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Coexisting with Coyotes Program at Lincoln Park, Oct. 4; Greenfield Park, Oct. 11

Milwaukee, WI (Sept. 19, 2016) – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture will host Living with Urban Coyotes, Oct. 4 at the Lincoln Park Blatz Pavilion (1301 W. Hampton Ave.) and Oct. 11 at the Greenfield Park Pavilion (2028 S. 124 St.). Both programs are from 6-8 p.m.

Topics of the program include coyote ecology, the importance of coyotes in urban areas, coyote-human conflict and behavior modification, and ongoing monitoring and management efforts in Milwaukee County.

“With fall approaching, we can expect to see a natural peak in coyote activity and sightings,” said Julia Robson, Assistant Natural Areas Coordinator for Milwaukee County Parks. “Coyote pups are getting older and may start to disperse to explore new areas—including residential areas. This activity brings the potential for interactions between coyotes and pets.”

To manage these interactions, residents are reminded to make sure no food is available in their yards, to be vigilant when their pets are outdoors between dawn and dusk, to abide by leash laws, and to actively haze coyotes.

“Addressing the resources that attract coyotes in the first place is the first step to managing these potential interactions,” said Robson. “Hazing and removing attractants helps to make your yard an unwelcome place for coyotes and helps shape their behavior.”

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Residents throughout Milwaukee County are encouraged to submit reports of coyote sightings. In January 2016, tagging of coyotes occurred in targeted areas. Citizens who site a tagged coyote will be able to include information on the uniquely colored ear tags, helping to tie observations and behaviors to a specific animal. Residents are asked to submit all reports at inaturalist.org/projects/milwaukee-county-coyote-watch or use the related mobile app.

ADA accommodation requests for Living with Urban Coyotes may be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities by calling 278-3932 (voice) or 711 (TRS).

For more information on the coyote management program, visit countyparks.com and search “coyote.”

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