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# Murray Hill News

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## Winter 2017 President's Message

*By Tory Kress*

### Welcome New and Returning Board Members!

Elections were held at the Murray Hill General Meeting on October 24, 2017 with returning board members Gary Halvorsen (Treasurer), Cate Deicher (Director), and Mary Johnson Grundle (Director) being re-elected for two year terms. Former Director and Membership Chair Greg James stepped into the Vice-President Role vacated by long-time MHNA board member Gerard Capell. I want to thank all of these neighbors for their many years of service, their commitment to the neighborhood and their willingness to continue on the Board.

Gerard Capell will be greatly missed as he has been a pillar of the association since 2001, holding positions of Director, Secretary, Vice President and President between 2002 and 2017. During this time, he notes "I've seen many changes in the neighborhood through the efforts of the Murray Hill Members making themselves heard to the city and university on such topics of parking, safety, building inspection and student behavior." Gerard and his wife are taking a year sabbatical to Valparaiso, Chile, and look forward to their eventual return (though maybe not in winter) and seeing their friends around the neighborhood.

We also are excited to welcome a new board member—Justin Ugent—who is stepping in to fill Greg James' vacated director and membership chair position. Justin has lived in the neighborhood for five years. His favorite things about the neighborhood are the old homes and buildings, the proximity to the lake front and Lake Park, and the Gold line bus route. Justin graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison with degrees in Finance and Accounting and later returned to Madison to earn his MBA. He works at Northwestern Mutual in the corporate strategy department providing competitive research and analysis. We are glad to welcome Justin to the MHNA Board and thank him for his commitment to the neighborhood!

I hope you enjoy this issue of Murray Hill News, which is a reminder of all that our community has to offer—from all types of spiritual centers, to new stores and restaurants, to activities for young and old. Stay warm and active this winter! ■



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## Phoenix Rising – UWM Theater Opening Soon

*By Cynthia Sommer*

Renovation of the UW-Milwaukee Main Stage Theater and its adjoining learning spaces, including the scenery and costume shops, are in final stages of completion after the devastating accidental fire that occurred on April 8, 2017. The rebuilding of the theater and repair of the fire damage cost over \$4 million. The coming together of faculty, staff, student, alumni and community has made this sad event into something positive. Neighbors will be able to see with the start of 2018 that “lemons have been changed into lemonade.”

The rapid response of faculty, staff and the overwhelming support of the community and alumni allowed the students to complete their Spring Semester class work in the weeks after the fire. In days, classrooms were rescheduled, new theater sets were rebuilt at Shorewood High School and students gave their performance of Arcadia a month later at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater—a once in a lifetime opportunity for UWM students.



The restoration has presented many positives for staff and students, including updating the building code, the addition of new tools and equipment for future staging, and a learning opportunity for students and staff to build a new space. And of course, future audiences will enjoy new seating and a dramatic space. So there are many reasons for the excitement about the UWM Main Stage Theater.

The Peck School of the Arts has a full calendar of performances that the public is invited and encouraged to attend. A full schedule of events starting in January includes the 55th and final season of the Fine Art Quartet, the Winter & Spring Dances, and jazz, horn, guitar, vocal, symphony performances. Visit [uwm.edu/arts/events/](http://uwm.edu/arts/events/) for a complete listing of time and dates of performances. Don't pass up the opportunity to see great entertainment and impressive talent right in your neighborhood! ■

## Winter is Coming—Reminder on City Regulations

### Winter Garbage and Recycling Collection

Garbage and recycling collection schedules will change in winter due to the holidays and the management of snow and ice by City crews. You can verify your garbage and recycling collection day by entering your address at the City web site: [mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/garbage\\_day](http://mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/garbage_day). Residents must clear snow and ice from their carts to provide access for garbage removal.

### Sidewalk Snow Removal

Most residents realize that the reason for prompt removal of snow is safety. Please be considerate of others and shovel your sidewalks. The addresses of properties that disregard the safety of others should be reported to the City, and reporting can be done anonymously. You can conveniently go the City website ([city.milwaukee.gov/home](http://city.milwaukee.gov/home)), click the top right “Click for Action” link and then select “snow and ice” to file a request.

Private property, residential or commercial property owners and occupants are required to clear the sidewalks abutting their property of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. This includes the corner crosswalk area for property owners with corner lots or those whose property abuts a mid-block crosswalk. City ordinance prohibits shoveling snow onto streets. Property owners should deposit the snow from sidewalks and driveways onto their yards or the strip between the curb and sidewalk.

Residents who are reported to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for violating snow regulations will be issued a notice to clear the walk and will be assessed a special charge of \$50. Property owners who fail to clear all sidewalk snow and ice within 24 hours after receiving a notice of the violation will be assessed additional special charges of \$75 for the first violation, and \$100 for a second violation and any other violation thereafter, plus the cost of snow and ice removal, if cleared by the City (City Ordinance 116-8).

The City is responsible for clearing approaches to alleys only; the City does not plow alleys. For residential and business properties in violation of snow regulations, inspection pictures will be taken and used if an owner appeals the charge/violation. If the sidewalks still are not cleared after the notice, a City contractor will clear a path on the walk, and contractor charges and additional administrative fees, that can be substantial, will appear on the property tax bill.

The City has a special needs service to help remove snow for older citizens and disabled persons from sidewalks with snow above four inches. They must certify that they and all occupants of a home are physically unable to shovel.

The service is provided only when plowing operations are called and only for the public sidewalk, not for driveways or walkways from the sidewalk to a door. For information call the DPW Center at 286-CITY (2489). All residents are asked to lend a helping hand to their elderly and disabled neighbors with snow removal.

### Snow Emergency

A snow emergency may be declared by the Commissioner of Public Works (in consultation with the Mayor) to assist in snow clearing efforts. This is normally done during heavy snowfalls or when snow combines with winds that produce blizzard conditions. Such an emergency is declared to continue for a 72-hour period or until an earlier time when snow plowing operations have been deemed completed by the Commissioner.

Any vehicles parked on major emergency arteries in violation of “Snow Route Tow-Away Zone” and “Temporary No Parking Tow Away” signs or obstructing traffic during a “Snow Emergency” will be towed away at the owner’s expense. There are no exceptions.

### Winter Regulated Streets

No overnight parking from 2:00–6:00 a.m. is allowed on through highways and bus routes from December 1 to March 1. In case of a “Snow Emergency” prior to or after these dates, vehicles will be moved to a side street and must be legally parked in conformity with all other regulations on the proper side

of the street. For Winter Regulated Streets see <http://mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/winterregs#letL>.



### DPW Operations

On all streets that allow overnight parking including streets that allow two-sided parking (and on Winter Regulated Streets prior to December 1 or after March 1) alternate side parking is required between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when DPW announces an operation. Alternate side parking means parking on the odd-numbered address side for an odd date using the date before midnight and on the even side for an even date. Always follow posted signs.

DPW will send notices to media outlets when they make these announcements. Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive email and/or text alerts at [milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/enotify). ■



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## Lake Park Little League Enters 36th Season

By Mike Varney

Registration begins January 8th and proceeds through March 15th for the 36th edition of Lake Park Little League (LPLL) baseball. LPLL is a recreational baseball league for boys and girls aged 6-14. Mark Taylor is League President and has been with LPLL for nine years.

The catchment area for the league is large; players must live in or attend a school in the area between State Street on the south, Edgewood Avenue on the north and Holton Street on the west. Lake Michigan serves as the eastern border.

Three baseball diamonds serve LPLL Two are located nearby—one in Lake Park and the other in Riverside Park. All Junior-level games are played in Glendale.

Actual play starts at the end of April for LPLL's four divisions. Players aged 6-8 play in the Minors and have a machine pitch to them. AAA players are 9-10 years old and youngsters get their first taste of being pitched to (kid-pitch). The Majors Division has 11-12 year-olds and is also kid-pitch. The Juniors Division involves 13-14 year-olds and plays on a full size 90-foot-base diamond.

The regular season finishes at the end of June with the exception of the Minors—they play till the middle of July. Post-season play in the Wisconsin District 1 tournament is available for all levels except the Minors and typically occurs in the first two weeks of July.

The league website at [lakeparklittleleague.com](http://lakeparklittleleague.com) has an excellent Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section, among other items. It's also where you sign-up for 2018 play.



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Last year, registration fees ranged from \$175-\$200. This fee also covers a uniform that players get to keep.

LPLL places an emphasis on a fun and family atmosphere while teaching fundamentals of baseball, team building and passion for the game. Teams also compete in area tournaments. Last year's Majors team won a tournament at the storied Beckum-Stapleton Little League complex. The Minors teams have the opportunity to participate in a machine-pitch tournament with other Wisconsin District 1 teams. LPLL can also send teams to participate in AAA, Majors and Juniors Wisconsin District 1 tourneys.

Lake Park Little League is a registered 503c non-profit organization. As such, donations are tax-deductible. The league also offers sponsorship and underwriting opportunities from \$1 onward.

LPLL has enjoyed 35 seasons because of robust support from past volunteers. Last year 24 coaches and volunteers made it happen for eight teams and 112 players.



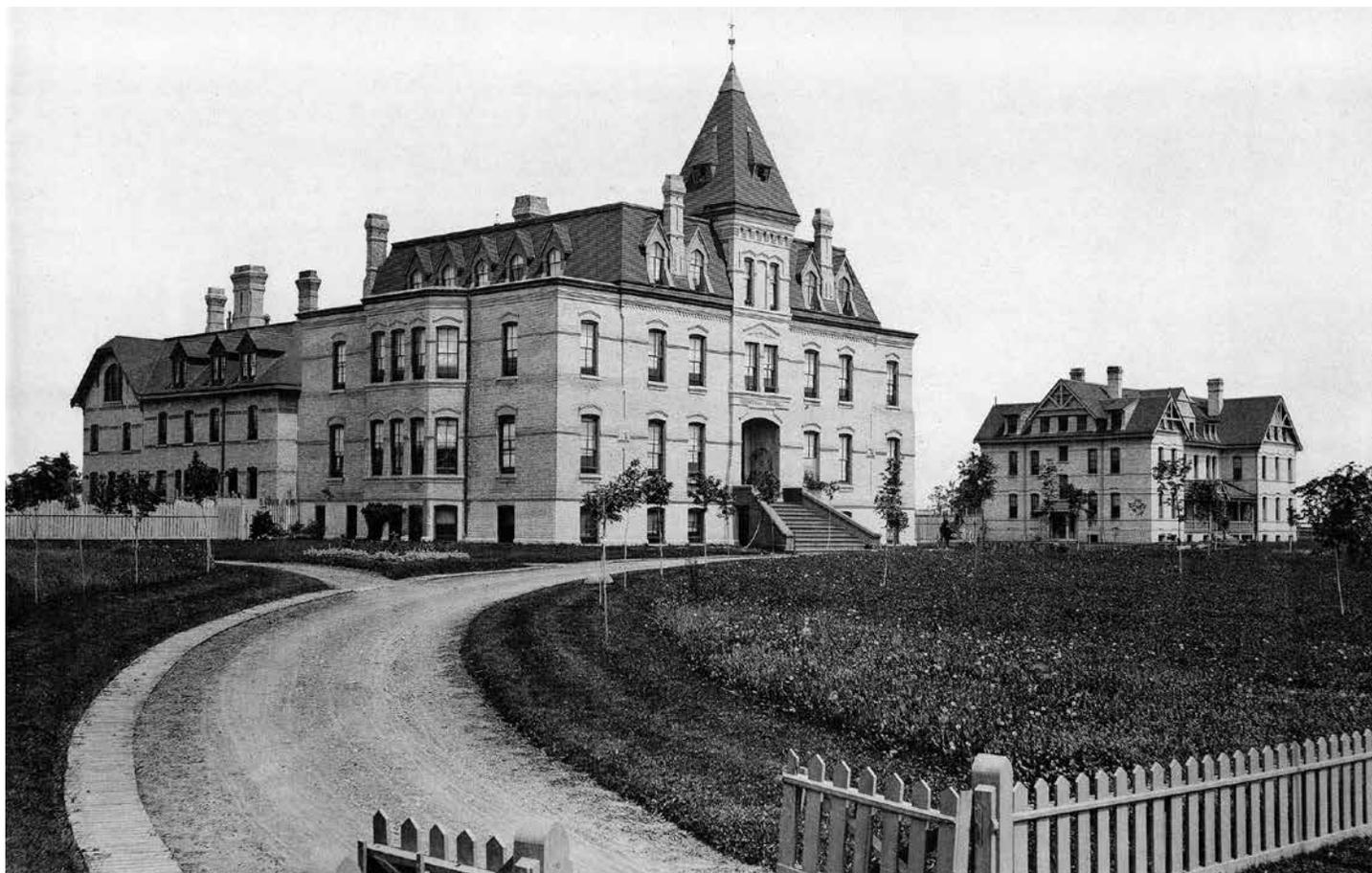
Lake Park Little League photography by Laura Shipley

Joe Jarosz, a former LPLL player, coach, umpire, and last year's league director summed it up perfectly, "Thanks to all who keep the tradition of LPLL alive. The organization is a staple of youth recreation on Milwaukee's east side and I have been privileged to serve the league over the past decade. I am excited to see the bright future and

the Little League International qualities of character, courage, and loyalty being developed in our area youth." ■

## A Look Back: An Evident Need – Citizens Responded

*By Cynthia Sommer*



Volunteerism and donations usually increase during times of disaster, such as hurricanes, fires, floods, tornadoes or recession, because citizens can see the “why” of the need. A similar human hardship occurred in Milwaukee in the winter of 1874-75 that was addressed by a meaningful, caring response by some of its citizens. A “perfect storm” of harsh economic times and a brutal winter occurred that resulted in a significant number of “beggar children,” ranging from five to twelve years of age, on the streets of the City—a beacon at the time of many social needs. A response by a group of benevolent women was the establishment of a secure residence and the Milwaukee Industrial School for Girls that serviced boys (under 10 years of age) and girls (under 18) near Northpoint between Lake Drive (2385 N. Lake Drive) and Prospect Avenue.

The current safety nets of government and non-profit institutions can make it difficult to understand the hardships of life at that early time in Milwaukee’s history. Family stories, photographs and presentations have made us aware of the poverty and misery of the Great

Depression in the US in the 1930s. However, the hardship of the “Long Depression of 1873-79,” originally called the Great Depression, is less known. After the Panic of 1873, ten states, hundreds of banks, 18,000 businesses and 89 railroads went bankrupt, resulting in significant unemployment and poverty in the US.

The very cold winter in 1874-75 added to the misery of the citizens of Milwaukee during this Depression. Records documented minimum temperatures for 35 days of below zero degrees (0 to -25) with 17 nights having minimums of -10 degrees or lower. Coal and wood-burning stoves used for heating, drafty, non-insulated homes, significant unemployment and poverty along with little support from a young government were the norms for many citizens. The State of Wisconsin, at that time, had no home or school for the dependent, neglected and delinquent small children or older girls.

A group of noble-hearted, compassionate women founded a private-public institution for these wayward children.

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## An Evident Need – Citizens Responded *Continued from previous page*



The Milwaukee Industrial School for Girls was founded in 1875 by a group of noble-hearted, compassionate women for wayward, neglected and delinquent small children or older girls who had no home or school. Above: Girls perform laundry duties; Below: Girls attend culinary classes; Opposite page: Original campus buildings were located at the site of the new Columbia St. Mary's Hospital on Milwaukee's East Side.

*Photos courtesy Historic Photo Collection/Milwaukee Public Library*

A starting four room tenement grew into nine modern and well-equipped buildings that became the Milwaukee Industrial School for Girls. The name of the school was later changed to the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls when it started to receive wards from various counties in the state. The school was controlled for many years by a Board of Directors consisting of all women. A State legislative bill in 1875 incorporated the school for “custody, discipline and instruction of its wards. The restraints of the school are parental, not punitive; a home and school and not a prison.”

With the rapid increase in the number of needy children, the Board pursued with pressure to get the State legislature in 1878 to appropriate \$15,000 for the building of the school and for the City of Milwaukee to provide eight acres situated at Northpoint that was worth \$16,000. The site was described as “high and healthful commanding a fine view of the beautiful bay of Milwaukee.” Each county paid \$2.50 per week toward the board, clothing and academics of each ward. The state made small appropriations for instructions in household duties, repair of buildings and care of ground.

In their mission statement, the “proper subjects” admitted to the school included “viciously inclined girls under 18 and boys under 10 years of age; the stubborn and unruly, who refused to obey those who properly have care of them; truants, vagrants and beggars; those found in circumstances of manifest danger of falling into habits of vice and immorality; those who have committed any offense punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, other than imprisonment for life. ... The aim is to provide its inmates not only a fair English education and a full knowledge of housekeeping, but with such industrial training as will enable them to earn honest living in respectable and useful callings.”

The girls' days were divided into work, study, and play. They received instructions in cooking, dress-making, millinery, weaving, cane-seating, sewing, crocheting, housekeeping and laundry. Academics were presented in accordance with the City Public School system and a girl may have completed her education up to the eighth grade. Brighter girls went to state normal schools or business colleges.

Based on a merit system for good behavior, a girl may have earned the grade of “Trust” which placed them in a “Model House;” a cottage that was as open and free as a private home but with support and supervision. The group home was smaller and with more opportunities for self-reliance, independence and final “finishing.”

A ward could be given up for adoption, released to her original home or transferred to some well-selected home

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*Even with more Federal, State and City agencies and institutions, citizens are still needed today to address the gaps in social needs not supported by government. It is important to remember that volunteers are the foundation of these non-profit organizations that contribute millions of donated hours and billions of dollars in services rendered.*

# Spirituality Alive and Well in Murray Hill

By Mike Varney

Murray Hill's 58 blocks are a spiritual showcase to neighborhood diversity. The neighborhood street grid below locates the eight largest area churches. But there are about nine more.

Seven of these smaller places of worship are clustered around the UWM campus. They are:

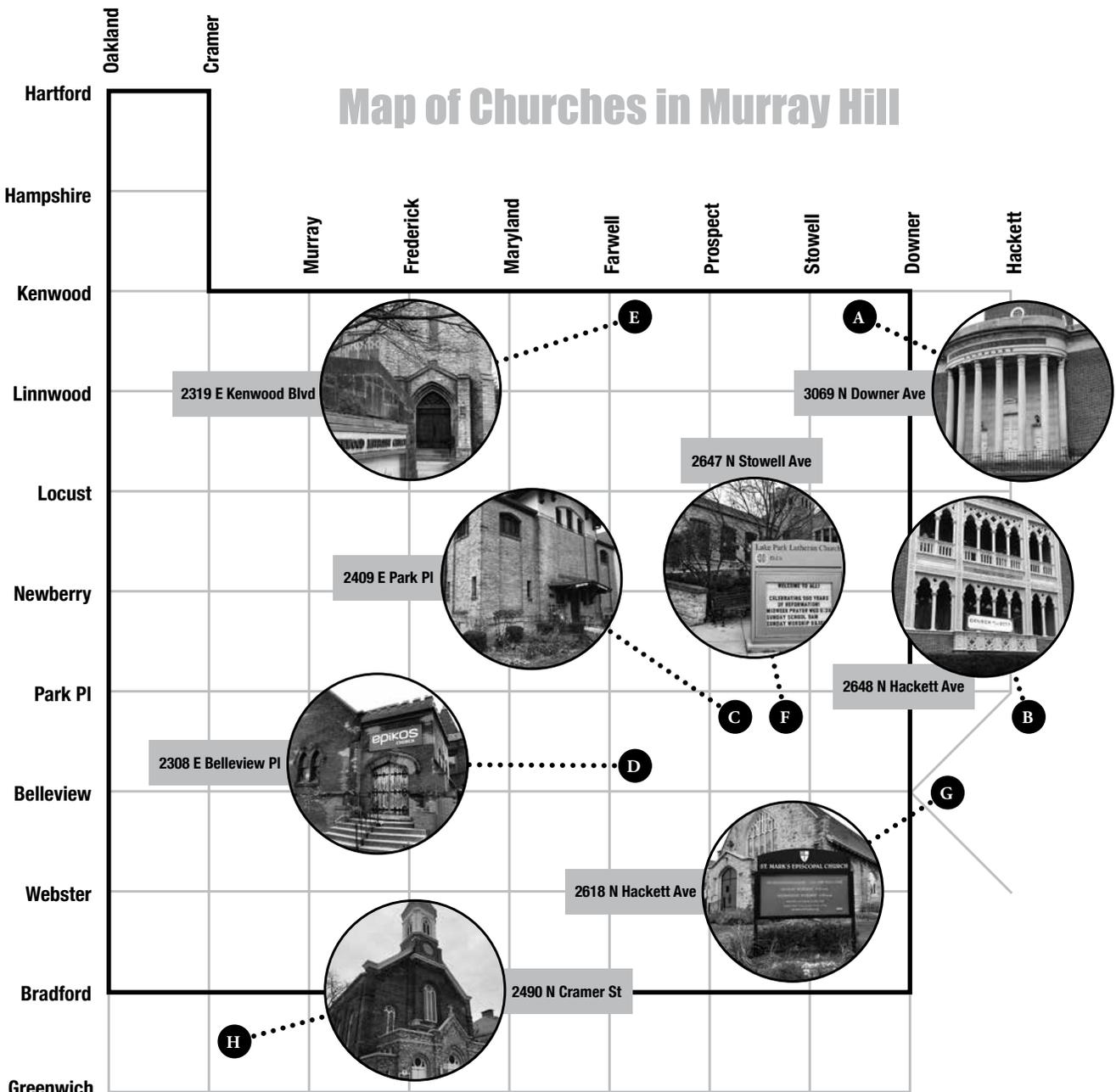
- The Islamic Society of Milwaukee-University
- Hillel Milwaukee
- The Point of Grace Campus Ministry
- The Corner House Lutheran Campus Ministry
- Catholic Campus Ministry-UWM-Newman Center
- Unification Church
- University Christian Ministries

Additionally, there are two spiritual centers:

- Milwaukee Zen Center
- Milwaukee Mindfulness Practice Center

Milwaukee Zen Center is located at 2825 N. Stowell Avenue. Buddhism in the Thich Hanh tradition is practiced at the Milwaukee Mindfulness Practice Center at 1922 E. Park Place. If we've missed something, let us know. We're just volunteers trying to do our best.

Finally, for the detail-oriented out there, three of the large churches are just outside of our traditional boundary area. The criteria used for inclusion was if you're standing in Murray Hill and can see it, we included it.



CHURCH	MINISTERS	PHONE	WORSHIP SERVICES	FOCUS + QUOTE
<b>A</b> Chinese Christian Church	B.C. Feng, Intl Missions pastor • Steve Chu, English pastor • Daniel Shyu and Steve Jihn, Chinese pastors	906-9208	Sun. English Service, 11:15 a.m.	<b>Passion for Christ, compassion for people.</b> CCCM’s vision is “to expand God’s kingdom by helping confess their sins, walk with Jesus Christ, love one another and practice discipleship.”
<b>B</b> Church in the City	Pastor Dave Duncan	961-1122	Sun., 10:00 a.m.	<b>To create a vibrant community that unites people to passionately follow Christ.</b> “The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, which is uniquely God-inspired, entirely trustworthy, and the final authority on all matters of faith and living.”
<b>C</b> East Side Baptist Church	Pastor Ralph Brown	964-0924	Sun., 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.	<b>18 Articles of Faith</b> ( <i>see website</i> ) “For 50 years ESBC has been preaching the Word of God, the Holy Bible. We are not ashamed of continuing to use the King James version bible, and singing the traditional songs of the faith.”
<b>D</b> epikos Church	Caleb Smith, Executive Pastor • Dave Tilma, East Side Campus Pastor	963-9010	Sun., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.	<b>Discipleship through relationships.</b> “We are trusting God to do something big in us and through us.”
<b>E</b> Kenwood United Methodist Church	Pastor Dawn Marie Helton	332-5935	Sun., 10:30 a.m.	<b>Embrace Jesus’ message that God loves and accepts every person.</b> “We are a welcoming community who accepts you as you are.”
<b>F</b> Lake Park Lutheran Church	The Rev. David Dragseth, Senior Pastor • Adam Moreno, Seminarian intern	962-9190	Sun., 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.	<b>Called to proclaim the gospel, advocate for justice, and serve one another in a diverse parish.</b> “Lake Park is experiencing a resurrection. It is a dynamic and youth congregation...we offer radical hospitality.”
<b>G</b> St. Mark’s Episcopal Church	The Rev. Ian Burch, Rector • The Rev. Michelle Mooney, Deacon	962-0500	Sun., 9:30 a.m.; Wed., 6:00 p.m.	<b>Transforming lives—all are welcome.</b> “At St. Mark’s you will find worship rooted in the Book of Common Prayer, lively music, engaging sermons, and a loving community of people.”
<b>H</b> Saints Peter and Paul Parish	Very Rev. Tim Kitzke, Co-pastor • Rev. Michael Michalski, Co-pastor • Gary Nosacek, Deacon	962-2443	Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	<b>To build a vibrant and diverse Catholic community that welcomes and invites all to join with SSPP in being transformed by Jesus Christ.</b> “Saints Peter and Paul is part of a family of four parishes, a collaboration of parishes in the East Side, Riverwest, and Downtown neighborhoods that began in 2010.”

## St. Mark’s Also Serves Murray Hill as Meeting Place

By Steve Horvath

St Mark’s Episcopal Church was founded in 1883 as a breakaway from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. The two churches were only a few miles apart but a few miles away then was a long way for parishioners to travel. The first services were held in 1911 or 1912, then called St Mark’s Chapel. The Parish Hall and cloister, sometimes referred to as the “Brides Walk,” was added around 1947.

The church originally seated about 220 parishioners, a few less after the low altar was added. 20-30% of the congregation is from the neighborhood. There are four Episcopal churches in the Milwaukee area, so the remainder of the congregants come from surrounding neighborhoods in and around Milwaukee.

Father Ian C. Burch presides over the congregation

and says, according to Parish Administrator Sara Bitner, “He wants St. Mark’s to be the most vibrant parish in Milwaukee.” She added, “Parishioners come to St. Mark’s to be fed then go out into the community to effect change for the good.”

St. Mark’s is known for being open and welcoming to new people. They have started a campus ministry with UWM by inviting college students to be part of their congregation.

And, of course, we have all probably attended some of the many community meetings, school board election debates or maybe St. Mark’s is your location for voting if you live in the Watertown neighborhood. [stmarksmilwaukee.org](http://stmarksmilwaukee.org) ■

## Saints Peter and Paul: A Tradition of Community

By Julee Mitchell

Saints Peter and Paul Parish, (SSPP) located on the corner of Cramer St. and Bradford Ave., has been an anchor in the Murray Hill Neighborhood community for over a century. Its humble beginning dates back to 1889 when mass took place in a temporary chapel while plans to build the permanent structure, designed by architect Henry Messmer, were set in motion. Within the next few years the work on the church building was completed and this same building happily remains today.

Over the years, mass attendance has risen and fallen with the ebb and flow of the times. However, there are still parishioners who have remained members or have family members from the days when the now defunct Cramer Building was home to what is currently known as Catholic East Elementary School.

The inside of the church is warm and welcoming with bright colored stain glass windows depicting Bible stories and beautifully hand carved statues, altar and pews. Like me, you might wonder why the pews are numbered. In the 19th century and well into the 20th century, it was a common practice for parishioners to pay for their seats. Thankfully the “pew rent” is a thing of the past, yet many pews are still numbered today. No doubt the upcoming holiday season will bring larger congregations to Saints Peter and Paul, and pew seating may become scarce. But, there’s no need to worry. If folks can’t find a seat in the pews, the ushers will bring out free folding chairs.

SSPP is known throughout our neighborhood for many community engaging events and activities. One of



Beautiful woodwork and stained glass inside. Courtesy Patrick Manning via Facebook

my personal favorites is their legendary lenten fish fry. The fish fry is possible because of the many volunteers from our Catholic East Elementary families and staff. Even the scholars have roles either clearing tables or helping with childcare while the adult volunteers are working at the event. This year, due to the closing of the Cramer building, the fish fry will be held in a new location. You’ll find us at the Holy Rosary Church, 2011 N

Oakland Ave, almost every Friday during lent.

Another huge SSPP event happens during summer vacation. Children K3-4th grade from our neighborhood as well as other Milwaukee neighborhoods come together each year for a week of fun, faith-filled summer camp. It’s called Good News Adventure and what’s even more good news is that it’s free to everyone! The fall highlight is the neighborhood block party featuring music, food, a silent auction, raffle, entertainment and games for the kids. You might even do a little shopping in the “Murray Market” where local vendors and crafters sell their goods.

Besides community events, Saints Peter and Paul also supports the Riverwest Food Pantry, St. Ben’s Meal Program, the All Saints Meal Program and more. In fact the Church’s tradition of support transcends borders to our sister parish in Chiapas Mexico. The coffee grown in Chiapas is roasted here in Milwaukee by Colectivo. Once a month the coffee is sold after mass and the proceeds go to support our sister parish. It’s what we call—An act of faith in every cup! [sppmilw.org](http://sppmilw.org) ■

### East Side Baptist Church by Cynthia Sommer

East Side Baptist Church is a community of Christians seeking to know Jesus Christ and share his love with the world. They meet weekly on Sunday and Wednesday to worship in their historic, 1912 church.

Activities include King’s Kids and youth group for children and teens, and house picnics during the summer that are open to the public. The winter schedule that runs from Thanksgiving until Easter includes on Sunday a 10:00 a.m. Morning Service and 12:30 p.m. Afternoon Service with a pot-luck lunch each Sunday after morning service

They welcome anyone to join them for fellowship over a good meal. [eastsidebapt.org](http://eastsidebapt.org) ■

### epikos Church by Cynthia Sommer

epikos is a growing non-denominational Christian church started in 2004 by former Lead Pastor Danny Parmelee and his wife Emili in their living room. From that small group, epikos officially launched at the former Westminster Presbyterian Church on Milwaukee’s East Side on January 8, 2005. Since then, epikos has added two more Milwaukee locations (West Allis, North Side).

The mission and purpose of the church is to engage all to become disciples of Jesus and to commit to living out what He has taught. Discipleship is fostered through resources and relationships that are developed through small groups. Their services are casual and they invite all to “come just as you are.” [epikos.org](http://epikos.org) ■

## Local Author Writes from East Side Setting

By Mike Varney

Liam Callanan starts his third novel, *Paris by the Book*, on Milwaukee's East Side before moving the action to Paris.

"I wrote almost all of it in different spots around the East Side—Hollander, Colectivo, UWM, and my home off Downer Avenue. And I'd say the book first glimmered in my mind when I was browsing my favorite bookstore, Boswell Books. There's even a little easter egg hidden in the book that refers to the store," Callanan said.

Due for official release on April 3, 2018, Callanan said, "It's about a young woman from Milwaukee's East Side who goes searching for her husband, who has disappeared. Clues suggest he may have gone to Paris, and so she takes her daughters there to look for him. What they wind up finding—in addition to a new life running an English language bookstore—surprises them all."

An associate professor of English at UWM, Callanan recently delivered the Hunt Prize lecture for winning its 2017 prize. The Yale Club of New York event also pocketed him \$25,000.

He is a graduate of the oldest high school in southern California, the all-male Loyola High School, located near downtown Los Angeles. This revered Jesuit institution is also the oldest continuously run educational institution in southern California.

Before settling in the Midwest, Callanan traveled to the east coast for his collegiate education. He received his

*"I'm interested in the alchemy of literature, of how readers and writers make these new worlds, new connections that would not have been possible but for the book between them.*

— Liam Callanan, author

bachelor's degree in English from Yale in 1990 and his master's degree in English from Georgetown University. In 2001, he was awarded a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree from George Mason University.

Besides teaching at UWM, where he previously served as the English Department Chair, Callanan currently instructs in the Warren Wilson MFA program near Asheville, NC, as well.

Having read his entertaining essay about Boswell Books in the *My Bookstore* anthology, I couldn't pass up the opportunity

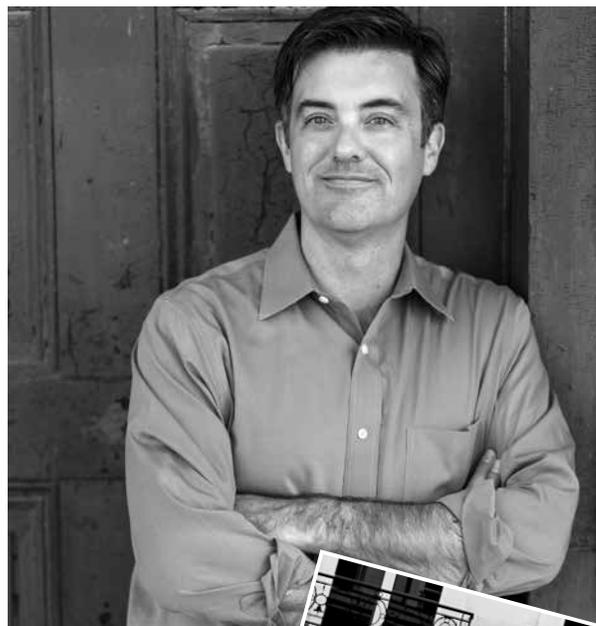


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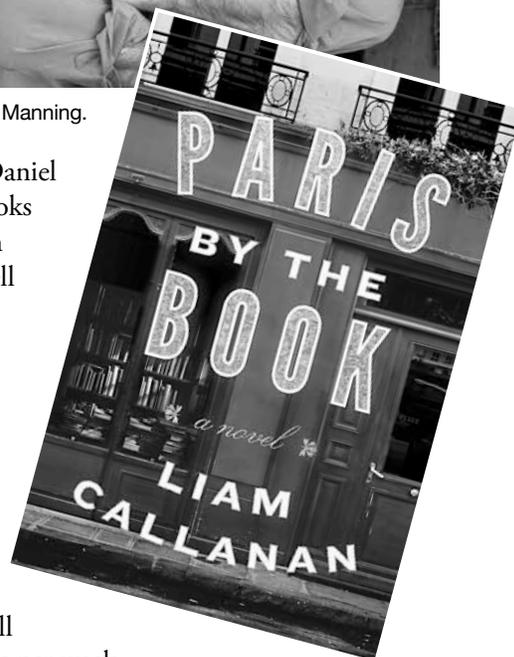
to hear him and Daniel Goldin discuss books at last year's eighth anniversary Boswell Books celebration. That led to an entertaining discussion about the East Side connections in his upcoming novel.

As a nod to books about Paris, Callanan will pay homage to one per week, always on Tuesday, until *Paris by the Book* is released in April.

You can find out more about this week's Paris book, Liam Callanan, his upcoming novel or his previous books at [liamcallanan.com](http://liamcallanan.com).

Callanan says he writes, "To make sense of the world, and to a lesser degree, to make sense of myself to the world. I'm interested in the alchemy of literature, of how readers and writers make these new worlds, new connections that would not have been possible but for the book between them. I'm endlessly fascinated by what—and how—people believe."

We patiently await until April 3rd and Liam Callanan's latest literary offering. ■



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**An Evident Need – Citizens Responded** *Continued from page 7*

to become self-supporting. A small percentage of “borderline girls” would stay at the school until they reached majority at the age of 21. The Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls changed to the Oregon School for Girls, when it moved to Oregon, Wisconsin in 1941. The institution was finally closed in 1976.

Even with more Federal, State and City agencies and institutions, citizens are still needed today to address the gaps in social needs not supported by government. Public-serving or charitable organizations and private foundations have been aided by tax legislation that was primarily established from 1894-1964 to designate non-profit and tax-free status. It is important to remember that volunteers are the foundation of these non-profit organizations that contribute millions of donated hours and billions of dollars in services rendered. We can be proud that Wisconsin and the greater Milwaukee area has ranked in the top five for volunteerism and civic engagement for several years (2015 National Community and Service Corporation ranking of the top three volunteer states with rates was UT- 43.23%; MN- 35.43%;



Girls living at the The Milwaukee Industrial School for Girls prepare a meal in the late 1800s. Photo courtesy Historic Photo Collection/Milwaukee Public Library

WI-35.34%). A community leader from Wisconsin recently prodded citizens to consider volunteering by noting that “If one in three people are volunteering, that means two of us aren’t...we can still do better.”

The needs in our community, nation and world are evident. Whatever your age and interests, consider sharing what you can of your time, talents and support. ■



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**Business Spotlight:**

**Off the Rack or You Design It—Roots does Both**

*By Mike Varney*

**D**o you need 50 tee-shirts for a special function or have a favorite picture you'd like to see on a bit of clothing? Roots Underground Outfitters will custom design and print either for you. The best part? They offer customers free mock-ups with no set-up fees and require no minimum order number.

Liam Duax, the owner, moved his five-year-old clothing operation to 2622 N. Downer Avenue just over one year ago. "We started out as a men's fashion boutique, which we still are, but we're trying to get more women's stuff," he said. "When you do custom shirts—that's for everybody. Now that we're coming up on the holiday season, that's always one of the more popular things—it's always a great gift idea."

Roots Underground Outfitters will take your picture, logo, words or design and create a shirt for you. "One of our main customers are people with up-and-coming clothing lines. That is what's behind the name Roots, from the ground up. We're always looking to promote up-and-coming artists of all forms," Duax said. Their marketing material further emphasizes this special affinity for artistic branding and



clothing line production.

"We do a lot of small batches of clothes that we put out. When you shop here, you're not going to be walking down the street and see somebody wearing the same shirt you're wearing," he said. "As far as the Roots brand stuff we put out, we always try to keep that very affordable, \$30 or less."

The words street wear, skateboard style, and sneaker boutique describe what's on offer in the store. Design-wise, Roots specializes in high quality screen printing. Schools, sports teams, businesses, family reunions and individuals have all taken advantage of their services. They can produce decals.

Roots Urban Outfitters joins four other newly-opened businesses on Downer Avenue (The Nail Bar, Salon Nova & Lash Boutique, Robert Laurence, and Downer Cleaners) in helping re-energize the two-block-long retail gem.

"We were looking at a lot of different locations," Duax said. His own market research indicated over 100 people an hour would pass the front door, at all hours of the day. "I was blown away by the numbers. If we do it right, people will come in," he figured. ■

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Enjoy cuisine from Solo, Lil' Caesars, Lisa's, George Webb's, Oakland Gyros, Subway, Shahrazad, Thai Kitchen, Cousin's Subs, Monster Pizza, Cold Stone Creamery, Sal's Pizza, Shawarma House and Black Rose.

Shop our unique stores and professional services for all your needs including Clark Graphics, Atomic Glass, Gianni Hair Salon, Gilbert's Liquor, H & R Block, The Washing Well, Walgreen's and Sal's Barber Shop!

And don't forget the eclectic mix of entertainment at the Miramar Theater or grab a game of pool and a cold one at Axel's On Oakland.

## Update from UWM Neighborhood Housing Office; Cynthia Sommer Honored as Good Neighbor

By UWM Neighborhood Relations Staff

The cold weather is upon us and that means the Fall 2017 semester is quickly coming to a close. Over the past few months, the MPD Grant Initiative has been in full swing as UWM, UWMPD, and MPD have continued to collaborate to support students and the neighborhood surrounding UWM. We are pleased with the outcome of this year's Fall grant period, and have seen a positive impact on off-campus behavior due in large part to the increased focus on preventative community policing, mountain bike patrolling, the implementation of UWM PD body cameras and safety messaging sent out to all UWM Students.

Additionally, all UWM students were required to take a Sexual Violence and Assault Bystander Intervention training this year. The UWM Dean of Students office continues to meet regularly with students to address concerns, and the Neighborhood Housing Office adds another layer of student support by sending fellow students out in the neighborhood to follow-up and educate student tenants by sharing information on resources available.

Fall semester has been highlighted by the UNITE program, Panther Family Weekend, Homecoming, a handful of Neighborhood Clean-Ups, continued implementation of the Panther Neighborhood Watch program and the Good Neighbor Program to name a few. Looking forward to the

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— Alyssa Conrardy  
Neighborhood Housing and Relations Coordinator

end of the semester and the New Year, we are excited to be offering more Preferred Tenant Programs for student renters than ever! We know that educated tenants tend to make good neighbors and community members, so this year we are offering seven sessions beginning in mid-December, and proceeding through the end of May.

Our Preferred Tenant Program serves as an educational program for students where they learn about their rights and responsibilities as student tenants, what it means to be a good community member and neighbor, and city information

such as trash disposal, sidewalk clearing, etc. If you are or know of a landlord interested in listing their properties through the Neighborhood Housing Office Listing Service and want to offer the Preferred Tenant Program discount of \$250 off of the security deposit or 2% off monthly rent, please email [housing@uwm.edu](mailto:housing@uwm.edu) or register your rental through our listing service: [apps.sa.uwm.edu/nho-listing/#/register](https://apps.sa.uwm.edu/nho-listing/#/register). Additionally, we are excited to announce the first ever Neighborhood Housing week (April 2-6, 2018), which will feature our 18th Annual Housing Fair, Preferred Tenant Program, Trivia Event, Neighborhood Clean-Up, Community Scavenger Hunt, Movies and much more.



Murray Hill's Cynthia Sommer has been recognized as Good Neighbor by the UWM Neighborhood Housing Office.

Please continue to help us build our community calendar by submitting events here: [uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/community-event-submission](https://uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/community-event-submission).

See what is going on in your community by visiting our online calendar of events found here: [uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/events](https://uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/events).

Lastly, we are proud to present our two Good Neighbor Award recipients: Cathy of the Cambridge Woods Neighborhood and Cynthia Sommer of the Murray Hill Neighborhood.

Think your neighbor is deserving of the Good Neighbor Award? Nominate them by visiting the Neighborhood Housing Website and submit the form found here: [uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/good-neighbor-award](https://uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/good-neighbor-award).

As we move into winter break at UWM, we want to remind our neighbors that the Neighborhood Housing Office will be closed from December 23rd, 2017 to January 2nd, 2018, and many UWM offices will have limited hours over Winter Recess. Please continue to contact the University with any concerns regarding UWM and the neighborhood by emailing [neighborhood-relations@uwm.edu](mailto:neighborhood-relations@uwm.edu). ■

Alyssa Conrardy  
Neighborhood Housing and Relations Coordinator  
Neighborhood Housing Office  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**— Meeting Information —**

General Membership Meetings will be held at Urban Ecology Center, 1500 E. Park Place, at 7p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month 414-964-8505 • urbanecologycenter.com

Upcoming Meetings and Speakers:

January 23

Bid Roundup: Kristin Godfrey (Eastside BID), Michael D'Amato (Oak and Loc BID) and Steph Salvia (Downer BID)

February 27

State Senator Chris Larson and State Representative Jonathan Brostoff

March 27 – Speaker to TBD

April 24

DNS Commissioner Preston Cole, Inspector Kim Lyons and Supervisor Ken Garbisch

May 22 – Speaker to TBD

Topics and speaker presentations will be announced via e-mail and will be posted on the MHNA website, murrayhillna.org. Dates are subject to change at any time.

**Upcoming Calendar of Events**

**December 17**

Santa at North Point Lighthouse

**January 1-7**

Mitchell Park Domes Floral Show

**January 12-14**

Home Show, State Fair Park

**January 16-18**

Boat Show, State Fair Park

**January 31**

Total Lunar Eclipse

**February 24-March 4**

Auto Show, Wisconsin Center

**March 10**

St. Patrick's Day Parade

**March 10-11**

Milwaukee Zoo:  
Behind the Scenes Weekend

**March 31**

Spring Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt

**April 2-6**

UWM Neighborhood Housing Fair

**April 5-8**

Bike Expo, State Fair Park

**About MHNA**

Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is a group of diverse residents working together to keep Murray Hill a great place to live, work and study. Murray Hill is the 58-block area bounded by Hartford Avenue to the north, Bradford Avenue to the south, Downer Avenue to the east and Oakland Avenue to the west.

Our goals are to develop an atmosphere of respect for the rights and lives of all residents in the neighborhood, build a safe and clean community that improves the quality of life for all residents, and maintain open communications with UWM students and representatives to effectively find positive solutions to problems.

Benefits to the neighbors include information on safety and crime, regular updates from elected officials, business owners and UWM representatives on neighborhood issues, providing monthly speakers on relevant topics, providing our newsletter three times a year, maintaining a cleaner neighborhood through adopt-a-block program and neighborhood-student clean-up events, and welcoming and informing neighbors of the workings of the city.

Residents of the area, including students renting property off-campus in this area, property owners, landlords and owners of businesses within the area are encouraged to be members.

**Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is about making a wonderful neighborhood even better.**

**Consider signing up for a membership today.**

**Murray Hill Membership Application**

**NOW is the time to join!**

Clip and mail with your payment to:  
MHNA / PO Box 71133 / Milwaukee, WI 53211  
Membership Chair: Justin Ugent, ugentjustin@gmail.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association serves a 58-block area from Hartford Ave. to Bradford Ave., and Oakland Ave. to Downer Ave. Membership is open to all residents, property owners and businesses. General membership meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Urban Ecology Center (1500 E. Park Pl.) from 7-8:30 pm. To find out more about the association, or to share your interests and concerns, please attend one of our upcoming meetings, or contact us.

- Family .....  \$25
- Individual .....  \$15
- Business .....  \$30
- Senior (age 65+) .....  \$5
- Student.....  \$5

**Please mark all that apply:**

- Homeowner .....
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- Landlord.....