

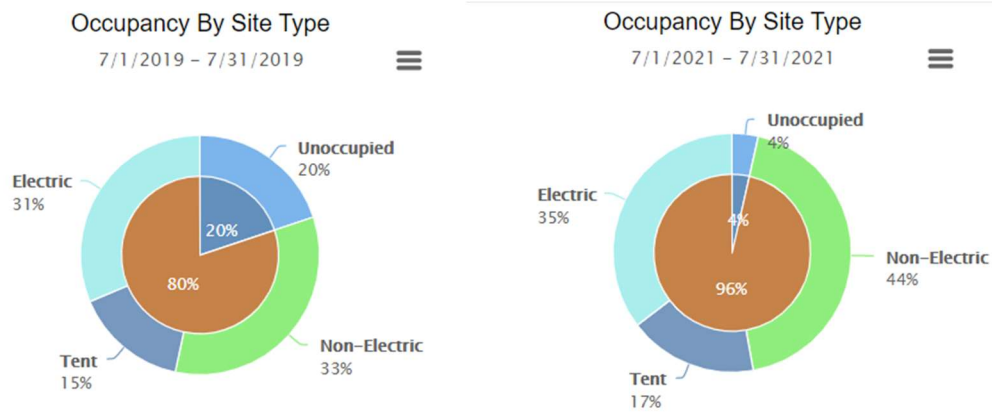
July 2021 Public Works Report

Roads/Dock

- The Wren Works crew sawcut an expansion joint along the north side of the new dock on 7/13. The Town administrator, crew members, and I walked through the repairs and the dock project is now officially completed. We will reexamine the feasibility of a passenger shelter this fall. The crew and I will be monitoring the dock in detail throughout the winter months, and taking on some other misc. maintenance, such as touch-up painting of the railing as needed.
- Evan and the Town's custom water tanker spent some time on gravel roads during the weeks of drought throughout the month, watering in advance of grading. 18,000 gallons of liquid Calcium Chloride is scheduled for the first week of August on the north end.
- A small storm passed through the night of 7/26 which brought much needed rain, but also downed trees, road blockages, and power outages. Xcel was over early in the a.m. to restore power and the Town crew had the roads cleaned up by midday.

Parks

- The busy holiday weekend took a toll on all of the parks and restrooms, but the crew did a great job keeping up as best they could with cleaning, stocking, and trash collection.
- Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management (based in Bayfield County) received a large grant to remove and treat Japanese knotweed sites in the region, and their crew will be doing just that in a few road right-of-way areas along South Shore Road and Chippewa Trail at no cost to the Town.
- Big Bay Town Park is nearly full every single night. July hit an all-time new record for revenue and occupancy. August is projected to be just as full. The Camp Hosts and Parks crew are doing a good job holding it all together. A big thanks to Island Septic.



Misc./ Admin.

- Thank you to Gary Russell and MIFL for allowing the Town to utilize the M.V. Island Queen for the annual La Pointe Harbor break wall inspection and pre-fireworks clean-up. It was much easier to transport a power washer, water pump, hand tools, safety equipment, and leaf blowers with a truck and trailer rather than a small aluminum boat.

It's the peak of a busy summer season, be safe, be patient, and be nice,
Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram, Public Works Director