

MWCA Monthly

Maple Wood Condominium Association

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Thank you to Chris Harper for sharing his gardening skills. It's a work of art!



For the safety of our community please fully stop at all stop signs on our Maple Wood property before proceeding through the intersection.

We know there are others (delivery drivers, guests, confused drivers) who miss the signs, but.... it starts with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1 - Labor Day

September 13 - [Northside Festival](#) 11-3

Warner Park

September 18 - Open Board Meeting 6pm

September 27 - [True North Fest](#)

Warner Park

OPPORTUNITY!

The Long Range Planning Committee is a short-term commitment with a big impact. The LRP will meet in September to review our Reserve situation and make recommendations to the Board for common area priorities as they begin the 2026 budget process.

If you would like to be on the Long Range Planning Committee, or you would like more information, please contact the Board **by September 10** at maplewoodcondosmadison@gmail.com.

If you have original ceiling fans in your unit you may want to get those looked at by an electrician as soon as possible. Some of us have had them replaced in the last couple of years and they were found to be unstable.

THE DRUMM BEAT by Mary Drumm

As we transition into fall, I wanted to reflect on some Maple Wood Summer highlights in this month's edition of The Drumm Beat.

First think back to that sweltering July we had not too long ago. That mugginess couldn't stop many of us from attending the annual **MWCA Summer Picnic**. We continued our tradition of having great music, food, and Northside business door prizes! We thankfully didn't make a tradition of having the tent blow into the pond again this year. The pond was tent free thanks to Randy Ballwahn and his son who set it up properly-stakes and all. A big thanks to Paul Hauri for providing the best brats and hot dogs from Bavaria Sausage for the third year in a row. And we can't forget thanking Dale and Randi Matthews for grilling in that heat (also helping out a third year in a row). I really could go on and on about the food. If you get a chance, ask Sue Douglas for her recipe for the Strawberry Pretzel salad-who knew pretzels, sweet cream cheese and strawberries tasted so good together? Katherine Morrison also treated us with chocolate covered strawberries, which we had to eat as an appetizer due to the hot weather. We decided to play a classic 70's Summer Playlist that brought us back in time and we all got to learn that not one, but two Maple Wood residents might have been flower children in San Francisco during that era (Jeri Parrott and Sara Williams). Sara even wrote a book about it!

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Owners packed the 10/14 lobby for a meeting with Melissa Agard.

We had another highlight in August when Dane County Executive Melissa Agard came to Maple Wood to talk to us about her career in local government and what drew her to that work. She also explained Dane County's role in local government and answered questions. She grew up in Madison in a modest home that benefited from human service programs. It's that background, which drove her to serve on the Health and Human Needs Committee and champion the programs that helped her family get by. Her career grew as she was elected into the State Assembly in November 2012, and she served five terms in the Wisconsin State Legislature. Her work now unfortunately doesn't include improvements to the changed city bus routes, but you may have heard about the ongoing expansion of Electric Vehicle infrastructure funded by a \$13.2 million grant, or the launch of a countywide initiative to increase the production of affordable housing units by 1,765 per year. Things that help us as a community combat climate change and homelessness. Ms. Agard also encourages all of us to get involved. There are a number of County Committees that need your help and input. Check them out if you have the time and interest! <https://exec.danecounty.gov/boards-and-commissions>.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our MWCA summer events and see you around in cozy sweaters soon!