

# MADISON

# **City Hall Updates:**



Thank you for subscribing to the City Hall e-newsletter. My goal is to be the most transparent and accessible mayor the city has ever had. Please know my door is always open should you have questions or concerns. I am here to serve you.

A lot happened in June, from honoring a war veteran to hiring new department staff to helping our citizens navigate the aftermath of recent flooding in our community. With the launch of this new platform, we desire to expand communication with you and the many other residents of Madison by keeping you informed.

If you are interested in learning more details about city departments, city events, or projects going on in City Hall, I encourage you to visit our website, where information regarding all department operations can be found in one place.

Bob Courtney, Mayor

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## Through the Flood,

On the night of June 18, the city was impacted by a severe storm that led to flash flooding, wreaking havoc on homes and businesses. With the water rising to levels of 5 feet in some homes, several local organizations and churches assisted the city in its efforts to provide aid and shelter for the affected residents.

With the recent disaster declaration from the United States Small Business Administration (USSBA), there is now a disaster relief center where those affected by the event can find resources for their aid and can apply for the assistance offered through the USSBA.

"The USSBA Disaster Declaration is the first



step toward helping our community recover. We encourage everyone impacted by the recent flooding to apply for the assistance offered by the USSBA whether you believe you will qualify or not," said Mayor Bob Courtney.

The relief center will be open this week (July 12th - 16th) from 8 AM to 5 PM in the Madison Chamber building at 301 E Main St.



#### Learn More:



### **Heroes Among Us**

Honoring our veterans, what better way to start our month!

We are proud to recognize the heroes who walk among us every day and in our City Council meeting on June 8th we were honored to do just that. We recognized and honored veteran Donald J. King and presented him with the 2021 John Menke Award for Military Service.

Mr. King served in WWII and was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Theatre Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and Victory Medal of WWII.

He, his wife, and family, all attended the evening event; where one of King's grandchildren read a poem and we watched a slideshow - in which we could see photos of notices explaining to King's family that he was MIA. The evening was a powerful testament to King and his service to our country.



In addition to the dedication to King, the city also recognized Madison residents Michael S. Malone, Ricky L. Erwin, and Jesse Hutchinson as outstanding citizens for their rescuing and comforting a lost child until police officers arrived on the scene. Chief



Wallace also welcomed two new officers to our city police force that evening, Curtis J. Shelpman and Kyle W. Potter, who were sworn into duty by Mayor Courtney.



# **Golf Pro at Sunrise**

New renovations and an expansion plan are not the only fresh things coming to our city golf course, we welcome PGA Roger D. Gallatin!

Our beloved city golf course - Sunrise - welcomed a new member: Mayor Bob Courtney announced on June 4th the hiring of Roger D. Gallatin, PGA, as the city's new golf professional. Engaging in the course activities and acting as a golf consultant, Gallatin's hire is a step forward as the city seeks to revitalize Sunrise.

Gallatin, who has over 35 years of experience in the golf industry, began his role as the Sunrise Golf Course Professional on June 20th. "Sunrise Golf Course is a tremendous community asset which, not only contributes to the local quality of life, but will now become a benefit to the entire parks system," said Mayor Bob Courtney.

"Our vision is to bring more local and regional events and tournaments to Madison and make the course a Midwest destination. Roger is the right person for this job. He is a native Madisonian and will bring organization, enthusiasm, and effective communication and marketing expertise to the course," Mayor Courtney added.

Roger is a 1987 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School and has been serving as a head golf professional since 1998. He obtained a degree in Business Administration from Mississippi State University and has experience maintaining and operating budgets of over \$1 million, increasing profit margins, and developing marketing strategies.

"Being named the Golf Professional at Sunrise Golf Course is an opportunity of a lifetime. I have committed my life to the game of golf, and I now can apply all the experiences I have accumulated over 35 years at the course where my journey began. This is nothing short of a dream come true. It is a true privilege to be chosen to lead Sunrise into this exciting new future," said Gallatin.

In addition to a new golf professional, golfers will now see expanded services at Sunrise Golf Course. Over the past few weeks, the city has updated the clubhouse, implemented new marketing strategies, and will reopen the grill with an expanded menu. Alcohol is also now available for purchase in the clubhouse, or out on the course, and the newly branded Sunrise Café will soon open to the public. We welcome you to come and enjoy the new amenities at the course!

# **Mayor's Movies in the Park**

And they're off! Thanks to our many generous sponsors, the City of Madison is continuing our annual public outdoor movie showing in Bicentennial Park.

Set up with a large screen in Bicentennial Park down on Vaughn Dr., we welcome you to come and bring a blanket, some chairs, and your friends to enjoy these FREE and fun summer night movies under the stars. These events are family friendly and open for all to enjoy.

This is one of the many ongoing activities our city organizes to make Madison a better place to live and a stronger community. Being free provides everyone in our community the opportunity to participate and come together - which Did you know that there are often local business vendors at the movie showings? If your business is interested in getting involved, our contact information is available on our website where you can find all details surrounding the event!

For the full movie schedule and event details, visit madisonin.gov/movies or click the button below: works towards our larger community goal of making Madison a place of equal opportunity for all, even through something as fun as watching a Disney film!

Having already shown "*The Little Rascals*" and "*Madison*" July and August showing schedule includes fan favorites such as "*Moana*," "*Monsters Inc*." "*The Sandlot*," and "*Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*." The movies will wrap up on October 2nd with the Disney classic, "*Hocus Pocus.*"

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# Parks Updates:

# All City of Madison Parks, trails, facilities, & amenities are open!

The public is welcome to use all facilities and engage in our various leagues, lessons, and park activities that are happening this season.

#### Sports League Games have started!

Monday, June 21st was the opening day for our summer sports leagues at Rucker Sports Complex!

The season kick-off was a hit, with boys, girls, and church leagues all starting their summer seasons; so come by and enjoy the games!

#### **Crystal Beach: Season Update**

The pool will be open through July. and closing for the season on August 1st, so come out and enjoy the pool this month!

All updates and pool information (i.e. hours and inclement weather closings) will be posted through the Parks Department Facebook page. **NOTE:** The Crystal Beach Facebook page is not endorsed or owned by our department. Fees and hours on the Crystal Beach Facebook page are not valid and will not be honored,

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



