

Community Events

CITY OF **MADISON** WISCONSIN

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Community Events on Public Property

- To support permitted activities, special events, and the management of public spaces which enhance the community building, citizen engagement, public safety, economic prosperity and quality of life for everyone.
- How do we do this?
 - Understanding City ordinances, policies, and guidelines for use of public spaces
 - Communication and coordination = customer service
 - Help to maintain a healthy balance of permitted events and normal public use in public spaces

Community Events are Important

Community Gatherings

Festivals

Concerts

Run/Walk/Marathons

Parades/Marches

Farmers' Markets

Wellness Classes

Kids Camps

Why are these events so important?

- Define and build communities
- Increase equitable accessibility and connect communities with public spaces
- Celebrate traditions
- Health & wellness / getting outdoors
- Instill civic pride / support community service and volunteerism
- Bring tourism & economic drivers to our community

Permit Types

Permits in Parks

Park Events
Neighborhood/Community Group Events
Open Space Events
Commercial Shoots
Classes in Parks

Kids Camps in Parks

Permits for Streets, Sidewalks, or Parking Lanes

Street Use Events
Neighborhood Block Parties
Downtown Performance Spaces
Rallies, Demonstrations, and Marches



2023 Community Event Data

Special Events in Madison Parks (2023)	# permits
Park Event permits	110
Neighborhood / Community Park Event permits	151
Classes in Parks permits	12
Kids Camps in Parks permits	7
Commercial Shoot permits	6
TOTAL	286

Special Events on Madison Streets (2023)	# permits
Street Use Event permits	140
Dowtown Performance Space permits	179
Neighborhood Block Party permits	112
TOTAL	431



Permit Trends

City of Madison Special Event Permits 2019-2023

