

Milton Hot Spots & Happenings

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Hot Spots

The 15-acre **Tails 'n' Trails Dog Park** features a separate fenced area for large dogs and another for small dogs, a small playground outside the fenced area, off-street parking, trails and a clean water source. Located at the corner of John Paul Road and Vincent Street, the park is open and free to the public, but donation bins are found there for supportive dog owners looking to help the park become self-sufficient. A site plan is found on the city's webpage for the dog park. 608-868-6900, ci.milton.wi.us/index.aspx?nid=262

Milton House Museum, 18 S. Janesville St., is an 1844 hexagonal stagecoach inn that is one of 12 Underground Railroad National Historic Landmarks in the U.S. Tours include the tunnel used to transport fugitive slaves. The site also includes an 1837 pioneer log cabin, blacksmith shop, buggy shed, stable and more. Another claim to fame for the Milton House is that it is the oldest grout building in the country. The museum is open every day Memorial Day to Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 608-868-7772, www.miltonhouse.org

Milton College Main Hall Museum, 513 College St., is open June-August from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. The museum is run by the Milton College Preservation Society, which is dedicated to the preservation of the college's historic memorabilia and records, as well as the maintenance of the Main Hall. Founded by a group of early Milton settlers, including Milton House owner Joseph Goodrich, Milton College existed between 1844 and 1982. 608-868-2354, www.miltoncollege.org

Happenings

Various dates-Concerts in Goodrich Park: Hosted by The Gathering Place. Dates for 2017 include June 8, July 13 and August 10. Downtown Milton. www.gatheringplacemilton.com, www.maccit.com

June 3-Milton Citywide Rummage Sale: Check Milton Courier for listing of garage sales.

June 2-3-Wally's Music Fest: A two-day, retro rock and roll event in Schilberg Park filled with 80s music and mayhem. Among the bands scheduled to perform include Lava Rock and Audio Drive on Friday, and 33rpm, King Kong, Denim & Leather and The Prince Experience on Saturday. Food, beer tent and more. 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday. 608-868-6222, www.wallyfest.com

June 23-24-Milton College presents Shakespeare's "As You Like It": In honor of the 150th anniversary of Milton College's charter, the Milton College Preservation Society is proud to revive the college's long tradition of annual Shakespeare performances with this special presentation, states the event's Facebook page. "As You Like It" was chosen because it was performed on campus in 1917 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Milton College," states the page. "Michael Chase will direct the performances. During the college's history, 'As You Like It' was performed seven times, first in 1907 and its final time in 1965." "The performances will take place at CrossPointe Community Church, formerly the Dunn Athletic Center on the college campus. Visit the event's Facebook page for more information. 608-868-2354, www.miltoncollege.org, www.facebook.com/events/1835018330102649

Aug. 20-Milton House Museum's Arts and Crafts on the Lawn Fair: More than 100 vendors of authentic arts and crafts offer their wares to the approximately 10,000 people that attend the event each year. Ice cream social, discounted museum tours, craft raffle, Lions Club Car Show, dunk tank, non-profit food booths and country store. Held in conjunction with the Milton Chamber's Chicken

BBQ. 18 S. Janesville St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 608-868-7772, www.miltonhouse.org

Aug. 20-Milton Annual Chicken BBQ: Stop by North Goodrich Park in Milton to enjoy a chicken BBQ meal, hot dogs or brats from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Music and raffles are also part of the afternoon fun. Across the street, the Milton Historical Society will host their annual arts and crafts fair starting at 9 a.m. 608-868-6222, www.maccit.com

Sept. 16-Milton College Preservation Society's Homecoming 2017: Main Hall grounds, 513 College St. Registration fee \$5. 2 p.m. chapel event, 4 p.m. tailgate party. Bring own beverage and dish to pass Brats and hot dogs provided. 608-868-2354, miltoncollege.org

Sept. 16-Milton House Twilight Tours: 7-10 p.m., Milton House, 18 S. Janesville St. See the Milton House by lamp and candlelight as a fugitive slave would have over 150 years ago while traveling on the Underground Railroad. Discover what this stagecoach inn would have looked like to the traveler arriving after dark. Before and after the tour, enjoy wine and cheese pairings with Northleaf Winery in the Tomah Room. Plus, bid on silent auction items. Tours every 15 minutes. 608-868-7772, www.miltonhouse.org

Oct. 28-Milton Malt and Hops Fest: Beer and wine tasting event. 6-9 p.m., The Gathering Place, 715 Campus St. Call Milton Area Chamber of Commerce to confirm details. 608-868-6222, www.maccit.com


Information compiled from internet sources, including local chamber of commerce websites, municipal websites, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's www.travelwisconsin.com, and other websites, unless noted.

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