



The Community Center



# Madison Community Center NEWSLETTER

The Community Center hosted our very first Madtown Bike Day held on the bike trail out to Lake Madison! The CC and Berry Fast Bicycles collaborated on this event and brought it to life. There were safety tables, helmet giveaways, E-Bike demonstrations, and Go Go Burritos all lined up in the First Line Funding parking lot.

Along the route, there were 2-, 4-, 6-, and 8-mile loops that families could ride and enjoy! Madison Kiwanis, Runnings, the CC, and Prostrollo's were at each station encouraging and assisting bikers as needed. The sun was shining, and it was a great family event for all ages to enjoy. There were between 100-150 people out and about getting exercise while having fun!

Special thanks to all of our donors for making this event happen!



## Congratulations

Member with the most check-ins for May is:

**Muriel Mejia Rodriquez**

Movement is Medicine – Way to Go!

# From the Director: Insights & Updates

I am extremely excited to introduce myself as the new Director of the Community Center. It is an honor to join this amazing community that I have had the privilege to be part of in many ways for 8 years. I am eager to work with all of you to continue fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

With a passionate background in a love for relationships, community development, and creating engaging programs I am committed to building those things through services and activities offered at our center. My goal is to ensure that the community center remains a hub for connection, learning, and recreation for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

I believe that a successful community center is built on collaboration and active participation. Therefore, I am eager to hear your ideas, feedback, and suggestions on how we can improve and grow. Whether it's through fitness, sports, arts, educational workshops, or social events, I want to make sure that the center meets the diverse needs and interests of our community.

I encourage you to stop in and introduce yourself as my door is always open and I would love to get to know you more while giving you the chance to get to know myself also.

Thank you for welcoming me into this new role and journey we will go through together. I look forward to working with each of you to make the Community Center an even more dynamic and enriching place for all.



Jamal Branco  
Director

# Special Events



# Aquatics

Boy, have we been busy here in the Aquatics world! The Madison Aquatic Center (MAC) opened on May 25th and has been running great ever since. Despite some rain days, we have had a great turnout! We had 333 patrons swimming on June 24th (it beat our 2023 season record by almost 70!). Come on over to the MAC and try out one of our 80 NEW lounge chairs!

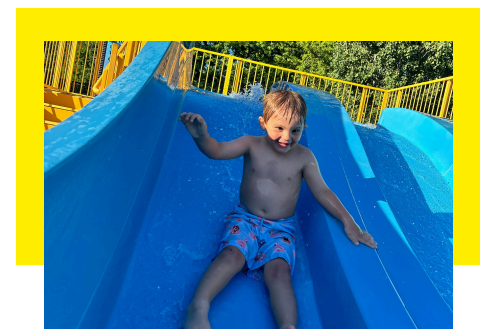
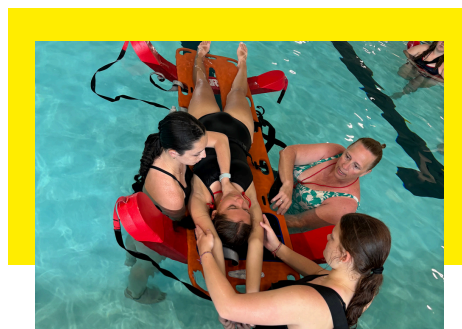
I have a team of 2 managers, 27 lifeguards, and 6 cashiers. They are all such essential parts of the City of Madison aquatics team, and I cannot express how much I appreciate them and their daily hard work!

We just wrapped up 2 sessions of Swimming Lessons at the Community Center on the 27th of June. Between the 2 sessions, there were over 120 students who were enrolled! We have 2 more sessions being held at the end of July. Sign-up starts July 8th at 7:00AM- be ready to get those kiddos in right away!

We are having a Teen Night on July 13th in the dark with glow sticks and games. Be sure to send your 13-18 year-olds to the MAC that night for some FUN!

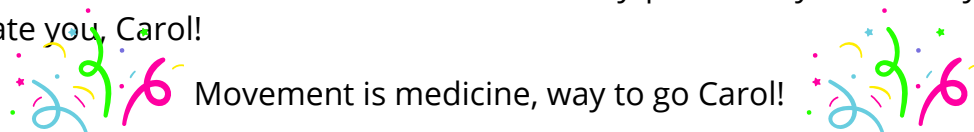


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Aquatics Coordinator



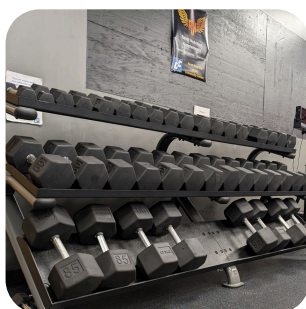
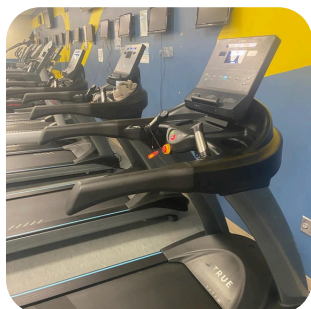
# Member Spotlight

Carol Shaver is a huge asset to our Community Center team! She rarely misses a morning of lap swim and is always quick to volunteer for us. She helped us with Madtown Bike Day and plays BINGO with the Summer Program kids. She has such a vibrant and bubbly personality that always keeps us on our toes. We appreciate you, Carol!

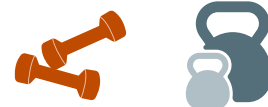


## Fitness

The new equipment is in! Earlier this Spring, we installed three new treadmills and a new Stairmaster into our upstairs wellness area. We also added in a full new set of dumbbells and dumbbell racks! The kickboxing studio also received a full set of dumbbells. We'd like to give a huge thank you to the Madison Community Foundation for their donation that made this project possible!



Derek Lund  
Fitness Coordinator



## Group Fitness Classes

### **Bulldogs in Training**

Do you have a young athlete aged 11-15 that is interested in learning more about lifting? Bulldogs in Training will focus on the fundamentals of lifting, how to properly warm up and cool down from a workout, as well as give you the tools to make your own workout moving forward. This 4-week program runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00-12:45pm.

### **Overdrive Sports Performance**

Are you looking to become a better athlete during the offseason? Overdrive focuses on the overall athlete through enhancing your agility, speed, and plyometrics.

This 3-week program will start on July 9th and will be Tuesday's and Thursday's from 11:00-11:45am.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email me at [jordan.peirce@cityofmadisonsd.com](mailto:jordan.peirce@cityofmadisonsd.com).



Jordan Pierce  
Fitness & Sports Enhancement Specialist

# Summer & After School Program

Although we've only been in summer for a few short weeks, the Summer Program has been in full swing for about a month. During this time, the kids have enjoyed many different field trips, and have participated in multiple community programs within Madison.



## **Summer Program: Field Trips**

- Lake County Museum: During the kid's visit, they all participated in various activities including learning the process of and actively participating in washing sheep's wool. Other activities included making a sheep art craft and eating a rice crispy treat that they decorated to look like a sheep. It was a great field trip especially since it's a walking distance to and from the Community Center.

- Madison Public Library: Garden Club, Friday morning visits, and Phil Baker. During the week, on Wednesday mornings, the kids visit the library and tend to the garden beds by watering and cleaning them up. Friday morning visits are typically by individual grade levels, and the kids get stories read to them and they participate in some type of activity or group game. Phil Baker is a children's music performer who visited the library earlier this summer for a musical performance.

- VEX Coding- Throughout the school year and summer program, the kids have had the opportunity to play with the Vex Coding program. Within the program, they can use handheld devices and or chrome books to control the robots. The kids have learned to master a variety of challenges, allows the students to practice with engineering processes, and overall students are able to hone in on problem solving skills.

## **After- School Program**

Registration for the After-School Program will begin on Monday, July 15th. Parents/guardians within the Madison and surrounding areas can sign up their child/children for the After- School Program at that time. A registration form will be available at the CC front desk, on the CC website, or via email from Kaylee. Kaylee's email address is [Kaylee.Winrow@cityofmadisonsd.com](mailto:Kaylee.Winrow@cityofmadisonsd.com).



Kaylee Winrow  
Youth Service Coordinator



**ASP or Summer Program Questions:**

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# Recreation and Intramurals

Summer has officially arrived at the Madison Community Center. The recreation department is bustling with a slew of adult and youth activities. Our youngest adventurers have been trying their hands at Archery. After a few days of basic archery lessons and safety, we were able to use the First Bank and Trust Sportsplex to practice our skills. What a great opportunity for these beginner archers. Also currently running is our Project Wild/Outdoor Explorers class. This group has been fishing, canoeing, and hiking. They've even built their own nature boats and will soon be testing out their frisbee golf skills. Our final lesson will be building a safe fire and roasting S'mores! In upcoming youth rec, we will be offering E-Sports and All Sorts of Sports in July. Yes, E-Sports is all about video games, but with an emphasis on working as part of a team to accomplish tasks within the games. All Sorts of Sports is a chance for kids to just come and play! We will play all the most popular kid games, kickball, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee just to name a few. No need to have any experience in these sports to come and play!

In adult recreation, the bats are swinging down at Thue Softball Complex on Thursday evenings! We have 6 co-ed softball teams competing in two games each night. In addition to softball, co-ed sand volleyball takes place on Wednesday evenings at Baughman.



New to Madison this summer is our Pickleball Ladder League! Pickleball has been a hit all over America for the past decade and is now making it's way to the City of Madison. We have 28 individuals competing on Monday evenings at the City's beautiful new outdoor pickleball courts. If you missed sign-up but would like to get on our list of subs (we always need subs), please contact Samantha Tighe. For those indoor enthusiasts, we do still offer a pickleball open play time on Wednesday evenings at the Community Center from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This is a great chance to learn the game of pickleball in a non-competitive environment.

For more information on recreation opportunities, please visit our website Recreation-Youth ([madisoncommunitycenter.com](http://madisoncommunitycenter.com)). We have fun for all, for the young to the young at heart!



Samantha Tighe  
Recreation Coordinator

