



Mahr Park  
Arboretum

## Newsletter

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Hello friend,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. The Arboretum is full of beautiful blooms right now. Our pollinator garden is lush and golden, and the community garden is producing an astonishing harvest. We have been seeing many visitors from all across the country this summer, from guests visiting family to coming specifically for recreational services, photography, and simply stopping through on their way to vacation destinations. Our parks are a vital service for families on summer break, tourists, and our community which we love. I encourage you to enjoy Mahr Park Arboretum in this beautiful summer season we are in. "What is the good of your stars and trees, your sunrise and the wind, if they do not enter into our daily lives?" –E.M. Forster

Warm Regards,  
Ashton Robinson, Park Director

## Our First Honey Harvest



Our bee-keeping volunteers were able to harvest their first batch of honey this month! This is the first year of having hives, and it has been rewarding to learn more and teach our community the importance of our pollinators. Many have asked what are you going to do with the honey? Well, at this time, we are using it in our discovery classroom for students to see and taste samples of local honey harvested at Mahr Park and how they can do the same and see the benefits of our natural world. We hope to get where we can secure enough harvest to sell to you within our Welcome Center. Until then, we will keep you posted with updates along the way.







## 2023 Photography Contest Success

Our first Photography Contest was proven to be successful. We had over 220 entries! Seeing you all out on the land and enjoying nature and the great outdoors was exciting! Stay tuned to future contests!

### 2023 Photography Contest Winners



### 2023 Photography Contest, Best Overall By: Jennifer Sontz



## New Gift Shop items are available!

Our new custom candle by Poppy and Clover is available in our gift shop! These candles have been very popular and an excellent gift for someone special or yourself a treat! Bring your favorite place home!

We have also partnered with Glad Moon Farms on handmade wooden items, including coaster sets, ornaments, bookmarks, stickers, and more!

New items to arrive this year include handmade woodland animals, new hats, shirts, and sweatshirts!

Grab all your Mahr gear and represent your favorite park!





**Community Garden Growth!**





The community garden is a sight to see this year! Independence Bank partnered with us on planting and maintaining sweet corn and pumpkins, cut flowers, and managing several raised beds. Our Grounds Supervisor, David Smith, has planted a beautiful patch of sunflowers! We are thankful for our amazing grounds crew for their dedication and volunteers that have planted and raised beds this year. Special thanks to Danny Basham for planting corn, Stephanie Benson for helping with flowers and pumpkins, Organi Lock for raised bed amendments, and Scott Deahl for disking and assisting in the corn field. It truly takes a community to make this garden a success.



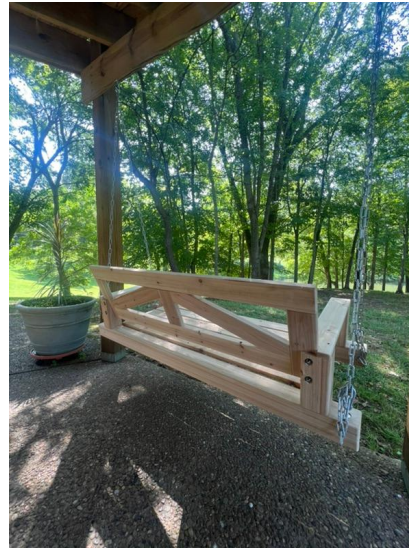


Mahr Park Arboretum gardening volunteers are hard at work harvesting and managing vegetables from their raised beds. They have been busy this summer keeping up with the beautiful beds around the Nature Play Area, Mahr Historic Home, and Event Barns.



Thank you to local lifestyles for coming out and featuring the Arboretum in a special segment this month!

[Local Lifestyles](#)



You asked and we listened! Folks have missed having the swing under the deck at the Welcome Center. We recently added two to serve you. So sit back, relax, stay awhile, and enjoy!



We have seen the need for more picnic space at the kayak launch. Many families wanted to sit and watch their loved ones kayak from the shore, these tables are the perfect spot to do just that.





Photo By: Elissa McBride



Spider-lilly a stunning native plant is blooming this week at the Arboretum. Spot it at the Mahr Historic Home, wetland area, and Mahr lake.



A special guest stopped by this month. Sharon McElroy, a former nurse of Dr. Mahr, visited and took a tour of the Mahr Historic Home. She was filled with great stories and shared her interactions and Dr. Mahr's humble and exemplary character as a physician. She thoroughly enjoyed going down memory lane and reminiscing about good times.





## Spring Donor Tree Plaques Placed



Did you know we have a tree donor program? Each spring and fall, we plant trees for reforestation efforts in honor of individuals or just people looking to give toward this extraordinary place. Seventeen trees were planted this spring by donors. A donor fills out a brochure, sends in payment, and we handle the rest! We are now looking for fall tree donors. If you are interested, please get in touch with us at 270-584-9017 or [mahrpark@madisonvillegov.com](mailto:mahrpark@madisonvillegov.com).

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Join Journey Wellness on Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. on Sunset Point for a yoga session at the Arboretum!

## Upcoming Events

Hopkins County Farmers Market every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Danny Peyton Education Center.

**08/12/23,**  
Girl Scout Art Event  
3:00 p.m.  
**\*Welcome Center**

**08/26/23**  
**CASA SuperHero Walk**  
9:00 a.m.  
**\*Kayak Launch Area**

**Junior Naturalist**  
10:00 a.m.  
**\*Meet at Welcome Center**

**Star Party**  
8:00 p.m.



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## The Mahr legacy lives on...



Pictured above is Glema Mahr in a theatre production. Glema was passionate about the performing arts. We are thankful for the legacy the Mahrs continue to give and bless Madisonville, Kentucky, and beyond.



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