# Maywood Report

# Marina, Parks, and Forestry August 6 2024

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# **Programming & Events**

- Planning for fall programming is underway, with exciting events including the Prairie Walk and Glow Hike, and new OWLS programming ahead!
- The spring OWLS session concluded with 5/17-OWLS Indian Mound Park, 5/31 OWLS Bur Oak.
- 6/7-Maywood hosted Sheboygan County Hazardous Waste Collection.
- 6/20-Volunteer Picnic in honor of everyone who donates their time to Maywood.
- 6/29-Walk on the Wild Side-Great event but are evaluating for larger attendance in the future.
- 7/12-Sports Core Summer Camp kids tour of Ecology Center, Prairie and Ponds.

# **Land Management**

- Monthly Property Stewardship meetings 5/20, 6/17, 7/15.
- Two Eagle Scout Projects underway-Invaisive Species Bootbrush Stations throughout the park and Wood Cord Fencing in the Maple Forest.
- Maggie, Warriner Instructor has volunteered to conduct Water Action Volunteer (WAV) Monitoring on the Pigeon River at Maywood. Measurements taken on 6/13 and 7/25.
- 6/18-Bur Oak Brush Hog Trail Maintenance with Jim and Marlyn. 6/27-Glacial Lakes Conservancy Monitoring at Bur Oak-great report!
- Springs are interfering with paths and the preschool play area. Greg Kroeplien, Conservation Specialist with Sheboygan County surveyed and is working on plans to tie in to Subsurface Drain Plan installed in 2017.

#### **Building & Grounds**

- Monthly Meetings with City-5/20, 6/17, 7/15.
- 5/20, 6/10, 7/15 Signage Committee meetings.
- 5/30-Emailed Melissa with Radon Reduction Specialists to follow up on next steps to move forward with the project. 6/9 & 6/10-Radon Mitigation work completed; electrical component to be done by City Electricians.
- 5/30-Ordered water softener salt from Culligan for delivery of 8 bags on 6/12 and set up on a 6 month cycle.
- Several downed trees at Maywood and Bur Oak.
- Volunteer groups: 5/22-South High Day of Service-Stocking firewood, pulling invasive species;
  5/14-LTC Volunteers mulched trees, hauled brush and logs for chipping, relocated benches,
  disassembled faulty board walk, and removed garlic mustard; 6/12-Millipore Sigma Volunteers mulch
  and limestone trail improvements; removed invasive shrubs; 6/26 SCHHS Volunteers limestone trail
  improvements; 7/10 Millipore Sigma Removed mulch from trails in Pine Forest, Removed brush from
  along Mueller Road. An individual volunteer(s) is working on weeding and mulching at the entrance.

- 7/15 Meeting with the City and walk through with Brian to look at water issues at Maywood-water entering basement through overflowing window wells and through soffit above picture window.
- 7/29 Fire Department stopped to follow up on broken emergency lighting in Preschool and Pavilion.

## Administration

- 5/24-Regional Migratory Bird Special Purpose Salvage Permit re-issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 6/29-Summer Intern Olive Lensink started and will be helping with a variety of tasks through the end of August.

## **Maple Sugar House Project**

- 6/17-Maple Sugaring House Subcommittee Meeting.
- Continuing to collect information to inform decisions. Legacy Architecture reached out and is willing to do a complimentary consultation and walk through of existing and planned spaces.

## **Partnerships & Networking**

- 5/10-Dane County Parks Staff visited for a tour of Maywood facilities to learn about our space and programs as part of their feasibility study and expansion planning for the Lussier Family Heritage Center.
- 5/15- Maywood participated in the National Employee Health and Fitness Day with 100% staff participation in a 30 minute walk.
- 5/15-The Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra partnered with Maywood to host a Mahler Nature Walk at Maywood ahead of their weekend performance of Gustav Mahler's First Symphony, called "Titan," which features evocations of nature.
- Glacial Lakes Conservancy cancelled their work day at Bur Oak planned for 7/27 from 9am-noon.
- 6/5-Sheboygan Chamber Nonprofit Roundtable at Nourish Farms.
- 6/5-DEIJ Community of Practice for Wisconsin Conservation meeting coordinated by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin featuring the Northeast Wisconsin Hmong Professionals.
- 7/25 EV Expo Meeting with Sheboygan Sustainable Taskforce Transportation Subcommittee at Maywood.
- Meeting with Stantec to discuss updates on Sheboygan County Stewardship Fund and Prairie Burns, Water Quality Improvement at Maywood and Evergreen project and grant funding, Phragmites treatment and funding, and Prairie Walk sponsorship.

# **Fundraising**

- 5/11 Native Plant Sale Fundraiser. 25 customers supported the sale through the purchase of 131 plants for \$2,781 in sales. Johnson's Nursery donated 15% of sales to Maywood. Customers were pleased and we hope to grow this effort, with another sale planned for September 18.
- 5/18-Photo Session Fundraiser-1 family participated. Holding this again in Fall as well.
- Sheboygan County Stewardship Funds Awarded for habitat improvement in forests and prairie.
- 5/29 WDNR determined the Maywood Trust is eligible to apply for Surface Water Grants.
- Maywood Banquet planning underway to take place at Lakeland University on October 10.
- Planning new Pints for the Park fundraiser event at 3 Sheeps on 11/17.