

We're cleaning out our basement **Rummage sale at Old South Side Museum**



Saturday, September 26, 1 to 4; backyard of 707 W. Lincoln. The Old South Side Settlement Museum has been open for the past 10 years. Over that time we've had any number of in-house programs, rotating exhibits, farmers market, outdoor programs, and neighborhood improvement projects. Our basement is now overflowing with remnants from those programs. KaTS (Kids across Time/Space) program

Cheap, cheap, cheap!

High quality items that you can put on your mantel or under the Christmas tree will be going for ten percent or less of their actual values. Items include dolls, dishes, ethnic collectibles, children's games, and ice skates.

Tell us what you want for next year **Park Neighborhoods picnic**



Saturday, October 3 noon; backyard of 707 W. Lincoln. Residents of the Park Neighborhoods are invited to Urban Anthropology Inc.'s annual picnic. Eat all you want while you tell us what you want us to do for you next year. Do you want more beautification projects, a community garden, more free little libraries, or something else.

Enjoy drinks, hot dogs, salads, sweets, soups while you decide. Everything, as always, is free!

Resources for home owners available to Park Neighborhoods residents

Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee preserves affordable housing and revitalizes vulnerable neighborhoods throughout the Milwaukee county. This organization provides FREE, professional home restoration, vital safety repairs and life-changing accessibility modifications for low-income homeowners who are senior citizens, veterans and/or persons with disabilities. To contact Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee call the office at (414) 312-7531 or go to the website at: www.rtmilwaukee.org

Park Neighborhoods fast becoming Milwaukee's premiere immigrant area



A look at the records of homes sold during the past three years in the Park Neighborhoods shows that it is becoming a neighborhood of choice by new immigrant groups. In the past it was mainly Latino immigrants/migrants purchasing homes here, but more recently it has also been

Europeans—mainly those from Eastern European countries such as Poland and Russia. In looking at the details of the 2013 MLS list of sold single family homes (where the buyers were less likely to be investors), buyers with Latino surnames comprised only 44 percent of the total. Buyers with non-Latino surnames (mostly Polish, Russian, and other Eastern European) comprised 41 percent of the total. (The other buyers were LLCs, banks, investment companies, etc.) This suggests that European Americans may be returning to the area.

There has been a relatively strong influx of Polish immigrants that have moved to the Park Neighborhoods in the past several years. Their numbers are strong enough to sustain a Polish travel agency and Polish deli (with Polish-speaking clerks and Polish language signs) in the center of the Park Neighborhoods.

Advantages of immigrant neighbors

It is commonly stated that the United States is a nation of immigrants. The diversity of this country has led to its greatness. US immigration policy also guarantees that those entering this country legally have the kind of resources, education, skills, and civic background that will make them strong contributing citizens. The Park Neighborhoods has a reason to be proud.

2015 sees a shortage of homes for sale in the Park Neighborhoods

Prices of homes also undergoing rapid increase

Three years ago, there would have been over 40 single-family homes available in the Park Neighborhoods. In October 2014 there were only 12. There were about the same number of multiple-family homes. Three years ago single-family homes were priced between \$10,000 and \$84,000. Today they are going from \$45,000 to \$120,000.

What happened?

The economy changed, of course. The home buying crisis is nearly over.

In addition, many efforts went forward to improve the

image of the Park Neighborhoods to prospective homebuyers. Urban Anthropology Inc. (UrbAn) was one organization that worked to change this image. Whenever a home was for sale, UrbAn would drop off binders of information to home sellers that promoted the neighborhood—information such as the local assets, services, recreation facilities, businesses, parks, and more. In addition, UrbAn worked with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the NIDC to secure grants on neighborhood improvement features. From these grants came public art, over 100 large planters filled with plants and flowers, 35 homes rehabbed, a neighborhood museum, plays and events on neighborhood cultural history, 78 home flower boxes, 14 homes landscaped, gateway sign and new trees for Kosciuszko Park.

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