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Get Out: Celebrate January's free for all!

Entertainment doesn't have to be expensive

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A group makes their way down the hill at Alford Park. (KENOSHA NEWS FILE PHOTO BY SEAN KRAJACIC)

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hosts an open jam at Capt. Mike's Lighthouse Pub, 5118 Sixth Ave.

In Racine, the Arts Council, 316 Sixth St., hosts an all-ages open jam starting at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. It's free to perform, but they do ask for donations of non-perishable food items.

For listings of local music every week, check out our entertainment listings in the back of the Get Out section each Friday and go to the GOKenosha section of our Kenosha News website, www.kenoshanews.com/gokenosha/#/.

* You can also do your best version of Adele's "Hello" at Karaoke, offered Fridays and Saturdays at Warehouse 56, 2122 56th St.

* Looking for some "cocktail music" for your night out? The Dave Braun Trio plays each Friday night in the lounge at the Hob Nob, 277 Sheridan Road. At Sazzy B in downtown Kenosha, Ed Doody "tickles the ivories" Wednesday nights starting at 7 p.m. Also at Sazzy B, Monday nights feature live jazz music with the "Sazzy Jazzy House Band" starting at 6 p.m. (and martinis are half-price — but not free!) and each Thursday night, Stu "The Piano Guy" starts playing at 8:30 p.m.

Also on Thursday nights, Matt Meyer performs starting at 9 p.m. at Capt. Mike's Lighthouse Pub.

* Fusion, 5014 Seventh Ave., is a recent addition to the downtown Kenosha music scene and hosts plenty of free events. Southport Sound — playing big band swing and "the music of today" — performs the second Wednesday of each month; open mic comedy nights are the first Thursday of each month; and Be Exposed to the Arts programs are on Fridays, including Jan. 22, Feb. 19 and March 18. Go to

www.kenoshafusion.com to check for free upcoming events.

Trivial pursuits

If you know the capital of Ecuador or the date of the first moon landing, you might do well at one of the several area locales offering free weekly trivia contests, with prizes that include gift certificates, beer and cash.

Local trivia nights include: Tuesdays at TG's Sports Bar (8:30 p.m.) and Ashling on the Lough, 125 56th St. (9 p.m.); Wednesdays at the Swedish American Club, 7002 30th Ave.; Thursdays at the Boathouse, 4917 Seventh Ave.; and Fridays at Rustic Road Brewing Co., 510 56th St.

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Museums

The downtown Kenosha Public Museum and Dinosaur Discovery Museum offer free admission and a slew of free programs, too. At the Dinosaur Discovery Museum, you'll find life-size replica casts of your favorite prehistoric reptiles, interactive exhibits, bones and fossils, and an on-site Carthage College paleontology lab.

A fun, free event at the dinosaur museum are Dino Digs, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in January. Kids can practice their paleontology skills by excavating a dinosaur fossil.

January is a time of reckoning for folks (we're not pointing fingers ... but a "selfie" here would be appropriate) who may have over-extended themselves financially during the holiday season.

If you can't face your VISA bill this month, it might not seem prudent to even get out of bed, let alone leave the house for some entertainment.

But leave the house you must.

Staying home and dwelling on your problems (and your empty wallet) isn't going to lift your spirits, but a night of singing Karaoke might do the trick.

To get you moving, we offer some free entertainment options:

Live music

* Several area taverns host weekly open jam/open mic nights, which are free to attend (it's also free to join in the jam).

Here are some local options: Tuesdays at Sazzy B, 5323 Sixth Ave, Kai Anderson hosts the open mic. Mark Paffrath's open mic is Wednesday night at TG's Sports Bar, 4120 Seventh Ave.; and Sunday nights, Jason Kent

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Current exhibits at the Kenosha Public Museum include "Journey to Primal: The Art of Theodore Czebota" (through February) and the traveling exhibit "Dinosaurs Take Flight: The Art of Archaeopteryx" (through March 26). Permanent exhibits include "The Wisconsin Story," a "multi-disciplinary adventure" exploring this land of ours.

The Public Museum is now offering free programs from noon to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. "STEAM Cafe" offers programs on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The next program is "Mission to Mars!" on Feb. 18 with astronomer Patrick Frendreis.

The Public Museum, 5500 First Ave., is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. The Dinosaur Discovery Museum, 5608 10th Ave., is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 262-653-4140 or www.kenoshapublicmuseum.org.

There is an admission fee to view the "Fiery Trial" exhibit at the Civil War Museum, 5400 First Ave., but the museum does host lots of free programs. Also, a new photo exhibit — the "Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Wisconsin Photo Show" — goes on display Jan. 23 through Feb. 13 in the museum lobby and can be viewed for free.

* The Kenosha History Center features exhibits on local businesses and automobiles in its Rambler Legacy Gallery. The "Back to the '20s" exhibit features automobiles and other vehicles from the 1920s, along with memorabilia from that time period.

The History Center is located at 220 51st Place and is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free; donations are accepted. www.kenoshahistorycenter.org.

* Racine's "other" museum — not the fancy downtown Racine Art Museum (which charges admission but is free the first Friday of each month) — is the free Wustum Museum of Fine Art, 2419 Northwestern Ave.

The museum is showcasing one of its most popular shows, "Watercolor Wisconsin," through April 23. The exhibit showcases 117 pieces, chosen from 300-plus pieces submitted by artists from throughout the state. Eight Kenosha County artists have works in this juried show.

The Wustum Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 262-636-9177 or www.ramart.org.

Art galleries

Kenosha has several places where you can check out a variety of artworks. Even better is catching an opening reception (they serve snacks).

* The Anderson Arts Center is located in a historic mansion on Lake Michigan and showcases artists throughout the year. Shows opening on Jan. 31 include "Deeply Rooted: Fiber Art Work by SAQA members from Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Wisconsin," "Umbrella's: Open to New Ideas" by the Women's Journeys in Fiber, "Fibers Plus" by Sherri Wistrom, Bobby Childers and Margaret Heller and "Here and There II" by Betty Kidera and Don Hinrichs.

The arts center is located at 6603 Third Ave. and is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. 262-653-0481. www.andersonartscenter.com.

* The Lemon Street Gallery on Sheridan Road near downtown is a nonprofit facility that opened in the fall of 1999 with a handful of artists and now has more than 70 members who display a variety of artworks, including drawings, paintings, prints, textiles and photography. The current exhibit is its annual January Warehouse Sale. Through this month, members artists are offering discounts on pieces.

The gallery, 4601 Sheridan Road, is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. www.lemonstreetgallery.org.

* Near Lemon Street is the new Re:Vision Gallery, 4625 Sheridan Road, which is hosting a show featuring works by landscape artist Sarah Andersen. In February, oil and acrylic painter and former UW-Parkside Professor Dennis Bayuzick will have a show there.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. 262-764-6603. www.facebook.com/revisiongallery.

* ArtWorks Gallery and Frame Shop, 5002 Seventh Ave., has an "Open Exhibit" starting Jan. 30 (running through March 1). Coming later in March is "Pink," a show devoted to art pieces that include the color pink.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call 262-652-5911 or visit www.artworkskenosha.com.

* The downtown Pollard Gallery displays a portion of the George and Nan Pollard collection, as well as the works of guest artists. And there are always — you guessed it! — free snacks on the Second Saturday of each month. It's current exhibit is the annual Photography & Digital Arts Show (through Feb. 28).

514 56th St. Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 262-657-7529.

* Also downtown is the Kenosha Art Association's KAAleidoscope Gallery.

5615 Seventh Ave. 262-654-0065.

* Carthage College's H.F. Johnson Gallery of Art, 2001 Alford Park Drive, is showing "Material Sustenance: Carthage College Art and Graphic Design Faculty Exhibit," through Jan. 23.

The free gallery is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday (with evening hours 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays) and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

* At the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, there are three galleries on the west side of the campus in the new Picken Center.

This month, the galleries are on "winter hours," open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 262-595-2342 for more information.

* In Racine, check out the exhibits at the downtown Artists Gallery, 401 Main St. Admission is always free, and the gallery hosts opening receptions — free snacks! — on the first Friday of the month during downtown Racine's First Friday events.

The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Note: Racine's First Friday events start again in April.

All aboard

The indoor train tours at the Jelly Belly Center are free — and include candy samples. How sweet is that?

Located at 10100 Jelly Belly Lane (at the corner of Highway 165 and Green Bay Road off I-94) in Pleasant Prairie. 262-947-3800 or www.jellybelly.com. Tours run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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Kenosha's public libraries host free programs, both for children and adults. This might be a great time to rediscover the joys of reading for pleasure. In addition to its book collections, the library system also has DVDs, books on tape, ebooks, magazines, newspapers and music CDs that it lends to the public. For free. How cool is that?

Upcoming programs include the Fantasy/SciFi Book Club (for adults), which meets 6 p.m. Monday (Jan. 25) at the Southwest Library, 7979 38th Ave., and a new Award Season Film Series (also for adults) showing Oscar-nominated films from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays at the Southwest Library. the next film (on Jan. 28) is "Straight Outta Compton" (Rated R).

Kids' stuff at the library include several storytimes each week, plus Friday Fun Days at the Northside Library, 1500 27th Ave., from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays. On Jan. 29, the Northside Library is hosting a Board Game Extravaganza from 3 to 5 p.m., and on Jan. 30, the Southwest Library is throwing a "Frozen" sing-along party from 2 to 3 p.m.

For a list of events, check out the website at www.mykpl.info/.

Walk on the wild side

Winter is a great time to visit the Milwaukee County Zoo, which has free admission Feb. 6 and March 6. (Note: Parking is still \$12.)

www.milwaukeezoo.org.

* The Brookfield Zoo near Chicago offers free general admission on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 28. (Parking is still \$11.) Also, the zoo offers free admission every day to all active, reservist and retired members of the military.

On Feb. 14, the Brookfield Zoo is hosting a "FREEze Day" with free admission and demonstrations by the Green Valley Dog Drivers dog-sledding teams, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about the zoo and special events, visit www.czs.org or call 708-688-8000.

Wine, not whine!

We doubt you can through this event without buying something — but you can try!

Grapes 2 Glass Wine Boutique, 10351 Washington Ave. (Highway 20) in Sturtevant offers free wine tasting from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Because nothing tops off a cold January day like a glass of Australian shiraz ... or do you prefer moscato?

Whatever your preference, drink responsibly — and freely!

Sidebar: Get outside

We know, we know. It's cold and dark out there. Still, the sun pops out occasionally. Grab that chance for a brisk walk or some cross-country skiing and sledding.

Some of the best cross-country skiing trails in this area can be found at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, across from Petrifying Springs County Park, just east of Green Bay Road (Highway 31) and north off of Highway E.

Sledding hills in the Kenosha include Washington Park, 1821 Washington Road; a wide, sloping hill just north of St. Peter Catholic Church, off of 30th Avenue at 21st Street; Lincoln Park, 7010 22nd Ave. (for those who like their sledding on the slow, gentle side); Alford Park, 2901 Alford Drive; and Fox River Park, at the intersection of highways F and W in Silver Lake. Fox River Park features a hard-packed, banked sledding "chute" that makes for a fast ride down the hill. Snowboarders like this hill, too. There are also cross-country skiing trails in the park.

Wait! We didn't list Petrifying Springs Park! That's because "Pets" is closed — temporarily — while ash trees are removed from the park. The popular north side park, 4909 Seventh St. in Somers, is expected to reopen about Feb. 7. Until then, hit the slopes in another park.

* If you prefer the classic outdoor winter sport of ice skating, head to Silver Lake.

There's a new 64-by-120-foot outdoor rink in Silver Lake's Schmalfeldt Park, 498 E. Wisconsin Ave. It's free to skate — just bring your blades and your courage.

* The Pringle Nature Center — located inside Bristol Woods County Park, 9800 160th Ave. in Bristol — is another great place for outdoor fun. The park has hiking and cross-country skiing trails, and Pringle offers programs, many of which are free.

For more information, go to www.pringlenc.org or call 262-857-8008.

An upcoming free program at Pringle is "Leave No Child Inside: Snow Day," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 23). Visitors will learn about different ways to enjoy the winter weather, including geocaching and snowshoeing. Different activities are scheduled throughout the day.

* Another place to enjoy some free outdoor fun is the River Bend Nature Center in Racine County (3600 N. Green Bay Road), which offers cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, plus indoor programs.

The nature center's 78 acres are open from sunrise to sunset every day, free of charge. The buildings are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Ski and snowshoe rentals are available.

Go to www.riverbendnaturecenterracine.org or call 262-639-1515 for more details.

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