

Northside News Calendar of Events

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February/March 2024

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

Our theme is "Brr...It's Chili!" The church will offer various types of chili and corn bread. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. There is a free-will offering for lunch. To RSVP contact the church office at 608-244-6181.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Bird and Nature Adventure: Groundhogs in Love

2:30 pm, Tenney Park Beach

Join Naturalist Paul Noeldner for a free fun winter nature walk to celebrate Groundhog Day and Valentines Day. Groundhogs, muskrats and other critters that sleep through winter are famous for waking up in February to check the weather and go looking for love. Learn to identify tracks we see on our walk. Contact: 608-698-0104

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Bird and Nature Adventure: Pushups, Dreys and Cavities

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

Do you ever wonder where wild creatures go when it's cold? Join Naturalist Alex Singer for a free fun winter nature walk to learn how muskrats, squirrels, and other animals create clever structures to over-winter in Wisconsin. Contact: 608-698-0104

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

ImpactLife Blood Drive

1-4 pm, Goodwill Community Room, 2901 N. Sherman Ave.

Celebrate Heart Month with a powerful gesture. Donate blood and make a meaningful impact on someone's life. To make an appointment, call ImpactLife Madison 800-747-5401 or go online (bloodcenter.org) and use group code 4203. Appointments are appreciated, walk-ins are welcome.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SPARK!

11:30 am-1 pm, WPCRC

Held the first Tuesday of every month, this 90-minute program is designed to keep participants actively engaged in their communities by providing experiences that stimulate conversations, provide peer support, and inspire creativity through engaging workshops. This is a collaboration between NewBridge and Arts for All.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Senior Bird and Nature Adventure: Nature in Winter

12:15 pm, WPCRC lunchroom

Senior citizens are invited to join Naturalist Kathleen Wolf for a free indoor presentation about the beauty of winter in Wisconsin. Learn about our native trees, plants, and furry and feathered friends and how they adapt. Seniors may bring a family member or friend. Organizations are encouraged to invite/bring seniors. Seniors 60+ can register for a free lunch at 11:30 and transportation, if needed, by calling 608-512-0000 ext. 4006 at least two days in advance. Contact: 608-698-0104

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Resource Fair 6-8 pm, WPCRC

Visit representatives from Public Health, Police, MMSD, Transportation and City Planning. Voter registration will be available. See district18@cityofmadison.com.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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, FEBRUARY 13

Wild Warner Meeting

6 pm, WPCRC (or as posted on Facebook)

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area meeting 5 pm, WPCRC (or as posted on Facebook)

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Learn to Snowshoe for Kids

1-3 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Kids will learn to snowshoe and will enjoy a warm fire and a snack. If there is no snow, we will learn about snowshoes and then take a hike in the park to explore the winter landscape. Snowshoes will be provided free to the first 20 kids. Kids must be five years of age and up. Adults must attend with their kids. To register, email getkidsoutside@gmail.com. Include ages of kids and number of adults attending. Hosted by Get Kids Outside.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bird and Nature Adventure: Tracks and Signs

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Join Naturalist Kathleen Wolf for a free fun winter nature walk to explore the wild side of Warner Park. We'll look for the footprints, scat, and nests of our wild neighbors, and try to interpret the story of their lives during the coldest part of winter. Contact: 608-698-0104

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

The public is welcome. To confirm the time and place, contact janaxelson@gmail.com. Cherokee marsh.org

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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 22

Community Home Buying Workshop 6-8 pm, LL

Join us for this free session covering the basics of credit, financing and the process of buying a home. This seminar will give you the background information you need to make an informed decision on whether home ownership is for you.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Author Mary Bergin presentation

1-3 pm, LL

Local author Mary Bergin will discuss her newest book, "Small-Town Wisconsin: Fun, Surprising and Exceptional Road Trips." The event will feature refreshments, socialization time and a brief meeting of the Friends of Lakeview Library.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Lakeview Lutheran/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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Bird and Nature Adventure: Spring Buds For You

2:30 pm, Tenney Park Beach

Join Naturalist Paul Noeldner for a free fun winter nature walk. We will look for signs of early leaf buds, birds singing in trees to establish territories and attract a mate, and other signs of spring. Contact: 608-698-0104

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Bird and Nature Adventure: Let It Be An Oak

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

Join Naturalist Kathleen Wolf for a free fun winter nature walk. 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? Based on the research of Dr. Doug Tallamy, come learn why, if you plant a tree, you should "let it be an oak." Contact: 608-698-0104

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament

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

Our theme is "Happy St. Patty's Day!" The church will offer Shepherd's Pie and Irish soda bread. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. There is a free-will offering for lunch. To RSVP contact the church office at 608-244-6181.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Warner Dog Park Nature Volunteers Meet and Greet

10-11:30 am, Warner Dog Park, 2301 Sheridan Dr.

Dog Park Lovers: come learn what invasive species and erosion are doing to the dog park's woods and shoreline, and how to reverse it. Come prepared to walk around the park to discuss the condition of soil, plant-life, safety issues and projects we'll work on throughout the year. Wear clothes appropriate to the weather, and be aware of spring tick activity. Find us on Facebook @Warner Dog Park Nature Volunteers, or call 608-512-9071.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Author Trish O'Kane presentation

7 pm, LL

Madison Public Library - Central Public library 201 W Mifflin St

Former Northsider Trish O'Kane will discuss her book, "Birding to Change the World, a Memoir," the story of her journey from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina to becoming an avid birder, activist, community organizer and lecturer.

<https://www.wisconsinbookfestival.org/events/birding-change-world>

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

NPC Candidate Forum

6-7:30 pm, Door Creek Church-North, 1181 N. Sherman Ave.

The Northside Planning Council and the Northside Business Association host a candidate forum for the contested District 12 Dane County Supervisor seat. The forum will also be live streamed on the NPC Facebook page and the NBA Facebook page.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Senior Bird and Nature Adventure: Trees in Spring

12:15 pm, WPCRC lunchroom

Senior citizens are invited to join Naturalist and Tree Expert Sean Gere for a free indoor presentation about trees. If weather permits, we may take a walk outside to enjoy new green leaves and flowering tree buds. Seniors are welcome to bring a family member or friend. Organizations are encouraged to invite/bring seniors. Seniors 60+ can register for a free lunch at 11:30 and transportation, if needed, by calling 608-512-0000 ext. 4006 at least two days in advance. Contact: 608-698-0104

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Bird and Nature Adventure: Seasons Creep

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Join Naturalist Alex Singer for a free fun nature walk to enjoy the Spring Equinox and the return of longer days. Is the ice gone earlier or later than usual this year? What plants are starting to green? Learn how changes in seasonal temperature and precipitation patterns can positively and negatively affect birds, plants and animals. Contact: 608-698-0104

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Curbside Breakfast with the Bunny

8-10:30 am, The River Food Pantry, 2201 Darwin Rd.

Drive-thru event offering pancakes, eggs, breakfast meat, fruit, milk and juice for the whole family. The Easter Bunny will be there. Free goodie bags for children. This is a pay-what-you-can event. Proceeds benefit The River. Riverfoodpantry.org

LL = Lakeview Library

WPCRC = Warner Park Community Recreation Center



MGE's Energy-Saving Tip:

Schedule a home energy audit with a Focus on Energy Trade Ally.
focusonenergy.com/services/energy-assessments

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