

# OASIS

*Operation Artists, Scholars, and Innovators*

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

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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.

*It's time to address the obvious:*

## **Why move to the Park Neighborhoods?**

The Park Neighborhoods extend from Bay Street in Bay View on the east to 27<sup>th</sup> Street on the west and Becher on the north to Dakota/Russell on the south.

Below are seven reasons why you would want to move there.

### **1. The Basilica of St. Josaphat**

In 2010, Milwaukeeans were asked to rate the best sites in Milwaukee. The Basilica of St. Josaphat came in second place, just behind the Milwaukee Art Museum.



Tourists from all over the world come to tour the interior of “the house the Poles built” every year.

### **2. Parks, rivers, and trails**



The neighborhood has more parks than any other area of its size in Milwaukee. The largest parks are Pulaski, Baran, and Kosciuszko. The Kinnickinnic River also runs through the area and is being widened into a park-like environment with historic bike trails.

### 3. Mom and pop stores

Yes, they still exist. Residents can frequent the small ethnic shops and cafes along Lincoln Avenue to the upscale boutiques and clubs of Kinnickinnic Avenue.

### 4. Old world architecture

The Poles brought the fascinating Flemish architecture from areas like Gdansk Poland and the Hel Peninsula. The characteristic parapets can be seen from Forest Home Cemetery through Bay View.



### 5. Rich immigrant history

Today 110 nations live in the Park Neighborhoods. The area has always been a home for immigrant groups, beginning with the Poles in the late 1800s.



### 6. The Old South Side Settlement Museum

The Park Neighborhoods are the only area in Milwaukee to have its own neighborhood museum. The rooms replicate those of the early immigrants.



### 7. Bustling places and spaces

If you like to see people on the streets, and in the parks and shops, this is the neighborhood you want to live in.



## 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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