



# MADISON MALLARDS BASEBALL

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To: City of Madison Board of Park Commissioners

From: Vern Stenman

RE: 2026 Fireworks Plan

I am writing to formally request approval for five fireworks displays during the summer 2026 season, following Madison Mallards and Night Mares home games at Warner Park. Three of the five displays would be low-decibel shows. We also request that Parks Rangers monitor decibel levels at a minimum of one low-decibel show and compare that reading with a typical game decibel reading for use in future planning of displays.

We have worked closely with our surrounding community for many years to find an appropriate balance regarding fireworks, and we remain committed to continuing that collaboration moving forward.

For context, in prior seasons we have hosted up to seven fireworks shows. In 2025, we presented six total displays. Beginning in 2024, we introduced low-decibel fireworks, and in 2025, three of our six shows utilized this format. All displays, with the exception of our annual Independence Day show, are planned to be under eight minutes in length. The Independence Day show, scheduled for July 3, is planned to be approximately 23 minutes. We agree that no fireworks display will begin later than 10:00 p.m.

We also acknowledge the potential presence of eaglets in Warner Park each spring and agree that no fireworks displays will be launched prior to the eaglets fledging.

Our proposed dates are as follows:

- Night Mares game on June 26 (low-decibel)
- Mallards game on July 3 (larger-scale Independence Day display)
- Night Mares game on July 4 (traditional display)
- Mallards game on July 24 (low-decibel)
- Mallards game on July 31 (low-decibel)
- August 1 and August 7 as potential makeup dates should any of the above shows need to be postponed.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if you need any additional information or documentation as part of this request. We appreciate your continued partnership and look forward to another successful season.

Sincerely,

Vern Stenman  
President  
Madison Mallards + Night Mares