

# LINCOLN VILLAGE VOICE

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*Lincoln Village's most interesting people*

## Judy Ramazzini and a legacy of art



“Come for the architecture; stay for the people!” is what Judith Ramazzini would tell you if you were considering moving to Lincoln Village. This stained glass artist moved to her house on 10<sup>th</sup> street 27 years ago, and couldn't be happier with her choice.

Driving down I-94e with the horizon of steeples before her, Judy

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## New neighbors Meet the Chairez family



In August, Francesca and Esteban Chairez and their four children purchased a home at 2334 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. “We just loved this house,” stated Francesca. They have already gotten to know their neighbors on S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. and feel very welcome.

## New public art slated for park

Urban Anthropology Inc. received a grant from the Mary Nohl fund to move ahead with public art for Kosciuszko Park. Beginning in Spring 2010, noted artist Juan Flores will create a unique piece of art that celebrates Mexican and North American Indian culture. The famed feathered serpent of Aztec culture will be depicted moving in and out of a reconstructed Indian mound. Anthropologists will bury prehistoric artifacts in the mound, as a symbolic way to give back to the many Native cultures that predated the arrival of Europeans. A second Youth Art Pillar will also be constructed, featuring the cultural history of the Puerto Ricans, Germans, and African Americans in the area.



## Worried about a boring winter? Join the Lincoln Village book clubs

Book clubs will be sponsored by Urban Anthropology Inc and will be held in English and Spanish. The Spanish book club will first meet on October 27 at 6pm. The English language history book club will first meet Monday, Oct. 19 at 7pm, followed by the English language mystery book club on Wednesday, October 21 at 7pm, followed by all other English language books on Thursday, October 22 at 7pm. The book clubs will be held at the Old South Side Settlement Museum at 707 W. Lincoln.

## New high-end restaurant opens in Lincoln Village

La Canoa, at 1520 W. Lincoln Ave, opened late this summer. La Canoa adds something unique to the Milwaukee dining scene – high end Mexican seafood that focuses on traditional cooking methods with modern fusion cuisine elements. Also check out the unique décor.



## Residents vote on the KK project

For over two years the MMSD and several nonprofit organizations have been planning the development of the Kinnickinnic River area, mostly in the Lincoln Village neighborhood. Urban Anthropology Inc. made a formal request to the MMSD to offer these alternatives to the Lincoln Village residents for a vote. On September 17, residents assembled to vote on the first step in the KK area development—the flood management plan. Residents voted for widening of the river and the removal of the necessary number of homes to accomplish this. Residents will have an opportunity to vote for additional steps in the development said MMSD Director, Kevin Shafer.

## Ramazzini

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still feels what she felt 27 years ago: “Going home to Lincoln Village feels like you’re leaving the busy city and going back to a European village.” From the Cream City brick buildings of the late 1800s to the Polish flats of the 1920s, there is so much history in the architecture of this neighborhood. The cultural diversity here only adds to Judy’s pride in her community.

Judy has been a practicing stained glass artist for over 20 years. She feels very fortunate to have a studio at home and to be working a flexible schedule at Quad Graphics to allow her to practice on her own time. “Stained glass is not just a hobby for me,” Judy says. “This art is who I am!”

Increasing numbers of artists have been moving to Lincoln Village. Besides the unique architecture and cultural diversity, the friendly neighbors are a real draw. Judy is active in the South Side Artist Guild and attended the recent unveiling of the Youth (ceramic) Art Pillar in Kosciuszko Park. She looks forward to seeing more artists moving to Lincoln Village and is excited about more community art projects in the near future.

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## Prehistory of old south side

In September, archaeologist Kevin Cullen gave a fascinating lecture on the prehistory of the South Side at the Old South Side Settlement Museum. He discussed the mound building culture and the presence of effigy mounds at the site of today’s Forest Home Cemetery and the Chase Mounds just west of the KK River. He talked about the different Indian villages that existed in this area at the time of early European contact, including the Muskego Village along what is today Lincoln Ave.



## Beautiful Blocks II program

The Beautiful Blocks I program has just closed. Over 30 residential properties benefited from the program with front yard gardens, trees, or improvements to porches, facades, fences, and windows.

UrbAn Anthropology Inc. and the Lincoln Village Business Association have collaborated with Healthy Neighborhoods and the NIDC to get Beautiful Blocks II funded. Features of this program include:

- An opportunity for additional home owners to receive rebates on home improvements to their front yards, porches, fences, or facades
- A gateway sign at 6<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln for the Lincoln Village neighborhoods, funded in part by the LV Business Association.
- The return of ice skating to the Kosciuszko Park lagoon

## Want to own a home in Lincoln Village?



Come to a home buying workshop and housing tour at 10am, October 10. The workshop begins in the backyard of the Old South Side Settlement Museum, 707 W. Lincoln. Learn how to access special loan products, grant assistance, home improvement matches, and the benefits of buying a foreclosed home. Pre-register for this workshop/tour at HRI at 461-6330