



MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
& HUMAN SERVICES  
**AGING & DISABILITIES  
SERVICES**

# Handy

# News & Notes

## Milwaukee Community Update – March 2026

Welcome March! Here is your monthly newsletter bringing a plethora of exciting events happening in Milwaukee County!

### RESERVE AN OUTDOOR WHEELCHAIR



[WEHRNATURECENTER.COM](http://WEHRNATURECENTER.COM)

**WEHR YOUR  
ADVENTURE  
AWAITS**

Milwaukee County's  
Only Host Site:

**Wehr Nature Center**  
9701 W College Ave  
Franklin, WI 53132  
414-425-8550

Working together on

**"Outdoors Access 4 All!"**



Dedicated to making nature accessible to all

**ALL PEOPLE | ALL SEASONS**



# maple sugar days

*Celebrate the sweetness of Spring*

**Saturday & Sunday  
March 7th & 8th | 12 - 4 pm**

Journey through the sugarbush to discover how sap transforms into sweet syrup. Top it off with a tasty pancake and explore many hands-on activities including a story stroll and more!

**Reservations guarantee a space  
Walk-ins are welcome as space allows**



**Purchase a syrup flight**



**Accessible Event**



**Maple treats,  
concessions, and  
tapping kits available**



**www.wehrnaturecenter.com 414-425-8550**



# MILWAUKEE COUNTY TICKET PROGRAM

## ADMIRALS TICKET REQUEST FORM

March 2026

Please complete this form and return it *along with a self-addressed STAMPED envelope* to:  
**Tickets, Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, 1230 W. Cherry Street, Milwaukee WI 53205.**

[Email Ticket Requests are also accepted.](#)  
 jacqueline.formanek@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Ticket requests will be limited as follows:  
**ADMIRALS – Individuals with Disabilities = 4 tickets per game (Max); Organizations = 4 tickets per game (Max).**  
**LIMITED TO 2 "FREE" GAMES PER MONTH!**  
*The ticket program has a limited number of FREE tickets for each game!*  
*Additional games, beyond the 2 FREE games can be had at \$10 per ticket while supplies last.*

**X** = Confirmed (Office Use Only)

		Number of Tickets (4 Max)				Place an X	
		W/C	Comp	LM	Reg	\$10	Free
	March 6 <sup>th</sup> , San Jose, 7pm						
	March 11 <sup>th</sup> , Rockford, 7pm						
	March 21 <sup>st</sup> , Grand Rapids, 6pm						
	March 27 <sup>th</sup> , Henderson, 7pm						

W/C = Wheelchair Platform Seating  
 Comp = Companion  
 LM = Limited Mobility Aisle Seats  
 Reg = Regular Seating

**Payment By Credit Card Only!** – (Please circle appropriate card)

Mastercard    Visa    American Express

Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

W-0-W Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_





# MARCH 2026 EVENTS

CONNECTING MILWAUKEE THROUGH REAL STORIES



## STORYSTARTER WORKSHOP

*BRUSH UP ON YOUR STORYTELLING SKILLS!*

**THUR 3/12**  
5:15 - 6:15 PM  
*DANDY*

## “GROWING PAINS” STORYSLAM

*STORIES OF CHANGE AND DOING HARD THINGS.  
COME TO LISTEN - OR SHARE YOUR OWN!*

**THUR 3/12**  
7 - 9 PM  
*DANDY*

## STORYSTRETCH WORKSHOP

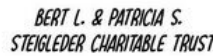
*DISCOVER, STRUCTURE, AND SHARE YOUR STORIES!*

**SAT 3/21**  
10 AM - 12 PM  
*FRUITION MKE*

## THANK YOU FUNDERS & SPONSORS!



CHRISTINE SYMCHYCH  
AND JIM MCNULTY



**RESERVE YOUR SPOT: EXFABULA.ORG/TICKETS**

**ACCOMODATIONS: EXFABULA.ORG/ACCESSIBILITY**

## **Accessibility**

To encourage participation from a broad range of storytellers, we offer a variety of accommodation options upon request, including but not limited to:

- Reserved ADA seating
- Materials in Braille, large print, or text formats
- ASL interpretation
- Extended storytelling time for individuals who have related speech, language, memory, or other communication challenges
- Transportation reimbursement and more!

Individuals can request accommodations by providing details in the "order notes" field during checkout or by reaching out to Ex Fabula Executive Director Megan McGee at 414-530-3503 or [megan@exfabula.org](mailto:megan@exfabula.org).

Keep in Touch!

Ex Fabula on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ExFabula>

Ex Fabula on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/exfabula/>

Ex Fabula on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/exfabula/>

Email us: [info@exfabula.org](mailto:info@exfabula.org)

Call us: 414-530-3503

## **ILLEGALLY PARKS CARDS**

You are ***ILLEGALLY*** PARKED!

[@MKECoOPD](https://www.facebook.com/MKECoOPD)

The Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) has a supply of these cards. If you'd like some, please contact Jacqueline Formanek at 414-278-3938 or email [jacqueline.formanek@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:jacqueline.formanek@milwaukeecountywi.gov) with your complete name and mailing address.





### **Need to apply for service or renew your paratransit eligibility?**

The Transit Plus application and medical verification form can now be submitted online. Check out this convenient new option on [ridemcts.com/accessibility/transitplus/application-process](https://ridemcts.com/accessibility/transitplus/application-process).



### **MCTS Offers Free Travel Training**

Have you been wanting to ride the bus but don't know where to begin? MCTS Travel Trainers would be happy to show you the ropes! Training is customized to meet the needs of the rider and includes trip planning, bus safety, fare payment, and more. For information, call (414) 937-3256.



Coming soon! In early 2026, Transit Plus riders will have the option of paying their fare on the van with the new Transit Plus WisGo card. This card can also be used on MCTS buses. Watch for more information to come in the next few weeks.



### Enriching Education

#### **Safe Babies Healthy Families**

Helping parents build strong, healthy families through guidance, support, and resources from pregnancy through early childhood. [lindseyw@eastersealswise.com](mailto:lindseyw@eastersealswise.com) 414-731-7978

### Enhancing Health

#### **Corporate Guardianship**

Providing trusted guardianship and advocacy to protect rights, ensure safety, and empower individuals to live with dignity and respect. [lajuelln@eastersealswise.com](mailto:lajuelln@eastersealswise.com) 414-550-6324

### Expanding Employment

#### **Individual Placement and Support**

Our Individual Placement and Support (IPS) program, helps individuals facing severe mental health disorders find and keep meaningful employment with the support of a dedicated caseworker. [kallir@eastersealswise.com](mailto:kallir@eastersealswise.com) 414-449-4444

### Elevating Community

#### **Adult Day Services (Kenosha, Wauwatosa, and Waukesha)**

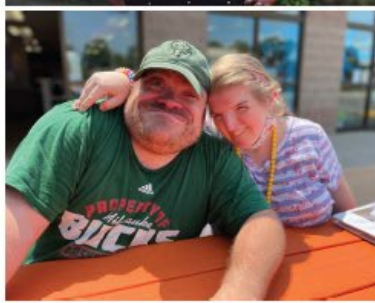
Daytime support that fosters independence, confidence, and community connections for individuals (ages 18+) with disabilities. [niccin@eastersealswise.com](mailto:niccin@eastersealswise.com) 414-963-5992

#### **Recreation Services**

Fun, social outings that build friendships, confidence, and community connections for teens and adults (ages 15+) with disabilities. [shellyr@eastersealswise.com](mailto:shellyr@eastersealswise.com) 414-840-9740

#### **Seasonal Respite Camps**

Seasonal programs offer children, teens, and young adults with disabilities the chance to explore, connect, and grow in supportive, engaging environments. [shellyr@eastersealswise.com](mailto:shellyr@eastersealswise.com) 414-840-9740



### Connect with us:

Website - [www.wise.easterseals.com](http://www.wise.easterseals.com)

Facebook - @eastersealswise

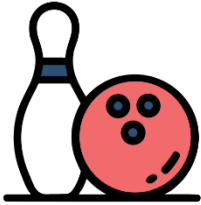
Instagram - @eastersealssewi

Twitter - @EastersealsSEWI

LinkedIn - [linkedin.com/company/easter-seals-southeast-wisconsin](https://www.linkedin.com/company/easter-seals-southeast-wisconsin)

# Programs & Activities

## ∴ TUESDAY BOWLING



*Join us as we gather with friends to beat our previous bowling records, enjoy socializing, have a snack, and watch the pins fall!*

**Dates:** Tuesdays, starting March 3rd until May 26th (no bowling 3/31)

**Time:** 6-8 PM

**Location:** AMF West 7505 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53219

**Fee:** \$44 + \$7 lane fee collected per Tuesday

*\*Pre-Registration Preferred*

## ∴ WHAT UP WEDNESDAYS

*This session, we will focus on learning new skills in cooking and gardening, in addition to a monthly outing.*

**Dates:** Every Wednesday as follows, starting March 4th (No meetup April 1st)

**Time:** 6-8 PM

**Location:** WOW UW: 10602 Underwood Pkwy Wauwatosa

**Fee:** \$10 to attend (however, on outing dates, participants should bring their own spending money)

*\*Pre-Registration REQUIRED*

**3/4: Gardening**- Discuss as a group what is feasible to grow and determine where. Prep Garden Area.

Clean out/Prepare garden beds.

**3/11: Cooking**- Walking Tacos w/ all the fixings. Out together, a shopping list for next weeks

Stein's Outing.

**3/18: Outing**- Go to Steins to get needed items for gardening: plants/ seeds. Etc.

**3/25: Gardening**- Let's get our hands dirty. Begin Seed/plant placement

## **∴ THURSDAY BINGO**

Enjoy an opportunity to join your friends in winning some cool Bingo prizes. Have a snack,

beverage, and come have a great time with your peers.

**Dates:** every Thursday, starting March 5th until May 28th (no bingo on April 2nd)

**Time:** 6-8 PM

**Location:** WOW UW: 10602 Underwood Pkwy Wauwatosa

**Fee:** \$10 per week

\*Pre-Registration preferred!

## **∴ FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES**

Let's get moving!

**Dates:** Rotating Fridays

**Time:** 6-8 PM

**Location:** varies (see below for more info)

**Fee:** \$8.00 at the door (\$7.00 for Key Card Members)

\$1.00 Concessions to be sold: Soda, snacks and pizza

\*Pre-Registration preferred! Walk-Ins Welcome. Pay at the door.

3/6 @ UW

March Madness- Rep your favorite basketball team.



3/20 @ G

Spring Fling- Come in your most festive spring styles.



## .. SATURDAY SOCIALS

*Explore new places and enjoy meals with friends.*

*Dates/Times/Locations and Fees vary per event, please see below details.*

*\*Pre-Registration Required*

**Date:** Saturday, March 7, 2026

**Location:** Sport Show @ the Expo

*Meet at WOW UW*

**Time:** 11:30AM - 1:30PM

**Fee:** \$30.00 (entry \$15 + Lunch + Transportation to and from event)

**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2026

**Location:** **Dave & Busters** (Lunch & games)

*Meet at 2201 N. Mayfair Rd. in Wauwatosa*

**Time:** 11:30AM - 1:30PM

**Fee:** \$30.00

# Event Enrollment Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency/Group Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation:  Cab  Car  City Bus  
 First Transit  Transit Express  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Drop off and Pick Up:

Kindly arrive 15 minutes before the program's scheduled start time. Participants will only be permitted to enter the program area 15 minutes prior to the beginning. Please arrange transportation accordingly to ensure a smooth experience.

**Wil-O-Way Grant (G)**  
 207 S Lake Drive, South Milwaukee

**Wil-O-Way Underwood (UW)**  
 10602 Underwood Parkway,  
 Wauwatosa

**AMF West Lanes (AMF)**  
 7505 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee

PLEASE MARK THE PROGRAMS OF YOUR CHOICE - CLASSES CAN BE SELECETED INDIVIDUALLY OR BY SESSION.

Tuesday Bowling @ AMF			
T	3/3	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	3/10	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	3/17	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	3/24	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	4/7	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	4/14	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	4/21	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	4/28	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	5/5	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	5/12	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	5/19/2026	Bowling @ AMF	\$7
T	5/26/2026	Bowling @ AMF	\$7

What Up Wednesday @ Wil-O-Way Underwood			
W	3/4	What Up	\$10
W	3/11	What Up	\$10**
W	3/18	What Up	\$10**
W	3/25	What Up	\$10
W	4/8	What Up	\$10**
W	4/15	What Up	\$10
W	4/22	What Up	\$10**
W	4/29	What Up	\$10**
W	5/6	What Up	\$10
W	5/13	What Up	\$10
W	5/20	What Up	\$10
W	5/27	What Up	\$10
Entire What Up Wed Session			\$120

Thursday BINGO - Underwood			
Th	3/5	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	3/12	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	3/19	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	3/26	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	4/9	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	4/16	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	4/23	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	4/30	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	5/7	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	5/14	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	5/21	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Th	5/28	BINGO @ UW	\$10
Entire BINGO Session			\$120

\*\*Bring Extra money for Outing

Friday Night Dances			
F	3/6	At Underwood-	\$7/8
F	3/20	At Grant-	\$7/8
F	4/3	At Underwood-	\$7/8
F	5/8	At Underwood-	\$7/8
F	5/22	At Grant-	\$7/8

Adult Rec Special Events			
Friday 6-9PM	17-Apr	Prom: A Night of Magic	\$35

Saturday Outings			
11:30AM-1:30 PM	3/7	Sport Show at the Expo	\$30
11:30AM-1:30 PM	3/21	Dave & Busters	\$30
11:30AM-2:30 PM	4/4	Milwaukee Public Museum	\$30
11:30AM-2PM	4/18	Milwaukee Art Museum	\$35
11:30AM-2:30 PM	5/9	Thrifting and Lunch	\$20
10AM-12:30P M	5/23	Oak Creek Farmers Market	\$25

Total Payment Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How will you be paying for your recreation programs?

Payment can be made via cash, check, or credit card.

For credit card payment please call 414-449-4444

Authorizations for any other form of payment must be received prior to start of programming.

Payment Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks for registration only payable to:

Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin

6737 W Washington Street, Suite 4205

West Allis, WI 53214

Given the pre-purchase of tickets or supplies for our programs and outings, we regret to inform you that we are unable to provide refunds for non-attendance. However, in the event of program cancellation by Easterseals or if your chosen program is at capacity, you will either receive credit for another program or a refund.

## PRIVATE PARTY RENTALS

Looking to book your next family gathering or community-group event? Weddings, family reunions, birthday parties, graduations, showers, organizational meetings, are among the many events held here each year. Both Wil-O-Way facilities are in beautiful Milwaukee County parks. The buildings are accessible and have a large hall and kitchen. The spacious grounds have picnic tables, walking trails, wading pools, and accessible playgrounds.

BOOK AN EVENT NOW!

Current Capacity 180 people

Check out the [Facility Guidelines](#) & [Facility Rentals Calendar](#).

Wil-O-Way Grant (South Milwaukee)



Wil-O-Way Underwood (Wauwatosa)



## SHARE HANDY NEWS & NOTES!

Do you work with someone or know someone who would be interested in or would benefit from the information in Handy News & Notes? If so, please refer them to the link below to sign up for this FREE information source.

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Sign-Up-for-E--Notify>

## OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (OPD)

Director: Jacqueline Formanek



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• (414) 239-5679 • 711 (TRS)

[Office Persons with Disabilities Website](#)

