

## Summer is On

Happy Father's Day to all our lakeshore Dads.

Summer is on in Manitowoc!

Lots of fun and exciting upcoming events to look forward to. On the heels of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MetroJam on Washington Park's MetroStage, we gear up for Riverwalk on Sunday, June 22 at Manitowoc's Lakefront. A celebration of Manitowoc's fresh coast, this annual festival is an event suitable for the whole family. Featuring live entertainment including Bryan Lee, The Stringbenders, Pink Confusion, Rod Scheuer Band, Zak Attack and Spin, the festival also features food, refreshments, children's activities, classic & custom car display, kayak demonstration and arts and crafts vendors.

Maritime Metro Transit will offer discounted shuttle service at only 50 cents per ride every 30 minutes from 11am-6pm departing Lakeview Center/Memorial Drive and Shopko Plaza to Riverwalk. Catching a ride on Maritime Metro Transit is a great way to be green and enjoy the festivities. Speaking of going green, if you are interested in participating in a fall sustainability study circle, visit [manitowoc.org](http://manitowoc.org) or call my office at 686-6980. Several circles will commence in the fall. Also, something to consider, if you'd like to facilitate a study circle, please contact my office and we can provide all the materials needed to get you started for a successful circle.

Of course, July 4<sup>th</sup> brings us the annual Independence Day festivities at the Manitowoc City Picnic at Silver Creek Park from noon to 4pm followed by fireworks after dark on the lakefront.

Looking further ahead into July, mark your calendars to come downtown and enjoy Krazy Daze on July 12. Starting at 8am, the city sidewalks will be bustling with special sales and food, fun, refreshments and other activities provided for your entertainment.

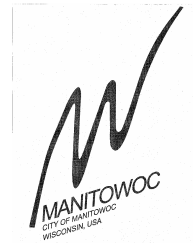
Manitowoc's summer is filled with concert events, and another one to be sure to have on your calendar is AcousticFest. Take note, in years past this event has been held on a Sunday, but this year will be on Saturday, July 19. This is again held at Washington Park's MetroStage and will feature such acts as Janet Planet, Tom Pease and Tommy O'Sullivan.

To fill even more of your summer nights with music, most Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30pm, MetroStage features concerts in the park with a variety of artists. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department or visit [manitowoc.org](http://manitowoc.org).

Now that summer is on in Manitowoc, locavores will enjoy the abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables along with locally produced jams, honeys and the like at the Manitowoc Farmers Market held Tuesdays and Saturdays on Manitowoc's downtown river front. What's a *locavore* you might ask? A locavore is someone who eats food grown or produced locally or within a certain radius such as 50, 100, or 150 miles. The locavore movement is gaining momentum as people discover that the best-tasting and most sustainable choices are foods that are fresh, seasonal, and grown close to home. Local

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grown food is an environmentally friendly means of obtaining food as it requires less fossil fuels and non-renewable resources for transportation.

By the way, "Locavore" was coined by Jessica Prentice from San Francisco Bay Area on the occasion of World Environment Day 2005 to describe and promote the practice of eating a diet consisting of food harvested from within an area most commonly bound by a 100 mile radius.

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