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National Public Lands Day to be Celebrated at Lynden Hill

The 17th annual National Public Lands Day will be celebrated in Milwaukee on Saturday (September 25) at Lynden Hill, one of only five U.S. Forest Service “urban tree house” spaces in the U.S., said **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**.

Alderman Bauman, whose 4th Aldermanic District includes **Lynden Hill (located in the Midtown neighborhood between N. 22nd and N. 23rd streets from W. McKinley Ave. to W. Juneau Ave.)**, said the Lynden Hill space is a great example of an urban green space that adds value for residents. “Public lands run the gamut from huge national parks to neighborhood playgrounds and pocket parks, and Lynden Hill is a great example of a green oasis and focal point for the natural environment and environmental learning in the community,” he said.

At **11:30 a.m.** on Saturday, Alderman Bauman will take part in officially welcoming people to the celebration, which will include appearances by **Smokey the bear** and **Woodsy Owl** (Forest Service mascots/icons), and information on camping, hiking, and healthy lifestyles. There will also be craft-making and other activities for children.

Media coverage is encouraged.

On Saturday, more than 170,000 Americans are expected to volunteer to help restore the beauty and vitality of public lands as part of National Public Lands Day.

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Facts About Lynden Hill

Lynden Hill is one of five **Urban Tree House** sites in the United States. The national Urban Tree House program was conceived as a way to educate city youth about the natural environment, and pique their interest in natural resources and potential careers.

Lynden Hill is a community asset and a positive example of open green space in the city of Milwaukee. In 1993, community members rallied to protect Lynden Hill from the construction of a large housing development. In partnership with Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful and the Milwaukee Public High School of the Arts, neighbors tend the land, remove trash and provide ongoing environmental education programs. Other organizations that have contributed to Lynden Hill are Neighborhood House and Safe & Sound.

For more information about Lynden Hill, please call **Rosann Mathias** of the Midtown Neighborhood Association at **414-933-3638**.

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