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County Beer Garden Patrons Raise Funds for the United Way

1840 beer gardens to continue through the winter

West Bend, WI – It was not witches brew, rather many 1840 Brewing Company’s micro-brews that raised \$1,400 for the United Way of Washington County on Halloween. A check was presented this week to Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann by brewery owner Kyle Vetter.

All summer long the Washington County Park and Trail System partnered with Milwaukee’s Bayview neighborhood brewer to host beer gardens. The series culminated with the 1840 Fall Harvest Fundraiser on Halloween which also collected seven large boxes of items for the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend.

“1840 has been integral to adding socially distant and safe outdoor events during the pandemic,” said Schoemann. “Their commitment to making Washington County part of their community is shown with this donation to the United Way.”

“After our Summer beer gardens received such a warm welcome, it feels great to give back to this community. Especially during this extremely challenging time,” said Vetter. “I am thrilled to be a part of such a tremendous community in Washington County and am excited about what we have in store this winter.”

1840 Brewing is planning a socially-distanced, outdoor winter “1840 Burngarten” series at Homestead Hollow County Park. Thirteen fire pits will be available for rental from the brewery on thirteen dates. The first event is Saturday, December 12 and more information on [reserving a fire rental pit can be found here.](#)

“We continue to find ways to showcase the great outdoor recreational opportunities that we have in Washington County,” said Jamie Ludovic Director of Community Development. “We look forward to 2021 with optimism and building on partnerships throughout the community.”

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About the Washington County Park and Trail System

In 2021, the Washington County Park and Trails System will be completely off the property tax levy. For more information, visit www.co.washington.wi.us/parks.com or follow @WashCoParks on [Twitter](#) or like on [Facebook](#).

About 1840 Brewing Company

It was the year 1840 that brought the first commercial brewery to Milwaukee. The 1840 name pays homage to Milwaukee's rich brewing heritage and call to mind the rustic brewing techniques employed. At 1840 Brewing Company, our brews blend classic styles with modern flavors to make truly unique beers. Our beers are made using a variety of fermentation and blending techniques. Most of the beers spend their entire life in oak barrels, and all beers take between a few months to a few years to make. For more information, visit <https://www.1840brewing.com/home> or follow them on social media @1840brewing on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or like on [Facebook](#).