

Goodman Pool Making Waves with New Swim Team

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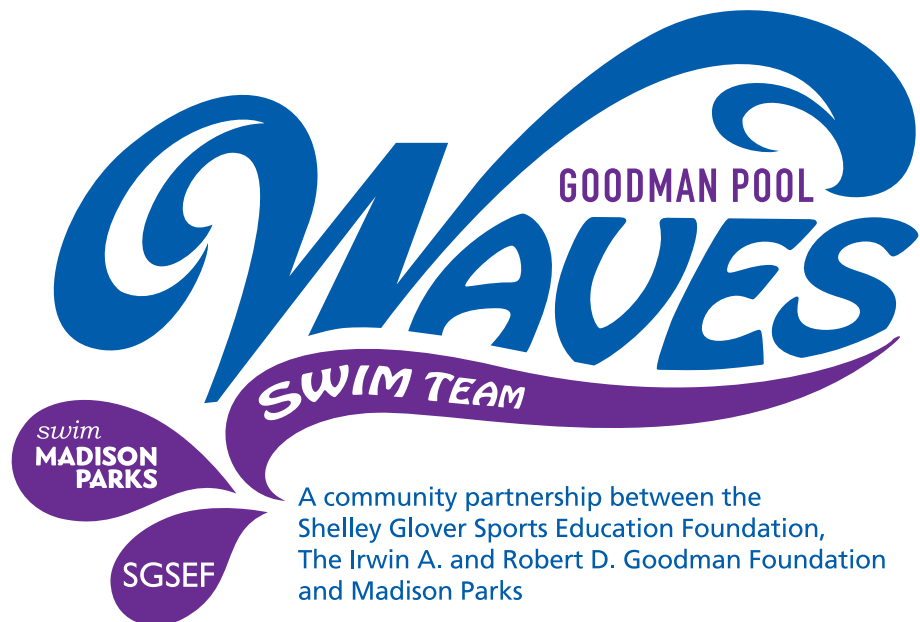
Goodman Pool to open on June 10, 2011

Madison Parks, the Shelley Glover Sports Education Foundation (SGSEF), and the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation are pleased to announce a new community partnership sure to make waves in Madison this summer! The new Goodman Pool Waves summer swim team is made possible by a grant to SGSEF from the Goodman Foundation.

The Goodman Pool Waves is a new competitive summer swim team, available to children ages 8 - 17 at the Goodman Pool. The team will host weekday practices and participate in weekend meets as part of Madison's All-City Swim League, culminating with the All-City swim meet at the end of July. The swim team is open to any city of Madison resident, and scholarships are available to those with financial need.

"Madison Parks and Goodman Pool are so thrilled to have a new competitive swim team this summer," says Kevin Briski, Madison Parks Superintendent. "We are thankful for the support of the Goodman Foundation and the Shelley Glover Sports Education Foundation in making this a reality. The kids who swim at Madison's only public pool will get a chance to be a part of a team. We will all be there to cheer on the Goodman Pool Waves at the All City Swim Meet this summer!"

For more information or to register for the Goodman Pool Waves please visit www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool. For questions or scholarship information, please contact goodmanpool@cityofmadison.com.



A community partnership between the Shelley Glover Sports Education Foundation, The Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation and Madison Parks

History of Forest Hill Cemetery

In 1857, the City of Madison purchased a tract of land with a lovely view overlooking the entire city and the surrounding lakes. Even today, this tree-lined cemetery, located on Speedway Road, retains an original park-like atmosphere with winding roads and flowerbeds.

Since the cemetery was created at the time of the Civil War, one of the most interesting areas for visitors are the two military burial plots for Union and Confederate soldiers. Many Confederate soldiers were held prisoner at nearby Camp Randall. One hundred forty of them died and were buried at Forest Hill. In a nearby plot, 240 Union veterans were buried. Forest Hill Cemetery is one of the first U.S. National Cemeteries in Wisconsin.

In an even earlier time, Native Americans used this high ground as a burial ground, evidenced by an Effigy Mound Grouping, where noble warriors are buried. This mound, in the shape of a goose, is located on the southeast side of the cemetery. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The entire cemetery is filled with a sense of history and a reminder of the families who have played a significant role in the area's development. A brochure (free of charge) that features a map and self-guided walking tour or a publication by Historic Madison, Inc. entitled "Forest Hill Cemetery; A Biographical Guide to the Ordinary and the Famous Who Shaped Madison and the World" (\$20.00) can be obtained at the Cemetery Office or the Parks Office.

Employee of the Month

Karen Thompson - Forest Hill Cemetery

The Madison Parks Division Employee of the Month program recognizes employees who have exhibited outstanding performance in the areas of customer service, leadership, work ethic or have represented themselves as an exemplary Parks Ambassador. All employees are eligible for nomination by their peers, supervisors or by those they supervise.

This month's winner is Karen Thompson.

Karen Thompson is the Administrative Assistant/Clerk Typist at Forest Hill Cemetery. Prior to working for Madison Parks, she worked in several departments in the city in the 'clerical pool.' By working in the clerical pool, Karen has honed her customer service skills.

Forest Hill Cemetery, located at 1 Speedway Road on the near west side of Madison, is filled with a sense of history and a reminder of the families who have played a significant role in the area's development, such as the LaFollettes, The Tenneys, the Vilas', and Olins & Union Soldiers and Confederate Soldier Rests, along with a historically recognized Native American Effigy Mound.

Along with the history preservation, Forest Hill Cemetery continues to be the final resting place of many Madisonians.

Karen Thompson, in her role at Forest Hill Cemetery, is to work with families as they make funeral and burial arrangements for their loved ones. Karen's caring demeanor has allowed her to excel in her job. Her co-worker nominator agree: "[staff] has been thanked numerous times for the professional and compassionate care and attention given by Karen. Our customers forever remember and definitely appreciate the positive experiences and impressions that can arise from such a terrible time as burying a loved one."

Kevin Briski, Parks Superintendent adds, "Karen is a excellent member of our Parks Team and we all appreciate the compassion and understanding she brings to her job."

Karen finds great fulfillment in being able to help families in their time of need, but also credits the great team she works with at the cemetery. When she's not at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter, traveling to warm places, baking and just living every day to its fullest.

Karen, congratulations on your award! It is well-deserved!

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Madison Parks Earth Day Challenge – April 23, 2011

April in Madison is a great time: tulips and daffodils are in bloom, the Farmers' Market is back, Crazylegs fills the downtown with runners ready to break out of the winter blahs – and of course it is a time for the Earth Day Challenge in our parks. Neighbors get together to clean up their park. Church groups spend a weekend with their parish working on improving play grounds. Friends get together to work on their neighborhood garden and to pull garlic mustard. All of these are the rites of spring!

“Madison Parks is fortunate to enjoy a very dedicated corps of volunteers and partners.” says Kevin Briski, Madison Parks Superintendent. “Parks are more than an area of recreation; they are a part of our community.”

Celebrate Earth Day with your neighbors and friends by cleaning up your local park and neighborhood. Join this communitywide effort in April to make a difference.

Host an Earth Day Challenge Volunteer Project

We are currently encouraging groups and neighborhood leaders to host an Earth Day Challenge Project in their local park. Projects should be held on Saturday, April 23. The volunteer project organizer can determine the starting and ending time, as well as the scope of the project. Past projects have included garbage cleanup, weeding, mulching, and maintaining flower beds. If you need ideas, please feel free to contact the Parks Office.

The Parks Division may be able to provide some supplies for your group including trash bags.

Please fill out an online 2011 Earth Day Challenge Project Form with details about your project.
www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011EarthDayChallengeForm

Volunteer for the 2011 Earth Day Challenge-April 23, 2011

Earth Day is a great opportunity to get out and help support our Parks. Earth Day Challenge Projects are held all over Madison in many of our 260 parks. If you and/or a group are interested in volunteering on April 23, 2011 for Earth Day, please fill out the online volunteer form.

2011 Earth Day Challenge Volunteer Sign Up Form at:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011EarthDayChallengeForm

Questions can be directed to Anne Whisner at awhisner@cityofmadison.com or 608-267-4919.



Cherokee Park Neighbors



Midvale Elementary School
at Hoyt Park



Date: Saturday, May 14

Time: Noon – 2 p.m.

Event Location: Tenney Park and Yahara River

Prices: \$2/one duck or \$10/six ducks

The Madison Mallards Baseball Club, Madison Parks, the Madison Parks Foundation, and West Bend are teaming up for the Remarkable Rubber Ducky River Race at Tenney Park on the Yahara River. The fun-filled event will be held on May 15 from Noon – 2 p.m. and all proceeds of the event will benefit the Goodman Pool Scholarship Fund.

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The Real Secrets to Creating a Sustainable Landscape

Tom Girolamo's fun and informative presentation offers a unique definition of "sustainable" that clears away the clutter and gives you easy ways to start or improve your own eco-friendly yard using the tools, materials, and plants you already have on hand. Author book signing of his international best seller on sustainable landscapes, *Your Eco-Friendly Yard*, follows the presentation.

Saturday, March 26, 9 am-12 pm

VISITING ARTIST!

Mosaic Garden Art Workshop

Decorate your own mosaic container to take home! Learn the basic skills of mosaic tiling and patterning techniques from nationally known artist Wouterina de Raad.

Saturday & Sunday, March 26 & 27

March 26: 10 am-5 pm

March 27: 10 am-1 pm



Exploring Madison's Wild Side – 2011

Madison Parks is hosting free monthly tours of Madison Conservation Parks. The tours are led by a Madison Parks staff member and co-sponsored by the Madison Audubon Society. Each tour will focus on a different park and unique natural feature of that park. Madison Parks has 14 conservation parks comprising over 1600 acres. Each conservation park focuses on the restoration of native plant and animal communities while providing educational areas and opportunities for all. For more information on Madison's Wild Side – visit: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/parks/conservation/>

The following tours are for April - June.

April 27, 6:30p.m.

Turville Point Park, 1156 Olin-Turville Ct.

Explore this beautiful downtown park and its spring ephemerals

May 4, 6:30p.m.

Heritage Sanctuary, 600 Meadowlark Drive

At peak trillium bloom in mid-May, Heritage Sanctuary is unequalled.

June 9, 6:30p.m.

Kettle Pond, 5808 Old Middleton Road

Explore the restoration progress around this glacial kettle pond.

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