

OASIS

Operation Artists, Scholars, and Innovators

In the Park Neighborhoods (Lincoln Village and Baran Park)

October/November, 2011

Project OASIS is a long-term effort by Urban Anthropology Inc. to draw artists (of all genres) and humanities scholars to the Park Neighborhoods in order to enhance the cultural richness of the Old South Side. Urban Anthropology Inc., located in the Park Neighborhoods, is the only nonprofit in the US specializing in cultural anthropology.

Projects in development

Book to be published on Park Neighborhoods

In early spring of 2011 a group of political leaders and neighborhood activists came together to vote on a number of projects that anthropology scholars could implement for our neighborhoods. One of these projects was producing an Arcadia book on the history of the area.



Two weeks ago, UrbAn anthropologists Alex Trumbull, MA and Jill Florence Lackey, PhD, received a contract from Arcadia Publishers to produce a photo and history book on the Old South Side.

Neighborhood milestones

The book, scheduled for publication in 2012, will feature the early Native habitation of the area, followed by the Polish settlement, and will culminate in the neighborhood of 110 nations today.



Already existing in Parks Neighborhoods

A survey conducted by Urban Anthropology in 2009 revealed that there is an artist in one out of every nine households in the Lincoln Village and Baran Park neighborhoods. This newsletter has featured many of these artists. Here is another.

Theatre costume designer, Ellen Kozak



Her art

As a costume designer, Ellen has worked for theatres such as the Milwaukee Rep, GeVa Theatre in Rochester New York, The Intiman in Seattle, and Center Stage in Baltimore.

She also designs for video, film, and the PBS *Pioneers of Television* series. Recently her work was featured on the Goodwill Halloween Billboards, which she has done for the past four autumns.

For nearly 20 years, Ellen has lived across from Kosciuszko Park near 10th and Lincoln. She loves the older, well-maintained homes and the way the park comes alive on weekends with sports, children, and dogs.

Results of UrbAn ethnic study released

For 12 years, 67 anthropologists at Urban Anthropology Inc. have studied the cultural groups of the greater Milwaukee area. Findings from this study are available on UrbAn's website at www.urban-anthropology.com. Click on the yellow box. Some OASIS followers may receive a copy of the summary over email.

Book on the way

The Principal Investigator of the study, Dr. Jill Florence Lackey, is currently working on a book on the full findings of this study.

Join our living tour of the Park Neighborhoods

The Park Neighborhoods, resident association, Urban Anthropology Inc. is actively drawing OASIS people to our area to live, work, and create new organizations or businesses in this beautiful area (see a booklet on neighborhood assets at <http://www.urban-anthropology.org/OCCbook%20v2a.pdf>). If you are an artist of any kind, a humanities scholar, or an innovator such as a community activist or creative entrepreneur, you are eligible to join a series of tours we will be scheduling for this neighborhood. Our bus excursions include homes and apartments for sale and rent and a tour of our neighborhood assets. The next tour is scheduled for October 22 (Saturday). We also offer home buying workshops to help community-contributing people with modest incomes own homes. Contact Rick Petrie (below) to sign up.

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