



WHEN EVERY DAY IS THE BEST DAY!

by Ken Leinbach, Executive Director

What a great day to be alive! It's pouring rain like cats and dogs outside my window and *I can't wait to get outside!* As a kid I remember the great regattas when the street gutters became our fantasy world and popsicle sticks became elegant racing canoes. We navigated rapids, waterfalls, eddies and the dreaded maple leaf dam. Now that was living!

What a great day to be alive! The wind is howling and the sleet is pounding on our windows and *I can't wait to get outside!* Ice is forming fast on the roads ... the perfect condition for skate sailing, a game we invented in rural Michigan that involved skates on our feet and as many umbrellas as we could carry. Worked great going down wind



(I bet we exceeded 30 miles an hour!) and was great work going back.

What a great day to be alive! The sun is shining without a cloud to be seen and *I can't wait to get outside.* Grab the magnifying glass; put on the sunglasses and carefully burn, with the focused energy of the sun, lines drawn on the cedar shake ... a perfect burned image of a tree. Mom still has this solar gift from her 10 year old son hanging in her home some 35 years later.

As a kid, you just live and life is what it is without a whole lot of philosophizing. As an adult, you have more choices ... more ability to create what the "is" is. Over the past year I have struggled a bit through a form of mid-life crisis and questioning, looking for deeper meaning and purpose.

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CENTER TO HOST INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS IN CITIZEN SCIENCE

by Tim Vargo, Manager of Research and Citizen Science

What do Bushmen from South Africa who use PDAs while they hunt gazelle have in common with Urban Ecology Center volunteers on their knees catching Butler's garter snakes? They all are practicing Citizen Scientists.

Citizen Science is an exciting and evolving field. At the Center hundreds of community volunteers are employed in academic studies by professional scientists. Yet, breaking through to the small group of scientists who still feel true research can be carried out only by professional scientists continues to be a difficult task. There remains a need for a widely-accepted definition of Citizen Science as it becomes more accepted, even popular, in the academic community.

These and other issues will be addressed during the first week of August as leading national and international figures in the field of Citizen Science present their work at the Ecological Society of America Conference held this year in Milwaukee.

The most exciting part of this conference is the symposium. This symposium, the result of a collaborative effort between the Center, Wisconsin DNR and the University of Hawaii, will feature the biggest names in the field of Citizen Science. With generous financial support from the We Energies Foundation,

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BUILDING MOMENTUM: ONE (INTEREST) GROUP AT A TIME

by Joey Zocher, Washington Park Program Director

"Hey, are those for picking up trash?" an excited St. Sebastian seventh grader asked, pointing to the orange claw devices hanging on the wall.

"Can we use them? Please? Please? Please?" One can never blame a group of seventh graders for lack of enthusiasm. Let's see, can you please pick up trash in the park? Well, okay! We try to incorporate service learning into all of our NEEP programs and it always works best when the students ask to help first.

After removing three trash cans, a picnic table and four bags of litter from the lagoon, another student asked, "Do you think we did a little bit to help make Washington Park a better place today?" Yes, I most certainly do and I'm happy to say helping clean up the park is starting to become a trend.



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URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER

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The **Urban Ecology Center** educates and inspires people to understand and value nature as motivation for positive change, neighborhood by neighborhood.

Our environmental community centers:

- Provide outdoor science education for urban youth.
- Protect and use public natural areas, making them safe, accessible and vibrant.
- Preserve and enhance these natural areas and their surrounding waters.
- Promote community by offering resources that support learning, recreation, stewardship and camaraderie.

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DROPLETS

☹ The Center will be closed on **Friday, July 4th** (4th of July Riverside Park Butterfly Count will still occur).

☹ **Summer Camps at Discovery World.** Through our partnership with Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, members of the Urban Ecology Center are eligible for scholarships to Summer Camps at Discovery World! Visit their website <https://www.discoveryworld.org/summerCamp.php> for information on their camps for students 8-16 years old or contact Jessica Lothman at 765-1973.

☹ In June we welcomed 11 Summer Interns! Summer interns serve as assistant educators for our summer camps, help maintain gardens in Riverside Park, run research projects and will coach student in outdoor recreation endeavors.

This year's interns are:

- Cara Burke, student teacher here and at Riverside, University High School, graduated from UW Madison, Biological Aspects of Conservation
- Ben Ertz, Creighton University, Environmental Science
- Amy Davis, UWM, Conservation and Environmental Sciences
- Meghan Mahoney, UW Stevens Point, Environmental Education and Interpretation
- Joseph Reimer, New York University
- Christine Rutlen, Emory University, Environmental Studies
- Jeanne Salmon, a former Outdoor Leader, MATC
- Betsy Schaefer, Hope College, Spanish, Environmental Studies and Writing
- Sammy Smith Jr, former Outdoor Leader, Lane College
- Scott Stromberger, graduated from UWM, Conservation Environmental Sciences
- Molly Ubbsen, volunteer at UEC and UWM, English education

☹ **We welcome the following new staff.** Allyn Knox volunteered at the UEC last summer and has four summers of experience as a camp counselor in East Troy. She will join the education team leading summer camps this summer. Arthur Burks is the Center's new Fishing Coach.

WISH LIST

For Riverside Park

If you have a donation for the Center in Riverside Park please call Judy Krause, x102.

- Air compressor
- Animal heat rocks and heat pads
- Apple cider press
- Electric golf cart
- Garden hoe
- Gently used sweatpants
- Irons (for clothing)
- Kayaks
- Rain ponchos/jackets for little kids (kindergarten - 3rd grade)
- Reliable CD player w/disc repeat
- Reptile basking light bulbs and infrared light bulbs
- Scooter (moped)
- Tennis rackets
- Triple-Beam balance scales
- Used cell phones, print cartridges, video games, and digital cameras
- Waterproof or nylon pants (adult sizes M - XXL)

For Washington Park

If you have a donation for Washington Park, please call Joey Zoicher, (414) 344-5460.

- Adult boots
- Bird Seed
- Clipboards
- Energy Star dehumidifier
- Field guides
- Film canisters
- Fishing nets
- Flat bed sheets
- GPS device
- Kites
- Kids boots
- Love seat
- Musical instruments - acoustic
- Old snow pants / sweatpants
- Plastic storage bins with lids
- Puppets
- Stopwatches
- Sweatshirts

He learned how to fish as a child at a bait shop, and has been doing it ever since. When he isn't fishing with his son, he serves as fitness coach and runs a media project called Just Good News highlighting positive events happening in Milwaukee.

☹ This spring, volunteer and friend of the Center Kyle Schmid passed away. Kyle shared his graphic design talents, visible in the Milwaukee Aerial Photograph, vermicomposting and other exhibits. We are honored to have worked so closely with such a warm spirited friend with a great sense of humor. He will be missed.

SHOPPING MALLS OR SNAKES? JUST ASK THESE 8TH GRADERS

by Erick Anderson, Environmental Educator

As a teacher, it can be easy to second-guess the impact you make on your students. We can't always see if their actions and attitudes have genuinely changed or if they appreciate our hard work. Even if we have made a difference, some of them wouldn't be caught dead telling us. However, a group of eighth grade students reminded me that our mission here is changing perspectives and that my hard work is paying off!

These eighth grade Cass Street School kids had already visited the Center six or seven times over two school years. We bring them on repeat visits so they can form a connection with Riverside Park. Their first time, going into the woods definitely wasn't as exciting to them as we had hoped it would be. Since then, they've done lots of things kids don't normally do when they're in school, from rock climbing to biking to munching garlic mustard. It was time to see how their feelings toward the park had changed.

This is the first school year of a pioneer program called Augmented Reality Gaming for Handhelds (ARGH). The students play a game on a handheld computer which, with the help of GPS, takes them on a guided tour of the park. They encounter virtual characters who teach them about the history and ecological importance of Riverside. Then the students are given scenarios that put

them in charge of the park's future. They can choose to keep the park as it is, or cut it down in favor of more "profitable" things, such as shopping malls and luxury condos. They are asked to give reasons for their decision based on what they know about the park. I enjoyed eavesdropping on these eight graders as they shared heated discussions about where the snakes would go if there were a shopping mall. It came time to share their conclusions.

I was very surprised and pleased to hear what they had to say. Every single group voted to keep the park as it is. No shopping mall, no condos. Just Riverside Park, exactly as they knew it. And they gave many good reasons. There would be no place for the animals to live! The trees help us breathe! But most importantly, they wanted to preserve the park because they have fun there! This is strong evidence that our program is making a difference! They have made a connection with this park.

Next year, these students will be in high school. I hope to see them back here, though their days of Urban Ecology Center field trips may be over. But maybe someday, they'll set foot into a new park, and remember how important Riverside was to them (and that the snakes need a place to live!) We've made a lifelong difference in these kids' perspectives.

URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER TO HOST URBAN WILDERNESS EXHIBIT AND BOOK RELEASE

by Danni Gendelman, Urban Ecology Center Board Director and Arts Committee Chair

Get ready to experience the paradox of *Urban Wilderness: Exploring a Metropolitan Watershed*, a new book by Milwaukee photographer Eddee Daniel. Sponsored by the Urban Ecology Center and six other local organizations, the book intertwines the arts of photography and storytelling to promote an appreciation for natural environments in our community. The book celebrates the joy of discovering an intriguing and unexpected reality: natural beauty in an urban setting. Documenting the conditions within the Milwaukee

River watershed, it proposes a vision for the preservation and restoration of natural areas.

In conjunction with the release of the book, the Center is hosting an exhibit of Eddee's photographs with a public reception to be held on Sunday, July 6th, 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit will run through September.

Eddee Daniel six years combing the "backwoods" of an urban landscape, experiencing what it means to live in a

VOLUNTEER CORNER

by Susan Winans, Volunteer Coordinator

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Susan at x110 or swinans@urbanecologycenter.org to sign up for the following opportunities

Summer Camp Volunteers

Be a part of the summer camp excitement! Volunteers help with registration on Monday mornings beginning June 30th from 8:30 - 10 a.m., share their unique skills and talents with campers during the week or assist with scheduled activities such as canoeing and fishing. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sarah Rohe, x125.

Garden with Joel

Join our Gardener, Joel Springsteen, weekday mornings from 9 a.m. - noon to dig in the dirt of our butterfly, rooftop and rain gardens. This is a great opportunity to learn about native vegetation and landscaping. Contact Susan, x110 for more information.

Recycled Papermaking

Do you enjoy arts and crafts and have a couple of hours on a regular basis that you can donate to the Center? Learn the skill of recycled paper-making and create beautiful gifts for the Center's supporters. Groups of volunteers are also welcome for this activity. Please contact Nikiya at x104 to arrange a time to be trained.

Community Ambassador

Share the excitement of the Urban Ecology Center in the community! We are invited to have a table at various events throughout the year, especially during the summer months. If you enjoy talking with the public and are interested in representing the Center in the Milwaukee area, please contact Nikiya at x104. We will provide you with the information and training that you need!

Frequent Flyers

Spread the word about upcoming events by distributing posters to local businesses and community organizations. To be added to the list of people who are contacted when this is a volunteer need, please contact Carijean at x105.

PATHS TO ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS

by Beth Fetterley, Senior Director of Education and Strategic Planning

As the country faces workforce shortages – estimates are 5-7 million in the next five years - Milwaukee is working to set itself apart as an attractive place to work. What is exciting about this challenge is that it encourages businesses to tap into their ability to be innovative and to respond to external pressures – one of which is environmental sustainability. Companies like Johnson Controls, General Metal Works, Badger Meter and many others have incorporated environmental goals into their business practices.

While this kind of thinking makes these businesses attractive to a workforce that is perhaps more environmentally aware than past generations, the next challenge is to make sure that those employees are environmentally literate. The Urban Ecology Center is involved with a number of collaborative projects working on this challenge and as a result has begun to calibrate our continuum of environmental education to position our students to seize these new jobs and become the leaders of tomorrow. With our method of serving students consistently throughout their school career we are uniquely positioned to prepare students for an environmentally related career path.

This continuum starts with our Neighborhood Environmental Education Project (NEEP) and summer camp, where

local students study their neighborhood park many times each year, throughout their K-8 career. When these students reach high school they continue to have field experiences through NEEP and they can apply for an environmental career focused internship, called the Outdoor Leadership Program. As an Outdoor Leader they work closely with adult interns, who serve as their mentors through the summer. Together they explore environmental research, land stewardship, outdoor recreation and environmental education.

The summer internship programs are designed to expose adult interns and Outdoor Leaders to the four key areas of the Center's mission. After two weeks of intensive training, interns spend the remaining eight weeks rotating through projects led by the Center staff. They conduct field research in Riverside Park, co-teach summer camps in both Riverside and Washington Park, lead community programs in Washington Park, coach outdoor recreation skills to youth and adults, plant and maintain our native gardens and green space and engage groups in service learning projects.

What is different about this program, is that it is intergenerational – Center staff mentor college age (or older) interns who then mentor high school age interns who

in turn mentor pre-school and school age students. Because of our mentorship approach, each student develops a deeper understanding of ecological issues, preparing them to be productive environmentally literate citizens. Thanks to a broad range of experiences our continuum provides, each participant is exposed to many career options along the way: from scientists to academics and sustainable architecture, interior design and systems as well as land restoration and organic gardening.

For the first time since the adult summer internship program was launched four years ago, we will have two former High School Outdoor Leaders return as adult interns to mentor the next group of students. The continuum we've envisioned is really working! When you visit the Center this summer you are sure to meet these wonderful people in action. But don't try to hire them yet; we need them till summer is over to keep the Center hopping!

If you work for a company which hires high school or college graduates with an interest or background in the environment, please email me at bfetterley@urbanecologycenter.org.

A sustainable environment is a sustainable economy!

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we are able to fly in speakers from such diverse places as South Africa, Great Britain and Canada to join eight national leaders for the symposium.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE GOOD NEWS...

Since most of us aren't able pay several hundred dollars to attend the conference, we are bringing symposium speakers to you on Saturday, August 9th, for a day full of talks and hands-on workshops. Would you like to hear tales of Bush trackers in South Africa from the scientist who designed the project? Or of Citizen Scientists climbing into the

canopies of Costa Rica? Want to learn how to collect valuable data on the worms in your backyard? If so, I encourage you to attend the workshop. If you are interested, please contact me at 964-8505, x116, for details.

The Urban Ecology Center is taking a front-and-center role during this conference which draws thousands of ecologists from around the world. We will lead and host field trips to showcase our building, organization and programming. We need your help with a variety of tasks during the conference and especially during the workshops on August 9th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tim at x116.

INTERNATIONAL CITIZEN SCIENCE WORKSHOP

FEATURING INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL RESEARCHERS

Saturday, August 9

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For adults

For more information or to register contact Tim at x116

FROM THE BOARD

by John Clancy, President, UEC Board of Directors

As spring is the season of new growth, so, too, has the Urban Ecology Center Board of Directors grown this spring. I'm delighted to report that five talented and energetic individuals have joined the Board for a two year commitment! The new Directors reflect the partnerships the Center has developed as we continue to branch out, neighborhood by neighborhood. We welcome the following people and look forward to working with them in the future.

Eric Crawford and his family are recent members of the Center since moving from the Netherlands. While abroad Eric was the Director of Recruitment for Webster University-Leiden, Adjunct Business Professor and launched the university's entrepreneurship program. Here he created and leads Greenman Alliance, a human capital group helping companies recruit and retain "green people." Eric holds a graduate degree in Human Resources from Loyola-Chicago and has been instrumental in growing many sustainable businesses. Eric is also a board member of Pax Ludens, a Dutch startup that combines technology and simulation to teach conflict resolution and

peace-building. He and his family live in Shorewood and own land in a village outside of Madrid where they are working on an off-grid, sustainable property.

Blake Moret returned to the Milwaukee area with his wife and four children in 2005, after living abroad for six years. He works for Rockwell Automation, where he is the Vice President and General Manager of the Customer Support and Maintenance Business. This business includes an emerging sustainability consulting practice. Blake was a member of the Swiss Alpine Club during his time in Europe and enjoys the occasional trip to Mt. Rainier and the other nearby Cascades.

Ed Krishok is Vice President, General Counsel of Harley-Davidson Motor Company. Born in New York City, Ed has lived in Milwaukee since 1987 with his wife, Peggy Hong. Ed and Peggy have three children, Meiko, Katja and Malachi. Ed's interests include Waldorf education, the arts and progressive political causes. He is a past president and past treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Tamarack Waldorf School, a member and past president of the Board of Directors of

Woodland Pattern Book Center and a member of the Board of Deacons of Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Carl Trimble has been a member of the Center since 2002 and served on the Finance Committee since 2007. Carl lives in the North Shore with his wife and three children. A former partner with the law firm of Michael, Best & Friedrich, currently he works as the President of Milwaukee Capital, Inc., a local investment advisory firm. Carl volunteers in various capacities with numerous community organizations including Prevent Blindness Wisconsin and the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay. He enjoys tennis, running, astronomy, birdwatching and reading world history.

Will Nasgovitz, Finance Committee and Center member since 2007 and donor since 2001, co-manages a mutual fund at Heartland Advisors, Inc. He grew up in our neighborhood and currently lives in the Eastside/UWM neighborhood with his wife, Madeline. They were married this April. Outside of work, Will enjoys fly-fishing and backpacking.

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As I ponder my 45 years of experiences, I reference my days of old when every day, no matter what the condition, was the best kind of day and I just have to smile. There is no need to over think this existence ... much better to just get out and be a part of it!

What a great day to be alive! The beech tree is rustling in the wind with branches bending to the southwest and *I can't wait to get outside!* Our acrobatic kites were always at the ready and off we'd go to play with the elements!

The secret, I've found, is finding joy in any of mother nature's gifts. Not sure where to start? Let us help you. Next time it is raining, come to the Urban Ecology Center and check out the new aqueduct system that brings rain water through a series of mounted gutters into the pond ... it's way cool

and you might want to bring a popsicle stick or two for a race (many thanks to Pragmatic Construction for donating time and materials to construct this work of interactive art). If it's sunny, stop by and we might be making cookies in the solar oven, our solar panels will be humming with electricity and recently I've rekindled a passion for solar art with a magnifier (You won't believe what a four foot diameter fresnel magnifying lens can burn!). Wind's up, come fly a kite and if you don't have one, well one is always on the ready at the Center.

When one is connected to the natural world, every day has something worth getting out of bed and going outside for, be it meteor showers, butterfly migrations, northern lights, hummingbird courtship rituals, visits from the snowy owl, the blooming of the pasque flower, the running of the red horse suckers, etc., etc.,

etc. These things happen all the time, right here in our neighborhood, whether we pay attention or not. It is so very easy to let the drama of our lives keep us from noticing. However, noticing and appreciating these events and cycles I find heals some of the hardship in the drama.

What a great day to be alive! The beech leaves are the size of a squirrel's ear and *I can't wait to get outside!* Time for the big hunt! Off we'd go with sacks in hand to seek the elusive morel mushroom and the more prolific fiddle head ferns. Just a few made for a delicious omelet; if we hit the jackpot, it meant the morning spent threading the stems of the mushrooms together for air-drying ... preparations for delectable omelets all year!

Next year, when the beech tree leaves are the size of a squirrel's ear, come hunt with us for morels; Ginger, on staff, found some this spring right here in Milwaukee!

JULY-AUGUST CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS

What's with the frogs and fish?

We're excited to announce the addition of new public programs at our Washington Park branch! As a result we've added two icons to help you know at a glance the location of each program.



= Riverside Park



= Washington Park

Also, programs marked with an * are accessible for persons with physical disabilities. All others have limited to no accessibility. Please call 964-8505 at least two days ahead of the program date if you have accessibility needs. Scholarships are available for all fee-based programs. For general information call (414) 964-8505 or visit www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org

THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4TH (RIVERSIDE PARK BUTTERFLY COUNT WILL STILL OCCUR)

SPECIAL EVENTS

URBAN WILDERNESS PROJECT

Opening:
Sunday, July 6
2 - 4 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505
Show runs through late September
Co-sponsored by Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers



Eddee Daniel's Urban Wilderness Project uses photography to promote and celebrate the interrelationship of urban and natural environments. Eddee has also written a book featuring his photos and observations, *Urban Wilderness: Exploring a Metropolitan Watershed*. This opening includes a special book release. For a preview go to www.eddeedaniel.com. Refreshments provided.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

If you have a program to share, please call 964-8505, x105, and we'll list it in this section if we have space.

UWM FOLK CENTER'S STRINGALONG WEEKEND

October 24 - 26, plus optional Pre-Stringalong Oct. 23 arrival \$205+ (includes room, meals, classes & concerts)
Guest rates available too!
StringalongWeekend.com,
skyeschmid@aol.com, (414) 426-3655

A weekend retreat filled with music, dancing, crafts, ecology, classes and concerts. Over 30 of the nation's top instructor/performers will teach classes ranging from guitar, dulcimer and banjo to crafts, instrument building and dance. Also, Center Executive Director Ken Leinbach will teach two different ecology classes! Newcomers always welcome!

FAMILY SERIES:

NATURE JOURNALING*

Sunday, July 13
2 - 3:30 p.m.
For kids, ages 6 and older, accompanied by an adult \$5 (Nonmembers - \$7)
Accompanying adult - free, donations appreciated
Registration required by July 11th, call 964-8505



Nature journaling is fun for the entire family. Explore Riverside Park through writing and drawing in your own recycled journal.

OUTDOOR COOKING

Sunday, August 17
2 - 3:30 p.m.
For families
\$4 or \$12 for families of 4 or more (Nonmembers - \$7 or \$24 for families of 4 or more)
Registration required by August 15th, call 964-8505



Summer is a time to be outdoors. Learn how to build a fire and cook tasty desserts over a fire in Riverside Park's amphitheater.

4TH OF JULY RIVERSIDE PARK BUTTERFLY COUNT*

Friday, July 4
11 a.m.
For adults and accompanied children \$3
Call to register, 964-8505



Every year the North American Butterfly Association coordinates volunteers across the US, Canada and Mexico to census butterfly populations. Join us for a stroll through Riverside Park to count and identify our resident butterflies. No experience is necessary.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

FAMILY RIVER PROGRAM

Saturday, July 19
2 - 4 p.m.
For kids, ages 7 and older, accompanied by an adult \$6 (Nonmembers - \$8)
Accompanying adult - free, donations appreciated
Meet in the Hubbard Park parking lot
Registration required by July 16th, call 964-8505



Pull on hip waders and use a magnifying lens to discover the creatures that live in the Milwaukee River. Search for crayfish, leeches, damselflies and other tiny creatures.

NATURE DETECTIVES*

Sundays, July 27 & August 31
2 - 3:30 p.m.
For everyone
\$4 or \$12 for families of 4 or more (Nonmembers - \$7 or \$24 for families of 4 or more)
Call to register, 964-8505



Discover the natural world as we explore Riverside Park using magnifying glasses and doing scavenger hunts.

STORYTIME IN THE PARK*

Saturday, August 9
11 a.m. - noon
For kids, ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult \$3 (Nonmembers - \$5)
Accompanying adult - free, donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



Meet a turtle in our live animal room and then hike out to Riverside Park and listen to the story *Scout!* by Cathryn Falwell. After the story you can search for turtles and other animals in Riverside Park.

ANIMAL FEEDING*

Saturdays
1 - 2 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated



Help feed the Center's resident turtles, fish and snakes as you learn about the animals that inhabit Washington Park.

ANIMAL FEEDING*

Saturdays
1 - 2 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated



Help feed the Center's resident turtles and snakes as you learn about the animals that inhabit the Milwaukee River valley.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS*

Drop in program
Saturdays,
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sundays, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated



Discover the world of science through self-led interactive activities and crafts.

July: Birds. Learn about our feathered friends and go outside to Riverside Park to look for them.

August: Mushrooms and other fungi.



 = Riverside Park

 = Washington Park

ADULT LEARNING

INTERNATIONAL CITIZEN SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 9
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
For adults
For more information and to register please contact Tim at 964-8505, x116



The Urban Ecology Center will be hosting international, national and local leaders from the burgeoning field of Citizen Science for a full day of talks, walks and hands-on training. Learn how organizations from around the world are employing their citizen science volunteers and discover how you can participate in national and local citizen science programs.

IMAGING FOR CORAL REEF MONITORING IN THE MARINE PROTECTED WATERS OF GRENADA

Speaker: Dr. Bob Anderson, Professor, Biology, Wisconsin Lutheran College
Tuesday, July 8
7 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - \$5)
Call to register, 964-8505



Students and faculty from Wisconsin Lutheran College joined with Dr. Clare Morrall, Marine Biologist, St. George's University in establishing a biological monitoring project in the Marine Protected Area of southwest Grenada. Substrate type, bottom dwelling organisms and fish were identified along 30-meter transects. Digital video as well as observations recorded on underwater data sheets provided baseline data. Preliminary evaluation of these data indicate that extensive algae growth may be inhibiting coral growth and development in the protected area.

URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER BOOK CLUB

Saturdays, July 26 & August 30
10 - 11 a.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



The Bookclub meets once a month to discuss an environmentally themed book. Come enjoy the conversation and refreshments.

July: *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* by John Perkins

August: *Stolen Harvest* by Vandava Shiva

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING EXHIBIT OPEN HOURS

Sundays,
Noon - 2 p.m.

Mondays
4-7 p.m.

For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

The Library of Sustainability has a new name! It is now the Sustainable Building Exhibit. Remodeling, adding on, or building a new home? Visit the Exhibit for ideas to beautify your home while honoring the environment. This is a hands-on exhibit of sample products for home construction and interior decorating. Resource person available during open hours.



DNR FROG & TOAD SURVEY

Tuesday, July 1
8 p.m. - midnight
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - \$5)
Call to register, 964-8505



Come out for a late night of froggin'. Help add to the DNR's statewide database of frogs and toads, run by citizen scientists. Dress for the weather and wear footwear that can get muddy. We will cover western and southern Milwaukee County.

ADULT BIRDING WORKSHOP: INTELLIGENCE PART III

Wednesday, July 2
7 p.m.
For adults
\$5 (Nonmembers - \$10)
Free for regular birding volunteers
Call to register, 964-8505



"If [people] had wings and bore black feathers, few of them would be clever enough to be crows," (Beecher). We will explore the "bird brain" and how birds sense the world. The lecture will be followed by a stroll through Riverside Park. Binoculars provided.

MONARCH LARVAE MONITORING

Thursday, July 3
5:30 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children
\$4 (Nonmembers - \$7)
Call to register, 964-8505



Discover the miraculous life cycle of the monarch butterfly. After a brief introduction of their life stages (egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and adult) you will comb the park for monarchs. As a citizen scientist you'll collect important data for the University of Minnesota's national Monarch Larvae Monitoring Project.

URBAN ADVENTURES

Advanced registration is required for all Urban Ecology Center Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration.

Cancellation Policy: When payment is required in advance for a program, you may cancel up to 48 hours in advance without penalty. If the Center cancels a program for any reason, the payment will be refunded or can be used toward a future program. Call the Center at (414) 964-8505 to register at least two days before the trip. Trips run as scheduled rain or shine, at the discretion of the trip leader.

RIVER RHYTHMS CANOE TRIP*

Wednesdays, July 2 - August 27
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
For adults & accompanied children
Adults: \$25 (Nonmembers - \$30)
Children: \$15 (Nonmembers - \$20)
Call to register, 964-8505



Paddle down the Milwaukee River to Pere Marquette Park. Enjoy music and festivities at River Rhythms, then paddle back. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Milwaukee Rowing Club Boat House (1990 N. Commerce St.) Each week fills quickly so sign up early! River Rhythms trips satisfy your water safety requirement for equipment lending. Tell trip leader if you plan to complete your water safety requirement on the trip.

July - August performers are:

- July 2 - Greg Koch
- July 9 - Ambrosia
- July 16 - Madisalsa
- July 23 - Upside Groove Coalition
- July 30 - No Strings Attached
- August 6 - Wade Fernandez
- August 13 - Brother
- August 20 - Above the Town
- August 27 - King Solomon

WATER SAFETY COURSE FOR CANOE LENDING PROGRAM

Thursdays, July 3 - August 28
6 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays, July 5 - August 30
10 - 10:30 a.m.

For those members who wish to borrow our canoes, but open to everyone
Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - \$5)
Registration required, call 964-8505



Interested in borrowing our canoes? Come take a 30 minute water safety course to make sure that you are ready to get out on the water. This is a requirement of the canoe/kayak lending program.

OPEN CLIMBS ON THE TOWER WALL

Sundays, July 6 - August 17
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, July 8 - August 19
4 - 6 p.m.

For everyone
Adults: \$10 (Nonmembers - \$15)
Children: \$8 (Nonmembers - \$12)
Call to register, 964-8505

Build strength, balance and confidence by climbing on our tower's rock wall! All climbers must have a completed and signed waiver before climbing, available at www.urbanecologycenter.org. Please call ahead to register, no walk-ins.

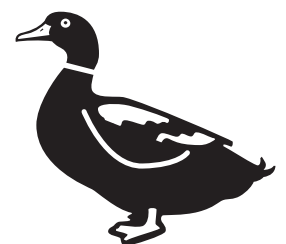


EVENING DOWNTOWN KAYAK

Thursday, July 17 & August 7
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children, ages 12 and older
Adults: \$25 (Nonmembers - \$35)
Children: \$15 (Nonmembers - \$20)
Call to register, 964-8505



Meet at the Milwaukee Rowing Club Boat House (1990 N. Commerce St.) Paddle recreational/touring style kayaks through downtown, past the mouth of the Menomonee River and into the harbor (wind and waves permitting). We will paddle back up to the Rowing Club Boathouse, pausing at Milwaukee Ale House for refreshments. Participants with minimal experience are welcome. Evening Downtown Kayak trips satisfy your water safety requirement for equipment lending. Tell trip leader if you plan to complete your water safety requirement on the trip.





= Riverside Park



= Washington Park

INTEREST GROUPS

UEC PHOTO CLUB*

Thursdays, July 3 &
August 7
6:30 p.m.

For adults
Free - donations appreciated



Explore nature in an artistic light and develop new skills.

FRIENDS OF REAL FOOD*

Wednesdays, July 9 &
August 13
6 - 8 p.m.

For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



Share our potluck dinner and enthusiastic discussion.

July: What's On Your Plate?

The documentary *Sustainable Table* takes an unadulterated look into the food we eat and where it comes from. It examines the health and environmental effects of both the standard and sustainable methods of producing food. We'll discuss how we make choices about what to eat and what we can do to help create a more sustainable food system.

August: Savor and Celebrate Local Eating: How to Find Local Food.

Are you thinking of taking the Eat Local Challenge during the 2nd week of September? Join us to learn about available local food resources and tips for shopping and dining out. We'll also talk about what it means to participate in the Eat Local Challenge and how each of us might determine our goals as we find local foods.

URBAN ECHO POETS*

Thursday, July 10
7 p.m.

For adults
Free - donations appreciated



Our purpose is to observe and experience nature, then to express these observations in poetry and essay. We will read and write and appreciate poetry with images from nature at its core. Please note: Urban Echo Poets will not meet in August.

URBAN STARGAZERS*

Thursday, July 10
7 p.m.

For adults
Free - donations appreciated



Join us for information and stargazing. Please note: Urban Stargazers will not meet in August.

MAJOR TAYLOR BIKE CLUB OF MILWAUKEE*

Saturdays, July 12, 26,
August 9 & 23

Morning,
exact time TBD by riders
Call 344-5460 for more information.

For adults and teens
Free - donations appreciated
Meet at Washington Park



Interested in bike riding and educating your community? Us too! Help start the new Major Taylor Bike Club of Milwaukee! This group is a nonprofit social/recreational club that promotes safe and fun cycling geared towards the African-American communities of greater Milwaukee. Membership is open to anyone regardless of race, creed or gender.

PATHS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE*

Tuesday, July 15
6 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 19
6:30 - 8 p.m.

For adults
Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - \$5)
Childcare available- call to register: \$4 (Nonmembers \$6)
Call to register, 964-8505



We strive to increase self-reliance to address the global crises of climate change and the decline of fossil fuels.

July: Crude Awakening. This compelling 90-minute film explores the implications of our civilization's addiction to a finite resource. Screening followed by discussion.

August: Peak Oil Primer. Nervous about gas prices? Wondering where it's headed? Dr. David Moss will lead a discussion on peak oil theory and what it means for all of us.

VEGETARIAN POTLUCK*

Thursdays, July 17 &
August 21
6:30 - 8 p.m.

For adults &
accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated



Bring a plate and fork along with your meatless dish to pass.

SAVOR THE TASTE OF SUMMER*

Thursday, August 7
6 - 8:30 p.m.

For adults
\$25 for Urban Ecology Center or CSA members
(Nonmembers - \$35)
Call to register, 964-8505



Pickling Summer's Fare. Canning fruits and vegetables in a vinegar base is an age old practice for preserving summer's harvest. You will be guided in hands-on preservation of vegetables such as green beans and pickles. Canning materials, produce and handouts included.

FISHING WITH THE E.B. GARNER FISHING CLUB*

Wednesdays
5 - 7 p.m.

For everyone, adults need fishing license
Free - donations appreciated
Washington Park Lagoon



Enjoy a fun fishing evening in Washington Park. Learn fishing techniques with E.B. Garner. Poles provided.

EARLY MORNING BIRDCALLS*

Thursdays

8 a.m.
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated



Interested bird watchers are invited to explore with us.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BURDOCK BRIGADE

Every Tuesday and
Every First & Third
Saturday
9 - 10:30 a.m.

Free - donations appreciated
For adults &
accompanied children



Have a hands on impact on our natural world by helping increase the biodiversity Riverside Park.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Saturdays, July 5 & August 2
10:30 a.m. - noon

Thursday, July 10
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 27
5:30 - 7 p.m.

For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



Learn about the Center's programs and how to get involved.

SATURDAY STEWARDS

Every Second, Fourth
(& Fifth) Saturday
9 - 10:30 a.m.

For adults &
accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



Kick-off your weekend by volunteering at the Urban Ecology Center! Enjoy small and large projects around the Center and in Riverside Park. Working together is a great way to connect with others in our community. Individuals and small groups, young and old, everyone is welcome. Please sign-up so we know who is coming.

URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER TOURS

WEDNESDAY WALK WITH KEN

Wednesdays
9 a.m. - UEC Building
10 a.m. - Riverside Park

For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call ahead to confirm (414) 964-8505.



You're invited to a special tour as you explore Riverside Park and/or our green facility with Executive Director Ken Leinbach (staff substitution on occasion).

BETH'S BUILDING TOUR*

Wednesdays
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505.



Explore our green facility and learn about its secrets and stories with Director of Education Beth Fetterley. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about the Center's innovative educational programming (staff substitution on occasion).



ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE? ECO-COMMUTING AT THE URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER

by Mike Larson, Executive Assistant

I started working at the Center last year on the Monday after Thanksgiving. There were a lot of things that impressed me during my first week, but one that sticks out in my mind were the bikes that were parked outside of the building that cold November day. Apparently, despite the below freezing temperatures and threat of snow, some of the staff had chosen to bike to work instead of driving their cars.

As time went on I began to realize that this wasn't the exception, but the norm. Many people on staff chose to walk, bike or even cross-country ski to work ... even after a huge snow storm! Others rode the bus or drove hybrid or bio-diesel vehicles. Part of the reason that so many staff did this was because of the Center's Eco-Buck incentive which pays staff \$1 a day if they commute to work without using fossil fuels. The other part of the reason, however, was that these people cared about the environment and were willing to put their money (or in this case, their commute) where their mouths were.

After a few weeks people began to ask me if I were planning on biking to work.

At first, I was reluctant. After all, I live in Bayview, not within two miles of the Center as most people did. Over time, however, their gentle encouragement began to wear on me. Our Executive Director travels eight miles to and from work every day, one of our Educators travels 10; surely I could ride 13 miles a day! There are even showers at the Center for me to use when I arrive in the morning. My excuses to not eco-commute were running out.

I am proud to say that this March I did start riding my bike to work. It was hard at first, but I soon began to enjoy the exercise, the beautiful route along the lake and the occasional ride with one of my coworkers who was going in the same direction. As my enthusiasm for eco-commuting grew, I began to wonder how many miles we as a staff could accumulate over the summer if we kept track. Thus began the Urban Ecology Center's Eco-Commute Challenge!

Starting on May 1st, the staff began to track how many miles they commuted to and from work using human-powered

means. Every week we total this mileage and use it to chart a theoretical trip across the country: 4050 miles from Olympic National Park in Washington State to Acadia National Park in Maine. We hung a huge map on the wall at Riverside Park so that visitors can see our progress throughout the summer. Along the way we will be making "stops" at various national parks, nature centers, wind farms and other ecologically-themed points of interest. We invite you to stop by the Center throughout the summer to see how far we have gone. By the time you are reading this, we estimate that the staff will have eco-commuted about 1700 miles and will have just "visited" Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota!

How far do you travel to and from work every day? Could you eco-commute? Could you and your co-workers create your own Eco-Commute Challenge at your workplace? Please feel free to contact us if you would like information about how to start up your own Eco-Commute Challenge or Eco-Buck incentive program!

URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER TO HOST URBAN WILDERNESS EXHIBIT AND BOOK RELEASE

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watershed. With camera and notebook he recorded what he found, whether natural or built up, aesthetically pleasing or polluted and ugly. In *Urban Wilderness* he guides us down waterways and reveals that preserving urban rivers is key to sustainable city life. In rich color images and engaging text, Eddee explores the natural and cultural history of the Menomonee, Milwaukee's industrial river.

The narrative reveals the river's moods, its ecological conditions and its ills and strengths.

The volume with 148 full-color photographs is published by the Center for American Places at Columbia College Chicago and distributed by the University of Chicago Press. It will be in bookstores in August but may be pre-ordered online at www.americanplaces.org or www.press.uchicago.edu. Excerpts can be read on www.eddeedaniel.com. The Center will

also sell the book and profits from its sales will return to the Center.

Along with the Urban Ecology Center, *Urban Wilderness* is sponsored by Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers, Menomonee



"High Rise Bridge - Menomonee Valley" (above) by Eddee Daniel is a wonderful, almost abstract composition of a bridge and a poplar tree. See more of Eddee's photos at the *Urban Wilderness Project* opening on Sunday, July 6

Valley Partners, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, River Revitalization Foundation, Sierra Club—Great Waters Group and Sixteenth Street Community Health Center.

Urban Wilderness examines the paradox of its title. It illuminates a personal exploration of living in relationship with nature that unfolds within an urban setting, from the perspective of its waterways, wildlife and secret footpaths. It leads to a voyage of discovery, not of faraway lands, but of our own backyard, for it is just as important to discover where we are as it is to seek out distant places.

The Urban Ecology Center is dedicated to bringing people in touch with nature through a variety of ways. The Center's Arts Committee presents artists who create work with nature themes.

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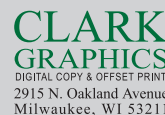


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Thanks to all our sponsors who made the Teen Adventure Challenge a success! Their support brought teens, parents and volunteers together for a truly remarkable experience. The teams explored our urban wilderness on foot and by canoe. They climbed higher than they expected and cheered more than they thought they could. Our sponsors helped create these amazing experiences. Check out our website (www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org) for pictures from this exciting day!

BUILDING MOMENTUM: ONE (INTEREST) GROUP AT A TIME

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At our first Earth Day Festival in Washington Park, over 300 volunteers from Brewcity Bruisers, E.B. Garner Fishing Club, Henry Schein, Lisbon Area Neighborhood Development, Milwaukee Biodiesel Coop, Neighbors United for Washington Park, Sherman Park Association, Sierra Club, Student Conservation Association and Washington Heights Neighborhood Association joined forces with several Cub Scout troops, college groups and excited neighbors to help out. Together they fished, planted native gardens, removed invasive species, educated the community about energy efficiency and cleaned up litter. Three gardens, a truckload of invasive species, 200 energy education bags and 150 bags of litter later, the groups joined together

for a picnic. It was a tiring and rewarding four hours.

The community is energized and so are we! So many people are dedicating their time and efforts to our park that we just have to join in the momentum. As a result, we are expanding our outreach to the community. Starting this summer, the Washington Park center will be open to the public for drop-in visits and an assortment of programs. We will be open Tuesday through Friday from 4 - 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Have an idea for a group that supports the Center's mission (see our mission statement on page 2)? Are you willing to help us get it started? We call groups that gather at our Center around an

interest or activity an "Interest Group," clever huh? We already have a few interest groups meeting at the Center, including the Major Taylor Bike Club of Milwaukee (brand new!) and the E.B. Garner Fishing Club. We would love to have more groups! Examples of groups that have grown from the community at our Riverside Park location are a birding club, book club, photography club, food related gatherings and a weekly land stewardship crew. Please call if you have an idea you would like to talk about.

For more information about the groups mentioned and what's happening at the Washington Park branch, check out our website at www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org or contact me at 344-5460.

THANK YOU FROM THE CENTER

The Urban Ecology Center receives a majority of its support from local foundations, corporations and individuals. This page of our newsletter is reserved each issue to thank you and the many supporters of the Center. **The names listed are those that made a contribution to the Urban Ecology Center in the two months since our last newsletter.**

We thank those of you who have begun a new membership, renewed your membership or given a gift membership. Since our membership has grown to 2200 households we no longer can list all of our new and renewing members here. When space is available we will print the list of in kind donations. Rest assured we appreciate every donation and membership and are working hard to make your investment in the Center produce results 7 days a week, 357 days of the year! Call Ginger at the Center if your name has not appeared as you expected.

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- Riverside Washington I love them all!

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NEW OPEN HOURS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AT WASHINGTON PARK! (SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS)



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URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER PROGRAMS

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AUGUST 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						2 Science Saturdays (RP) (every Saturday, 9:30a-4:30p) topic: Mushrooms, other fungi 9a Burdock Brigade (RP) 10a Water Safety (RP) 10:30a Volunteer Orientation (RP)
3 Science Sundays (RP) (every Sunday, 12:30-4:30p) topic: Mushrooms, other fungi 12-2p Sustainable Building Exhibit Open Hours (RP) 2:30p Open Climbs (RP)	4 Sustainable Building Exhibit Open Hours (RP)	5 Burdock Brigade (RP) 4p Open Climbs (RP)	6 9a Building Tour with Ken (RP) 10a Walk with Ken (RP) 5p E.B. Garner Fishing Club (WP) 5:30p River Rhythms Canoe Trip (RP) 5:30p Beth's Building Tour (RP)	7 8a Birdwalk 5:30p Evening Downtown Kayak (RP) 6p Water Safety (RP) 6p Savor the Taste of Summer (RP) 6:30p Photography Club (RP)	8 TBA 8:30a Major Taylor Bike Club of Milwaukee (WP) Citizen Science Workshop (RP) 9a Saturday Stewards (RP) 10a Water Safety (RP) 11a Storytime in the Park (RP)	9 1p Animal Feeding Time (WP & RP)
10 12-2p Sustainable Building Exhibit Open Hours (RP) 2:30p Open Climbs (RP)	11 4-7p Sustainable Building Exhibit Open Hours (RP)	12 9a Burdock Brigade (RP) 4p Open Climbs (RP)	13 9a Building Tour with Ken (RP) 10a Walk with Ken (RP) 5p E.B. Garner Fishing Club (WP) 5:30p River Rhythms Canoe Trip (RP) 5:30p Beth's Building Tour (RP) 6p Friends of Real Food (RP)	14 8a Birdwalk 6p Water Safety (RP) 6:30p University Neighborhood Association meeting	15 1p Animal Feeding Time (WP & RP)	16 9a Burdock Brigade (RP) 10a Water Safety (RP) 1p Animal Feeding Time (WP & RP)
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