



# 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.

## February/March activities in Milwaukee neighborhoods (most under \$10)



## Hampton Heights neighborhood

*Once part of Granville; gradual population movement from German to African American*

Hampton Heights is a medium size neighborhood of just over 7,000 people. It has a variety of housing styles. Among the 1950s to 1970s ranch-style houses remain a number of bungalows from the 1920s. There are businesses on Hampton Avenue mainly east of 60<sup>th</sup> Street and a few businesses on Villard Avenue on the northern border of the neighborhood.

There are no parks, but green space is abundant along Lincoln Creek between 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Streets.

See photo to the right on the variety of housing styles on 70<sup>th</sup> and Lancaster.



### History

Nearly 50 neighborhoods on Milwaukee's northwest side once comprised the Town of Granville in Milwaukee County, which extended from Hampton Avenue on the south to County Line Road on the north, and 27<sup>th</sup> Street on the east to 124<sup>th</sup> Street on the west. The Hampton Heights neighborhood was once part of this expanse.

*Total of 52 events under the categories of museums, arts, family, kids, holiday events, neighborhood celebrations, get-moving events, walks/tours, food/farmers markets, and several more*

### FOR THE FAMILY

**What?** STORYTIME AT THE DOMES  
**When?** Most Wed.s 10:00 to 10:30am (see website Storytime at The Domes - Friends of the Domes (milwaukeedomes.org)). **Where?** Mitchell Park, 524 S. Layton Blvd. **Description** Stories in Spanish and English. **Admission** Unk.

**What?** FAMILY FREE DAY AT THE ZOO  
**When?** Sat., March 1, beginning at 9:30am.  
**Where?** 10001 W. Bluemound Rd. **Description** Opportunity to visit over 340 species. Sponsored by Tri-City National Bank and Fox 6. **Admission** Free.



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## ACTIVITIES IN MILWAUKEE NEIGHBORHOODS

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*What?* WINTERFEST AT WASHINGTON PARK *When?* Sat., Feb. 1 10am to 2pm. *Where?* Urban Ecology Center, Washington Park, 1859 N 40th St. *Description* Participants will enjoy hiking, sledding, carriage rides, and more *Admission* Assumed free.

*What?* SPANISH STORY TIME *When?* Feb. 5 and Mar. 5 10 to 11am. *Where?* Bay View Community Center, 1320 E. Oklahoma Av. *Description* Participants will enjoy stories, songs and activities in Spanish *Admission* Assumed free.

### MUSEUMS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

*What?* MILWAUKEE FIRE MUSEUM *When?* 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of each month, 12 to 3pm, (except holidays). *Where?* 1516 W. Oklahoma Av. *Description* Opportunity to see 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?* CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUM *When?* Nov. through Apr.: Thu.s through Sun.s 10am to 5pm, reservations helpful as hours may vary. *Where?* 1801 N. Prospect Av. *Description* Self-guided tour of Tudor-style mansion of entrepreneur Charles Allis designed by Milwaukee architect Alexander Eschweiler in early 20<sup>th</sup> century. <http://www.charlesallis.org/> *Admission* free to \$20; Free first Thu. of month.

*What?* VILLA TERRACE DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM *When?* Nov. through Apr.: Thu.s through Sun.s 10am to 5pm, reservations helpful as hours may vary. *Where?* 2220 N. Terrace Av. *Description* Self-guided tour of mansion informed by a villa in Lombardy, Italy, complete with Renaissance Garden, and antique furnishings and artifacts. <https://www.villaterrace.org/> *Admission* free to \$20; Free first Thu. of month.

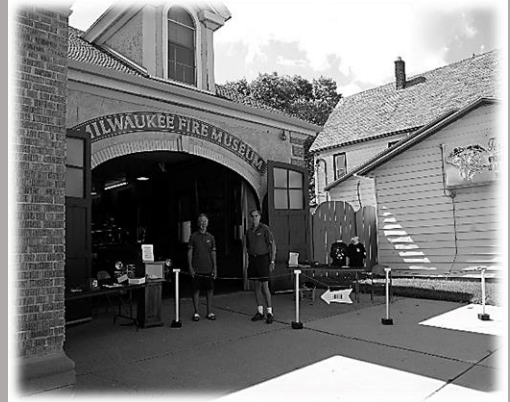
*What?* MILWAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY *When?* Mon., Wed.s thru Sat.s, 9:30am to 5pm *Where?* 910 N. Martin Luther King Dr. *Description* Permanent and rotating exhibits of Milwaukee County's history plus a research library. Current exhibit, "Brew City: The Story of Milwaukee Beer." Permanent exhibit: "Meet MKE" sponsored by Visit Milwaukee. <http://www.milwaukeehistory.net/> *Admission* \$8, \$6 seniors, military, students; children < 12, and members free.

*What?* HAGGERTY MUSEUM OF ART *When?* Most days 10am to 4:30pm, Thu.s 10am to 8pm; Sun.s, 12 to 5pm *Where?* Marquette campus at corner of 13<sup>th</sup> & 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.s through Fri.s 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.

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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?* NORTHPOINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM *When?* Sat.s and Sun.s 1 to 4pm *Where?* Northpoint Lighthouse, 2650 N. Wahl Av. *Description* A historic, maritime experience, with artifacts related to the history of the Great Lakes. <http://northpoint-lighthouse.org/> *Admission* Free to \$8. (see column to right)

*What?* MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM FREE DAY *When?* Free 1<sup>ST</sup> Thu. 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/](http://www.mpm.edu/) *Admission* Free (on dates designated).

*What?* MITCHELL PARK DOMES *When?* Wed.s to Fri.s, 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 DISCOVERY WORLD *When?* Wed.s through Sun.s 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* \$Free to 22.

### ARTS, THEATRE, AND CRAFTS

*What?* WALKER'S POINT CENTER FOR THE ARTS *When?* 1 to 5pm during exhibitions, see website. *Where?* 839 S 5th St. *Description* Ongoing exhibitions in a community setting. <http://wpcam-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.s, 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.

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Happening in the  
Northpoint  
neighborhood



Enjoy the seasons at  
the Northpoint  
Lighthouse  
Museum

2650 N. Wahl Avenue  
Open Saturdays and Sundays 1-  
4pm

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*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. *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/terrymccormick-gallery/> *Admission* Free to look. (see column to right)

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

*What?* MARQUETTE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL *When?* Feb. (regular season) *Where?* Al McGuire Center, 770 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Marquette University women's basketball games. <http://www.gomarquette.com/sports/w-baskbl/sched/marq-w-baskbl-sched.html> *Admission* Some tickets \$5 and \$10.

### GET-MOVING ACTIVITIES

*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 94<sup>th</sup> Pl. <http://hankaaronstatetrail.org/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* INDOOR SKATING *When?* Weekdays, check website for times. *Wilson Ice Arena (milwaukee.gov)* *Where?* Wilson Park Arena, 4001 S. 20<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Indoor skating. *Wilson Ice Arena (milwaukee.gov)* *Admission* \$3.75 to \$6.75, skate rentals extra.

*What?* TEEN GROUP (Age 14 to 18). *When?* Tue.s, 2 to 3:30pm. *Where?* Bay View Community Center, 1320 E Oklahoma Av. *Description* Snacks, games, art, and more. *Admission* Free.

*What?* RUN/WALK TRACK AT THE PETTIT *When?* Hours vary, see website. *Where?* Pettit National Ice Center, 500 S. 84<sup>th</sup> 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. 84<sup>th</sup> 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.

*What?* CROSS COUNTRY SKI RENTALS *When?* When snow conditions permit *Where?* Hawthorn Glen Outdoor Education Center, 1130 N 60th St. *Description* Boots, skis, and poles are provided; first come/first serve. *Admission* Unk.

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## Happening in the North Division Neighborhood



### Virtual tour of the Terry McCormick contemporary fine- and folk-art gallery

The work of Evelyn Patricia Terry and a tour of her neighborhood museum can be accessed at the following websites:

[evelynpatriciaterry.com](http://evelynpatriciaterry.com)

and

[Virtual Tour: Terry McCormick Contemporary Fine and Folk Art Gallery.](#)

Above are examples from the series, Pastel Drawings, and Artists Books on the general website

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*What?* SLEDDING--WILSON PARK *When?* Winter, daytime. *Where?* Wilson Recreation, 4001 S. 20<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Sledding hills for family and friends. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Sledding> *Admission* Free.

*What?* SLEDDING--PULASKI *When?* Winter months, daytime, lighted evenings 4:30 to 8:30pm. *Where?* Pulaski Park, 2701 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Sledding day or night on lighted hill. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Sledding> *Admission* Free.

*What?* SLEDDING—INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S PARK *When?* Winter, daytime. *Where?* 7301 W. Courtland Av. *Description* Accessible sledding hills for family, groups, and friends. *Admission* Free.

*What?* SLEDDING--MCCARTY *When?* Winter, daytime. *Where?* McCarty Park, 8214 W. Cleveland Av. *Description* Sledding hills for family and friends. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Sledding> *Admission* Free.

*What?* SLEDDING--MCGOVERN *When?* Winter, daytime, snow permitting. *Where?* McGovern Park, 5400 N. 51<sup>st</sup> St. *Description* Sledding hills for family and friends. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Sledding> *Admission* Free.

*What?* SLEDDING—RIVERSIDE PARK *When?* Winter, daytime. *Where?* 1500 E. Riverside Pl. *Description* Sledding hills for family and friends. *Admission* Free.

*What?* WATERSTONE BANK ICE RINK *When?* Opens mid Jan., sunrise to 9pm. *Where?* Center St. Park 6420 W. Clarke St. *Description* Ice skating with warming house and free skate lending available at limited hours. *Admission* Free.

*What?* RIVERWEST PEOPLE'S ICE RINK *When?* When cold enough, sunrise to 9pm. *Where?* 3129 N. Breman St. *Description* Ice skating. *Admission* Free.

*What?* LAKE PARK RINK *When?* When cold enough. *Where?* 2975 N. Lake Park Rd. *Description* Lit in evening; warming house. *Admission* Free.

*What?* HUMBOLDT PARK LAGOON *When?* When ice is 6 inches thick throughout lagoon. *Where?* 3000 S. Howell Av. *Description* Lit in evening. *Admission* Free.

*What?* OUTDOOR ICE SKATING—DOWNTOWN *When?* Winter. *Where?* Red Arrow Park, 920 N Water St. *Description* Ice skating for adults and children; Biggby Coffee Shop at location. *Admission* Free, but may charge for skate rentals. (see right)

### ECO/NATURE ACTIVITIES

*What?* EARLY MORNING BIRDWALK—MENOMONEE VALLEY *When?* Most Tues 8 to 10am. Check website. *Where?* Menomonee Valley, 3700 W. Pierce St. *Description* A walk for bird

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Happening in the  
Eastpoint  
Neighborhood



**Red Arrow Park**

920 N Water Street

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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. 40<sup>th</sup> 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.* (see column to right)

*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. *Admission Free.*

## FOOD AND FARMERS MARKETS

*What?* WINTER FARMERS MARKET *When?* Jan. 27 to Apr. 13, 9am to 2pm. *Where?* 5305 W. Capitol Dr. *Description* Produce, bakery, canned goods, meat. *Admission Free.*

## WALKING/STREETCAR TOURS

*What?* SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF VA GROUNDS *When?* Daily, daylight *Where?* Just north of Zablocki VA Medical Center, 5000 W. National Av. *Description* A walk through the historic district including 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. 6<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Opportunity to see and learn about one of the most beautiful churches in America. <http://the-basilica.org/visit> *Admission Free.*

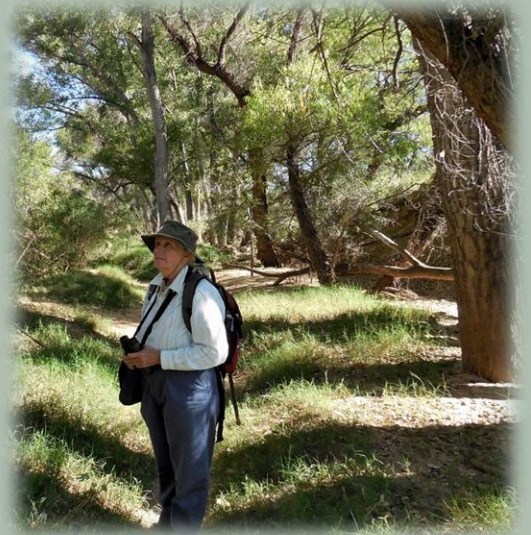
*What?* UNGUIDED TOUR OF BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT *When?* Mon.s through Fri.s, 9am to 3pm *Where?* Visitor's Center, Basilica of St. Josaphat, 2333 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St *Description* Opportunity to see and learn about one of the most beautiful churches in America with informational exhibits on lower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

*What?* THE HOP STREETCAR TOUR *When?* Feb 7 and 21, Mar. 7 and 21, see website. *Where?* 235 E Michigan St. *Description* Explore urban renewal from the edge of the Menomonee Valley to Downtown's Yankee Hill neighborhood. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* \$8 to \$16, preregistration required.

*What?* SKYWAUKEE TOUR *When?* Most Sat.s in Feb./Mar, 1pm; some Fri.s. *Where?* 161 W. Wisconsin Ave., Plankinton Arcade. *Description* Stroll through the skywalk system and learn about significant Milwaukee landmarks from a new angle—one story up! <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* \$8 to \$16, preregistration required.

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Happening in the  
Washington Park  
neighborhood



Early morning  
birdwalk

Washington  
Park  
1859 N. 40<sup>th</sup> Street

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**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. (see column to right)

**What?** WALK THROUGH MILWAUKEE'S LATINO HISTORY  
**When?** Daily **Where?** United Community Center, 1028 S. 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### HOLIDAY EVENTS

**What?** VALENTINE'S DAY STORY TIME **When?** Sat., Feb. 8, beginning at 11am **Where?** Barnes & Noble Bayshore. **Description** Two stories followed by craft session that kids will love **Admission** Unk.

### ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

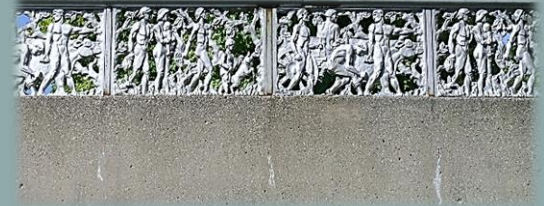
**What?** ROOFTOP STARGAZING **When?** Fri. Feb. 7, 8 to 9pm. **Where?** Manfred Olson Planetarium, UW-M Physics building, 1900 E. Kenwood Blvd. **Description** Gaze at stars and planets through telescopes. **Admission** Free.

#### Jane Jacobs on cities

Cities, like anything else, succeed by making the most of their assets. Dull, inert cities, it is true, do contain the seeds of their own destruction and little else. But lively, diverse, and intense cities contain the seeds of their own regeneration, with energy enough to carry for problems and needs outside themselves.

From *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*.

Happening in the  
Forest Home Hills  
neighborhood



Self-guided tour of  
Forest Home  
Cemetery

2405 W. Forest Home  
Avenue

# HISTORY OF HAMPTON HEIGHTS

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## Early populations of Granville

According to the *Milwaukee Sentinel* (March 22, 1877) there were originally three small settlements in the Granville area. The first, in 1835, was the family of Jacob Brazelton which included 11 sons. The second was duo Daniel R. Small and W.P. Woodward from Indiana who pitched their tents in the center of the Granville area shortly after the Brazelton family arrived and later built homes. The third group of settlers, the Joseph R. Thomas family and S.C. Enos, arrived shortly after Small and Woodward.

Within a few years a new group arrived from the town of Granville in Washington County, New York. The assemblage included the Evert, Brown, Crippen, Lake, Dutcher, and Norton families. They gave their new home the name of their former home in New York.

But it was not these earliest settlers that established much of the culture of Granville Township. That role belonged to a wave of Pennsylvania “Dutch” (actually Germans) who arrived just a few years later from Telford, Pennsylvania, including the Wambold, Leister, Scholl, Barndt, Price, Bergstresser, Borse, Klein, Martin, Huber, Groll, Horning, and Lewis families. The Pennsylvania Dutch, under the leadership of Samuel Wambold, quickly established the German Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church (now known as Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church) in 1847. The following year, the church’s pastor, Wilhelm Wrede, called a meeting of local Lutheran ministers at the church. This group would later become the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. A museum of these early synod activities now stands on 107<sup>th</sup> Street.

In the 1840s there were over 200 people living in Granville Township, and the numbers continued to grow. A small Irish community settled on Granville’s eastern border to the center of the township. Initially they set up tents, built brush shanties, and log cabins. But during these early years, Granville Township remained strongly German, and more Germans arrived every year.

## *Germans and more Germans*

Following the factory jobs, Germans who had originally settled on Milwaukee’s North Side began to migrate to the Granville area and joined the farmers—most of whom were also Germans.

Then in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a very different German community arrived. These were the German Russians who had left Germany for Russia in the late 1700s and settled along the Volga River and Black Sea area. For about 150 years they had been allowed to keep their own language and traditions. But later Russification policies, and ultimately the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, resulted in collective departure from the area. Many ended up in Granville (many more settled in the Plains States). They organized Grace Lutheran Church at 34<sup>th</sup> Street near Villard. The group remained relatively isolated from their neighbors—both through choice and external prejudice. Following the 1917 revolution and the growth of Communist paranoia in America, Milwaukeeans began calling the German Russian colony “Red Town” even though most of the Germans loathed Communism.

*Movement toward annexation.* Economic prosperity reigned in Granville, due partially to the work ethic of these German farmers. The township remained predominantly rural through the early half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Gradually industries began to open and the area would become the most concentrated base of industrial employment in Wisconsin. But farming was still a vocation of many in Granville. See the randomly selected Hampton Heights’ resident in the year 1940.



*Lincoln Creek from 64<sup>th</sup> St.*

**Ferdinand Louis Hackbarth Jr.** In 1940, Ferdinand Hackbarth, age 52, was running a large dairy farm on Hampton Avenue, just off of 60<sup>th</sup> Street. His parents, Ferdinand Sr. and Augusta, were born in Germany (Pomerania) and were among the earliest residents of Granville. The couple had at least seven children.

As Ferdinand Sr. grew older, he handed over the farm to his son. By 1930, Ferdinand Jr. was listed as head of his household that included his 89-year-old father, two older sisters, and a hired hand. In 1940 the sisters were still in the household. The census taker asked Ferdinand the number of hours he had worked the week prior to participating in the census. Ferdinand responded: “Sixty-five.”

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But great change was coming to Granville. In 1956 the residents and property owners of the township were given a choice to consolidate with the City of Milwaukee. Needing services that Milwaukee could offer—especially water--the majority of voters said yes to the referendum. By the 1960s, the western portion of Granville (16.5 square miles) was annexed by Milwaukee and the eastern section consolidated as the Village of Brown Deer. Milwaukee became one of the few large cities in the United States that still had working farms within its boundaries.

## *The importance of Hampton Avenue*

Hampton Avenue became the main business corridor for the Hampton Heights' neighborhood. The street was named by Festus Stone in 1888 during the development of a subdivision on the city's far north side. Stone apparently saw strong marketing potential for the street and named it after Hampton, England, located at the edge of London.

The following chart lists the businesses that were on Hampton Avenue within the Hampton Heights' boundaries in 1961. See summary and notes below.

<i>Addresses on W. Hampton Ave. in 1961</i>	<i>Names of businesses, offices, apartments, and organizations from the <u>Milwaukee City Directory</u></i>
4327	Apartments
4401	Apartments
4415	Apartments
4511	Kenneth Brushaber Contractor
4720	Apartments
4740	Apartments
4800	Apartments
4901	Apartments
4912	Claude H. Bryant Appliances Repair and Service
4918	Apartments
4925	Red Owl Grocery Store
4938	Apartments
5000	Apartments
5009	Otto's Beer Depot
5020	Hampton Pharmacy
5022	Jerome R. Cornfield Physician Hampton Clinic Asher L. Cornfield Physician Bruno E. Schiffiger Dentist
5110	Pfaff Shell Gas/Service Station
5119	Hank's Barber Shop

5121	Hampton TV Repair
5130	Bakula's Frozen Custard Drive In
5209	Hampton Beverage Mart Beer & Wine
5210	Art's Trailor Rental Service (Arthur M. Ellingson)
5211	Ace Auto Parts Inc. Dealers
5219	Bill & Pat's Tavern (William E. Herget)
5226	Wisconsin Kitchen Mart Cabinets
5227	American Standard Service/Gas Station
5308	Burbach's Pilgrim's Market Grocery
5320	Al's Auto Body Shop and Repair
5334	Joe & Ann's Tavern (Joseph Gscheidmeier)
5341	Biele's Bakery
5343	State Farm Insurance Company, District Office
5400	Tastee Freez Drive In, Frozen Desserts
5403	Kem's Bar
5428	P. K. Food Mart
5443	Tony's Shoe Repair
5504	Pete's Sinclair Service Station
5507	Lester R. Heinrich's Gas Station
5516	Nancy's Beauty Salon
5538	Church of the Nazarene
5600	Drasch Lawn & Garden Center Nursery
5601	Buetow Hardware
5615	James E. Geigler Physician
5639	Jelacis Funeral Home (Valentine Jelacic)
5702	Bethel Baptist Church
5807	Garber & Son Well Drillers (Glen Garber)

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<i>Addresses on W. Hampton Ave. in 1961</i>	<i>Names of businesses, offices, apartments, and organizations from the <u>Milwaukee City Directory</u></i>
5904	Automotive Filter & Equipment Company Automotive Parts
6000	Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church
6100	Mt. Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran School
6200	Apartments
6212	Apartments
6222	Apartments
6307	Apartments
6429	Apartments
6437-45	Apartments
6630	North Side Tile Company Contractors

Summary and notes from census and other records:

- The number of apartment complexes along this stretch of Hampton shows some of the breadth of the urban housing boom that followed World War II.
- The business corridor in 1961 did supply the basic needs of residents in terms of grocers, pharmacies, healthcare providers, religious organizations, and gas stations.
- The largest number of businesses on the street were auto services, including four gas stations and three auto repair and parts' shops.
- Bars and liquor stores were also numerous.
- Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church and School still exist on Milwaukee's Northwest Side. It is associated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod that was founded in Granville.
- Only a limited amount of information could be found on the shopkeepers, as the last available census at the time of this compilation was in 1940.
- William Herget, of Bill & Pat's tavern, grew up at that address (listed in Wauwatosa in 1940). His parents, William and Alice Herget (nee Glasser), were German immigrants and had a tavern at that address in the 1950s. The father had completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The education of the son is unknown.
- Joseph Gscheidmeier, with the tavern, had lived on N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street before opening his bar on Hampton. He was the son of German immigrants. He had completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Valentine Jelacic, the funeral director, was the son of Czech immigrants. He had some college. His father was a brick mason, and the family lived in the Bronzeville area in 1930 and 1940.

Milwaukee's growing Northwest Side attracted its own newspapers. One of these was *The Northwest News*, published by Ed Bristol Advertising, with offices on 76<sup>th</sup> and Hampton Avenue. The editor of the newspaper was Manny Meyers, the one-time

campaign consultant of Mayor Frank Zeidler. The biweekly newspaper operated between 1961 and 1966, with a couple of brief reincarnations.

During these years, people of color began to migrate to the area. African Americans arrived for two reasons: (1) available industrial jobs on the Northwest Side and the area that had been Granville, and (2) the need for housing following the leveling of their former central city home known as Bronzeville. As in most Milwaukee neighborhoods where Germans dominated, the integration was relatively peaceful. Many African Americans were able to obtain family-supporting jobs and purchase homes.

However, just as soon as the black population had settled in large numbers, they were faced with the long deindustrialization movement, beginning in the 1980s. Manufacturing employment in Milwaukee fell 77 percent, from a peak in 1963 to the present. What had been a working- and middle-class area on the Northwest Side was in decline.

## Current populations

Today, just under three-quarters of the residents in Hampton Heights live in low income or lower middle-income households (with annual incomes under \$50,000). The most common jobs cited by residents are in the fields of administration, production, and food service.



*Bungalows near 61<sup>st</sup> & Stark Ave.*

Just over three-quarters of neighborhood residents are African Americans. A little over 1 in 8 are European Americans and the majority of these (nearly 500) still claim German ancestry. Approximately 1 in 20 residents are Asian—nearly all Hmong/Lao. The remaining residents are people of multiple backgrounds, American Indian, Latino, and indigenous Africans. The neighborhood is a young one, with over one-third of all residents under the age of 20.

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Nearly 6 in 10 property units in Hampton Heights are owned, as opposed to being rented. Select costs for home ownership are modest, with over two-thirds of the costs (e.g., mortgages, contracts to purchase, deeds of trust, taxes, insurance) ranging from \$1,001 to \$1,500. Rents are just as modest and approximately two-thirds of the rental units go for \$501 to \$1,000.



*Community garden on green space along Lincoln Creek*



*Houses 67<sup>th</sup> & Lancaster*



*Mt. Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church at 60<sup>th</sup> & Hampton*

## INTERESTING FEATURES

- **The Barack Obama School of Career and Technical Education** at 5075 N. Sherman Blvd., a traditional Head Start neighborhood school with K3-12 education (see photo)
- **Lincoln Creek community garden**, along the creek (see photo)
- **Mt. Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church** at 60<sup>th</sup> and Hampton, of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (see photo).



*The Barack Obama School of Career and Technical Education*

## QUOTES FROM RESIDENTS

**In *The Golden Years of Yesteryear* by Emily Treichel Boehlke (reprinted in *A History of Granville* by Miriam Y. Bird, 1996), Treichel Boehlke writes about her family's history in Granville from the mid-1800s through the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. The following are passages from this work.**

"When my Grandparents Treichel were first married and lived in their one room cabin, the Indians would stop in and admire their baby. . . . At Grandfather Hackbarth's the Indians set up camps in the woods every spring and fall when they came to do their trading."

"Every mother had to be well-schooled in home remedies. . . . Plants and herbs were gathered in the summer to be dried and stored for the winter, to be used for any and all ailments."

"Grandfather would sit and knit many mittens and stockings for all the grandchildren while Grandma read to him and tended her many plants of which she had quite a variety."

"School [of her parents] was then held at the house of one of the member's house one month and at another one the next month, whoever had a room big enough to seat the children."

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“Weddings in the 1860s and later were quite different from today. The invitations were hand written by the bride and groom and they were the hosts, not the parents of the bride. . . the silk material for the brides’ dresses was only 18 inches wide, so for a fancy dress, it took 18 to 20 yards of material. It was not unusual for a man to wear his wedding suit 20 to 25 years, or as long as it fitted.”

“. . . the settlers were having church services at the home of Ernest Zautcke, who had brought a reed organ from Germany to help him with his singing. One of the men could read a text from the Bible and the other religious books which they had brought from across. Mr. Zautcke then donated land for a church and school on the corner of [today’s] Hopkins and Silver Spring Roads. They were served by visiting pastors from Milwaukee and vicinity.”

“The housewife had to plan well ahead for her household. There was the Arab that would come about once a month with two heavy suitcases full of notions and yard goods for house dresses. When he begged for a night’s lodging the housewife would get a spool of thread for payment. Also, a man with a big basket of oranges and bananas would come. Bananas were 25 cents a dozen for nice large ones. Later a baker would come once a week with bread and sweets.”

“Even the first street cars were propelled by horse power. There were only 2 lines, one on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Williamsburg, a section of the city at North Avenue and Center and [one] further north (an all-German settlement).”

“In the beginning of the 1900s, there was no Silver Spring Drive, not even a wagon trail west of Hopkins Street. But the plans were made to have a road there, so one of the farmers would ride through the woods with horse and wagon or on horseback as best he could, so it would be legally kept as a driveway to the next mile west.”

“During the first World War, all gathering of people was forbidden, due to the spreading of the flu. So, at Freistadt Church only every other pew could be sat in, so all the people east of the church came for early services and all those west-of-the-church came for later service. Also, all talking and preaching was to be done in English, but Pastor Wehrs insisted on preaching in German as many of his older members could not understand English.”

“There were about 12 to 14 neighbors that exchanged labor. This was a hard job for the ladies also, with breakfast at 6, lunch at 9, dinner at 12, another lunch at 3, and supper at sundown. No 8 hour days.”

“When the first threshing machine came out the farmers started to raise barley for the Breweries in Milwaukee. My father raised quite a lot of it and we girls had to man the farming mill in the

evening when milking was done and our lessons were finished. This was a cold and tiresome job until enough was cleared for a load to be hauled to town the next day.”

### **Quotes from an oral history of the Granville neighborhoods currently being conducted by Urban Anthropology Inc.—About THEN.**

“You always said that everything that was Granville in the days before annexation was German. I even heard there were some German Russians in the area. I think that the stereotype was pretty true because virtually all the old-timers that I’ve met here really are Germans. There is even going to be a play about this—about the Germans in Granville.”

“When we moved here it was a mixture of African American and white. I would say it was 60 percent white and 40 percent African American. Now I would say I am the minority.”

“The few white people in the area were mostly angry white people [when first moved to Granville]. They were entrenched and hated what had happened in the neighborhood. They were bitter and racially charged in negatives ways. In many cases. Not everyone.”

“When I first moved here there were a lot of teenagers working in retail. There are a lot of jobs in light industry here, but they require specific skills. I think when the mall [Northridge] closed, that the teens lost a lot of job opportunities.”

### **Quotes from the oral history of the Granville neighborhoods—About NOW**

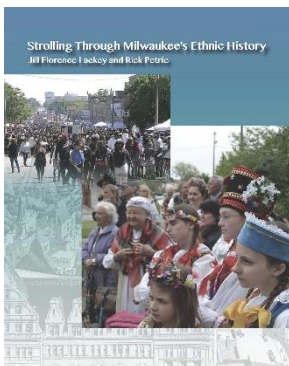
“There is much more to do in the Granville area than most people know. There are golf courses, soccer fields, lots of woodland to explore. You don’t have too many areas where you have neighborhood stores, but there never were. Of course, there had been the mall [Northridge] and I think the city is trying to do something with that space now.”

“There are so many beautiful places in the Granville area. There are woodlands and rivers. Lincoln Creek, the Menomonee.”

“Lately it’s been mostly Hmong that have been moving here.”

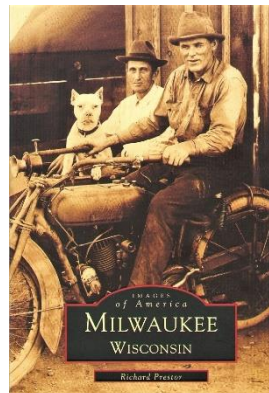


## Books on Milwaukee Neighborhoods



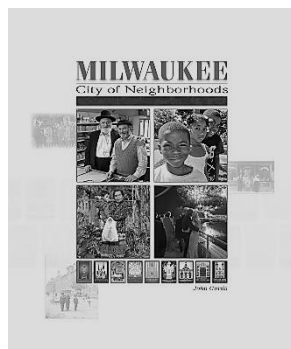
### Strolling through Milwaukee's Ethnic History By Jill Florence Lackey and Rick Petrie

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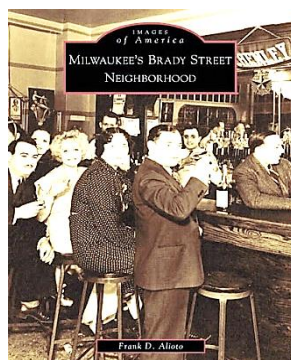
### Milwaukee Wisconsin By Richard Prestor

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### Milwaukee, City of Neighborhoods By John Gurda

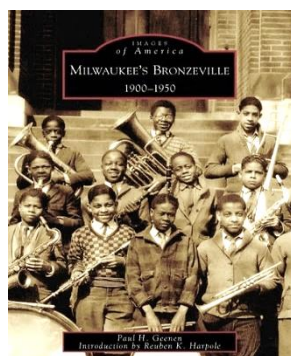
*Milwaukee: City of Neighborhoods* is the most comprehensive account of grassroots Milwaukee ever published. Richly illustrated, engagingly written, and organized for maximum ease of use, the book is a fine-grained introduction to the Milwaukee community, and its communities, that will endure as a standard 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-19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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>

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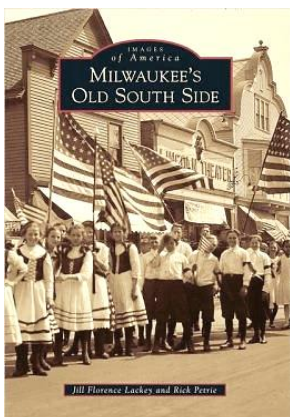
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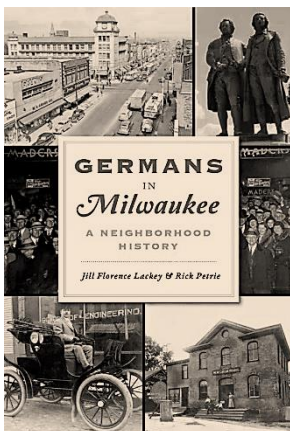
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### Milwaukee's Old South Side

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-20<sup>th</sup> 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>



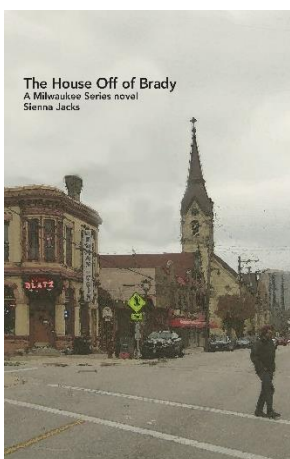
### Germans in Milwaukee: A neighborhood history

By Jill Florence Lackey and Rick Petrie

Germans dominated Milwaukee like no other large American city. Their presence inhabits the city's neighborhoods 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](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467147286).

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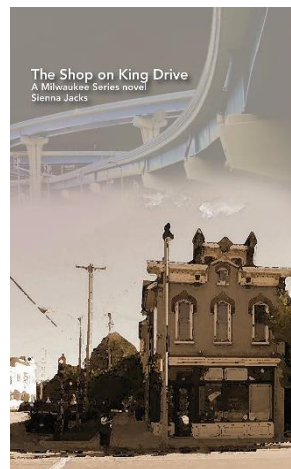
### The House Off of Brady A Milwaukee Series novel

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>

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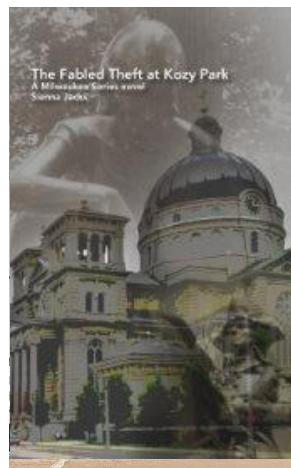


A mystery arises out of the ruins of urban renewal. Two young anthropologists, conducting research that would illuminate one dark period in Milwaukee's central city history, confront painful but sometimes puzzling accounts. During the 1950s and 1960s, over 8,000 homes and an entire business district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

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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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- *Demographics of current neighborhood*
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