



# MADISON *Indiana*

## Celebrating Black History Month Together



### A Foundation of History:

In celebration of Black History Month, we gathered with dozens of locals at Gaines Park (site of the former Broadway School) to hear from Mayor Bob Courtney, Sue Livers and Broadway School Alumnus Chuck Cosby as they reflected on the significance of this historical community-shaping location and the legacy it has left behind.

We learned more about the history of this location, where the first commissioned African American high school in Indiana once stood, and the impact it had on Madison. We also celebrated the groundbreaking of the new park renovations this summer.

The new park will have a new modern playground to meet state code, refurbishment and extension of the current shelter house, a new basketball court and goals, and open space for the community to use for meetings and gatherings.

## Crystal Beach Aquatic Park Announcement



## Paving a way forward with a mission of accessibility:

Have you heard the news? During our February 7 city council meeting at the newly renovated Crystal Beach Pool House, we were thrilled to announce our partnership with the [Bethany Legacy Foundation](#), the Jefferson County Commissioners, and Jefferson County Community Foundation to close the funding gap for rehabilitating the pool.



When we realized the original pool was dangerous and beyond repair in 2022, we used its "seashore" design to inspire the concept for the new, modern pool with unique features that will appeal to all generations. The new Crystal Beach Aquatic Park will have an activity tower for children, lap lanes, a lazy river, two slides, a diving board, a wet deck, chairs and umbrellas and will be accessible for all. We can't wait to bring this state-of-the-art aquatic park to our beautiful city next year, making Madison even more clean, safe and beautiful for every generation, all ability levels, and every socioeconomic status.

The second floor of the pool house where the meeting was held has been named Hunter Hall in honor of the original pool architect, Frank Baldwin Hunter. Hunter invented the "seashore" design, a saucer-shaped pool with sandy beaches, and designed several municipal swimming pools in partnership with the Works Progress Administration in Indiana. He is best remembered as a residential architect in Indianapolis, designing over 600 homes in the Meridian-Kessler and Butler - Tarkington neighborhoods, but is most recognized for his pool designs.

Thank you to [Bethany Legacy Foundation](#), Jefferson County Commissioners, Community Foundation, and others for helping us bring the very best to our city, and for making it accessible to all.

[Watch the Meeting!](#)

## P.A.C.E. Updates and News

### Restoration and Revitalization

The City of Madison's P.A.C.E. Grant Program has seen enormous private investment take place over the past few years. 11 new projects approved for funding in January 2023. \$148,000 in public funds are being matched by \$273,000 from property owners. Projects range from replacement entry doors to demolition of unsafe structures, such as the one shown here.



Mayor Courtney along with the P.A.C.E. Committee are pleased to announce a new pilot program under the PACE umbrella. The new program is being called the Curb Appeal Grant and will help property owners in the 2023 Hilltop target area complete work on the exterior of their home. This program is a dollar for dollar match up to \$5,000 to help fund exterior wall repairs, new doors or windows, lead-based paint testing/remediation, and new exterior paint or stain.

The improvement of a single property can brighten an entire neighborhood. Thank you to every private-property owner who has taken the initiative to partner with us through this program as we continue to make Madison clean, safe and beautiful. Learn more about how to apply for a P.A.C.E. grant today at [madison-in.gov/pace](http://madison-in.gov/pace).

[Learn More / Apply Online](#)

## Keeping Our Community Safe



### Honoring our Firefighters

During our January 17 city council meeting, our Fire Chief, Ken Washer, awarded ten volunteer firefighters for their outstanding dedication and service to our community.

"These volunteers go above and beyond and show exceptional dedication, exceeding their expected volunteer commitment and training. Some have served 100+ hours and responded to 100+ fires in 2022 alone. It's because of their relentless service to our city and its many citizens that we are proud to honor them," said Chief Washer.



"These individuals have demonstrated some of the highest levels of service to our city, responding to hundreds of calls throughout the year and sacrificing their own time to keep our community safe. I am incredibly proud to have such dedicated volunteers in all six of our companies in Madison," said Madison's Mayor, Bob Courtney.

### Fraud Prevention with the A.G. Office

Last month we hosted a Fraud Prevention Class with the Attorney General's office. We are so thankful for the resources they shared, and appreciate everyone who came out and joined us!

Weren't able to attend the class? You can access a recording of the session on our City of Madison YouTube channel!

Thanks to the Attorney General's office, we have supplemental info packets you can pick up in our parks department office. Stop by and pick one up while supplies last!



[Watch the Class](#)

## AIM Hometown Innovations Podcast: Madison Episode



Accelerate Indiana Municipalities' Hometown Innovations podcast, featured Mayor Bob Courtney as he joined Aim CEO Matt Greller to discuss the impact of substance use disorders in the community and across the state, in addition to the importance of collaborating with health services and sustainable intervention programs.

To listen to the podcast or learn more about AIM and it's work with Indiana municipalities, click the button below!

Listen to the Podcast  
Here!

## What's Happening in Our Parks:

### Registration Revitalized

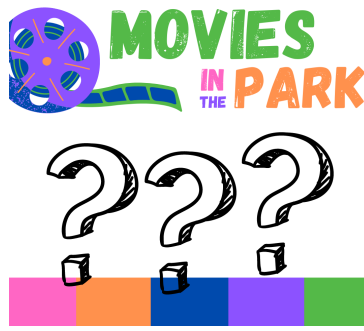
With something for all ages, everyone in the family can find ways to join in and get involved in our parks. With such diverse programming, classes and facilities, see what leagues and programs you can be a part of this year and register ahead of time on our website at [madison-in.gov/register](http://madison-in.gov/register).

Once you sign in, you and your family can register for any and all programs offered in our 2023 season. Take a look at the programs coming your way!

Confused or have questions? We are happy to help! Just call our office at (812) 265-8308 or stop by to talk to one of our staff members.



See Open Registrations  
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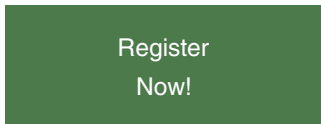


**You won't want to miss these home-run summer leagues!**

Youth baseball, tee ball and softball registration is open and is just \$20 a person. Join the fun and register your little one before March 31.

Check out our other programs and leagues at [Madison-in.gov/register](http://Madison-in.gov/register). You can sign up months in advance for any program offered in 2023 - all in one place!

Questions? We love hearing from you! Reach out to our parks department at (812) 265-8308.



**Cast Your Vote Now!**

Now is the time to cast your vote for what films will hit the big screen in Bicentennial Park this year! Movies are entirely free to the community, and are shown in the summer at dusk, May - October.

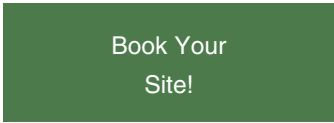
We're putting the schedule together now, so let us know what YOU would like to see, and fill out the form below.



**Riverview Campground**

It's officially the 2023 camping season in Madison! Book your site today at [madison-in.gov/campground](http://madison-in.gov/campground). For further questions about reservations, call our attendant at (812) 292-2003 or the parks office at (812) 265-8308.

As a reminder, our campground reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, with our season running from April 1 - October 31, 2023.



**The Mayor Invites You:**



Mayor Bob Courtney's  
**State of the  
City Address**

**March 9, 2023 at 6 PM**

Fairfield Inn & Suites | 108 St. Michaels Avenue

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM, PROGRAM AT 6 PM

CLICK LINK BELOW TO REGISTER OR LOCATE ON EVENTBRIGHT

I want to extend an invitation to you to join me for an update on the city's accomplishments and investment and plans for the future of Madison at my annual State of the City Address. This year's event will once again be held at the Historic Eagle Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn & Suites on March 9 and all are welcome to join this open event.

Doors open at 5:30 PM. The program begins at 6 PM.

A recording of the State of the City Address will be published on the City of Madison YouTube channel the following day.

[Reserve Your Seat!](#)

**THANK YOU FOR  
READING!**

To learn more details and information about any City Hall event or operation, visit our website @ [Madison-in.gov](http://Madison-in.gov)

We'll be back next month with more, so stay tuned!



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