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## Forest of dreams



A trail invites people to enjoy nature as the former golf course evolves into the Van der Brohe Arboretum in Two Rivers. PHOTOS BY PATTI ZARLING/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

### Two Rivers arboretum started with one man's vision

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TWO RIVERS - A few days ago, John Durbrow smiled as he glimpsed a woodcock in a thicket near the border of the new Van der Brohe Arboretum, where he was placing a sign.

"These birds look for brushy swamp areas to thrive," Durbrow said from a utility vehicle he was driving around the 65-acre site. "This little bird had to make up the loss of wetlands throughout the region with this little postage stamp-sized area, but I was happy he found a place and that we could provide that place."

Durbrow hopes more native birds, insects and wildlife will find their way to the arboretum, 3800 Lincoln Ave., as it grows.

A retired architect from Chicago with a lifelong interest in nature, Durbrow says this project isn't just something to keep him from getting bored — although that's part of it — but also a way to fulfill his dream of creating a living outdoor museum of trees and meadow near an urban area to help the public appreciate nature.

Nearly three years ago, when he came across the former Emerald Hills golf



A garden spot at the Van der Brohe Arboretum. John Durbrow bought the 65-acre Emerald Hills golf course property with plans to create a natural area with forests.

course for sale, he couldn't resist. He and his wife own 6 acres on the Lake Michigan shore and a farm in southwestern Wisconsin, but he wanted some trees. When he found the golf

course for sale, he decided to plant his own forest.

The couple formed a nonprofit,

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Investing in weather stripping or caulking can seal air leaks that may be releasing heat from your home. MIKE DE SISTI / MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

### Six ways to prepare your home for winter heating bills

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Households may see their heating bills jump sharply this winter, according to the federal government and local utilities.

The typical residential customer could pay \$25 more a month this winter — 30% more — compared with last year, according to a We Energies analysis. And if the winter is colder than forecast, heating bills could rise even higher than that.

Why the spike in prices? There's a worldwide increase in demand for natural gas combined with supply issues.

So how should you prepare your home? Wisconsin's Citizens Utility Board, a nonprofit organization that advocates for fair, safe and reliable utility service offers some advice.

Here's six things you can do to combat high heating bills this winter, according to CUB.

#### Consider servicing or upgrading your furnace

The last thing you want is to have a broken furnace in the middle of a Wisconsin winter. Avoid the hassle by making sure it's running efficiently now.

Change the furnace filters, or, consider upgrading your machine one that more efficient. We Energies recommends getting a pre-season tune-up to HVAC systems ahead of the winter season to make sure it's running smoothly.

Several Wisconsin utilities offer incentives to upgrade.

#### Keep your eye on the thermostat

Be mindful about the temperature setting on your thermostat.

The most energy efficient winter

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## Manitowoc's big blue crane wins Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin

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MANITOWOC - And the winner of the annual Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin contest is ... the big blue Navy crane made by Broadwind Heavy Fabrications in Manitowoc.

Nearly 210,000 votes were cast over multiple rounds of the contest, and about 70,000 votes were placed in the final round naming "Big Blue," as the 195-foot-tall crane became known on

social media, the champion.

This is the sixth year of the Coolest Thing contest, sponsored by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce.

In the final round, the giant crane was up against Caterpillar Global Mining in South Milwaukee for its Cat electric rope shovel, Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac for its V12 600hp Verado outboard engine and Kwik Trip in La Crosse for its glazer donuts. The winner was announced Thursday at the annual WMC Business Day in Pewaukee.

"Wisconsin has a diverse and robust

manufacturing industry, as demonstrated by the products nominated for this year's program," WMC President and CEO Kurt Bauer said in a news release. "We are proud to once again highlight not only the cool things we make in Wisconsin, but the rewarding careers available in the industry."

The contest was started to recognize the contribution manufacturers bring to the state's economy. The winner of the contest is announced each October,

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Seagulls follow the barge carrying Big Blue, a crane built in Manitowoc.

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# Forest

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helped appoint a board, and now is in the process of building the arboretum.

The site includes winding trails. There are nine gardens created by Manitowoc Master gardeners. And Durbrow has plans for art sculptures to be placed on what was once the putting greens of the golf course.

A visitor center near the arboretum parking lot is planned within a decade or so.

But most important are the trees and plantings. Durbrow is killing off much of the grass and weeds now at the site, hoping to save most of the trees that are there. He'll then plant around 1,200 trees in groves so that visitors will get a sense of varied forests, such as a maple grove, pine, weeping willow, oak and nut bearing. Even among those wide species there will be variety, such as 52 different varieties of maple.

"We want people to really appreciate native Wisconsin trees as much as possible," Durbrow said. "To really experience the differences of different forests."

He plans to plant about 200 trees next spring. Of course, it will take years for these saplings to grow into hearty forests, so Durbrow will plant prairie grasses and flowers in the meantime to attract birds, butterflies and insects.

Volunteers and contractors already planted a variety of berry trees and shrubs to help feed birds, and asters blooming in one of the gardens was loaded with bumblebees.

There are 20 bluebird and other birdhouses. Birders from Appleton and Green Bay are visiting the site to count and track bird migration. The arboretum is on the Lake Michigan Flyway, and bird use of the site is expected to increase dramatically as the diverse vegetation becomes established and provides food and cover for migrants.

Durbrow sees endless possibilities for the area, including turning a former cistern into a haven for water-



The sign for the new Van der Brohe Arboretum can be seen on the former Emerald Hills golf course property. PATTI ZARLING/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

fowl.

"I really see this as becoming a sanctuary for trees, birds and somewhat people," he said. "I think it will be a place where people can just come out and find solitude."

There's a lengthy master plan that he knows will take a long time — and thousands of donated dollars — to complete. In the meantime, Durbrow smiles as he sees a couple walking a gravel path.

"This is a gift to myself, yes," he acknowledged. "But I welcome the community to partake in it. I'm thrilled to see the interest in it."

Visit [vanderbrohearboretum.org](http://vanderbrohearboretum.org) to learn more about the project, volunteer opportunities and ways to donate.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

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Today is Saturday, Oct. 16, the 289th day of 2021. There are 76 days left in the year.

On this date:

**1793:** During the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.

**1859:** Radical abolitionist John Brown led a raid on the U.S. arsenal at Harpers Ferry in what was then a part of western Virginia. (Ten of Brown's men were killed and five escaped. Brown and six followers were captured; all were executed.)

**1934:** Chinese Communists, under siege by the Nationalists, began their "long march" lasting a year from southeastern to northwestern China.

**1962:** The Cuban missile crisis began as President John F. Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

**1964:** China set off its first atomic bomb, code-named "596," on the Lop Nur Test Ground.



Servicing or upgrading your furnace ahead of this winter can help keep the heating bill down. MARK HOFFMAN/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

## Prepare

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thermostat temperature is 68 degrees according to [energy.gov](http://energy.gov). While it sounds low, a furnace can only heat so much air at once, so 68 degrees is perfect to keep the home comfortable while keeping the bills down.

Even better, if you're away from home, turn the thermostat down. Turning the thermostat down 7-10 degrees for eight hours a day can save up to 10% on a heating bill said the National Department of Energy.

Smart thermostats can change the temperature for you, an investment that could save you money in the long run.

### Seal air leaks and close windows

Check windows, doors, outlets, or any place where air may be escaping. Around 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through windows and air leaks, according to [energy.gov](http://energy.gov).

Air leaks can be solved inexpensively by investing in weather stripping, caulking, or even insulation to seal holes. Similarly, conserve as much heat as you can by investing in curtains and drapes to seal the windows. Both steps will help keep the heat in your home so your furnace doesn't have to work as hard.

### Let the sunshine in

While temperatures can get extremely low, it's important to remember that the sun still shines.

Open your blinds and curtains on a sunny day to warm your home the natural way. Just don't forget to close them when the sun goes down to keep the heat in.

### Dress appropriately

Yes, this one sounds like common sense, but if it's cold outside, dress appropriately. Stock up on sweatpants, sweatshirts, long socks — whatever you may need to keep yourself warm. The more layers you wear, the more heat your body will retain.

### Close the doors

When you leave a room, close the door. Closing the door will keep the heat in, signaling to your furnace that it can take a break from producing hot air. The less time the furnace is on, the lower your heating bill will be.

Other daily activities, like cooking and showering can help heat the home. Cooking with the oven or leaving the door open when showering can provide an alternate source of heat.



A giant crane that will lift 140-ton loads for the U.S. Navy was built by Konecranes and Broadwind Heavy Fabrications in Manitowoc. PATTI ZARLING/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

## Crane

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which is Manufacturing Month.

Nominations were accepted in August, and nominees competed in four rounds of voting over the last two months. Since its inception in 2016, nearly 1 million votes have been cast to determine the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin.

"Broadwind is extremely honored to have won the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin award for 2021," Broadwind President Dan Schueller said in the news release. "We look forward to participating in future contests because we believe what we manufacture in Manitowoc is essential to the Wisconsin and American economy."

Big Blue was engineered, fabricated, machined, painted, assembled and delivered by Broadwind for Konecranes. The 2.7-million-pound crane was shipped by barge to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on Memorial

Day weekend, with about 6,000 people watching it depart Manitowoc to make its way through the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.

Big Blue extends heavy lifting capability to all the dry docks at the shipyard, according to Brendan Goodwin, head of the branch lifting and handling department at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire. It allows an increase in the scope of submarine overhaul and modernization work done at the site.

Construction of the crane took about a year and was made possible with the help of a \$3.75 million grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Harbor Assistance Program. Improvements allowed Konecranes and Broadwind Heavy Fabrications to assemble, test and transfer the crane. More such contracts are expected to come over the next decade.

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