

# North Star News

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## What's Happening?

The NWS Board held their June meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There are new and exciting things happening! There are some new faces on the board and some changes, including a new Communications Team, a Long Range Planning Chair and plans in the works to really up our volunteer base.

This and other news will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Report will also be available. Beth Bartoli, our park naturalist, will be speaking, bringing us up to speed on all that has been going on at Newport. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

***NWS Annual Meeting***

***Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>***

***9:30 am***

***Shelter building, Lot 3***

***Coffee and baked goods from Kick Ash Products***

***Will be provided***

See Page 4 for complete program schedule for July.

## DID YOU KNOW?

(CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!)

(Pictured at right: Bob Judd and Gene Kenny doing parking duty.  
Pictured below right: Maury Brancamp who grooms the trails for cross country skiing)



Volunteers are so incredibly important to Newport, the park we all support. Whether it be your time, talents or financial gifts, all play an integral role in making this park the special place it is. Are you interested in getting involved? There are many ways to do so! As with so many of us, fear of getting “sucked in” can keep us from getting involved. But even a few hours of your time can make a big difference. Here are just a few ways you can help out:

- Trail work, clearing brush, removing invasives, etc.
- Working in the office (background check required)
- Parking attendant and helpers for events, particularly dark sky events
- Special projects, i.e. redoing displays and kiosks, making signs, helping in the Nature Center. Call the office for more info.



### A Walk in the Woods

Did you know that Newport State Park is a monarch monitoring station for Monarch Lab? Monitoring every Tuesday at 10:00 am, this is the third year the park has been doing this Citizen Science Project. Now you have a chance to get involved in your own garden or milkweed site.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Monarch Monitoring Blitz is coming up in Canada, Mexico and the United States from 27 July to 4 August 2019.

For one week, the Blitz invites people across North America to go out to gardens, parks and green areas and monitor milkweed plants for monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies. This information will help researchers identify priority areas for monarch conservation actions.

To take part in the Blitz, simply observe milkweed and monarchs, and report your observations. Record the location and area where you monitored, the number of milkweed plants observed, and the number and life stage of monarchs counted (even if there are no monarchs!).

For information and to report findings, go to [Monarch Larva Monitoring Project](#).

## JULY SCHEDULE

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Bluebird Trail monitoring, 10:00 am, starts at Nature Center
- July 5<sup>th</sup> Trees and Shrubs of Door County, 11:00 am, Nature Center
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Animals of Land and Water by Charlotte Lukes, 10:00 am, Nature Center
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Universe in the Park, 9:30 pm, Viewing area, Lot 3
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Moon Viewing Night, 9:00 pm, Viewing area, Lot 3
- July 10<sup>th</sup> Bluebird Trail monitoring, 10:00 AM, starts at Nature Center
- July 11<sup>th</sup> OutWiGo Trails of Newport Challenge Hike #7 - Newport/Ridge Trail (east), 9:00 am, Lot 3.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Meet the Monarchs! 10:00 am, Nature Center
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Bluebird Trail monitoring, 10:00 am, starts at Nature Center
- July 18<sup>th</sup> OutWiGo Trails of Newport Challenge Hike #8 - Hotz/Europe Bay Trail, 9:00 am, EB Rd.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Herb Hike with Dave LaLuzerne, 10:00 am, Nature Center, Lot 1.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> WI Bat Monitoring Statewide Bat Count, 8:00-9:30 pm, meet at the Nature Center
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Bluebird Trail monitoring, 10:00 am, starts at Nature Center
- July 25<sup>th</sup> OutWiGo Trails of Newport Challenge Hike #9 - Europe Bay Trail to road, 9:00, Lot 1.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> NWS Annual Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Shelter Building, Lot 3.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Star Gazing at the Dark Sky Park, 9:30 pm, viewing area by Lot 3.

**[Find more information about programs at newportwildernesssociety.org](http://newportwildernesssociety.org), Activities and Events**

**[Or on the NWS Facebook page](#)**

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Photos of our volunteer instructors and students making new bat boxes for Newport. Thank you to  
The Clearing for the use of the workshop.