



Milwaukee Neighborhood Forum

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Milwaukee Neighborhood Forum is a bimonthly newsletter that highlights assets, history, events, and resources for and about Milwaukee neighborhoods. Residents and neighborhood organizations are encouraged to submit press releases on their events and successful programs. See back page for details.

August and September in-person activities in Milwaukee neighborhoods (most under \$10)

Total of 69 events under the categories of museums, arts, family, kids, special interests, enrichment activities, outdoor events, walks/tours, food/farmers markets, and several more

FAIRS/FESTIVALS

What? WISCONSIN STATE FAIR **When?** Aug. 4 to 14 **Where?** 7722 W. Greenfield Ave. **Description** Over 7,000 animals, food, crafts, 70 new food options. <https://wistate-fair.com/fair> **Admission** \$12-\$17.



NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATIONS

What? BRONZEVILLE WEEK **When?** Aug, 6 to 18, daytime **Where?** MLK Dr., between Garfield Ave. and Center St. **Description** Cultural and arts/history festival with theater, business breakfast, entertainment, poetry. <https://www.facebook.com/BronzevilleWeek/> **Admission** Free.

What? CLARKE SQUARE BASURA BASH **When?** Aug. 13, beginning at 9am **Where?** See FB page for locations. **Description** Neighborhood cleanup followed by celebration. Basura Bash 2022! (Día de Limpieza) (facebook.com) **Admission** Free.

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Six-part series from neighborhood oral histories: What Milwaukee residents have to say



Part One: Collective activities that strengthen neighborhoods



Beginning in 1999, anthropologists from Urban Anthropology, Inc. have conducted open ended, in-depth interviews with informants from over 100 neighborhoods in Milwaukee. Currently, 631 interviews have been completed.

While no questions were specifically asked on factors that strengthened or weakened neighborhoods, informants addressed the subject routinely. This article will review the collective activities that resident informants found to strengthen neighborhoods, beginning with the presence of people on the streets.

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MUSEUMS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

What? ROZGA FAMILY'S OLD SOUTH SIDE SETTLEMENT MUSEUM *When* Reserve group tour at JFLanthropologist@currently.com *Where?* 707 W. Lincoln Ave. *Description* Exhibits of the history, celebrities, and populations of the area; miniature Polish flat that the kids love (see photos). *Admission* Free.

What? CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUM *When?* Wed.'s through Sun.'s 10am to 4pm, reservations helpful as hours may vary. *Where?* 1801 N. Prospect Ave. *Description* Self-guided tour of Tudor-style mansion of entrepreneur Charles Allis designed by Milwaukee architect Alexander Eschweiler in early 20th century. <http://www.charlesallis.org/> *Admission* \$10, \$5 seniors & students.

What? VILLA TERRACE DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM *When?* Wed.'s thru Sun.'s 10am to 4pm, reservations helpful as hours may vary. *Where?* 2220 N. Terrace Ave. *Description* Self-guided tour of mansion informed by the design of a villa in Lombardy, Italy, complete with Renaissance Garden, and antique furnishings and artifacts. <https://www.villaterrace.org/> *Admission* \$10, \$7 seniors, military & students.

What? MILWAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY *When?* Wed.'s thru Sat.'s, 9:30am to 5pm *Where?* 910 N. Old World Third St. *Description* Permanent and rotating exhibits of Milwaukee County's history plus a research library. Current exhibit, "Brew City: The Story of Milwaukee Beer." <http://www.milwaukeehistory.net/> *Admission* \$7, \$5 seniors, military, students; children ≤ 12, and members free.

What? HAGGERTY MUSEUM OF ART *When?* Daily 10am-4:30pm, Thu.'s 10am-8pm; Sun.'s, 12 to 5pm *Where?* Marquette campus at corner of 13th & Clybourn Sts. *Description* Permanent collections include Old Masters' prints, Ralph Steiner photos, Marc Chagall Bible series, Barbara Morgan photos, and Finnegan, Fishman, Tatalovich, and Rojzman collections. <http://www.marquette.edu/haggerty/> *Admission* Free.

What? GROHMANN MUSEUM *When?* Mon.-Fri. 9am to 5pm, Sat.'s 12 to 6pm, Sun.'s 1 to 4pm *Where?* 1000 N. Broadway *Description* More than 1,000 paintings and sculptures representing the long evolution of human work. <http://www.msoe.edu/about-msoe/grohmann-museum/> *Admission* \$5, \$3 students, seniors; free <12.

What? NORTHPOINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM *When?* Sat.'s & Sun.'s 1 to 4pm *Where?* Northpoint Lighthouse, 2650 N. Wahl Ave. *Description* A historic, maritime experience, with artifacts related to the history of the Great Lakes. <http://northpointlighthouse.org/> *Admission* \$8, \$5 seniors & kids 5-11, free kids <4.

What? GALLERY AT MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART & DESIGN *When?* Gallery showing exhibits Feb. 1 to Mar. 12, Daily 10am to 5pm *Where?* 273 E. Erie St. *Description* Rotating exhibitions of renowned artists, MIAD students, and MIAD faculty. <http://www.miad.edu/> *Admission* Free.

Happening in the Lincoln Village neighborhood



The Rozga Family's Old South Side Settlement Museum

With neighborhood history exhibits and a Depression-era miniature Polish flat (which the kids will love, see room above)

707 W. Lincoln Avenue

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What? MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM *When?* Free 1ST Thu.'s each month *Where?* 800 W. Wells St. *Description* Chance to visit one of the premier natural history and science facilities, world-renowned for its exhibits, collections, ongoing scientific research and educational exhibits. www.mpm.edu/ *Admission* Free (on dates designated).

What? MITCHELL PARK DOMES *When?* Wed. to Fri., 9am to 5pm; Sat.'s, Sun.'s 9am-4pm. *Where?* 524 S. Layton Blvd. *Description* A place to experience a desert oasis, a tropical jungle, and special floral gardens all in one visit. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/MitchellParkConserva10116.htm> *Admission* Free to \$8.

What? MILWAUKEE FIRE MUSEUM *When?* 1st Sun. of each month, 1 to 3pm, (except holidays). *Where?* 1516 W. Oklahoma Ave. *Description* Opportunity to see exhibits and artifacts of the Milwaukee Fire Department back to the 1800s; stories of history of the department and fires. <http://city.milwaukee.gov/MUSEUMHISTORICALSOCIETY.htm#.VkoAEMarLIU> *Admission* Free.

What? MILWAUKEE DISCOVERY WORLD *When?* Wed. through Sun. 9am to 4pm. *Where?* 500 N. Harbor Dr. *Description* A science and technology center and museum. <https://www.discoveryworld.org/> *Admission* \$14 to \$20.

What? HARLEY-DAVIDSON MUSEUM *When?* Daily 10am to 5pm. *Where?* 400 W. Canal St. *Description* Exhibits on the history of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle. <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/museum.html> *Admission* \$8-\$22 (4 or under are free).

GET-MOVING ACTIVITIES

What? WEDNESDAY WALKERS *When?* Thru Dec. 28, Wed.'s, 10 to 11am. *Where?* Marcia Coles Community room, Lake Park, 3133 E. Newberry Blvd. *Description.* A walk through the park. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* Unk.

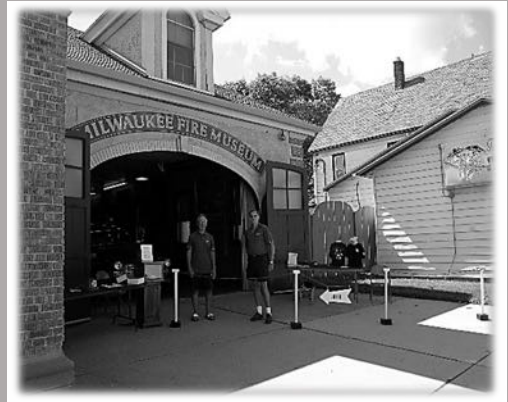
What? MPS RUN BACK TO SCHOOL *When?* Aug. 27, 9am *Where?* Wick Playfield, 4929 W. Vliet St. *Description* Join a 5K fun run or 1.5 -mile walk to celebrate going back to school. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* Free.

What? HANK AARON STATE TRAIL *When?* Daily. *Where?* Multiple access points; see map on website *Description* Opportunity to enjoy natural and urban views and walk or bike trail across Milwaukee, from the lakefront to 94th Pl. <http://hankaaronstatetrail.org/> *Admission* Free.

What? BOYS OPEN SWIM—MARSHALL HS *When?* Mon.'s and Wed.'s through Aug. 8, 3:30 to 4:30pm. *Where?* 4141 N. 64th St. *Description* Indoor swimming for boys with swim caps available for purchase. <https://milwaukeeerecreation.net/rec/Programs/Aquatics/Free-Open-Swim.htm> *Admission* Free.

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Happening in the Polonia neighborhood



Enjoy a bit of Milwaukee fire history at the Fire Museum

1516 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Open first Sunday of every month
at 1 to 3pm

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What? FREE LAP SWIM—VINCENT HS *When?* Mon.'s 1 to 3pm, through Aug. 8. *Where?* Vincent HS, 7501 N. Granville. *Description* Indoor swimming with swim caps available for purchase. <https://milwaukeeerecreation.net/rec/Programs/Aquatics/Free-Open-Swim.htm> *Admission* Free.

What? INDOOR SKATING *When?* Weekdays, check website for times. *Where?* Wilson Park Arena, 4001 S. 20th St. *Description* Indoor skating. Wilson Ice Arena (milwaukee.gov) *Admission* \$6.50, \$4.75 juniors and seniors, skate rentals extra.

What? RUN/WALK TRACK AT THE PETTIT *When?* Hours vary, see website. *Where?* Pettit National Ice Center, 500 S. 84th St. *Description* Walk or run on 430-meter track with lockers and showers for \$1 extra at limited times. <http://thepettit.com/sports/run-walk-track/> *Admission* \$4.

What? PUBLIC ICE SKATING AT THE PETTIT *When?* Hours vary, see website. *Where?* Pettit National Ice Center, 500 S. 84th St. *Description* Indoor ice skating and skate rentals. <http://thepettit.com/public-skate/> *Admission* \$7.50, \$6.50 kids 13-15; \$5.50 kids 4-12 and seniors; free <4.

ARTS, THEATRE, AND CRAFTS

What? WALKER'S POINT CENTER FOR THE ARTS *When?* Tue.'s through Sat.'s 12 to 5pm. *Where?* 839 S 5th St. *Description* Ongoing exhibitions in a community setting. <http://wpca-milwaukee.org/> *Admission* Free to look.

What? ART BAR *When?* Daily 3pm to 12am. *Where?* 722 E. Burleigh St. *Description* Permanent and temporary art exhibits. <https://www.facebook.com/artbarmke/> *Admission* Adults, free to look.

What? GALLERY AT MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART & DESIGN *When?* Mon.'s through Sat.'s, 10am to 5pm. *Where?* 273 E. Erie St. *Description* Rotating exhibitions of renowned artists, MIAD students, and MIAD faculty. <http://www.miad.edu/> *Admission* Free.

What? GALLERY 218 *When?* Sat. 12 to 5pm. *Where?* 207 East Buffalo St. Suite 218. *Description* The cooperative gallery of the Walker's Point Artists Assoc., Inc. <https://gallery218.com/> *Admission* Free, donations welcome.

What? JAZZ GALLERY FOR THE ARTS *When?* Sat.'s 12 to 5pm. *Where?* 926 E Center St. *Description* New exhibits every other month. <https://riverwestart.org/> *Admission* Free.

What? VAR WEST GALLERY *When?* Thu.'s through Sat.'s, 11am to 4pm. *Where?* 423 W Pierce St. *Description* Focusing on exhibiting solo shows for emerging and established artists, including full bar for purchases during events. <https://www.varwestgallery.com/about> *Admission* Free to look.

What? TERRY MCCORMICK CONTEMPORARY FINE AND FOLK ART GALLERY *When?* Call (414) 264-6766 to visit.

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*Happening in
the Wilson
Park neighborhood!*



Indoor skating



Wilson Park Arena

4001 S. 20th Street

Skate rentals available

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Where? 2522 N. 18th St. *Description* Contemporary art by the founder, Evelyn Patricia Terry, along with several friends whose work she exhibits. <https://www.facebook.com/terrismccormick-gallery/> *Admission* Free to look.

ECO/NATURE ACTIVITIES

What? EARLY MORNING BIRDWALK—MENOMONEE VALLEY *When?* Most Tue.'s. 9 to 11am. Check website. *Where?* Menomonee Valley, 3700 W. Pierce St. *Description* A walk for bird watchers of all levels to explore Three Bridges Park for birds. <http://urbanecologycenter.org/programs-events-main.html> *Admission* Free.

What? EARLY MORNING BIRDWALK—WASHINGTON *When?* Most Wed.'s. 8 to 10am. Check website. *Where?* Washington Park, 1859 N. 40th St. *Description* A walk for bird watchers of all ability levels to walk through different habitats for birds. <http://urbanecologycenter.org/programs-events-main.html> *Admission* Free.

What? EARLY MORNING BIRDWALK—RIVERSIDE *When?* Most Thu.'s. 8 to 10am. Check website. *Where?* Riverside Park, 1500 E. Park Pl. *Description* A walk for bird watchers of all ability levels to explore different habitats for birds and other animals. <http://urbanecologycenter.org/programs-events-main.html> *Admission* Free.

FOR THE KIDS

What? MERRILL PARK PLAYFIELD/COMMUNITY CENTER *When?* Weekdays 10am to 7pm. *Where?* 461 N. 35th St. *Description* Arts and crafts, computer lab, board games, video games, movie night, and foosball. http://www.neighborhood-link.com/Merrill_Park/pages/223713 *Admission* Free.

FOOD AND FARMERS MARKETS

What? CATHEDRAL SQUARE MARKET *When?* Jun. 18 to Oct. 15, 9am to 12:30pm. *Where?* Cathedral Square Park, 520 E. Wells St. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

What? FONDY'S FARMERS MARKET *When?* 9 to Oct. 30, Sat's 7am to 2pm and Sun.'s & Tue.'s & Thu.'s 9am to 2pm. *Where?* 2200 W. Fond du Lac Ave. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

What? JACKSON PARK FARMERS MARKET *When?* Jun. 16 to Sep. 29, Thu.'s 3 to 6:30pm. *Where?* Jackson Park Boat-house, 3500 W. Forest Home Ave. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

What? RIVERWEST GARDENERS MARKET *When?* Seasonally, Sun.'s 10am to 3pm. *Where?* 2700 N Pierce Street. *Description* Produce from local gardeners. *Admission* Free.

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Happening in the
Park West
neighborhood



Milwaukee's most
successful farmers
market

FONDY'S

2200 W. 40th Fond du Lac Avenue

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What? SHOREWOOD FARMERS MARKET *When?* Jun. 19 to Oct. 30, Sun.'s 9:30am to 1pm. *Where?* 4100 Estabrook Pkwy. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

What? SOUTH MILWAUKEE DOWNTOWN MARKET *When?* Jun. 2 to Oct. 13, Thu.'s 3 to 7pm. *Where?* 11th and Milwaukee Ave. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

What? SOUTH SHORE FARMERS MARKET *When?* Seasonally, Sat's 8am to noon. *Where?* 2900 S. Shore Dr. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

What? WEST ALLIS FARMERS MARKET *When?* May 7 to Nov. 26, Tue.'s and Thu.'s noon to 6pm, Sat's 1 to 6pm. *Where?* 6501 W. National Ave. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

What? WHITEFISH BAY FARMERS MARKET *When?* Jun. 11 to Oct. 15, Sat.'s 8:30am to 12:30pm. *Where?* Aurora Parking Lot, 324 E. Silver Spring Dr. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

What? BROWN DEER FARMERS MARKET *When?* Seasonally, Wed.'s 9am to 5:30pm. *Where?* Marketplace parking lot, (next to Firehouse Subs), 9078 N. Green Bay Rd. *Description* Produce, bakery, crafts. *Admission* Free.

ARTS, THEATRE, AND CRAFTS

What? MITCHELL PARK DOMES SUMMER SHOW *When?* Thru Sep 11., beginning at 9am *Where?* 524 S. Layton Blvd. *Description* Summer Floral Show, Faerie Gardens, and more. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* \$6 to \$8, free under age 5.

What? POETRY IN THE PARK *When?* Thru Sep. 13, Tues's, 6:30 to 8pm *Where?* Juneau Park, 900 N. Prospect. Ave. *Description* Local poets give readings near the bluff overlooking the lake *Admission* Free.

What? THE WAREHOUSE *When?* Thru Dec. 16; Mon.'s through Fri.'s 10am to 4pm *Where?* 1635 W. St. Paul Ave. *Description* Exhibit: William Kentridge exhibit thewarehousemke.org/ *Admission* Free.

What? MORNING GLORY ART FAIR *When?* Aug. 13, 14, 10am to 5pm *Where?* Fiserv Forum plaza. *Description* Works of 130 of the country's best artisans and artists on display. *Admission* Free.

MUSIC IN THE HOOD

What? JAZZ IN THE PARK *When?* Thu.'s through Sep.; 6 to 9pm *Where?* Cathedral Square. *Description* Experience the best in music. *Admission* Free.

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Happening in the Deer District



Morning Glory Art Fair

Fiserv Forum
Plaza
August 13, 14 10am
to 5pm

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What? CHILL ON THE HILL *When?* Through Aug., Tue.'s, 6 to 8:30pm *Where?* Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Ave. *Description* Concerts with identifiable bands, acts, vendors, food trucks. Chill on the Hill (bayviewneighborhood.org) *Admission* Free.

What? SKYLINE MUSIC SERIES *When?* Tue.'s through Aug. 23, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. *Where?* Kadish Park, south of North Ave., west of Bremen St. *Description* Great evenings of music in River-west topped off with one of the most dramatic views of the city. <http://www.coa-yfc.org/wp/skyline/> *Admission* Free.

What? WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS *When?* Through Aug. 17, Wed.'s, 6:30-7:30pm *Where?* Lake Park, 2975 N Lake Park Rd. *Description* Concerts for kids and families. <http://lakeparkfriends.org/visit/events/music-in-the-park/> *Admission* Free.

BEER GARDENS

What? WE ARE WATER *When?* Aug. 14, 6:30pm. *Where?* 2900 South Shore Dr. *Description* A multi-cultural event using the arts to create meaningful connections to each other and the water. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* Free to look.

What? VINE HUMBOLDT WINE AND BEER GARDEN *When?* Through Sep. 18, afternoons to 9pm. *Where?* Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Ave. *Description* Wine and beer and Peruvian empanadas, more. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* Free entrance.

What? TRAVELING BEER GARDEN *When?* Thru Sep. 5, 5-8pm *Where?* Juneau Park, 900 N. Prospect Ave. *Description* Local food trucks, a variety of beers, and live music. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* Free.

WALKING TOURS

What? DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR *When?* Various days through Aug., see website, 10:00am to noon. *Where?* 235 E Michigan St. *Description* This unique tour of our most prestigious downtown buildings starts at the Mackie Building and ends at the Milwaukee Art Museum to view its stunning architecture. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* Free to \$15.

What? THE HOP STREETCAR TOUR *When?* Thu.'s thru Sep., 10 to 11:30am. *Where?* 235 E. Michigan Ave. *Description* Tour that explores urban renewal from the edge of the Menomonee Valley to the downtown Yankee Hill neighborhood. Masks may be required on street car. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* Unk.

What? BAY VIEW WALKING TOUR *When?* Various Sat's. through Oct. 15, 1 to 3pm, see website. *Where?* Corner of S. Superior St. & E. Russell Ave. *Description* Learn how Bay View began with a patchwork of industry and diverse group of immigrants and grew to the charming neighborhood you see today. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* Free to \$15.

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Happening in the
Bay View
neighborhood



Bay View
Walking
Tour

235 E. Michigan Avenue

For times,
See website:

<http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/>

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What? THIRD WARD WALKING TOUR **When?** Various days through Oct. 14., see website, 11am to 1pm. **Where?** 235 E Michigan St. **Description** Learn about the area's early immigrant settlers and explore the warehouses that once housed a diverse group of industries. Today, the area is home to trend-setting businesses. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> **Admission** free to \$15.

What? NORTH POINT MANSIONS **When?** Sun.'s through Oct. 9., 1 to 3pm, see website. **Where?** 2288 N. Lake Dr. **Description** See impressive mansions of the North Point neighborhood. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> **Admission** free to \$15.

What? PUBLIC ART & SCULPTURE MILWAUKEE **When?** Sun.'s through Oct. 9., see website, 11am to 12:30pm. **Where?** 235 E Michigan St. **Description** Explore current sculpture and other public art in downtown area. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> **Admission** free to \$15.

What? RIVERWALK **When?** Various times and days through Sep. 14, see website. **Where?** 235 E Michigan St. **Description** View the architecturally significant buildings along newly created riverwalk. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> **Admission** free to \$15.

What? WATER TO WESTOWN **When?** Thu.'s through Oct. 6., see website, 1 to 3pm. **Where?** 235 E Michigan St. **Description** Explore downtown west of the Milwaukee River. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> **Admission** free to \$15.

What? SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF VA GROUNDS **When?** Daily, daylight **Where?** Just north of Zablocki VA Medical Center, 5000 W. National Ave. **Description** A walk through the historic district which includes the Soldiers' Home, barracks building, old fire station, old hospital, Ward Memorial Theater, and more. <http://www.milwaukee.va.gov/visitors/campus.asp> **Admission** Free.

What? GUIDED TOUR OF BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT **When?** Reserve tour on website. **Where?** Basilica of St. Josaphat, 2333 S. 6th St. **Description** Opportunity to see and learn about one of the most beautiful churches in America. <http://the-basilica.org/visit> **Admission** Free.

What? UNGUIDED TOUR OF BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT **When?** Mon.'s through Fri.'s., 9am to 3pm **Where?** Visitor's Center, Basilica of St. Josaphat, 2333 S. 6th St **Description** Opportunity to see and learn about one of the most beautiful churches in America with informational exhibits on lower level. <http://the-basilica.org/> **Admission** Free.

What? WALK THROUGH MILWAUKEE'S LATINO HISTORY **When?** Daily **Where?** United Community Center, 1028 S. 9th St. **Description** Opportunity to learn about Latino history by visiting tannery and foundry exhibits, photos, and art inside the UCC building, and historical murals on two sides of Bruce Guadalupe School next door. <http://www.unitedcc.org/index.htm> **Admission** Free.

What? SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF FOREST HOME CEMETERY **When?** Daily 8am-4:30pm **Where?** 2405 W. Forest Home **Description** Tour the beautiful Chapel Gardens, Landmark Chapel, and the Hall of History that tells the story of Milwaukee dignitaries, including European founders of Milwaukee, several mayors, major African American activists, and brewery tycoons. **Admission** Free.

Happening in the
Forest Home Hills
neighborhood



Self-guided tour of
Forest Home
Cemetery

2405 W. Forest Home
Avenue

TOWN OF LAKE: FROM HOMOGENY TO DIVERSITY

Area once dominated by European Americans opens doors to populations from Latin American and Muslim nations

Town of Lake is one far south side neighborhood among many that makes up today's Garden District. The boundaries of the Garden District are those of the 13th Aldermanic District. All Garden District neighborhoods were once part of the larger, unincorporated Town of Lake, with boundaries of Lake Michigan to South 27th Street and Greenfield to College Avenues. By the mid-1950s, the City of Milwaukee had annexed the areas that today encompass the Garden District, of which the Town of Lake is but one neighborhood.



Early populations

Many of the far south side neighborhoods that comprise today's Garden District owe a debt to the dreams of a local Norwegian named John Saveland. Saveland owned a booming business on Water Street that provided provisions for fishing boats, steamships, and schooners that sailed from Milwaukee. And he also had an interest in real estate. In 1887 Saveland organized a group of investors that purchased 30 acres of land bordered by today's Bradley, Howard, Whitnall, and Howell. The group hoped to attract upper middle class home buyers to their project—people who would work in the city and retire to their county estates at the end of the work day.

But despite a convenient Milwaukee streetcar with stops along Howell Avenue, few lots were sold in the early days. Saveland ultimately turned some of the land into a recreational venture, with an amusement hall and grounds. It wasn't until the time of Saveland's death in 1909 that the area was finally beginning to attract settlers. These were not the upper middle-class professionals that Saveland had expected, but southside working class people—mostly Poles.

Housing was reaching the far South Side in the early 20th century. However, by 1926 there were only three completely paved roads in or approaching today's Town of Lake neighborhood—Howell, Whitnall, and Clement. Most of the area was occupied by farms and greenhouses. In 1955, the Town of Lake neighborhood had fewer than 20 businesses (including the last remaining greenhouse on West Bolivar). It wasn't until the end of World War II that the housing market really began to boom and new and improved streets emerged. Newly arriving settlers were migrating from southside and near southside neighborhoods.

See the profile of a randomly selected resident in the 1950s (right hand column).

Population in 1955

By 1955 the Town of Lake neighborhood had just under 600 residences, with many new homes under construction on Allerton. Most of the settlers were Polish and German, but with a scattering of Romanians, English, Jews, Hungarians, Scots Irish, Czechs, Finns, Italians, Norwegians, and one Oneida family

Town of Lake random resident (1950s)

Name selected randomly from the 1955 City Directory in the Town of Lake area (other information from public records in Ancestry.com)

Eddie the Hatter

Edward A. Ratajczyk, his wife Helen (nee Jankowski), and teenage daughters Charlotte and Marlene lived at 226 W. Allerton in the Town of Lake neighborhood in 1955. At the time, his household was one of just two on the newly developing street. Up the block lived his only neighbor, Carl C. Baranek, a Czech from Maryland.

Edward worked as a hat maker for a women's hat factory (possibly Kromer's) during his time in the neighborhood. Popular women's hat styles in the 1950s included pillboxes, turbans, sports caps, berets, and cocktail hats, often with veils.

Both Edward and Helen were children of Polish immigrants. Their parents had worked as entry-level laborers in local factories, and as WPA workers during the Great Depression. During these difficult economic times, neither Edward nor Helen completed elementary school. However, by 1940, the couple had married, Edward was able to secure a job as a hatter, and they'd purchased a home at 2726 South 15th Place in the Polonia neighborhood. Apparently just before 1955, the family moved to the Town of Lake.

Edward died in 1975 and was interred in his old neighborhood at St. Adalbert's Cemetery. His wife joined him six months later.



Mitchell Airport Park

Layton Avenue was Town of Lake's commercial street. By the 1970s the street was teeming with business activity. See the following chart.

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TOWN OF LAKE'S HISTORY

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<i>Addresses on Layton Ave. in Town of Lake area in 1970</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from <u>Milwaukee City Directory</u></i>
East Layton	
724	Burger Chef
704	Halmark Homes of Milwaukee, Inc.
700	Elm Tree Bakery
600	Phinney's D-X Service Station
524	Al's Custard Drive In
110	Airport Shell Station
West Layton	
130	Marc's Big Boy Coffee Shop
151	Dunkin' Donuts
160	Monte Carlo Car Wash
175	Burger Castle
200	Ponderosa Steak House
401	Consolidated Freightways Trucking
512	Brat & Beer Restaurant
545	Hennis Freight Lines Inc. Mercury Motor Freight Lines O.M. Trucking Company West Shore Transport Company

The population in Town of Lake would gradually become more diverse for two reasons. First, Milwaukee Latinos continued migrating south from the near South Side in the 1970s and 1980s. Second, the Islamic Center of Milwaukee was founded in 1982 just off the western boundary of Town of Lake at S. 13th St. and W. Layton Avenue. It attracted Muslims from the Middle East and Northern Africa, many who settled in the Town of Lake neighborhood.



Islamic Society of Milwaukee

Quotes from the Town of Lake oral history project conducted by Urban Anthropology, Inc. demonstrate how attitudes about diversity changed over the decades

"I lived in the Town of Lake neighborhood as a young adult for several years in the early 1970s. Town of Lake might laud its diversity now, but it surely was not the case back then. I lived in a large apartment complex and I remember the first time the manager was obligated to rent to a Mexican family. The manager's wife came around, telling us to 'watch it now for roaches, as Mexicans worship cockroaches.' Then there was this family from Taiwan that lived downstairs from me. The manager refused to fix their sink because they were Asian. There was a Jewish woman in the other wing with a mezuzah on her door post. One day the maintenance man bragged that he'd removed the little scroll "of gibberish" [Hebrew] and drew a swastika on it. And then there was the first African American who rented there. He was a tall, articulate man. I can't imagine what he went through, but on the weekend [that] he was moving out he went out to the central courtyard and proceeded to eat an entire watermelon with his hands. People were yelling racial slurs from their windows. He just laughed and got up and tap danced for them, bowing."

"[Today] Walking down the street I welcome the sight of the diverse families—Mexican, Hmong, African, Middle Eastern."

"In the Muslim community, we have lots of families that live around the Islamic Center and Muslim families tend to be somewhat larger than non-Muslim families in the surrounding neighborhoods. We have lots of kids. And a lot of the kids that attend school at this campus or at the campus at 8th and Layton—a lot are within walking distance. And we have more than 700 kids in this building."

Current population

Today, Town of Lake has over 5,000 residents. Over 7 in 10 remain European American (most still of German and Polish ancestry), and approximately 1 in 7 are Latinos (mostly of Mexican ancestry, but including quite a few Puerto Ricans). There is also a scattering of Asians, American Indians, indigenous Africans, Jordanians, African Americans, Arabs, Palestinians, and people of multiple backgrounds in the area.

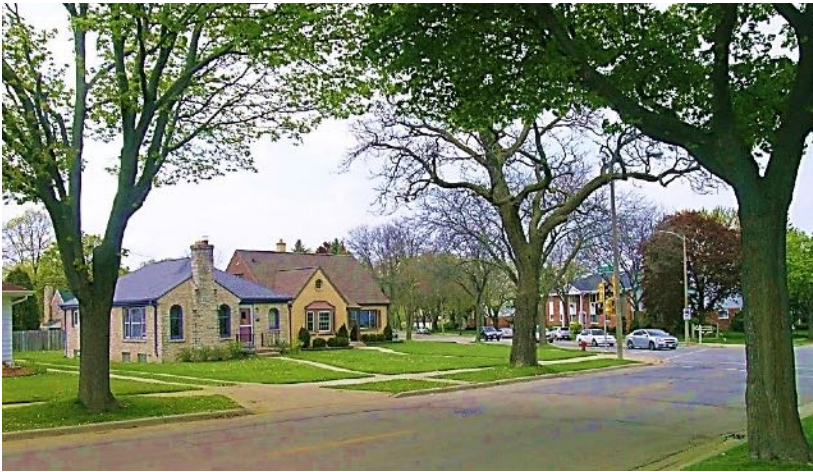
The median household income in Town of Lake is just under \$60,000 a year, placing the neighborhood in the middle-income stratum. The largest number of oc-

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occupations claimed by residents are in the fields of administration, production, and sales.



Houses near the intersection of Pine and Whitnall



Houses on Cudahy Ave.

Gardening is a major hobby among Town of Lake residents—a tradition carried over from the time when the neighborhood was part of the unincorporated Town of Lake. In 2008, the Common Council approved a resolution to name all the neighborhoods in the 13th Aldermanic District the *Garden District* of the City of Milwaukee, capitalizing on a long tradition of gardening among residents and businesses. At the time, Alderman Witkowski said, “Residents and businesses here have worked hard to solidify this identity. We have had perennial exchanges and gatherings, lectures by noted gardeners, and even awarded area businesses landscaping awards to encourage and foster the character of our area.” The idea for the Garden District grew from discussions between the alderman and residents about the interest in and tradition of gardening and landscaping within the district. The effort began in earnest in early

2007, when a group of individuals formalized a garden committee and met regularly to create a vision for the 13th Aldermanic District that focused on gardening and landscaping to beautify and improve quality-of-life.



Houses on 2nd St. & Plainfield

Recurring nearby outings (Public health status permitting)

Garden District Farmers Market			
When?	Where?	Description and contact info	Admission
Early Jun. through mid-Oct., Sat.'s 1-5pm	Just south of Howard on 6 th St.	Market of fresh vegetables and other vendors.	Free

Garden District Craft Fair			
When?	Where?	Description and contact info	Admission
Late Apr., Sat. 9am-3pm	3333 S. Howell	Fair of over 25 vendors, concessions, prizes, bake sale, and more.	unk

July 4 th Celebration--Wilson			
When?	Where?	Description and contact info	Admission
July 4 th , 9am-10pm	Wilson Park, 1601 W. Howard Ave.	Parade, Doll Buggy, Bike & Trike, and Coaster judging, music, games, fireworks.	Free

Lincoln Village's Ace Boxing Club produces state Golden Gloves champion

Ace Boxing Club has a 176-lb. 2022 Golden Gloves state champion. The Razor, Juan Adan, boxed his way to the Golden Gloves State Championship and won the gold, displaying sharp boxing skills. The match was held on Friday, July 8, 2022.



"Drop Your Guns and Pick Up Our Gloves"

Ace Boxing, located in Kosciuszko Park, serves over 300 youth, ages 8 and older in non-pandemic years. It is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Each day begins with the Pledge of Allegiance before Director Frank Porter asks his young participants to bow their heads and think of something they are grateful for. Then he asks the group, which is made up of many different races and ethnicities, to look at each other. "This is what heaven will look like," states Porter, adding that one of his goals is to try to instill the values of diversity and inclusion.

Today, Ace Boxing aims to prevent the ownership and use of guns by keeping longer hours and serving additional youth from Milwaukee's central city. The program, Drop Your Guns and Pick Up Our Gloves, relies on donations from the public. A financial gift to Ace Boxing allows this program to teach teens, youth and young adults of today the importance of refraining from violence by using self-control and walking away from confrontation. Ace's training techniques inside the ring not only teach them the art of boxing, but the physical activity helps them relieve frustration and develop healthier habits. The club also teaches respect, discipline, self-esteem, community-building, and loyalty as well as unity in the local community. Many experience a sense of family and belonging which they may be lacking in life outside of the ring.

Generations of one Ojibwe family—the Porters—have served diverse southside youth at Ace Boxing with a simple slogan: "It's better to sweat in the gym than to bleed in the streets."



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People on the streets

Informants who spoke highly of their neighborhoods often referenced the number of residents that were visible on the streets.

From Avenues West: “When we first moved here you didn’t see anybody walking around, especially at night. Now, everybody is walking around; everybody is standing around. Lots of people walking up and down the streets—not just during the day but also at night. That shows me that in the beginning the neighborhood didn’t trust the neighborhood. Now the neighborhood feels comfortable with the neighborhood and people feel comfortable to walk around without fear for their life or harm coming to them.”

From Bluemound Heights: “I see a lot of people out walking, lots of people walking their dogs every day, everybody smiling and waves. It’s a nice, well-kept neighborhood.”

From Clarke Square: “It’s an active neighborhood. People are usually out and about, shopping, playing, living their lives. [It’s] also a dense neighborhood—homes close together. Even the shops are close together. There’s a lot of life that’s very observable.”

While some complained that digital technology was keeping neighbors from associating with each other, others argued that it had the opposite effect.

From Lincoln Village/Old South Side: “There’s a lot who say that the technology is keeping people apart. You don’t see them hanging out if they can just text you from home or work. But I say it is increasing communication between neighbors because you can email or text almost anytime—when you are in the bathroom, on a bus, anytime. You aren’t limited.”

Recreational activities

Informants also found that access to leisure time activities strengthened their neighborhoods. Some lamented the loss of pastimes they’d known in their younger years.

From Baran Park: “We didn’t have TV—had radio. We had softball and ice skating after school. We used to ice skate at Kosciuszko Park on the lagoon. We’ve lost a lot of life in terms of simple pleasures.”

From Brynwood/Granville: “There was the Uihlein Polo Fields that is now the soccer park out there. There was the Melody Top Theatre. It was a small theatre and that used to be right on 76th and Good Hope Road. And there was this round-like, big tent building, and you would go and see plays there.”

From Goldman Park/Garden District: “My children are now grown up, but we did enjoy a lot of activity—for example, Fourth of July, fireworks, go for swimming, gather all the families and do barbecues here.”

From Brady Street: “As children, we pretty much stayed in the neighborhood, playing hide and seek, roller skating, or going to the playgrounds. Back then, the playgrounds had summer programs for kids in the area . . . At one time there was a Boys Club in the area, so a lot of the boys attended the Boys Club. A lot of those programs went by the wayside as the demographics of the neighborhood changed, and there were fewer and fewer kids.”



Others pointed to the current recreational activities they enjoyed in their neighborhoods.

From Bay View: “Today, you’ve got Chill on the Hill, Bay View Bash, and bike races. . . Definitely the frolics, the Fourth of July festivities, the old-fashioned cheesy talent shows at the parks that are very family oriented.”

From Brown Deer Park/Granville: “While a lot of people complain that there is nothing to do up in the Granville area, there are some of the finest golf courses around. There’s also the soccer club. If you can afford to golf, this is where you want to be.”

From Bay View: “A big memory for the park is tobogganing in the winter and ice skating every Friday. And that’s so much fun because you know all the kids there, and you’re ice skating and renting the skates. It’s just a really fun family night.”

Block-level events

Informants discussed the ways that events at the block level made their neighborhoods more livable. The events might be organized by a local block watch or neighborhood association, businesses, a random band of residents, or groups of them together.

From Jackson Park: “We love everything from the little libraries to the surrounding parks and bike trails. Many neighbors volunteer assisting with the active Jackson Park Community Association with all the social offerings from the neighborhood watch to Easter egg hunt and night time trick or treating to the Jackson Park Farmers Market, August Nights Music in the Park, and the tree lighting ceremony. It’s such a friendly place where neighbors wave to each other, get to know each other and share their talents. I can’t imagine any better place to call home.”

From Saveland Park/Garden District: “Well, the touches we put on the streets, for example, with the landscaping, security in the area. Crime went down 40 percent in the area, which is something amazing. People were like, ‘Are you serious?’ And it happened between neighbors and business and the neighborhood

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associations. The area is now clean, safe. People ask me what I love about Milwaukee and I say 'green, clean, and friendly people.'"

From Historic Concordia: "We usually have 30 to 40 houses approved for Halloween. The way you know they are approved is we put the same Halloween decorations on all the homes so the kids know where to go. And we give all the kids glowing bracelets. So, we know who was approved and who snuck in. But we don't mind when people sneak in, because it's set up so kids have a safe Halloween."



From Martin Drive: "What's really been nice recently . . . the art walks and farmers market. And there seems to be more things that keep coming up on Vliet Street. There's more activity. . . We have a Halloween trick or treat night. It gets the neighborhood together. We had a neighborhood picnic and we have had clean ups--just again, generally to get everybody doing something together--adults or kids."

From Washington Heights: "Washington Heights was the first neighborhood to take Halloween back to night time. We did that 31 years ago and it is just a perfect night. Everyone is out and talking to each other even in the rain. Or in the winter if there is a big snow storm everyone will come out and help with shoveling and get cars out of the allies. In May the neighborhood association will do a big rummage sale for anyone who wants to have one."

Making use of natural habitats

Informants also discussed how they used waterways and green spaces to bring residents together and strengthen neighborhoods.

From Castle Manor/Garden District: "Without the gardens, there would not be the same kind of opportunity for interaction. Every time there is something new it creates an opportunity for people to get to know one another. Kids and families meet each other."

From Beerline B: "Now the downtown river not only doesn't smell, it has fish in it. People kayak on it, people row on it. People do all kinds of things on it. It's a very pleasant place to live. And so whatever Milwaukee's problems are, downtown is flourishing and the river is flourishing."

From Washington Park: "We [business] have two or three different projects east of us at the garden which have been completed over various summers. We have a community garden that we started in '98. We formed an organization of local growers, mostly elders in Hmong families, and some elders in African-American families. They would rent plots from 0 to 20 dollars per plot per season."



From Clayton Crest/Garden District: "Today, there's a lot more cross-cultural collaboration and the reason is

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gardening. Everyone has something to teach and something to learn. You see different ethnic groups of people gardening next to each other.”

From New Coeln/Garden District: “[There are a lot of] children’s activities. There’s the new library with an emphasis on kids. And recent developments that focus on gardening and being green. And then, when the Garden District does an event, kids can do planting.”

Grassroots commercial development

Informants described the ways that business owners, nonprofits, resident groups, and faith communities worked in tandem to support neighborhoods through commercial development.

From Avenue’s West: “Changes have been limited but there have been some significant ones. New investment . . . Rick Wiegand of the Ambassador Hotel is doing some major work on some commercial buildings in the Concordia neighborhood. The Siebert Lutheran Foundation is opening up office in a building right on the edge of Concordia.”

From Third Ward: “I would say that currently the issues that matter are . . . a little bit geared towards developers and property owners. They are really trying to protect the assets of the neighborhood. The energy being infused into the neighborhood are [sic] from younger entrepreneurs who are opening businesses and sort of have a fast-paced way of doing things. But they care about the neighborhood.”

From Havenwoods, Granville: “As a group we tried to revitalize this place. It’s been since 2000. And I think that the chamber of commerce thing ran its course out there. We thought, how do we keep moving this forward? What’s going on in different parts of this city? Business improvement districts. So, we formed a business improvement district and we are working hand in hand with the city now. And there’s a group of us that are put together with that.”

From Historic Concordia: “[T]he Potawatomi are making new investments in their Concordia campus in the last three and one-half years where they are doing both renovation on existing buildings [and] doing new construction on the other side of the Concordia neighborhood.”

From Gra-Ram/Garden District: “There’s been a concerted effort in the last ten years to improve the look—especially of the businesses. There’s been some effort to add some green space which the Islamic Society of Milwaukee has participated in. Also, there’s been an effort to kind of spruce up the businesses in the area—especially along Layton Avenue.”

From Walker’s Point: I think the Walker’s Point Business Association . . . [is] now taking a lead in terms of commercial development and preservation. I’m sitting on an architectural review board right now and we’re almost finished with the guidelines that set up the board so that there will be some focus for new developments so that it fits in, and to make sure that old commercial buildings are preserved.



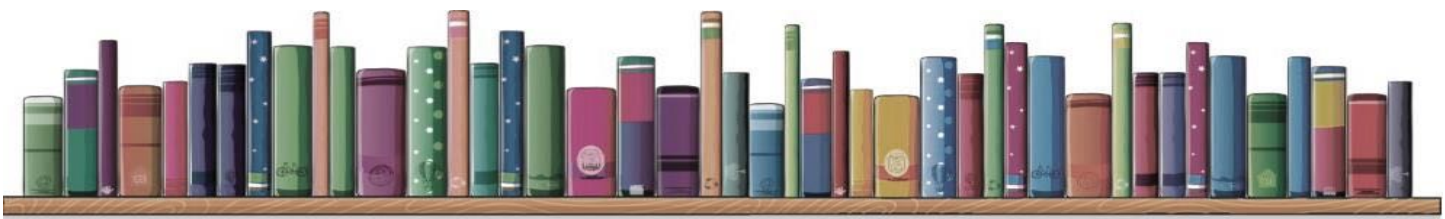
Ambassador Hotel in Avenue’s West



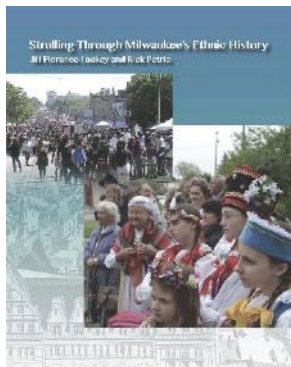
Third Ward development



Walker’s Point commercial street



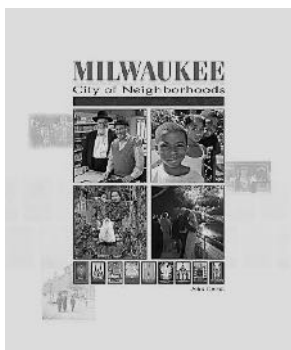
Books on Milwaukee Neighborhoods



Strolling through Milwaukee's Ethnic History

By Jill Florence Lackey and Rick Petrie

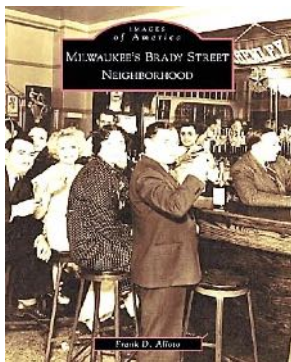
This latest work provides an "up close and personal" look at local ethnic life by directing readers to the neighborhoods and venues where the groups left their marks. It brings readers directly into their experiences, whether it involves strolling through the neighborhoods they built or participating in contemporary ethnic activities. "Strolling . . . is an intriguing guide to the ethnic history in our midst and a colorful reminder that Milwaukee has always been a city of newcomers." - John Gurda. <http://mecahmilwaukee.com>



Milwaukee, City of Neighborhoods

By John Gurda

Milwaukee: City of Neighborhoods is the most comprehensive account of grassroots Milwaukee ever published. Richly illustrated, engagingly written, and organized for maximum ease of use, the book is a fine-grained introduction to the Milwaukee community, and its communities, that will endure as a standard work for years to come. <https://historicmilwaukee.org/milwaukee-city-of-neighborhoods/>.

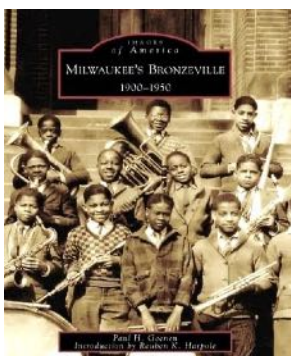


Milwaukee's Brady Street Neighborhood

By Frank D. Alioto

Milwaukee's Brady Street neighborhood began in the mid-19th century as a crossroads between middle-class Yankees from the east and early German settlers. Polish and Italian immigrants soon followed, working the mills, tanneries, and brewers that lined the riverbank. The hippies arrived in the 1960s. By the 1980s the area fell into blight, neglect and decay. Now, a true model for new urbanism, the Brady Street neighborhood is the midst of a renaissance. <https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9780738551746>

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Milwaukee's Bronzeville: 1900-1950

By Paul H. Geenen, Introduction by Rueben Harpole

With the migration of African American sharecroppers to northern cities in the first half of the 20th century, the African American population of Milwaukee grew from fewer than 1,000 in 1900 to nearly 22,000 by 1950. Most settled along Walnut Street, an area that came to be known as Milwaukee's Bronzeville, a thriving residential, business, and entertainment community. Bronzeville is remembered by African American elders as a good place to grow up. <https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9780738540610>

The dramatic gift of one author

Mystery writer and Milwaukee native, Sienna Jacks, is creating a series of novels that take place in Milwaukee neighborhoods called "The Milwaukee Series." She is donating all of her royalties to Urban Anthropology's neighborhood exhibits' program.

The proceeds from *The House Off of Brady* (see following page) are currently being used to create all new exhibits at the Rozga Family's Old South Side Settlement Museum.

Mystery novels that are currently available or will eventually be included in this series will take place in these Milwaukee neighborhoods:

- Brady Street
- Bronzeville/Brewer's Hill
- Lincoln Village
- Walker's Point
- Riverwest
- Granville

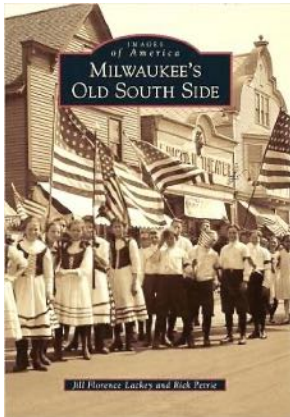
Currently, all of Sienna Jacks' novels have perfect five-star ratings from readers at Amazon.com

To enjoy wonderful reading and to contribute to neighborhood museums and exhibits, purchase the Jacks' books from the publisher at

<http://mecahmilwaukee.com/Fiction.html>



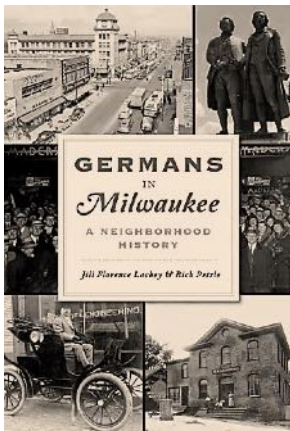
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Milwaukee's Old South Side

By Jill Florence Lackey and Rick Petrie

In the late 1800s, the Old South Side was developed by immigrant Poles, who became the dominant population for over 100 years. While other Milwaukee ethnic neighborhoods gradually dissipated in the mid-20th century because of assimilation pressures, freeway building, or urban renewal programs, the Old South Side remained solidly Polish. A survey nearly a half century later revealed that people of 110 national backgrounds now lived in the Old South Side, with the three largest groups being Mexicans, Poles, and American Indians. <https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9780738590691>



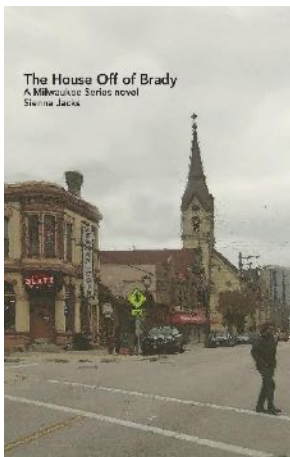
Germans in Milwaukee: A neighborhood history

By Jill Florence Lackey and Rick Petrie

Germans dominated Milwaukee like no other large American city. Their presence inhabits the city's neighborhoods, from its buildings and place names to its parklands and statuary. Their influence also lives in the memories shared by local residents. A small Milwaukee neighborhood south of Miller Valley was christened after a farmer's pigs, and a busboy turned beer baron built the famous Pabst Brewery in West Town. A ghost is said to haunt the old Blatz Brewing compound. And the remains of the early tanning industry can still be seen in Walker's Point. Compiling more than 1,200 interviews, authors Jill Florence Lackey and Rick Petrie share these ground-level perspectives of the lasting German influence on the Cream City. www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467147286

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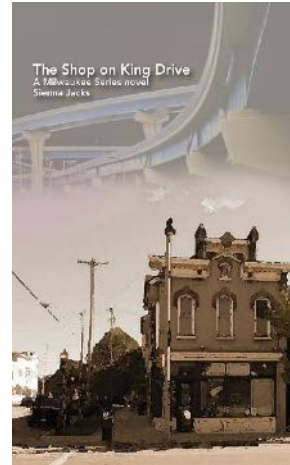
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The House Off of Brady A Milwaukee Series novel

By Sienna Jacks

Two young anthropologists, trying to convince a local nonprofit to sponsor a neighborhood house museum, must show that the historical occupants of the house were representative of Milwaukee's Brady Street, and that they project positive images for the neighborhood. Their efforts are boosted by a personal journal left behind by one of the home's occupants--Giuseppe Russo. But as the young anthropologists translate and transcribe the journal, they learn that Giuseppe had been banished from his former community in the Third Ward. Are they about to stumble on information that could kill the project—or something perhaps even worse? <http://mecahmilwaukee.com>



The Shop on King Drive A Milwaukee Series novel

By Sienna Jacks

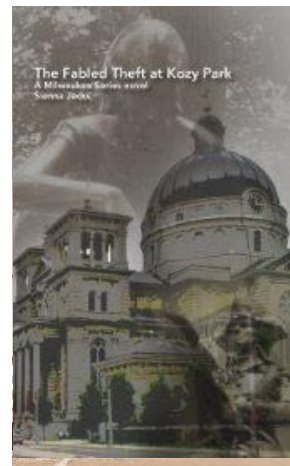
A mystery arises out of the ruins of urban renewal. Two young anthropologists, conducting research that would illuminate one dark period in Milwaukee's central city history, confront painful but sometimes puzzling accounts. During the 1950s and 1960s, over 8,000 homes and an entire business district of the African American Bronzeville community were razed. While

interviewing survivors, the anthropologists note that the name of a particular attorney kept entering the conversation. The lawyer claimed to be helping the black community fight the removal, but his efforts had the opposite effect. Suspicions remained for over 50 years over who was behind the deception and why. <http://mecahmilwaukee.com>

The Fabled Theft at Kozy Park A Milwaukee Series novel

By Sienna Jacks

The anthropologists at City Anthropology were asked to use their research skills to look into a man's confession that might crack the longest unsolved mystery on Milwaukee's old South Side—the theft of the squirrel lady statue at Kozy Park. According to reports, the man Raf (now deceased) also implicated members of a local Polish club with an



agenda of removing non-Polish influences from the neighborhood. Assigned to the project, Enid and Meyer are baffled by the information they are getting from those who witnessed the confession, little of which supports Raf's story. Further inquiry points to events surrounding Raf's stepson. Who really was he and why did he inexplicably appear on the scene all those years ago? Their quest for answers leads them to the club in question, but with unexpected results. The ultimate

mystery they must solve is the true reason why Raf made this confession and steered them to a list of alleged conspirators.

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Milwaukee Neighborhood Forum

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Submitting events

Milwaukee Neighborhood Forum is interested in events from individuals, businesses, and organizations that have a neighborhood appeal. These can include block parties, church picnics, local music festivals, sports on the block, get-moving activities that take place outdoors, and art and theatre events involving neighborhoods. All event submissions should include a one-sentence description, date and time, location, and website or phone number for additional information. Photos may also be submitted.

Submitting stories/press releases on neighborhoods

In the spirit of Jane Jacobs, stories should always focus on assets of neighborhoods. They must be between 100 and 400 words. Some editing will be done to match our style guidelines and spatial constraints. We will write the stories for you if you simply send us a list of the information that you want included. A photo is always required.

Submission deadlines

Submit events or stories by the 25th of the month preceding publication. Publication dates are on the 1st day of June, August, October, December, February, and April. Please send your stories to Dr. Jill at JFLanthropologist@currently.com.

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Website on 191 Milwaukee neighborhoods

Links on each neighborhood include:

- *6 to 35 pages of information*
- *Brief neighborhood description*
- *Population-focused history (including ethnic roots)*
- *Snapshots of commercial districts of the past*
- *Quotes from residents*
- *Quotes from oral histories (where available)*
- *Low cost nearby outings for families*
- *Demographics of current neighborhood*
- *Photos of neighborhood*

The website currently includes ALL 191 of the neighborhoods, courtesy of Urban Anthropology Inc.

<http://neighborhoodsinmilwaukee.org/>