# Racine Zoological Society Park and Recreation Board Meeting July 2018 (reporting on June 2018)

# **Executive Director**

- Submitted several grants and sponsorship packages for Animal Crackers and education programming
- Evaluating all current vendors
- Meetings started on strategic planning
- TV appearances
- Became certified with Kulture City as a sensory inclusive facility!
- Knee deep in high season!

# Membership

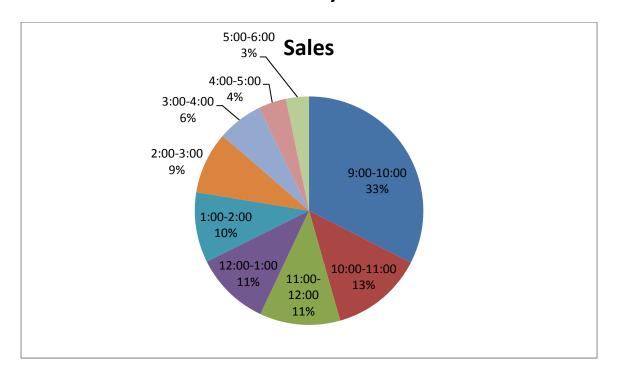
• Total memberships households = 2,050

# **Attendance for June 2018**

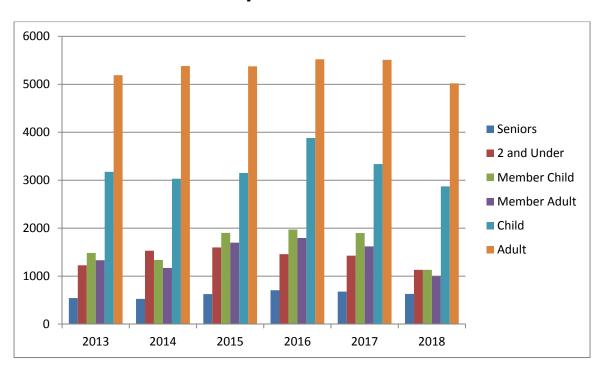
|               | June 2017 | June 2018 | Variance | Percent change |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Adults        | 5313      | 4734      | -579     | -11            |
| Children      | 3337      | 2872      | -465     | -14            |
| Member Adults | 1620      | 999       | -621     | -38            |
| Member        |           |           |          |                |
| Children      | 1899      | 1132      | -767     | -40            |
| Child 2 and   |           |           |          |                |
| under         | 1426      | 1131      | -295     | -21            |
| Seniors       | 678       | 629       | -49      | -7             |
| Military      | 197       | 286       | 89       | 45             |
| Education     | 801       | 2340      | 1539     | 192            |
| Events        | 1797      | 2652      | 855      | 48             |
| Total         | 17068     | 16775     | -293     | -2             |

• The weather was just terrible again in June. All numbers showed that issue except in military, education and events.

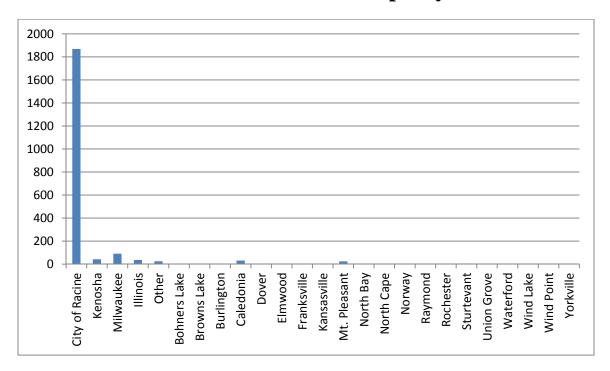
# June Attendance By Hour



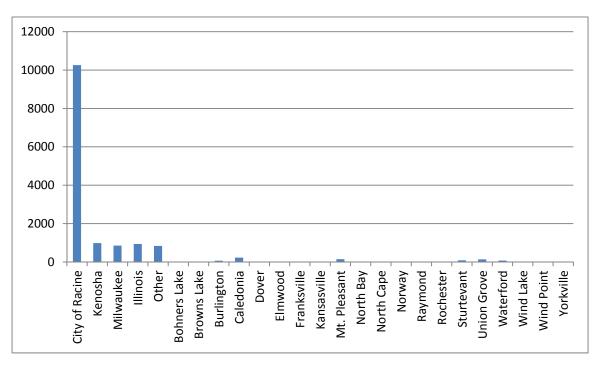
# **June Monthly Attendance 2013-2018**



# June Member Municipality



# **June Non-Member Municipality**



# Admissions, Gift Shop, Grill, Watering Hole, Train (Operations)

- Ordered and received new product
- Contacted Vendors for New items
- Opened Watering Hole for 7 Days
- Grill and Train open for Season

# **Animal Care**

- Animal info/moves:
  - o Received 4 milk frogs
  - o 1 leopard gecko
  - o 1 w. tufted deer
  - o Introductions with fennec foxes continuing on exhibit
- Vet exams:
  - o 2 spider monkeys
  - Arctic foxes
  - o Great horned owl
  - o 2 Penguins
  - o Lynx recheck
  - o Tiger recheck
- Deaths:
  - o N/A
- Staff
  - o N/A
- Miscellaneous
  - o Multiple BTS Tours
  - o Multiple keepers for a day
  - o Multiple camps doing BTS tours, encounters and doing "zookeeper" work
  - o Multiple events with keeper staff doing encounters, helping with ambassador animals and doing rhino encounters.
  - o Working on scheduling the new giraffe shade structure(s) to be ordered/installed
  - o Working on scheduling the giraffe and part of the rhino floors to be resurfaced
  - o Animal injury drill-zebras

# **Education**

#### • Educational Programs

- o Onsite Programs 18
  - Reached 968 people
- o Behind the Scenes 8
  - Reached 65
- Onsite Birthdays 7
  - Reached 230 people
- o Offsite Programs -6
  - Reached 1931 people
- Offsite Birthdays 7
  - Reached 210 people
- Creature Features 30
  - Reached 1,119 people
- Wildlife Theaters-60
  - Reached 726 people
- Preschool Classes 6
  - Reached 122 people
- o Field Trips 39
  - Reached 2123 people
- Slumber Safari 1
  - Reached 50 people
- o Totals: Reached 7,544 people

### Upcoming Educational Programs

- Summer Camp Current Fill Rates:
  - 3/4 49/100 spots 49.0%
  - K/1 56/180 spots 31.2 %
  - 2/3 47/180 spots 26.1%
  - 4/5 48/160 spots 30.0%
  - 6/7 21/80 spots 26.3%
    - Overall 173/700 24.7%

#### Events

- June 2 Volunteen Onboarding Training
- June 4 Final day of yearlong partnership with RUSD Transition Program for 2018-2019
- June 7 Attended Serve Wisconsin board meeting to present Americorps Planning Grant
- June 9 Assisted in Tea with Turs
- o June 12 Keynote Speaker, Green Drinks, Libertyville, IL
- June 13 Attended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Meeting with Executive Director
- o June 16 World Giraffe Day
- o June 17 Father's Day Event
- o June 18 First Day of Summer Camp
- June 19 Attended Project WET Training at EB Shurts Environmental Education Center
- o June 23 Healthy People, Healthy Animals, Healthy Planet
- June 24 Attended GarlicFest in Milwaukee

- June 25 Member Monday
- o June 26 Attended Project WILD Training at EB Shurts Environmental Education Center
- o June 28 Racine Nature Club at Hawthorne Hollow
- o June 28 Partnered with Chick-Fil-A for Children's Event
- o June 30 Assisted with Wine, Stein, and Dine

#### Grants

- o Received education grant from private foundation for bird curriculum
- o Received full funding from ANDIS Foundation for Family Conservation Club
- o Submitted Americorps Planning Grant Proposal at national level
- o Submitted CDBG Grant
- o Proposal to present at WAEE Conference in the Wisconsin Dells accepted
- o Submitted grant to Rotary Club with Executive Director
- o Submitted letter of intent to Racine Community Foundation
- o Submitted grant to Kenosha Community Foundation

#### Upcoming

- o Presenting at AZA Conference in Seattle in September
- o Presenting at WAEE Conference in October

#### Comparison to June 2017- programs and participants

| Participants   | 2017 | 2018 | Variance |
|----------------|------|------|----------|
| On Site        | 972  | 968  | -4.1%    |
| Off Site       | 506  | 1931 | +281.7%  |
| BTS            | 8    | 65   | +712.5%  |
| Birthday Party | 197  | 440  | +123.4%  |
| Preschool      | _    | 122  | -        |

| Programs       | 2017 | 2018 | Variance |
|----------------|------|------|----------|
| On Site        | 10   | 18   | +80.0%   |
| Off Site       | 10   | 6    | -40.0%   |
| BTS            | 3    | 8    | +166.7%  |
| Birthday Party | 6    | 14   | +133.3%  |
| Preschool      | -    | 6    | -        |

## **Facilities**

- Cut and whip grass, general upkeep of grounds, tree trimming, spray for weeds, removal of shrubs, planting shrubs
- Daily janitorial
- Preventative maintenance
- Work orders
- Built a railing around trailer for use in parade
- Installed new exhaust fan on roof of grill
- Had hood system cleaned in grill
- Took old books from zoo library to store for book sale
- Set up and tear down of special events, and birthday parties

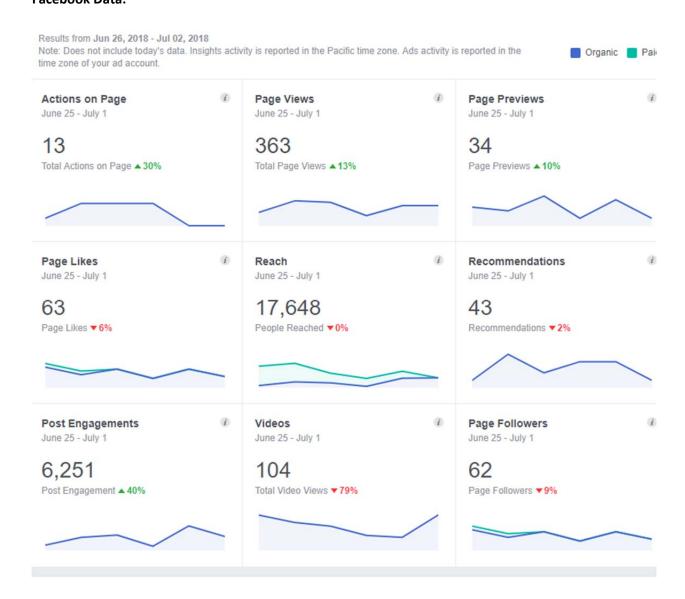
# **Resource Development**

- Submitted grant reports
- Submitted grants for operating support of the Zoo

## **Public Relations/Social Media**

- Multiple E-blasts
- Wildlife Matters online magazine
- Active Instagram Posts, Facebook Postings and Photo uploads, Tweets
- Multiple Press Releases
- Media Relations: Racine & Me, CH 12, Fox 6, Journal Times, TMJ 4
- Updated website homepage articles, sliders, several event pages, built new pages and product pages for events
- Created Ad: Wind Point Mag, Belle City Mag, Bargain Hunter, DRC, Union Grove
- Social Media Posts: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, youtube
- Racine County Eye
- Bargain Hunter
- Journal Times
- Shepherd Express: City Guide ad for Wine Stein and Dine Animals Crackers in progress
- Posted events on free advertising event sites: Journal Times, Kenosha News, Eventbrite, FB, Travel Wisconsin, WhoFish, Carpe Diem - Milwaukee, Racine County Eye

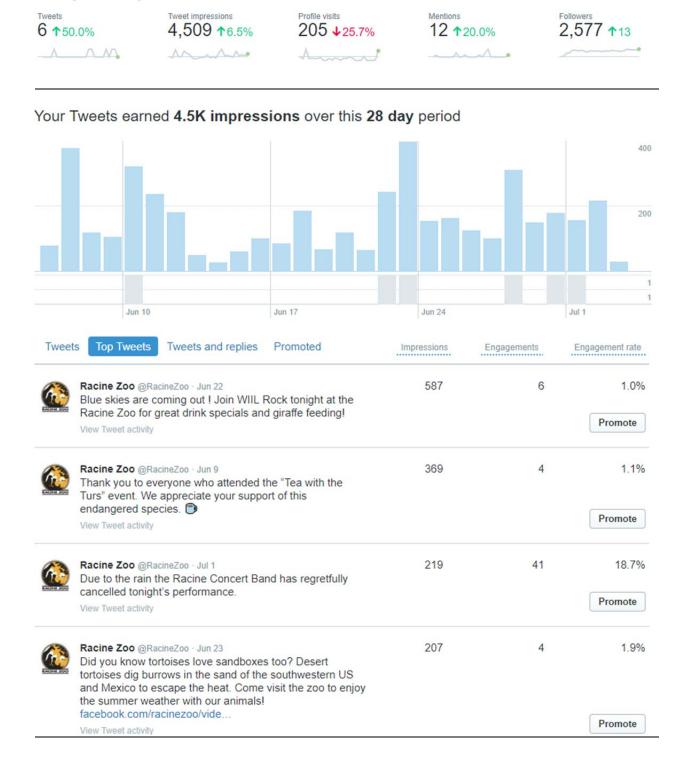
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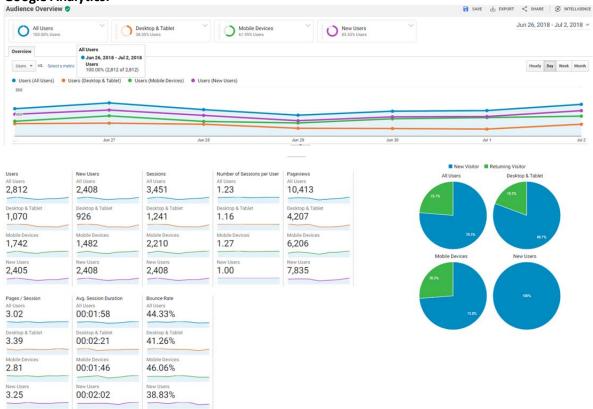
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|------------------------|---|---|---|------|------------|---|
| 06/30/2018<br>9:30 am  | You never know what you'll s ee when you visit the zoo, ke    |   | 0 | 1.9K | 80<br>28   |   |
| 06/27/2018<br>9:41 pm  | Thank you to everyone who came out to Roar & Pour toni        | ╚   | 0 | 2.2K | 507<br>58  |   |
| 06/27/2018<br>6:02 pm  | Naka is ready for tonight's R oar & Pour with Ale Asylum      | Ē   | 0 | 1.1K | 12<br>8    |   |
| 06/23/2018<br>1:25 pm  | Did you know tortoises love sandboxes too? Desert tortoi      | <b>m</b> 4  | 0 | 1.5K | 45<br>26   | 1 |
| 06/22/2018<br>1:58 pm  | Blue skies are coming out! J oin WIIL Rock tonight at the     | Image: Control of the | 0 | 1.6K | 27<br>12   |   |
| 06/21/2018<br>4:30 pm  | Happy 14th Birthday to Gazz er the alpaca!                    | Ē   | 0 | 2K   | 49<br>89   |   |
| 06/15/2018<br>4:00 pm  | Stretch your necks out for gir affes this weekend. Join the   |   | 0 | 2.8K | 72<br>142  |   |
| 06/14/2018<br>4:26 pm  | Don't forget Father's Day is o n Sunday. It's not too late to | Ē   | 0 | 1.5K | 43<br>8    | 1 |
| 06/14/2018<br>10:00 am | New Caledonian Geckos are the largest gecko species in t      |   | 0 | 1.5K | 17<br>24   | - |
| 06/12/2018<br>9:41 am  | "Do I have something on my nose," Meerkat.                    | Ē   | 0 | 1.6K | 30<br>60   |   |
| 06/09/2018<br>7:22 pm  | Thank you to everyone who attended the "Tea with the Tu       | <b></b>   | 0 | 3.1K | 624<br>54  |   |
| 06/08/2018<br>7:54 pm  | Did you know #WorldOceans<br>Day is on June 8? If you are     |   | 0 | 1.3K | 9<br>15    | } |
| 06/06/2018<br>1:12 pm  | Please join us in wishing Gill y the Lesser Tenrec a happy    |   | 0 | 4.5K | 226<br>261 |   |
| 06/04/2018<br>4:52 pm  | A HUGE thank you to the Ra cine Unified School District's     | <u></u>   | 0 | 4.1K | 494<br>239 |   |

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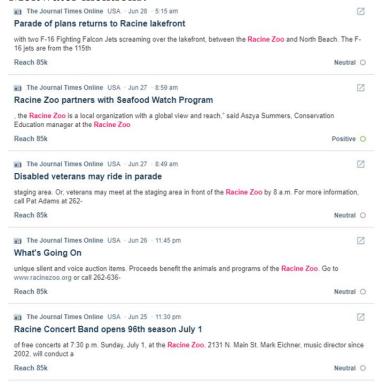
#### 28 day summary with change over previous period



#### **Google Analytics:**



#### Meltwater mentions:



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| and BBQ Make Father's Day a hole-in-one this year by taking him and the whole family to Racine Zoo<br>Main St.) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m  | o (2131 N.    |
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| Little Lake County Natalie Rompella · USA · Jun 13 · 11:15 am  | E             |
| Summer Fun 101   |               |
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| CBS 58 News Stephanie Staudinger · USA · Jun 12 · 5:39 pm  |               |
| Racine Zoo becomes first in Wisconsin to be certified Sensory Inclusive  | Z Z           |
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# **Special Events**

#### June Events:

• Saturday, June 2: Johnson Keland Picnic

Location:

• **Time**: 12pm-2pm

• Event Overview: Company Picnic

• Attendance: 50

Thursday, June 7: American Red Cross

• Location: Land of the Giants

Time: 5pm-8pm

• Event Overview: Volunteer appreciation party

• Attendance: 30

Saturday, June 9: Express Employment Picnic

Location: Racine Rotary West Safari Base Camp

• **Time**: 11am-9pm

• Event Overview: Company Picnic

• Attendance: 0

• Saturday, June 9: **Tea with the Turs** 

Location: Felle PavilionTime: 11am-12:30pm

• Event Overview: Catered brunch with loose leaf and Long Island Iced Tea bar

• Attendance: 60

Wednesday, June 13: World Wine Wednesday

• Location: Discovery Center

• **Time**: 6pm-8pm

• Event Overview: Wine tasting

• Attendance: 30

Saturday, June 16: Lighthouse Run

Location: Low RoadTime: 7am-10am

• Event Overview: Run/Walk through zoo

• Attendance: 1993

Sunday, June 17: Father's Day Putt-Putt Golf

• Location: Racine Rotary West Safari Base Camp

• Time: 11am-2pm

• Event Overview: BBQ lunch and 18 hole golf tournament

• Attendance: 33

Friday, June 22: WIIL Rock 501©3 Club

• **Location**: Land of the Giants

• **Time**: 5:01pm-7pm

• Event Overview: Radio station happy hour

Attendance: 97

Wednesday, June 27: Roar & Pour

• Location: Cat Canyon

• **Time**: 6pm-8pm

• Event Overview: Beer tasting

• Attendance: 38

Saturday, June 30: Wine, Stein & Dine

• **Location**: Land of the Giants

• **Time**: 6pm-9pm

• Event Overview: A taste of wine, beer and food from SE Wisconsin vendors

Attendance: 250

#### Media:

• June 13: Film Racine & Me

• June 24: Fox 6 – 2 segments

• June 24: TMJ 4 – 1 segment

• June 24: WISN 12 – 2 segments

# 2018 Event Schedule

Wednesday, August 8

| Event               | Date                                      | Time        |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| Sunday, July 1      | Kenosha 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade            | 10am-2pm    |
|                     | Racine Concert Band                       | 6pm-9:30pm  |
| Wednesday, July 4   | Racine 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade             | 8am-12pm    |
| Sunday, July 8      | Racine Concert Band                       | 6pm-9pm     |
| Wednesday, July 11  | Animal Crackers: Milwaukee Jazz Orchestra | 5:30pm-9:30 |
| Saturday, July 14   | Animals & Artisans                        | 9am-6pm     |
|                     | Bway Company Picnic – Day 1               | 11am-1pm    |
| Sunday, July 15     | Bway Company Picnic – Day 2               | 11am-1pm    |
|                     | Racine Concert Band                       | 6pm-9pm     |
| Mon-Sat, July 16-21 | Zookeeper Week                            | All Week    |
| Wednesday, July 18  | World Wine Wednesday: Walkabout Creek     | 6pm-8pm     |
| Thursday, July 19   | MAR Committee Luncheon                    | 12pm-1:30pr |
|                     | Cigar Dinner                              | 5pm-10pm    |
| Saturday, July 21   | Zoorific Saturday: Zookeeper Day          | 9am-6pm     |
|                     | Marini Manufacturing Picnic               | TBD         |
| Sunday, July 22     | Racine Concert Band                       | 6pm-9pm     |
| Wednesday, July 25  | Animal Crackers: All-Star Groves          | 5:30pm-9:30 |
| Saturday, July 28   | South Milwaukee Parade                    | 11am        |
|                     | Zoorific Saturday: Tiger Day              | 9am-6pm     |
| Sunday, July 29     | Racine Concert Band                       | 6pm-9pm     |
| Wednesday, August 1 | Roar & Pour: Aviary                       | 6pm-8pm     |
| Saturday, August 4  | Twin Disc Picnic                          | TBD         |
| Sunday, August 5    | Knapp Mfg., Inc. Picnic                   | 1pm-4pm     |
|                     | Racine Concert Band                       | 5:30pm-8:30 |

**Animal Crackers: Karrin Allyson** 

5:30pm-9:30

| Friday, August 10       | Chad Ianson Wedding Rehearsal                      | 5pm-6pm     |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|
| Saturday, August 11     | Zoorific Saturday: Orangutan Day                   | 9am-6pm     |
|                         | Chad lanson Wedding Ceremony                       | 2pm-3pm     |
|                         | Angie Baus Wedding Reception                       | 4pm-11pm    |
| Sunday, August 12       | ST Specialty Foods                                 | 12pm-5pm    |
|                         | Racine Concert Band                                | 5:30pm-8:30 |
| Wednesday, August 15    | World Wine Wednesday: Turs/Bears                   | 6pm-8pm     |
| Saturday, August 18     | Zoorific Saturday: Reptile & Amphibian Day         | 9am-6pm     |
|                         |  |             |
|                         | DSAW Party   | 11am-2pm    |
| Sunday, August 19       | Car, Truck and Bike Show                           | 8am-4pm     |
| Wednesday, August 22    | Animal Crackers: Eric Darius & Gerald Veasley      | 5:30pm-9:30 |
| Saturday, August 25     | Whiskers & Whiskey                                 | 6pm-9pm     |
| Sunday, August 26       | O&H Bakery Company Picnic                          | TBD         |
| Saturday, September 8   | Zoo Debut: Beastly Ball                            | 5pm-11pm    |
| Saturday, September 15  | Great Lakes Brew Fest/Longnecks w/ Longnecks       | 1pm-6:30pm  |
| Wednesday, September 19 | World Roar Wine Pour Wednesday: Land of the Giants | 6pm-8pm     |
| Saturday, September 22  | Zoorific Saturday: Rhino Day                       | 9am-6pm     |
|                         | Party on the Pavement                              | 12pm-6pm    |
| Saturday, September 29  | Racine County Foster Kids Day                      | 9am-5pm     |
| Saturday, October 6     | Glow 5K Walk/Run                                   | 5pm-9pm     |
| Saturday, October 13    | Zoorific Saturday: African Penguin Day             | 9am-4:30pm  |
|                         | Penguins & Pancakes                                | 9am-10:30an |
| Saturday, October 27    | Boo at the Zoo                                     | 9am-4:30pm  |
| Saturday, November 10   | Racine Holiday Parade                              | 5:30pm-8pm  |
| Sunday, November 11     | Merry ZooMas                                       | 9am-4:30pm  |
| •                       | Brunch with Santa                                  | 11am-12:30p |
| Saturday, November 17   | Milwaukee Holiday Parade                           | TBD         |
| Monday, November 26     | Annual Member Meeting                              | 7pm-8pm     |
| Friday, November 30     | Burlington Holiday Parade                          | 5:30pm-9pm  |
|                         |  | · · ·       |