

Maywood Report

Marina, Park, and Forestry

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Programming & Events

- Fall programming highlights include: Prairie Walk in August, Walk on the Wild Side, Hawk Banding at the Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station, and the Harvest Moon Hike in September, Sasquatch Hike in October, monthly Nature at Noon programs, and weekly OWLS programs. Planning is underway for winter programs, including Wishing for Winter.
- A Team Maywood meeting was held in September to debrief on 2023 Team Maywood and plan for 2024.
- Maywood was scheduled to host a tour for the Green Tier Legacy Communities Member Meeting in October, but the meeting was held virtually due to low registration.
- Maywood hosted the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation's Environmental School and sessions were led by staff, board, and partner organizations.

Land Management

- The Signage Committee met in August to discuss updated maps and signage for the park.
- Glacial Lakes Conservancy and representatives from Maywood and the City of Sheboygan met at the Bur Oak property in August to discuss a plan to improve trail maintenance. In October, the entire perimeter trail was cleared, along with staging areas for brush piles. An Eagle Scout Project took place in October, clearing and treating buckthorn and honeysuckle along edges of trail for improved clearance, visibility, and potential native plant growth.
- Plans are underway to revive Maywood's Hummingbird Garden.
- Maywood has been engaged in conversations with Sheboygan County Cycling regarding trail improvement across the park system along the Pigeon River corridor and attended the trail assessment meeting conducted by the International Mountain Bicycling Association on at Evergreen Park in October.
- Maywood hosted a Pigeon River 9 Key Element Stakeholders Meeting in October, with a presentation by Stantec and Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, and representatives from City of Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, and WDNR. The approval of this plan opens up potential funding opportunities for water quality improvement throughout Maywood. Stantec has previously identified erosions control points throughout the park that could be benefit from green infrastructure development.
- Volunteers engaged 4K students in planting ten Sugar Maples in the Maple Forest, and planted an additional ten Red Oaks, along with one White Oak in the Generational Forest in October.

Building & Grounds

- Lease agreements with Warriner High School and Camp Y-Koda were updated and approved in September.
- Annual equipment checks include: Andres Fire Equipment stopped to check all 10 fire extinguishers on 8/8-everything looks good and they will be back next year to take 6 of them in for maintenance. Otis stopped to check the elevator on 9/22-no issues found. JSM Secure conducted an inspection of the security and fire alarm system on 10/30 and all is in order.
- Monthly meetings between Kendra Kelling and Joe Kerlin have helped to facilitate communication across the Maywood partnership.

Partnerships & Networking

- The Northeast Wisconsin Naturalist Association meeting was held at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens on in August. The meeting featured a tour of the new Children's Garden and discussion of interpretive signage, accessibility, fundraising, curriculum development, and interactive programing. Maywood to host August 2025 meeting.