

Progress for Pollinators

Early this year, recently promoted East Parks Operations Leadworker, Spencer Werner arrived at Washington Manor Park and saw a blank slate ready for something big. An area roughly about 2,000 square feet, where the playground once lived, he envisioned a garden for pollinators. He took his idea to the next level and by the end of April he had the full support of his supervisors. With the help of a grant from Dane County UW-Extension, Spencer selected and purchased known pollinator plants. On a warm, sunny day in June, with the help of several volunteers, Spencer and crew planted nearly 1,200 plants.

As the garden continues to thrive, flying and buzzing visitors will enjoy coneflowers, milkweed, prairie blazing star, asters, and goldenrod, just to name a few of the many. Future plans include educational signage and of course, weeding. Lots of weeding.

Washington Manor Park is just one example of the progress for pollinators, others pictured include Odana Hills Golf Course and the Goodman Pool.



Washington Manor



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Odana Hills Golf Course



Goodman Pool

Picnic in the Park

Celebrate the history of our parks with the Madison Parks Foundation at the 4th Annual Picnic in the Park on **Saturday, October 19** at Vilas Park. With this event, the Madison Park Foundation celebrates the remarkable history of the individuals that set the stage for our parks as we know them today. "Our hope is to follow their lead by educating those about this history, advocating for the neighborhoods and embracing projects that make a positive impact on our residents creating a new legacy for the future," said Stephanie Franklin, Madison Parks Foundation Executive Director.

The event is a collaboration with local celebrity chefs Jonny Hunter (Forequarter/Underground Food Collective), Tommy Gering (Casetta), Dan Smith and Allie Christian (The Heights) for an era-inspired feast paired with wine and cocktails. Live music will include a performance from singer Gerri DiMaggio singing songs from the era.



Event Essentials strives to create more than an event, but rather an experience. Picnic in the Park has taken us from Tenney Park its inaugural year, to Hoyt Park, to Olbrich Park, and this year to Vilas Park as we step another decade forward into the 1930s. Themed attire is encouraged. This is truly a unique event that promises a memorable evening in support of a great cause!

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit: madisonpicnicinthepark.com.



Hayrides with Madison Parks

Step aboard a haywagon for a ride through Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park or around the Capitol Square. No reservation required and rides are just \$3 per person.

cityofmadison.com/parks/events/hayrides.cfm



Take a Hike with Us

Are you interested in learning more about our land management and restoration efforts in a conservation park? Check out a Conservation Park Tour before for the 2019 season ends. The staff led educational walking tours provide an insiders perspective and plenty of time for questions. Join us **September 11** at [Knollwood Conservation Park](#) and at [Owen Conservation Park](#) on October 9.

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Owen Conservation Park, Photograph by Brian Shore



Knollwood Conservation Park

Brittingham Dog Park Reopens!

The much-anticipated Brittingham Dog Park reopened in August with its all-new synthetic turf and irrigation system.



Phoenix from the Ashes

Phoenix from the Ashes is a unique partnership between Madison Parks, Madison Arts Commission, and Wisconsin Urban Wood transforming local ash wood into works of art.

As ash trees destined to die due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation and felled by City Parks staff, much of the wood is transported to Wood Cycle of Wisconsin, an urban wood supplier and maker in Oregon, Wisconsin. There the wood was kiln dried, milled, and distributed to local nonprofits, high schools for class instruction, and artists for sculptures and installations.

The work in the exhibition, *Phoenix from the Ashes*, was created by renowned local artists selected by the Madison Arts Commission to demonstrate artistic possibilities for the reuse of urban wood. The exhibition is on display in the Playhouse Gallery on the lower level of the Overture Center for the Arts during September and October of 2019.

Phoenix from the Ashes is generously supported by a major grant from Madison Community Foundation's Year of Giving with additional funds from the Madison Arts Commission and Overture Center for the Arts. The *Phoenix from the Ashes* exhibition is one of the many events part of the Year of the Environment, a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Nelson Institute and Earth Day.



Golf Madison Parks News

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HOME DAY GAME SPECIALS

We're offering Badger/Packer home day game specials at all four courses! Night games and Monday night games are not included. See website for details.

HALLOWEEN TRICKS AND TREATS SCRAMBLE

Play in the Halloween Scramble if you dare! The Odana Hills ghoulish greens keeper will have some of the trickiest holes paired with some treat holes to help along your tumultuous path. Make plans for **Sunday, October 27** at Odana Hills Golf Course. Register in-person at the Odana Hills Golf Course Pro Shop.

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Fall Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens

GUIDED GARDEN STROLLS

Sundays through October 13
1:30 & 3 p.m.

Get an insider's view of Olbrich's outdoor gardens during a free guided garden stroll. All ages are welcome for this casual overview of the Gardens.

GLEAM: ART IN A NEW LIGHT

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays in August 28 - October 26
September: 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
October: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

GLEAM: Art in a New Light, is an annual exhibit featuring local, national and international artists creating light-based installations throughout Olbrich's 16-acre outdoor gardens. Visitors wind their way through dimly lit pathways, encountering strange and surprising forms that pulse and shimmer in the night around every corner.

Olbrich's 5th annual GLEAM exhibit is guaranteed to be BIGGER and brighter! Never before featured at GLEAM: a large-scale interactive installation on the Great Lawn, unique video mapping and a neon-based installation! Creators from around the country, including some local Wisconsin-based Burning Man artists, transform the Gardens into an illuminated world of wonder.



CRACKLE

Friday, September 27
AND Friday, October 4
7 - 10 p.m.

Be inspired by the beauty of a crisp fall evening in Olbrich's outdoor gardens! Watch the flames from bonfires dance on the Great Lawn, groove to live music, enjoy a variety of food offerings provided by some of Madison's favorite food carts, and sip frothy Wisconsin micro-brews!



COCKTAILS IN THE CONSERVATORY

Friday, November 15
7 - 11 p.m.

Sip cocktails in the tropical Bolz Conservatory and enjoy the beats of local DJs! All proceeds benefit the Gardens!



Warner Park News

This summer, Warner Park Community Recreation Center participated in the Wanda Fullmore internship program and had the pleasure of mentoring an intern named Nia. Nia is a local high school student and recently moved to Madison from Maine. Nia helped plan our Teen Nights, worked the front desk, taught art classes for Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) Kids Kamp, and went on field trips throughout Madison Parks facilities. Nia did an excellent job, and we wish her the best as she enters her junior year.


WPCRC participated in five *Increase the Peace* block parties this summer. *Increase the Peace* is a collaboration with multiple Northside non-profit organizations, residents, and city agencies. Block parties were held at Warner Park shelter, Ridgecrest apartments, Park Crest apartments, Brentwood, and Kipling Dr. A free meal and music from a live DJ was enjoyed by more than 150 residents at each of the block parties. Neighbors engaged in activities such as volleyball, face painting, arts and crafts, and voter registration.

WPCRC collected back to school supplies during August to support Northside students. The donations were distributed to students at the Mendota Elementary Block Party on August 24 and JP Hair Design Back to School Free Haircuts event on August 25.

WPCRC is celebrating its 20th birthday. Opening for business on September 19, 1999, the WPCRC has established itself as a critical resource for the Northside. Through partnerships with MSCR and NewBridge (formerly NESCO), WPCRC offers recreational, educational and cultural activities and events.

20th
ANNIVERSARY

This year marks 20 years since the WPCRC first opened its door. On **Friday, October 11**, we will be celebrating with a full day of activities. The day begins with a breakfast, a live band, free fitness classes offered by MSCR, and continues with an evening program and guest speakers and culminates with the 20th Anniversary “Party Like Its 1999” DJ dance party. Limited edition 20th Anniversary merchandise will be for sale.



**WARNER PARK AFTERSCHOOL
YOUTH
Open Gym**

**BEGINNING TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

» **Mondays, 2:15–7 PM**

» **Tuesdays-Fridays, 4–5:30 PM**

*Open gym times may vary
depending on class schedule.*

- Warner Park ID Required (\$5 annually)
- Scholarships Available
- 11-18 years old

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr., Madison, WI 53704
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