

**From:** [Miriam López](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Dear Yannette Figueroa Cole, I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolut...  
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**From:** [Carol Steinhart](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Forgiving debt on Madison's ice arenas  
**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2024 9:45:01 AM

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Outdoor ice skating in Madison—traditionally free, fun, and healthful for everyone—will soon be a memory. Even I, moving to Madison as an adult, donned ice skates for the first time and shakily ventured onto frozen Lake Wingra. It soon became a favorite winter activity.

I believe it is as important for our forward-looking city to facilitate continued enjoyment of ice skating as it is to provide parks and greenspace. Therefore, although the details are a black box to me, I strongly support the proposed solution or a variant that would guarantee indoor skating venues for all Madisonians now and in the future.

Carol Steinhart  
District 19

**From:** [Cynthia Albrecht](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** future of our ice arenas  
**Date:** Sunday, November 24, 2024 8:33:24 PM

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I fully support the continuation of the ice arenas as recreational facilities for use by the citizens of the city. Having public ice arenas are important to our quality of life here. The proposals outlined in the email from alderman Guequierre seem reasonable to me although I would prefer outright city ownership and management.

I was disappointed when the city sold the ice arenas in the early 2000. Some things need government support to survive and I think having public ice arenas are as important as public golf courses, public swimming pools, and public parks. I am happy to pay taxes to support these things because they improve the quality of life for so many. They are especially important to those of us not well enough off financially to afford membership in private pools, golf clubs, etc.

I understand the city is in a financial crunch due to inadequate revenue sharing by the state. Please do not balance the budget by reducing the amenities that make living here so desirable. We just passed an operating referendum so this does not have to happen. Thankyou, Cynthia Albrecht 5608 Crestwood Place Madison

**From:** [Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [Harrington-McKinney, Barbara](#)  
**Subject:** Ice Arena Resolution Consideration  
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Good afternoon Alder Harrington-McKinney,

My name is Lisa Schwartz, and I am the mother of two daughters who are in their third year of synchronized ice skating teams, following many years of ice skating lessons. I am asking for your support of Madison's two community ice rinks: Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). This evening the Common Council will be considering the Ice Arena Resolution, which could provide critical funding for necessary maintenance/repairs/updates at both of Madison's ice rinks.

These locations have served families in our community for many years. There is diversity inside those walls! People of all ages, ethnicities, abilities and disabilities are able to participate in sports and other activities because of the programs offered there. These rinks host non-profit organizations, many high school hockey teams, and free program opportunities for low-income families. Without the support of this resolution, these programs and the rinks themselves could be gone.

Current operating revenue cannot cover the significant equipment replacements and repairs needed to keep the rinks operational. Users of these facilities have been continuously fundraising for improvements, but debt forgiveness is essential to ensure long-term stability.

I have heard that the city is considering these areas for low-income housing. Hartmeyer sits in an industrial area right next to train tracks, and Madison Ice Arena is down the street from Exact Sciences. Neither of these locations is ideal for a housing development nor more apartment buildings.

I thank you for your time reading my email, and I appreciate your consideration on this matter. Your support would make a lasting impact on our community!

Sincerely,

Lisa Schwartz  
High Point Estates, West Madison

**From:** [Kate Bowers](#)  
**To:** [Wehelie, Nasra H](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Ice Arena Resolution  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 7:54:00 AM

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Dear Alder Wehelie,

I am emailing you to please consider voting for the Ice Arena Resolution that the Common Council will be voting on tonight, November 26th. I know the budget is tight, but I also believe that this is important to the city.

This will be a crucial step for the City of Madison to show support for the Madison skating community. My child and I regularly skate at both Madison Ice Arena and Hartmeyer Ice Arena. They are an important part of our life in Madison, and I've witnessed how their Learn to Skate, Figure Skating Club, Synchro Teams, and Youth and our Local High School Hockey Organizations are important to our community.

I've also been to the rinks in our neighboring suburbs, such as Verona, McFarland, and Sun Prairie, and know that our Madison rinks need critical action and repair to get the level of functionality that the people of Madison deserve. For example, at this moment, Madison Ice Arena on the West side cannot function late spring through the entire summer because of needed repairs even though ice time is needed, especially for our hockey and figure skating communities.

Again, please vote in support the Ice Arena Resolution and help our skating community be able to thrive.

Thank you for your time,

Kate Bowers  
District 7 Resident  
Cosgrove Drive

**From:** [Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Ice Rink Consideration  
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Good afternoon,

My name is Lisa Schwartz. I am the mother of two daughters who are in their third year of synchronized ice skating teams, following half a dozen years of ice skating lessons. I am asking you to support keeping Madison's two community rinks open: Hartmeyer (East side) and Madison Ice Arena (West side). The Common Council will have the opportunity to consider the Ice Rink Resolution, which would provide critical funding for keeping these rinks operational for years to come.

These two locations have served families in our community for years. There is diversity inside those walls! People of all ages, demographics, ethnicities, abilities and disabilities are able to participate in sports and other activities because of the programs offered. The rinks host non-profit organizations, many hockey teams, learn to skate lessons, shows, competitions, and games, as well as free program opportunities for low-income families. Without the support of this resolution, these programs and the rinks themselves could be gone.

The users of these facilities have been continuously fundraising over the past few years, but the monies raised are not enough to keep things open and pay for the necessary repairs/upgrades. We need to ensure long-term stability for these rinks.

I have heard that the city is considering these areas for housing. Hartmeyer sits in the middle of an industrial area right next to train tracks, and Madison Ice Arena is directly down the street from Exact Sciences (a high density of people). Neither of these locations is ideal for a housing development nor more apartment complexes.

I thank you for your time reading this email, and for your consideration on this matter. So many people come through the doors of both locations. Your support to keep our rinks open will leave a lasting impact on our community!

Sincerely,

Lisa Schwartz

High Point Estates, Madison

**From:** [Shirley Drouin](#)  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Item no. 87, Resolution no. 86169, Meeting agenda for November 26th, 2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 10:19:16 AM

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As a life long member of the Figure Skating Club of Madison, going back to the 70's when my children began figure skating, I was involved in major events our organization brought to Madison, and continue to bring to this area. I'm asking for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council is considering Ice Arena Resolution no. 86169, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks. For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

This resolution is crucial. Why???

- Operating revenue alone cannot cover the significant capital equipment replacements and repairs needed to keep the rinks operational.
- Users of these facilities have already begun fundraising for improvements, but debt forgiveness is essential to ensure long-term financial stability.
- With proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come.

Your support will make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come! Appreciate your support for this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you, Shirley Drouin

**From:** [Abbie Norderhaug](#)  
**To:** [Tishler, Bill](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Alder Tishler,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

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- With proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
*Abbie Norderhaug*  
*Hill Farms Neighborhood*



**From:** [Laura LaFleur](#)  
**To:** [Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Please support our Ice Rinks  
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I am reaching out to request that you support the Ice Arena Proposal at tonight's Common Council meeting (item 88 on the agenda). I recently voted in support of Madison's property tax referendum because I believe in a strong city that supports the needs and passions of its citizens. Skating at our local ice rinks has changed my life. I'm a better human and neighbor because I have this space to be with community and feel ALIVE! Ice sports make Wisconsin and Madison special. They set us apart and are embedded in our culture. Please support this proposal, so that this community can continue to thrive.

Laura LaFleur  
30 Wirth Ct, Madison, WI 53704

**From:** [Lisa Bertram](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Please support our rinks!  
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Dear Finance Committee and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

I write to urge you to support the resolution to help the Madison Ice Arena and Hartmeyer Ice Arena resolve their longstanding financial difficulties and continue operating. These rinks are critical to the community and provide skating and sport opportunities to people of all ages, and all abilities, including adapted programs for individuals with disabilities. I didn't know anything about the rinks until 2021, when I signed my daughter up for Learn-to-Skate lessons. The programs were absolutely battered by COVID-19, but they sprang right back up and are thriving once again. My daughter, now twelve, is at either Madison Ice Arena or Hartmeyer nearly every day of the week, practicing her individual skating skills or training with her synchronized skating teams. The programs she has participated in have given her so much -- friends, confidence, self-discipline, maturity, community, and opportunities to mentor younger kids -- it is not "just" about skating. It's so, so much more to all of the many people who use these facilities.

Other communities, such as Verona and McFarland, have community rinks that are in the process of, or have just completed expansion. It really breaks my heart that these other communities have these wonderful facilities while our two rinks are struggling so much after being cast off by the city. I really hope you will support the plan to spin off Hartmeyer. It would help resolve a huge weight on the skating and hockey communities and ensure that these rinks remain to help Madison kids stay active and healthy.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Lisa

**From:** [carlson.c81@gmail.com](mailto:carlson.c81@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Wehelie, Nasra H](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/24  
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Dear Alder Wehelie,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

*My daughter has skated with the Madison Ice Diamonds and individually at these two rinks for the past three years. She has learned how to be part of a team and what good sportsmanship is through this sport. As a child on the autism spectrum, it can be difficult for her to be in new settings, try new things and to make friends. Skating at MIA and HIA and the programs she is part of at these rinks has helped her learn to adapt to new and difficult things and allowed her to make friends from all over Madison.*

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With proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,

*Tina Carlson*

*2805 Tucson Trl, Madison, WI 53719*

**From:** [Allison Reimann](#)  
**To:** [Vidaver, Regina](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/24  
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Dear Alder Vidavar,

We are writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

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Our family spends countless hours each year at both rinks - our two daughters (9 and 12) and Allison (46) all figure skate individually as well as on Madison Ice Diamonds synchronized skating teams. Allison also helps as a substitute Learn to Skate coach, having coached figure skating for several years during high school and college. We routinely run into families with kids our age who have a mix of kids doing figure skating and hockey who go back and forth between one or both rinks multiple times in a single weekend day. Keeping both of these rinks operational is important to our family and friends and for our community.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
Allison and Jeff Reimann  
9 S. Spooner St.

**From:** [Jessica Wolenec](#)  
**To:** [Wehelie, Nasra H](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Alder Nasra Wehelie,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing. By being able to skate, I have been able to come out of my shell and meet friends that I would never have met otherwise. Skating is more than just a sport to me; it has become my passion and a place of refuge.

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Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
*Jess Wolene1*  
6732 Pinelake Dr. Apt 105

**From:** [William Neill](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to ask that the finance committee approve the proposal tonight for Hartmeyer Ice Arena. Both of these community facilities serve a huge number of residents. They significantly lower cost learn to skate and disabled programming which kids of all backgrounds access to ice sports.

My children regularly participate in figure skating lessons, mite hockey and open skate at these rinks. My daughter is painfully shy and the community of friends and volunteers built around these rinks has give her an avenue to practice social skills and develop self confidence.

-Bill

**From:** [Joey Frayne](#)  
**To:** [Tishler, Bill](#)  
**Cc:** [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)  
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Dear Alder Tishler,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide *critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks*.

For 64 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating, and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

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I also wanted to add as having the honor of coaching, serving on the board of the West Madison Polar Caps, and now be tasked with leading the organization as President Madison Ice Arena has had a profound impact on our family. I played hockey as a kid and when I showed up with my oldest daughter 9 years ago to do Learn to Skate I didn't realize where that journey would lead us. She enjoyed it joined hockey with the Polar Caps and her little sister has followed. My girls have been able to learn a lot of lessons playing the great game of hockey, have had a ton of fun, and my wife and myself have been welcomed to a great group of friends. It allows our family to stay active and keep busy in the winter. Outside of my board duties and coaching I get together with a group of guys to play on the studio rink at MIA on Monday nights and my wife has joined the mom's hockey club that the Polar Caps mom's started last spring. So for our family MIA is integral in allowing us to do something we all enjoy. We also love living in Madison and feel strongly that Madison should offer the same amenities to it's residents that are offered in the surrounding communities. People want to live places they can be active and enjoy activities and Madison Ice Arena is paramount to being able to offer winter sport opportunities.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,



Joey Frayne  
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**From:** [Kristin Larson](#)  
**To:** [Duncan, John](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 5:03:02 PM

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Dear Alder Duncan,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

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With proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come.

My daughter developed her love of figure skating at MIA, participated in synchronized skating, coached and led the Learn to Skate program at MIA. This is an incredibly important opportunity to stabilize a vital asset in Madison. Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
*Kristin Larson*

*10 Black Stone Cir, Madison*

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mikaela Seemann](#)  
**To:** [Vidaver, Regina](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Alder Regina Vidaver,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

For 7 decades, these rinks have positively impacted our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating, and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

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- Users of these facilities have already begun fundraising for improvements, but debt forgiveness is essential to ensure long-term financial stability.
- With proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come
- Closure of these arenas reduces access to ice sports and uproots longtime loyal patrons

As someone with a personal passion for figure skating, thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
Mikaela Seemann  
University Ave Madison, WI 53726

**From:** [Kate Larson](#)  
**To:** [Duncan, John](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Alder Duncan,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. I grew up on this ice, learning to skate, becoming a skating instructor, and eventually serving as the Learn-to-Skate Program Director. Over the past 20+ years, I've witnessed how these rinks have shaped countless lives.

What sets our rinks apart is their commitment to inclusivity. We do more than host hockey teams and figure skating clubs—we create opportunities for everyone to skate, regardless of income or ability. We offer reduced-fee programming for low-income families, adaptive programs for individuals with cognitive and/or physical disabilities, and are proud to be the home of the 2024 Youth Champions, the Madison Skeeters sled hockey team. By opening our doors to underserved communities, we not only fulfill the mission of the rink but also embody the spirit of Madison itself. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

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1. Operating revenue alone cannot cover the significant capital equipment replacements and repairs needed to keep the rinks operational.
2. Users of these facilities have already begun fundraising for improvements, but debt forgiveness is essential to ensure long-term financial stability.
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Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,

Katherine Larson  
10 Black Stone Circle

608-576-5283

**From:** [Sonia Lucey](#)  
**To:** [Wehelie, Nasra H](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
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Dear Alder Wehelie,

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These rinks are my home; I started taking Learn-to-Skate classes at Madison Ice Arena in 2010, and later joined the Figure Skating and Synchronized Skating Club in 2015. Skating created a strong foundation in my life, providing me with the stability of a family and my first job as a teenager. After graduating high school, I now skate for a Team USA World Synchronized Skating Team in New York (Skyliners) near my college. This would not have been possible without a rink and program accessible to my family when I was young. During breaks, I come back to teach LTS, school groups, and young synchro skaters. I believe in the community these rinks have developed and want to give back to them to see them succeed.

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Sincerely,

Sonia Lucey

3213 Tanglewood Dr.

**From:** [Julia Vander Meer](#)  
**To:** [Tishler, Bill](#)  
**Cc:** [mayor@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mayor@cityofmadison.com); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024- My childhood rinks  
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Dear Alder Tishler,

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I learned to skate as a child at Madison Ice Arena, and am now 46 years old who went back to skating during the pandemic and now my 6 year old has discovered her love of skating here also! This truly is one of the few places where ANYONE is welcome and AFFORDABLE. During non school days, it is a place where kids have a place to go, for a nominal fee for several hours. During the rest of the time, it is in constant use between so many groups and people of all ages that call this their home away from home. Additionally, these rinks are one of the few places where we feel welcomed vs. some of the other private rinks where there is very limited options for the public, and cost prohibitive. I have met skaters who have come as far away as near WI Dells to take advantage of the lessons as well as the adaptive programs. It is one of the only rinks where there is emphasis on access and accessibility for all.

Unfortunately our costs are going up and the building is in desperate need of repair. The rink conditions are the same as when I remember as a child with ceiling rusting and peeling and water dripping from the ceiling on to us, or the ice melting all together. We've seen other rinks where city funds have contributed to a thriving, well maintained community space that is welcoming to all and a haven for others.

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Please consider supporting the resolution so we can improve and safeguard a community asset for at least another 74 years.

Sincerely,

Julia Vander Meer  
Constituent District 11

**From:** [Kelly Olson](#)  
**To:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [Latimer Burris, Amani](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
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Dear Alder Latimer Burris, Mayor Rhodes-Conway, and Members of the Financial Committee,

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Sincerely,  
Kelly Olson  
Glen Oak Hills Neighborhood  
Long-time user of both ice arenas

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**From:** [Annabell B Eilbes](#)  
**To:** [Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Alder Martinez-Rutherford,

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Sincerely, Annabell

Elmside/Sasy neighborhood

**From:** [Josie Schellpfeffer](#)  
**To:** [Harrington-McKinney, Barbara](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Alder Barbara Harrington-McKinney,

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I grew up skating at these rinks and I have found a strong and important community within them. I have since gone on to skate for several high level teams, I even got the chance to compete in Europe as part of Team USA, which would not have been possible without the rinks I grew up at. I continue go back whenever I can to help coach new generations of skaters and support the amazing community they are building. Without the Madison ice rinks, I would not be the person I am today and many others would never get the chance to participate in the amazing activity that is skating.

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Sincerely,  
Josephine Schellpfeffer  
1117 Velvet Leaf Dr  
Madison, WI 53719

**From:** [Maddi Gould](#)  
**To:** [Rummel, Marsha](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Alder Marsha Rummel,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

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I am the current director of the Learn-to-Skate program. Our program brings in almost 2,000 skaters (kids and adults) each year, the largest Learn-to-Skate program in the state of Wisconsin! Without our program, these skaters would have no where to learn about skating. Our program also offers free Learn-to-Skate for children and young adults with cognitive and physical disabilities. This program is funded through grants, sponsorships, and donations from the community.

I am so proud of the programs we have created at these ice rinks, and I would hope to have support in saving our community. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

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Sincerely,  
*Maddi Gould*  
*820 Williamson St.*

**From:** [Tiffany S.](#)  
**To:** [Verveer, Michael](#)  
**Cc:** [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#)  
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I began taking learn-to-skate lessons at these rinks as an adult skater in my 20s, and now years later I am a competitive adult figure skater and I also help coach lessons and have helped skaters with disabilities. We have a wonderful adult community at these rinks -- many of us get up and skate at 6 am before work -- and without these connections and friendships, my life here in Madison would not be the same.

This spring, Madison Ice Arena is also set to host the 2025 Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships, which will bring many new people to the area and likely encourage new adults to begin skating. As a member of the organizing committee for this event, I know that many of my fellow skaters and friends from out of state are very excited to come to Madison, and we're honored that US Figure Skating selected us to host such an important event for adult figure skating.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Stronghart  
Bassett St Neighborhood

**From:** [Kortney Karnok](#)  
**To:** [Knox Jr., Isadore](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Alder Knox,

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Sincerely,

Kortney Karnok

61 Waunona Woods Ct

**From:** [Cameron Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Conklin, Nikki](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Sincerely,  
*Cameron Johnson*  
9419 White Fox Ln

**From:** [Heather Duncan and Amy Schellpfeffer](#)  
**To:** [Harrington-McKinney, Barbara](#)  
**Cc:** [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#); [madisoniceinboard@gmail.com](mailto:madisoniceinboard@gmail.com)  
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Dear Alder Harrington-McKinney and colleagues,

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My daughters, who are now 17 and 20 years old, have been involved in learn-to-skate, synchronized skating, and figure skating at Madison Ice Arena and Hartmeyer Ice Arena since they were 3 and 5 respectively. Our family considers these rinks our second home and as a parent, the programs and people who are involved in them have helped shape my children into some of the most well rounded, self confident, poised young women I know. They have both been employed by Madison Ice Inc, teaching learn-to-skate, coaching synchro, and working public skates. They have learned self-discipline and teamwork, how to take direction from coaches and



supervisors, and the value of a job and a place on a team, as well as earn money to help them pay for skating and college later on. The people we have met through skating have supported us through many difficult times in our family's lives, when we've lost family members to death, had mental health struggles, and divorce. I am so grateful for the rinks and how they bring people together to form a community within a community.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,

Amy Schellpfeffer  
1117 Velvet Leaf Dr  
Madison, WI 53719

**From:** [Margarita Northrop](#)  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Cc:** [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#)  
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Dear Alder Madison, Finance Committee and full Common Council members,

My name is Margarita Northrop and I live in Alder Madison's district.

**Please support the Ice Arena resolution tonight.**

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For years, myself, my children and community members on the east and west side of our city have been taking skating classes at these arenas. For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

As much as I ALWAYS in support of much needed new and improved housing, it should not come at the expense of community activities and gathering spaces.

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Sincerely,  
Margarita Northrop  
3126 Clove Drive  
Madison, WI 53704

**From:** [Maddie Koski](#)  
**To:** [Vidaver, Regina](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Maddie Koski  
410 Eugenia Ave

**From:** [Briana Lear](#)  
**To:** [Latimer Burris, Amani](#)  
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*I have been a coach here in Madison for the past 4 years and have personally seen how this rink and this community has touched many lives. I am also expecting my first little girl this April and cannot wait to see her learn to skate here at our local Madison Rinks. I know that I would be devastated as a coach and a mom if I were to see our rinks go away.*

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Sincerely,  
Briana Promer  
4822 Starker Avenue, Madison WI 53716

**From:** [Leesa Pennell](#)  
**To:** [Conklin, Nikki](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
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Sincerely,

*Leesa Pennell*

*10 Canvasback Circle - Sauk Creek Neighborhood*

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Leesa Pennell

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**From:** [fahmida khanam](#)  
**To:** [Mayor](#)  
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Dear Alder John P. Guequierre,

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Fahmida Khanam  
Crestwood Neighborhood

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Dear Alder Regina Vidaver,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

Personally, my two children who are students at Hamilton Middle School and West High School skate at these rinks for multiple hours every week. They participated in learn to skate classes at these rinks and now compete as part of the Wisconsin Inspire Synchronized Skating team that won national recognition by US Figure Skating last year. I personally believe that ice sports are critical to the vibrancy of Madison.

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- With proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
Margaret Alferi  
2030 Chadbourne Ave.

**From:** [Amy Maas](#)  
**To:** [mayor@cityofmadison](mailto:mayor@cityofmadison); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Finance Committee,

I am respectfully asking you to support Madison ice arenas. Not only are these rinks important for Madison, they have strong support from the surrounding communities and the state.

My daughter started skating at the age of three at MIA, starting synchronized figure skating with the Madison Ice Diamonds at the age of eight. Now at 16, she and three teammates also from the Madison area, skate for the nationally recognized Fond du Lac Blades. These girls train locally in Madison at MIA and HIA and have represented our Madison community on Team USA through USA Figure Skating. The Fond du Lac Blades have skated in Scotland, France, Austria, Hungary, Italy, and Finland proudly representing the USA, Wisconsin, and now Madison.

These are local skaters. And without support and local ice, this is not possible.

Not supporting MIA and HIA takes opportunities like this away from future skaters. Whether it is hockey, adaptive sports, figure skating, adult skating; these rinks bring opportunity to our community. The opportunity to learn skills, stay healthy, compete locally or internationally, make friends and build a community. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,

Amy Maas

Fitchburg, Wi

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Scott Tunzi](#)  
**To:** [Duncan, John](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [Gina Tunzi](#); [Joseph Tunzi](#); [Natalina Tunzi](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
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Dear Alder Duncan,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

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Our son and daughter have benefited tremendously through the programs at the rinks. Our son started playing hockey when he was 5 and now, a senior in high school, plays on the Memorial Varsity Hockey team. Our daughter began individual and then synchronized ice skating when she was 10. She continued on with synchronized skating into college where she skated on a college varsity team. From these experiences, both our son and daughter developed into better young adults by gaining confidence in their lives, learning patience and focus as well as an understanding for others and treating them fairly. However, one of the biggest takeaways of all is that they both continue to give back to the ice rink organizations by teaching and working with the beginning skaters.

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Sincerely,

Scott & Gina Tunzi

7873 Wood Reed Drive

Madison, WI 53719

Valley Ridge Neighborhood

**From:** [Leah Fink](#)  
**To:** [Tishler, Bill](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 9:05:59 AM

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Dear Alder Tishler,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

I grew up in Madison, skating on the lakes in the winters and taking learn to skate at Madison Ice Arena. As an adult, I took my daughter skating the first time at Madison Ice Arena at a public skate when back in Madison on vacation.

I moved back to Madison a year ago and before coming, I reached out to the ice arena to understand what offerings they had. In addition to learn to skate, they invited my daughter to join the synchronized ice skating team which practices on both Madison rinks. This team helped her with her transition to a new town and school and has been the highlight of her time here. I also joined the adult team which has been an amazing community. We also see all of the other sports that use these rinks and I'm always particularly impressed by the sled hockey practices and other adaptive programs.

Since arriving, we have taken part in numerous fundraising efforts, however, I know that the repairs needed on these rinks are so significant that parents alone can't meet the needs to provide sustainable financial sustainability.

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Sincerely,  
*Leah Beucler-Fink*  
4834 Sherwood Rd Madison, WI 53711

**From:** [Rebecca Lyons](#)  
**To:** [Guequierre, John](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the ice arena resolution on 11/26  
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Dear Alder *Guequierre*

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West).

The rinks are an essential part of my daughters' lives. Not only are they a place that brings them joy, but they are also a place of community and belonging. There are very few places where my one daughter, who has autism, is accepted and embraced for who she is. And the ice rink is a safe place for her, where everyone knows and loves her.

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Sincerely,

*Rebecca and Teddy Lyons*  
901 N Westfield Rd  
Wexford Neighborhood

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jordan Rosenblum](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on December 2  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 1:26:55 PM

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Dear Madison Finance Committee,

I am writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide *critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks*.

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While you have received this letter from many people, I wanted to add some other important points. My wife and I moved to Madison 15 years ago and while our jobs here as state and federal employees keep us here, the real reason that we stay is because of the community supported at the ice rink. Our ten-year old son was born and bred in Wisconsin and fell in love with hockey (neither of us played). He loves his team, his community, and his rink. He has learned skills like teamwork, selflessness ("passing the puck" they call it), grit, dedication, and respect for your community and the community of others. Hockey teaches these and other valuable skills. His teammates are from diverse backgrounds and he learns so much from having to reflect his own experience in respect to theirs and to find a way to work together as a team.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,

Jordan D. Rosenblum

5214 South Hill Drive, Madison, WI 53705

Age-Level Director, Squirt Youth Hockey, West Madison Polar Caps

**From:** [Eunhee Kim](#)  
**To:** [Wehelie, Nasra H](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution Today!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 6:11:43 AM

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Dear Alder Wehelie,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks. For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

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Sincerely,  
Eunhee Kim  
Your neighbor on 3613 Basalt Lane

**From:** [Zoey Franzen](#)  
**To:** [Conklin, Nikki](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support The Ice Arena Resolution today, 11/26/24  
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Dear Alder Conklin,

I am writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East), and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). Today, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks. For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children, adults, and families across Dane County. These rinks host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating, and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs - and the rinks themselves - are at risk of disappearing.

This resolution is crucial, as the operating revenue of the rinks alone cannot cover the significant capital equipment replacements and repairs needed to keep the rinks operational. While users of these facilities have already begun fundraising for improvements, debt forgiveness is still an essential key piece to ensure long-term financial viability. Ultimately, with proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come.

For 20 years, these rinks have been my second home. As a child and teen, it can often be difficult to find a place where you feel you belong, especially if you do not fit into a neat societal box. Figure skating at these rinks was, and still is, where I belong. These rinks, with their "come as you are" attitude, are where I belong. Everyone deserves to have that chance at finding a space that feels like home - like a warm hug - like community. It would be a noticeable and devastating loss for the Madison area to lose community fixtures that mean so much to so many of us and have had a positive impact on our lives.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for years to come.

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Thank you,  
Zoey Franzen  
211 Randolph Drive  
Madison, WI 53717  
608-514-6707



**From:** [Robyn Umeki](#)  
**To:** [Duncan, John](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution Today, 11/26/2024  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 7:55:04 AM

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Dear Alder Duncan,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

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As an adult figure skater, I spend several hours at these rinks every week, all year long. Losing the rinks would drastically impact my daily life.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
Robyn Umeki  
9909 Sweet Willow Pass

**From:** [Michelle Kern Hall](#)  
**To:** [Tishler, Bill](#)  
**Cc:** [Finance Committee](#); [EDC](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the Ice Arena Resolution!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2024 11:01:20 AM

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Dear Alder Tishler,

(CC Finance Committee and Economic Development Committee)

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West).

I grew up skating at Madison Ice Arena taking classes and performing in the annual ice show in the 1990s when they were still city rinks and I remember the letter from the mayor in our ice show programs each year. It was my favorite activity and brought me much joy and confidence to have access to a great rink and community of coaches and skaters.

Now my two daughters have both taken lessons, skated on synchronized skating teams, and competed in competitions through these two rinks. We spend so much time there and it continues to be such a valuable resource and community. I taught my daughters to skate on the outdoor rink at Westmorland park every weekend as soon as they could walk, but with winters changing two years ago we had only two good outdoor skating weekends and last year we had zero. Without the two indoor Madison rinks we would have had nowhere close to skate consistently. As members of the Figure Skating Club we contribute to fundraising efforts, but it is not enough to keep them going!

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Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come! I can't imagine Madison without these rinks.

Sincerely,  
*Michelle Kern Hall*

*Westmorland Neighborhood*

**From:** [Tania Van Orden](#)  
**To:** [Harrington-McKinney, Barbara](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, December 09, 2024 7:51:23 PM

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Dear Alder Harrington-McKinney,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - specifically the Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On January 14, 2025, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

My daughter Grace who is now 9 years old, started having seizures as an infant. She has a condition called dravet syndrome which causes epilepsy, cognitive delays, delayed motor function, hypotonia, speech delays, etc. We worked extremely hard to get her to walk. Once we achieved that, we took her to learn how to skate. She has made amazing progress over the years due to Madison Ice Arena's adaptive skating option and we've had so much fun seeing her be able to achieve things we didn't think were possible. She wouldn't be able to skate without the adaptive offering at Madison Ice Arena. We've also recently adopted a 5 year-old boy who has cerebral palsy and severe hydrocephalus among other things. We are very excited to take him skating at the adaptive skating sessions this winter for the first time.

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Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and the lives of those who need adaptive options for skating and hockey.

Sincerely,

*Tania Van Orden*

*2506 Canterbury Road Madison, WI 217-454-3736*

**From:** [Jennifer Reich](#)  
**To:** [Wehelie, Nasra H](#); [mayor@cityofmafison.com](mailto:mayor@cityofmafison.com); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Public Ice Arena support  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 11:09:23 AM

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Dear Alder, Mayor and Finance committee,

As a tax payer and personal user of both Madison Ice Arena and Hartmeyer Ice Arena, I'm writing to you to let you know how important those public spaces are to the community.

They are heavily used and heavily loved by children and adults alike. We have kid & adult hockey teams, hockey teams for disabled adults and children, and adaptive skating programs for children with disabilities. We have various figure skating teams, and clubs that use it too. We have members of the community using those spaces for public skating at low cost. We have classes for learn to skate.

I have been using them for 12 years and have even taught skating to kids with and without disabilities. I know the joy the arenas bring and the need they fill for providing strongly competed for ice times.

I realize the complex nature of saving these spaces and hereby ask you to support keeping them, and providing city support for them. Outdoor hockey and skating will disappear and this greatly benefits the community.

Thank you!!!  
Jennifer Reich  
33 Scranton Ct Madison

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**From:** [Heather Duncan](#)  
**To:** [Vidaver, Regina](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 7:13:09 AM

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For some reason my first email seems to have only gone to Regina. Hopefully this one goes to everyone it is addressed to.

Thank you for your continued support of our

On Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 7:01 AM Heather Duncan <[clarabelle182016@gmail.com](mailto:clarabelle182016@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Regina, Mayor Rhodes-Conway, and finance Committee Members,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

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Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,

Heather Duncan

2141 Hollister Ave, Madison, WI 53726

**From:** [Kristin Larson](#)  
**To:** [Duncan, John](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 5:13:13 PM

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I would also add that MIA has launched several synchronized skating careers with Madison-based skaters moving from local teams to teams representing Team USA on the international stage and at the collegiate level. It would be a shame to curtail promising skating careers at a time when synchronized skating is gaining popularity.

Kristin Larson  
10 Black Stone Cir, Madison

On Nov 26, 2024, at 5:02 PM, Kristin Larson <krlarson414@msn.com> wrote:

Dear Alder Duncan,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

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My daughter developed her love of figure skating at MIA, participated in synchronized skating, coached and led the Learn to Skate program at MIA. This is an incredibly important opportunity to stabilize a vital asset in Madison. Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
*Kristin Larson*

*10 Black Stone Cir, Madison*

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Cathy Martin](#)  
**To:** [maydistrict19@cityofmadison.com](mailto:maydistrict19@cityofmadison.com); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Save our ice rinks for Madison's youth  
**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2024 8:23:47 PM

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I appreciate the support and enthusiasm you've shown for investing in the future of our community.

Supporting our youth in healthy activities is a worthwhile investment in the future of Madison!

This seems like a hands down easy debate to me.

I've been active in ice arenas in the state of Wisconsin for the past decade and have seen the level of enthusiasm other communities have for exercise and great fun on the ice while visiting their local ice arenas.

Madison youth are no different. Please invest in the future of our youth while supporting the East and West Madison indoor year around Ice rinks.

Madison community ice rinks are very busy, inclusive, and popular! Happy Madison youth participate in these ice sports Stop in anytime this weekend at Hartmeyer ice arena( if you can find a place on the bleachers to sit ) and participate in the fun.

*Thank you for supporting the Ice Arena Resolution next week .This resolution is essential to updating Madison's ice rinks and ensuring they remain a resource for our community. Thank you for considering this request."*

Catherine Martin

7305 Longmeadow Rd, Madison, WI 53717

608-220-9333

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**From:** [Erin Rodell](#)  
**To:** [Evers, Tag](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Please Support the Ice Arena Resolution on 11/26/2024  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 7:54:58 AM

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Dear Alder Evers,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. My daughter has made lasting friendships through the programming offered at these rinks. She has developed a sense of self, gained self confidence, leadership and willingness to try new and difficult things; these are all valuable skills we, as a community, want to instill in our children. These rinks offer a safe environment for kids to explore what they are capable of. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

Here's why this resolution is crucial:

- Operating revenue alone cannot cover the significant capital equipment replacements and repairs needed to keep the rinks operational.
- Users of these facilities have already begun fundraising for improvements, but debt forgiveness is essential to ensure long-term financial stability.
- With proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,  
Erin Rodell  
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**From:** [Rachel Holloway](#)  
**To:** [Guequierre, John](#); [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Madison Ice Arenas  
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Dear Alder Guequierre, Madison Alders and members of the Finance Committee:  
I just became aware of the resolution City's involvement in the future of two ice arenas, Madison Ice Arena and Hartmeyer Ice Arena.

I do not have an opinion at this time as to the specifics of how the arenas get owned or how the current debt gets managed (the resolution on the table appears to have potential to be amended in more than one way). However, I want to express my strong support for both of these facilities as important recreational facilities in the city. This includes the forgiveness of the debt associated with the rinks, if that is found to be feasible for the City's budget in the coming years. I would also support creative ideas for how these sites may be used in the future, such as locating other uses/businesses on the sites if that could help them sustain financially.

It is true that we have not had as many opportunities in recent years for outdoor ice skating due to warm (or fluctuating) winter weather. These rinks fill a unique niche in the "sports and recreation" landscape in our city, which is well known as a place for active lifestyles.

I am a regular user of both arenas. For the past two years, the Madison Ice Arena has been the primary space for my regular exercise regimen. Most months I skate there weekly, and during the summer when MIA was closed I went to the east side to skate at Hartmeyer. They have become my main workout space, in lieu of a gym membership. I find that ice time is critical for maintaining my physical and mental health, as well as providing a fun hobby. In addition, I have met several other skaters who are also regulars at these rinks -- it brings so much joy to have this comraderie and be part of the skating community!

The only drawback that I have experienced with these two rinks is the somewhat limited times available to skate. Public skating hours are during weekdays when I am normally working a 9-to-5 job. My workout time on the ice is so important that I have arranged my work schedule so I can skate on a late "lunch break" or make up the time by working late. (Thankfully my employer allows this, many people do not have such flexibility.)

I would be remiss to not mention that I also skate at the new Sub Zero rink at the UW Madison Bakke Center, as that fills the gaps when I cannot leave work to get to one of the other two rinks, or want to skate on the weekend because the schedule is more accommodating. But my preference is to skate at MIA if there were more times available, due to its location and ease of access and parking. We must use what we have available!

Please support Madison's public rinks! Thank you for your consideration.

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District 19 Resident

**From:** [Andrea Singletary](#)  
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**Cc:** [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)  
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Dear Alder Wehelie and members of the Finance Committee,

I'm writing to ask you to support the debt forgiveness resolution for Madison's ice arenas, which is being considered starting this evening.

For 64 years the Madison Ice Arena and its East-side counterpart, the Hartmeyer Ice Arena, have served thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit hockey and figure-skating clubs and are the home arenas for MMSD's four high school hockey teams. They offer free programming for low-income families, as well as adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Their "try hockey for free" events draw visitors from all over southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

The ice arenas, like many community groups, took a huge hit during the pandemic, and the debt forgiveness resolution is necessary to keep them solvent. Both facilities are bringing in enough income to keep the lights on day-to-day, but operating revenue alone cannot cover the significant capital equipment replacements and repairs needed to keep the rinks running. Users of these facilities have already begun fundraising for improvements, but debt forgiveness is essential to ensure long-term financial stability. With proper investment and support, which the resolution entails, these facilities can be self-sustaining and continue to thrive for years to come.

Due to climate change, outdoor skating opportunities in Wisconsin are becoming fewer each year. Losing the ice arenas would be a significant blow to winter sports and recreation across Dane County, one that will harm our whole community and have a direct impact on my family.

My 6-year-old son, Leo, was invited to join a friend at open skating this past February, and he was immediately smitten with the activity, asking to get back on the ice every chance he could. For him, the natural pathway to more ice time was youth hockey, so we signed up with the West Madison Polar Caps at the Madison Ice Arena. He's tried many other sports, but none have clicked the way hockey has. Rather than shutting down when he struggles with a skill, he's motivated to practice and get better. He's learning valuable lessons about teamwork, patience, community, and overcoming adversity. He's surrounded by positive role models in the form of older players. We've already seen the positive impacts of his participation at home and at school. I'm genuinely distressed at the idea that Leo and so many kids like him could permanently lose the ability to participate in a sport they love.

One of the best things about Madison is its investment in community spaces, from parks to lakes and everything in between. I hope that you will support this resolution to keep Madison

a vibrant hub for skating of all kinds for years to come.

Thank you,  
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Madison, WI 53719  
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**From:** [Pam Brandt](#)  
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To all whom it may concern:

I live on the east side of Madison and have a teenage daughter who has enjoyed skating at both the Madison Ice Arena and Hartmayer Ice Arena (among other rinks in Dane and Dodge County) since she was little. One of her coaches told me about the resolution before the Common Council regarding restructuring a loan and transferring ownership of Hartmayer, and I wanted to make sure you heard from me.

I imagine that there are many needs throughout our city that you must balance in your decision making and am grateful to you and the rest of the Council for your service. I don't know all of what is behind the decisions regarding the rinks, but I do know that they are well loved and used facilities that are in need of improved financial support.

Both Madison rinks are in high demand from a variety of people in our community, including folks with disabilities. A city like Madison isn't very friendly to folks with disabilities, purely because of our weather, so having places to go to learn/practice a sport made for you is very important. We have a family friend who plays sled hockey, and I have no idea where this could happen if not at Madison Ice Arena. I also mentioned my teenage daughter - she's been taking figure skating lessons since she was in early elementary school and has gone from weekly half hour lessons for a month and a half, to skating on a synchronized skating team that practices 10 hours a week and placed 4th nationally last season! Their Madison club and synchronized skating co-op have had an immensely positive impact on her development, physically and social/emotionally. She is proud to have a strong body and has learned many lessons about being a part of a team and working towards a common goal. She's worked over the summer to pass skills tests and is currently working through physical therapy to get back to skating full-time. Without this team and these coaches and teammates, it would have been much easier for her to get drawn into peer drama at school or get down on herself in a myriad of ways. It's tough being a kid, and our community needs to nurture and expand the opportunities available to our kids - not add to the financial pressures of maintaining or getting programs off the ground. In truth, ice sports already cost too much money and a lot of time. If my daughter didn't have myself, my wife, and my ex-husband and his wife, we couldn't afford to pay all the fees and expenses and volunteer.

The part of our community that uses/could use our rinks needs the Council's help to support our facilities and help the membership grow. More kids should have access to ice skating and associated sports, but that can't happen unless some of the financial burden on these facilities is eased. Please support the proposal to divide the rink ownership and support them financially. Our community, both present and future, need ice skating opportunities available right here in Madison. It's a sport that needs our investment and encouragement!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Best wishes to you.



Sincerely,  
Pam Brandt

**From:** [Laura Swisher](#)  
**To:** [Conklin, Nikki](#)  
**Cc:** [council](#); [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#)  
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Dear Alder Conklin -

Thank you in advance for reading my message. I hope it is helpful as you consider your support of the resolution that is to be discussed in your council meeting this evening...I wanted to include how much the rinks mean to us (it is a great deal) and I'll try not to make it too long.

My name is Laura Swisher and I live in your district (on Oxwood Circle). My husband and I moved to the area 10 years ago from Pittsburgh for an amazing opportunity for him. We were excited to join an amazing place where we had only spent long weekends despite it being far from home (we are both new englanders). When we told our then 5 year old son, Will, we were moving he asked two questions - it went something like this:

Will - "Okay - Wisconsin - well, what are they?"

Us - (looking puzzled) - "what do you mean?"

Will - "Will Pittsburgh is the Panthers - what is Madison?" (He was referring to the University of Pittsburgh's mascot.)

My Husband "The Badgers"

Will - "Okay, I can be a badger. Can I play hockey when we get there?"

Us - "Yes - we will work on it."

Our then 5 year, asked for a cookie and went to pack. We moved here 2 months later, looked for a close ice rink and quickly enrolled him in skating lessons and then 6 months later - he started playing for the West Madison Polar Caps in their cross ice program. Fast forward 10 years later and that 5 year old is still playing. Tonight as you are in your meeting, he will have his first game as a Memorial Spartan and he couldn't be more excited or proud to represent his school and his community. I am not one to get emotional but there will probably be a tear in my eye when he takes to the ice.

Over the past 10 years I think we have spent countless days, nights and early mornings at the rink for practices, games, volunteering, lessons, clinics and community events. The friends that he met playing have supported him throughout celebrations of his first goal to heart breaks of losing to a long time rival yet again. My son is not the best player on the ice by far but he loves the game. He has learned teamwork, perseverance, hard work, handling disappointment with his head held high and winning with grace ... and that is all because MIA gave him a place to play.

And he is just one of many many kids and adults who have benefited from the city's generosity. I can only imagine how hard your job and the job of your fellow council members is as you work to balance spending and community priorities. You must receive requests all day and from a number of perspectives. In your discussion

tonight about our rinks, I ask that for kids like Will you please strongly consider supporting the Ice Arena Resolution so that we can continue to provide these experiences for many more years to come. I have attached two photos of Will one from his first year as a Polar Cap and a second in his Memorial uniform. Despite the more grown up look on the most recent photo, please know he is smiling just as big as in the earlier one on the inside.

Thank you for your time, your effort and your dedication to our community. If you have any questions about my message - please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best - Laura Swisher  
412-260-2476





**From:** [Sheng Liu](#)  
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Dear Mayor and Alders,

I am urgently reaching out to ask for your immediate support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

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This issue is deeply personal to me. Madison Ice Arena is our home rink. My two sons, Oliver and Avery, practice figure skating there, and it is their dream to become athletes in this sport. Losing our home rink would make it incredibly difficult to support their aspirations. This isn't just about my family; hundreds of skating families have been bonded to these rinks for many years.

Additionally, it doesn't make sense for a rapidly developing city like Madison to be without a community ice rink. These facilities are essential for fostering community spirit and providing recreational opportunities for all residents. We live in Middleton, and Madison Ice Arena is the closest rink we can find. It is as important to us as it is to so many families with hardworking kids who just want to chase their dreams on the ice.

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We urgently need your help. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come. Please, consider this request with the utmost urgency.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sheng Liu, Oliver Liu and Avery Liu  
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