

To: Dennis Cron[DCron@applevalley.org]
From: Kathie Martin
Sent: Tue 6/23/2015 2:00:20 PM
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Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th
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For sure. I think we all have the same end in mind, just need to fine tune the processes. Thanks for the doscussion.

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From: Dennis Cron <DCron@applevalley.org>
Date: 06/23/2015 2:42 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Kathie Martin <KMartin@applevalley.org>
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

You are right and as a result so is the P Wks/Grounds staff! I just ask that you remind her to keep that in mind as she develops her plans. It's not over for Grounds once the production ends. It goes on with complaints about park and field conditions well after. Then that unhappiness breeds a whole new allegation about why the golf course is in so much better condition than the park, and it just spins from there. They're not connected at all, but as you know, that doesn't matter.

From: Kathie Martin
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Dennis Cron
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

Thanks. She prides herself on trying to include the guys and make them feel an important part of events, and she is one of the best ambassadors our town has to the public. She always tries to keep the big picture in mind in terms of carrying out the council's vision. I think a word from you would mean a lot, as she's in the middle of the three biggest event weeks of the whole year.

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From: Dennis Cron <DCron@applevalley.org>
Date: 06/23/2015 2:31 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Kathie Martin <KMartin@applevalley.org>
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

I'll do that, not my intention to hurt her feelings anyway, but then I've been known to do that at home too.

From: Kathie Martin
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:13 PM
To: Dennis Cron
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Good. But that was a totally uncalled for accusation, Dennis. An apology to Julie would be nice.

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From: Dennis Cron <DCron@applevalley.org>
Date: 06/23/2015 2:01 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Julie Gilmer <JGilmer@applevalley.org>, Kathie Martin <KMartin@applevalley.org>, Frank Robinson <FRobinson@applevalley.org>, Mike Cady <MCady@applevalley.org>
Cc: Lance Miller <LMiller@applevalley.org>
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

Thank you, I'm better now!

From: Julie Gilmer
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:00 PM
To: Dennis Cron; Kathie Martin; Frank Robinson; Mike Cady
Cc: Lance Miller
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

I take pride in not just thinking of my own event issues but that of the big picture. I rarely make a decision without seeking PW, Grounds and Facilities opinions as I value their expertise immensely.

I will take a look at the truss that is set up on the concrete in the middle of the grass area with Mike Cady and fix the problem. I have no problem telling our production crew that it won't work with them keeping it up.

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From: Dennis Cron
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 1:49 PM
To: Julie Gilmer; Kathie Martin; Frank Robinson; Mike Cady
Cc: Lance Miller
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

Julie,

This is the problem, you are thinking only of your issue and nobody else and not communicating. The shade cover that is still covering the structure will block the irrigation from landing where it should land. You don't see a problem because telling them they have to take it down might cause a kickback. Please stop this, you are events, not Park grounds maintenance.

Dennis

From: Julie Gilmer
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 1:44 PM
To: Dennis Cron; Kathie Martin; Frank Robinson; Mike Cady
Cc: Lance Miller
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

It's only their metal trusses. Water was only supposed to be off until Sunday. I didn't change that request.

The concert is in two days. They left it up at their own risk. We didn't see a problem with it. Watering the grass isn't an issue.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 1:38 PM
To: Kathie Martin; Frank Robinson; Mike Cady
Cc: Lance Miller; Julie Gilmer
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Why is the sound and light racks still in the park three days after the show. Mike, irrigate the park now.

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From: Kathie Martin
Date: 06/23/2015 12:11 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Frank Robinson , Dennis Cron , Mike Cady
Cc: Lance Miller , Julie Gilmer
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

For sure. I agree completely, Frank. We only ask to skip waterings to protect the equipment set up, and that is just for the musical and Freedom Festival, really. We don't encounter this with other events.

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From: Frank Robinson
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Kathie Martin; Dennis Cron; Mike Cady
Cc: Lance Miller; Julie Gilmer
Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

Kathie,

We really do need to strike a balance between watering and inviting guests to sit on the turf for our events. Recovery from dead turf is expensive. Our heat and low humidity will dry the turf in no time. My guess is you may not even need to skip a watering prior to an event.

Frank

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From: Kathie Martin
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 11:49 AM
To: Dennis Cron; Mike Cady

Cc: Lance Miller; Frank Robinson; Julie Gilmer

Subject: RE: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

I was shocked to see the condition of the grass deteriorate so quickly. It was relayed to us that the bowl of the amphitheater would be managed by hand watering, and not that our plans were likely to kill it. The need to have water turned off for the musical is due to a week of rehearsals with the full sound board set up in the middle of the bowl, with the conduit issue as secondary. I don't know a way around it for that event, because the production company would need full lights and sound for rehearsals, but we can require the production company to shorten their "tech week" when it comes up again next year. When you have a three day event, it already exceeds the two-day target you are looking for.

For Freedom Festival, Julie always works closely with staff – Ronnie in this case – to minimize impact, even down to cycling through irrigation areas manually. The last watering on the north half would need to be Thursday morning as fireworks will be set Thursday afternoon. The boxes will be set the day before, but they can get wet. That area doesn't get the added stress of the crowd walking on it, at least.

The south side of the park can be watered through Friday morning. We'll have some tents and barricades up sooner but they are waterproof. Friday afternoon is when the sound system and other non-waterproof stuff starts coming in.

"Simply need to do a better job"? How about we just keep the lines of communication open and have a conversation when we submit a Service Request. It doesn't serve our event needs to kill the grass.

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From: Dennis Cron

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 11:08 AM

To: Mike Cady

Cc: Lance Miller; Frank Robinson; Kathie Martin

Subject: Watering of turf at Brewster leading up to the 4th

Mike,

I think most people would agree that the Shrek event has severely damaged (if not killed) the turf in the amphitheater. It is my understanding that it occurred because Events requested, and Grounds agreed or was directed to turn the water off in the Park for nearly a full week. This happened to coincide with an unseasonable heat wave. That turf is now in very bad shape, so much so that even an attendee to the musical took the time to send a CRM complaining of having to sit on needles while trying to enjoy the event. We can no longer sacrifice the park for a program scheduled in the amphitheater. Whatever improvements are necessary to the conduits and other infrastructure to prevent having to turn the water off for an extended period needs to be accomplished before the next scheduled event. Let me know what you need to get this fixed for good.

This cannot happen at Brewster either and I want you to know P Wks and Grounds are not authorized to turn off irrigation pursuant to a request from Events in advance of the 4th at Brewster. The expense of doing so, but more importantly, the additional water required to recover these facilities for continued use afterward, "cannot happen", certainly not during a drought with state mandated water use restrictions. Do not make any operational changes to the irrigation sequence at Brewster that would exceed turning off the irrigation for more than two days unless it is specifically approved and authorized by me or Frank. Events will simply need to do a better job scheduling and coordinating the arrival and set up of the various vendors and suppliers so that their arrival can be more closely controlled to fit within our maintenance needs. Let me know if you have any questions.

Dennis