

## **Indian Summer Sweep** Giant Rummage Sale and Block Clean-ups



Approximately 400 residents took part in the Indian Summer Sweep celebration at Kosciuszko Park on September 15, 2012. They purchased rummage from local vendors that included clothing, appliances, furniture, knick knacks, dishes, and electronics. The event also featured disc jockey Polish and Mexican music by Michael Drake; and free salads, soda, hot dogs, chips, and baked beans, courtesy of Urban Anthropology Inc.

### **Clean-up component of Indian Summer Sweep**



The second part of Indian Summer Sweep is the block cleaning component. Urban Anthropology Inc. recruited 20 neighborhood stakeholders to commit to cleaning a particular block once a week.

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## **Play on 1960s marches begins new era of theatre in Park Neighborhoods**

March to Kosciuszko performance at Basilica is first in a series of plays on Milwaukee's cultural history



*Audience member, Mrs. Lisowski, poses with Ryan Nelson, who played Kosciuszko statue*

Yes, a civil rights march once came to Kosciuszko Park. And a play on this march was performed to a sold-out house at the Basilica of St. Josaphat. Local residents and other Milwaukeeans learned about the effects of the march on two neighborhoods—one on the south side and one on the north side of Milwaukee. The events were narrated by General Thaddeus Kosciuszko whose monument symbolizes the Polish presence on the south side. As he spoke, the audience learned the historic Kosciuszko—not the one both sides conceptualize.

### **Play a component in UrbAn's Project Oasis**

For the past three years, Urban Anthropology Inc. has been drawing artists, scholars, and innovators to the Park Neighborhoods, by highlighting art and scholar projects already prevalent in the area, and by creating new ones. Theatre with a scholarly essence, is UrbAn's most recent addition.

Is Milwaukee ready for theatre that also informs? Read on for a review of *The March to Kosciuszko*.

### **Shepherd Express review**

According to Russ Bickerstaff of the Shepherd, Milwaukee is indeed ready for this.

"The March to Kosciuszko was a one-night-only affair that sold-out. I guess it's that last part that's probably the most important thing here. It sold out. A fusion of local white and African-American casts in the service of the history of Milwaukee . . . and it sold out. And there was a

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These stakeholders include the following:

- Oliver Osegueri - 2300 block of S. 11th
- Jose Tavarez - 2400 block of S. 6th
- Omar Damian - 2400 block of S. 8th
- Jill Florence Lackey - 700 block of W. Lincoln
- Steven Herrera - 2600 block of S. 9th
- Derick Jones - 2400 block of S. 15th
- Irma Canales - 1300 block of W. Hayes
- Barbara Nelson - 1000 block of W. Lincoln
- Scott Slaski - 2200 block of S. 15th Pl.
- Rick Petrie - 800 block of W. Lincoln
- Enelina Mares - 2200 block of S. 15th
- Jill Florence Lackey - 900 block of W. Lincoln
- Sonia N. Rodriguez - 2100 block of S. 15th
- Jay Braasch - 2200 block of S. 7th
- Abdias Herrera - 1400 block of W. Harrison
- Yesenia Maciel - 2500 block of S. 10th
- Shatara Armistead - 2400 block of S. 5th
- Rosa Hernandez - 2200 block of S. 6th
- Ivon Gomez - 2400 block of S. 7th
- Ruben Orozco - 2300 block of S. 9th

A yard sign has been installed at each cleaner's residence to announce their commitment. They will be honored at a special event in June. If you run into one of these special stakeholders, please extend your thanks.

### Ongoing efforts

In addition to the Indian Summer Sweep work that is taking place in the Park Neighborhoods, the Ace Boxing Club continues to clean the Lincoln Avenue blocks from S. 5th Street to S. 16th Street every other week. The Indian Summer Sweep program has also funded replacement flowers and urns for the Victorian Gardens at the Kosciuszko Monument in Kosciuszko Park. The residents most responsible for maintaining these gardens have been Dan Jankowski, Jan Schley, and Barbara Nelson.



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standing ovation, so everybody clearly liked it. There's commercial potential here because there's an interest. It's nice to see another production of *A Raisin in the Sun* that's got real money behind it... but we've got a cultural and ethnic heritage in this city that's every bit as interesting as it is in Chicago. Milwaukee needs more shows like this. About Milwaukee."

The next production in this series will be about the ethnic communities that were removed from their Milwaukee neighborhoods during freeway building and urban renewal in the mid to late twentieth century. Stay tuned.

### **Yes, it's really FREE! Genealogy services offered**

Urban Anthropology Inc. offers genealogy services at no cost to Milwaukee residents. The services are limited to gathering information on ancestors that lived within the borders of the United States. Interested parties can simply stop at the Old South Side Settlement Museum at 707 W. Lincoln Avenue and pick up a form that asks for some information on parents and grandparents. The family tree (or what parts can be found) will be provided by UrbAn staff within two weeks. If it is inconvenient to stop at the office, email Rick at rickpetrie@gmail.com and he will email you a copy of the form.

### **Arcadia Book on Old South Side Coming Out in February Pre-orders can be taken now**

Have you ever wanted to know how Lincoln Avenue came to look the way it does today? Do you know how the neighborhood got developed and who did it? Are you interested in little historical tidbits on your area, and over 180 historical photographs of its past?

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