

## A Fall Ride the Drive Event Sunday, September 25, 2011, 10a.m. – 3p.m.

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The City of Madison and Madison Parks are pleased to host a Fall Ride the Drive, presented by Trek on September 25, 2011 from 10am-3pm. Ride the Drive is a community event that turns a 5-mile loop of Madison's signature streets into a public promenade that is open to bikers, walkers, rollerbladers, and those out to share in the experience and fun atmosphere. This popular event has drawn over 20,000 families, friends, and recreation enthusiasts to each event.

Mayor Paul Soglin stated: "I am pleased with the collaboration that has gone into planning this great event. I know City Parks, Trek officials and leaders from downtown businesses and churches have been working hard to make sure we have another successful event. I think the small changes that have been made to assist motorists get to their downtown destinations will work well. I encourage everyone to join us downtown the on September 25<sup>th</sup>."

"We are excited to present the Fall Ride the Drive. This family-friendly event allows us to get out of our cars and see and hear Madison in a whole new way," says Kevin Briski, Madison Parks Superintendent. "I want to thank Trek for their continued support of Ride the Drive."

Krista Rettig, Trek Advocacy and Government Relations Manager says, "We are proud to support such a great event that promotes a healthy and active lifestyle in the city of Madison. It's initiatives like Ride the Drive that put Madison on the map with other progressive and bike friendly communities across the nation.

While the roads on the route are opened to bicycles, by no means is downtown Madison closed to cars wanting to get in or out of the area.

The downtown shops and restaurants are open for business and there is ample parking available in the ramps and side streets.

Slight changes to the route will make it even easier for shoppers and cars to get around the isthmus. For vehicular traffic, the inbound lane of East Washington Avenue will remain open all the way to the Capitol Square. There are nine intersections where you can cross the route. Included is Butler Street which is useful for vehicles wishing to access the south/east side of the isthmus.

The Ride the Drive route includes John Nolan Drive, to Blair Street, and up to the Capitol using the outbound lane of East Washington Avenue. Like the earlier June event, the Ride the Drive route will then proceed around the Capitol Square with bikers riding 'against' the traditional flow of traffic and proceeding to State Street, Gilman Street, Frances Street, Bedford Street, to Brittingham Park at North Shore Drive, and back on John Nolan Drive.

The popular entertainment villages will be located at the Peace Park, Capitol Square, Olin Park and Brittingham Park.

This year's events have many ways for the community to participate. Corporations can help sponsor the event. Local businesses and organizations can rent a booth or host an activity along the route. Volunteers are needed to help set up and throughout the day. And of course, we invite all to come out and Ride the Drive. The event is free and open to the public.

For more route information, maps, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for this event, please visit the Ride the Drive website at [www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive](http://www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive)



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[www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive](http://www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive)

# Goodman Pool Waves – A Successful First Season

By Sean Madden, Madison Parks Intern

In just their first season, the Goodman Waves are ready to make a splash at this year's Madison All-City Swim Meet. The meet, taking place July 28-30 at Parkcrest Pool, will be the culmination of a fun learning experience for the kids on the team.

When the Waves' season began, most of the swimmers had no swim meet experience. Coach Kathleen Grabowski remembers the team's first competition and acknowledged that the coaches had a lot to teach the swimmers.

"The key for the first meet was for everyone to get to their races on time and finish races," she said. "By the end of the meet, we were on top of things."

Coach Dana Johnson admitted having to explain a lot to her swimmers about the structure of the meet, but saw them develop over the course of the events.

"The kids were nervous about competition, but at their age that was really excitement," she said. "After the meet, they were beaming. They wanted to improve personally, but also got excited for each other's races and really developed a team mentality."

Although meets are where the swimmers tend to show the most improvement, many enjoy the day-to-day practices. Even on a colder morning, kids are ready to get in the pool. The coaches help this by getting in the pool with their groups and even working in some Spanish into pre-practice stretching.

Head Coach Jacob Johnson has already seen the team surpass expectations. He was surprised at the amount of participation on the team and believes

the kids are enthusiastic about improving and looking like good swimmers.

Johnson also recognizes that the Waves are different from other All-City clubs.

"The team has a lot of older beginner kids who show a ton of improvement, improve every day," he said. "This team is also diverse across the age groups and this reflects the make-up of our pool."

One of these newcomers to the sport is 12-year-old Pierre Ruffin, whose prior connection to swimming was only through movies and television. Despite this, Ruffin insisted on trying swimming after hearing about the new Waves team.

"In my heart, I felt I should swim and that [swimming] should always be there for me," Ruffin said. "I love to exercise and just be in the water."

Ruffin has noticed some definite improvements in his swimming and credits this in part to the coaches.

"The coaches are willing to help you anytime and help you with anything," he said. "I never knew how to back float, now I can do backstroke and even breaststroke."

Grabowski thinks the swimmers enjoying their time on the team while improving and hopes they will return to the team and bring their friends.

"It's about personal development: dropping time, trying different strokes, making friends" she said. [At Goodman], everybody has the opportunity to get involved in something that I know I've enjoyed."

These aspects are not lost on swimmers like 17-year-old Janaina Rodriguez.

"I like the diversity on the team, it helps you keep an open mind," she said. "You get to meet new people and you really bond with people at the swim meets."

Rodriguez also swims for the Madison West High School team, but has a special appreciation for being a part of this team along with her younger sister and brother.

"Having the younger kids here is different than high school, which means it is more relaxed, but people are still passionate," she said. "Everyone has their own goals, but it is mainly about swimming for fun."

This was apparent at the first-ever swim meet hosted by the Goodman Waves on July 23. Even though Goodman was competing against teams with more experience and more seasoned



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swimmers, this did not discourage the competitive spirit of the swimmers. This first home meet was the highlight of the season for Ruffin, who especially enjoys competing in relays with his teammates and was hopeful for a Waves victory in the meet.

While many of the kids had first place in mind, parents of all the teams were supportive of the swimmers no matter where they were positioned in the pool. As a parent of a Waves swimmer, Brenda Kunde is quick to give praise to the coaching staff.

“My son is on the team and loves it,” parent Brenda Kunde said. “The coaches are superb and truly care for the kids.”

Pool Manager Brad Weisinger admitted that starting the swim team was a challenge, but cannot say enough good things about how the team developed under Jacob Johnson.

“His rapport with the kids is second-nature and he helps to build a network of parents, because

he is well-known and connected,” Weisinger said. “Jacob is instrumental in making the operation of the team work. His name is synonymous with success.”

Parent Michael Berkowitz appreciates the opportunity that the Goodman Waves team has provided. Specifically, the Shelley Glover Foundation, which provided scholarships to about one-third of the team, gives Berkowitz and other families access to the swim team.

“My kids love the pool so we are thankful for the Shelley Glover Foundation,” he said. “I imagine many kids couldn’t be on the team without it”

The scholarships pay for things like team dues, apparel and equipment, but Kunde said the foundation represents so much more.

“I cannot tell you how much this means to me, as a single Mom to have my son be able to join this team, and have a peace of mind with the trusting people through the Goodman Pool.”



## Big Wheels Saturday, September 17, 2011, 9am-noon

Goodman Pool Parking Lot  
325 East Olin Avenue

website: [www.cityofmadison.com/parks/kids/BigWheels.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/kids/BigWheels.cfm)

Madison Parks is pleased to present Big Wheels on September 17th from 9am-noon. This special event will provide kids of all ages a chance to get an up-close look at all the unique trucks and heavy machinery used around Madison. It will also provide an opportunity for attendees to meet the people who use these trucks on a day to day basis. Come and climb on and explore your favorite vehicles including big rigs, fire engines, police cars and construction trucks. This event is free. We look forward to seeing you at this fun family event!

### Schedule

9am-9:45am: No Horn Zone

9:45am-Noon: Noise Zone

### Event Details

Limited parking will be available at the Goodman Maintenance Facility located behind the Goodman Pool at 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway.

**Questions:** Please contact 608-267-4711 or [awhisner@cityofmadison.com](mailto:awhisner@cityofmadison.com)

**James Madison Park**  
**614 E. Gorham Street**  
[www.cityofmadison.com/parks/jamesmadison](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/jamesmadison)

If you haven't seen James Madison Park lately, it's time to look again. The park now features a refreshed shelter, available for rent starting in July and a snack shack! Plan your group's event or picnic while taking in the magnificent scenery along the scenic shoreline of Lake Mendota. The shelter is easily accessible from downtown or campus bike routes and street parking is also available. You'll be amazed at the amount of green space and panoramic lake views!

**James Madison Park Shelter – Available for your party reservation**

It has been several years since the shelter at James Madison Park has been available for reservation. But come and discover the incredible views of Lake Mendota this incredible shelter has to offer your next party. The shelter is ideal for family reunions, student organizations or any other group gathering.

The James Madison Park Shelter can accommodate up to 60 people and has water and restrooms on site. Reserving the shelter on weekdays is only \$82. For weekends and holidays, pay \$125 for the entire day (10 a.m.-10 p.m.) or \$90 for half-day reservations. Amplified sound is permitted for a four-hour period until 9 p.m. The park is alcohol-free, so serving alcohol will require an alcohol permit.

To reserve this shelter for your next event, please call (608) 266-4711.

**James Madison Movie Nights**

Madison musicians Kia Karlen and Geoff Brady present two James Madison Movie Nights in James Madison Park, featuring free screenings of classic silent films with live musical accompaniment. Screenings begin at 8:30 pm in front of the James Madison Park Shelter (inside the shelter in the event of rain). Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy refreshments from the James Madison Park Snack Shack prior to the screening.

**Sunday, August 21: The Golem (Germany, 1920)**

Original score by Geoff Brady, performed by Yid Vicious

Help build a clay Golem sculpture at the park 7-8:30 pm with artist Cheryl DeWelt Robinson

The Golem tells the centuries-old story of Rabbi Loew in 16th century Prague. Informed through supernatural means that an unseen threat faces the Jewish people of Prague, Loew creates the

Golem, a mythic, massive automaton made out of clay and brought to life by the placement of a magic amulet upon his chest. The Golem protects the Jews of Prague from the imminent threat of the Emperor, but eventually, in the tradition of all such man-made movie monsters, runs terribly amok.

**Sunday, August 28: The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (Germany, 1920)**

Improvised score created and performed by Geoff Brady, Arthur Durkee, Kia Karlen, and JoAnne Pow!ers

The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari is one of the most influential of German Expressionist films and is often considered one of the greatest horror movies of the silent era. This movie is cited as having introduced the twist ending in cinema.

This project is funded by a Blink! grant from Madison Arts Commission, with additional support from Madison Parks and WORT 89.9 FM.



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# OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS

## Free Guided Garden Strolls at Olbrich

Enjoy free Guided Garden Strolls at Olbrich Botanical Gardens every Sunday through September 25! Get an insider's view of Olbrich's outdoor gardens. All ages are welcome for this drop-in, casual overview of the Gardens by Olbrich's expert volunteer guides.

Guided garden strolls are 45 to 60 minutes long and will vary according to the season and ever-changing beauty to reflect the garden areas that are at peak interest.

Strolls begin at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. and start in the lobby near the Garden entrance. No registration is required. Strolls are held rain or shine and will be cancelled only in the event of dangerous lightning.



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## Have Bales of Fun on Madison Parks Hayrides

Enjoy a crisp fall evening with a hayride in Madison Parks. Madison Parks is offering hayrides in Elver and Olin Parks this October and November. Perfect for scout troops, community groups, or family outings – Madison Parks hayrides will treat your group to a tour of a beautiful park and enjoy friendly campfire with 'smores.

Each hayride trip is one hour: 30 minute ride, 30 minute campfire and 'smores. The wagon, pulled by a tractor, will take your group on a scenic tour of the park. Please note that participants will need to enter/exit the wagon using a step ladder.

Registration: Call Madison Parks Office at 266-4711

Cost: \$85.00 + tax per group (1-24 people). Advance registration required.

Times: Thursdays – Saturdays, 6:00p.m., 7:15p.m. & Sundays, 4:00p.m., 5:15p.m.

For more information, please call 266-4711 or visit Madison Parks at [www.cityofmadison.com/parks](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks)

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## Lisa Link Peace Park

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### Lisa Link Peace Park – Available for performance reservation

Take advantage of the new Peace Park! The recently refurbished Lisa Link Peace Park, conveniently-located right on State Street, is the perfect space to plan your music performances, events and rallies.

Peace Park is ideally located amongst the excitement of State Street. After checking out all that State Street has to offer, come and relax at Peace Park with family and friends. After a day filled with shopping and dining, you will appreciate the plentiful green space and seating area to take a break from a busy day.

If you are simply looking for a place to showcase your new band, look no further! Peace Park is well suited for an intimate concert experience and will surely attract people walking along State Street. The performance area has a natural amphitheater set-up so you can be sure to get the sound you're looking for.

The park is named for Elizabeth (Lisa) Link, an activist who passed away in 1982. Link was instrumental in reviving the Madison chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The park intends to honor how Link promoted Madison's pacifist and non-interventionist traditions with her activism.

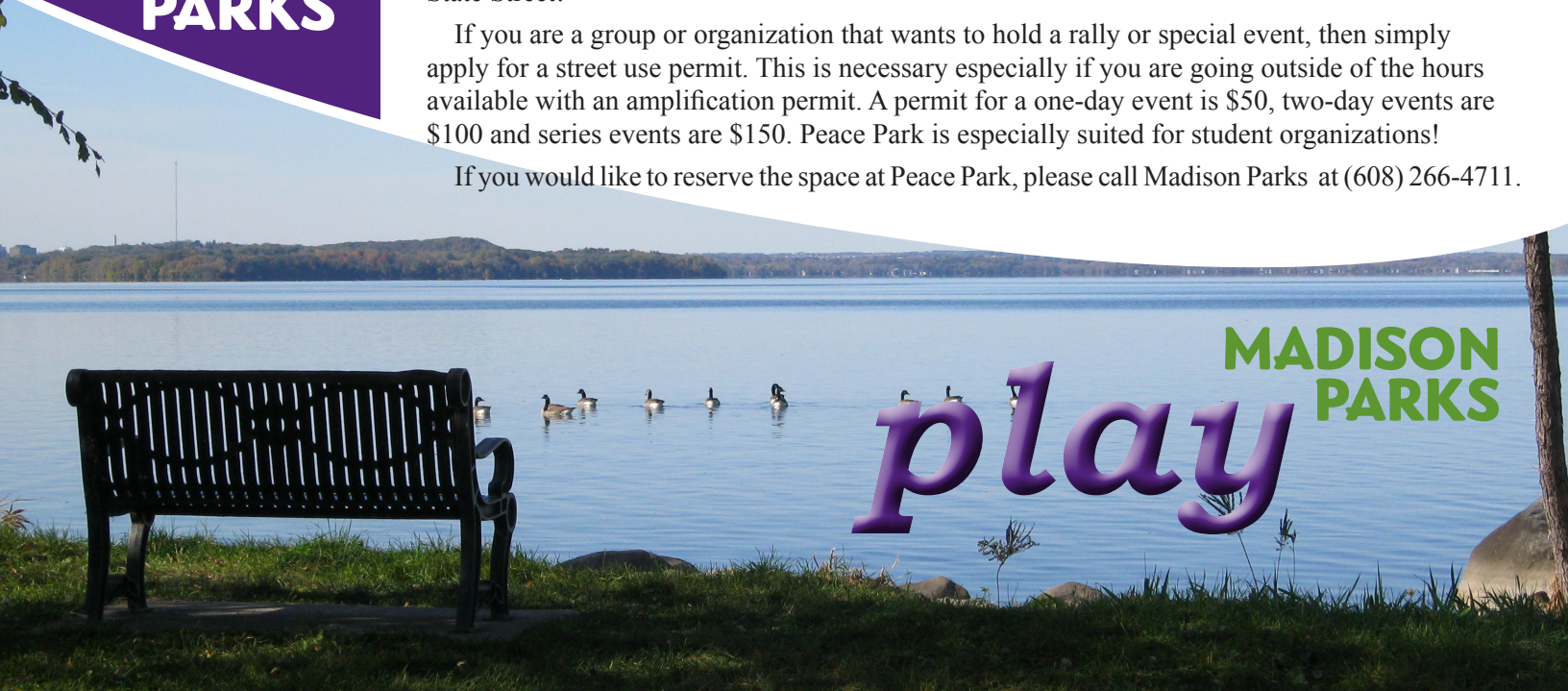
In 2010, Peace Park had a \$1.1 million renovation which included a Peace Pole, a performance area, a small water spray fountain for summer months and chess boards. An adjacent visitor center with bathrooms is run by the Downtown Business Improvement District. Peace Park is easily accessible from State Street and Gilman Street where street parking is available. A new B-cycle station is also on-site making Peace Park a good place to take a break from a nice bike ride.

### How to reserve Peace Park

If you are a musician or part of a small band, you just need an amplification permit to perform at Peace Park. The amplification permit is only \$15 and \$0.25 per hour for electricity. The space is available from 12-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. from Monday-Wednesday and 12-7 p.m. from Thursday-Sunday. Peace Park is available for use for longer hours than any other location on State Street!

If you are a group or organization that wants to hold a rally or special event, then simply apply for a street use permit. This is necessary especially if you are going outside of the hours available with an amplification permit. A permit for a one-day event is \$50, two-day events are \$100 and series events are \$150. Peace Park is especially suited for student organizations!

If you would like to reserve the space at Peace Park, please call Madison Parks at (608) 266-4711.



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