



# MADISON

*Indiana*

## Preserving Our History: National Historic Preservation Month

The month of May was National Historic Preservation Month! This month recognizes and celebrates the shared history and heritage of historic places throughout the United States each year and is especially important to the City of Madison and our downtown area. Our historic district is the largest contiguous National Historic District Landmark in the United States. It has thrived as a result of preservation efforts throughout history, preserving its design and charm through the years.

The City of Madison continues revitalizing these structures with grant programs such as the Preservation and Community Enhancement (P.A.C.E.) Grant, which allocates funds to encourage proper exterior historic rehabilitation and preservation of residential and commercial properties. You can read more information about Historic Preservation and the P.A.C.E. Grant [here](#).

On Friday, May 27, the City of Madison and the Historic Eagle Cotton Mill unveiled a new historical marker for downtown. This historical marker is another step the City of Madison and our community are taking to preserve and commemorate our history for future generations. You can watch the live stream and read more information about the unveiling with the link below.



Watch the Historical Marker Unveiling [here!](#)

## What We are Doing...

Over the past few months Madison's Mayor, Bob Courtney has been meeting with and hearing from multiple generations.

From breakfast with **IKE retirees**, discussing the future and history of Madison, to attending the **leadership day at Ryker's Ridge**, and joining the **Mayor's Eagles** for breakfast, there is so much to learn from our community members. We are excited and honored to be a part of Madison's legacy.



#### Main street Flowerbeds!

The City is currently working through Phase I of III to improve Main Street.

The current phase includes:

- Adding dirt to needed flower beds
- Replanting perennials that were lost from 2021
- Adding mulch
- Three raised beds - pilot project

As a test trial, the City will be adding raised beds to the three gardens in front of the City parking lot between McWhiggins & Greves. These will act as a test to guide Phase II & Phase III of their [\*Re-envisioning Main Street Project\*](#)

We have new interns on board for the summer! The new hires are: Abigail Fulton, Jacob Smith, Abigail Hill, and Neel Mistry.

We look forward to working with these young professionals this season!



## Public Safety Updates

Mayor Bob Courtney had the opportunity to swear in new officers to the Madison Police Department, Ben Flint and Kyle Lane. He also welcomed our newest k9 officer, Cain, assigned to Officer Midgett.





The police department also received a generous donation from a local community member in early May. "We can't express how grateful we are for this donation. There is truly no place like Madison," said Police Chief John Wallace.

Mayor Courtney also swore in the newly appointed Madison Fire Department Chief, Ken Washer, and Deputy Chief Jeremy Cornelius. Bill DeVries will continue to serve the Madison Fire Department as the Division Chief/Fire Marshal.

"I have been blessed to be able to lead the Madison Fire Department for the past eight years, and stepping down as fire chief was a difficult decision. My focus for the next few months will be on my family. I am proud of the work of the entire Madison Fire Department and know that Ken Washer and Jeremy will lead the department well," said Bill DeVries, Division Chief.

## Regional Economic Strategy Summary:



Last month, the City of Madison partnered with the Southern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC) to host a roundtable discussion on the importance of economic resiliency and how to better our communities when an economic disaster hits. SIRPC members coordinated the roundtable, and participants included local business owners, bankers, prominent industry representatives, and more.

The panel discussed how Madison and other local communities could best prepare for potential economic disasters in the future. The discussion offered insight that will be incorporated into SIRPC's regional Economic Resiliency Strategy.

## A Note From the Mayor,



As your mayor, community safety is my priority. I promised to work with county and state drug task forces to assertively combat substance abuse issues in Madison through enforcement, prevention, and treatment.

In February, I had the opportunity to meet with the Attorney General's Office in Indianapolis to discuss the importance of programs such as JCAP and the need for funding for substance abuse treatment facilities inside our jails.

In April, County Commissioner Ron Lee and I visited the Jackson County Jail to see first-hand how their substance abuse treatment pod is changing the lives of those incarcerated and their families. LifeSpring President of Recovery Services, Lauren Perryman, shared with us the tools and training available to help these men overcome their addiction, rebuild relationships, develop coping skills, and live a successful life after their sentence.

I look forward to continuing to work with our commissioners to bring a similar program to Madison.



## SAVE THE DATE



We invite you to join us on Tuesday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. for the groundbreaking ceremony of the hilltop Sunrise Crossings project. The national retailers, bringing new options to our community, will be announced in addition to the groundbreaking.

Tuesday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m.

[Sunrise Crossing Development Page](#)

## PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The City of Madison Parks Department summer programs are starting. The parks department offers a variety of programs for different preferences.

Baseball and softball seasons are in full swing at the Rucker Sports Complex. The City of Madison Parks Department offers tee-ball for ages 3-5; this is a coed program. The Parks Department's baseball and softball programs are for ages 6-12.

The Parks Department hosts pickleball every weekday from 11-1 at The Brown Memorial Gymnasium. People of all ages can enjoy this high-paced badminton and tennis hybrid at the Brown Gym!





- ✓ Registration closes 7/22
- ✓ Flag + tackle leagues
- ✓ Best deal in surrounding counties

Football registrations have begun to roll out for the 2022 season. This season, the City of Madison offers flag football for grades 1-6 at a rate of \$20 per person and tackle football for grades 3-6 at \$50 per person. Have registration questions? You can call the Parks Department at 812-265-8308, or visit our website to sign up online.

Register [HERE](#)



In May, The City of Madison Parks Department announced that Crystal Beach swimming pool would not be open for the 2022 season due to renovation delays. You can read more about the Crystal Beach project [on our website](#).



The Madison Parks Department offers a wide range of senior events, including a weekly dance on Friday evening, Tai Chi on Wednesday mornings and pickleball every weekday. You can find more information on senior activities on [our webpage](#).



Sunrise Golf Course will be hosting two sessions of junior golf clinics this summer. Students will be offered 6 hours of instruction on a 6 to 1 student to coach ratio, or you can sign up for one-on-one classes. To learn more, or register, [click here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27th

June 29th

July 22nd

Aug. 26th

Sept. 30th

### MAYOR'S MOVIES IN THE PARK

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# HOMETOWN

# USA PARADE

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6 PM ON MAIN STREET

Friday, July 1st

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ROVER, Meese, Steinhart Heating and Air Cooling, Duke Energy, McDonalds - Saliba, Boonies Water Conditioning, Hinkles, and Waltz Animal Clinic

# FIREWORKS

Saturday, July 2

10 PM RIVERFRONT BROUGHT TO YOU BY

NIXEN INSURANCE, STEINHART HEATING AND AIR COOLING, HOS COFFEE, MADISON AUTO COLLISION LLC, ROYER CORPORATION, THE FRIENDSHIP STATE BANK, HR BLOCK, JD ASSOCIATES INC. AND SCOOPS ICE CREAM SHOP

Join us for our monthly Mayor's in the Park this summer! Movies begin at sundown in Bicentennial Park. Click [HERE](#) to see our movies

Parade registration is open and will be closing soon! Have you registered your float yet? [Sign up today on our website](#).

Madison's annual fireworks are scheduled for July 2 at 10 PM.

schedule for the season.



**FOOD TRUCK**  
*Fridays*



**WHEN** MAY 27, JULY 22, AUGUST 26, SEPTEMBER 30  
SERVING FOOD FROM 8:00- SELL OUT

**WHAT** NUMEROUS FOOD VENDORS YOU CAN TRY  
BEFORE THE MONTHLY MOVIE IN THE PARK

**WHERE** BICENTENNIAL PARK ON VAUGHN DRIVE



Food Truck Fridays are a NEW event happening this summer! Food vendors will be parked around Bicentennial park before scheduled Movies in the Park.



CITY OF MADISON

# THANK YOU FOR READING!

To learn more details and information about any City Hall event or operation, visit our website @ [Madison-in.gov](http://Madison-in.gov)

We'll be back next month with more, so stay tuned!

