

Bird City Wisconsin

2017 Sustained Flight Renewal Application

NEW!

→ Please *estimate* the total number of adults and children reached by your Bird City actions in 2016 (including your IMBD event).

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ 25 and hundreds on VOF website

NUMBER OF CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS: _____ 50 Plus _____

→ Please *estimate* the total number of people who organized, managed, or volunteered in your 2016 Bird City activities. Please also *estimate* the total number of hours that they spent on those activities.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____ 5

NUMBER OF HOURS: _____ About 10 Total between us

Directions

- 1) Complete the Basic Requirements.
- 2) Definitions:
 - a. New: For all new actions you must provide documentation AND a brief narrative that summarizes the action.
 - b. Continuing: Actions that have continued unchanged since your previous application do not require documentation.
- 3) Renewal fee:
 - a. Renewal submitted on January 31, 2017: \$125.
 - b. Renewal submitted before January 31, 2017: \$100.
- 4) Payment:
 - a. Make checks payable to "Milwaukee Audubon Society" (checks payable to Bird City will be returned).
 - b. For personal checks, write the name of your community on the note/memo line
 - c. Mail payment to:
Bird City Wisconsin
C/o Milwaukee Audubon Society
1111 E. Brown Deer Rd.
Bayside, WI 53217
- 5) Application Submission: Bird City prefers electronic applications submitted over email (BirdCityWisconsin@gmail.com). If this is not possible, please send your application to the address in 4c above.

Basic Requirements

(At least 7 of 22 overall while meeting category minimums)

Category 1: Creation and Protection of Habitat (*Check at least 3*)

- A. Demonstrate with an attachment that your community is in compliance with Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" law for land use planning and resource management.
New () Continuing ()
- B. Attach bird monitoring results and/or other data obtained from researchers or local volunteers in the local park system.
New () Continuing ()
- C. Attach an ordinance or other evidence that existing bird habitat has legal protection.
New () Continuing ()
- D. Document that current community planning seeks to provide additional bird habitat.
New () Continuing ()
- E. Attach a copy of a local ordinance to demonstrate that the community does not restrict natural landscaping that emphasizes native plants and non-turf lawns.
New () Continuing ()
- F. Show how the community offers the public information on the control and removal of invasive species.
New () Continuing ()
- G. Attach a state publication showing that the community contains a segment of the Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail or a designated Important Bird Area.
New () Continuing ()
- H. Demonstrate through public documents or publicity that the local Chamber of Commerce (or a similar group) takes an active role in the planning process for protecting and enlarging favorable bird habitat.
New () Continuing ()
- I. OTHER: Demonstrate in an attached narrative.
New () Continuing ()

Category 2: Participation in Programs Promoting Effective Community Forest Management (*Check at least 1*)

- A. Demonstrate that your community is a member of the National Arbor Day Foundation's program [Tree City USA](#).
New () Continuing ()
- B. OTHER: Demonstrate in an attached narrative.
New () Continuing ()

Category 3: Limiting or Removing Hazards to Birds (*Check at least 1*)

- A. Attach evidence or provide a community web link if your community has an educational program to control free-roaming cats and/or actively publicizes the "Cats Indoors!" program.
New () Continuing ()
- B. Demonstrate that your community provides property owners with information on how to protect birds from window-strikes.
New () Continuing ()
- C. OTHER: Demonstrate in an attached narrative.
New () Continuing ()

Category 4: Public Education (*Check at least 1*)

- A. Demonstrate that schools in your community participate in Flying WILD, helping ensure that the nation's students are knowledgeable about the conservation needs of migratory and other birds.
New () Continuing ()
- B. Attach a newsletter or web links to show how your community provides information to property owners on methods to create and enhance backyard habitat for birds.
New () Continuing ()
- C. Provide web links that your community offers to other organizations with information on backyard habitat programs.
New () Continuing ()
- D. Demonstrate that your community is represented in at least one bird monitoring program (e.g., the Christmas Bird Count, Great Backyard Bird Count, or Swift Night Out).
New () Continuing ()
- E. Demonstrate that your community sponsors an annual bird festival.
New () Continuing ()
- F. Illustrate a program that involves schools, garden clubs, or other organizations in bird conservation activities.
New () Continuing ()
- G. OTHER: Demonstrate in an attached narrative.
New () Continuing ()

Category 5: Community Celebration of International Migratory Bird Day

(*Provide 2017 IMBD resolution AND documentation of 2016 IMBD event*)

- A. Resolution: Attach a copy of your community's officially-enacted *resolution* (not proclamation) recognizing IMBD in **2017**. If the resolution will be voted on after January 31, 2017, please submit a draft of the resolution and send the final version whenever it passes.
Attached ()

B. Provide documentation that describes your **2016** IMBD event (e.g., a few sentences about your event, an article, photos, etc.).

Attached (X)

Additional Information

Please update your contact information for the **two** parks, forestry, environmental, or other community officials who are the best follow-up contacts to deal with questions regarding this application.

Name: _____ **No Changes from last few years.** Title: _____

Address: _____ City, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

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Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Conservation projects benefit from strong partnerships. Please identify your community partners, including a contact person and email for each:

Application Checklist

Did you remember to:

- () Send your payment?
- () Check all of the criteria met by your community (and only those criteria)?
- () Attach your **2017** IMBD resolution (or a draft) and a summary of your **2016** IMBD event?
- () Update your community's narrative? (The narrative is provided by Bird City Wisconsin. Please contact us at director@birdcitywisconsin.org if you do not have a copy of this Microsoft Word document.)

RESOLUTION NO. 11-21-16-04

A Resolution Recognizing International Migratory Bird Day

WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities; and

WHEREAS, many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring; and

WHEREAS, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation; and

WHEREAS, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining health bird populations; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S.; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people will observe IMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

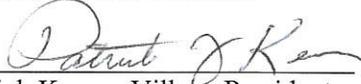
WHEREAS, while IMBD officially is held each year on the second Saturday in May, its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and celebrants; and

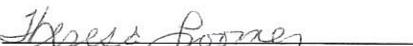
WHEREAS, IMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Patrick Kenny, as Village President of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2017 as **International Migratory Bird Day** in the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, and I urge all citizens to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and the world at large.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Village Board for the Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake this 21st day of November, 2016.

VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF
FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

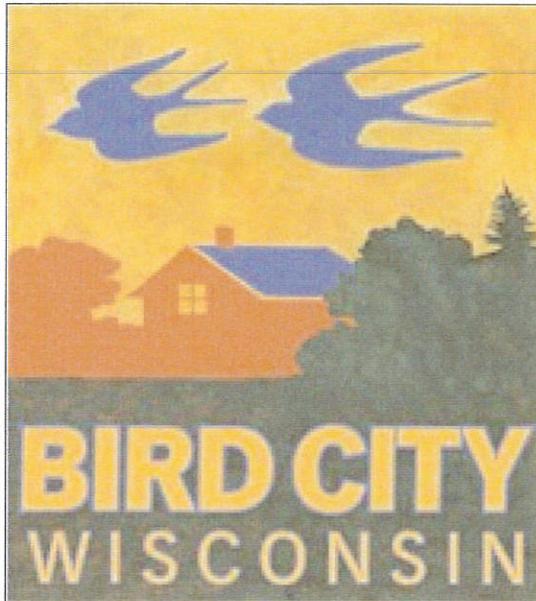
By: 
Patrick Kenny, Village President

Attest: 
Theresa Loomer, Village Clerk

Village of Fontana 6th Annual **Migratory Bird Day** **Celebration**

Friday, April 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Fontana Elementary School, 450 S. Main Street

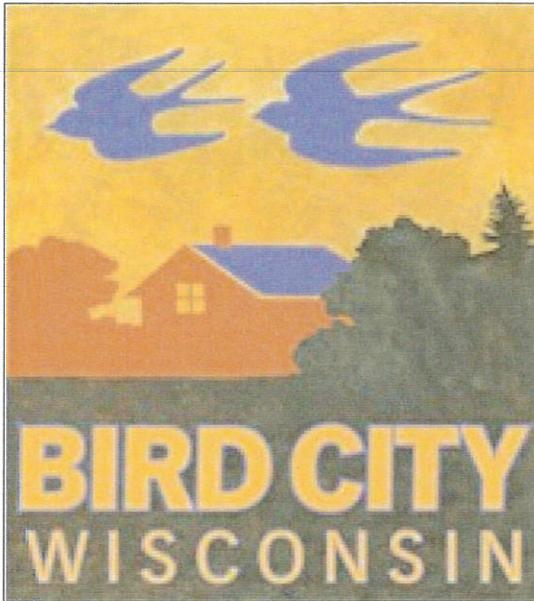


- *Bird City Wisconsin Renewal Presentation*
- *Backyard Habitat Information*
- *Bird Protection Information*
- *IMBD 2017 Posters, Bird Buddy Bracelets & Trees Presentation*

Village of Fontana 5th Annual **Migratory Bird Day** **Celebration**

Friday, April 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Fontana Elementary School, 450 S. Main Street



- *Bird City Wisconsin Renewal Presentation*
- *Backyard Habitat Information*
- *Bird Protection Information*
- *IMBD 2016 Posters, Bird Buddy Bracelets & Trees Presentation*

The Village of Fontana 2016 Migratory Bird Day Celebration was again conducted in conjunction with the Village of Fontana/Fontana Area Elementary School Arbor Day Program. It has been again scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2017.

The Village of Fontana annual Migratory Bird Day program commences with a presentation of the Bird City Wisconsin Renewal Certificate, followed by short presentations on creating backyard habitat and on bird protection measures. The students who perform the annual Arbor Day Program are the recipients of Bird Buddy Bracelets and IMBD Posters that the Village purchases each year from Environment for the Americas, Boulder, CO. Last year, the Village also distributed bird houses for the class to erect in the woods behind the school grounds.

This past year, the Village Park Commission also worked with the Fontana Public Library and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and McHenry County Audubon to plan for two special events held in Fontana.

The Fontana Public Library hosted a program titled, "Wisconsin Birds and the Fontana Area" on March 15, 2016. Wayne Rhode presented the program on local birds, their habitat and how to attract birds to feeders, and then shared photos and stories of how he photographs birds in nature.

The second event organized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and McHenry County Audubon is titled "In Search of Eagles" will be held Saturday, December 10, 2016. The Fontana Municipal Beach is one of four host sites for the Eagle-watching event from 8:00 to 10:00 am.



CALLING ALL BIRDERS...

Fontana Public Library talk series continue with

WISCONSIN BIRDS & THE FONTANA AREA

Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm

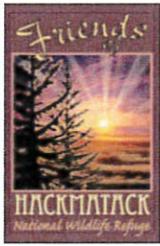
Wayne Rhode will talk about local birds, their habitat,
attracting birds to your feeders, share photos,
along with stories of how he photographs the birds in nature.

Refreshment will be served.

Parking is available in the Village Hall lot, with elevator access through main door.

Any questions, please call the library at 275-5107.

Fontana Public Library 166 Second Ave Fontana WI 53125



McHenry County
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

McHenry County Audubon Society

PRESS RELEASE

November 29, 2016

For Immediate Release

Contact:

Cindy Skrukud, Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge cindy.skrukud@sierraclub.org
312-251-1680 x110

Prairieview Education Center, MCCD- [815-479-5779](tel:815-479-5779)

In Search of Eagles along the Fox River and at Geneva Lake and Eagles of Illinois live raptor show on Sat. Dec. 10

RICHMOND, IL- Celebrate the return of eagles to the Fox River Valley with Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, December 10. Representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and McHenry County Audubon will be on hand from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at locations along the Fox River and at Geneva Lake to help search for eagles and other birds using area waterways. Volunteers and USFWS staff will be sharing views through spotting scopes and binoculars and helping novices identify the birds they see at the McHenry Dam, the Algonquin Dam, and the Carpenter Dam in Illinois and at Fontana Beach on Geneva Lake in Wisconsin. Maps to all locations are posted at www.hackmatacknwr.org.

After the outdoor excursions, the public is invited to enjoy free hot chocolate at the McHenry County Conservation District's (MCCD) PrairieView Education Center in Crystal Lake, Illinois and learn more about eagles at a free presentation with live raptors from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. You will meet two kinds of eagles (Bald and Golden) so you can see the power and beauty of these truly magnificent birds of prey. You will also see other birds of prey that are commonly misidentified as eagles. Presented by the Illinois Raptor Center and sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Program is free but **space is limited and registration is required**. To register, call MCCD at [815-479-5779](tel:815-479-5779).

Questions? Contact Prairieview Education Center at [815-479-5779](tel:815-479-5779) or Cindy Skrukud, Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge at 312-251-1680 x110.

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