

# LINCOLN VILLAGE VOICE

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*Lincoln Village's most interesting people*

## Bringing a passion to Lincoln Village



Yevgeniya Kaganovich's passion is art. She teaches jewelry and metalsmithing at UW-Milwaukee. She has exhibited all over the country and even internationally. And she has brought art to Lincoln Village.

Five years ago the modest professor and her husband Jim Charles, who is an artist as well, moved to Lincoln Village. Yevgeniya had

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## Lincoln Village Clubs Search for your ancestors

In one club meeting two members found their entire family tree through the help of UrbAn staff. Urban Anthropology has online memberships with the major genealogy sources to assist residents.

Come to the next meeting of the Lincoln Village Genealogy Club, Dec. 3, 6pm at the Old South Side Settlement Museum, 707 W. Lincoln. You will get family results immediately, and help over the long term.

Also contact us to join our English and Spanish book clubs. Call 271-9417 for more information



## Beautiful Blocks programs

### *Home improvements slowly transforming Lincoln Village*

In June 2009 Urban Anthropology Inc. implemented the first of a series of Beautiful Blocks programs. Supported by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the City's NIDC, these programs give rebates to Lincoln Village residents who improve their front yards, facades, porches, or fences. Thirty-three residents took advantage of Beautiful Blocks I. Beautiful Blocks II has just begun. UrbAn hopes that this program will be a permanent feature in Lincoln Village.

Residents interested in participating should contact us at 271-9417. See below for an example of a property improvement at 8<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln.



*Before Beautiful Blocks program*



*After Beautiful Blocks program*

## Youth from Inland Seas High School assist Lincoln Village residents

Students at one local High School, the Inland Seas School of Expeditionary Learning at 4<sup>th</sup> and Becher, wanted to find a way to give back to their community. They wrote a proposal to the Youth-In-Service Fund at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, stating that they wished to "adopt a block" in the Lincoln Village neighborhood. They received \$1,000 to do just this.

This summer, the youth worked on a block between Lincoln and Hayes on S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. They purchased and donated flowers to residents and even helped a woman improve the front of her home. Below, the youth stained the fence, helped rebuild the steps, painted the foundation, and painted the steps. Inland Seas worked in cooperation with Urban Anthropology Inc. and the Beautiful Blocks I program.



## Kaganovich

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accepted her teaching position at UW-Milwaukee two years earlier and they were ready to purchase a home. "Bay View and Riverwest were on our radar," she tells, but when they saw a listing for a house in Lincoln Village, they decided to buy here. While Lincoln Village was in the price range that the couple could afford, it also offered a lot of other criteria. "We really didn't know about Lincoln Village," Yevgeniya explains. "But when we first drove down Lincoln Avenue we felt like we had discovered 'something.'"

It reminded me of the Ukrainian Village in Chicago." Yevgeniya's family had moved from Belarus to Chicago in 1991 and it is probably not entirely a coincidence that she was attracted to Lincoln Village with its little Polish Deli and a fairly large Russian-speaking population. In any case it was important for Yevgeniya and her husband to live in an integrated area of Milwaukee, like Lincoln Village.

The young couple purchased a house on South 10<sup>th</sup> Street where they not only live but also maintain an art studio for their work. "I am surprised that not more people and artists take advantage of this area", Yevgeniya says, but she wishes that more people will become excited about this neighborhood in the future.

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## Block clubs to be organized in LV



Beginning in October, Urban Anthropology and District 2 police began a campaign to organize between 25 and 50 block clubs in the Lincoln Village neighborhood. Two clubs were begun in October. All block clubs will have assistance from UrbAn staff and the Milwaukee Police Department. Members of the clubs will have the opportunity to participate in the Beautiful Blocks program (see page 1).

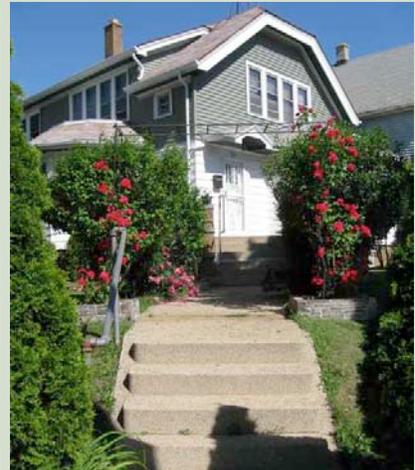
If you want to organize a block club in your neighborhood, call 271-9417.

## Milwaukee is rated the 2<sup>nd</sup> safest city

Forbes.com looked at the 40 largest cities in the US and ranked them for safety. Milwaukee ranked second, just behind Minneapolis, MN. What factors went into this ranking? Milwaukee was ranked first among 40 in national disaster risk, 4<sup>th</sup> in traffic deaths, 11<sup>th</sup> in workplace deaths, and 24<sup>th</sup> in violent crime.

The other top-ranked cities included Minneapolis at 1<sup>st</sup>, Portland at 3<sup>rd</sup>, Boston at 4<sup>th</sup>, and Seattle at 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Help available in owning a home in LV



Urban Anthropology Inc. now has a real estate agent to act as the residents' own agent in purchasing a home in Lincoln Village. His name is Chris Trotter. Each month, this newsletter will post a website for all homes for sale in Lincoln Village. The link is <http://public.mlswis.com/link.html?ox2fpogr0xp..1>

To access your own agent at no cost, and to learn the latest on home buying grants and loans, call Urban Anthropology at 271-9417.