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## UW-Extension Connections Waukesha County UW-Extension Newsletter

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### Program Area Highlight: Horticulture

Waukesha County's UW-Extension Horticulture educators provide programming to a variety of audiences including landscape professionals, youth, farmers' market managers and vendors, Master Gardeners, as well as community groups and organizations.

Horticulture diagnostic services are also provided in Waukesha County. County residents and green industry professionals can access these services through the Horticulture Helpline (262-548-7779), email ([uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov)) and in-person plant diagnosis (\$4 fee).

The UW-Extension Waukesha County Community Gardens serve an additional audience. Opening in 1994 with 67 rental garden plots, the Community Gardens have been providing Waukesha County residents with a garden rental opportunity for the past 23 years. Over the years, the gardens have grown to include 103 rental garden plots, with a separate area of organic garden plots. The gardeners are from all over Waukesha County, with nine different communities represented this year.

One area of the Waukesha County Community Gardens is designated for educational programming offered in cooperation with other Waukesha County departments.

For more information about the Gardens, horticulture diagnostics, or any of our other Waukesha County UW-Extension Horticulture programs or services, visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEx/hort/homepage/](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEx/hort/homepage/).



*The Waukesha County Community Gardens in Spring*



*Landscape professionals participate in a four week short course held each February*

### Connections Newsletter Published in January, May, and September

The Connections Newsletter is published three times a year. If you want to read a Newsletter you missed, visit our website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/About/](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/About/).

### Plant Health Field Day for Green Industry Professionals to be Held in August

Trial Garden and Plant Health Field Day is a one day educational program held annually for green industry professionals. The 2017 date is August 8th.

Held in partnership with Boerner Botanical Gardens, this year's event will focus on sustainable landscape design and maintenance practices.

If you are a green industry professional and would like to be added to the mailing list for our educational offerings, please email Lisa at [lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov).

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## 4-H Holding Summer Camps for Youth Ages 5-16

Waukesha County UW-Extension 4-H will be holding two camps this summer; a S.T.E.M. Day Camp for ages 5-8 and a four day overnight camp for ages 9-16.

At the S.T.E.M. Day Camp, youth will participate in age appropriate physics, space, and chemistry experiments. This camp, held at the Mukwonago Food Pantry on June 19-21, is sponsored by US Cellular.

On August 20-23, older youth will enjoy an overnight summer camp experience at Camp Anokijig, located in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Camp Anokijig features swimming, boating, canoeing, archery, horseback riding, and low-ropes.



Summer camp is organized by a team of 4-H adult and youth volunteers, leaders, and Cindy Sarkady, Waukesha County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Director.

For more information about this summer's 4-H camps, visit the 4-H website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/4H](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/4H).

## Nutrition Educators Heading to Parks This Summer

FoodWise educators will provide a series of lessons to youth attending the City of Waukesha Parks and Recreation Cool Schools Camp and Playground Programs this summer.

Once per week, educators will visit eligible playgrounds with a nutrition lesson, healthy food sample, and physical activity.

To learn more about enrolling in Waukesha Parks and Recreation programs, visit their website at [www.waukesha-wi.gov/1343/Summer-Explorers](http://www.waukesha-wi.gov/1343/Summer-Explorers).

## Family Living Educator Supports Health and Wellness at ARCh Camp

This summer Jen Whitty, Family Living Educator and registered dietitian, will be supporting ARCh Camp Pow Wow's increased focus on health and nutrition. ARCh is a Waukesha area organization that empowers youth and adults with disabilities to reach their full potential. ARCh offers weeklong summer camp opportunities to youth and adults.

Jen will provide camp staff with training on healthy meal rooms, modeling healthy behavior, and basic nutrition. She will also provide lessons to the campers that address healthy eating, taste testing, physical activity, and grocery store tours.

## Neighborhood Efforts Build a Stronger Community

In cooperation with the Waukesha Dunbar Oaks and Tower Hill Neighborhood Associations, UW-Extension Community Development educators worked with resident leaders to plan and implement the *Bloom and Groom* project in their neighborhoods. Through a partnership with Lowe's, neighborhood residents are given the opportunity to pre-purchase flats of flowers at reduced prices.

At the *Bloom and Groom* flower delivery on May 20th, neighbors will meet their resident leaders, learn about upcoming activities, and build new connections with other neighbors.

The *Bloom and Groom* program is supported in part by The Greater Milwaukee Foundation and ProHealth Care, Inc.



## Money Smart Week Activities Provided Financial Education

Waukesha County UW-Extension coordinated several financial education programs in conjunction with the 2017 Money Smart Week®. Money Smart Week® is a week-long public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances, which was created by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The topics presented were setting financing goals, intelligent investing and the A, B, C's of Saving Money. Programs were held in a variety of locations in Waukesha County including UW-Waukesha, Stonegate Apartments in Sussex, the Waukesha Public Library and Maple Avenue Elementary School. Money Smart Week® activities were partially sponsored by Marine Bank.

If you are looking for reliable, research based financial resources, please visit our website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/FL/FR/](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/FL/FR/).

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