



# 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.

## Old South Side Museum re-opens

*All new exhibits highlight neighborhood history*



In November, the Rozga Family Old South Side Settlement Museum will re-open with all new exhibits.

### Free days

The museum will be open free to the public every first Saturday of the month, beginning in November 2019 between the hours of 2 and 4pm. It will also be open on other days by special arrangements. The address of the museum is 707 W. Lincoln Ave.

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## *\$10 and under neighborhood events for October & November*



### NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS

*What?* WALKING TOUR— HISTORIC THIRD WARD *When?* Oct. 5, Sat. 11am *Where?* See website. *Description* Opportunity to learn about the wonderfully designed warehouses and the diverse group of industries that thrived in the Third Ward. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* \$10 adults, \$2 kids 7-17, free kids <7

*What?* RIDING TOUR— HOP STREETCAR TOUR *When?* Oct. 3, Wed. 10am; Sat., Oct. 5 2pm. *Where?* See website. *Description* Opportunity to explore Milwaukee's recent and distant past on the HOP. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* See website.

*What?* WALKING TOUR—HISTORIC MILWAUKEE DOWNTOWN *When?* Oct. 1, 4, 5, 10am. *Where?* See website. *Description* Tour that explores the architecture and streetscape to gain insight into how the commercial use of the rivers, lake, and harbor helped create the Milwaukee of today. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* \$10 adults, \$2 kids 7-17, free kids <7.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS (continued)

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*What?* WALKING TOUR—RIVER WALK *When?* Oct. 2, Wed., 5:30pm. *Where?* See website. *Description* Opportunity to learn the Riverwalk landscape about the design concepts used to create the Riverwalk's unique path and enjoy the outdoor sculptures dotting the landscape. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* \$10 adults, \$2 kids 7-17, free kids <7.

*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 just north of the VA Center, 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?* WALKING TOUR—HISTORIC MILWAUKEE DOWNTOWN SCULPTURE TOUR *When?* Oct. 2, Wed. 3pm, Oct. 6, Sun. 10am *Where?* See website. *Description* Tour that explores 16 sculptures east of the river. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* \$10 adults, \$2 kids 7-17, free kids <7.

*What?* GUIDED TOUR OF BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT *When?* Sun.'s, after 10am mass *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://thebasilica.org/visit> *Admission* Free.

*What?* UNGUIDED TOUR OF BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT *When?* Mon.-Fri., 9am-4pm *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://thebasilica.org/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* WALKING TOUR—NORTH POINT MANSIONS *When?* Oct. 6, Sun. 1pm *Where?* See website. *Description* Tour of neighborhood that is known for its intact early twentieth century architecture and historic importance. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* \$10 adults, \$2 kids 7-17, free kids <7.

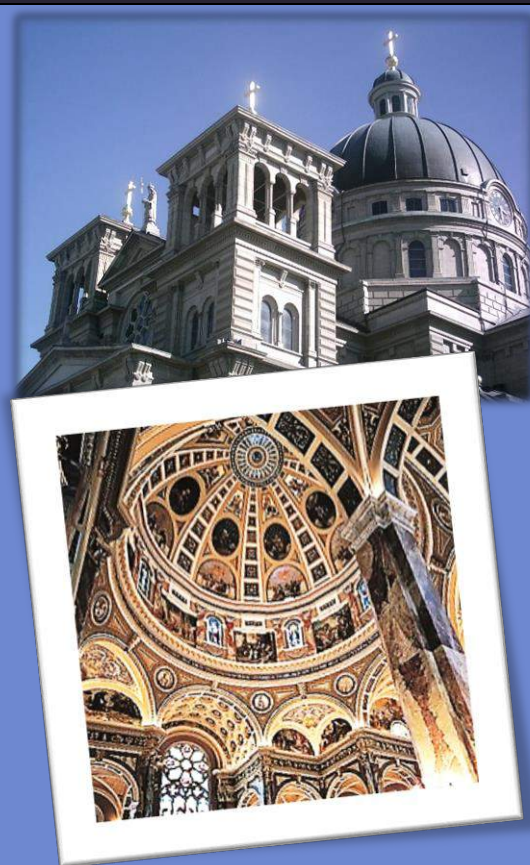
*What?* WALKING TOUR—BAY VIEW *When?* Oct. 5, Sat. 1pm *Where?* See website. *Description* Opportunity to learn the story of how Bay View began with a patchwork of industry and diverse group of immigrants and grew to the charming neighborhood of today. <http://historicmilwaukee.org/walking-tours/> *Admission* \$10 adults, \$2 kids 7-17, free kids <7.

## MUSIC IN THE HOOD

*What?* FREE CONCERT WITH MARK FORREST *When?* Oct. 12, 13, all masses. *Where?* Basilica of St. Josaphat, 2333 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Opportunity to see concert by tenor who performed at the White House and before popes. *Admission* Free.

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## Happening in Lincoln Village!



2333 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Tour the Basilica of St. Josaphat on your own Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm, or take a guided tour following Sunday's 10am mass.

## Plus!

**FREE  
CONCERTS  
WITH CELEBRATED  
IRISH  
TENOR  
MARK  
FORREST**



Oct. 12, 13, all masses; special concert Saturday 7pm and spiritual reflection on Sunday at 3pm.

## MUSIC IN THE HOOD (continued)

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*What?* "FIND US" CONCERT: AVEC LE BOIS WOODWIND QUINTET *When?* Oct. 20, Sun. 2pm *Where?* Noyes Park, 8235 W. Good Hope Rd. *Description* Performance of classical music, bring own chairs/blankets. *Admission* Free.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

*What?* WASHINGTON HEIGHTS NIGHTTIME TRICK OR TREAT *When?* Oct. 26, Sat. 6:30-8:30pm *Where?* 51<sup>st</sup>-55<sup>th</sup> Sts., Washington Blvd.-Lloyd St. *Description* Annual "Spooktacular" Halloween outing. <https://whna.net/event/spooktacular/> *Admission* Registration required (see right column).

*What?* CARVING FOR PUMPKIN PAVILION *When?* Oct. 16-19, 5pm *Where?* Humboldt Park, 3000 S Howell Ave. *Description* Pumpkin carvings, displays, music, food, and more. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* Free.

*What?* DIA DE LOS MUERTOS *When?* Oct. 2, Fri. 6pm *Where?* Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S Layton Blvd. *Description* A not-too-spooky night of family fun with treats and Day of the Dead fun. <http://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* Special event admission applies.

*What?* HAUNTED HALLS *When?* Oct. 24 & 26, 6-8pm *Where?* Neighborhood House, 2819 W. Richardson Pl. *Description* Scary Halloween tour of haunted halls, first come/first serve. [www.neighborhoodhousemke.org](http://www.neighborhoodhousemke.org) *Admission* \$3


*What?* HALLOWEEN GLEN *When?* Oct. 11, Fri. 5:45-7:30pm; Sat., Oct. 12 4:30-8pm *Where?* Hawthorn Glen, 1130 N. 60<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Educational and interactive skits to celebrate Halloween. Register to attend at <http://milwaukee recreation.net/rec/Special-Events/Halloween-Glen.htm> *Admission* \$6.

*What?* HALLOWEEN SATURDAY AT THE LIBRARY *When?* Oct. 26, Sat. 9:30am-12pm *Where?* Milwaukee Public Library Central, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. *Description* Monster bash and spooktacular story time. <http://www.mpl.org/services/events> *Admission* Free.

*What?* VETERANS DAY PARADE *When?* Nov. 16, Sat. 11am *Where?* Parade begins at Kilbourn Ave. & Plankinton Ave. *Description* Parade honoring veterans, beginning at Plankinton & Kilbourn, runs on E. Wells to the War Memorial Center and finally to Veterans Park. <https://honorourmilitary.us/veterans-day-of-honor-parade/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* WELCOME TO 100-ACRE WOODS--HOLIDAY FLORAL SHOW *When?* To Nov. 10, daily, 9am on *Where?* Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. *Description* Holiday floral show at the Domes' Horticultural Center. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* \$7, \$5 students, disabled, kids 6-18; free <6.

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*Happening in*  
**WASHINGTON HEIGHTS**  
MILWAUKEE, WI

30th Annual  
**Spooktacular**  
Washington Heights  
Nighttime  
Trick-or-Treat

Saturday  
**October 26**  
6:30-8:30 PM  
**Area 5**

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

This year's Spooktacular nighttime trick-or-treating will take place in Area 5 (51st to 55th Street, Washington Blvd. to Lloyd St.)

Mark your calendar for these important Spooktacular registration dates. All children and youth who wish to trick-or-treat and receive candy at Spooktacular must pre-register. Registration events will take place at St. Sebastian Church's Gathering Space (enter at 1725 N. 54th Street):

- Tuesday, October 15 • 5PM-7PM
- Thursday, October 17 • 5PM-7PM
- Saturday, October 19 • 10AM-Noon

**COST:**  
**DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION**

Saturday, October 26th, 5:30pm – 7:00pm; (St. Sebastian's School Parking Lot)

\$10 for both members and non-member at Spook Central (St. Sebastian's School Parking lot). Pre-registration discounts for members.

<https://whna.net/event/spooktacular/>

## HOLIDAY EVENTS (continued)

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*What?* GIVING THANKS AND TURKEY TALK *When?* Nov. 23, Thu. 5:30 *Where?* Neighborhood House, 2819 W. Richardson Pl. *Description* Learn how other cultures use turkey while creating holiday art, plus meal. [www.neighborhoodhousemke.org](http://www.neighborhoodhousemke.org) *Admission* Register in advance, 414 933-6161 ext. 142

## ARTS, THEATRE, AND CRAFTS

*What?* RIVERWEST ART WALK *When?* Oct. 5, Sat. 1-6pm *Where?* Get tickets and maps at Jazz Gallery, 926 E. Center St. *Description* A walk that features artist studios, beautiful gardens, and various sanctuaries. <https://riverwestart.org/> *Admission* See website.

*What?* GALLERY NIGHT AND DAY *When?* Oct. 18, Fri. 5-9pm, Oct. 19, Sat. 10am-4pm *Where?* Check web page. *Description* Milwaukee's two-day premier art event for both the experienced art connoisseur and most beginning admirers that features 50 venues to explore throughout the downtown Milwaukee area four times a year. <http://www.historicthirdward.org/events/gallerynight.php> *Admission* Free.

*What?* GRACE FINE ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL *When?* Nov. 3, Sun. 8am-2pm *Where?* Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1209 N. Broadway *Description* Over 25 fine artists with original works, ideal for early Christmas shopping and more. <http://www.gracedowntown.org/whatsnew/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* OKTOBERFEST ARTISAN FAIR *When?* Oct. 11-13, Fri. 4-8pm, Sat. 11am-8pm, Sun. 10:30am-4pm *Where?* Our Lady of Lourdes, 3722 S. 58<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* A celebration of creativity, community, and harvest including music, fish fry, champagne brunch, artisan shopping. <http://www.ololmke.org/oktoberfest/> *Admission* Free.

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

## ECO EVENTS

*What?* SEED COLLECTION AND PREP *When?* Oct. 5, Sat. 10am-2pm *Where?* Neighborhood House, 2819 W. Richardson Pl. *Description* Collect native seeds for future habitat restoration; learn about native plants. [www.neighborhoodhousemke.org](http://www.neighborhoodhousemke.org) *Admission* Free.

*What?* FUNGI FAIR *When?* Oct. 12, Sat. 10am-2pm *Where?* Urban Ecology Center, 1500 E. Park Pl. *Description* A day of learning about mushrooms, fungi, mycology. Register early. <http://urbanecologycenter.org/programs-events-main.html> *Admission* Free (for adults).

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## Happening in Riverwest!



## Riverwest ARTWalk

Forty years ago, a group of artists started an event featuring the many artists and art galleries in Riverwest. ARTWalk has helped define Riverwest as a creative community ever since. The event has expanded to include the entire 53212 area.

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**October 5, Saturday, 1-6pm**

*Get tickets at Jazz Gallery, 926 E. Center Street*

## FOOD AND FARMERS' MARKETS

*What?* FONDY FARMERS MARKET *When?* Oct. Sat.'s 7am-3pm, Sat.'s 9am-12pm, Tue.'s, Thu.'s, Sun.'s 9am-3pm. *Where?* 2200 W. Fond du Lac Ave. *Description* Fresh produce from Wisconsin farmers, baked goods, arts, crafts, activities. <http://fondy-market.org/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* SOUTH SHORE FARMERS MARKET *When?* Thru Oct. 26, Sat.'s 8am-12pm *Where?* South Shore Park, 2900 South Shore Dr. *Description* Fresh produce from Wisconsin farmers, baked goods, art, crafts, music, demonstrations. <https://www.facebook.com/South-Shore-Farmers-Market-352715301468098/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* WESTOWN FARMERS MARKET *When?* Oct., Wed.'s 10am-2pm *Where?* Zeidler Union Square, 301 W. Michigan St. *Description* Fresh produce from Wisconsin farmers, baked goods, textiles, art, music, crafts. <https://www.facebook.com/WestownFarmersMarket/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* GARDEN DISTRICT FARMERS MARKET *When?* To Oct. 26., Sat.'s 1-4pm *Where?* Just south of Howard on 6<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Market of fresh vegetables and other vendors. <http://www.milwaukeegdna.com/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* CATHEDRAL SQUARE MARKET *When?* Thru Oct. 12, Sat.'s 9am-1pm *Where?* 520 E. Wells St. *Description* Fresh produce from Wisconsin farms, baked goods, crafts, prepared food, art, live music, yoga <http://easttown.com/events/cathedral-square-market> *Admission* Free.

*What?* MILWAUKEE COUNTY WINTER FARMERS MARKET *When?* Nov. 2-Mar. 28, Sat.'s 9am-12:30pm (not open Nov. 30) *Where?* Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. *Description* Fresh produce, meat, eggs, dairy from Wisconsin small farms. <http://www.mcwfm.org> *Admission* Free.

## GET-MOVING ACTIVITIES

*What?* RENT A BIKE AT VETERANS PARK *When?* Weather permitting, Sat.'s, Sun.'s, late am to sunset *Where?* Veterans Park, 1400 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. *Description* Bicycle riding along Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront. <http://www.wheelfun-rentals.com/Locations/Milwaukee-2> *Admission* Check website.

*What?* HANK AARON 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> Place. <http://hankaaronstatetrail.org/> *Admission* Free.

*What?* OPEN SWIM—PULASKI *When?* Daily, 1-5pm, holiday times vary *Where?* Pulaski Park, 2701 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. *Description* Open swim year-round at Pulaski indoor pool with diving boards, locker rooms, vending machines. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Explore/Water-Parks--Pools/Swimming-Pools/Pulaski-Pool> *Admission* \$4, \$3 kids <12.

## Happening in Bay View!



## South Shore Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8am-noon thru October  
Produce, bakery, music, crafts, demonstrations

*Bring your pooch for the opportunity to win the "dog of the week" contest*

2900 South Shore Drive

## GET-MOVING ACTIVITIES (continued)

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*What?* OPEN SWIM—NOYES *When?* Daily, 1-5pm, holiday times vary *Where?* Noyes Park, 8235 W. Good Hope Rd. *Description* Open swim year-round at indoor pool with diving boards, locker rooms, vending machines. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Explore/Water-Parks--Pools/Swimming-Pools/Noyes> *Admission* \$4, \$3 kids <12.

*What?* PADDLE BOAT RENTALS *When?* Daily 10am-7pm, weather permitting *Where?* Juneau Park, 801 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. *Description* Paddle boating with views of Milwaukee skyline and beautiful Lake Michigan. <http://juneauparkpaddleboats.com/fleet.html> *Admission* \$5 per person per half hour, if <16 need parental consent.

*What?* YOGA IN THE PARK *When?* Mid-Mar. thru mid-Dec., Tue.'s, 7am *Where?* Lake Park, Marcia Coles Community Room, 3133 E Newberry Blvd., *Description* Edie Starrett, of the Mona V Yoga and Wellness Center, teaches this popular yoga class every Tuesday morning at 7am. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Experience/Events-Calendar> *Admission* Free.

*What?* SKATE NIGHT *When?* Nov. 15, Sat. 6-7:30pm *Where?* Neighborhood House, 2819 W. Richardson Pl. *Description* Skating in the neighborhood. [www.neighborhoodhousemke.org](http://www.neighborhoodhousemke.org) *Admission* Free with donation of 2 non-perishable food items.

*What?* YOGA LESSONS *When?* Mon.'s, Oct. & Nov. 6-7pm (not Nov. 25) *Where?* Neighborhood House, 2819 W. Richardson Pl. *Description* Yoga lessons taught by Concordia neighborhood resident. [www.neighborhoodhousemke.org](http://www.neighborhoodhousemke.org) *Admission* \$5 per lesson.

*What?* SAIL BOAT RENTALS *When?* Thru Oct., daily 10am-7pm, weather permitting *Where?* Juneau Park, 801 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. *Description* Sail boating with views of Milwaukee skyline and Lake Michigan. <https://traveltips.usatoday.com/paddle-boating-milwaukee-veterans-lagoon-104037.html> *Admission* \$5 per boat per half hour, if <16 need parental consent.

## FAMILY/CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES

*What?* FREE FISHING *When?* Weather permitting, anytime *Where?* Pond at Kosciuszko Park, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> along Lincoln Ave. *Description* Fishing experience in well-stocked pond with bait shop one block away. (414) 645-4624 *Admission* Free.

*What?* FAMILY FREE DAY AT THE ZOO *When?* Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Sat.'s, 9:30am-4:30pm *Where?* Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 W. Bluemound Rd. *Description* If you want to stay warm, the zoo has many indoor animal exhibits for your enjoyment; if you're more of the outdoorsy type, you'll also find many outdoor animal exhibits. <http://www.milwaukeezoo.org/events/> *Admission* Free.

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*Happening in Menomonee  
River Hills!*



*Open indoor swim at  
Noyes Park*

Year round  
8235 W. Good Hope Road

*Indoor pool with diving  
boards, locker rooms, vend-  
ing machines*

Interested in ethnic-specific events in the Greater Milwaukee area? Go to *Milwaukee Ethnic News*.

<http://www.urban-anthropology.org/Ethnic-NewsletterArchive.html>

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

*What?* BRADY STREET PET PARADE *When?* Oct. 13, Sun 11am-5pm, *Where?* Brady Street *Description* Brady Street Pet Parade, with vendors, costume contest, pet owner look-alike contest. <http://bradystreet.org/documents/41-pet-parade> *Admission* Free.

*What?* HUNTING MOON POW WOW *When?* Oct. 18, Fri. opens at 3pm, Oct. 19, Sat. opens at 10am, Oct. 20, Sun. opens at 10am *Where?* Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave. *Description* American Indian pow wow, dance competition, art, crafts, grand entry. <http://www.huntingmoonpowwow.com/> *Admission* Free.

## SPECTATOR SPORTS

*What?* MARQUETTE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL *When?* Nov. (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.

### Jane Jacobs on neighborhood safety

"There must be eyes upon the street, eyes belonging to those we might call the natural proprietors of the street. The buildings on a street equipped to handle strangers and to ensure the safety of both residents and strangers, must be oriented to the street."

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

### Jane Jacobs on neighborhood parks

"Neighborhood parks fail to substitute in any way for plentiful city diversity. Those that are successful *never* serve as barriers or as interruptions to the intricate functioning of the city around them. Rather, they help to knit together diverse surrounding functions by giving them a pleasant joint facility."

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

## Happening on Brady Street



### Pet Parade

Compete in costume contest, tail wagging contest, pet/owner look-alike contest, and best trick! Spectacular sidewalk sales, great raffles, prizes, vendors and pet photo ops await at this ever popular family-friendly event. Registration required for participation. <http://bradystreet.org/documents/41-pet-parade>

1:30 p.m. Pet Blessing 12:50 p.m. Contest Winners Announced!

1 p.m. Parade led by Samba da Vida and Barkley from Central Bark Doggie Day Care.

Pet blessing by Father Tim Kitzke at St. Hedwig

2 p.m. Return to Brady Street for Raffle Winner Announcements

2:30 p.m. Milwaukee County K9 Unit Demonstration

3:00 - 5 p.m. Music by TBD - Plus - Wander back to Brady Street to visit vendor booths, eat, and drink at our restaurants

# Havenwoods' uncommon history



Today Milwaukee's Havenwoods neighborhood is a decidedly green area of gently rolling hills with the Havenwoods State Forest occupying almost half of its territory. The small population of approximately 450 racially and ethnically diverse residents travel from work to their bedroom community knowing full well that most Milwaukeeans barely know they exist. "We're just way out here," said a resident during a 2017 oral history conducted by Urban Anthropology Inc. "I think it became unconsciously the red-haired stepchild and the afterthought."

But Havenwoods has a history that deserves notice.

Each edition of *Milwaukee Neighborhood Forum* will feature a story on one Milwaukee neighborhood

Havenwoods is one of over 50 Milwaukee neighborhoods that once made up the unincorporated Town of Granville—an area annexed by the City of Milwaukee in the 1950s. Granville had originally been settled by Germans from Pennsylvania. But by 1910 a very different type of German would occupy the town.

## ***The German Russians***

In the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a very different German community arrived to the Granville and Havenwoods area. These were the German Russians who had left Germany for Russia in the late 1700s and settled along the Volga River and Black Sea. 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 of many from the area. Some ended up in Granville Township (many more settled in the U.S. Plains States).

Between 1910 and 1920 the German Russians set up their own colony where most built farms south of Villard and east of the railroad tracks. They organized Grace Lutheran Church at 34<sup>th</sup> Street near Villard, just south of today's Havenwoods neighborhood. The group remained relatively isolated from their neighbors—both through choice and external prejudice. After the 1917 revolution and growing Communist paranoia in America, Milwaukeeans began calling the German Russian colony "Red Town" even though most of the Germans loathed Communism.

## ***Activity in the woods***

Much of the area that later became the Havenwoods State Forest would be targeted for a prison facility in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. A correctional facility then named the House of Refuge that had operated on West Windlake Avenue was outgrowing its location. Milwaukee County began purchasing farmland near North Hopkins in today's Havenwoods neighborhood, ultimately totaling 402 acres. The newly named House of Corrections opened in 1917. Prisoners became bakers, farmers, and artisans, tending

crops, milking over 70 Holsteins, and constructing furniture for the prison's Granville Chair Factory.

In 1941, just days after the attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. declaration of war, the United States government began using the House of Corrections to intern German Americans. At least 49 Germans—some recent immigrants and some charged with Nazism—were rounded up from various neighborhoods in the Milwaukee area. Many would remain at the prison facility for the duration of World War Two.

At the close of the war, the U.S. Army officially seized the House of Correction to use as a disciplinary barracks for soldiers and prisoners of war. During the following Cold War era, the Army established the Nike-Ajax Missile Site on the grounds. They also used the complex to train military personnel.

By 1969, the Army had no more use for the site. The facility was demolished in 1974. And in 1980, the still viable triangle of forest in the Havenwood neighborhood was officially declared a state park.



Entrance to Havenwoods State Forest

## ***Movement toward annexation***

In 1956, the residents and property owners of Granville 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 (including Havenwoods) was annexed.

Milwaukee became one of the few large cities in the United States that still had working farms within its boundaries.



## SOUTH SIDE MUSEUM REOPENING (continued)

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### All new exhibits

The exhibits focus on the history of the old South Side (an area between Historic Mitchell and Oklahoma and Austin and 27<sup>th</sup> Sts. One room features celebrities that once lived in the neighborhood, including two major league baseball hall of famers, a 1930s movie star, a world-acclaimed poet, a Medal of Honor awardee, and more. Another room features the ethnic populations that live in the area. The third room presents a timeline of history of the region.



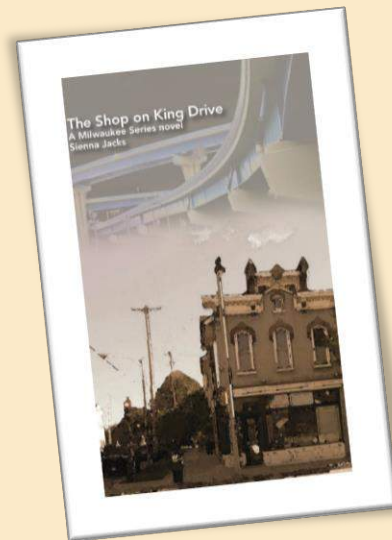
### The Rozga Family

The museum's sponsor is the Rozga family, one of the earliest Polish families to settle on the old South Side in the 1880s. The family once operated a furniture store across the street from the Basilica of St. Josaphat and has run the Rozga Funeral Home next door to the museum since 1898. They also run the Rozga-Walloch Funeral Home and Rozga Funeral Planning Center. The museum is curated by Urban Anthropology Inc.

Just released mystery novel on Milwaukee's original Bronzeville

## The Shop on King Drive

By Sienna Jacks



A mystery arises out of the ruins of urban renewal. Two young anthropologists, conducting research to develop a museum 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. The research demonstrated the racist assumptions and ill-advised urban planning of city leaders of the times. While interviewing community survivors, the anthropologists note that the name of a particular attorney kept entering the conversation. According to most, 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. The young anthropologists had to answer these questions before they could open the museum.

Order only at [mecahmilwaukee.com](http://mecahmilwaukee.com)

## Best in neighborhood practices

### Group seeks more walkable streets



Last month, a coalition of groups including Safe Streets Wisconsin staged a demonstration raising awareness for pedestrian safety at the intersection of 35th and Historic Mitchell Street. This is the spot where 62-year-old Israel Soto-Colon was recently killed.

Holding signs that read “Yield to Pedestrians,” members of the MilWALKee Walks coalition and students from the nearby Escuela Verde escorted pedestrians back and forth across the intersection.

While the demonstration was going on, one member of the group attempted to cross the street. Sign in hand, a car came close to hitting him. This prompted a discussion between pedestrian and the driver through the passenger window.

#### Pedestrian deaths

This year alone, seven pedestrians in Milwaukee have been killed by motorists—a figure that accounts for 40 percent of the deadly pedestrian crashes in the entire state. Along with inattentiveness and speeding, the demonstrators were concerned with drivers failing to yield to pedestrians.

Local attorney Michael Hupy was at the demonstration. He said he hoped that people who drove by the area learned something. He became an advocate for pedestrians after years of his firm representing injured bikers. The bad driving that he saw leading to injured bikers was similar to his own experiences crossing the streets of downtown Milwaukee.

#### Needs change in public policy

While spreading awareness with demonstrations like the one Wednesday are important, the demonstrators made it clear that

the most realistic solution for tackling the problem is through changes in public policy. They would like to see a police initiative ticketing drivers that fail to yield to pedestrians. It should become clearer that any time a sidewalk ends, a crosswalk begins—whether it’s painted or not. The demonstrators believe that drivers need to know they will get a ticket. This way they may slow down and more carefully watch intersections.

One movement leader, Jessica Wineberg, described how she’d once met with Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn. His response was to express concerns over the policing of low income and minority communities. Loading up poor communities with municipal fines can have a negative effect of leading to increased incarceration, he’d argued. Plus low-income individuals are more likely to miss a court date and end up with a warrant for something like a traffic ticket,

#### On the other hand . . .

But there’s another side, as African-American residents in Wisconsin are almost twice as likely to be in a pedestrian crash. Wineberg stated that she hears African American community members on the northwest side describing being terrorized in their neighborhoods by speeding and reckless drivers.

Wineberg would like to see a day without cars in Milwaukee so residents could experience being pedestrians and see how beautiful and wonderful their neighborhoods are when you can walk wherever you want without worrying about getting hit—not to mention the temporary freedom from pollution and noise.



## Best in neighborhood practices

# Latinas Transforming neighborhoods



Since 2011, there has been a powerful voice building on Milwaukee's south side. The *Mujeres con Poder de Transformacion Social* (Women with Power of Social Transformation) began as a community leadership and advocacy project and has grown into a recognized group bringing community concerns and neighborhood issues to decision-makers in the city and county. The *Mujeres con Poder*'s focus is on supporting and advocating for safe, active and engaged neighborhoods on the south side of Milwaukee. The group's coordinators and members are all Latina women who have various backgrounds and connections in their community. Since 2016 they have been working to address garbage and recycling as a barrier to outdoor recreation and physical activity.

This campaign expanded in 2018 to build trust between police and residents and now, in 2019, they are looking to make improvements in Kosciuszko Park to make it a more activity-promoting park.

The *Mujeres con Poder* are active in the Milwaukee Police Department's Target Team strategy meetings, the National Night Out planning committee, and the Lincoln Village Opportunities Strategy committee. They continue to host the only Spanish-language tour of the Milwaukee-Waukesha MRF recycling facility and can be found at various community events around the south side.

## Lifting the voices of Latinos

The *Mujeres con Poder* are passionate about lifting resident voices, especially for Spanish-speaking and undocumented community members. They focus on addressing root causes of inequity in our community – focusing on the “why” of problems, rather than addressing symptoms or surface level concerns. The group is supported by CORE El Centro, a non-profit integrative wellness center located in Walkers Point. The organization has invested in training and ongoing staff and fund development support to sustain the project, recognizing that building community leadership to shift power inequities is an important part of long-term health and community healing

## Working with DPW

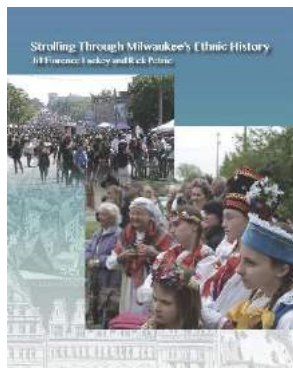
2018 was a year of deepening work with the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works, hosting the first EVER Recycling Facility tour in Spanish. Since the group's first tour in September 2018, it has hosted seven additional tours and the *Mujeres* were invited to continue hosting recycling tours in Spanish, even receiving an invitation to a press event hosted at the Milwaukee Recovery Facility (recycling plant). As the group ended its recycling cart campaign with the City of Milwaukee, it reached over 800 residents, registering an additional 350 recycling carts for Milwaukee area households.

During the follow-up phone calls to residents, the group identified a number of security-related concerns from community members. So in 2018, the *Mujeres con Poder* launched its second campaign, focused on building trust and increasing communication between Spanish-speaking south side residents and Milwaukee Police Department officers, especially within District 2. The group began meeting regularly with MPD officers, Safe and Sound community organizers and the *Mujeres con Poder* completed the Ziedler Center for Public Discussion's Facilitator training to build our skills as dialogue facilitators in the community.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the work of the group can visit the facebook page of *Mujeres con Poder de Transformacion Social* or email co-coordinators, Teresa Contreras (TeresaC@core-elcentro.org) and Alma Lopez (AlmaL@core-elcentro.org).

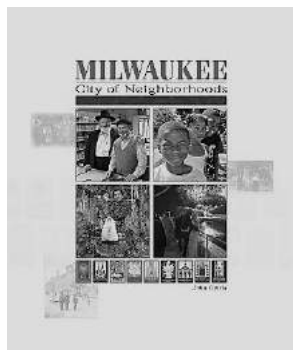


## Books on Milwaukee Neighborhoods



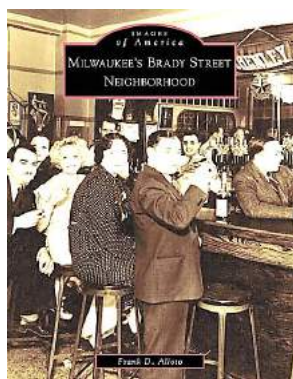
### Strolling through Milwaukee's Ethnic History By Jill Florence Lackey and Rick Petrie

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>



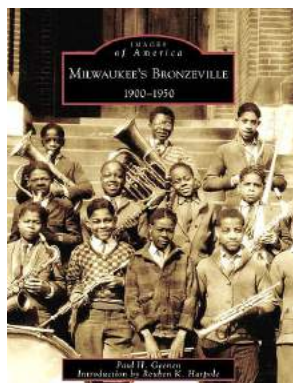
### Milwaukee, City of Neighborhoods By John Gurda

*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-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>



### 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>

## 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 previous 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 shall 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

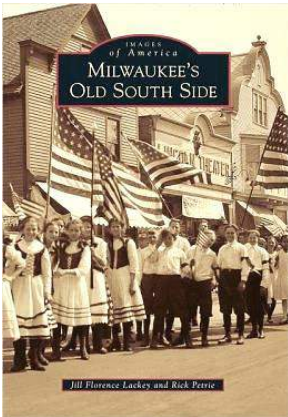
**Currently, all of Sienna Jacks' novels have perfect five-star ratings from readers at Amazon.com**

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

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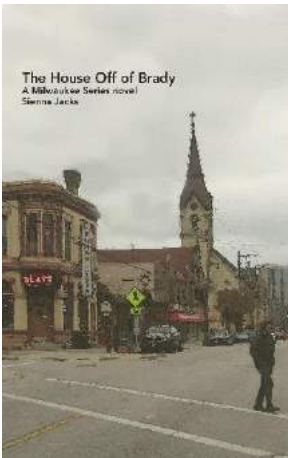
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**Milwaukee's Old South Side**  
By Jill Florence Lackey and Rick Petrie

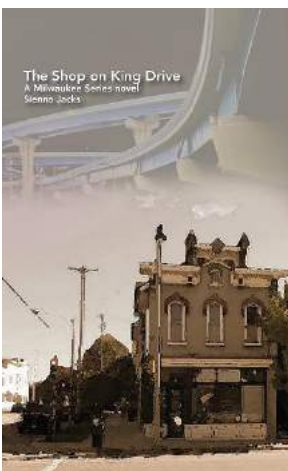
In the late 1800s, the Old South Side was developed by immigrant Poles, who became the dominant population for over 100 years. While other Milwaukee ethnic neighborhoods gradually dissipated in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century because of assimilation pressures, freeway building, or urban renewal programs, 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>

## Fiction



**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>

**Coming this fall:**

A new Sienna Jacks novel in the Milwaukee Series, entitled *The Old South Side's Legendary Caper* a mystery that takes place in Milwaukee's Lincoln Village neighborhood.

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## *Milwaukee Neighborhood Forum*

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### **Subscriptions**

The newsletter is emailed to anyone wishing to receive it. If you wish your email or that of a friend to be added to the subscriber list, send the email addresses to [JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net) and indicate the name of this publication (as UrbAn publishes more than one newsletter).

### **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 for a story to be published. Please do not refer us to websites to collect information or photos. If we write your story from the general information you send, we do not send proofs for approval.

If you are someone who has created a successful neighborhood project and wish to be featured in the Forum, please also contact Dr. Jill.

### **Submission deadlines**

Submit events or stories by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication. Publication dates are on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, August, October, December, February, and April. Please send your stories to Dr. Jill at [JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net).



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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.*

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