

City of New Haven
Parks Commission
Deputy Director, Parks & Public Works, Report
June 21, 2023

- **Parks Maintenance Division & Tree Division, Dept. of Parks & Public Works:**
 - Tree Division is currently working in the Annex area as well as removals at Peat Meadow Park.
 - Parks Maintenance daily ballfield, litter and mowing operations in progress.
 - East Side and West Side Sanivans deployed on weekends.
 - (2) Caretakers have been interviewed and will be in process for fiscal year.
 - Summer Season kickoff Meeting held with Urban Resources Initiative and all parks friends groups to coordinate efforts with Parks Maintenance and Tree Division.
 - West River Watershed Coalition is working with US Fish and Wildlife on trail improvements at West River Memorial Park which aims to strengthen bird wildlife habitat and access for appreciation of the park. Parks & Public Works is in full support!

- **Parks & Public Works Event Support-**
 - Board of Education Graduation Ceremonies supported by Parks Maintenance & Tree Division at Wilbur Cross, Wooster Square Park and Lighthouse Pt. Park. Congratulations!
 - Arts & Ideas Festival on Green Superstage was set up and staffed in June.
 - Various community picnics, gatherings and functions were supported as well as Lighthouse Pt. Park Carousel Events and public operation.
 - July 4th Fireworks preparation is under way!

- **Equipment Repair and Replacement:**
 - Rolloff Container returned to Tree Division for large tree debris removal with the help of Public Works Fleet & Facilities.
 - Public Works Refuse Division is working with the Engineering Dept. in completing the new maintenance facility at Lighthouse Pt. Park, specifically on a trash unit utilized for trash disposal. Expecting to be in place in the coming weeks!
 - New fiscal year purchase orders are being prepared for landscaping equipment.
 - New Stump grinder is in the process of being ordered.
 - Parks Maintenance Division is in process of specifying new mowing equipment needed as well as field grooming equipment, and vehicles to support improved maintenance operations.