

MALLARDS / NIGHT MARES FIREWORKS RECAP/PLAN

Fireworks History

For seven of the last eight years, the Mallards were approved to host six fireworks shows each summer. Prior to that, the Mallards hosted five shows annually. The 6th show came as a scaled-down replacement of Rhythm & Booms, which was last hosted in Warner Park in 2013.

2024 Recap

With the addition of Night Mares softball in 2024, the teams were approved for a total of seven shows, one of which was a low dB show on 7-26.

The average duration of a typical fireworks show is 8 minutes.

The Mallards have hosted an Independence Day Fireworks display for the last 11 years.

The Independence Day show was 23 minutes.

Having a permitted, large scale show near the 4th of July helps to deter illegal pyrotechnic displays in the neighborhood surrounding Warner Park, per the Madison Fire Department.

Last year, there was a total of 71 minutes of fireworks, 31 of them were over the 4th of July weekend.

Decibel (dB) Levels

The low decibel level show hosted on 7-26 had a decibel level under 85 dB inside the stadium.

A typical Mallards game does not exceed 85 dB at any point inside the stadium and is under 75 dB outside the stadium.

85 dB is similar to the decibel level in heavy traffic when you are in a car or a noisy restaurant.

Costs

Low dB shows cost 66% more than typical fireworks displays.

Drone shows cost 10x more than typical fireworks displays.

2 Year Plan

The Mallards propose 6 fireworks shows in 2025 (down from 7 in 2024), 3 of which would be low dB shows. In 2026, the Mallards propose 5 fireworks shows, 3 of which would be low dB. A minimum of 2 of the shows in each year would take place after Night Mares softball games and the Mallards agree to not start a fireworks display any later than 10:00pm. There would be a larger display, similar to past years, near the 4th of July annually.

The Mallards also acknowledge the potential presence of eaglets in Warner Park each spring and agree to not launch a show prior to the eaglets fledging.

