**SO KEN, WHAT IS UP WITH “YOUR BRIDGE TO NOWHERE?”**

*by Ken Leinbach, Executive Director*

Ok, ok, remind me to never again try to extend a public city road across a county owned bicycle path by building a vehicular bridge, with a mix of public and private dollars, to land that is in part private, in part county and in part Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) — all in order to build a parking lot.

It seemed so simple ... almost elegant in concept. While it would be nice to think that every person who visits the Urban Ecology Center will ride a bike — but with over 70,000 visitors annually some will need to drive their car. As we continue to grow, it is not fair to our supportive neighbors to park up their neighborhood. We need a parking lot, but where? As fate would have it, there is a vacant half acre lot that can never be planted or permanently built on less than 50 yards away! Land that is home to the access covers of the deep water tunnel’s NS6 outflow. The MMSD needs 24-hour access to these facilities, but while it can’t be built on ... it can be parked on. Perfect! There is a problem, however. While the land is only 50 yards away, it is across the sunken Oak Leaf Trail. To get there one must have wings, or ... a bridge needs to be built; thus the elegance.

Little did we realize the complications involved with this simple, elegant idea ... so many questions had to be answered. Some were basic, like, who builds a bridge and a parking lot? Others were less so: How does a person build a bridge to match two different elevations? Once built, who will own the bridge and the lot? Since the crossing is on both city and county land, will it become a city street, a county parkway or a private drive? Can you build a bridge and road across land with three different owners? Wait, before you can do this you need some kind of legal easement, donation or land sale to clarify who owns what part of the road ... don’t you? How is this done? To do this you need permission from ... the City Common Council? County Board? Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission? Continued on page 3

**ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

*by Joey Zocher, Washington Park Program Director*

“Hey Joey, I could really use your help now,” Emily said as she swung her head out of my office almost as quickly as she swung it in. I hopped up quickly, understanding the urgency but excited to help. I knew there was no major problem, but that I was being summoned to help canoe! In my mind, a perfect way to spend an afternoon.

It was an experiment that went magnificently right this summer — our first attempt at a drop-in summer camp. The rules were simple: show up by 9:30, stay until 3:30, turn in your waiver and pay what you can! Since there was no pre-registering, we had no idea how many (if any) kids would show up. When Monday rolled around, we were delighted that eleven kids showed up. To make it aLL handS on deck! Continued on page 4

**LAWN DITCHING**

*by Gerald Ottone, Community Volunteer*

Studying changes in nature doesn’t take a team of experts: sometimes all it takes is noticing a pattern and a bit of curiosity. That’s how I began my exploration of “lawn ditching”. Urban landowners are changing their front yards from conventional lawns to natural landscapes that include native flowers and grasses. Here in Milwaukee I have been witnessing a subtle, steady transformation of our urban landscape, a change in the physical environment providing the context for our human lives.

I will tell you first that I am an apartment dweller lacking a yard of my very own, but I was curious and decided to do some informal research. Over a period of weeks in the summer of 2008, I surveyed every street on the upper east side — the area bounded by North Avenue, the Milwaukee River, the Village of Shorewood and Lake Michigan — taking note of addresses with “natural landscaping” in the front yards. I did a visual inspection assessing whether there had been an apparent replacement of a conventional lawn with vegetation native to Wisconsin. I differentiated between yards with full and partial replacement. I did not look at backyards and I did not interview any residents. Continued on page 5
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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

- We have three new staff members we would like you to meet:
  Demetria Dunn has joined us as our Grant Manager. Demetria most recently served as the Director of Student Support/Academic Dean of Milwaukee Renaissance Academy, one of the Center’s partnering schools. Not only does she have grant writing experience but she has experienced the Center’s education program directly from the perspective of an educator.
  Jeff McAvoy has joined us as Marketing Communications Associate through the Trinity Fellow Program at Marquette University. Jeff is studying for his Master’s in Communications. He will be with the Center for two years.
  Heidi Telste became a member of our education team as an Environmental Educator. Heidi is volunteering her talents for a year through the Lutheran Volunteer Corps program. She recently graduated from University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota with her BS in Biology. We are delighted to have these three remarkable people with us as we head into another great year.

- Environmental Educator Tiffany Trotter completed her year with us through the Lutheran Volunteer Corps program in August. Tiffany was an excellent addition to our education staff and will be missed. She is returning to her hometown near Seattle and is making plans for her academic future. Tiffany enjoyed being part of our educational team and working with her students. Her favorite memory was rolling around in the mud with her students on rainy days. We wish her the best of luck.

WISH LIST

For Riverside Park
Contact: Judy Krause, 964-8505, x102.
- 2 - 4 bar stools or high bar chairs
- 3 umbrella stands
- 30 pairs of lightweight welding goggles
- Air compressor and impact tools
- Burlap/potato/coffee sacks
- Chain saw, corded circular saw
- Chicken wire, wire garden fencing
- Clean sand
- Cordless drill and/or tool set
- Electric corded or cordless impact driver
- Field stone
- Floor jack for auto repair (at least 4-ton hydraulic)
- Gardening/work gloves
- Good quality sound system
- Good topsoil, potting soil
- Hand clippers, trawels
- Heavy-duty wheelbarrows
- Kayaks
- Lannon stone
- Large attractive ceramic planters for indoor potted plants (12”-24”)
- Leaf rakes
- Long handled loppers, pruning shears
- Miscellaneous hand tools, drill bits, etc.
- Open trailer for hauling
- Paper shredder
- Portable stage lighting
- Projector screen
- Rain ponchos/jackets- all sizes
- Scooter (moped)
- Small all-occasion gift bags
- Toaster oven
- Used cell phones, print cartridges, video games and digital cameras (for recycling)
- Video camera
- Waterproof pants for kids
- Weed-wacker
- Wood/wire snow fencing

For Washington Park
Contact: Joey Zocher, (414) 344-5460.
- Art supplies
- Bench vise
- Bike helmets, locks
- Blenders
- Bookshelves
- Canoes
- Cordless drill
- Cornstarch
- Extension cords
- Fishing poles, tackle
- Flat head screw drivers
- Gardening equipment
- GPS device
- Green fish nets for fish tanks
- Hip wader drying rack
- Hybrid car
- Ice cream buckets and lids
- Musical instruments - acoustic
- Old towels and rags
- Plastic storage bins with lids
- Power strips
- Socks
- Sports balls
- Sprinklers
- Untreated 2x10’s for raised beds
- Vegetable seeds
- Video camera
- Yoga mats
WHISPERING WATERS: A LIVING HISTORY
by Dan Graves, Environmental Educator

Shhhhh… If you listen hard enough, you can almost hear members of a Menominee tribe preparing dinner by the river. Listen harder and you can hear French spoken by the early traders and missionaries that arrived from the east. Listen even harder and you might hear the quiet tapping of a technologically savvy high school student sending a text message. What history!

Reflecting on a week spent exploring some of Milwaukee’s numerous waterways during our Wet ‘n Wild summer camp, it makes me excited to open the doors to not only the ecology of our beloved parks and greenways, but also their rich history. Our first exploration was along the Milwaukee River through Cambridge Woods on our way to Hubbard Park. It blows the minds of the students when I inform them that this same land along the river has been inhabited for hundreds, if not thousands, of years by the native peoples of Wisconsin. Many of our campers live near one of the rivers in our city and it is fun to relate that way back in the day, the forests of our watershed were so dense that you could walk from Milwaukee to Waukesha on a bright summer day without seeing the sun. Can you imagine?

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You have got to be kidding! Navigating public and private landowners and three governmental bodies is a feat, but to figure out how to plot a course through all of these at the same time? Aaargh! But with enough patience and determination all questions get resolved. Many thanks to those owners, government representatives and our board members for their good work and effort on this complex project.

Ladies and gentlemen, members of the community, supporters of the Center, users of the Oak Leaf Trail – I want to thank you for your patience. While I am embarrassed that this project has taken over two years with many fits and starts of construction, I am proud to announce that, by the time you settle into your back to school schedule, construction crews will be actively engaged in the final step of what many have dubbed “Ken’s bridge to nowhere”. I feel confident to predict that before you are shoveling snow, this jest against me will be turned around and we will finally have a 50 car “green” parking lot to enhance our program, satisfy the neighbors and vastly improve access to Riverside Park for generations to come.

And like so many projects at the Center, the positive ripple effects from this one are significant. Let me share a few with you:

1) Bad soil conditions forced a redesign early in the construction. The new design allowed for creative use of space and, thus, the new bicycle cave (or storage facility) was born … under the bridge! Come look, it’s almost complete!

2) We’ve been looking for a place to install an interactive sundial where a kid becomes the gnomon, or shadow maker, to tell time. Guess where it will go? There is a perfect spot on the widened north sidewalk of the bridge. It’ll be neat.

3) Because of this bridge, for the first time in the 115-year history of Riverside Park, persons with mobility difficulties who use walkers, canes or wheelchairs will be able to enter the park freely and independently.

4) This same easy access will vastly improve how we get canoes and kayaks down to the river.

5) Because of the vision derived from this bridge, the Urban Ecology Center and the River Revitalization Foundation are now working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Milwaukee and numerous nearby property owners in turning a donation of old industrial land near the new parking lot into a one-of-a-kind Rotary Centennial Arboretum to be opened as new green space for the city in 2013.

6) Then finally, this arboretum (which could not exist without the bridge and parking lot) will serve as the primary access point to the entire urban river corridor … 800 acres of soon to be protected land in the heart of Milwaukee.

Soon, very soon, this “bridge to nowhere” will be a bridge to nowhere no more, but instead will become a bridge to the very special place of the Milwaukee River Corridor … a multi-generational gift to the city, the county, and our neighborhood. Thank you to all who have helped make this complicated project a slow, but steady, reality.
URBAN HOMESTEADER
by Jamie Ferschinger, Community Program Coordinator

When I was younger I thought I would have life figured out by the time that I was thirty. I realize now that I underestimated the achievement of that goal by at least one lifetime, however, there are a few things that I have concluded with total certainty during my short time on this planet. One of the certain tenets of my life is “cheese is really good”.

In addition to my inherent interest in cheese is my interest in subsistent living. Call me Laura Ingalls Wilder, but I think everybody should know how to grow and cook their own food, build their own house, chop their own wood and make their own clothes. So, when I saw the advertisement for a cheesemaking class, I was instantly intrigued as it would provide me with skills to help me forge my way closer to subsistent living and cheese!

The cheesemaking class took me on a gustatory journey which began with butter and wove its tasty way through the creation of feta, spreadable cheeses, half-hour mozzarella and other cheeses. Cheesemaking is a process during which a liquid morphs into a delightfully (hopefully) tasty solid. The process is not for the impatient or for those who require instant gratification in their pursuits, but it is for those who enjoy experimenting and having fun!

The woman who taught me the art of cheesemaking is Linda Conroy. She is a wonderfully charismatic woman who knows her cheese, but is also an herbalist with volumes of knowledge about wild edibles and the wonders of herbs, basket weaving, food preserving and much more. Linda appears to have achieved expert status on both cheese and subsistent living!

Since her knowledge, skills and experience are so unique and interesting I wanted to bring them to you! Linda and her partner John will be teaching an Urban Homesteader series in October and November. Through this series of workshops you can make cheese (and take some home), learn about wild foods and how to ferment them, create pine needle baskets, or discover the art of broom making.

Regardless of whether or not you share my attraction to both cheese and subsistent living, these workshops are certain to be interesting and fun. The Urban Homesteader series is an opportunity to use your hands to create something and learn arts that are fading, but are not lost!

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more exciting, five of them were sisters!

This situation produced one of our challenges for the camp: age differences. Because we had no idea what to expect, we listed the ages generically as “school age children”. As Tory put it, we were like a one-room school house camp that week! We knew we might encounter such a situation so we quickly switched into our open hour UEC Young Scientists mode—older kids were expected to be on their top behavior and help mentor the younger kids. Challenge resolved.

As predominantly an outsider looking in, I was most amazed at the diverse population of the camps. Surprisingly, the drop-in camp was one of our most economically and racially mixed camps we had this summer! Many parents liked the opportunity to bring their kids to camp a few days without committing to the whole week, but as the week progressed it was apparent the kids kept returning.

On Tuesday most of the kids returned and more joined them. On Wednesday the pattern repeated and we were past our capacity of 24 campers, so we met to discuss our game plan if this trend continued. One of our prime objectives of a drop-in camp was to give neighborhood kids an opportunity to attend camp even if their parents hadn’t planned ahead. So when more and more kids were arriving, it tugged on the educators heart strings and we didn’t want to turn them away.

So, we did some simple math. To keep the ratio of camper to adult at a level we felt was effective, we added more adults. We hired four interns this summer to help keep the program running smoothly for camp and community programming during open hours. When camp hit the tipping point, we shifted our community program interns to help out. We were prepared with six adults for Thursday, and it was a good thing because our trend continued and we had over 50 campers!

Overall, everything about drop-in summer camp went well and, albeit exhausted, our educators survived the week. I’m excited for next summer already!
What a night! It poured the night before and poured the day after, but on June 20 the weather was perfect! Over 200 guests joined us for our Second Annual Summer Solstice Soirée and Auction to enjoy the longest day of the year and raise essential funds to support the Center’s mission.

The Soirée was a breathtaking success thanks to the amazing team that served on the event committee. Our deepest thanks go to Jeff Anthony, Jennifer Bolger Breceda, Tim Cochran, Lyn Falk, Danni Gendleman, Kathy Geygan and Liz Graumann, Will Nasgovitz, Jim Schleif and Mary Witte. We’d also like to thank all of the board members, sponsors and silent auction donors and attendees for their tremendous support. If you would like to be a part of planning next year’s Soirée please contact Ginger Duiven at 964-8505 or gduiven@urbaneologycenter.org. You are sure to have a lot of fun and meet some truly fabulous people.

Mark your calendar for the third Annual Summer Solstice Soirée and Auction on June 19, 2010 and watch for an invitation next spring!

LAWN DITCHING

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This was a delightful project as I filled pages of index cards with addresses of these “lawn ditchers.” I found 372 such properties — 198 full and 174 partial conversions. The practice was widespread, including not only single-family homes and duplexes, but also apartment buildings, institutions and businesses.

The largest concentration of these yards is in the Cambridge Woods and Riverside neighborhoods. Conversions were sparse on blocks near Lake Drive. This difference may have more to do with practicality than socioeconomics, as it is easier to make changes on smaller properties.

In the months since my survey, I’ve witnessed two or three more conversions just in my immediate neighborhood. I contrast this phenomenon with my early encounters with natural landscaping twenty years ago when such yards were considered downright oddities. My rough estimate suggests that the proportion of properties with natural landscaping in this area may now be approaching 10 percent. This is a significant threshold for a real societal trend, but it will be interesting to observe the future unfold, as our urban streetscapes become ever more attuned to the natural environment.

Now I find myself curious about “lawn ditching” in other parts of the US where a lawn may be even less viable. While visiting various California cities last year, I saw little evidence of lawn conversions, despite the relatively dry climate. I scoured many blocks of an affluent section of Salinas, California before finding even one or two such yards. A homeowner’s choice of landscape, it seems, is largely determined by where they live.

What trends have you noticed in your neighborhood? Follow those leads and do informal studies of your own or join one of UEC’s Citizen Science studies. Contact Tim at 964-8505 for details.
What’s with the frogs and fish?

The Center offers public programs at both Riverside and Washington Parks. Use these icons to know at a glance the location of each program.

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 before the program date if you have accessibility needs.

Scholarships are available for all fee-based programs. For information call (414) 964-8505 or visit www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING DAY**
 Safely dispose of your old appliances and electronics! Green Business Concepts Recycling is hosting a recycling drive at the Center. Contact Shawn at 617-0632 to add your drop-off. Some items require a processing fee, see www.greenbusinessconcepts.org/Home/recycling-fees for details.
 Saturday, September 12
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 For everyone
 Free - $10, depending on items

**WASHINGTON BARK DOG DAYS**
 Come celebrate the progress in Washington Park with your best friend! Activities will include obedience and other canine demonstrations, lure coursing, pet product vendors, information booths, contests, music, food and fun! Co-sponsored by Neighbors United for Washington Park (NUWP) and Residents for Off-Leash Milwaukee Parks (ROMP)
 Sunday, September 13
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 For everyone
 $6/dog

**SCOOPER FOUNDATION PEACE WALK**
 Join us on a one mile walk through scenic Washington Park to help raise awareness of gun violence. Afterward, socialize and enjoy lunch, children’s activities and learn how you could join an important Pen Pal program.
 Sunday, September 20
 10 a.m.
 For everyone

**FALL FESTIVAL FOR AFTERNOON NAPPERS**
 A Fall Festival program for the young ones! Enjoy a puppet show, craft and outdoor activities.
 Saturday, September 26
 10:30 - noon
 For kids 5 and younger accompanied by an adult
 Free - donations appreciated
 Registration required by September 25, call 964-8505

**FALL FESTIVAL**
 Come to our annual Fall Festival and enjoy music by the Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra, meet a pony, pot bellied pigs, ducks and geese, try some hands-on science experiments, go rock climbing, enjoy nature walks in Riverside Park, crafts, carriage rides, games, caramel apples and baked potatoes, resource booths and more.
 Saturday, September 26
 Noon - 4 p.m.
 For everyone
 Free - donations appreciated

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**BIKE RACK ON BUSES**
 You may have noticed something new when traveling: bikes on the front of busses! Bring your bicycle or borrow ours to practice using the new racks. Discover for yourself how easy it is to combine a bicycle ride with a bus trip.
 September 24 - 29
 Drop in during open hours
 For adults and families
 Free - donations appreciated
 Call to register, 964-8505

**MONARCH MONITORING**
 Join MonarchWatch, a national research project, as we carefully catch, tag and release monarch butterflies while supplying valuable data to scientists at the University of Kansas.
 Wednesday, September 2
 5 - 6 p.m.
 For adults and accompanied children
 $3 (Nonmembers - $5)
 Call to register, 964-8505

**TREE ID HIKE**
 Come on a hike around the park to learn about the diverse tree species that Fredrick Law Olmsted planted here over one hundred years ago.
 Tuesdays,
 September 8 & 22
 4:30 - 6 p.m.
 For everyone
 $2 (Nonmembers - $3)
 Call to register, 964-8505

**CLEAN UP YOUR PARK**
 Do you enjoy clean parks? We do too, but they don’t clean up after themselves. Help us beautify our park and feel good doing it. Good exercise and having fun outdoors included.
 Fridays, September 11,
 25, October 9 & 23
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**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DANCING**
 Learn how people welcome Fall in different parts of the world. Use your imagination and feet to travel around the world with dance instructor Elaina Qurehi! Explore the rhythms of Africa, Bolivia, France, Mexico, Israel and many more countries. No passport needed. Are you ready for the adventure?
 Sunday,
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 1 - 3 p.m.
 For families with children ages 4 and older
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ARTHROPOD RODEO*
Do you have a compound eye for insects? Then fly over to Washington Park and study the most diverse group of animals on the planet. Leave the repellent at home to get a close look at these creepy creatures.

Tuesdays, September 15 & 29
4:30 - 6 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

AMPHIBIANS OF WISCONSIN*
Do you enjoy everything amphibian? Then hop on over to Washington Park and learn about our slippery neighbors that live here in the lagoon.

Wednesday, September 16
7 - 8 p.m.
For families
Adults: $3
(Nonmembers - $5)
Call to register, 964-8505

HARVEST TIME!
Join us as we travel together in a UEC vehicle to Barthel Fruit Farm and pick our own fresh fruit. Barthel relies on integrated pest management and low chemicals to grow their fruit and accepts cash and checks. Space is limited, so please register.

APPLE PICKING
Time for the apple harvest! Join us to pick apples, pears and plums.
Saturday, September 19
2 - 5 p.m.

PUMPKIN AND APPLE PICKING
Let’s pick some pumpkins, apples, pears, and plums! Saturday, October 10
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
For adults and accompanied kids
Adults: $5
(Nonmembers - $7)
Children: $2
(Nonmembers - $3)
Fee does not include fruit purchase
Call to register, 964-8505

INTRO TO T’AI CHI
Learn a new approach to physical fitness and mental/spiritual well being. Often called “meditation in motion”, T’ai Chi promotes balance and a strong, flexible, relaxed and integrated body and mind. This gentle exercise is great for all levels of physical ability. Instructor Carrie Grosios has been studying and teaching for 15 years. This class will be held weekly for 3 months.

Thursdays, September 24 - December 17
5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
For adults and teens
ages 14 and older
$10 per session
(Nonmembers - $12 per session)
Payments due monthly
Call to register, 964-8505

YOGAKIDS! FITNESS, FUN AND FEELING GREAT!
Increase your child’s strength, flexibility and ability to focus and concentrate through this fun and playful class. Kids will learn tools and techniques to relax and feel great. Games, ecology, music and learning about the body and mind are all part of YogaKids classes. Pre-registration appreciated.

Saturdays, September 26 - October 24
10 - 11 a.m.
For kids ages 6 - 8 p.m.
$50 (Nonmembers - $58)
Scholarships available:
For Washington Park
contact Joey at 344-5460 or jzocher@urbaneologycenter.org.
For Riverside Park
contact Beth at x103.
Call to register, 964-8505

PUMPKIN CARVING SOCIAL*
Itching to make a cool pumpkin this year? Enjoy shooting the breeze with your neighbors? Then come down to Washington Park and have the best of both worlds. Bring your own gourd or we’ll have some handy for frighteningly low prices.

Fridays, October 2, 16 & 30
4:30 - 6 p.m.
For everyone
$2 (Nonmembers - $3)
Call to register, 964-8505

FUN WITH POND ECOLOGY
Do you like bugs? How about looking at them under a microscope? We’ve got you covered! Come observe and identify the cool critters that live here in the lagoon at Washington Park.

Tuesdays, October 6 & 20
4:30 - 6 p.m.
For everyone
Adults: $3
(Nonmembers - $5)
Children: $2
(Nonmembers - $3)
Call to register, 964-8505

OUTDOOR ART*
Does being outdoors make the right side of your brain hum? You’ll be in good company with our artsy staff. Projects include: sketch drawings, shading techniques and Jackson Pollock Mayhem. Don’t bring your Sunday’s best, it might get messy.

Tuesdays, October 13 & 27
4:30 - 6 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

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

Sundays, September 27 & October 18
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

WATER QUALITY MONITORING*
Be a citizen scientist and help track the health of the 11-acre Washington Park lagoon. The data collected will give us a better understanding of this unique aquatic habitat.

Every Wednesday
6 - 6:30 p.m.
For families
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

SCIENCE AND MATH TUTORING*
Getting stuck on your science and math homework? Then stop by the Center at Washington Park and get over the hump with help from our knowledgeable staff.

Every Thursday
4 - 7 p.m.
For kids, K-12
Free - donations appreciated

SCIENCE SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS*
Explore science through self-led interactive activities. Topics are:
September - Forests
October - the Moon
Every Saturday
4 - 7 p.m.
October - the Moon
Every Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sundays, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated

ANIMAL FEEDING*
Come to either location to help feed the Center's resident turtles, snakes and fish as you learn about the animals that inhabit Riverside and Washington Parks.

Every Saturday
1 - 2 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
SOCIAL MEDIA SATURDAYS*
Learn how social media can help your business. Use Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, blogs and more to get noticed, be remembered, attract customers and demonstrate your expertise. Join acclaimed social media expert, author, coach, blogger and VP of Information Technology, Phil Gerbyshak, as he demystifies the new Web tools used by small and large firms everywhere. Each week will be in a workshop format (30 minute talk/30 minute question & answer/30 minute do it yourself).

Saturdays, September 19, October 3, 17, 24 and November 7
9 - 11 a.m.
For adults $249 series or $69 per session (Nonmembers - $299 series or $79 per session)
Call to register, 964-8505

URBAN HOMESTEADER SERIES:

BROOM MAKING: A LOST ART*
Discover the art of making handmade brooms! You will be guided through this beautiful and functional creation, learning to make one round or one flat hearth broom (your choice). Handles of various woods have been gathered and cured for you to use, and all materials are provided. Discussion about decorative options will be included. Broom corn will be for sale for your future brooming needs!

Saturday, October 17
1 - 5 p.m.
For adults $50 (Nonmembers - $55)
All material included
Call to register, 964-8505

PINE NEEDLE BASKETRY
This all day basketry class offers participants the opportunity to learn basic coiling techniques and how to artfully incorporate other materials. Participants will choose the center of their basket: a walnut hull, a polished rock, a pine needle knot, etc. They will also choose accent materials: i.e. sweetgrass, dyed broom corn, beads and more. Each participant will be guided in this art and will leave with a unique basket all their own. Bring a small pair of scissors, reading glasses (if needed) and a thimble.

Saturday, October 17
1 - 5 p.m.
For adults $40 (Nonmembers - $45)
All material included
Call to register, 964-8505

THE BEAUTY OF BHUTAN*
Center members Marsha Sehler and Carol Skornicka will give an informal presentation of their trip to India and Bhutan with a focus on unique natural beauty of one of the 10 biodiversity hotspots in the world. Bhutan, a country nestled in the Eastern Himalayas, is home to over 770 species of birds, 30 species of rhododendron and animals like snow leopards, blue sheep and water buffalo. Come and experience the images and stories these two special friends of the Center have gathered on their travels. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, October 28
7 p.m.
For adults Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - $5)
Call to register, 964-8505

ORNITHOLOGY WORKSHOPS*
These monthly workshops delve into the mysterious and wonderful world of birds looking at current research and well-established topics, including social behavior. A presentation will be followed by a dusk birdwalk. Binoculars provided.

Thursday, September 3
5 - 6:30 p.m.
For adults $5 (Nonmembers - $10)
Free for regular birding volunteers
Call to register, 964-8505

INTRO TO SPICES: FROM ALLSPICE TO ZA’ATAR*
Join Elizabeth Crawford on a spice journey. She will take you through the Atlas Mountains of Morocco to the clove growing regions of Zanzibar. Learn basics in storing, grinding, blending and cooking with a myriad of spices. Food will be prepared and sampled.

Monday, September 7
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults and teens $30 (Nonmembers - $35)
Call to register, 964-8505

DREAMS OF THE EARTH*
Speaker: Dennis Merritt, Ph.D. Jungian analyst and ecopsychologist
The earth speaks to us through our dreams, encompassing us in the zoological gardens of an original Eden. If we respond to these dreams as an indigenous person would, we will find ourselves more deeply connected to our natural environment. Merritt will also discuss how earth dreams can be used in therapy to connect people to the land.

Tuesday, September 8
7 p.m.
For adults Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - $5)
Call to register, 964-8505

ALTERNATIVE FUELS 101*
How do flex fuel cars work? What are the benefits of using natural gas to power my vehicle? Come learn the answers to these questions and pop the hood on some gasoline alternatives.

Wednesday, September 9
7 - 8 p.m.
For adults $2 (Nonmembers - $3)
Call to register, 964-8505

BOOK CLUB*
September: Body Tox: How the Hazardous Chemistry of Everyday Things Threatens our Health and Well Being by Nena Baker
October: The Geography of Nostalgia: The Rise and Decline of America’s Man-Made Landscape by James Howard Kunstler

Saturdays, September 19 & October 24
10 - 11 a.m.
For adults Free-donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING EXHIBIT OPEN HOURS*
Remodeling, adding on, or building a new home? Consult with an expert at the Center’s Sustainable Building Exhibit for ideas to beautify your home while honoring the environment. This is a hands-on library of sample products for home construction and interior decorating.

New Hours!
Mondays, September 21 & October 19
4 - 7 p.m.
For adults Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

WISCONSIN’S MIGRATING BIRDS*
Is it something I said? Where are all the birds going? Come learn about the migratory and behavioral patterns of some of our feathered friends followed by a twilight bird hike in the park.

Wednesday, September 30
7 - 8 p.m.
For adults $3 (Nonmembers - $5)
Call to register, 964-8505
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- **Nature Detectives**: Drop in during open hours.
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- **Bike Rack/Buses**: Drop in during open hours.
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**Note:** All activities are subject to change. Please check the UEC website for the most up-to-date information.
BIRDING BY CANOE
Join local bird expert Ron Gutchow and UEC staff for a canoe trip along a local waterway and migration hot spot. Location will be determined by the location of the birds. Please dress for the weather and bring a bag lunch.

Sunday, October 4
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
For adults
$25 (Nonmembers - $30)
Call to register, 964-8505

COOKING WITH SQUASH*
Join Elizabeth Crawford on a sweet and savory course through fall squash. She will prepare squash soup, a savory tart with a classic pastry crust and a squash flan/custard. Learn valuable techniques to help you become a great cook.

Wednesday, October 7
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults and teens
$30 (Nonmembers - $35)
Call to register, 964-8505

FALL BIRDING & WILDFLOWER ADVENTURE
Join local naturalists Bill Mueller, Owen Boyle and Tim Vargo as we loop through several birding hotspots including Kohler-Andrae & Harrington Beach State Parks looking for migrating raptors, woodpeckers, diving waterfowl and songbirds including vireos, warblers, thrushes and sparrows. We will all also look for burgeoning colorful fall foliage and magnificent fall wildflowers. Please dress for the weather and bring a lunch.

Sunday, October 11
7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
For adults
$35 (Nonmembers - $40)
Call to register, 964-8505

SMALL GARDEN SYSTEMS FOR URBAN FOOD PRODUCTION*
Speaker: Mai M. Phillips, Ph.D. Program Coordinator, Conservation and Environmental Science Program, UWM
Dr. Phillips specializes in sustainable agriculture and is a registered permaculture instructor. She has worked in urban areas where space for growing food is a challenge and has grown food in Kenyan communities to augment nutrition for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Tuesday, October 13
7 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - $5)
Call to register, 964-8505

WINTER WILDERNESS OF DENALI*
100 years after Charles Sheldon’s historic trek through what would become Denali National Park, Willie Karidis took a hiatus from his job as Executive Director of the Denali Education Center to retrace that trip in the middle of winter. He learned all he could about Denali, the winter wilderness and ultimately, himself. Come hear his tale!

Thursday, October 15
7 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children
$5 (Nonmembers - $10)
Call to register, 964-8505

HAWKWATCH
Come get a birds-eye view of migrating hawks along the bluffs of one of Wisconsin’s premier hawk-watching sites, Concordia College. Local hawk expert Bill Cowart will help with hawk identification basics. Dress for the weather as the exposed bluff can get windy and cold!

Saturday, October 17
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children
Adults: $8
(Nonmembers - $12)
Children: $5
(Nonmembers - $8)
Call to register, 964-8505

COMPOSTING*
Join an expert from KGMB to learn how to turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment through composting. Composting is beneficial for your garden and reduces household waste.

Saturday, October 17
10 - 11:30 a.m.
For adults
$15 - payable to Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Registration required, register through Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful at www.kgmb.org

VERMICOMPOSTING*
Explore how worms can turn your kitchen scraps into rich compost to fertilize your garden. Learn about vermicomposting and how you can start and maintain your own vermicompost system.

Saturday, October 17
1 - 2:30 p.m.
For adults
$15 - payable to Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Registration required, register through Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful at www.kgmb.org

INTERFAITH EARTH CONFERENCE:*. FAITH ENCOUNTERS THE ENERGY CRISIS: TRANSITIONING TO REDUCED ENERGY CONSUMPTION
Come to this 2-day conference and learn how our faith calls us to respond to energy issues (electricity, heating, transportation, etc.).

Keynote: Margaret Swedish, author of Living Beyond the “End of the World”... A Spirituality of Hope.

Sunday, October 25
Noon - 7 p.m.
& Monday, October 26
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
For adults
$25
Visit www.interfaithearthnetwork.org to register and for more information

ART AT UEC
EARTH...UNMASKING OUR EYES - LEAH M. KLAPPERICH SYSTEMS IN TRANSITION - DARA LARSON*
Leah’s masks reveal more than they hide: Simple grasses, twigs and mosses, generally ignored in the ordinariness of daily experience, are given voice through the form of mask to speak to a deeper, more intuitive part of ourselves.

Dara’s scratch boards use roots, bee Lives, plant forms and water in contrast with cities, roads and human activities to explore relationships between man-made and natural systems. The surfaces of the clay coated wood are painted with ink, which is scratched away to reveal the drawing. Opening show includes refreshments and an artist talk at 3 p.m.

Opening: Sunday, October 4
2 - 4 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register for opening, 964-8505

Show runs through late December
Gallery open during Center open hours

In our gallery through September
REFLECTIONS – WET AND WILD*
Sue Hasilmaier’s watercolors are inspired by looking closely at native plants, natural settings and how light plays on an object, giving you an intimate encounter with objects seen many times but not experienced fully.

Jan Montgomery’s photographs focus on the aesthetic aspect of water around the world. While we enjoy clean, safe water, over one in six people in the world don’t have that same right. She hopes you will reflect on the care we must exercise if this gift of clean water is to endure.
**URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER TOURS**

**BRANCH LOOP TOURS**  
Tour the Urban Ecology Center’s Washington Park branch and future Menomonee Valley site.  
Wednesdays, September 2 & October 7  
9 a.m. - noon  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
Meet at Riverside Park location  

**KEN’S BUILDING TOURS**  
Explore our green facility with Executive Director Ken Leinbach (staff substitution on occasion).  
Wednesdays, September 16 & October 21  
9 - 10 a.m.  
For adults & accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505  

**RIVERSIDE GARDENS TOURS**  
Join the Center’s stewardship and native gardening experts to enjoy and learn about the gardens within Riverside Park. Tour our rain gardens, sensory green roof garden, butterfly garden and more! Please dress for the weather.  
Fridays, September 4, 18, October 2 & 16  
9 a.m.  
For adults & accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated  
Meet at Riverside Park location  

**TOUR OF WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH**  
Join Washington Park Program Director Joey Zocher on a tour of our branch and Washington Park. Dress for the weather. Call ahead to confirm.  
Every Wednesday  
5 - 6 p.m.  
For adults & accompanied children  
Free - donations welcome  
Call to register. 964-8505  

**RIVERSIDE PARK BUILDING TOUR**  
Explore our green facility and learn about its innovative design, features, and the Center’s programming.  
Every Thursday  
5:30 - 6:45 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations welcome  
Call to register, 964-8505  

**CHAT WITH KEN**  
Join our Executive Director, Ken Leinbach for coffee, tea and good conversation about anything environmental.  
Possible outdoor walk in the park. Call ahead to confirm.  
Wednesdays, September 9, 23, October 14 & 28  
9 - 10 a.m.  
For adults & accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505  

**URBAN ADVENTURES**

**FULL MOON CANOE TRIP**  
Join us for an evening paddle under the Harvest Moon to downtown. We will launch the canoes at the Rowing Club Boathouse and float downstream where we will enjoy a picnic dinner in Pere Marquette Park (Please bring your own dinner) After dinner we will paddle upstream to the Rowing Club Boathouse.  
Friday, September 4  
6 - 9:30 p.m.  
Meet at Rowing Club Boathouse (1990 Commerce St.)  
For adults and accompanied children  
Adults: $30  
(Nonmembers - $35)  
Children: $15  
(Nonmembers - $20)  
Call to register, 964-8505  

**OPEN CLIMBING ON THE TOWER WALL**  
Extend your skills on the Center’s tower climbing wall. Equipment and belayers provided. Registration required. All climbers must have a completed and signed waiver before climbing, available at the Center’s reception desk and at www.urbanecologycenter.org.  
Tuesdays starting September 8  
4 - 6 p.m.  
Sundays starting September 13  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
For everyone  
Adults: $7  
(Nonmembers - $10)  
Children: $5  
(Nonmembers - $8)  
Registration required, call 964-8505  

**CANOEING BASICS**  
Learn the basics of canoe instruction from our lifeguard certified staff. Registration required.  
Saturdays, September 12, 26, October 10 & 24  
2 - 3:30 p.m.  
For everyone  
Adults: $3  
(Nonmembers - $5)  
Children: $2  
(Nonmembers - $3)  
Registration required, call 964-8505  

**COLLEGE CLIMB NIGHT**  
It’s college night at the Center! Scale the Center’s observation tower using our 40 foot climbing wall and gear. Instruction provided. This is a great way for college students interested in becoming volunteer belayers to connect to the Center’s climbing programs.  
Tuesday, September 15  
5:45 - 7 p.m.  
For college students  
$3 per climb  
Call to register, 964-8505  

**WATER SAFETY COURSE FOR CANOE LENDING PROGRAM**  
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. Registration required.  
Saturdays  
Noon - 12:30  
Thursdays starting September 10  
6 - 6:30 p.m.  
For everyone  
Free - donations appreciated  
(Nonmembers $5)  
Registration required, call 964-8505  

**HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORERS**

**URBAN CYCLING**  
Join other teens on a guided exploration of the Oak Leaf Trail. We’ll provide the bicycles. Bring a bag dinner.  
Thursday, September 24  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
For high school students  
$6 (Nonmembers - $9)  
Scholarships available  
Call to register, 964-8505  

**CREEPY CAVING**  
Face your fears on a Halloween exploration deep under the ground at Ledge View Nature Center’s caves in Chilton, Wisconsin. Wear clothes that can get super muddy. Bring a flashlight and a change of clean clothes. Space is limited so sign up early.  
Friday, October 30  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
For high school students  
$10 (Nonmembers - $12)  
Scholarships available  
Call to register, 964-8505  

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Photo by Megan Dobyns
**Friends of Real Food**

Share a potluck dinner and join the enthusiastic, informative discussion.

September: Savor and Celebrate Local Food: Join the Eat Local Challenge. Share a potluck dinner of fresh local food from our gardens, area farmers and locally owned businesses. We’ll discuss how we’ve defined our goals for the Challenge and share stories about our food and experiences. More Challenge info at eatlocalmilwaukee.org.

October: Hunting in the 21st Century: A Step Forward in Food Awareness and a Link Back to our Nature. Paul Smith, Outdoors Editor for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, will share why he finds hunting helps him get closer to and learn about the environment, develop greater respect for his food sources and connects him with something innate in humans. This is sure to be interesting to herbivores and carnivores alike!

**Savor the Taste of Summer:**

**Pickling Summer’s Fare**

Learn the age old practice of canning fruits and vegetables in a vinegar base. Canning materials, produce, instructions and recipes are included.

**Standing Together Milwaukee**

Collaborate with other organizations and individuals to stand together to confront gun violence in Milwaukee and restore a sense of healthy community through collaborative action.

**Early Morning Birdwalks**

Kick start your day with fresh air and bird song. Interested bird watchers of all ability levels are invited to explore bird life with us. Binoculars available.

**Knitting Circle**

If you are new to knitting, or an experienced knitter, please join us for a cup of coffee, good conversation and knitting.

**Urban Echo Poets**

Our purpose is to observe and experience nature, then to express these observations in poetry and essay. We will read, write and appreciate poetry with images from nature at its core.

**Urban Stargazers**

Join us for fun, information and stargazing.

**Vegetarian Potluck**

Bring a plate and fork along with your meatless dish to share at our picnic style meal.

**Ecocentricillusions**

For adults and accompanied children Free - donations appreciated

**Natural Landscaping with Native Plants Conference**

Saturday, October 17
Kliebhan Conference Center, Bonaventure Hall
Cardinal Stritch University
To register, visit www.for-wild.org.

Learn how native landscaping can reduce greenhouse gases, build soil structure to help infiltrate and conserve rainwater and provide stopover habitats for birds and butterflies. Once established, natives are easy to maintain because they are adapted to Wisconsin’s temperatures and rainfall patterns and also resist pests and disease.

**Community Connections**

**Eat Local Challenge**

2nd week in September
Join the city wide effort to eat locally for a week! Visit a farmer’s market, a local grocery store, eat at local restaurants, or host a garden party. Taste the freshness and support the local economy.

For more information and resources visit: www.eatlocalmilwaukee.org.

**Paths to a Sustainable Future**

Contact relocalize@milwpc.com for details about our meetings and events.

**Running into Fall**

Running is a great way to get outside, explore the community, stay in shape and meet other people. Join others in the community for leisurely runs along the river, Oak Leaf Trail or beyond. It’s a great way to end the weekend!

**Vegetarian Potluck**

For adults and accompanied children Free - donations appreciated

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Volunteer Opportunities

by Susan Winans, Volunteer Coordinator

Are you looking for a way to meet new people while learning or sharing new skills? Check this list for ways you or your group can get connected at the Center. For more information call Susan (Riverside Park) at 964-8505, x110 or Scott (Washington Park) at 344-5460.

Save the Date!
The Urban Ecology Center’s annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 18th. Look for more information in your next newsletter.

Volunteer Orientation
Learn about the Center’s programs and how to get involved.

Riverside Park
Sundays, September 6 & October 4
12:30 - 2 p.m.
Tuesdays, September 22 & October 20
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Washington Park
Saturdays, September 12, 26, October 10 & 24
10 - 10:30 a.m.

For everyone
Free - donations appreciated

Papermaking
Join other UEC volunteers as we learn the art of recycled papermaking to create beautiful gifts for our Center’s supporters.

Riverside Park
Wednesdays starting September 23
4 - 6 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated

Bird Banding
Few experiences compare with feeling the rapid heartbeat of a bird in your hand while releasing it back to the wild. Join us for coffee and an up-close look at birds.

Riverside Park
TBA (weather dependent)
For adults, teens and accompanied children
Free - donations welcome
Contact Tim at 964-8505, x116 for details and dates.

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Moreover, after decades of contamination from numerous sources, all the rivers of Milwaukee were nearly lifeless. Due to the efforts of local organizations, however, our rivers are on the mend.

Our second adventure was canoeing on the lagoon at Veterans Park. I enjoyed telling the campers that if we time traveled back 100 years, we would be canoeing in Lake Michigan! As we ate lunch beside the lagoon, I love imagining what it must have been like for the voyageurs to land upon the unknown shores of the lake at the humble village named Menawkee. Nonetheless, all of this history seemed very distant as we engaged in a game of “dead fish” which involved soaking each other with saturated sponges tossed with our paddles.

We spent one of our last days playing on the shore of our mighty water neighbor to the east: el lago Michigan. Our freshwater ocean was enjoyed by one and all this June day. After numerous sandcastles, water fights and rock skipping, I hoped the joyful sounds emitted by this particular group of kids would not be a memory left upon the shore, but rather that it would be echoed by generations to come.

Pardok Brigade
Have a direct impact on our natural world by helping increase the biodiversity within our outdoor classrooms. The Burdock Brigade engages in hands on restoration activities: removing exotic invasive plant species and planting native species in order to help increase the habitat of many of our native animals.

Washington Park
Thursdays
4 - 7 p.m.
For everyone

Riverside Park
Saturdays, September 5, 19, October 3 & 17
9 - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays (excluding September 1)
9 - 11 a.m.
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated

Wow (Work Outside Wednesdays)
Are you crazy about native plants, gardening, landscaping or just being outside? Then come to WOW, Work Outside Wednesdays. Get to know perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees indigenous to southeastern Wisconsin while helping us to maintain and establish native plantings around the center and care for our small native plant nursery. Come when you can; leave when you need to.

Riverside Park
Wednesdays
9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 5 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated

Burdock Brigade
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Contact Tim at 964-8505, x116 for details and dates.

Park Rangers
Our Park Rangers are ambassadors of ecology. The dedication of these volunteers is made visible in the cleanliness, safety and accessibility of our parks. This is a job for those who love the outdoors and the occasion to chat with and even educate visitors to the park.

Riverside Park
Saturdays, September 12, October 10 & 24
9 - 10:30 a.m.

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The Urban Ecology Center receives a majority of its support from local foundations, corporations and individuals. This section of our newsletter is reserved 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 previous 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 2,600 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!

Call Ginger at the Center if your name has not appeared as you expected.

Thank you to the 327 (and counting!) supporters who have responded to our Challenge! Look for your name in the next issue. As this went to press, we hadn’t reached our goal (we had 20 days to go), so please consider donating today!

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Fall Into Fall!

**Washington Park**

**Washington Bark Dog Days**

Sunday, September 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Riverside Park**

**Fall Festival for Afternoon Nappers**

Saturday, September 26, 10:30 - noon
For kids 5 and younger accompanied by an adult
Registration required by September 25, call 964-8505

**Fall Festival**

Saturday, September 26, Noon - 4 p.m.