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Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 1:08 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Mallard fireworks

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Please vote NO to more Mallards fireworks. Thank you.

From: Becky Leidner <rw11951@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 1:30 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Mallards fireworks (4/8 item 15)

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Dear Parks Commissioners,

I attended the meeting with Madison Mallards reps in March. Along with most in attendance, I voiced my dislike of their fireworks displays and my opposition to their request to add two more dates. As I commented at the meeting, some assumptions and statements need to be challenged. The Mallards are undeniably good neighbors to the Northside in many respects. This does not mean they are quid pro quo entitled to set off fireworks as often as they like, or at all. Women's collegiate summer softball is a great addition to their game lineup, but not necessarily one that deserves being rewarded with an additional fireworks date. In fact, as others at the meeting also pointed out, the basic assumption that fireworks displays are the default and only possible post-game entertainment is flawed, and one which your continued permission has encouraged over the years. Many other options are available which wouldn't involve inflicting shock and awe on every human and non-human neighbor for miles around, for the amusement of a small subset of people and to the benefit of a business enterprise that seeks to profit at our expense. (In fact it might be interesting to ask how beer sales compare on game nights with and without fireworks.) Several attendees spoke of their enjoyment of these events and pointed out that their pets aren't bothered by them. Of course not every pet minds fireworks (though many do). Nor do most of our neighbors suffer from PTSD or other trauma. The moral question these supporters don't address, and you must, is whether their right to ooh and ahh is more important than others' right not to be terrorized. If I don't care for a monster truck rally, or you for a flower show, we can choose not to attend. Fireworks are not escapable (unless, as supporters callously suggest, those who object move away, leave town for 6-8 nights each summer, or take refuge in their basements.) Fireworks are not benign; they disrupt wildlife, traumatize pets and vulnerable people, and emit toxins into the environment. Moving the launch site a few yards in one direction or another, changing the dates by a few days, or making them slightly quieter, doesn't alter the fact that the whole point of these explosives is to evoke the thrill of aerial bombardment. Why do we assume that the rights of those who enjoy and profit from this spectacle should override those of neighbors to the quiet enjoyment of their homes? Fireworks used to be, and should be, one night per year. Under your tolerant watch they have metastasized and will continue to do so, unless you accept your responsibility to make decisions in the best interest of the vast majority of Northside residents, human and animal alike. Please vote against agenda item on 4/8.

Thank you,
Rebecca Leidner

From: Mary Daniels <daniels.11@me.com>
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Subject: Fireworks Mallard games

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Sent from my iPhone

I oppose having fireworks at the Mallard games. We have a beautiful pond at Warner Park, over 130 bird species spend time there.

At the same park we create noise and lights that frighten the birds.

In general dogs hate the sound of fireworks.

Please don't have additional days where the Mallards have a firework display.

Thank you,
Mary Daniels
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From: Matt Weidenfeller <mweidenfeller@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Comment on Item #15 - Fireworks at Mallards game

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Hello!

I am a Madisonian who is most definitely in favor of approving as many fireworks shows as are on the docket for this season. I do not think it's fair for an extremely loud minority to spoil the fun and enjoyment for the rest of us.

The Mallards games are such a great night for families, and we've always appreciated the fireworks after Mallards games. We really miss the 4th of July fireworks at Warner Park as well. We'd love to see Rythm and Booms come back as well.

Thank you,
Matt Weidenfeller
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From: Bill Samdahl <outlook_74D9F13C326390AC@outlook.com> **On Behalf Of** Bill Samdahl
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:18 PM
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Subject: Fireworks - Mallard Stadium

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I love fireworks and have always enjoyed them at Warner Park; however, there is a point where they are too common and too many and their impact on our neighborhood and environment is no longer a positive thing. Please limit fireworks to the current plan of 7...and maybe less next year.

Thank you, Bill

Bill Samdahl 2102 Sheridan Drive, Madison

From: sandra montello <sandramontello@gmail.com>
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Subject: Fireworks

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I'm writing to express opposition to firework shows at the Mallards.

Sandra Montello

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From: Rose Brown <rosebrowncst@sbcglobal.net>
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Enough is enough already! Please no more fireworks at Mallards or in the park. The noise freaks out my dog and can't be good for the wildlife. They produce and distribute heavy metals and they can be a burn risk.

Please just say no!

Thanks,
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Sent from my iPhone
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Subject: Item #15, Mallards Fireworks

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Dear Parks Commissioner,

I am writing to request that the number of celebrations with fireworks at the Mallards Stadium be limited. They are distressing to many people and animals and can cause pollution (both noise and chemical) in the surrounding areas. I understand that some fireworks displays are part of our summer enjoyment, but I am writing to ask that we limit these displays to a few times per year.

Thank you,

Nancy Ruggeri
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From: Jeannie Castilleja <theraaf01@gmail.com>
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Hello

As a long time Northside resident, I have personally seen the negative effects of all of Madison Mallards fireworks displays.

While the fireworks are a wonder to see, I feel a couple shows are plenty. The nesting birds and animals are so close to the bombs exploding and we need to keep them safe. Not to mention individuals that suffer from post traumatic stress.

I OPPOSE yet another fireworks display

Thank you
Jeannie Castilleja
