

Dear Neighborhood Resident,

This message is to inform you of events taking place during the University's annual Fall Welcome. In an effort to promote awareness with our neighbors and transparency between the surrounding community and UWM, we want to share information with you pertaining to a handful of events that may impact the neighborhoods around campus.

Beginning on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> with the UNITE program volunteers from UWM will be out in the neighborhoods engaging our current students and delivering information to their doorsteps. We are encouraging both students and community members to utilize this day and the days following to meet their neighbors and exchange contact information. September 1<sup>st</sup> will be a busy day across campus with our Panther Academic Welcome and University Welcome programs. To ensure safety of our students as they attend University Welcome on Mitchell lawn, we will close a portion of Downer Avenue between Kenwood Blvd. and Hartford Ave. to through traffic between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Residents will have access to their homes and driveways.

The Panther Street Festival is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3 p.m. The festival provides an opportunity for students to safely celebrate Pantherfest taking place that same evening at 7 p.m. at the American Family Insurance Amphitheater. Panther Street Festival takes place on-campus surrounding the UWM Fountain, one-half block west of Downer Ave. and south of Hartford Avenue. Festivities run until about 6:30 p.m. and will include food, music, and secured staging areas for the Pantherfest shuttles. Please note, Hartford Ave. will be closed to through traffic for shuttle access only throughout the evening. Shuttles will be transporting our students returning to UWM on Hartford Ave. through midnight, where our Dean of Students team will be stationed.

With all that being said, we welcome you and your family to join in the fun of Fall Welcome! Events such as soccer games and the Sociocultural Spectacular in particular (dates listed below) might be of interest to you.

Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> 7-9 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Western Illinois and Tailgate at Engelmann Stadium
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2-4 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Indiana State at Engelmann Stadium
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> 2-4 p.m.	Sociocultural Spectacular at Spaight's Plaza
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Green Bay at Engelmann Stadium

All noise levels will be monitored to ensure it stays at an acceptable level. Event planners have been working closely with UWM's Division of Student Affairs and Neighborhood Relations to ensure neighborhood concerns were incorporated into planning considerations.

UWM's commitment to the Fall Welcome calendar of events, including those listed above, provides an important opportunity for students to engage in activities that establish safe and responsible behavior on and off of campus. A full schedule of Fall Welcome events is available online at [uwm.edu/welcome](http://uwm.edu/welcome). UWM staff will be on site during events to address any concerns and respond to issues as quickly as possible. For any questions and concerns during any events on campus, please contact the Neighborhood Housing Office at 414-229-6999 or email [neighborhood-relations@uwm.edu](mailto:neighborhood-relations@uwm.edu).

Sincerely,

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