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County Executive announces wintertime 'Coffee and Cocoa with Kerkman' office hours

Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman today announced an indoor, wintertime answer to the Saturdays in the Park with Sam office hours that she held in Kenosha County parks throughout the summer and fall.

Coffee and Cocoa with Kerkman events are scheduled for a series of Saturdays during the upcoming months, all in conjunction with other activities at the various locations.

"Listening and learning from constituents and informing people about the county services that are available are among my top priorities as your County Executive, and these informal office hours are a great way to hear what's on people's minds," Kerkman said. "I hope to make many more meaningful connections at these Coffee and Cocoa sessions."

All of the events currently scheduled will run from 10 to 11 a.m.

The series will kick off on Dec. 10, in Founders Hall at Kemper Center, 6501 Third Ave., coinciding with Kemper's Mrs. Claus' Café event and the weekly Kenosha Public Market indoor market in the Kemper gymnasium. Attendees will also have the opportunity to tour the Durkee Mansion and its holiday decorations.

"Kemper Center is always a special place to be during the Christmas season, so it's the perfect place to kick off our series," Kerkman said.

Other events currently scheduled include:

- Jan. 21 at Pleasant Prairie Fire Station No. 1, 3801 Springbrook Road, Pleasant Prairie. Tours of the fire station will be offered, including an up-close look at the village's newly acquired 107-foot ladder truck.
- Feb. 18 at the Civil War Museum, 5400 First Ave., Kenosha. This "Mayor with Marshmallows" edition of Coffee and Cocoa with Kerkman will include Mayor John Antaramian and also coincides with the museum's Civil War Medical Weekend, which

includes activities and demonstrations focused on how medicine was practiced during the war.

Additional Coffee and Cocoa dates may be announced in the coming months.

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