

Maywood Report

Marina, Parks, and Forestry

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Programming & Events

- OWLS programs include: 1/24 Ice Age Trail Hike at LaBudde Creek led by IAT Volunteers, 1/31 Ice Fishing at Sheboygan Marsh led by WDNR Fish Biologists, 2/7 Astronomy at Maywood with presenters from Sheboygan Astronomy Association, 2/14 Mauthe Lake hike led by WDNR Educator, 2/21 Ojibwe Culture, 2/28 Kiss the Ground movie screening, 3/8 Maple Sugaring, 3/21 Purple Martins with guest presenter Les Rhines, Co-President of the Wisconsin Purple Martin Association, and 4/4 Planting for Pollinators with Sheboygan County Conservation Specialist Laura Grunwald-Rentmeester, 4/11 Trail Stability with Better Life Chiropractic, and 4/25 Arbor Day History and Tree Planting.
- Events include: 2/1-Trivia Night, 3/16-Flapjack Day and 4/26-Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration-Planted 80 trees along the southwest border of the park. 20 trees and 40 shrubs remaining.
- Other programs include: 1/24-Candlelight Hike, 1/25-Maple Syrup Training, 2/22-Snowshoe Hike in partnership with The Summit Health, and Experirents, 3/3-Sheboygan Christian School students Biodiversity and Prairie tour, 3/4-Crane Count Training, 3/6, 3/24, 3/26-Maple Sugar Tours with Warriner students, RSC Empowers participants, 4/12-The Language of Water Workshop with Artist Sarah Rowe in partnership with JMKAC, 4/22-Home Solar Solutions with Arch Solar, and 4/26-Spring Saturday Morning Birding Sessions begin with Ellen leading the walk.

Land Management

- Monthly Property Stewardship Meetings 1/22, 2/24, 3/17,4/21.
- City/Maywood meeting with Joe Kerlin 1/22, 2/24, 3/17,4/22.
- Green Infrastructure Project meetings with City, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership and Stantec 1/22, 1/30, 3/20.
- Other project planning meetings include: 2/25-Hummingbird Garden plant order meeting, 2/26-Grant Planning meeting with LNRP and 4/17-Lake Michigan Bird Observatory project planning meeting.

Building & Grounds

- Meetings Include: 2/4-Marina, Parks, Forestry Meeting; 2/6-City of Sheboygan Sign Shop Tour with Signage Committee; City of Sheboygan Public Works Meetings on 2/11, 2/25, 3/11; 2/24-Maple Sugar House Committee Meeting.
- 2/26-Tapped Maple Forest, first collection on 3/4-3/29 for a total of 720 gallons of sap (34 from Maywood and 186 from Rocky Knoll) processed into 18 gallons of syrup.
- 3/7-MOTUS data collection.

- 3/18-Schliecher Excavating completed the Subsurface Drainage Project. Additional drainage was installed to tie into the existing system that drains into the spring-fed ponds. What we thought was a "spring" was actually an old clay field tile. Once they hooked that up the water running into the play area and onto the trail stopped so that issue has been resolved. Another drain will be installed at the top of the hill where the drive ends, just above the highly eroded area next to the steps. This portion will be completed when the ground dries up a bit more and will include filling and grading the eroded section.
- Volunteer Group efforts include: 4/9-Millipore Sigma sent nine volunteers. Half of the group cleaned chairs in the pavilion and the other half cleaned the 3 car garage and then repaired and took inventory of tree fencing. 4/11-Lutheran High students cleaned up maple sugaring supplies. 4/12-MUTH volunteers picked up trash and cut and treated grapevine. 4/21-SCHHS Youth Justice volunteers picked up litter in the park.
- Annual Inspections Include: 4/16-Fire Inspection, emergency lighting needs repair; 4/22-Otis Elevator Inspection, emergency phones not connected.

Administration

- 1/31-Filed Annual Report for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Permit/Salvage Permit.
- Internal meetings with Nominating, Finance, Executive, EcoEdges, Signage Committees.
- 4/23-Maywood Association Annual Meeting.
- 4/25-Interviews for Summer Interns begin.

Fundraising

- 1/30-Awarded \$1,700 from Sheboygan Service Club for Ecology Center Kid's Activity Cart.
- 3/10-Awarded a \$5,000 WNDR Surface Water Grant to support water quality education and engagement and help build organizational capacity.
- 3/20-Awarded \$2,000 in grant funding from SEWISC to support invasive phragmites treatment.

Partnerships & Networking

- 2/10-Lake Michigan Bird Observatory awarded an Alliant Energy Community Tree Planting Grant that will support tree planting efforts at Maywood.
- 2/27-Meeting with Becky from Master Naturalists to build volunteer engagement.
- 2/28-Attended NEWNA meeting at the NEW Zoo in Green Bay. Maywood is hosting the next meeting in August.
- 3/19-Attended Professional Women's Connection Presentation on Leading Small Groups.
- 3/21-Attended a meeting with the Association of Fundraising Professionals to discuss serving on the National Philanthropy Day Planning Committee.
- 4/14-Meeting with Scouts to discuss hosting Scout Camporee at Maywood.
- 4/18-Meeting with UW Green Bay about the Community Impact volunteer program.