.

Thank you,
Linda Bierly
Ward 8

Toni Whitler

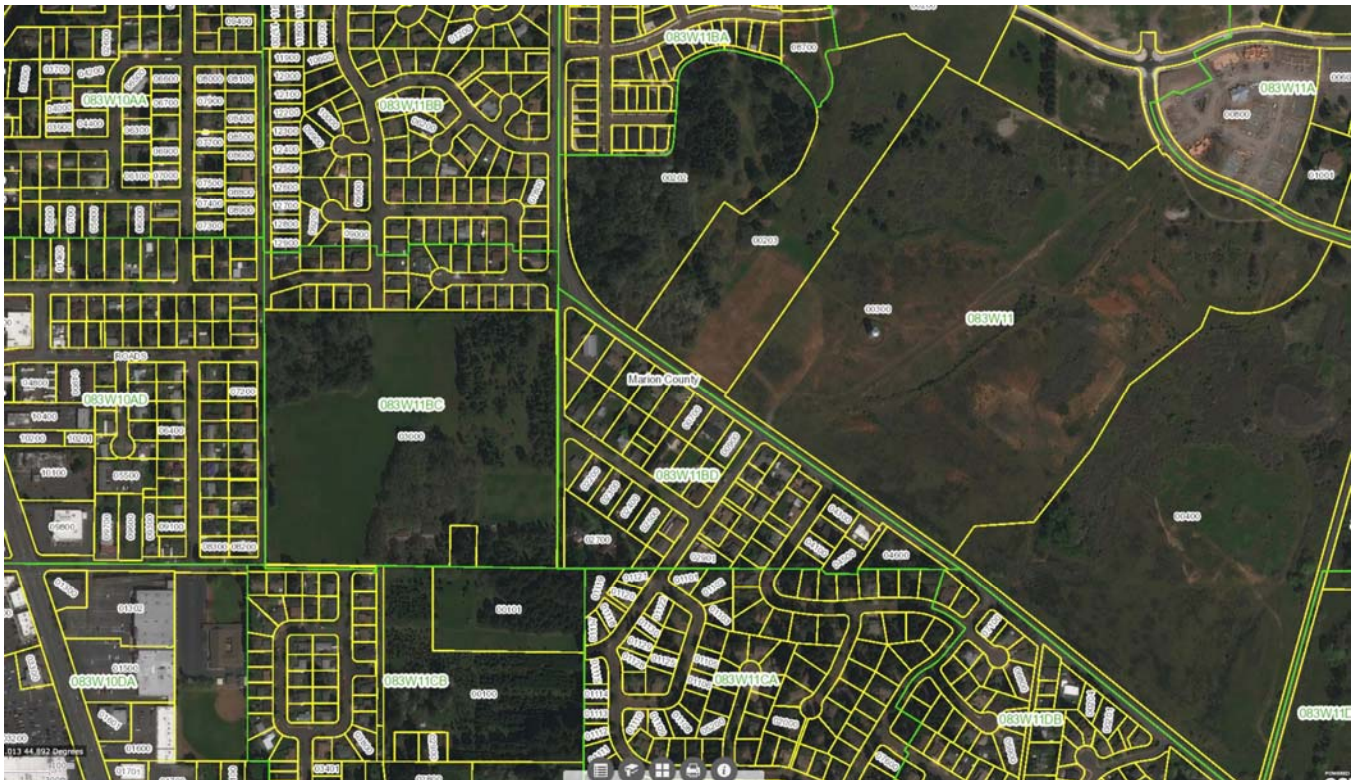
From: Geoffrey James A.I.A. <gjamesarchitect@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Toni Whitler
Subject: Parks and Open Space in Morningside
Attachments: MEYER HILFIKER WOODS PARKS.png; MEYER FARM HISTORY.pdf

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Toni:
Please would you forward this letter to SPRAB for the next meeting.
Thanks.
Geoff



Dear SPRAB board members:



I am land use chair of Morningside N.A. but am writing as an individual.
MNA meets the same night & time as SPRAB so I will be at our board meeting on Wednesday.
I have a big concern.
The map is of Parks and Open Space in our neighborhood.
We are supposed to be implementing Goal 5 and planning for Parks and Open Space.
The Parks Master Plan indeed shows asterisks indicating park need in Morningside.
Fairview property acreage called "The Crescent" has been acquired for a Community Park.
7 acres off Reed Road has been acquired for a neighborhood park.
Hilfiker Park is acquired. See it on the map (above).
But we have problems.

1. Hilfiker does not allow legal access to Morningside neighbors from the west, via Hilfiker Lane. There is a gap. This needs to be addressed by acquisition of more Hilfiker property.
2. The adjacent, contiguous and precious Meyer Farm, to the north of Hilfiker, is 30 acres of pristine farmland that needs to be kept Open Space, preferably with a bike or nature trail. Those White Oak trees are 300 years old. A developer proposes to remove 75 % of these trees. Of course neighbors will fight that all the way to LUBA. A History of The Meyer Farm is attached.
3. Across Battlecreek from the Farm is the Fairview property, 275 acres, that is being chopped up and developed as housing tracts. However the 14 acre wooded area along Battlecreek, known the The Woods, is designated on the Master Plan as Open Space. See it on the map as the 14 acres across from Meyer. A developer tried to subdivide it last year, but it was appealed to LUBA, and remanded back. Now the owner is thinking of donating it to the City, as Open Space, as long as he is allowed to create some lots on a third of it. That may be a compromise. The important thing is to preserve the designated Open Space.
4. Our parks planners obviously need direction from SPRAB. After the Morningside Board came out this year with the Declaration that Meyer Farm should be kept as Open Space, Mr. Romanek appeared at a subsequent board meeting and bluntly announced that Fairview Park satisfied both "asterisks" on your map. SPRAB needs to make it clear that the implementation of the Parks Master Plan is not any personal preference of staff members. The Meyer Farm is 30 acres of pristine open space, which would implement Goal 5, and the Parks Plan. It is currently going through a land use process that will end at LUBA, but we should be planning ahead, to add it to our inventory. It could be a public-private partnership. The Meyer Family (majority) has come up with millions to acquire and save it. The Friends Of The Meyer Farm (150 members) have come up with thousands in pledges. We know that Public Works is in a position to help with acquisition. All we need is a willing seller, and for the court appointed trustee to cooperate.

Please give clear direction to your parks planners to implement the Master Plan and to ensure that Morningside has the needed open space in our neighborhood. Finally we need better coordinated planning in order to link and connect all of the pieces by bicycle path. For example, if you walk east up Hilfiker from Trader Joes, there obviously should be legal access into Hilfiker Park, which there is not. There should then be a bike path through Meyer Farm open space, and a pedestrian crossing of Battlecreek Rd. Across to The Woods open space, where the trail should continue to Fairview Park, then a trail down vacated Old Strong Road to Reed, to Reed Road Park. That Reed widening is about to happen so the parks planners need to make sure (this month) that the walkway is bike width.

Thank you for your consideration of these important points. We need to ensure that Goal 5 is followed, plus the Parks Master Plan, and the connectivity of the Bike Plan so neighbors can safely walk or ride to each of these parks.

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Information Reports Packet

For SPRAB Meeting October 14, 2021

1. Mission Street Parks Conservancy
 - a. Quarterly Report from July to September
 - b. Minutes from August 26, 2021
2. Urban Forestry Report – Milan Davis, Urban Forester
3. Parks and Natural Resources Planning Report - Patricia Farrell, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
4. Parks Operations Report – Jennifer Kellar, Parks Operations and Recreation Services Manager
5. Recreation Services Report– Becky George, Recreation Services Supervisor
6. Damage Reports for August and September 2021



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

TO: SPRAB

FROM: Mission Street Parks Conservancy

DATE: September 28, 2021

**RE: MSPC Report on Activities for the Period July 1, 2021 through
September 30, 2021**

The Mission Street Parks Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving, maintaining, enhancing, and interpreting Bush's Pasture Park and other iconic landscapes on and near Mission Street.

Preserve

The restoration of the brick work in the Mae Tarter Old Rose Collection began on September 22. As of today, the roses have been removed; the bricks removed and cleaned; the new underlying gravel is in place; and the concrete forms are built. The Conservancy received financial support for this project from the City; the Autzen Foundation; the Salem Parks Foundation via SCAN; the First Church of Christ, Scientist; the Dragonfly Foundation of the Oregon Community Foundation; and several individual donors.

One of the oldest Oregon White Oaks in Bush's Pasture Park looks pretty sad right now. We are consulting with Parks about what can be done to help that tree specifically and to protect the nearby cluster of oaks in general. The City's new Cultural Landscape Management Plan contains ideas that provide a good starting place (mulched tree circles, underplanting, removing turf).

Maintain and Enhance

The Tuesday Gardeners succeeded in keeping most of the plantings alive during this summer's record-breaking heat and drought. We are rethinking what is planted and where in light of the major wakeup call presented by this summer's interesting weather. For the time being, extra mulching and increased hand watering in the gardens seems to be helping.



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

The Tuesday Gardeners have started planting new shrubs and flowers now that the rains have arrived. This work will continue into November, as weather allows. Volunteers put in over 1155 hours this quarter.

Interpret

We have asked the City for permission to add removable, non-invasive labels to some trees in the NW corner of the Park for purposes of improving and documenting our tree inventory. The labels could also help locate a specific tree in our database. At the City's request, we put adding these labels on hold, but we are anxious to get back to it so we can wrap up the inventory work.

End of year business

We are nearing the end of our first year under a new MOU with the City that sets out how we operate in the Park. We anticipate presenting both a revised MOU and a Work Plan for 2022 to SPRAB for your consideration in December.

The Conservancy conducted a successful fundraising drive this quarter. Several people made donations in honor of former volunteer supervisor Gretchen Carnaby's retirement, which we reported on last quarter.

Plant sale

We have declared the July plant sale a success, although it was conducted under less-than-ideal circumstances. We sold lots of plants and made a respectable profit.



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY



The crew at work on the sundial focal point in Bush's Pasture Park, removing and cleaning the original bricks.



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY



The sad-looking Oregon White Oak tree in the lower field at Bush's Pasture Park.



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

Board Meeting Minutess
August 26, 2021

In Attendance

Gretchen Carnaby
Christine Chute
Kathy Savicki
Michael Slater
Emily Standish

1. **Agenda** Christine called the meeting to order (via Zoom) and reviewed the agenda.
2. **Minutes** Gretchen moved and Christine seconded adoption of the minutes for the June meeting. The minutes were approved.
3. **Financial** Gary provided the end of July financial report. We realized about \$2400 in profit from the plant sale, and the fund raising solicitation yielded about \$23,000 from 42 households. Costs for the restoration of the rose garden focal point are estimated at \$20,479. Christine reviewed the funding received to date. Gretchen moved and Michael seconded that we use general funds to cover any balance needed to complete the project. Motion passed. The IRS has accepted our 2019 tax filing and cancelled the penalty.
4. **Debriefing the Plant Sale** Sales were good. The children's planting project and the free succulent planters went well. Talks were well done but attendance was poor. The treasure map was not used as much as hoped, partially because families found it after completing the planting project and weren't able to spend more time in the park. We should use it on some other occasion. Gretchen noted the high cost of the rental tent and recommended that we consider purchasing one for future sales. Holding tent volunteers requested shade. We missed having our volunteer coordinator on site to support cashiers and train volunteers for each shift. We need to have the customer service staff help new customers understand how our pricing system works. It would be useful to send our training instructions to volunteers ahead of the sale.
5. **CLMP** This has been approved by City Council but not yet published with final revisions.
6. **2021 Work Plan** We reviewed the work plan, and noted the need to check with Brian about how his priorities for our help might have shifted due to ice and COVID. Christine will ask Patricia how we would submit an application for the Terrace project. She will also consult with her about the timing and process for reviewing and renewing our MOU with the City.

7. New Business

- **Insurance** – Our carrier is changing and we are awaiting new bids for liability coverage. We intend to continue paying the annual charge in full when billed.
- **Website** – Emily has reviewed and provided comments; Christine will assign tabs for each board member to review; Mike will upload updated content.
- **Newsletter** – We assigned articles to Board members, to be submitted to Mike by Sept. 5.
- **COVID** – Emily will include reminders about masking in the weekly volunteer e-mail.

Next Meeting:

September 23, 4 to 6 pm ^{Draft}

Ice Storm Emergency Management

City of Salem Urban Forestry Division

February 12, 2021, Ice Storm Response



Ice Storm Preparation & Expectations

URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

- Staying up to date on weather predictions
- Crews are informed and on call for standby
- Expecting the worse and being ready for extreme conditions
- Having a management plan in place
- Understanding Emergency protocols and EOC function and limitations
- Workforce delegation, logistics, communication and documentation
- Using technology to be more efficient in planning and developing strategies to complete the work
- Knowing your crew limitations and staying true to standard SOPs
- Working safely during severe weather events



Photo by Cesar Estrada

Salem 40-year ice event

February 12th, 2021

WORKING THE STORM

- Crews worked 18hr shift expecting to work through the night if necessary
- Freezing rain and nighttime hazardous conditions were a cause for concern
- Managing calls from Dispatch center

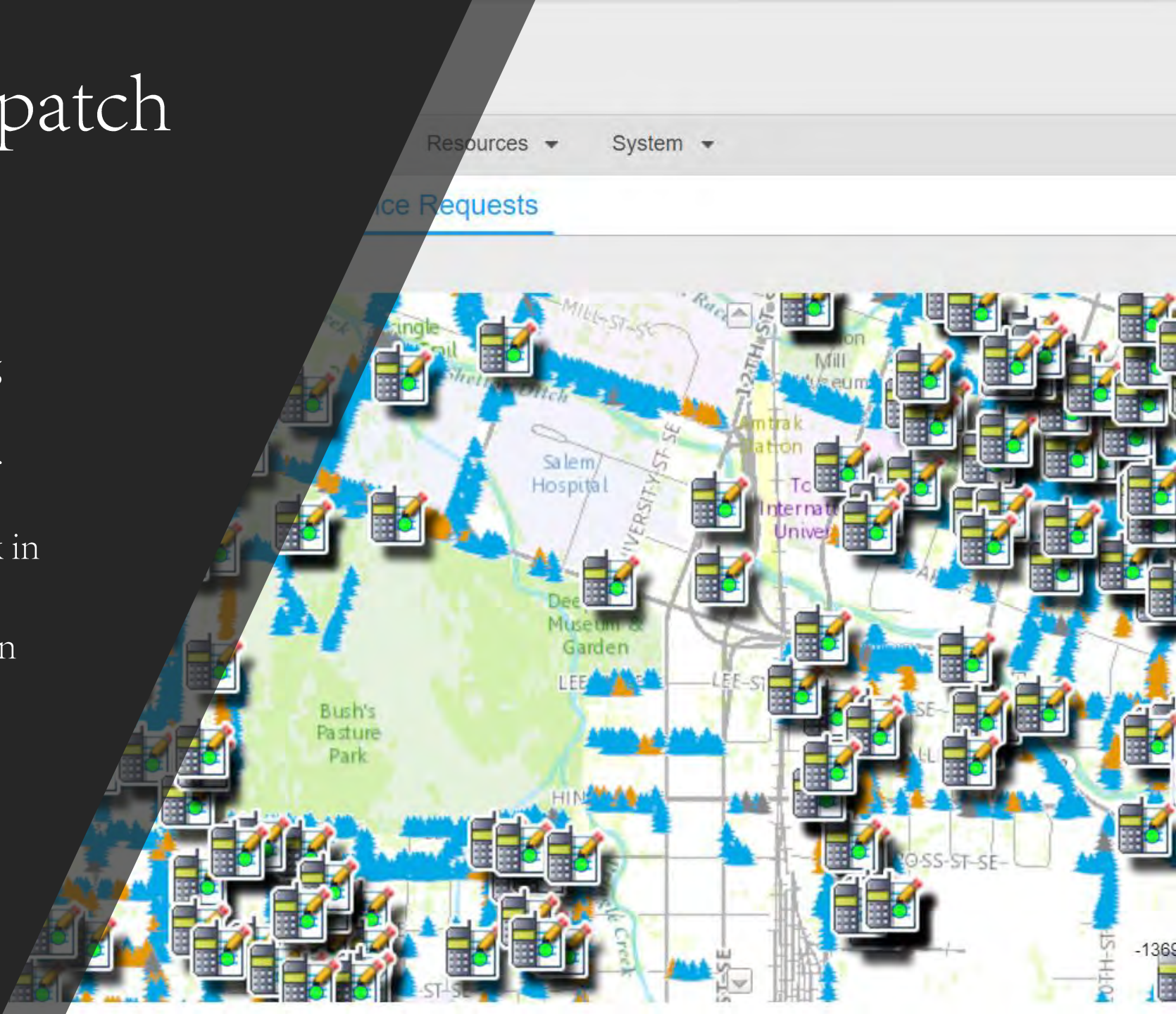
UNEXPECTED SEVERE CONDITIONS

- Multiple storms overlapping
- Ice accumulation over 1”
- Estimated 10,000 trees severely damaged over 1000 trees removed in the city owned right of way
- Over 3000 service requests from February 12th thru March 30th
- City of Salem spent nearly \$2,000,000 in ice storm related clean up, which is ongoing
- Nearly 90,000 total power outages in Salem



Emergency Dispatch 24hr Response

- Infor Public Secorv11.1 service request management system along with Hansen/311 call center
- Direct calls to the urban forester who distributed work to crews via radios & cell phones, closing work in the system as it was completed
- Closed 78 service requests within the first night and had a plan for Saturday morning



Post 24hr Response and Plan

2/13/21

- City of Salem PW EOC mobilization and delegation of responsibilities
- Parks Operations power outage for 7 days
- Started morning and afternoon Emergency meetings
- Staffing and equipment needs
- Governor declares State of Emergency
- Tree Service Contractor of record, agree to terms of service and compensation during State of Emergency
- IPS inform system overload and collapse due to volume of incoming requests, use the city 311 system to track and manage high priority work
- Implement push and go method with heavy equipment to open streets blocked by downed trees & debris with PW operations

Public Works Departmental Operating Center (DOC) Assignments by Incident Type and Shift

January 17, 2021

Participation Required

Participation if Requested

Participation Not Anticipated

Shift B						
Second 12 Hours of an Incident						
Assignment	Name	Full Activation	Flood	Windstorm	Water Quality/Supply	Traffic/Civil Unrest
DOC Incident Commander	Dwayne Barnes					
Deputy DOC Incident Commander	<i>Vacant</i>					
Stormwater Watch & Warning	Anita Panko					
Stormwater Operations	Brandon DeVries					
Wastewater Collections	Jerry Smith					
Water Quality & Distribution	Doug Priest					
Pumps & Controls/SCADA	Gerald Arredondo					
Street Maintenance	Rick Manier					
Signs & Sweeping	Cody Wildman					
Traffic Engineering/Operations	Tony Martin					
Traffic Signal Operations	Eric Destival					
Parks Operations	Jacob Snell					
Urban Forestry – Tree Response	Milan Davis					
Technical/GIS/Wastewater Flow Support	Audrey Killoran					
Additional Technical/GIS Support	Michael Medina					
Administrative Support	Allan Mikolas					
Customer Service/Dispatch	Cody King					
Public Information Officer	Deborah Topp					
311 Log Operator	Vanessa Strode					
DOC Scribe	Helena Najjar					

Winter Snow and Ice Response

Response shifts are 12-hour shifts beginning/ending at 1200 hours and 2400 hours and primarily involve Streets Maintenance, Signs & Sweeping, Public Information Officer, Administrative Support, and Customer Service/Dispatch staff. Operations Division Manager takes overall leadership role.

Full DOC Activation Incidents

The types of incidents that would automatically result in a full activation of the Public Works DOC would include Earthquake, Volcanic Eruption, Major In-town Conflagration/Wildfire, Solar Eclipse, or other natural or manmade event that would impact all infrastructure systems.

DOC Location

Public Works Shops, Building #2, Training Room – COVID-19 Restrictions may result in full or partial virtual DOC – situation dependent



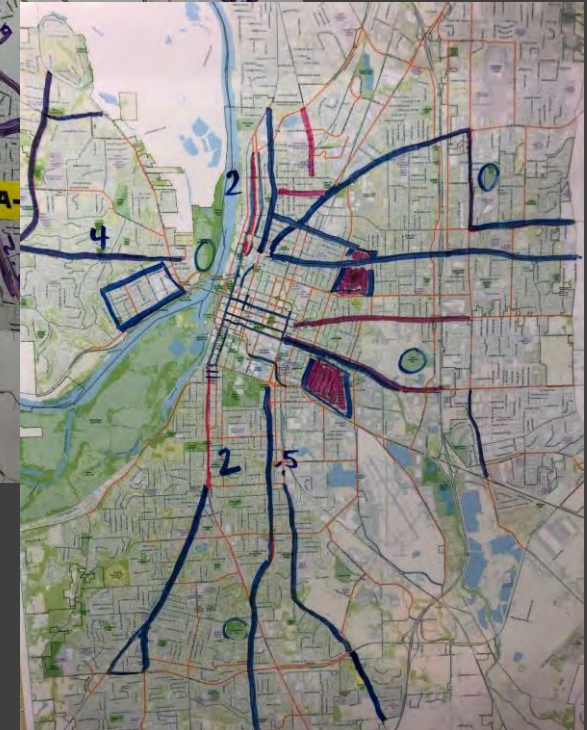
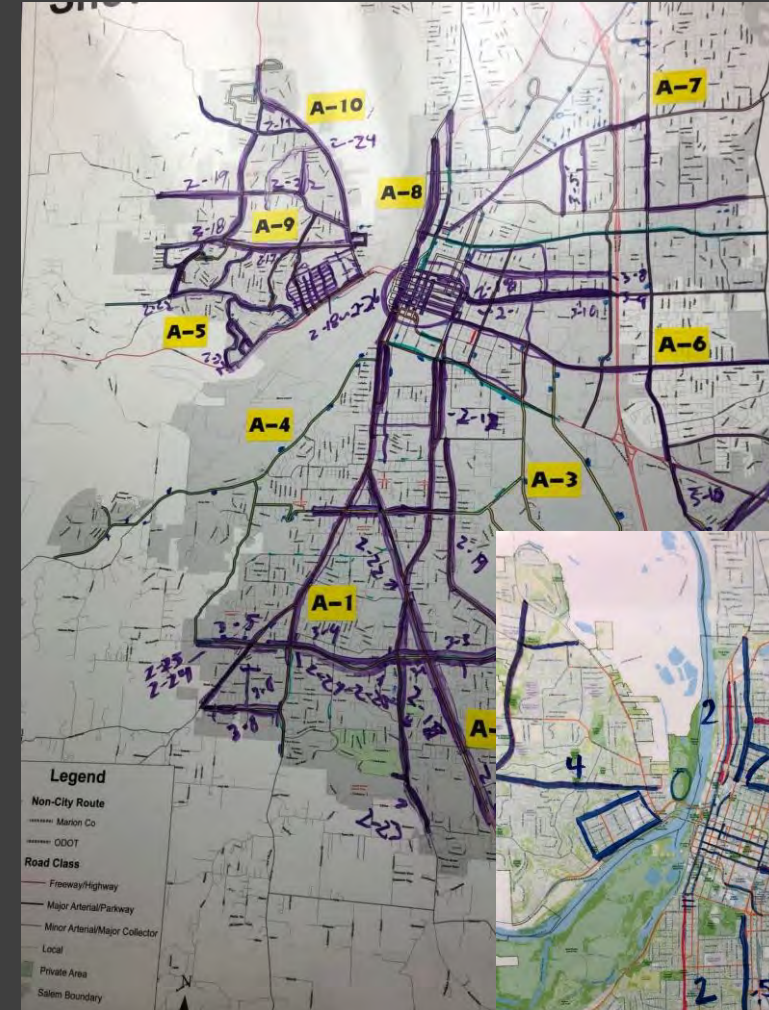
Emergency Response

SATURDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 13th

- Respond to emergency situations trees on houses, trees on cars with drivers inside uprooted trees causing gas leaks, etc.
- Clear downed trees and debris for emergency vehicle access to Salem Hospital, had calls from Ambulance drivers that they could not reach the ER
- Judgement calls on what trees can be made safe to move on to the next priority location
- Manage crew assignments and understand limitations
- Work with Police, Fire, Public Works Operations and contract tree crews to have all the necessary equipment available to assist
- Work safety SOPs for downed power lines and hazardous situations

Week One- Week Four: Strategic Planning, Introducing new Technology and Managing Risk

- Work with senior staff to map out logistics for contract crews with historical snow routes, with a goal of having arterial roads open and cleared of debris and dangerous limbs, followed by collector streets and finally working through the neighborhoods
- All hands-on deck for Public Work crews and 10 contract tree crews and city tree crews with oversight by city crew leader documenting work establishing traffic control plans and traffic setup with assistance from PW traffic crews on Arterial roads
- Categorize work in the 311 system that is high risk so we can prioritize work
- Meet with City of Salem GIS and IT staff with goal to develop asset management system to track and document work for insurance and FEMA
- Train staff on using GIS cell phone technology
- **Work with PGE and Salem electric to restore power**
- Three tree response crews for high priority work, riggers and heavy equipment crews assisting full time
- Establish wood waste, log and debris management and agreements



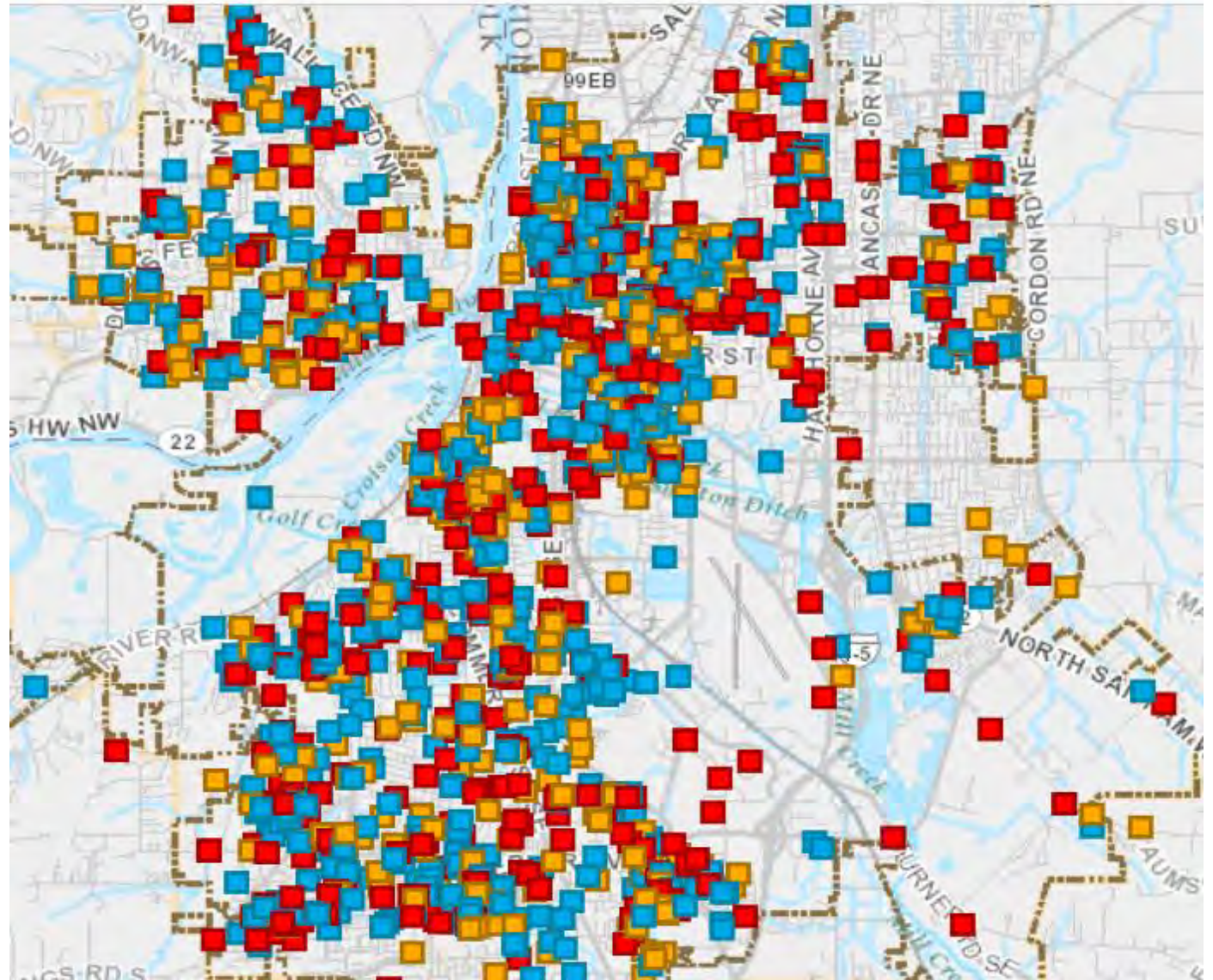
Long-Term Planning

- Use of 10 contractor crews and available city tree crews to shift focus from groundwork to Aerial bucket work to mitigate hazards on arterial streets then eventually work block by block in neighborhoods using Survey 123 to document damage and Workforce to identify hazard locations
- Continue using city crews and two contract crews to focus on high priority trees
- Dedicate contract crews to assist Parks operations cleanup efforts in high use park areas



GIS FieldMaps, Survey 123

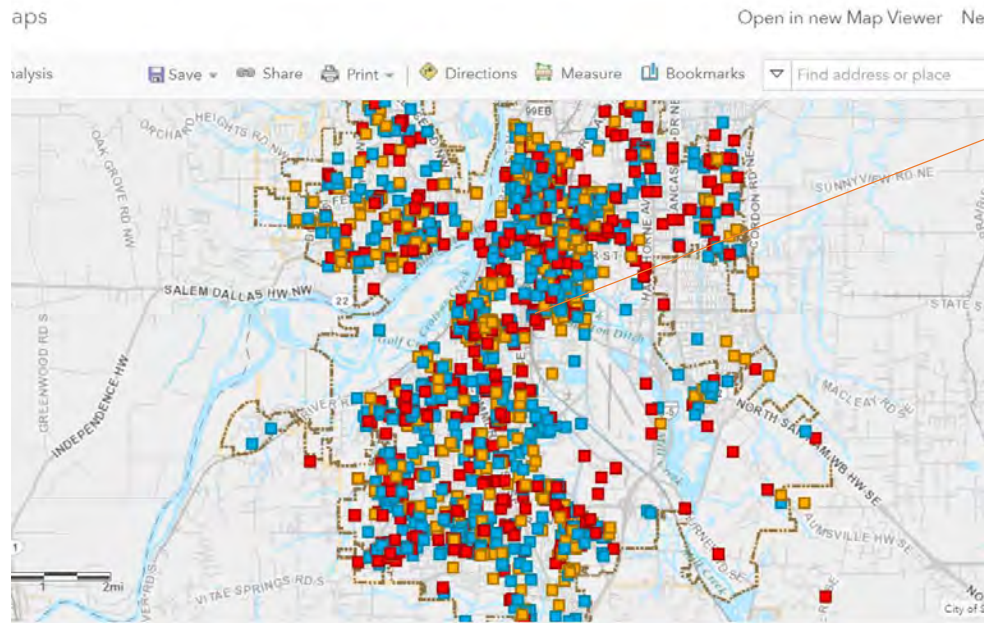
- By week two over 2000 Ice Storm related Urban Forestry service requests were in the 311 system, and without the use of the IPS system, we were in desperate need of assistance in tracking, documenting and understanding where ice storm damage remained after the initial cleanup.
- Working with the City of Salem GIS & IT Departments along with city management staff, they were able to take information learned from Eugene city staff after their recent ice storm event and implement technology the UFD was currently using in a test model for converting paperwork orders to inventory/web-based asset management system.
- By using cell phone/tablets in ArcGIS Collector App, Survey 123 App and Workforce App as well as web-based version to manage this work remotely through the City of Salem Maps homepage.
- Using this technology, we were able to start documenting for FEMA and insurance providers the level of damage that existed at each location and could attach that work to Service Requests with Subsequent work orders that could be managed by the urban forester.



FieldMaps with open Service Requests from storm event

Service Requests on web-based GIS FieldMap

- Service Requests were updated to show priority as High, Medium, Low by city dispatch staff
- Once locations are assessed they are updated with pictures and description of job with equipment needs and priority listed



15:20

Back

IPS SR: 10017477
44.934163°N 123.018813°W
4,130.1 ft

Phone App Assessment

Priority: EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIRED
Problem: PARKS TREE BLOCKING
Primary Address: 175 19TH ST
Date: 2/17/2021, 03:31
Comments:
105992. Email: Hi there are some downed trees at 175 19th St se, 97301.

One tree has fallen over the roadway and is being held up by my car. This tree is also close to but not resting on the power lines.

If you need any additional information please let me know at [2063541350](tel:2063541350).

Thanks!
Donald Chen

15:11

2021 Ice Storm Cleanup

2021 Ice Storm Tree Damage Assessment
Last updated: 03/09/2021 07:23

Location *
If you started in Field Maps, do not move the point on the map
44°55'N 123°1'W ± 65 m

Hazardous Condition *
Is there a hazard to City cleanup crews?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Priority *
☐ Critical - affecting life, property, or utilities
☐ High - blocking arterial, leaning on house
☐ Medium - blocked sidewalk or bike lane
☐ Low - debris cleanup
☐ Resolved - situation already resolved
☐ None - private property
☐ Not Ice Storm Related
☐ Not Ice Storm Related - Work Order

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2021 Ice Storm Cleanup

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☐ None - private property
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Work Assignment *
☒ Tree Removal
☐ Pruning
☐ Brush Pile
☐ Stump Removal

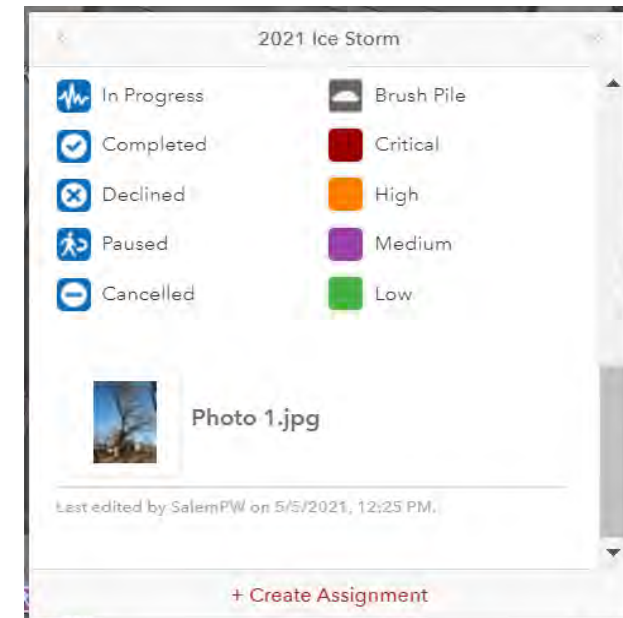
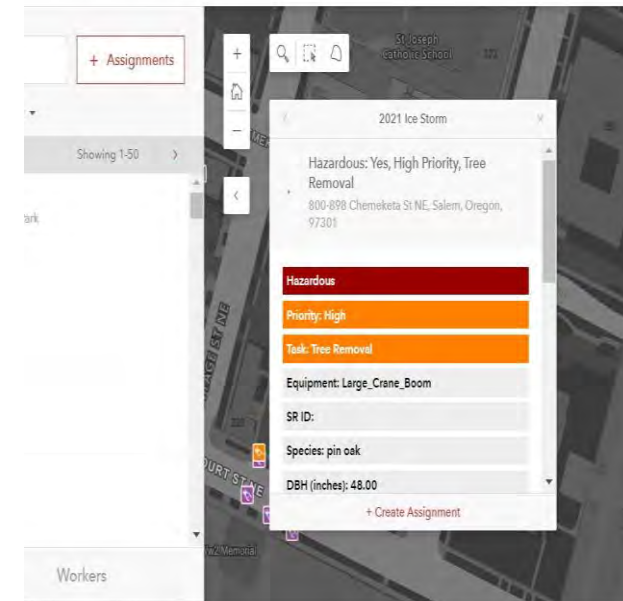
Equipment *
Choose the largest apparatus necessary to complete work.
☐ Large Crane / Boom - high aerial work
☒ Bucket Truck - low aerial work
☐ Heavy Equipment - pushing and lifting trees and logs
☐ Chipper and Trimmer - removing large branches and chipping
☐ Chipper Only

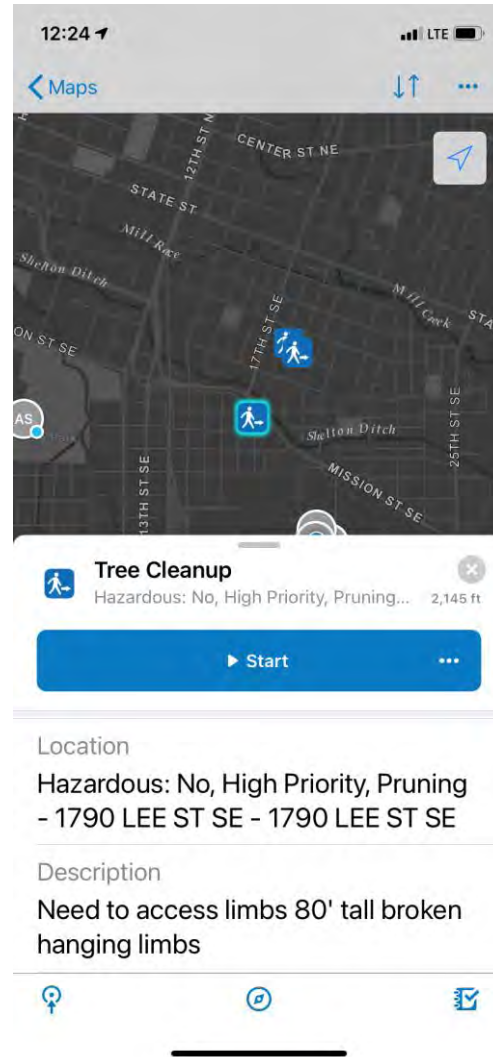
Workforce Ice Storm Map

- Service Requests from the FieldMap and Survey 123 assessments are geo-located on the Workforce map.
- They can be assigned to individuals and can be closed in the field. Photos can be taken, and equipment recorded for each job
- Dispatcher/supervisor web-based map for assigning work orders



nse Workforce WOs







Management - Tree Debris Dashboard

Monitoring Tree Debris Assessments and Work Orders

Select a date

2/12/2021, 12:00 AM and after



Total Damage Assessments

4,454

Service Requests Assessed

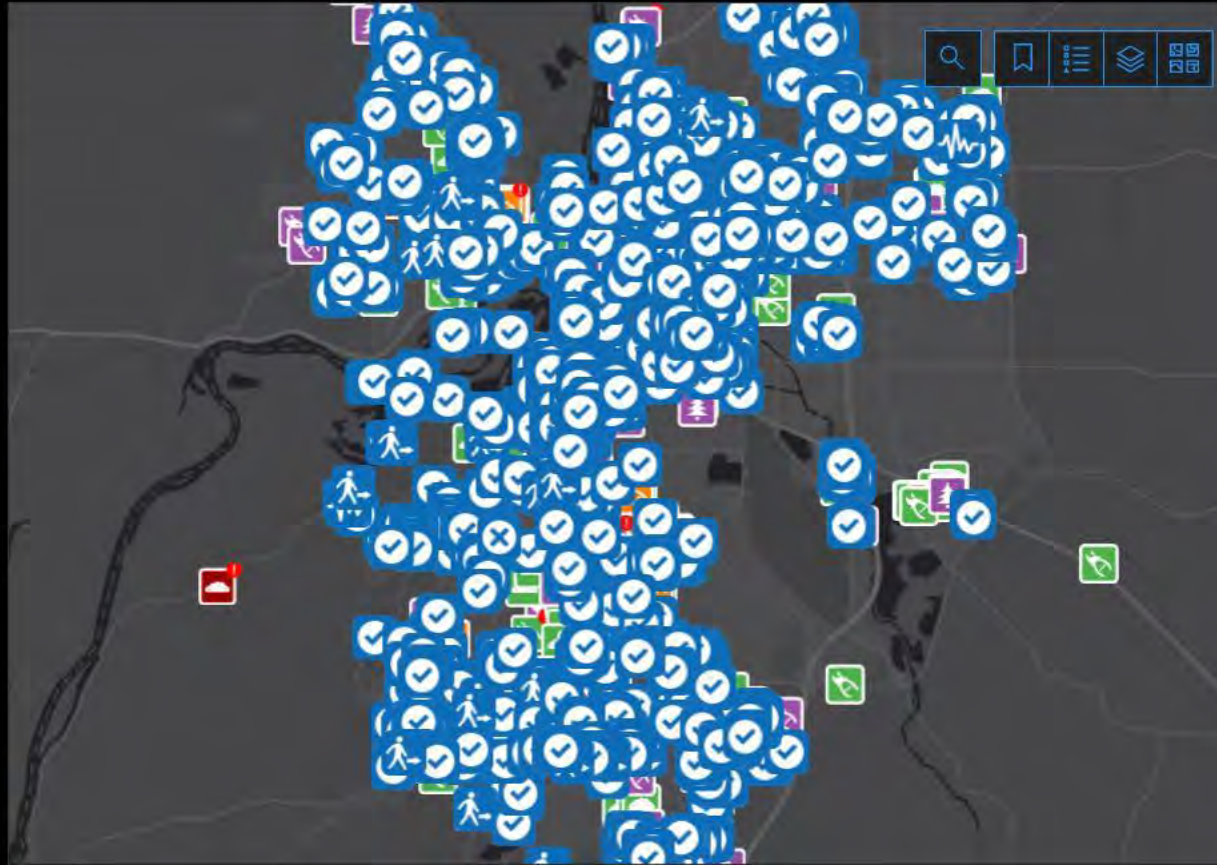


SRs Assessed

Assessments Created Over Time



Assessments Over Time



City of Salem, Oregon, Oregon Metro, Bureau of Land Management, State of Oregon, State of Oregon ... Powered by Esri

Total Work Orders

3.6k

Remedied Assessments

Work Order Created



Assessments with WOs

WO Status

List of Work Orders

Work Order

Assigned - 3/3/2021, 6:41 AM

Complete - 9/8/2021, 12:22 PM

Last worked on by rdavis

Priority: High

Type: Tree Cleanup



189d

Sorted by Priority

WOs Completed Over Time

WO List

Tree Debris Dashboard

Ad Hoc Work Orders Dashboard

Stream Debris Dashboard



Management - Tree Debris Dashboard

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Select a date

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Assessed Priority and Equipment Needed



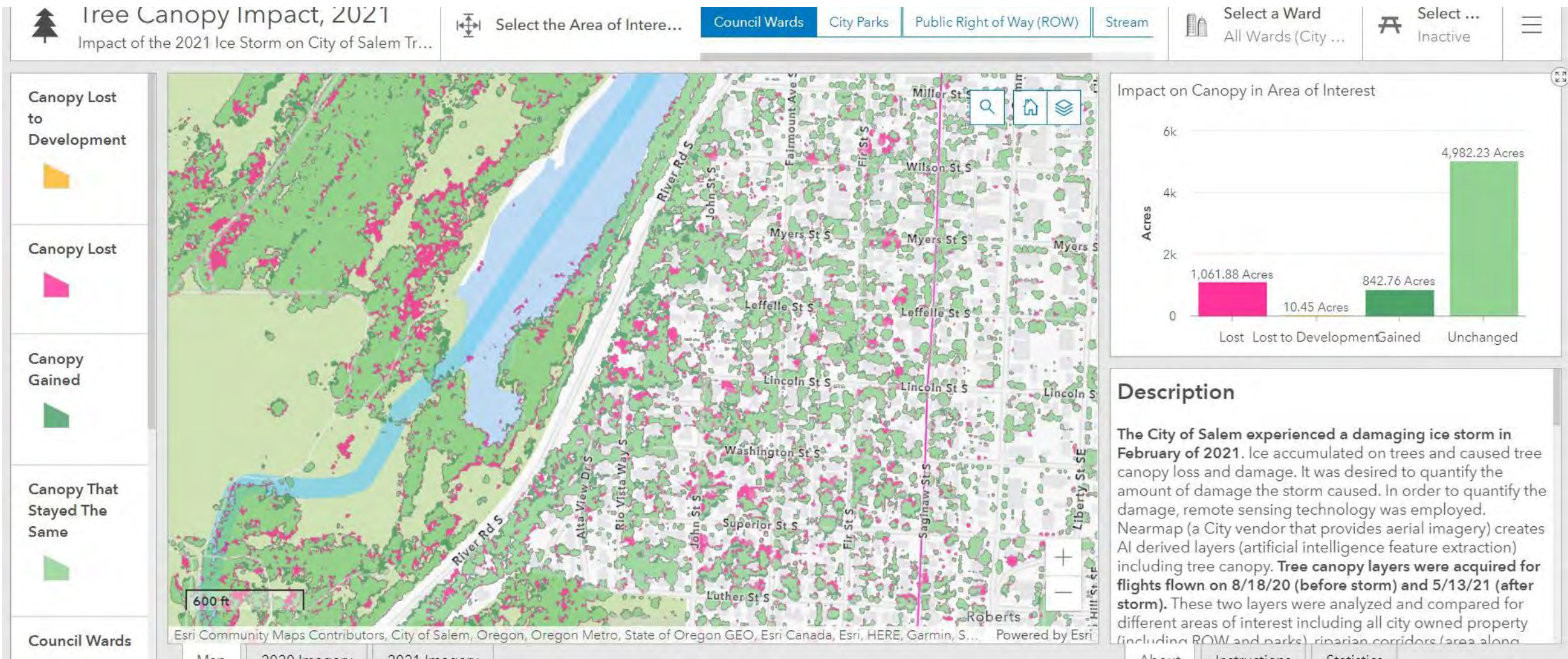
SRs Assessed

Priority and Equipment Needed

Tree Debris Dashboard

Ad Hoc Work Orders Dashboard

Stream Debris Dashboard



GIS Tree Canopy Analysis

The City of Salem experienced a damaging ice storm in February of 2021. Ice accumulated on trees and caused tree canopy loss and damage. It was desired to quantify the amount of damage the storm caused. In order to quantify the damage, remote sensing technology was employed. Nearmap (a City vendor that provides aerial imagery) creates AI derived layers (artificial intelligence feature extraction) including tree canopy. Tree canopy layers were acquired for flights flown on 8/18/20 (before storm) and 5/13/21 (after storm). These two layers were analyzed and compared for different areas of interest including all city owned property (including ROW and parks), riparian corridors (area along streams and creeks), and council wards.

Summary statistics were created for each area of interest. It is not possible to quantitatively discern the exact amount of damage due to the ice storm directly. Differences in camera angle (Nadir vs Oblique), seasonal variation in canopy, as well as private citizen impacts on private property contribute to canopy changes that cannot be isolated. It is certainly safe to infer that the ice storm reduced canopy, but it is impossible to tell by exactly how much. We do know that the canopy is less in May 2021 than it was in August 2020.

Total assessments by Parks and PW staff using GIS tracking technology:

4829 ice storm related assessments of damage

4127 work orders created

3454 plus work orders completed

1000+ trees removed and counting

During the storm event over 18,500 tons of storm debris were removed from the city streets by contractor crews and Parks and PW staff.

Wood chip debris hauled by contact crews- 3900 tons

Wood chip debris hauled by city tree crew- 753 tons

Woody debris hauled by city tree crews – 3553 tons

Woody debris hauled by Parks staff- 1729 tons

Woody debris hauled by PW staff- 4303 tons

Woody debris hauled by Stormwater staff- 3400 tons



Collaboration & Teamwork

Using the resources available within COS Public Work Department and working closely with contractors to complete work we could not do without assistance.



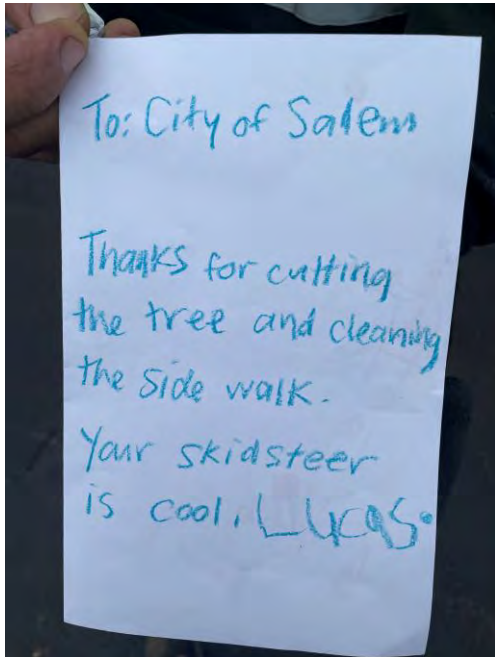
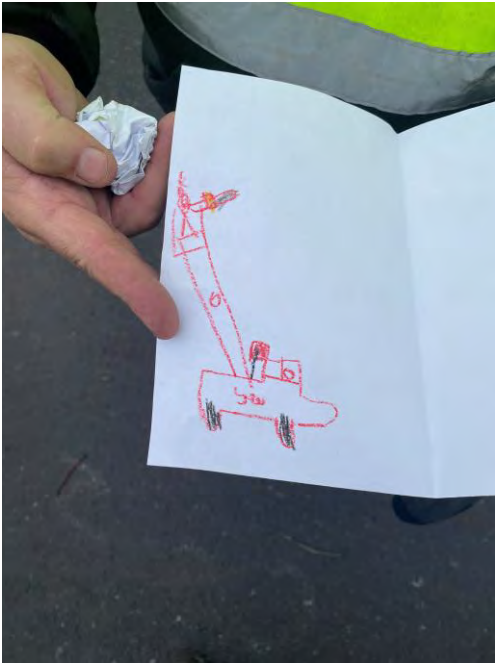
City of Salem PW Stormwater Crew assisting with their Gradall machine and dump trucks





Pictured L to R Parks operations assisting in log clean up and drop off. Mt View tree service assisting in tree work over 80+ with the use of their track lift.





Ice Storm Debris Collection



Pictured L to R public drop off areas at city park locations that were hauled to Marion Co transfer station and tree removal debris hauled to Marion Co for firewood and milling.





Woodchip collection sites for general public pick up at city park locations



Marion County Juvenile Department firewood & log splitting operation



Ice Storm Wood waste Marion Co Juvenile Facility

Current Urban Forestry Tree Crew staff:

Milan Davis- Urban Forester, Supervisor, EOC

Tom Bradley- Project Coordinator, certified arborist, TRAQ certified, inspections on field map

Don Gunther- Tree Trimmer, certified arborist, inspections on field map

Jacob Downer- Tree Trimmer, rigging specialist, TA 67ft high lift operator, directing crews using Workforce

Mike Tyler- Tree Trimmer, 54ft boom truck operator

Current Parks staff assisting in ice storm cleanup

Dan Silberstein- Project Coordinator, CDL, heavy equipment operator, rigging and tree removal

Jeff Ball- PMO CDL driver, Chip truck and 14k dump trailer

Sam Welsh- PMO, heavy equipment operator, skid steer and Vermeer log grapple

Jason Bailey PMO ground support / driver

Priscilla Lopez, Project Coordinator, directing contract crews using Workforce

Seasonal Staff assisting in tree cleanup

Cesar Estrada- ground support/ dump bed driver, assisting crew with Workforce

Jacob Rybloom- ground support/ dump bed driver, assisting crew with Workforce



Ice Storm Remediation

Future planning and foresight

- Stump removal and site preparation
 - Selecting trees
 - Improved storm resiliency
 - Consider drought tolerant, extreme heat tolerant species
 - Native trees/ Western trees for added ecological benefits
 - Methods for water conservation and soil building
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Q&A City of Salem Ice Storm Response

Thank You Oregon Community Trees!!



Parks and Natural Resources Planning Update – October 2021

Climate Action Plan - Staff has been doing outreach for the summer/fall to ensure minority and under-represented residents of Salem are aware of the plan and process. Council Work Session was held on September 20th. Planning Commission and Human Rights Commission in November. Draft plan out for public comment October 18 to November 5. Going to Council Dec. 6th. Will SPRAB send a letter of support for the plan?

Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan – This project will begin mid-October for kickoff site visit and initial meeting. This is a neighborhood park in Ilahee area of Salem (SWAN Neighborhood Association.) Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architects is being contracted for this work. Toni will be the project manager. Micki and Paul are the SPRAB liaisons. (No change)

Geer Community Park Master Plan Update/Phase 2 Development - *Skate Park 30% Design* – Public participation plan in review. The project will start in late October with a community survey.

New Park Annexations - Fisher Road Park / Ibex Street addition annexation is being initiated.

D Street Park –Both NEN and NESCA want the park to be in their associations. Technically it can only be in one and CD has put it tentatively in NESCA.

Bill Riegel Park – Virtual public meeting held on October 21. Following the closing of the online survey the play equipment will be decided in order to purchase. Will continue to inform the neighborhood via the web page. Park will be under construction in summer of 2022.

Candalaria Reservoir – Toni attended the SWAN October meeting to clarify issues around Candalaria as well as to provide update on Bailey Ridge master plan and parks planning in general.

Tree City USA 45th Year – Staff has been planning quarterly events to celebrate our 45th year as TCUSA. First event was a poster contest beginning in April (Arbor Month). Second event was a “poetree” and final event will be a tree trivia contest in the fall. We are also going to be posting TCUSA signs at major entrances (ODOT jurisdiction) to the City this fall.

Tree Planting – Working with Friends of Trees to determine locations and dates for planting events. We will continue to focus on NE Salem. Also looking into “yard tree” pilot project. Calendar for 21/22 attached. A targeted public survey about trees on private property was sent out to 6,000 randomly selected residential properties in low canopy areas. An online version of the survey will be open to the general public from October 11- 22. Goal is to find out barriers and incentives to private property tree plantings. Postcard and survey questions attached.

Beaver Dam Operational Plan. Draft plan being prepared and reviewed. The plan will be presented at the October SPRAB meeting. It has also been sent to other stakeholders and agencies for comment. It will go to Council December 13 as informational report.

Willamette Slough Ludwigia Treatment –this year’s work is completed.

Minto Island Conservation Area (MICA) Events– staff is working on proposed changes to the event guidance in order to accommodate larger events such as Ironman during bird nesting season. Proposed changes will go to ODFW and BPA for their review and subject to their approval.

SPRAB Annual Report – Toni is working on revising the 2020 annual report and will forward an updated version to the Board in November for their review and comment. A final draft will be presented in December as an action item to approve and forward to City Council in January.

Park Usage and Permitting Recommendations – Toni is lead on incorporating the recommendations into the Parks, Streets, and Public Open Spaces Administrative Rule. Some of the recommendations have complexities that may take some time to work through. She is working with Jennifer Kellar, Becky George and her staff in this process.

We're planting more trees in Salem

CITY OF *Salem*
AT YOUR SERVICE

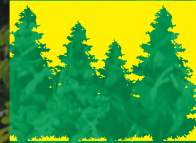
Public Works Department
APWA ACCREDITED AGENCY

Estamos plantando más árboles en Salem

Trees give us so much...
oxygen • shade • cleaner air

Would you plant a tree on your property?

- ☞ Take a quick online survey to tell us your thoughts about adding trees on your property.
- ☞ Your feedback will help us develop tree planting programs.
- ☞ If you don't want more trees, we want to hear from you too!



**Complete the survey by October 22, 2021
for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card.**

biy.ly link will go here.



Los árboles nos dan mucho...
oxígeno • sombra • aire más limpio

¿Plantarías un árbol en tu propiedad?

- ☞ Responda una encuesta rápida en línea para contarnos lo que piensa sobre la instalación de árboles en su propiedad.
- ☞ Sus comentarios nos ayudarán a desarrollar programas de plantación de árboles.
- ☞ Si no quiere más árboles, ¡también queremos saber de usted!



**Complete la encuesta antes del 22 de Octubre
de 2021 para tener la oportunidad de ganar
una tarjeta de regalo Visa de \$50.**

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English	Spanish translation
Community Tree Survey	Encuesta de árbol comunitario
The City of Salem has been working to increase its tree canopy by planting trees throughout our city. Tree canopy refers to the total area of Salem that is shaded by trees.	La ciudad de Salem ha estado trabajando para aumentar su copa de árboles plantando árboles en toda nuestra ciudad. El dosel de los árboles se refiere al área total de Salem que está sombreada por árboles.
We want to better understand your thoughts about trees. This information will help us improve City tree programs and policies and help us better address community needs and concerns. This information will also help us achieve our citywide tree canopy goal of 28% by 2030. In 2010 Salem's tree canopy was 18%. By 2019 it had increased to 24%.)	Queremos comprender mejor sus pensamientos sobre los árboles. Esta información nos ayudará a mejorar los programas y políticas de árboles de la ciudad y ayúdanos mejor abordar las necesidades y preocupaciones de la comunidad. Esta información también nos ayudará a guiarnos hacia nuestro objetivo de copa de árboles del 28% para 2030. En 2010, la copa de los árboles de Salem era del 18%. Para 2019 había aumentado al 24%).
Remember to fill out the survey and enter your contact information at the end for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card!	¡Recuerde completar la encuesta e ingresar su información de contacto al final para tener la oportunidad de ganar una tarjeta de regalo Visa de \$ 50!
<p>1. How familiar are you with the City's tree programs and goals to increase tree canopy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very familiar • Somewhat familiar • Neutral • Somewhat unfamiliar • Very unfamiliar 	<p>1. ¿Qué tan familiarizado está con los programas y metas de árboles de la Ciudad para aumentar la copa de los árboles?</p> <p>Muy familiar Algo familiar Neutral Algo desconocido Muy desconocido</p>
2. How important is it to have trees in your neighborhood?	2. ¿Qué importancia tiene tener árboles en su vecindario?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very important • Somewhat important • Neutral • Somewhat unimportant • Very unimportant 	Muy importante Algo importante Neutral Algo sin importancia Muy poco importante
<p>3. What do you think about the number of trees that are currently in your neighborhood?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like to have more trees. • I have the right number of trees. • I would like to have fewer trees. 	<p>3. ¿Qué opinas sobre la cantidad de árboles que hay actualmente en tu vecindario?</p> <p>Me gustaría tener más árboles. Tengo el número correcto de árboles. Me gustaría tener menos árboles.</p>
<p>4. What do you think about the number of trees on your specific property?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like to have more trees. • I have the right number of trees. • I would like to have fewer trees. 	<p>4. ¿Qué piensa sobre la cantidad de árboles en su propiedad específica?</p> <p>Me gustaría tener más árboles. Tengo el número correcto de árboles. Me gustaría tener menos árboles.</p>
<p>5. What would make you more likely to plant one or more trees on your property? (choose all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on where to plant and what kind of trees would work best. • Information on how to care for trees. • Free or low-cost trees. • Someone to help me plant the trees. • Someone to help me water and maintain the trees. • Help with the cost of maintaining trees. • Help with the cost of watering. 	<p>5. ¿Qué lo haría más propenso a plantar uno o más árboles en su propiedad? (elija todo lo que corresponda)</p> <p>Información sobre dónde plantar y qué tipo de árboles funcionarían mejor.</p> <p>Información sobre cómo cuidar los árboles.</p> <p>Árboles gratuitos o de bajo costo.</p> <p>Alguien que me ayude a plantar los árboles.</p> <p>Alguien que me ayude a regar y mantener los árboles.</p> <p>Ayuda con el costo de mantener árboles.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other - Write In 	<p>Ayuda con el costo del riego.</p> <p>Otro: escritura</p>
<p>6. How much would you be willing to pay for a new tree on your property?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0-\$9 \$10-20 More than \$20 	<p>6. ¿Cuánto estaría dispuesto a pagar por un árbol nuevo en su propiedad?</p> <p>\$0-\$9 \$10-20 Más de \$ 20</p>
<p>7. What barriers or concerns do you have about planting more trees on your property, if any?</p>	<p>7. ¿Qué barreras o preocupaciones tiene acerca de plantar más árboles en su propiedad, si las hay?</p>
<p>8. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?</p>	<p>8. ¿Hay algo más que le gustaría compartir con nosotros?</p>
<p>Next</p>	<p>Próximo</p>
<h2>Demographic Questions</h2>	<p>Preguntas demográficas</p>
<p>The following questions are optional and help us understand more about who we are hearing from and who else we may need to reach out to.</p>	<p>Las siguientes preguntas son opcionales y nos ayudan a comprender mejor de quién estamos escuchando y a quién más debemos comunicarnos.</p>
<p><i>Remember to provide your email address or phone number at the end of the survey so we can contact you if you win a gift card. This information will not be shared or used for other purposes.</i></p>	<p>Recuerde proporcionar su dirección de correo electrónico o número de teléfono al final de la encuesta para que podamos comunicarnos con usted si gana una tarjeta de regalo. Esta información no se compartirá ni se utilizará para otros fines.</p>
<p>9. Do you or a family member own or rent your property?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rent Own 	<p>9. ¿Usted o un miembro de su familia es propietario o alquila su propiedad?</p> <p>Rentar Propio Otro: escritura</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other - Write In 	
<p>10. <i>This information is optional and confidential.</i> What is your property address? Location information will help the City see if there are different concerns or opinions about trees in different neighborhoods.</p>	<p>10. Esta información es opcional y confidencial. ¿Cuál es la dirección de su propiedad? La información sobre la ubicación ayudará a la Ciudad a ver si hay diferentes preocupaciones u opiniones sobre los árboles en diferentes vecindarios.</p>
<p>11. What is your racial or ethnic group?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black or African American • Indigenous • Asian • Native Hawaiian and/or Pacific Islander • Hispanic or Latinx • White or Caucasian • Two or more races • Prefer not to answer 	<p>11. ¿Cuál es su grupo racial o étnico?</p> <p>Negro o afroamericano Indígena Asiático Nativo hawaiano y / o isleño del Pacífico Hispano o latinx Blanco o caucásico Dos o mas carreras Prefiero no responder</p>
<p>12. What is your average annual household income?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$45,000 or less • \$45,001 - \$56,000 • \$56,001 - \$67,000 • \$67,001 or more <p>Prefer not to answer</p>	<p>12. ¿Cuál es su ingreso familiar anual promedio?</p> <p>\$ 45,000 o menos \$ 45,001 - \$56,000 \$56,001 - \$67,000 \$67,001 o más Prefiero no responder</p>
<p>Next Back</p>	<p>Siguiente Atrás</p>
<p>Enter to win!</p>	<p>¡Participa para ganar!</p>
<p>13. If you would like to be entered in a drawing to win one of ten \$50 gift cards, please let us know your name and an email address and/or phone number where we can contact you. This information will not be shared or used for other purposes.</p>	<p>13. Si desea participar en un sorteo para ganar una de las diez tarjetas de regalo de \$ 50, háganos saber su nombre y una dirección de correo electrónico y / o número de teléfono donde podamos comunicarnos con usted. Esta información no se compartirá ni se utilizará para otros fines.</p>

<p>Name</p> <p>Email address or phone number</p>	<p>Nombre</p> <p>Dirección de correo electrónico o número de teléfono</p>
<p>Back Submit</p>	<p>Atrás Presentar</p>
<p>Thank You!</p>	<p>¡Gracias!</p>
<p>Thank you for taking our survey. Your response is very important to us.</p>	<p>Gracias por tomar nuestra encuesta. Tu respuesta es muy importante para nosotros.</p>

PLANT TREES IN SALEM

Individuals and families are invited to plant trees for a healthier Salem! Saturday mornings November 13-May 7, 9am-1pm. Social distancing and masks required.

For more information about how Friends of Trees is following COVID-19 guidelines, visit: FriendsofTrees.org/covid

For more information about events or to register, please visit: FriendsofTrees.org/Salem

OCT

10/30/21
Crew Leader Training
Register early; limited space
West Salem

NOV

11/13/21
Orchard Heights Park
West Salem

DEC

12/11/21
McKay Park
NE Salem

JAN

1/8/22
Highland Park
NE Salem

JAN

1/15/22
McKay Park
NE Salem

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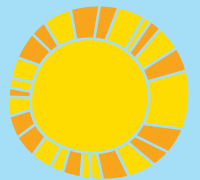
2/5/22
North Lancaster Neighborhood
NE Salem

APR

4/9/22
Brown Road Park
Arbor Month Event!
NE Salem

MAY

5/7/22
McKay Park
Tree Care Event
NE Salem



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Parks Operations Update – October 2021

Unsheltered Population Clean-Up Update

A clean-up was held on 9/2/21 at Cascade Gateway Park. Four large campsites were cleaned.

Statistics:

- Total of 180 cubic yards of garbage and debris (2 40-yard drop boxes, 2 garbage truck loads, 5 yards of metal). Equivalent to 15 heavy dump truck loads of garbage and debris. A large volume of those referenced totals came from lumber from pallets and assorted boards.







A clean-up was held on 9/9/21 at Cascade Gateway Park. With the closure of the park, staff were able to bring in and utilize heavy equipment and a fleet of dump trucks. The focus was on a shanty town of huts and structures in the northwest corner of the park. Debris was loaded into the trucks and the garbage was shuttled out to the main park road, where staff used a heavy wheel loader to load the debris into 40 cubic yard drop boxes.

Statistics:

(5) 40-yard drop boxes 280 cubic yards

Garbage Truck 60 cubic yards

Total 9/9/2021 260 cubic yards





A clean-up was held on 9/16/21 at Cascade Gateway Park. The focus of the clean-up was the northwest corner of the park property, picking up from where the crew left off on the 9/9/21 clean-up.

Statistics:

(7) 40-yard drop boxes 280 cubic yards

(1) 30-yard drop box 30 cubic yards

(1) 20-yard drop box 20 cubic yards

Garbage Truck 80 cubic yards

Total 9/16/2021 410 cubic yards

As of 9/16/2021, the clean-up volume was a record for the amount of garbage removed in a single day.



A clean-up was held on 9/23/21 at Cascade Gateway Park. The focus of the clean was two-fold: to the west side of Mill Creek, cleaning the main park entry road, the temporary west accessway, the very northwest corner of the park, along Highway 22, and then working south along the west bank of Mill Creek; the second focus was staff removing garbage and debris from the large campsites along the east bank of Mill Creek.

Statistics:

(2) 40-yard drop boxes 80 cubic yards

(2) 30-yard drop box 60 cubic yards

Garbage Truck 55 cubic yards

Total 9/23/2021 195 cubic yards

Those participating in the clean-up efforts are observing some concerning items with the garbage and debris: (1) the campers obtained large amounts of Styrofoam insulation which has turned into zillions of crumbles and particles of Styrofoam. The clean-up crews are unable to pick these up manually – too small and numerous and it is located everywhere in the park. This will be a danger to wildlife until it works itself into the ground or blows away. (2) An extensive amount of lumber. Clean-up crews are dealing with pallets, boards, plywood, particle board, posts, trim, molding, OSB board, etc. and in various forms of destruction. It will take a long time to get all the small, broken pieces of lumber out of the park. (3) Fire pits are everywhere. These will have to be dug out and replaced with topsoil, taking a major effort.

Tarter Old Rose Garden Collection Brickwork Project

This brickwork project is a cooperative venture between the City of Salem Parks Operations and the Mission Street Parks Conservancy. The total project includes repairing the brickwork and moving/replacing benches in the garden area. SPRAB was originally apprised of this project in April 2021. The project work began in September 2021. Signage was put up in preparation of the project to inform the public about the project details.





**Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Recreation Update – October 2021**

1. Events/Facility Use

- The Holiday Tree Lighting in Riverfront Park will occur this December, as will the display of holiday lights. Staff are currently coordinating the details, which at this point, include a very short flip-the-switch event to light the tree led by Mayor Bennett. Additional information including the date will be released in the coming weeks.
- The construction fence surrounding the new Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater came down the week of September 6. Representatives from the City of Salem, Salem Rotary, and construction contractors met for an on-site walk through on Tuesday, September 21. At the walk through, it was discovered that the lower lawn (closest to the stage) was not draining properly resulting in wet, soggy areas where the seed has not come in as thick as we need to allow foot traffic. The City of Salem was scheduled to assume operational control of the facility on Friday, September 24, but due to the turf issue this turnover will be pushed back. Another on site meeting with Pacific Sports Turf is scheduled for this Friday, September 24. A renovation plan will be determined at that time and a new target date for operational transfer will be established.
- Inquiries for the new Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater are frequent. It might be possible for the City of Salem to schedule events on the stage, under the cover while the lower lawn is being renovated. Staff in Engineering, Legal, and Public Works will be working cooperatively with Salem Rotary and contractors to determine feasibility.

2. Youth Recreation Programs

- We are fortunate to report that of the nearly 1,800 participants coming through summer programs, we did not have a single report of COVID-19. Staff did a great job of providing programming in a safe environment
- Our last STRIDE event of the season is being held October 2 in Minto-Brown Island Park. We are hosting a 10k and a 5k. We implemented a 10k +5k Challenge for a handful of participants who were hoping for a STRIDE Half Marathon event. The participants will run the 10k, rest a few minutes, then start running the 5k at the designated start time.
- We are busy planning holiday fun run/walk events, the first being the Frightfully Fun 1k in Bush's Pasture Park on October 23. Two registration options are available – \$5 to participate, \$10 to participate and get a T-shirt. We are planning to host other special run/walk events in November and December with the names of each still to be determined.

3. Softball and Kickball Leagues/Tournaments

- All 2021 kickball leagues have been completed and we are nearing the end of our fall slow pitch softball league. Monday, October 11 will be last game day of the year for Coed single and double header teams.
- We were able to get all our Fall tournaments in except for one. The NW Fall Classic on September 18-19 was rained out.
- We hosted the USSSA Men's Western World Tournament September 10-12, which featured 30 teams from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and California.
- In mid-October we will be refurbishing and laser leveling 2 more fields (field 2 and field 5) – fields 3 and 4 were done last fall.
- We also plan to over seed all the outfields and do turf renovations to help improve and maintain the quality of the grass, especially considering the drought conditions we experienced this summer.

Attached is the Parks and Open Space damage report. If you would like to be removed from this list or know if someone who should be added to the list, please let us know.



MEMO

TO: Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Services Manager
Public Works Department

FROM: Marlene Cisneros-Villalovos, Staff Assistant *me*
Public Works Department

DATE: September 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Damage to City of Salem Parks and Open Space

Damage to the City of Salem's parks and landscape maintenance areas caused by malicious mischief, theft, and reckless action is reported by the appropriate law enforcement agency, citizens and maintenance personnel. The following is a total of these incidents during August 2021. The dollar amount shown represents the estimated repair/replacement cost for the damage sustained.

A total of \$1,332.68 occurred from 2 incidents. In comparison, the total from August 2020 was \$512.99 from 2 incidents.

CC: Steve Powers, City Manager
Trevor Womack, Chief of Police
Chuck Bennett, City Mayor
Lt. Ben Bales, Commander, SPD
Irma Dowd, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Reed Godfrey, SFD, Battalion Chief
Tye Godfrey, Facilities Services Division Manager
Jennifer Hingston, SPD, Graffiti Abatement / Volunteer Unit
Marcus Pitts, Risk Manager
Lt. Treven Upkes, SPD, Community Response Section
Peter Fernandez, PE, Public Works Director
Robert D. Chandler, PhD, PE, Assistant Public Works Director
Mark Bechtel, AICP, Operations Division Manager
Patricia Farrell, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
Becky George, Recreation Supervisor
Toni Whitler, Planner
Skip Miller, Deputy Police Chief, SPD

DAMAGE TO CITY OF SALEM PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

August-21

Date Occurred	Cost	Location / Neighborhood Association	Description
08/01/21	\$914.47	Bush Pasture Park	Restroom faucet damaged
08/06/21	\$418.21	Hoover Park	Graffiti reported and removed
<u>2</u>	<u>\$1,332.68</u>		
Total Number of Incidents	Total Dollar Damage		

Attached is the Parks and Open Space damage report. If you would like to be removed from this list or know if someone who should be added to the list, please let us know.



MEMO

TO: Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Services Manager
Public Works Department

FROM: Marlene Cisneros-Villalovos, Staff Assistant
Public Works Department

DATE: October 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Damage to City of Salem Parks and Open Space

Damage to the City of Salem's parks and landscape maintenance areas caused by malicious mischief, theft, and reckless action is reported by the appropriate law enforcement agency, citizens and maintenance personnel. The following is a total of these incidents during September 2021. The dollar amount shown represents the estimated repair/replacement cost for the damage sustained.

A total of \$3,888.96 occurred from 3 incidents. In comparison, the total from September 2020 was \$2,270.30 from 3 incidents.

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DAMAGE TO CITY OF SALEM PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

September 2021

Date Occurred	Cost	Location / Neighborhood Association	Description
09/19/21	\$571.26	Bush Pasture Park	Bathroom door was vandalized and broken
09/20/21	\$2,940.66	Riverfront Park	Fence was damaged by vehicle collision
09/25/21	\$377.04	Riverfront Park	Electrical panel damaged
<u>3</u>	<u>\$3,888.96</u>		
Total Number of Incidents	Total Dollar Damage		