

OASIS

Operation Artists, Scholars, and Innovators

In the Park Neighborhoods (Lincoln Village, Forest Home, Bay View & Baran Park)

March/April 2013

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 urban anthropology.

Future artists' project

Play to focus on lost ethnic neighborhoods

Freeway and urban renewal victims



This tangle of freeways is where the African American community of Bronzeville once

thrived. If you remember Bronzeville, you might also recall Little Italy, Tory Hill, and Little Puerto Rico. If you remember these ethnic communities, you are a senior citizen. If younger, the upcoming play may help you fill in the details.

Play slated for February, 2014

Urban Anthropology Inc. is now casting for the second in a series of plays about Milwaukee's ethnic history. The first play centered on the housing marches of 1967 and was entitled *The March to Kosciuszko* (now nominated for a national art award).

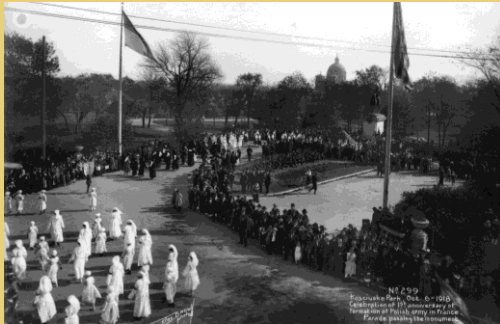
The next offering in this series is called *The Follow-up*, a fictionalized account of a Milwaukee newspaper's attempts to re-interview residents who were evicted from their neighborhoods in the 1950s and 1960s. The reporters themselves have conflicting opinions on the value of city development vis-à-vis razing ethnic neighborhoods. They ultimately are astounded by what they learn in their follow-up interviews.

The play addresses issues such as cultural diversity and the value of neighborhoods. The production, now being cast, is scheduled for February, 2014, probably at the Basilica of St. Josaphat. This newsletter will post more details and specific dates in the next issue.

Future scholars' projects

Events slated to roll out results of studies and books on Milwaukee

Included will be books on Old South Side and Milwaukee ethnic groups



Celebration of southside Poles at Kosciuszko Park

The efforts of dozens of cultural anthropologists working in Urban Anthropology's internship program played roles in collecting oral histories of the Old South Side during the last decade. This resulted in Arcadia Publishers' *Milwaukee's Old South Side*, to be released in the next month. Seventy cultural anthropologists and anthropology interns worked on a 12-year study of Milwaukee's ethnic groups at

Urban Anthropology. This resulted in Lexington Books' *Ethnic Practices in the Early Twenty-first Century: The Milwaukee Study*, to be released in the next nine months.

Major events at Kosciuszko Park will be held for the public to celebrate these books.

Event to roll out *Milwaukee's Old South Side*

On Saturday, June 29, a host of local organizations and political leaders will hold an event called "Old South Side Day" at Kosciuszko Park. Exhibits will feature historical segments of this area's history. Free food and music will also be available.

Event to roll out *Ethnic Practices in the Early Twenty-first Century*

In spring of 2014, a host of ethnic organizations will sponsor an event that celebrates the totality of Milwaukee's ethnic heritage. Exhibits will feature the contributions of the groups in Milwaukee. Free food and music will also be available. More information on this event will follow in future OASIS newsletters.

Park Neighborhoods expansion

Note that the Park Neighborhoods have expanded to include western Bay View and the Forest Home neighborhood.

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, we have a financial specialist and a real estate agent just to serve you (at no cost ever). We also offer a list of rental properties in the area and neighborhood tours to help community-contributing people with modest incomes own and rent properties. Contact Rick Petrie (below) for this assistance.

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