

Northside News Calendar of Events

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April/May 2024

METRO RAPID ROUTE B - NORTHSIDE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday, April 22 - Zoom
Thursday, April 25 - In-person
5:30-7:30 pm

These are free, public meetings to share information and gather feedback on route and station locations for Metro Rapid's extension to the Northside (North-South Bus Rapid Transit). Visit www.madisonbrt.com to register for the Zoom meeting. The in-person meeting will be held at WPCRC.

NAVIGATING THE METRO TRANSIT BUS SYSTEM

Tuesday, April 9
Thursday, April 18
1-5 pm, LL

Learn how to use Metro Transit's fixed-route city bus service. Topics include using Google Maps, Transit, and other digital options; paper schedules and phone service; and discounted fare options. Metro employees will answer your questions about bus travel and provide one-on-one assistance in English and Spanish.

SPARK! PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

Tuesday, April 2
Tuesday, May 7
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.

NORTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday May 5-October 20
8:30 am-12:30 pm

Northside TownCenter

Enjoy a variety of locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, flowers, plants and much more. Sign up for our newsletter at northsidefarmers-market.org or find us on Facebook at madNFM for the latest information on vendors and events. Use your Quest card to get tokens worth \$2 each to purchase approved items from our vendors.

BOOMERANGS ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALE

Friday, May 3, 10 am-6 pm
Saturday, May 4, 10 am-4 pm
1133 N. Sherman Ave.

Come early and shop the best of our summer items: patio furniture, coolers, lawn and yard items, sporting goods and much more. Call us at 608-268-0793 or follow us on Facebook at Boomerangs Resale Store.

ANNUAL MADISON FRIENDS OF URBAN NATURE (FUN) BIRD AND NATURE CAMP

Friday, May 24-Monday, May 27
Lake Lucerne Camp & Retreat Center,
W6460 CR YY, Neshkoro, WI

All ages, friends, families and kids are welcome! Enjoy quiet time, nature trails, campfires, swimming, canoes, games and camaraderie in comfortable group cabins with meals served in a dining hall. Join daily bird walks at camp and carpool to nearby natural areas to find over 100 species of birds. Volunteer-led activities are free. The Center provides the facilities and meals at a very reasonable rate. Come for a day or stay all weekend. Space is limited, contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com 608-698-0104 to reserve your spot.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 & MAY 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, APRIL 18 & MAY 16

Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area Meeting and Social Hour

5 pm, Esquire Club, 1025 N. Sherman Ave.

The public is welcome. Help preserve and restore Madison's newest wetland conservation park. We meet outdoors behind Esquire Club or inside if rain. Come early to help pick up litter or remove invasives. Bring a lawn chair and snack or pick up something at Esquire Club. Contact: paul_noeldner@hotmail.com, 608-698-0104

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

11th Annual Madison Bird and Nature Festival

12-4 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Celebrate Earth Week, Arbor Day and International Bird Day at this free, family-friendly event. See hawks and owls up close at the on-going, walk-through Open Door Bird Sanctuary "Live Raptor Show." Enjoy food carts, music, educational nature group exhibits and mini-walks, face painting, and lots of fun kids' nature activities. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com 608-698-0104

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Troy Farm Plant Sale

10 am-4 pm, 502 Troy Dr.

Stock up on plants for your home or community vegetable garden. We are offering new varieties of healthy, hardy plants, and a great selection of certified organic vegetable, herb and flower starts. The sale is in-person only; we will not be taking pre-orders online.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Bird and Nature Adventure: Nature Journaling

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Join Naturalist Steve Mansorge for a free guided walk in the wild side of Warner Park. Bring pen and paper; some will be provided. We will stop along the way to contemplate nature and practice writing about what you see, how you feel, and the beauty around you. Contact: 608-698-0104

SATURDAY, MAY 25

EHS 24th Annual Pi-Mile Walk/Run

9 am, Warner Park

This event raises funds for the East High School calculator rental program. Registration begins at 9 am; the run/walk starts at 10 am. And yes, there will be pie. A virtual option is also available. Contact Phillip Galarowicz (pgalarowicz@madison.k12.wi.us) for more information.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Blood Drive with ImpactLife

1-4 pm, Goodwill Store, 2901 N. Sherman Ave.

Memorial Day weekend plans? How about adding "save a life" to the agenda? Be someone's hero and donate blood. To make an appointment, call ImpactLife Madison at 800-747-5401 or online at bloodcenter.org and use group code 4203 to schedule. Appointments appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

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

Our theme is "Festa Italiana." The church will offer lasagna, green salad and garlic 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

FEED Kitchens Taste The Future
4:30 - 7:30 pm

WPCRC 1625 Northport Drive

A Free Ticketed Event—[facebook.com/FEEDKitchens/eventbrite.com/e/taste-the-future-2024-tickets-837600534747](https://www.facebook.com/FEEDKitchens/eventbrite.com/e/taste-the-future-2024-tickets-837600534747). Preview menu items and taste samples of food coming this summer.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Bird and Nature Adventure: Migration Magic Walk

2:30 pm, Tenney Park Beach

Birders of all ages are invited to join Paul Noeldner to look for robins chirping in trees, cardinals singing territorial songs, and Canada geese resting on the water and honking overhead. Learn to use the Merlin app to identify birds by sight and sound. Contact 608-698-0104

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Blood Drive with ImpactLife

1-4 pm, Goodwill Store, 2901 N. Sherman Ave.

April showers bring May flowers, but April blood donations bring endless smiles. Donate blood and make a difference in someone's life. To make an appointment, call ImpactLife Madison at 800-747-5401 or online at bloodcenter.org and use group code 4203 to schedule. Appointments appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Bird and Nature Adventure: Be a Forager-Steward

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

Join Naturalist Kathleen Wolf to look for the amazing variety of natural sources of food, micronutrients, medicine and other uses. Learn about the importance of natural foods to wildlife and people, how to do responsible foraging where permitted, and ways to grow your own. Contact 608-698-0104

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 & MAY 14

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, APRIL 11

Senior Bird and Nature Adventure: Nature Up Close!

12:15 pm, WPCRC

Seniors are invited to join Naturalist Kathleen Wolf to learn some fascinating details of our natural world. We may take a walk outside if weather permits. 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 am, and for transportation if needed, by calling 608-512-0000 ext. 4006 at least two days in advance. Contact: 608-698-0104

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Just Dane 50th Anniversary Celebration
6-8:30 pm, Madison College Mitby Theater

The evening begins with live jazz music and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a presentation from Father Boyle and Homeboys of Homeboy Industries (homeboyindustries.org), which provides hope and job training for formerly gang-involved and incarcerated people. Register at [eventbrite.com/e/justdane-50th-anniversary-celebration-feat-father-boyle-of-homeboy-ind-tickets-79698](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/justdane-50th-anniversary-celebration-feat-father-boyle-of-homeboy-ind-tickets-79698).

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 & MAY 10

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 & MAY 15

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Madison Parks Earth Day Challenge
10 am-12 pm, various parks

Volunteer to clean up at Warner Park, Cherokee Marsh and other parks. Find more information and register at cityofmadison.com/parks/events/earth-dayChallenge.cfm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Bird and Nature Adventure: Find Spring Ephemerals

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Join Naturalist Alex Singer to look for ephemerals (flowers that bloom in woodlands while trees are still bare and sunlight reaches the ground). Help find Trout Lilly, Bloodroot, Dutchmen's Breeches, Trilliums, Mayapple blossoms, Jack in the Pulpit and other spring wildflowers. Contact: 608-698-0104

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Transportation Options with Metro Transit
10 am-12 pm, LL

Learn about transportation options (paratransit and other alternatives) with Metro Transit. Topics include navigating paratransit and exploring biking, bCycles and the bus. Metro employees will answer your questions about transportation resources outside of single-passenger vehicles and provide one-on-one assistance in English and Spanish.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Madison Parks Open House
5:30-7:30 pm, WPCRC

Madison Parks is updating its Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) and seeking input from area residents. The POSP will guide and inform public park policies and park facility decisions in the city.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Library Book Sale

9 am-4 pm, LL

The Friends of Lakeview Library accept donations of books, DVDs, CDs, and vinyl Thursday, April 25, and Friday, April 26, only. The book sale will follow on Saturday, with a bag sale 3-4 pm. All proceeds benefit library programming.



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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