

NORTHSIDE NEWS - Calendar of Events

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February/March 2023

SPARK! PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

**First Friday of every month
10-11:30 am**

ARTS for ALL, 1709 Aberg Ave., Suite 1
SPARK! offers free programs for people with early- to mid-stage memory loss and care partners. Programs include creative experiences in artmaking, drama, movement/dance, music, poetry or storytelling. Register each month at artsforallwi.org/programs/spark.

MEDICINE WOMEN THRESHOLD SINGERS

**Wednesday, February 1 and March 1
12:30-2 pm, Lakeview Library**

Women who love to sing and are fully COVID vaccinated are invited to join this group and sing for people who are seriously ill, dying or grieving. Rehearsals are held once a month on the first Wednesday at Lakeview Library. Contact Casper Soluna at caspersoluna@gmail.com or 608-417-0400. We are a chapter of the Threshold Choir, which has over 200 chapters in the U.S. and other countries. Learn more at thresholdchoir.org.

MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM

**Wednesday, February 8
6:30-8, Door Creek Church,
1181 N. Sherman Ave.**

A Mayor candidates forum co-hosted by the Northside Planning Council and Northside Business Association

Northsiders have opportunities to hear from and ask questions of candidates running for mayor of Madison.

Candidates are: Scott Kerr, Gloria Reyes and Satya Rhodes Conway

ALDER CANDIDATE FORUM

**Wednesday, February 15
6-8, Door Creek Church,
1181 N. Sherman Ave.**

An Alder Candidate forum co-hosted by the Northside Planning Council and Northside Business Association

Northsiders have opportunities to hear from and ask questions of candidates running for Alderperson of Madison.

Candidates are: Blake Alvarenga, Amani Latimer Burris, Julia Matthews, Victor Toniolo and Connie Walling.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament
11 am-2 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church,
4001 Mandrake Road**

The theme for this senior lunch is "Lutefisk dinner without the Lutefisk." The church will provide meatballs, potatoes and lefse. There may be a small batch of lutefisk if there is enough interest. There is a free will offering for lunch. To RSVP, contact the church office at 608-244-6181. (Note: Senior lunches for 2023 will be held the first Thursday of the month.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Bird and Nature Adventure: Groundhogs in Love
2:30 pm, Tenney Park**

Join Master Naturalist Paul Noeldner to celebrate Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day. On this free, family-friendly guided walk, we'll learn about groundhogs, muskrats and other critters that sleep through winter. As days get longer, they awake to check the weather and look for love, then go back to sleep. Meet at Tenney Park Beach, 1330 Sherman Ave. Contact: 608-698-0104

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**Bird and Nature Adventure: Pushups, Dreys and Cavities
1:30-3 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit**

Where do wild creatures go when it's cold? Join Master Naturalist Alex Singer for a free, family-friendly guided walk. Learn how muskrats, squirrels and other animals create clever structures and overwinter in Wisconsin. Meet at Cherokee Marsh North Unit parking lot, 6098 N Sherman Ave. Contact: 608-698-0104

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Northside Blood Drive
2-5:30 pm, Door Creek Church, 1181 N. Sherman Ave.**

This is a public blood drive to support ImpactLife, provider of blood and blood components to SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital and Stoughton Health. There is no cost, but an appointment is required. Contact riverfoodpantry.org/northside-blood-drive.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**Family Fun Night
5:30-8 pm, WPCRC**

WPCRC will be open for a night of bouncy houses, art and pottery projects, bingo, gym activities, movie screenings and more. The cost is \$5 per family. Sign up online for email reminders of monthly themes. Kids age 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**American Red Cross Blood Drive
12-5 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road**

This blood drive is sponsored by Lakeview Lutheran Church in conjunction with the American Red Cross. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code "LakeviewLutheran" or contact the church office at 608-244-6181.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Wild Warner Monthly Meeting
6 pm, WPCRC**

The public is welcome. Join other Northside nature lovers to help support nature preservation, restoration, recreation and education in the wild side of Warner Park. See the Wild Warner Facebook page for updates and more information. Contact: 608-698-0104

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**Senior Adventure: Nature in Winter
1:30 pm, WPCRC**

Join School Naturalist Nancy Fonzen for a free indoor presentation about the beauty of winter in Wisconsin. Learn about our native trees, plants, furry and feathered friends and how they adapt. Seniors are welcome to bring a family member or friend. Contact: 608-698-0104

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**Friends of Cherokee Marsh board meeting
5:30-7 pm, WPCRC**

To confirm the time and place, contact janaxelson@gmail.com. Cherokeemarsh.org

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**Coffee with a Cop
9 am, WPCRC**

Please come and enjoy free coffee, free cookies and great conversation with your officers on the Northside of Madison.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area meeting
5 pm, WPCRC or as posted**

The public is welcome. Help preserve and restore Madison's newest conservation park behind the old Oscar Mayer plant. See facebook.com/hartmeyernaturalarea for updates on the location of the meeting. Contact: 608-698-0104

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**Bird and Nature Adventure: Rising Sap, Time to Tap
1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter**

As the days get longer, sap starts rising in trees. Humans have been tapping trees for thousands of years. Why do trees create sap, and why can it be harvested only in winter? Join Master Naturalist Kathleen Wolf to learn the ecology and history of making syrup in Wisconsin, and enjoy a sample of this delicious natural treat. Contact: 608-698-0104

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**Celebrate Black History Month: Living Legends of Madison
6-8 pm, Mendota Elementary School, 4002 School Road**

Vera Court Neighborhood Center and Mendota Elementary School present this special event. Join us for a community meal, youth performances and speakers. All are welcome at this free event. For more information, contact Tom Qualls at 608-246-8372 or tomq@veracourt.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

**Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament
11 am-2 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church,
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The theme for this senior lunch is "Corned Beef and Cabbage." The church will provide corned beef, potatoes and carrots. Wear green! There is a free will offering for lunch. To RSVP, contact the church office at 608-244-6181.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

**Bird and Nature Adventure: Spring Buds for You
2:30 pm, Tenney Park**

Join Master Naturalist Paul Noeldner to enjoy a free, family friendly walk and look for buds on bushes, birds singing in trees and other signs of spring. Meet at Tenney Park Beach, 1330 Sherman Ave. Contact: 608-698-0104

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**Bird and Nature Adventure: Let It Be An Oak
1:30-3 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit**

Join Master Naturalist Kathleen Wolf for a free, family friendly nature hike. Did you know over 70% of birds in Wisconsin would be unable to feed their babies without the help of oak trees? Or that the tannins in oak leaves are the key to protecting amphibians and insects in oak woodlands? Meet at Cherokee Marsh North Unit parking lot, 6098 N. Sherman Ave. Contact: 608-698-0104

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

**MSCR Arctic Art
4:15-5:15 pm, WPCRC**

Children in kindergarten through grade 2 are invited to draw inspiration from the Wisconsin winter weather for a blustery good time creating art based on snow, ice and everything frozen. The cost is \$12 for Madison residents. Use #35661 to register at mscr.org.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 14

**MSCR Acrylics & Oils: Alla Prima Workshop
9:30 am-1 pm, WPCRC**

Discover the painting style of alla prima. Complete one painting of a landscape or simple still life in one session. This program is for ages 18 and up. The cost is \$27 for Madison residents. Use #35547 to register at mscr.org.

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**Senior Adventure: Trees in Spring
1:30 pm, WPCRC**

Join Master Naturalist and Tree Expert Sean Gere for a free, fascinating indoor presentation about trees. We may take a walk outside to enjoy new fresh green leaves and flowering tree buds, if weather permits. Contact: 608-698-0104

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Maple Syruping**

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter
Join Master Naturalist Alex Singer to look for and learn about maples and other trees that have sap rising with warmer days and cold nights. Enjoy a demonstration of maple syrup extraction tools and taste a sample of maple syrup. Contact: 608-698-0104

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**Curbside Breakfast with the Bunny
8-10:30 am, River Food Pantry, 2201 Darwin Road**

This drive-thru event offers pancakes, eggs, meat, fruit, milk and juice for the whole family. Pay what you can. Free goodie bags for children. Proceeds benefit The River. riverfoodpantry.org/bunny



LL = Lakeview Library WPCRC = Warner Park Community Recreation Center



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