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Golf Madison Parks

Where can you go for quality and affordable golf in Madison? There's no need to travel far, just stop at one of Madison Parks four premiere golf courses for a playing experience you won't forget. Whether you're a regular on the green or just starting out, Madison's golf courses are suited for golfers at any level.

Each course offers golfers a variety of playing experiences, from the historical greens of Glenway, to the challenging course at Odana Hills, the scenic greens at Monona and the spacious range at Yahara Hills. Affordability is a top priority for each course and the prices reflect the commitment of Madison Parks to ensure that all who are interested, can golf. There are also a variety of 9-hole and 18-hole green fees, season passes, and special discounts for seniors, youth and corporate events. All courses are PGA professionally managed. At any of Madison Parks four golf courses, you'll enjoy a great experience at an affordable price.

Glenway Golf Course
9-Hole Executive Course, 3747 Speedway Road (608) 266-4737

Monona Golf Course
9-Hole Regulation Course, 111 East Dean Avenue (608) 266-4736

Odana Hills Golf Course
18-Hole Regulation Course, 4635 Odana Road, (608) 266-4724

Yahara Hills Golf Course
36-Hole Regulation Course, 6701 E. Broadway, (608) 838-3126

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Madison Parks pleased to announce that the Golf Madison Parks has joined forces with The First Tee® of South Central Wisconsin to host the chapter's home site at Monona Golf Course and to make affordable access to golf available to all area youth!

The First Tee® is an international youth development organization that utilizes golf to teach all kids skills that will benefit them for life. The mission of The First Tee is: to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

A generous scholarship program is available through The First Tee® program. Please note: If your child qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program at school, he or she is eligible for a scholarship in The First Tee®. Even if your child does not qualify for the reduced or free lunch program, he or she may qualify for a program scholarship. Scholarship questions may be directed to Joni Dye, joni.dye@gmail.com

•Website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/golf/monona/TheFirstTee.cfm>

•National – The First Tee website: www.thefirsttee.org

•Questions about The First Tee® program and scholarships? Please email joni.dye@gmail.com or call (608) 354-9875



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30+ Year Dedication to Madison Parks

Early this month, thirteen Parks Employees were asked by the Parks Superintendent to attend a very important business meeting. While the meeting was important, it wasn't necessarily about business, but rather to recognize these employees for their 30+ years of hard work and dedication to the Madison Parks Division.

"The legacy of those who came before us and built this park system has been fostered by this group of people," says Kevin Briski, Madison Parks Superintendent. "The knowledge and experience of the past 30 years has been passed down to newer generations."

This group of employees have worked in every aspect of the Parks Division – from Henry Vilas Zoo, to the ice rinks, to construction, to golf, to conservation, general park maintenance and administration.

As one of the employees stated that day, "At the end of the day, it's not about who did the work, but that it gets done."

Congratulations to all of you – and THANK YOU for all that you have done!

Goodman Pool to open for the season on Friday, June 10 at noon - officially named Goodman Day Goodman's Jewelers to sponsor the first 500 kids through the gates

Madison Parks is excited to announce that Goodman Pool, 325 Olin Avenue, will open for the season on Friday, June 10, noon-7p.m. To honor the pool benefactors, Irwin and Robert Goodman, the first official day of the swimming season has been named "Goodman Day."

Goodman's Jewelers, 220 State Street, will be sponsoring the day by providing free admission to the first 500 kids to come to the pool that day.

"Goodman's Jewelers is proud to sponsor this event at the Madison Parks Goodman Pool in honor of Irwin and Robert Goodman," says John Hayes, owner of Goodman's Jewelers.

Irwin and Bob Goodman were long-time supporters of many organizations in Madison, including Madison Parks. Their donation of \$2.8 million for the construction of the pool was needed impetus to get a pool built in Madison. Even after the pool was built, they continued to support it by establishing a scholarship fund. Hundreds of children, regardless of their income level, have learned how to swim at Madison Parks Goodman Pool.

"Madison Parks was fortunate to have friends like Irwin and Robert Goodman. The Goodman Foundation continues to support the Goodman Pool Scholarship program which provides funding to hundreds of youth each summer," says Kevin Briski, Madison Parks Superintendent. "We are thankful to Goodman Jewelers in following in Irwin & Robert's generous spirit by sponsoring the first 500 kids to come through the gate on Goodman Day at the pool."

Madison Parks Goodman Pool, 325 Olin Avenue, opens for the season on Friday, June 10. Swimming lessons are filling up fast – register now on-line. Season Passes are also on sale now. They can be purchased at the pool, by phone at (608) 264-9292 or on-line at www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool

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Let Goodman Pool and Gilbert the Goodman Guppy help you host a Splash-tacular Birthday - You bring the kids – we'll supply the fun!
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Scott Cramer,
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Tom Tierman, Jay
Schiro, Ricky Bennett



Catch the Wave - and
sign up for Madison's
newest swim team!
The Goodman Pool
Waves swim team
is Madison's newest
addition to the All-City
Swim League.

**Ages: Youth, ages 6-18
by June 1**

**Dates: June 13 – July
30; All City Swim Meet,
July 28-30**

**Times: Mon-Fri 10a.m.
– 11:30a.m.**

Cost: \$180

**Scholarships Available
Enrollment: On-line or
call 608-245-3691**

**For more information:
www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool**

Madison's Bicycle-Friendly Rankings

#4 in 2011 by the League of American Bicyclists, reported by CNBC

#7 Most Bike-Friendly City in America, Bicycling Magazine, April 2010

#1 City for Cycling (Population: 200,000-500,000) Bicycling, March, 2006

Best Outside Towns 2006: Madison Rated Best Road Biking Town in America, Outside, August, 2006

Madison Ranked Best City for an Active Retirement, Forbes Magazine, February 2011

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Madison Parks STAYcation – Get on Your Bikes and Ride!

Have the high gas prices and today's economy put a damper on your family's vacation plans? Don't cancel your vacation; instead have a Madison Parks STAYcation. Madison is one of the nation's most bike friendly cities in the US, with many of the roads equipped with a separate bike lane. Madison has 43 miles of bike paths, 87 miles of bike lanes, and over 116 miles of bike routes total. Even Madison Metro buses are adorned with bike racks to stow bikes while using the bus.

There are many benefits to bicycling: improved overall health; it's an outdoor activity the entire family can enjoy together; and it's a simple, affordable, convenient mode of transportation. And let us not forget, riding a bike doesn't harm the environment! Pack up your bikes, your helmets, and a picnic and enjoy the afternoon on the trails that link up many of Madison's parks.

Madison's commitment to this healthy and active lifestyle is also encouraged through events like **Ride the Drive**. If you haven't hopped on a bike yet this year, **Sunday, June 5th** would be a great time to start. Feel the rush of the isthmus breezes in your hair as you bike, walk, skate, or skip through the streets of downtown Madison. Join us 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a car-free six mile loop including John Nolen Drive, State Street, around the Capitol Square, and East Washington Avenue.

Ride the Drive is much more than just a venue for bike riding. Along the route, there will be activities, vendor booths, musicians, food and plenty of other ways to enjoy our city. While you are downtown, be sure to enjoy the fine dining and shopping that Downtown Madison has to offer. For more information on Ride the Drive including route and activities,

visit: www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive

Thanks to a new program popping up in cities around the country called **B-cycle**, you don't have to own a bike to be able to enjoy its benefits. B-cycle is an urban bike sharing program that allows you to rent bikes. Trek Bicycle has graciously donated this new B-cycle system to the City of Madison, an initial investment of over 2 million dollars. The one year membership for the Madison B-cycle program costs a mere thirty cents a day. Or you can use your credit card to purchase a one day pass for 10 dollars, and that amount includes 10 dollars towards a membership. The bikes have adjustable seats for people of all sizes, as well as a basket for easy carrying. There are currently six active B-cycle rental racks spanning the downtown Madison area, and another 30 racks are supposed to be activated over the next two months including several parks such as, Olbrich Park, Tenney Park, Brittingham Park, and Vilas Park. To join or learn more about B-cycle, go to www.madison.becycle.com/.

So whether you are going to participate in the Ride the Drive event, commute to work, race along miles of the Madison bike path, or just take a leisurely bike ride with the family, Madison holds biking opportunities for everyone. So tune up and dust off your bike, or rent a B-cycle bike and you can help reduce carbon emissions, increase your fitness level, save money, and most importantly, have fun. For more information on routes, maps, safety, or any other information on biking in Madison, visit www.cityofmadison.com/bikeMadison.





Stop in for a Cup of Coffee – Warner Park Perks

The Warner Park Community Recreation Center has a new coffee kiosk called the “Warner Park Perks”. The Signature Blend Coffees available include: Hazelnut, French Vanilla, Medium Roast and Decaf.



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CAR-FREE, CARE FREE CITY STREETS



RIDE THE DRIVE is a celebration of Madison’s commitment to healthy, active lifestyles. This community event is an invitation for all citizens to leave their cars behind to experience some of Madison’s most scenic byways a whole new way - by riding, walking, skating, or strolling along some of our city’s most beautiful streets.

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH 2011 10am - 3pm

RIDE THE DRIVE is FREE, open-to-the-public, and a family event — a whole new way to experience our great city.

Join us for a car-free, 6-mile loop from John Nolen Drive to East Washington, around the Capitol Square to State Street and back. Along the route, there will be activities, information booths, food vendors, and plenty of other ways to enjoy the city.



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Madison Parks Shelters

Madison Parks offers a variety of shelters for your Memorial Day picnic, graduation party or Father's Day celebration. The Madison Parks Shelters can accommodate a variety of guests from a large party of 200 guests to an intimate party of 10.

Gates of Heaven 2011

Fri-Sun 2 hour blocks
\$110.00

Weekdays until 3 p.m.
\$90.00

Weekdays 4 p.m. - 10
p.m. \$100.00

Key Deposit
(refundable) \$300.00

Wedding Package
\$500.00 – The package includes 2 hours of rehearsal time, 4 hours use of the facility on the day of the wedding and a park attendant for the 4 hours on the day of the wedding.

Parks Staff (set-up/
attendant) \$45 per hour
(minimum of 2 hours)

To reserve call 608-
266-4711

Gates of Heaven - a Part of Madison's History

1863 – The Gates of Heaven synagogue was built by the Shaarei Shamayim (Gates of Heaven) congregation. The Gates of Heaven Synagogue was built in 1863 during the peak of the Civil War, which was named and used by this congregation for 16 years and became the first synagogue to exist in Madison. The quaint building was perfect for the congregation that never became greater than 20 Jewish families. Gates of Heaven was designed by August Kutzbach, an architect from Prussia. Kutzbach moved from Prussia to Madison in 1854 where he demonstrated his Romanesque Revival architectural style by designing Governor Farwell's Mansion (Soldier's Orphan Home), Madison's first City Hall, the 2nd State Capitol building.

1916 – The building was sold by the congregation. A variety of businesses bought or rented the building. It has been used as a funeral parlor, tea room, beauty shop, office for congressional campaigns, government storage facility, headquarters of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the First Church of Christ Scientist, the English Lutheran Church, and as a location for many professional and business ventures including dental and veterinarian services.

July 17, 1971 – Originally located on 214 West Washington Ave., the building was left standing alone on an empty city block waiting for its fate of demolition just like its neighbors in order for the block to be replaced with a modern ten story bank. Due to its 1970 acceptance to the National Register of Historic Places and the efforts of Madison's devoted citizens, specifically Norton and Lois Stoler, who raised \$20,000 to preserve the building through their grassroots efforts, the synagogue was purchased by the city in 1971 and moved eight blocks to its current location on the shores of Lake Mendota in James Madison Park on July 17, 1971.

Today the building is currently a popular wedding site, used for concerts and memorable locations, and is a beautiful historic landmark. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the 148 year old synagogue in its new location. The rentable building, owned by the City of Madison, is preserved through continuing landscaping and beautification projects through the Gates of Heaven Preservation Fund.

Join us as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Gates of Heaven in James Madison Park on July 17, 2011 – exactly 40 years to the day after the original move.

40 years in James Madison Park

July 17 from 2-4p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the 40 year anniversary of Gates of Heaven in James Madison Park.

Share your stories of this building while celebrating its rich history.

Gates of Heaven, Madison Parks
302 E. Gorham Street

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VISION:
To provide the ideal system of parks, natural resources and recreation opportunities which will enhance the quality of life for everyone.

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Employee of the Month Laura Bauer

The Madison Parks Division Employee of the Month program recognizes employees who have exhibited outstanding performance in the areas of customer service, leadership, work ethic or an exemplary Parks Ambassador. All employees are eligible for nomination by their peers, supervisors or by those they supervise.

Laura Bauer is the Public Works Leadworker for the State Street Mall/Concourse section. She has worked for Madison Parks for the last 19 years. After graduating from UW-Madison with a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources, Laura started her adventure in Madison Parks in the Golf section. She has enjoyed working in the various sections in our department from Olbrich Gardens, Golf, Ice Maintenance, West Parks and finally at the State Street Mall/Concourse section.

Laura was nominated and won in the category of Outstanding Leadership. She, along with Tom Skaife, has been in charge of the personnel since February 15, 2011 – otherwise known as the first day of the Capitol Rallies. “Laura and her crew were asked to go above and beyond the call of duty during this time period in keeping the capitol concourse free of trash,” says Kevin Briski. Laura and the crews appreciated the efforts of the demonstrators in keeping the grounds as trash-free as possible.

The Mall/Concourse section has the responsibility of keeping State Street and the capitol concourse areas maintained in all kinds of weather. They also assist in some capacity with over 200 events held yearly on these streets – from Freakfest to Farmers Markets. Laura enjoys the challenge of working with the various departments it takes to put on these events, as well as the merchants.

When she's not working in Madison's parks, she's enjoying time with her friends and her new puppy Findlay, as well as camping and backpacking.

Congratulations Laura!

Beaches to open with Lifeguard Services on Saturday June 11

Regional Beaches: BB Clarke, Olbrich, Tenney and Vilas hours will be daily from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Neighborhood Beaches: Bernie's, Esther, James Madison, Olin, Spring Harbor and Warner Beaches hours will be daily from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Conditions of the beaches change often. The Health Department monitors the weekly condition and bacteria count at the beaches. Check the website for weekly beach conditions.

www.cityofmadison.com/beaches



Rubber Ducky River Race Raises \$5000 for Goodman Pool Scholarships

Thank you to everyone who came out for the 3rd Annual Rubber Ducky River Race at Burr Jones Park. Despite unseasonably cool May temperatures, we raised almost \$5000 for Goodman Pool Scholarships.

Thank you to our sponsors and partners, Madison Mallards, West Bend, Wingra Boats and Madison Parks Foundation



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