

Participants will remove clutter, invasive bitter dock, sweet clover or burdock depending on need.

Volunteers should park at the last parking lot near the Root River steelhead facility on Domanik Drive and cross the river into Colonial Park. They should wear long trousers, sturdy shoes and long socks that can be tucked over pant legs, and bring their own gloves and water.

For more information, contact Melissa Warner via email at melissa.warner3@a2q.com or call 262-639-0918.

RAM invites artists to show work

RACINE — Racine Art Museum and Wustum Museum of Fine Arts invites artists to submit work for "From the Heart: RAM Virtual Community Art Show," the museums' inaugural online exhibition. Existing online at ramart.org and accessible via tablets in the galleries, this exhibition will officially run July 7-Oct. 4.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and social injustice, artists continue to create art. RAM is including the community in a creative conversation through depictions of this unique time in history. Work submitted must have been created in 2020 and must not have been previously exhibited at RAM or Wustum Museum.

Further information and a form to submit entries are available at ramart.org. High quality images of work must be submitted to the museum website by 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 1.

RAM has also been inviting artists to share artwork through a series of virtual happy hours entitled Artists in the House. These Zoom meetups hosted by Liz Siercks, RAM curatorial assistant, serve as casual forums for artists to discuss their work and current events, and to make art together. Artists can receive updates about these virtual happy hours, calls for exhibitions and other resources by following RAM on social media and by subscribing to the museum's weekly email newsletter.

RUGN in need of garden volunteers

RACINE — With 17 gardens throughout Racine, Racine Urban Garden Network is supporting several food banks with donations of produce this summer. Many volunteers are needed to work in established gardens and to set up new ones, especially at these locations:

■ Ruby Street Garden, 3900 Ruby Ave. (behind North Pointe United Methodist Church). Vol-

Playground program offers free meals

RACINE — Racine Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services will serve free meals to youth ages 17 and younger during the drop-in playground programs being held at neighborhood parks this summer.

Meals will be provided Monday through Thursday at these locations:

■ 11 to 11:45 a.m. — Matson Park, 3334 Fourth St.; Dr. King Community Center, 1134 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; Dr. John Bryant Center, 601 21st St.

■ Noon to 12:45 p.m. — Greencrest Park, 2801 Delaware St.; Solbraa Park, 3825 16th St.; Hantschel Park, 1663 Village Drive; Tyler-Domer Community Center, 2301 12th St.

Families may get free meals through drive-up or walk-up service. Those using drive-up service are asked to remain in their cars and wait for staff to assist them. If using the walk-up service, visitors are asked to practice physical distancing and remain 6 feet apart from other people.

Children who would like to participate in the drop-in playground program may eat on-site with the playground leaders. Meals will be served to children of all ages, however, participation in the playground program is for children ages 7 to 14.

The playground program is held at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday through Aug. 22. There is no cost to attend and registration is not required.

Anderson Arts Center is now open

KENOSHA — The Anderson Arts Center, 6603 Third Ave., is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

The current exhibit through Aug. 29 showcases works by the League of Milwaukee Artists titled "Artistic Expression from a Diverse Collection," and features 39 artists and more than 100 artworks. The Arts Center is also featuring works from the Area Artists Group.

Exhibited work is available for purchase.

Masks will be required to enter the center and no more than 10 guests will be allowed inside at one time. Touchless hand sanitizer stations have also been added to the galleries.

4th Fest hosts house decorating contest

Your guides are provided by recordings of Joan Roehre and Rich Smith from the Over Our Head Players. Those on the tour have the option to read or listen to the descriptions at each stop.

Buildings featured on the tour can be identified by the window clings with the historic walking tour logo.

Free live music returns Downtown

RACINE — While many events have been canceled because of COVID-19, music has returned to Downtown Racine.

The Downtown Racine Corp. is hosting free live music from a variety of genres every Friday and Saturday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. through Aug. 29.

Friday's recurring concert series, Music on the Monument, is back for its 18th year and Saturday Sounds on the Square is entering its third year.

Live music will be held at the Nash parking lot, 522 Sixth St., through July 31. The concert series will move to Monument Square, Main and Sixth streets, in August. Social distancing will be enforced and number of attendees will be limited.

Music on the Monument lineup

■ June 26 — Matthew Haeffel (original, contemporary)

■ July 3 — Boys N Toys (classic rock), special time, 6:30-10 p.m. for First Fridays.

■ July 10 — Full Flavor (classic rock)

■ July 17 — Nick Ramsey & The Family (hip hop, funk, rock)

■ July 24 — Paffrath & Johnson (acoustic, original)

■ July 31 — Bullfrog, (classic rock, improv, jam)

■ Aug. 7 — Fourcast (acoustic)

■ Aug. 14 — Touch of Gray (classic rock)

■ Aug. 21 — Earthmother (improv, jam)

■ Aug. 28 — Empty Bottle Boys & One Shot Jane (country)

Saturday Sounds on the Square lineup

■ June 27 — Mean Jake (classic rock)

■ July 11 — Stephen Hull Experience (rhythm and blues)

■ July 18 — TBD

■ July 25 — High Stakes Band (rhythm and blues)

■ Aug. 8 — Rocky Rose, (original, contemporary)

■ Aug. 15 — Yves Francois Ro-cambu Jazz (jazz)

■ Aug. 22 — Lake Effect (jazz)

■ Aug. 29 — Squad 51 (classic rock)

"It's a great opportunity for visitors and residents to enjoy

cess you can obtain a paper reading log from the pickup tent at the library.

■ The Imagine Your Story Wattpad Creative Writing Contest is open through July 31. For more information, go to wattpad.com/884261341-racine-public-library-summer-reading-program-2020. Voting will be held Aug. 3-9.

■ YA for You, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, July 16. Online book club and discussion for anyone who enjoys reading YA. July's title is "Out of Easy" by Ruta Sepetys

■ Quick Book Look: Adult Storytime, 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 8. Participants will read the first chapters from a variety of genres aimed towards adults.

■ "Small Business Monday: Starting and Growing Your Business Online," 9 a.m. Mondays, July 6-27. This is a series designed to help small businesses get online.

■ "Sprouts and Microgreens for Good Health," 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 7. Mark Lyons, an experienced master gardener will tell you all about how to grow and use microgreens. Email jessie.carpioux@racinelibrary.info to receive an invitation.

■ Alphabet Reading Adventure, 8 a.m. Mondays through Aug. 10. Participants read their way through the alphabet in order and claim their badge upon completion.

■ Time for a Rhyme, Mondays through Aug. 10. Children join Miss Anne for a weekly poem reading.

■ Monday Doodles, Mondays through Aug. 10. New prompts will be shared every Monday via Facebook and email newsletter.

■ Story Starters, Mondays through Aug. 10 for all grades. Each week, an idea from which a small story can be developed will

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stability are much more likely to be emotionally and economically successful. Thankfully, changes made in the structure of the Rapid Rehousing program due to the virus helped house several of participants in the midst of the pandemic, allowing them to move out of area shelters.

The PATH program serves people who are homeless who also have a serious mental illness. They receive intensive case management which helps them access healthcare, mental health services, disability income and housing. At the start of the pandemic, participants in the PATH program were served via the phone; many are now meeting in person with their case manager on an appointment basis.

Helping clients

Several of the people served through HOPES Center were able to access housing during the pandemic thanks to the \$1,200 stimulus payments. Since most of the clientele at HOPES Center do not need to file taxes due to