

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 daily 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. The buildings on this historic site were built in the mid-1800s. Milton College was the first co-ed liberal arts college in Wisconsin. 608-868-2354, www.miltoncollege.org

Happenings

Various dates-The Milton Market: Juried show open to crafters and produce vendors. Hosted by The Gathering Place, 715 Campus St., 4-8 p.m. 2018 dates include May 10, June 14 and July 12. On those same dates, The Gathering Place will also host "Concerts on the Lawn" on the Rogers Street property beginning at 6 p.m. www.gatheringplacemilton.com, www.maccit.com

Various dates-Concerts on the Lawn: Hosted by The Gathering Place (in connection with "The Milton Market") on the Rogers Street property. 2018 dates include June 8, July 13 and August 10. www.gatheringplacemilton.com, www.maccit.com

June 2-Milton Citywide Rummage Sale: Check Milton Courier for listing of garage sales.

June 1-2-Wally's Music Fest: A two-day, retro rock and roll event in Schilberg Park filled with 80s music and mayhem. Food, beer tent and more. 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday. 608-868-6222, www.wallyfest.com

Aug. 19-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. 19-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 4 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. 15-Milton College Preservation Society's Homecoming 2018: Main Hall grounds, 513 College St. Reveal from planned May 19 paranormal investigation of Main Hall at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. tailgate party. Bring your own beverage and dish to pass. Brats and hot dogs provided. 608-868-2354, miltoncollege.org

Sept. 15-Milton House Twilight Tours: 7-10 p.m., Milton House, 18 S. Janesville St. Discover what the hotel would have looked like to travelers in 1854 on a special twilight reenactment tour of the Milton House Inn, where guests will witness the secrets the inn held as it served as a station on the Underground Railroad. While on tour, interact with members of the Goodrich family, other stagecoach passengers, some prominent Miltonians and one of the most significant of the Goodriches' guests - an escaped slave seeking shelter at the Milton House on her path to freedom. Twilight Tour is conducted by candle light. Due to the nature of the event, parental discretion for those under 13 years old is encouraged. Before or after their tour, guests 21 and over are invited to attend a wine and chocolate pairing presented by Northleaf Winery. Tours every 15

minutes. 608-868-7772, www.miltonhouse.org

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.



Children defeat the heat each summer at the Goodrich Square Splash Pad. (File photo courtesy of the Milton Area Chamber of Commerce)

Splash pad offers fun in sun in Milton

By Jason Francis
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Summer is awesome. But it is also, at times, debilitatingly hot.

In Milton, at least for the kids, there is a fun remedy for that: cool off at the Goodrich Square Splash Pad.

Located on the southwest side of South Goodrich Park (corner of Parkview Drive and East High Street), the splash pad is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The splash pad is generally staffed during regu-

lar operating hours. Concessions are sold at a pavilion there from noon to 5 p.m.

The splash pad, which opened in 2013, is primarily geared toward children 1-13 years of age. When visiting, all children under age seven should be accompanied by an adult.

Designed in part as a way to draw more people to Milton and its businesses, the splash pad is one component of an overall revitalization plan for the Goodrich Square downtown district on the city's east side.

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