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Carmen Porco receives High Impact North Star Award

By Cindy Crane
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Rev. Carmen Porco

The Northside Planning Council (NPC) was pleased to present Rev. Carmen Porco with the High Impact Award on Nov. 2. Porco's long-term impact on the Northside through his work at the Northport and Packers communities called forth NPC's special recognition of him at the North Star Awards event.

This award has only been given twice in the past, both times to businesses: The Mallards and the Alexander Company.

NPC honored Porco right on the heels of a documentary just
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Lake View Hill Park became temporary home to the homeless in November



Photo by Jason Cuervas

Tents on Lake View Hill Park became temporary homes to homeless men and women.

By Cindy Crane
Northside News

As temperatures dropped in mid-November about 15 Madisonians pitched tents at Lakeview Hill County Park.

They were primarily men and women experiencing homelessness. The group also included individuals who were not homeless but camped out in solidarity with those who have faced financial

devastation. Together they are part of the Occupy Movement and had recently set up camp for several months in the 800 block of East Washington as well as at Lake Farm Park until they had to leave each location.

At a listening session organized by Alder Anita Weier and Dane County Supervisor Melissa Sargent (Representative Elect), supporters of the Occupy Movement expressed their desire for economic justice. Occupiers claimed that the people living in tents posed no threat to the community because of their own self-governance; everyone who camps out with them needs to follow rules. Some local residents questioned whether the people who suddenly appeared in their neighborhood were only being political and had other choices for shelter. Whether or not the campers had options, several Northsiders questioned why the group could camp in the park when it was illegal to do so. Local residents also

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FEED Kitchens: New location and new timeline for completion

By Terrie Anderson
Northside News

Things are heating up for FEED Kitchens. A location at NorthGate Shopping Center in the parking lot next to QQ Asian Buffet on Sherman Avenue became available and many constituents encouraged the Northside Planning Council (NPC) to consider it as an alternative to the original Pankrat Road site.

This spot has many positive aspects. There is better access and higher visibility, which will make FEED a strong Northside resource.

There was strong support of the Center's owners, The Alexander Company and other renters, leading to favorable lease stipulations.

The site can have a retail outlet, giving users an immediate opportunity to sell the products they prepare in the FEED Kitchen.

Fundraising to build the Food Enterprise and Economic Development (FEED) Kitchens continues while final details for the building and its use are solidifying.

An advisory committee of local business, nonprofit and academic experts is at work developing policies and procedures on operations, staff, user educa-



FEED Kitchens gets a fresh look for its new location.

tion and support, finances and outreach so that FEED will open its doors ready to really start cooking.

Community Support Network (CSN), will provide workers for the FEED processing team and cleaning crew. Asked about siting the FEED Kitchens at NorthGate, CSN Executive Director Deb Raettig commented, "We are really looking forward to their arrival. We are excited about the great job opportunities for our clients. Additionally, we fully embrace the concept of the entire project and believe it will benefit so many in our community. Everything about the project is in line with our mission and nothing pleases us more than when we can be a part of helping our

community become stronger, healthier and more connected."

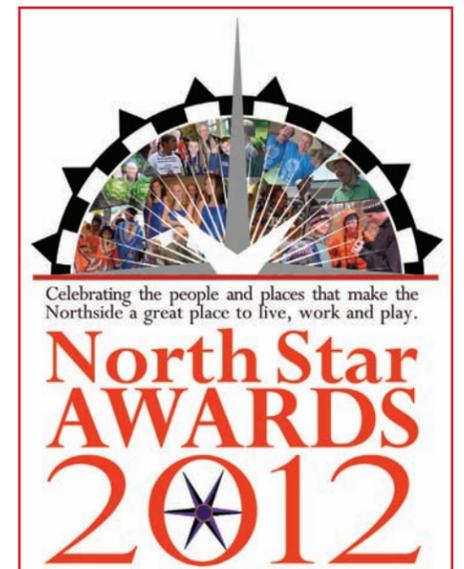
NPC is moving ahead to build at NorthGate. The process of approvals for a new location results in a ground breaking date of March 1. FEED will open in August 2013 — in time to process next season's harvest.

One gratifying aspect of waiting just a bit longer to break ground is seeing the plans of users take shape, and seeing the possibilities grow as word of the community kitchens spreads.

When FEED opens, REAP (Research, Education, Action and Policy on Food Group) will have a permanent home for processing the snacks for their popular farm-to-school program. The lack of a permanent kitchen means that REAP runs the risk of having to discontinue providing healthy snacks to area schoolchildren. With FEED's help, the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) will be able to access minimally-processed and packaged local produce for their new salad bar offering, providing fresh fruits and vegetables for up to 20,000 students when the program is fully operational.

Community Action Coalition's Manager of Food Security and Gardens is eagerly waiting for FEED Kitchens to open so that tomatoes and other vegetables can be processed into quality prepared foods and sauces, making local food available

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Celebrating the people and places that make the Northside a great place to live, work and play.

North Star AWARDS 2012

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Let's begin with our assets. That is the approach the Asset-Based Community Development Institute (ABCD) takes in a movement to build sustainable communities. At a local Neighborhood Resource Team meeting one city employee talked about utilizing ABCD for Madison neighborhoods.

A couple of groups from the Brentwood neighborhood are participating in the ABCD process. I sat in on a Brentwood gathering led by Tom Mosgaller from Northwestern University. The conversation about fathoming what we have in a community and moving on from there has stayed with me.

Building upon assets is what many Northsiders have naturally done over the last 10 years via the North Star Awards event. We look at the talent and gifts of our local community members and how they have generously shared of themselves to better the Northside. A woman at the North Star Awards event for the first time this year said she was impressed by the diversity of contributions we celebrated. The experience opened her eyes more to the goodness and talent in our own backyards.

What more can we do to build upon our assets? At Mayor Paul Soglin's Neighborhood Conference 2012 this fall Fred Kent, of the Project for Public Places, posed the

question of what makes a place somewhere you want to be. Mayor Soglin goes into more detail in his column in this edition. The ideal of course is to have artistic design that also draws individuals and families to do more than simply observe a place and walk by it. Kent said if he had to choose between the two, he would go with people-driven rather than design-driven spaces. He also talked about beginning where we are. Where are the places we already like to go? What can we add to them to make them more people-friendly and comfortable? What do we need to alter?

I have been especially reflecting on what it means to build upon our assets when engaging the whole subject of youth work. An age-old challenge on the Northside seems to be that we do not have one large center that is solely for youth. Or, for that matter, there are not many places at all for youth to go to have fun, excel at a hobby or sport, or just to hang out. But what do we have? Schools, a great library, a significant central community center that includes activities for youth, community and learning centers attached to some of our housing complexes and youth programs, such as the scouts, independent of all of these. Are youth and parents aware of all of the opportunities via these assets? We hope to find out and improve our communication about them as a Northside Youth Council develops. We want to discover what needs to improve and how youth want to have a voice. But also, what are our assets?

NPC welcomes new board member Marti Ryan

By Sue Gleason

The Northside Planning Council welcomes Marti Ryan to the NPC Board. Marti joins the board with an interest in devoting her time and energy toward creating a neighborhood that meets the needs of its residents. She has special interest in food initiatives like farmer's markets and the FEED Kitchens, and recreation opportunities like swimming, walking and biking. Marti jumped right in by joining the city's art/design committee to help complete Northside design plans and NPC's fundraising committee. Marti also brings a wealth of practical skills to the board with a background in financial analysis, data analysis and



NPC Board member Marti Ryan (c), with Board members Terrie Anderson (l) and Nikki Moriarity (r) at the North Star Awards.

small business management. She also serves as the president of the Willy Street Coop board.

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The Northside Planning Council reaffirms its mission to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Northside and to enhance opportunities for businesses. NPC's priorities are:

- COMMUNITY** — Communication and Connections within the Northside
- Support and enhance communication on the Northside
 - Serve as a key convener of Northside events
 - Engage with the community to understand the overall needs of the Northside
- PEOPLE** - Individuals and Families
- Facilitate awareness of and access to services
 - Partner with others to identify service needs
 - Foster development of additional support services for individuals and families in need

- BUSINESS** - Economic Success and Growth for The Northside
- Promote the Northside as a great place to live, work, play, start or grow a business
 - Support existing businesses
 - Encourage and support new investments

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Taking time to reflect

As we move from Thanksgiving into the Christmas season, the hours of daylight grow shorter, the list of holiday commitments, longer. With the positive encouragement of the recently presented North Star Awards lingering in our minds, we plunge onward into a busy season that doesn't leave much time to pause and reflect.

If we take time to reflect, our hearts would be overflowing with gratitude because we, on the Northside, have so very

much to be thankful for.

And, being thankful, we might even ask ourselves what we can do to help. We might wonder how much we can afford to give to make these oftentimes life-changing Northside activities continue. We might think about what gifts, of either time or money or skills we want to share where the need is greatest and the resources most wanting.

Taking time to look ahead

Think about it. We'll spend all of our time in the future. To change our future, we need to alter our decisions today. Consciously making a decision to take what is read in the Northside News and incorporating some new way to connect to the community you live in will make our neighborhood a better place. You don't have to move to find a better neighborhood to live in.

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Boomerangs makes a successful comeback in 2012

By Meg Nielsen
Northside News

A boomerang, when thrown away correctly, always makes a successful comeback. That's probably what Door Creek Church was thinking when it named Boomerangs Resale Store: the gently used items donated to the store make a successful comeback — they are purchased and re-used by new owners and the profits, in turn, benefit others.

Little did they know that Boomerangs would have to make a difficult comeback after a devastating fire in 2011. Now, a year after moving back into their restored space, the store continues to prosper, and as it does so, is helping others on the Northside make a successful comeback as well.

Boomerangs received a North Star Award from NPC for its ongoing efforts to support the Northside and for making a major commitment to the area in a number of ways.

Over the past two years, Boomerangs has developed a strong relationship with the Community Action Coalition (CAC). In the last calendar year, the store donated around 100 bags and boxes of clothing and books, but more recently has helped clients referred by CAC with direct donations of items to help set up newly-acquired apartments, such as the \$300 worth of furniture and household items for a longtime homeless mother and daughter.

"Looking back on the last six months, we've helped with over \$200 in "vouchers" for various items for people in need who were directly referred by our church staff," said Randy Olson, Director of Community Outreach. Gifts of furniture, linens and household items are routinely given to area families who are referred to Boomerangs from one source or another, such as the Road Home, he said.

Boomerangs also enjoys a successful ongoing relationship with Children Come First, an organization that seeks to help single mothers and their children get back on their feet once housing is secured. An estimated \$300 in donated clothing, furniture and household items have been donated to their families this year alone.

Giving back to the Northside is an important component to what Boomerangs sees as its ministry to the community. For the second year in a row, Boomerangs, in cooperation with Door Creek Church, sponsored one of the North/Eastside Senior Coalition's (NESCO) summer concert series events — one of the main ways the NESCO raises funds for its operating budget.

"We set up a booth at the August Ride the Drive Northside, and handed out free bottles of water, free toy boomerangs for children, as well as \$5 same-as-cash coupons for riders," said store manager Craig Gielow. It's obvious that the store is deeply invested in the community. About 35 percent of Boomerangs volun-

teer staff come from neighborhoods adjacent to the store. Volunteers who work at least eight hours a month receive a volunteer shopping discount.

The list of ways in which Boomerangs demonstrates commitment and gratitude to the community goes on:

- Donating \$1,000 toward the new playground installed last summer at Kennedy Heights Community Center.
- Making regular donations of clothing and furniture that hasn't sold in 90 days after the end of the month 50 percent off sale to The River Food Pantry and Community Action Coalition.
- Recycling the cardboard boxes and bags (approximately 100/week) to St. Vincent de Paul stores, saving even the containers the donations came in from landfills.
- Giving bags of men's clothing to the Northside Wisconsin Rescue Mission as it aids homeless men with temporary shelter, supplies and food.
- Providing books (approximately 20 boxes this year) to Schenk Elementary School's book sales — a school fundraising event.
- Purchasing \$825 worth of "Mallard Barbecue" tickets for the Vera Court Neighborhood Center fundraiser.

The good they keep giving just keeps coming back — to the neighborhood, to the people of the Northside and to the volunteers who make it happen.

Advance Auto Parts now open

By Jason Cuevas

Northside News

Those looking for a closer place to buy parts for their car are now in luck. Advance Auto Parts has opened a new store on the 1900 block of Northport Drive.

The store carries a wide range of automotive parts and accessories. They do not do mechanic work, but they can help evaluate some issues. If a person has problems with their battery, starter or needs a check engine light examined, the staff can do a diagnosis for free.

The store opened on Oct. 19 and employs around 10 people. So far they are satisfied with their reaction from the community.

"I think it has been pretty good. The community has come in and expressed how they're happy we're here and don't have to drive as far to get auto parts," said Kevin Schoer, a commercial manager at the store.

The store hours are Monday through Saturday from 7:30 am–9 pm and on Sundays from 9 am–8 pm. Advance Auto Parts is the second largest automotive parts retailer in the United States. They have over 3,800 stores in the country.

"We're pretty excited about being here," Schoer said. "We're here to help the community, not just to sell parts."

Workforce Development opens two new stations on Northside

The Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin announces the grand opening of two new WorkSmart Access Point service locations on Madison's Northside.

These new WorkSmart Access Points will expand job seeker services within the Northside Madison community with locations at 1740 Northport Dr., housed within the Northport Community Learning Center, and 1927 Northport Dr. housed within the Packers Community Learning Center.

A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 11 am at Northport, followed by a luncheon at the Packers location. The celebration included remarks by Pat Schramm, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin and Carmen Porco, Executive Director of the Northport and Packers Community Learning Centers.

"We are proud to serve the Northside Madison area and bring a needed service

to this community," said Schramm.

WorkSmart Access Points serve as smaller, satellite sites to job centers and provide customers local access to quality workforce resources and information. The new locations will provide job seekers increased access to computers and the Internet to search for jobs, work on resumes, apply for public assistance programs, get referrals to career and training programs and services and get connected with their Job Center for additional resources and help.

Both WorkSmart Access Points have support staff available to assist customers throughout the week. Staffed service hours at the Northport Community Learning Center location will be Monday through Friday from 9 am–3 pm, as well as from 6–8 pm. Service hours at the Packers Community Learning Center location will be Monday through Thursday from 9 am–7 pm.

For more information about WorkSmart Access Points, visit www.comeherefirst.org.



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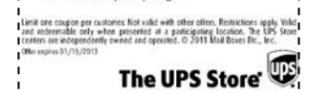
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COMMUNITY

Northside Sunday Supper Dec. 9

By Patrick Schrank
and Jacqui Wilson

Calling all Northsiders. You are invited to the Northside Sunday Supper on Dec. 9. Dinner will be served from 5-6 pm at Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) featuring historically African-American and southern dishes. This is the third Sunday Supper hosted by Northside partners hoping to bring together families from different neighborhoods to share a meal and fun. This time around greens, cornbread and Hoppin' John — a dish perfect for cold winter days with black eyed peas, ham and rice — will celebrate African-American farm-to-table traditions. All ages are welcome and WPCRC's gym and recreation area will be open for children. There is no cost for the meal.

The idea behind the Sunday Suppers is to bring together Northside families that might not otherwise meet to share a meal, enjoy each other's company and build relationships. The event is similar in spirit to Southern Sunday meals that bring fam-

ily and neighbors together. In this spirit of sharing over food we invite everyone to celebrate the past year and look forward to great things to come in 2013. Northside partners hosting this event include Warner Park Community Recreation Center, Northside Planning Council, Northside Farmers Market, Madison School & Community Recreation, Vera Court

Neighborhood Center and several generous vendors that donate ingredients. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up and to help serve. If you are interested contact Cindy at NPC, 661-0660 ext. 2 or cindy@northsideplanningcouncil.org.

Thank you to Brentwood Neighborhood Association for sponsoring our September Sunday Supper.



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Warner Park Community Recreation Center, Northside Planning Council, Northside Farmers Market, Madison School & Community Recreation, Vera Court Neighborhood Center

Independent Living to develop Northside senior housing on Tennyson Lane

By Jason Cuevas
Northside News

Independent Living, Inc. plans to develop a new senior housing community on Tennyson Lane, on the Northside of Madison. The goal is to create homes for up to 300 adults 65 and older.

This project will offer independent apartments, assisted living units and

memory care units. Construction will be in phases, with 50 independent apartments and/or 50 assisted living units opening in the spring of 2014. The next phase will build another 50 to 100 apartments and/or 50 assisted living units in the next five years.

The goal is to focus on inclusive-

ness. The new community will be about wellness, affordability, sustainability and lifestyle. From technology to outdoor gardens there will be a unique combination of amenities and services. Programs also include best practices for falls and adverse drug event monitoring and prevention.

Independent Living, Inc. has been delivering services and housing options in Dane county since 1973. They are a local nonprofit agency whose mission is to help seniors and adults with disabilities manage their independence.

A capital campaign is underway to create support for this new senior housing community. Donations will help to keep the project affordable for its future residents. Those that would like to be involved can contact Sue Berg at 274-7900 ext. 128 or by email at sberg@independentlivinginc.org.

The group will be adding periodic updates on this project that can be found at www.independentlivinginc.org. Those wishing to join the groups email list can contact Northside@independentlivinginc.org.

Heads up Northside youth grades 8-12

Recently NPC, community partners and several Northside youth got together to plant seeds for a Northside Youth Council. Are you a candidate?

Do you

- want to have a voice on the Northside?
- want to help organize cool annual events with and for Northside youth?
- have interest in any of the following: social justice, poetry, art, jobs, things to do on the Northside?
- have interest in getting to know more about what is going on for youth in your part of town and spreading the word?
- have interest in reaching out to other youth?
- want to explore what needs there are on the Northside?
- want to make a difference?

Well, then you might be interested in joining us. Be a founding member of the Northside Youth Council.

To apply please go to www.NorthsideMadison.org under the Youth tab on the far right. Applications are due by January 15, 2013.

Members of our core group will also be contacting community centers and schools to seek applications from interested youth. Our outreach to form a council is in response to an April Youth Roundtable and follow-up meetings. The interest areas mentioned above reflect input from youth at two recent gatherings at Warner Park Recreation and Community Center.

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Notes from the hill

By Lorie Walker

The winds have taken the last of our leaves from the trees and a chill has now settled in the air. October turned to November and winter is finally here. Once again, the Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association closed the fall season with our annual Fall Festival Oct. 27. In the tradition of more ancient celebrations, over 50 neighbors gathered in costume around a roaring bonfire to share stories, food and fellowship. Guided tours of the woods, a full moon to light the way and s'mores as warm, gooey, sweet treats added to the enjoyment.

As the days continue to grow shorter, the nights get colder and we look forward to the return of the sun, we count our many blessings — for the fellowship we on the Northside share and our gratefulness for the year past and hopefulness for the one to come. May 2013 be filled with health and happiness.

Circle of Friends looks to 2013

By Dorothy Borchardt

2012 has been another successful year for the Circle of Friends (CoF) of the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Thanks to all of the cookie bakers, walkers, business sponsors, donors and volunteers that made it possible. The pool fund now has over \$163,000. We couldn't do it without your help and support.

In 2004 the Mayor and City Council went on record supporting Warner Park for Madison's second swimming pool. One of the CoF major projects is to raise community awareness and money for the Warner Park Pool. Pounding the Pavement for Warner Pool and selling cookies on Election Day help achieve our goal.

In 2013 we will be working to get more neighborhoods involved in Pounding The Pavement for the Warner Pool event Aug. 24, 2013. If your neighborhood or business hasn't been involved start talking to neighbors and friends about getting a team together. All it takes is 10 people donating \$10 each to register your team.

You can join the Circle of Friends or renew your membership by sending in the membership form. We always need volunteers for the walk, help in baking cookies for elections and CoF board members.

For more information please contact Dorothy Borchardt at: dborchardt1@charter.net.

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wondered why officials from other areas of Madison and professionals involved in guiding the campers to the Northside did not contact locally elected officials beforehand.

Opinions at the listening session ranged from pleas for laws to be enforced and processes for helping people to find shelter be honored to requests that the neighborhood "start with compassion" to address immediate needs. More residents posed questions than expressed opinions.

According to two local residents outside the listening session, several people from the Lakeview neighborhood had been taking food to the park for the campers. Also Lakeview Lutheran Church opened its doors from 8 am to

2 pm to them every day. Reverend Dean Kirst of Lakeview Lutheran said, "I don't know what the politics are. We are just responding to the Gospel."

Dane County Supervisor Sargent also held a meeting with a group of the campers at Lakeview Lutheran Church. One of the women experiencing homelessness said that she had used up all of her days at the Salvation Army this year. Others joined in to express their concern that when they are offered shelter elsewhere it may only be for a day or a week. Shelter space for men and couples without children is even more limited. They also voiced complaints about the lack of cleanliness of the shelters and the rules that prevented them from having a life. Everyone agreed on the difficulty in securing affordable housing.

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Sargent, who recently joined the Homeless Service Committee, said she was attempting to get people to see from one another's perspectives. At the meeting at Lakeview Lutheran she challenged the campers to look at the situation from the point of view of residents who wanted to honor laws. At the same time she agreed to take the requests of her new temporary constituents to the park system. She also wanted to contact the county to bring in a social worker to help people on an individual level.

Sargent recognizes the need for long-term sustainable housing solutions. She said that the challenges the community faces in assisting people to move out of homelessness were complicated and would not go away overnight.

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Gardening for Good offers healthy lifestyle opportunities

By Marge Pitts

Each Thursday evening this summer, a group of neighbors came together under the blue bottle tree at Troy Community Gardens to learn how to garden, have fun at a mini-workshop, and find a place in the rich web of connections that makes up our community garden. Some of the participants had disabilities, some did not. It was clear, however that each person had a gift to share — expressed through sharing chores, story-telling, dancing, singing, drumming, bird watching, The Garden Parade, flower arranging and so much more. We had a blast.

Gardening for Good began as a vehicle to offer healthy lifestyle opportunities and fellowship to people with developmental disabilities. Rebecca Starke, a local professional serving the needs of the disabled, conceived the program and independently secured the funding for it. Community GroundWorks supplied the garden plot and other amenities for the program. For her excellent contribution to the Northside, Rebecca received a 2012 North Star Award.

Rebecca hoped that supported gardeners would learn about gardening by “hands in the dirt,” with whatever supports were needed to make this a positive experience. Some supported gardeners had staff or respite care workers with them each week, others had a volunteer or family member. These support people were key players, not only in helping to teach garden skills with the supported gardeners, but also in welcoming and extending friendship to each supported gardener over the season.

Gardening for Good relied on the strength of neighborhood connections and resources. Recruitment of supported gar-



Photo submitted by Marge Pitts

Gardening for Good Garden Day parade

deners was focused on people with disabilities who live on Madison’s Northside. The emphasis of neighbors gardening and getting to know each other has the potential of carrying over into other areas of our lives.

Funding for this pilot program came

through Dane County Human Services. It is yet to be determined if the project will continue next year. From the positive experiences of our participants, which you can re-live at gardeningforgoodmadison.com, we all hope that it does.

Friends of Cherokee Marsh to host talk on wetland birds

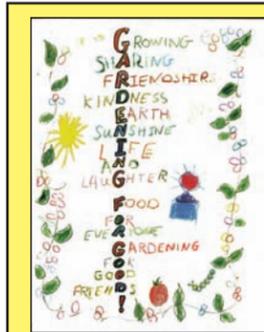
By Lesleigh Luttrell and Jan Axelson

Many of the birds we see at Cherokee Marsh and other Northside wetlands make long, adventurous trips each year on their spring and fall migrations. Andy Paulios, Wildlife Biologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, will relate stories of these birds in his talk, “Wetland Bird Conservation in Wisconsin: From Avocets to Aythya and Everything in Between,” Saturday, Jan. 26, at Lakeview Branch Library.

Paulios will share an overview of recent wetland conservation and management efforts, challenges and success stories, and a look to the future on what we’ll need to do as a conservation community to maintain healthy populations of wetland birds.

If you need further enticement to attend, the event will also feature free refreshments and door prizes.

The Friends of Cherokee Marsh will hold a brief member meeting before the presentation. Everyone is welcome at both events.



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