



MADISON PARKS

Board of Park Commissioners Public Information Office Report

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Blog Posts

Habitat Restoration in Kettle Pond Conservation Park

March 17, 2023 3:04 PM

To better maintain and expand the tallgrass in Kettle Pond Conservation Park, Madison Parks hired Field and Stream Restorations to "forestry mow" in the [northern portion of the park PDE](#). Forestry mowing uses larger equipment to cut and grind rough overgrowth leaving shredded stems, which slows and helps stop plant regrowth and also scatters the



Kettle Pond Conservation Park by Paul Lorentz

Check Out Disc Golf

April 20, 2023 11:54 AM

Local disc golf courses reopened this spring and a new opportunity began for locals interested in checking out the sport! Thanks to the coordination of the Madison park rangers, anyone with a valid Madison Public Library card can check out discs at any branches of the [Madison Public Library](#) (MPL) system.



discs – a driver, a fairway driver, a putter, and etiquette, and information on where you can play any City of Madison (winter) or a Dane County course. Normally these courses require a fee to play, but upon checkout, which serves as a discount for Dane County courses for free during the

increase access to the sport of disc golf to utilize," said Michaela Daly,

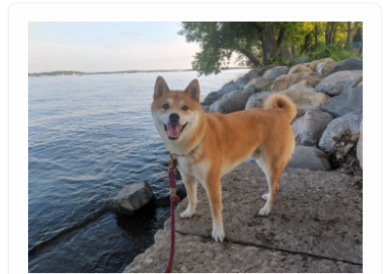
Potential Updates to Dogs in Parks

May 25, 2023 3:32 PM

For decades, dogs were unwelcome in Madison's parks. In 1973, an adopted ordinance essentially prohibited dogs in any public park, school grounds and City spaces. Recognizing this regulation was outdated and frustrating for park visitors, in 2015, Madison Parks established a more dog-friendly pilot program. Through thoughtful planning and public input, Madison Parks launched dog-friendly parks later that same year.

the number of dog-friendly parks has increased through review of the ordinance, the 2018 – 2023 plan is being updated as one of the top priorities for Madison Parks.

Long Range Planning and Parks policies and held a [robust public input](#) workshop and received 100 responses. As well as some owners leaving dog tags. In February 2023 (C) and the Madison Park Ordinance [8.19](#), at Madison parks.

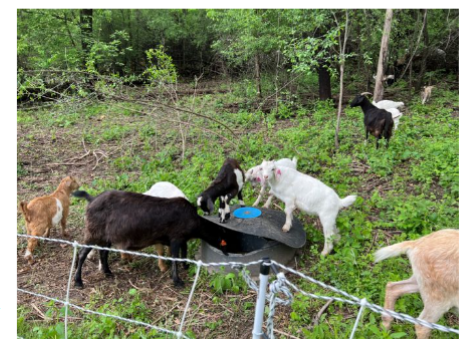


Kiba by Kayla Johnson

Wanted: Goat Checkers

June 21, 2023 9:01 AM

Madison Parks is seeking volunteers to assist with daily goat checks. Goat checkers will ensure the goats and their area are in good condition, ideally each morning and after a storm.



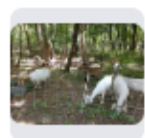
Duties include:

- Patrol the entire fence to ensure it is intact and no branches are leaning against it.
- Check the battery, energizer and connections to ensure the fence is energized.
- Check and refill the water tub. Parks staff will keep a tank or jugs of water on site.
- Check the general health and condition of the goats. They should be either walking around and eating, or resting. They are usually all doing the same thing at the same time. Look for any signs of distress, illness, or injury in individual goats. (i.e. limping, bleeding, panting, lying still or unconscious when all others are moving around)
- Make sure warning signs ("Caution: electric fence") are posted on or next to the fence at each place where people will first encounter it. For example, a sign at each corner of a paddock adjacent to a trail, or a sign where a paddock crosses a trail.

Ideally, volunteers cover all days and all sites through mid-September. While the exact timing of each location is hard to predict, we anticipate the following schedule, which is subject to change:

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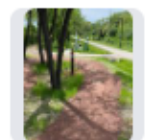
Highest Reaching & Engagement: Social Media



Wanted: Goat Checkers! Madison Parks is seeking volunteers to assist with daily goat checks. Follow the link to learn more, and to register. <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/blog/?id=30886> #goatsinparks #goats #madisonparks #landmanagement #sustainability

Wed, Jun 21

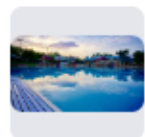
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| Post reach | Engagement |
| 13,958 | 2,095 |



NEW Bicycle Adventure Trail! Running alongside the Cannonball Bike Path, the Cannonball Bicycle Adventure Trail is a fun & unique bike trail for all rider levels. The trail runs from Post Rd. to just south of the Cannonball Bike & Ped Overpass and features hills, decks, berms and the "shred to school" trail. See website for more:...

Wed, Jun 21

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| Post reach | Engagement |
| 5,954 | 1,311 |



All is calm.... before Friday's opening of the Goodman Pool! Look for a special announcement by 9am Friday!
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool/>

Thu, Jun 8

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| Post reach | Engagement |
| 3,412 | 377 |



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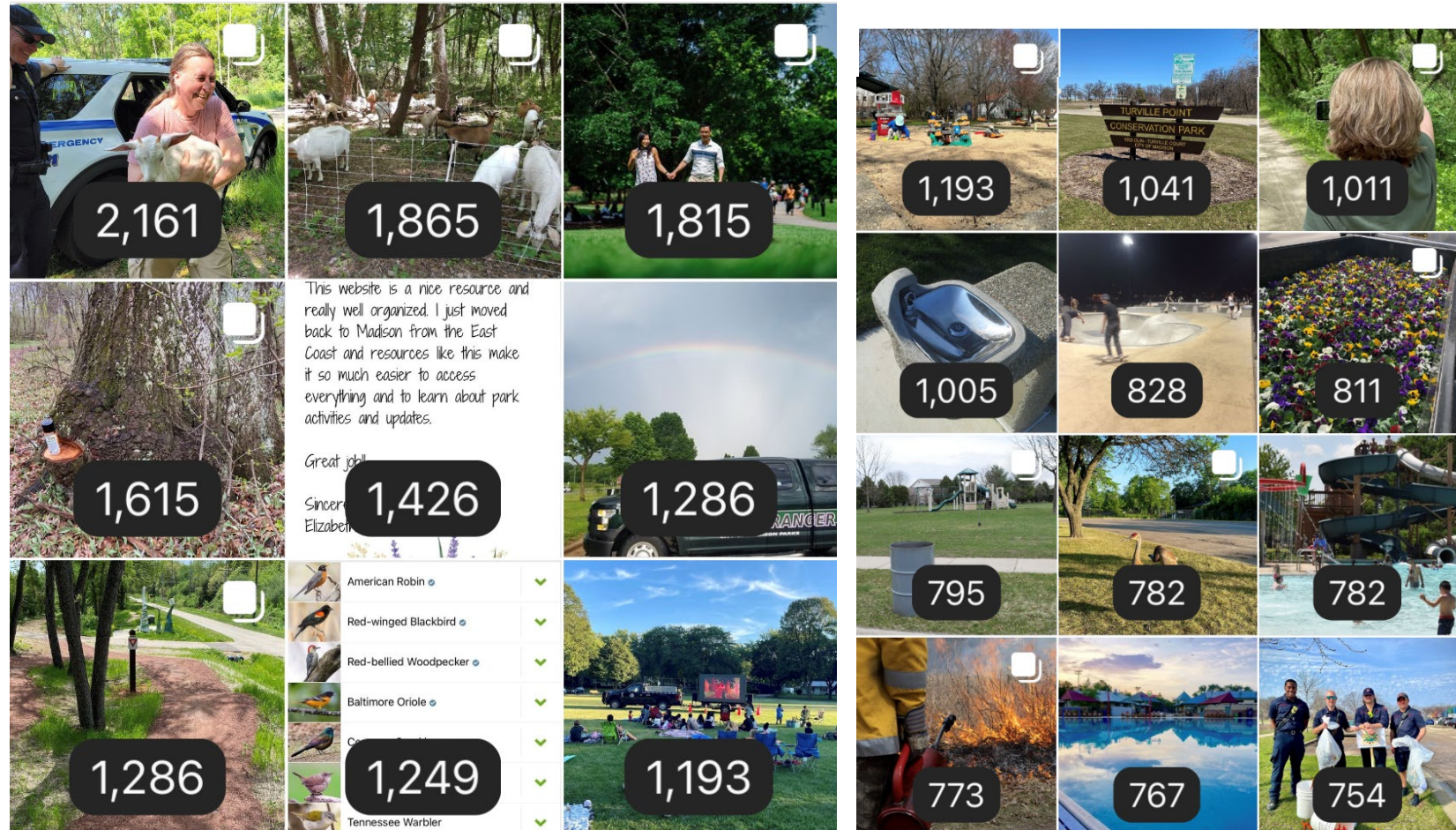
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| 2,071 | 352 |

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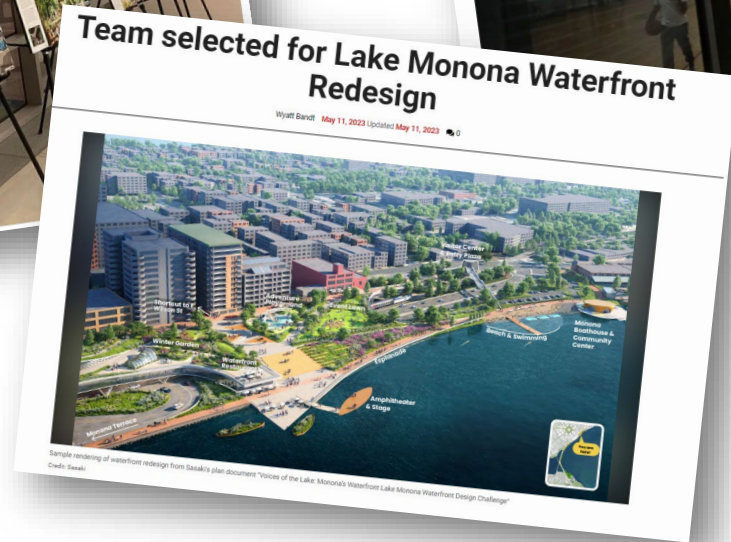
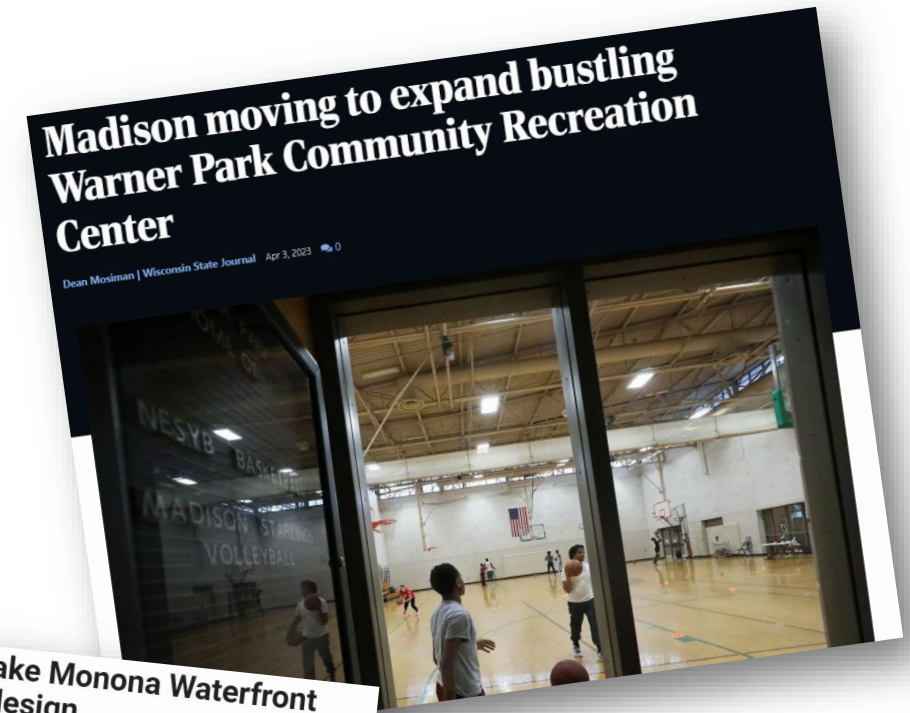
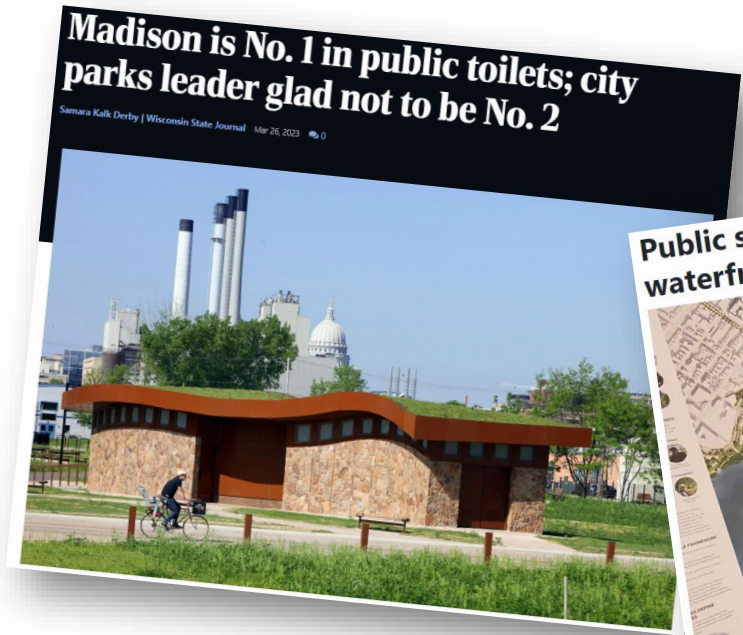
- Goats for the win
- Followed by Dogs



In the News Highlights April – June 2023

- Lake Monona Waterfront
- Madison is No. 1 in public toilets
- Golf courses opening
- Lifeguard shortages
- Goodman Pool, beaches
- Olbrich Park, Botanical Gardens & Atwood Ave.
- Prescribed fire
- Bird & Nature Festival
- Earth Day Challenge / volunteering
- Quann Park dog park memorial
- SpringFest Arts and Crafts Fair
- Disc golf, #checkoutdiscgolf
- Dogs in Parks
- Permit Free Weekend
- Pickleball
- Warner Park

In the News Highlights



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Madison Parks' Earth Day Challenge invites volunteers to clean up parks
April 22 initiative looks to connect community through environmental

Celia Hiorns | Apr 18, 2023



The Madison Parks is hosting the Earth Day Challenge on Saturday, April 22 at various parks across the city.
Photo by Erin Hughes courtesy of Madison Parks
In an effort to help make community spaces better for everyone, Madison Parks is hosting the Earth Day Challenge on Saturday, April 22 at various parks across Madison.

BIRDING | 'I FOUND A COMMUNITY'
Madison a 'hub' for welcoming diverse birders

Gayle Worland | Wisconsin State Journal | May 8, 2023



Feminist Bird Club-Madison Chapter members visit Lakeshore Nature Preserve last year.
CAITLYN SCHUCHHARDT

Among the Madison Public Library stacks, a 'library of things'

Gayle Worland | Wisconsin State Journal | May 15, 2023



Molly Warren, library collections manager, and Liz Boyd, right, marketing specialist, display some of the items in Madison Public Library's "Library of Things" at Central Library, including disc golf kits and portable record players.
AMBER ARNOLD, STATE JOURNAL

On The Horizon

- Lifeguard Recruiting
 - Working with City Media all summer to create lifeguard recruiting videos
- Land Management Plan
 - 10 Ten Invasives
 - Snakes in the Park
 - Organic Athletic Fields
- Boat Launch Kiosks & Signs
- Disc Golf Kiosk Signs
- Volunteer Coordinator – newsletter, website