

NORTHSIDE NEWS - Calendar of Events

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December 2023/January 2024

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Breakfast with Santa

8-11 am, Esquire Club, 1025 N. Sherman Ave.

Enjoy a yummy hot breakfast, a visit with Santa and a goody bag. Tickets are \$9 for adults and youth age 12 and up, \$5 for age 4-11, and free for children age 3 and under. Purchase tickets at the door, DuWayne's Salon, Old National Bank, Sherman Plaza Barbers, Esquire Club and the UPS Store. Hosted by the Northside Business Association, proceeds benefit Northside food pantries.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

9 am-3 pm, WPCRC

We will host 80-plus vendors offering an array of unique items from all across the state, just in time for the holiday gift giving season.

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Bird and Nature Adventure: Architecture of Trees

2:30 pm, Tenney Park Beach

Join Naturalist JoAnn Riecke for a free family-friendly guided walk to find deciduous trees (with leaves that fall) and evergreens. Learn about different tree shapes and branching patterns. Try drawing what you see. Visit tinyurl.com/MadisonFUNAdventures for fun facts about trees. Contact: 608-698-0104

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Bird and Nature Adventure: Winter Native Plant ID

1:30-3 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

Join Naturalist Eva Roos for a guided walk to look for native Wisconsin plants. Learn how to identify plants even in winter. Contact: 608-698-0104

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Neighborhood Indicators Workshop

6-7 pm, LL

The City of Madison's Neighborhood Indicators Project (NIP) is a tracking system designed to follow communities' wellness over time, aiming to support better understanding of the changes within Madison communities. The NPC is hosting a free community workshop to better understand this data-rich resource.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament

11 am-2 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Rd.

Our theme is "Happy Birthday." The church will provide ham, hash brown casserole, green beans and rolls. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share and a nonperishable food item for the food pantry. There is a free-will offering for lunch. To RSVP contact the church office at 608-244-6181.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Family Fun Night

5:30-8 pm, WPCRC

Join us for a night of art projects, games, gym activities, movies and more. The cost is \$5 per family. Sign up online for email reminders of monthly themes. Kids aged 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

American Red Cross Blood Drive

12-5 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Rd.

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, DECEMBER 12

Wild Warner Meeting

6 pm, WPCRC (or as posted)

The public is welcome. 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

FEED Kitchens Holiday Bazaar

9 am-1 pm, Door Creek Church, 1181 N. Sherman Ave.

This maker's market for food entrepreneurs will feature products made at FEED Kitchens. You'll find various baked goods, hot sauces, salsas, pesto, tea and drink mixes and much more.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Bird and Nature Adventure: Winter Solstice Walk

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Join Naturalists Robin Kling and Kathleen Wolf for a guided walk to learn about solstice traditions and the phenology of what's happening in nature at the cusp of the new solar year. Visit tinyurl.com/MadisonFUNAdventures for fun facts about the Winter Solstice. How did ancient cultures celebrate the Solstice? Contact: 608-698-0104

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Senior Bird and Nature Adventure: Gifts for the Wild

1:30 pm, WPCRC meeting room

Senior citizens are invited to join Naturalist Kathleen Wolf for a free, fun and educational hands-on nature crafts activity. Create gifts to help wildlife survive the winter months, then share your creations with our furred and feathered neighbors. Seniors are welcome to bring a family member or friend. Senior groups are welcome. No registration is required. Contact: 608-698-0104

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Friends of Cherokee Marsh board meeting

5:30-7 pm, WPCRC

The public is welcome. Support restoration of Madison's largest conservation park. To confirm the time and place, contact janaxelson@gmail.com. Cherokeemarsh.org

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Coffee with a Cop

9 am, WPCRC

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area meeting

5 pm, WPCRC Meeting Room

The public is welcome. Help preserve and restore Madison's newest conservation park behind the old Oscar Mayer plant. Contact: 608-698-0104

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11 am-2 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Rd.

Our theme is "Say Yes to Pizza." The church will provide various kinds of pizza, including a vegetarian option. There is a free-will offering for lunch. To RSVP contact the church office at 608-244-6181. Senior lunches for 2024 will be held the first Thursday of the month.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Bird and Nature Adventure: First of Year (FOY) Birds

2:30 pm, Tenney Park Beach

Join bird guide Paul Noeldner to look for brightly colored winter birds in the trees and water. What's your FOY bird — a mallard, cardinal, chickadee, blue jay? Did you know some robins stay all winter? Visit tinyurl.com/MadisonFUNAdventures for fun facts and a Winter Bird Bingo Card. Contact: 608-698-0104

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Bird and Nature Adventure: My Nature Resolutions

1:30-3 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 11

Warner Park Community Recreation Center: Free community workshop

10-11 am, at WPCRC

Interested in seeing a clearer picture of housing, safety, health, education and the overall wellbeing of the City of Madison?

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Senior citizens are invited to join Naturalist Paul Noeldner for a free, fun and educational indoor presentation about the beautiful Wisconsin birds we love. If weather permits, we may take a short walk outside to look for birds. Seniors are welcome to bring a family member or friend. Senior groups are welcome. No registration is required. Contact: 608-698-0104

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Candlelight Hike

6-8 pm, Warner Park Shelter

Limited snowshoes are available, or bring your own, or hike in winter footwear. We will have a campfire, hot cocoa and marshmallows. This free event will take place with or without snow, but may be cancelled if conditions are icy or otherwise unsafe. Visit Cityofmadison.com/parks/calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Bird and Nature Adventure: The Art of Winter

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Join Wild Warner Naturalist Kathleen Wolf for a guided walk to enjoy contrasts in the landscape, fallen leaves exposing the shapes of trees, dried summer plants creating snow-capped sculptures, and ice and frost creating fantastic scenes. Visit tinyurl.com/MadisonFUNAdventures for fun facts about winter and winter nature activities. Contact: 608-698-0104

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Friends of Cherokee Marsh Annual Meeting

10 am-12 pm, WPCRC

Learn about frogs and toads and the new citizen frog and toad surveys with special guest Jessica Hua, Associate Professor of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at UW-Madison. Cherokeemarsh.org

LL = Lakeview Library

WPCRC = Warner Park Community Recreation Center



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