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Near West Side Week offers a little something for everyone

Statement of Alderman Robert J. Bauman and Alderwoman Sharlen P. Moore

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The 2026 **Near West Side Week** kicks off on Sunday, September 13, and we are looking forward to the full slate of events and activities (think music, food, resources and fun!) that celebrate the Near West Side and offer a glimpse into the many great features the NWS has to offer.

This is the 6th year that Near West Side Week is being organized by Near West Side Partners, Inc., and there is genuinely something of interest for everyone.

Everything kicks off on Sunday (Sept. 13) with **The New State Block Party** at New State Pocket Park, 2612 W. State St., from 12 pm – 4 pm. There will be art, live music, poetry, and youth theater performances.

On Monday, Sept. 14, musicians from the **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra** will perform at An Evening of Music at the Uplifting Mansion, 3121 W. Wisconsin Ave. Doors open at 5:30 pm with a performance set to begin at 6 pm.

New this year to the event line-up is **Near West Side Dining Day** on Thursday, Sept. 17. Restaurants throughout the neighborhood will offer special features, discounts, and positive NWS vibes. We strongly encourage community members to stop down and check out the many delicious food and beverage options the neighborhood has to offer.

The NWS has become a thriving center for small businesses, for diverse job and economic opportunities, for critical stakeholders and supporters (big and small), and for health/wellness resources for residents. We hope you'll take this opportunity to stop down to see what the energy and excitement is all about!

Please go to <https://nearwestsidemke.org/nwsweek/> to see the full slate of events and activities.



NEAR WEST SIDE WEEK

September 13-20 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 13	NEW STATE BLOCK PARTY <i>Where art, music, and community come together!</i> 12 - 4 PM The New State Park, 2612 W. State St.	NEAR WEST SIDE DINING DAY <i>Enjoy specials at restaurants throughout the neighborhood! Scan QR code for details.</i> 10 AM - 8 PM Various Locations	THURSDAY 17
MONDAY - FRIDAY 14-18	TEXT TO WIN <i>Text NWSWEEK to 414-677-3300 each day during the week for a chance to win!</i> New questions each day!	NEAR WEST SIDE MOVIE NIGHT <i>Grab a blanket & your friends for a family-friendly outdoor movie.</i> 6 - 9 PM Davidson Park, 3725 W. Juneau Ave.	FRIDAY 18
MONDAY 14	MSO @ UPLIFTING MANSION <i>Free Milwaukee Smyphony Orchestra concert, bring the family!</i> 6 PM Uplifting Mansion, 3121 W. Wisconsin Ave.	NEAR WEST SIDE & MENOMONEE VALLEY SCAVENGER HUNT <i>Explore the NWS & the Valley solo or with a team to win prizes!</i> Download Goosechase app & visit website to register.	FRIDAY-SUNDAY 18-20
WEDNESDAY 16	REV-UP MKE <i>Check out new businesses and vote for your favorite!</i> 5 - 8 PM Rave/Eagles Club, 2401 W. Wisconsin Ave.	FOR MORE INFORMATION <i>Visit nearwestsidemke/nwsweek for more info about all our events!</i>	



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