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Syttende Mai





Photo by Tim Erickson

With some welcome cooperation from Mother Nature, this year's Syttende Mai festival drew big crowds and lots of happy faces, particularly during Sunday's parade.

TEAM EFFORT

Perfect weather, big crowds for Syttende Mai

Syttende Mai went undefeated this year, as Mother Nature cooperated for an unforgettable idyllic midspring weekend of Norwegian-themed sights, sounds and tastes.

And the famous festival was enjoyed by many, from

locals who've lived here all their lives to friends, family and newcomers who traveled in from all over. In total, the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce estimates that more than 20,000 people attended Syttende Mai events over the May 19-21 weekend.

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Locals urge to keep effluent flow in area creeks

MMSD public hearing draws unanimous opposition to suggestion

BY MADDIE BERGSTROM Staff Reporter

Some local residents and environmental groups throughout southern Dane County remain at odds with a plan by the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) to change where its discharge flows, citing potential negative environmental impacts.

Over 15 locals waited to speak at a May 11 public hearing held by the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) Commission advocating for a similar concern: to keep the district's effluent discharge flowing in Badger Mill

People filled the Fitch-burg City Hall – or waited via Zoom – for a chance to verbally comment about the district's Badger Mill Creek Project PLUS before a final phosphorus compliance

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Dane County

Yahara lakes sediment removal season begins

Work this year will extend from Waubesa to Kegonsa

Once again, it is time to suck the muck.

On Tuesday, May 16, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi joined Land & Water Resources Department staff at the Babcock County Park boat launch to kick- the Phase 2 sites to help improve off a new season of Dane Coun- water flow, flood storage capacity's five-phase Yahara Chain of ty, and fish and wildlife habitat in Lakes Sediment Removal Proj- the Yahara Lakes. ect. arate locations this year - Lake important for the Dane County Waubesa to Lower Mud Lake

(Phase 2A) and Lake Kegonsa to Highway B (Phase 2B/2C). To date, approximately 33,000 cubic yards of sediment has been

Memorial Day 2023

Annual commemoration events planned for May 29

Parade begins at 10; Mandt Center program at 11

Once again, Stoughton prepares to honor its fallen service members during Memorial Day commemorations set for Monday, May 19.

Swadley, numerous area veterans, including a pair of honored parade marshalls, VFW Post 238 commander Rob Drosgvold and American Legion Post 59 commander Michael Currie, as well as World War II veteran David Cuff. The River Bluff Middle School marching band and Stoughton High School marching band will perform and personnel Street, which will step off at 10 from the Stoughton police, fire a.m., led by mounted parade and EMS departments will escort the cars down the route, along with the Third District Ameri-Dignities who will be follow- can Legion Riders and area Boy



Parisi removed from "With the unpredictabili-Crews will work at two sep- ty of climate change rains, it's Creek.

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The ceremonies begin with the traditional parade down Main marshall Mary Hougan and the American Legion Color Guard.

ing include Stoughton police Scouts and Girl Scouts. chief Dan Jenks and Mayor Tim

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