



July 2019 FREE or Low Cost Things to do in Milwaukee and Waukesha

[Pewaukee Lake Waterski Show](#)

Thursdays (May 30 – August 29), 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.; in August the shows begin at 6:30 p.m.

Lakefront Park | 222 W. Wisconsin Ave. Pewaukee

Weekly themed water ski show complete with colorful costumes. Human pyramid, ballet line, barefooting, doubles, swivel, trios, and more are performed to lively music. Visit <http://plwsc.org/show-schedule> for the full recurring schedule and special event show dates/times.

[Bayview Chill on the Hill](#)

Tuesdays (June 4 – August 27), 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Humboldt Park Pavilion | 3000 S. Howell Ave. Milwaukee

Bay View is home to Humboldt Park, which features a beautiful band shell designed for acoustic excellence. Each Tuesday evening from June through August, neighbors gather on the vast hillside above the band shell to enjoy music performed by local musicians.

[Summerfest](#)

Wednesday, June 26 – Sunday, June 30 and Tuesday, July 2 – Sunday, July 7

Henry Maier Festival Park | 200 N. Harbor Dr. Milwaukee | 414-273-2680

For 11 days every summer, Henry Maier Festival Park is the place to be for all music fans. This festival has been going strong for over 50 years bringing the Milwaukee community and beyond together. With over 800 acts playing on 11 stages, you'll find national headliners and indie artists in alternative, rock, country, R&B, pop, reggae and more. *Weekday tickets: \$15; general admission: \$23; seniors and children (ages 3-10): \$10.*

[Fireworks at the Lakefront](#)

Wednesday, July 3 at dusk (about 9:25 p.m.)

Veterans Park | 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Milwaukee | 414-257-7275 (Milwaukee County Parks)

Watch the skies light up over the lakefront in Milwaukee for 60 minutes of 'oohs and aahs'. The popular hour-long July 3 fireworks have been a tradition in our community and attract quite a crowd. Plan to arrive early.

[Fireworks Kite Festival](#)

Wednesday, July 3, 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Veterans Park | 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Milwaukee | 414-425-8002

KSWI in conjunction with Gift of Wings and Milwaukee County Parks will sponsor the annual Fireworks Kite Festival. This is a fun fly featuring the Giant Kites of Yves LaForest and all are welcome to participate. The kite festival's goal is to fill the sky with as many kites as possible. Times from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., then 7:30 p.m. until the fireworks start at 9:25 p.m.

[Wauwatosa Independence Day Parade](#)

Thursday, July 4, 9:00 a.m.

Wauwatosa | 80th St. and North Ave. | 414-479-8900 (City of Wauwatosa)

The Wauwatosa Parade is one of the largest Independence Day Parades in the State of Wisconsin with over 100 units and 25,000 spectators. The parade route runs from 80th Street and North Avenue (just west of city hall) and proceeds west to 104th Street.



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[Meijer Free First Thursday](#)

Thursday, July 4, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Art Museum | 700 N. Art Museum Dr. Milwaukee | 414-224-3200

Admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum is free for individuals and families (excluding groups) on the first Thursday of each month, thanks to Meijer.

[Free Movie Night in Veteran's Park](#)

Saturday, July 6, 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Veteran's Park | 1300 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Milwaukee | 414-273-5483

Gift of Wings in Veteran's Park (located on Milwaukee's Lakefront) is excited to announce their third movie of the season! Saturday, July 6 starting at dusk they will be showing "How to Train your Dragon: The Hidden World" for free right in the park. Bring your favorite chair or blanket and find a great spot to enjoy a fun night outdoors! Food and beverages for sale, and popcorn is only \$1.00!

[Kohl's Thank You Thursday](#)

Thursday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.*

Milwaukee Public Museum | 800 W. Wells St. Milwaukee | 414-278-2728

All visitors receive free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of every month during Kohl's Thank You Thursday. *Please note: MPM is closed for Independence Day, Thursday, July 4. Kohl's Thank You Thursday will take place on July 11.

[Moonlit Movies Oconomowoc](#)

Thursday, July 11, 6:00 p.m.

Fowler Park | 500 Oakwood Ave. Oconomowoc | 262-569-2199 (Oconomowoc Parks Dept.)

Moonlit Movies offers free live music, a Badgerland Water Ski Show, giant bounce houses, contests, games, food and more. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy this free family event. Activities begin at 6:00 p.m.; Badgerland Water Ski Show begins at 7:00 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.

[Bastille Days](#)

Thursday, July 11 – Sunday, July 14

Cathedral Square Park | Milwaukee | 414-271-1416

The free, four-day bash attracts over 250,000 visitors annually. Enjoy live music, an international marketplace, chef demos, French and Cajun cuisine, roaming busker entertainment and a signature 43-foot Eiffel Tower replica offering hourly light shows. Events include the annual Storm the Bastille 5K fun run/walk on Thursday, and the Mardi Gras Parade Friday, which will weave through the Bastille Day grounds throughout the night.

[Civic Band Concerts](#)

Thursdays (July 11, July 18, and July 25), 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cutler Park – Les Paul Performance Center | 321 Wisconsin Ave. Waukesha | 262-524-3737

The Waukesha Civic Band is celebrating 75 years of performing in Cutler Park for the Waukesha community to enjoy. Each summer concert includes selections from a famous Broadway musical, a guest soloist, marches and contemporary band arrangements, along with the stirring closing composition "The Stars and Stripes Forever!" Come out and join this treasured Waukesha tradition, great for all ages.



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[Delafield Block Party: Food and Music Festival](#)

Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13, 5:00 p.m. – midnight

Downtown Delafield | HWY C and Main St. | 262-370-3861 (Delafield Chamber of Commerce)

This annual Delafield Area Chamber of Commerce summer Festival is held in the City of Delafield, downtown business district. The municipal parking lot located on Main Street/Dopkins is transformed into a food and music lovers delight.

[Waukesha County Fair](#)

Wednesday, July 17 – Sunday, July 21

Waukesha County Expo Center | 1000 Northview Rd. Waukesha | 262-544-5922

The oldest county fair in Wisconsin, the Waukesha County Fair celebrates its rural heritage with barnyard animals, crafts, foods, and farm displays. 4-H activities and education provide a fun time for children and adults of all ages. *Adult Admission: \$10; children ages 6-12: \$5.*

[Festa Italiana](#)

Friday, July 19 – Sunday, July 21

Henry W. Maier Festival Park | 200 N. Harbor Dr. Milwaukee | 414-223-2808

Your ticket to Italian entertainment including traditional acts, Italian pop, opera and much more. Come enjoy nearly 20 authentic food vendors, cooking demonstration, and foodie competitions. Have the ability to play bocce or futsal, take a ride in a gondola or sing your heart out in Italian Idol. Plus plenty of fun for the whole famiglia at the FREE kids carnival. *Tickets: \$13; children under 12: free when accompanied by adult.*

[German Fest](#)

Friday, July 26 – Sunday, July 28

Henry W. Maier Festival Park | 200 N. Harbor Dr. Milwaukee | 414-464-9444

One of the largest German festivals in North America, German Fest Milwaukee is known for its authentic food, culture and entertainment. German Fest invites you to bring the family, polka the day away, and make it your tradition. Fireworks, parades, carousel organs, German candies in the Marktplatz, a playground, the Battle of the Mascots, Dachshund Derby, and German dance performances.

Tickets: general admission: \$15; Friday admission: \$3; senior (60 and over): \$7; student (with valid ID): \$7; children under 12: free when accompanied by adult.

[Milwaukee Air and Water Show](#)

Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Lakefront | 414-807-0032

The Milwaukee Air & Water Show continues to be Wisconsin's premier free, family event of the summer and one of the top air shows in the Midwest. It brings to Milwaukee and the surrounding areas the thrill of aerial and water-based acrobatics in a wholesome, family-friendly environment. The Air & Water Show is free to the public at beach areas along the lakefront.