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One burning permit was issued during June.

Researched buckthorn management using goats and reported to City Council for discussion.

Collected lake water samples from volunteers from Sunfish Lake, Hornbeam Lake and Horseshoe Lake and passed them on for testing by Metropolitan Council labs.

Monitored outflow from Sunfish Lake weekly and checked outlet for obstructions to allow for maximum flow to lower lake level as much as possible ahead of the Charlton Road construction project. Recent rains raised Sunfish Lake by 3"-4" so outflow has increased again.

Mowed and cleared fallen tree limbs on trails in Harmon and Musser Parks.

Our wet spring and recent wet weather have our soils so soggy that strong storms could cause tree uprooting if we have severe winds or storms. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can be doing to improve this situation. Once we get some drier weather typical of summer, conditions will normalize again. Spoke with several residents regarding tree and wildlife questions.

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