



**MADISON
PARKS**

Fireworks at Warner Park Debrief of Summer 2024 Shows

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2024 Fireworks Approval

- Up to 7 fireworks shows approved by Board of Park Commissioners on March 13, 2024, with the following conditions:
 - The first show on June 28 must be rescheduled to later in the season if the eaglets were not fully fledged
 - Eaglet fledging to be observed by citizen scientists and confirmed by Parks Division Rangers
 - One show must be a low-decibel show
 - Two shows must be for softball games, one of which a full fireworks show

2024 Season

- Seven fireworks shows were held
- Eaglets were fledged on June 24, confirmed by Parks Division Rangers
- Low decibel show was held on July 26

July 3rd, 2024

July 4th, 2024

July 19th, 2024

July 26th, 2024

August 2nd, 2024

August 3, 2024 (rain date)

August 9th, 2024 (rain date)

Community Meeting – October 23, 2024

Concerns

- Noise
 - Concerns for birds and other wildlife
 - Concerns for pets
 - Concerns for PTSD survivors
 - Bothersome to people
 - Timing of shows – some too late
- Pollution
- Alternatives to fireworks exist

Benefits

- Many people enjoy fireworks
- Family friendly activity known to be popular with fans
- Legal shows discourage illegal firework activity
- Community supportive of Mallards and the economic development they bring

Next Steps

- Fireworks shows must be approved by the Board of Park Commissioners and the Madison Fire Department on an annual basis.
- Seeking the Board of Park Commissioner's feedback on any changes that should be incorporated into future fireworks show requests.