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President's Message, Fall 2018

By Tory Kress

As the City of Festivals winds down another summer, I am hoping you all have been able to enjoy and appreciate all that our neighborhood offers during this busy season. With so many nearby opportunities to attend outdoor concerts, walk or bike along our trails, play at our parks and beaches, catch up with friends at beer gardens and sidewalk cafes, and meet new neighbors at garden tours, summer always reminds me of why I love our neighborhood.

With a new school year upon us again, we welcome UWM faculty, staff, and students back into our neighborhood. Summer activities may be slowing down, but here in Murray Hill, the pace picks up in fall! And while it's wonderful to have the injection of new energy, there can be times when the revelry crosses a line causing neighbors to lose sleep or experience property damage or other serious issues. MHNA has always taken these matters very seriously and in an effort to support our residents, our board created a new, two-page guidance document that you will find included in this issue of the newsletter, and also available on our website at www.murrayhillna.org/qol/. The document describes the collaborative process that has been developed over the past few years between residents, MPD, and UWM to address nighttime noise nuisance concerns.

Fall is also the season that brings us annual board elections! At our October meeting we will be electing the following board positions: president, secretary, and three directors. Are you interested in getting more involved in Murray Hill? Please reach out to me if you have interest in serving on our board or volunteering in another capacity. We are always on the lookout for newsletter delivery volunteers and for new ideas! I'd love to hear from you about your interest and talk with you about how you can get more involved in MHNA.

As always, thank you for being part of our community and for your interest in keeping Murray Hill a wonderful place to live, work, and play. ■



Reminder: Fall Leaf Collection Coming Soon!

Milwaukee residents can rake leaf piles into the street curb lanes between October 1 and November 15 for city pickup. After November 15th, city crews will still pick up remaining leaf piles as long as weather permits. Here are tips for successful leaf collections:

- Do not put leaves in plastic bags.
- Do not put brush in the leaf piles. Call 286-CITY or request a brush collection online.
- Rake piles into the street one foot away from the curb to ensure the city can collect all of

the leaves, protect city equipment from being damaged and help prevent flooding by allowing storm water to move to the storm drains.

- Keep piles away from sewer grates, storm drains and low hanging trees.
- Include yard debris such as flowers and plants on top of leaf piles.
- No pumpkins, plastic bags or other items.

Learn more at: city.milwaukee.gov/mpw/divisions/operations/environmental/sanitation/FallLeafCollection.htm

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Getting Around Town

By Cynthia Sommer

Neighbors in Murray Hill have more options for getting around town than most residents in Milwaukee. Besides being a walkable community, our neighborhood has seven BublR bike stations, seven east-west and north-south Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus lines, three interurban express routes (Wisconsin Coach Lines to Waukesha and Oconomowoc; Badger Bus Lines to Madison), four Zipcar car-sharing sites, and call options for airport transport, taxis, as well as Uber and Lyft services. AAA calculated in 2017 that a sedan traveling 15,000 miles per year costs on average around \$8,000 a year for financing, depreciation, gas, insurance, and state fees. In our neighborhood you can easily avoid the need to own one.

The challenge of finding a parking space downtown or getting to various festivals can be fixed by hopping on the Green, Gold, or Route 30/30x bus routes—all of which go down or cross Wisconsin Avenue and other popular downtown streets. With the upcoming Milwaukee Film Festival at the Oriental, consider taking the Green bus and avoid a parking ticket. The Green line can easily get you to and/or from the Mitchell International Airport for a fraction of the costs of paying for parking—the route starts at Mitchell Airport so you can claim plenty of space for bags. By taking the bus you may

minimize driving in circles and walking long distances from and to your car while shopping at Bayshore Mall (Green line), Brookfield Square (Gold Line) or Mayfair Mall (route 21). You may actually have time to safely text your friends or read the news on your smart phone while enjoying the ride.

With the new MCTS app or other third party apps, you can display real-time vehicle location and know where your bus is and when it will arrive at your stop. Riders can plan, buy, and ride with just a few swipes. A Milwaukee County Bus card (M-cards) can be purchased at 90 city locations including at the UWM student Union, 1st floor concourse. For more information on bus travel, go to: www.ridemcts.com/ or call 414-937-3218.

Car sharing with Zipcar may be a nice complement for bus travel and second car needs. The service covers gas, insurance, parking and maintenance. A valid driver license, approved application, membership fee and hourly/weekend rate fees gives you access with a ZipCard to locally parked cars for local errands or weekend adventures. For more information, go to: www.zipcar.com/Milwaukee.

Maybe the time has come to think again how you get around the city, whether you need a second car or even need a car at all. ■



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A Plaque, A Story, An Impact

By Cynthia Sommer

Have you ever walked past something many times and not really seen it until someone pointed it out? That was my experience in the neighborhood recently when walking through the inner courtyard on UW-Milwaukee's (UWM) campus between the Fine Arts building and Mitchell Hall. A plaque on a courtyard terrace wall designates the area as the Edward Steichen Courtyard. It made me wonder, who was this man and why was he so honored?

Milwaukee singing societies in concerts. It is also recorded that some of his paintings were shown in the former Gimbel's department store window displays, and he later developed his own studio.

In these formative years in Milwaukee, Steichen and his artist friends rented a small room in an office building and began the Milwaukee Art Students' League in 1895 with Steichen as its first president. This farsighted group, with a stated mission to "maintain a regular, practical School of art...for a thorough art education in the lowest rates possible", developed into the Wisconsin School of Art and years later was the genesis for the School of Fine Arts at UW-Milwaukee. Steichen moved to New York City in 1900 and became internationally famous by the age of 25.

His career during the first four decades of the 20th century was culminated in a photographic exhibit that he curated in 1955 entitled the "Family of Man". This ambitious, international collection of 500 photos from 68 countries depicted the common bonds of

birth, life, labor, love and death that bind people and cultures throughout the world. Carl Sandburg, Steichen's brother-in-law, wrote the famous poetic commentary for the exhibit—"There is only one man in the world and his name is All Men. There is only one woman in the world and her name is All Women. There is only one child in the world and the child's name is All Children." This traveling exhibit was viewed by 9 million people on six continents.

Behind a plaque is a story that is worthwhile to learn and an inspiration for all ages and peoples. ■

Edward Steichen was a pioneer in the development of photography as a fine art as seen in his classic early photo of the Flatiron building in New York City. Steichen is also recognized as a painter, a famous commercial (e.g. Churchill, Charlie Chaplin, Greta Garbo portraits), fashion (Vogue & Vanity Fair clothing designs), World War I (Army reconnaissance) and WW II (Navy; documentary award) photographer, a national and international museum curator (Museum of Modern Art) and a Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree. But what was his connection to Milwaukee?

Edward Steichen (1879-1973) moved to Milwaukee in 1889 with his family at the age of 10. Due to the poor health of his father, Edward left school at the age of 15 (1894) to begin a 4 year lithography apprenticeship at the American Fine Arts Company of Milwaukee. After hours, Edward would further develop his natural talent for drawing and teach himself to paint. In 1895, his purchase of a second-hand Kodak box camera at a nearby store instigated his life-long love of photography. Photography also launched him as an entrepreneur. He would stroll through the city parks on Sundays and holidays photographing laborers at their union picnics or members of



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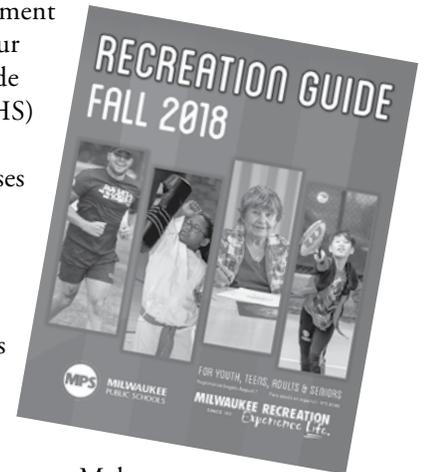
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Get Out, Get Active with Local Milwaukee Rec Offerings

A variety of adult enrichment classes are offered at our neighborhood Riverside University High School (RUHS) as part of the Milwaukee Recreation Program. The classes are a great chance to get into creative activities, take fitness or dance classes or go for a swim or aquatic classes at reasonable costs. The offerings this fall at RUHS include:



- Cooking—Taste of the World Sessions (Lebanon, Malta, Romania, Bolivia, Guyana, Netherlands), Harvest Time for Autumn Soups, D.A.S.H. Diet, Slow Cooker/Freezer Meals
- Fitness—Women and Weights, Hoop Dancing, PiYo, Yoga, Yoga Gentle, Yoga Power, Yoga and Meditation, Zumba, Nordic Walking, Insanity, P90X and Tae Kwon Do.
- Dance—African Dance, American Style Belly Dance and Sizzlin’ Salsa for Couples.
- Creative—Acrylic Painting, Landscape Painting, Portrait Painting from Photos, Leather Jewelry Making, Sew Easy, Introduction to French, Spanish Conversation, Basic Guitar
- Finance—Intellectual Investing for Retirement
- Aquatics/Swim—Aqua Boot Camp, Aqua Zumba, Water Aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Adult Swim Lessons; Open Lap swim is also available.

The Milwaukee Recreation Guide print schedule is mailed regularly to each household in the area. You can also register online at: www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net or at RUHS the day of classes.

Call the office at 414-475-8811 with questions. ■

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Fourth of July Celebration, 2018

By Steve Horvath

The 4th of July Celebration was a grand affair again this year. The Lake Park 4th of July Planning Committee started their preparation in July of last year to get ready for this year's event. Most of the kinks have been ironed out in the over 100 years the festivities have been taking place.

While setup in the park starts at 6:30am other volunteers are organizing themselves to ready each of two parades one starting at Hartford Avenue School and the other at Maryland Avenue School. They both converge at Prospect Ave. and Newberry Blvd., and march together toward Lake Park led by the fire truck from Ladder Co. No. 5 on Bartlett Ave. followed by a marching band playing spirited John Philip Sousa tunes along with scores of kids on their decorated bikes, trikes and scooters, parents, on lookers who can't resist joining a parade and horse drawn buggies join in as well. Hundreds more are all along the parade route to Lake Park as flags are handed out all along the route.

The throngs of people are making their way to the park to cool their taste buds on cups of ice cream while enjoying conversations with their friends and neighbors.

The large group of attendees were joined by Mayor Tom Barrett, County Supervisor Sheldon Wasserman and Alderman Nic Kovac. Together they said the pledge of allegiance, sang our national anthem, participated in flag raising and said a few welcoming, holiday words.



Let the games begin with face painting, removable tattoos, a burlap bag race, water balloon toss, decorated bike contest, art making and a talent contest MC'd by John McGivern. Lots of prizes for all were distributed thanks to our neighborhood businesses.

I can't forget the committee members in the Marcia Coles Community room who received and set up the buffet lunch for the 40-50 volunteers.

And last but not least everyone enjoyed the Lake Park evening fireworks at the bottom of the bluff also organized by our volunteers.

A great time was had by all. ■

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Walking Among the Trees

By Cynthia Sommer

The 100th Anniversary of the City of Milwaukee Forestry Section is a reason to celebrate and recognize its contributions to our quality of life. In Murray Hill, we are enriched with many city street trees (> 1,750), numerous private properties trees, and Newberry Boulevard tree-shaded open space. We have the bonus of our surrounding green spaces and trees in Lake and Reservoir Parks, Oak Leaf Trail, Rotary Centennial Arboretum, Downer Woods and UW-Milwaukee green spaces. How easy is it, in our busy world, to take for

The Association recognized that the City of Milwaukee Forestry “cares for and maintains the health of its trees, has a comprehensive inventory of trees, a tree diversification plan, civic engagement, citizen accessibility and strategies to help address city infrastructural challenges.” These accomplishments by many dedicated staff are the story of the Forestry Program in Milwaukee.

At the end of the 19th century and before the establishment of the City Forestry Section in 1918, the City



Newberry Boulevard Then and Now: Left, Lake Park entrance to Newberry Boulevard from a 1905 postcard of a young, prosperous chauffeur driven family.

Photo Courtesy of Milwaukee Public Library Digital Collection

Right, Lake Park entrance to Newberry Boulevard in 2018 with many mature trees. Photo by Cynthia Sommer

granted the beauty and the many benefits of our trees! We may not even be cognizant of how our green world was developed.

David Sivyer, City of Milwaukee Forestry Manager, shared with me in an informative interview that the City Forestry Section alone maintains over 195,000 trees on 1,400 miles of streets and 120 miles of landscaped boulevards. The City nursery in Franklin maintains 160 acres with 20,000 growing trees and over 30,000 sq. ft. of greenhouses that produces 200,000 annuals and perennials yearly. The staff strives to prune the City street trees on a 6-year cycle.

We can all appreciate the beauty of trees, but the often untold and unseen benefits of trees are their impact on our health, finances and sustainability.

Our City Forestry has a unique accomplishment and a serious commitment to trees—98% of planting spaces that can support a street tree, have a tree. Most cities have a 60-70% stocking rate. Our City has been identified by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for 39 consecutive years and the American Forest Association (AFS) recognized Milwaukee in 2013, as one of the 10 “Best Cities for Urban Forests.”

Parks Commission directed the development of green spaces in the City. When Newberry Boulevard was being developed, the residents were asked to purchase trees for their street spaces. The first City Forestry census in 1921 counted 82,392 street trees—most planted by property owners. The spacing, care and types of trees, however, were not always appropriate and validated the need for City arborists. During the Depression in the 1930s, the federally funded Works Progress Administration helped to build many of the greenhouses in Franklin.

The serious challenge to the City Forestry Section came in the 1950s with the arrival of Dutch elm disease (DED). According to Greening Milwaukee, the first case of DED was detected on the East Side of Milwaukee in 1955 and quickly spread throughout the City. Vigorous efforts of cutting dead trees, spraying for the beetle and tree treatment were launched to save the many beautiful American elm trees in the City. Even the police and fire budgets were cut to pay for the fight to save the trees. David Sivyer estimates that of the 106,000 elm street trees in the City in the 1950s, less than 400 trees remain today. Neighbors are fortunate to be able to still see on their walks in the neighborhood some large surviving American elm trees with their beautiful arching canopies, for example, at 2550 N. Prospect and 2833 N. Frederick Avenues.

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Much of the work of the City Forestry Section in the 1960s, 70s and 80s was diverted to handling the demanding Dutch elm disease problem. Yet, forestry staff were still able to expand the landscaped boulevard system, develop a computerized street tree inventory, start the continuing tradition of the Tree City USA award and initiate the resident donated City Christmas tree program.

The knowledge gained from Dutch elm disease and the arrival of the first US documented case of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation in Detroit in 2002 led to early proactive measures by the City Forestry staff. In 2009, the Milwaukee Forestry team used emergent remote sensed hyperspectral imaging along with US Forestry assessment tools and their tree inventory to map and quantify the number of ash trees at risk in the city—the first successful use of the technology in a US City environment. Cost-benefit analysis and technology provided the scientific basis for a comprehensive risk-management approach for EAB.

Since 17% of the Milwaukee tree canopy is ash, the impact of the borer was taken very seriously. Staff educated citizens and made direct contact with homeowner with ash trees on private property as early as 2009, three years before the borer was found in Milwaukee in 2012. Treatment of 28,000 ash street trees for EAB began in 2009 along with the more costly approach of removing dying or physically dangerous infected trees. The city is currently treating 27,000 ash trees in three year cycles. The recognized expertise of City foresters and their EAB treatment



Forestry staff trimming City trees without ropes in the 1920s – “Need Nerves of Stepplejacks”

Photo Courtesy of Milwaukee Forestry Section

Black Spots on Maple Trees?

Neighbors on the East Side have often been concerned about black spots that can appear on Maple Trees. The cooler, moist environment on the East Side is ideal for this fungus infection that causes Tar Spot Disease. The infection starts with small yellow spots on growing leaves and by late summer the spots expand into large black blotches that look like tar was dropped on the leaves. The infection does not permanently harm the tree and is generally considered a cosmetic problem but leaves may drop earlier in the season.



approach was recently shared with a team of international scientists visiting from the United Kingdom this June.

The City management approach to prevent future outbreaks of disease and devastating urban forest loss is the implementation of a tree diversity program. By having a variety of tree species, any introduction of a new disease will not wipe out all of the community trees. The goal of creating diversity is to have with time at least four genera of trees per block through tree turnover and the average planting of 4,000 new trees each year. The many varieties of trees will add to the interest of our urban forest and the colors of our seasons.

We can all appreciate the beauty of trees, but the often untold and unseen benefits of trees are their impact on our health, finances and sustainability. According to the I-Tree Ecosystem analysis, the Milwaukee urban forest in 2013 provided \$1.8 million in storm water saving annually and removed 569 metric tons of pollution (\$18.8 million/year). Some other savings come from storing 14,100 tons/year (\$1.1 million) of carbon dioxide by sequestration, and a yearly building energy savings of \$1.3 million. The lower noise level, the increase to our property values, the cooling of our streets, the breaking up of urban heat islands and existence of a canopy and habitat for wildlife are but some of the added benefits. The three percent of our City general purpose budget allocated for the City Forestry Section is well spent and provides many returns.

Murray Hill Neighborhood Association thanks the passionate and dedicated Forestry Staff that have added to our quality of life in so many ways in the past, today and in their plans for the future. Keep up the good work! ■

A Collective Community Approach for Addressing Nighttime Noise Nuisance

Drafted by Murray Hill Neighborhood Association

The problem of disruptive nighttime behavior in our neighborhood is not new. While conditions are greatly improved over years past, the problem has not disappeared. In an urban university neighborhood, perhaps it is unlikely ever to completely evaporate. As long as all parties stay committed to reducing nocturnal disruptions, we all stand to benefit.

There are three primary stakeholders that form a successful response to nighttime disruptions in our neighborhood. To the extent that neighbors, Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) District 1, and UWM all do our parts, we improve the quality of life on the East Side. This is a guide to help residents know what to expect when dealing with noise and similar disruptions.

What Neighbors Need to Do

When noise problems occur, neighbors should carefully document the problem. Only directly approach the party if you are comfortable doing so. Make note of when the problem began and the description of the issue. Write down the address where the problem is occurring, including upper or lower unit. Call the non-emergency MPD dispatch number: (414) 933-4444 to report the problem. Make note of the time you made the call.

Tell the dispatcher that you want citations issued and that you are willing to be the complainant. This means that you are willing to be a witness in municipal court should a person who gets the citation decide to contest it. Many neighbors have done this and as long as you have made good notes about the event, we've found that citations usually are effective. In your notes, be sure to record if and when a police squad arrives and what the outcome of the visit was. If you have security video that records any of the activity, save a copy. Good records make a huge difference, if only to refresh your memory since court sessions happen many months after the event.

What to Expect From MPD

MPD resources are limited and more serious criminal activity may prevent dispatchers from sending a squad to the problem address while the disruption is occurring. If a squad does arrive in time for officers to witness the disruption, an officer can issue citations without recording you as the complainant. In any event, expect an arriving squad to call you to verify the address, your name, and review the issue. Keep your phone on and turn your ringer up because the police may not call until after you've fallen back to sleep.

When UWM students are identified as part of the problem, MPD will either issue a citation or use what have come to be called "Yellow Cards." Yellow Cards are part of the hand-off between MPD and the UWM Dean of Students when



handling student misconduct and offer an alternate method of handling disruptions. They can be just as effective as citations for handling student behavior problems. These short documents are "owned" by UWM but are filled out by MPD police officers in the UWM area.

If MPD is unable to send a squad to the problem property that night, an officer will attempt to visit the property the next day, or as soon as resource availability allows. Follow-ups the day after will still trigger citations to be issued if you have requested them or may result in Yellow Cards being written.

MPD, working in conjunction with the Department of Neighborhood Services, will notify landlords of noise-related issues at their properties and inform them of potential consequences to landlords when repeated violations occur.

What to Expect from UWM

In recent years, UWM has taken a proactive approach beginning with presentations to both students and their families at orientation addressing safety and the impact of both on and off-campus behavior as a member of the community. Off-campus students receive emails specific to them with information including behavior expectations.

When citations or Yellow Cards are shared with the UWM Dean of Students Office, conduct concerns involving current, enrolled students will be addressed. Depending on the nature and outcome of the situation, consequences may include educational sanctions, such as participation in drug/alcohol programs, or more serious penalties. Repeat violations are taken seriously, and parents may be contacted depending on the violation.

It is important to note that UWM does not specifically list noise issues as part of its nonacademic misconduct statute. However, what has proven to be effective is addressing the behaviors that influence the noise problems. These behaviors may include: alcohol use (possession and abuse), drug use, unsafe situations, disorderly behavior, and operating a place that sells alcohol (aka house party). Therefore, the details you and MPD provide regarding the context of the noise complaint are of great importance to this process.

UWM students that have been reported for noise violations are visited by UWM student representatives of the Neighborhood Housing Office with the intent of providing “peer-to-peer” information and education on the importance of respecting the neighborhood, suggestions for responsible and fun ways to engage with their peers, as well as resources students have available during situations of need.

Good Times, Bad Times, and the Grant Program

Anyone who has lived in the neighborhood more than a year knows that there is a “pulse” to disruptive behavior driven by weather and the academic calendar. We experience relatively few problems during cold weather, Thanksgiving week, or during the winter and summer breaks. Students are (mostly) gone. Low temperatures keep people inside and windows closed. All-in-all, it is easy to sleep. During summer months, the student population is also relatively low and disruptions tend to be less common. By far, late August through Halloween is the most difficult time for us, followed by late spring as school ends.

Because these times require enhanced attention, UWM helps subsidize policing in the neighborhood and pays for MPD officers to be dedicated to our neighborhood on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. (An annual grant of \$50,000 is provided by the University to the City for this purpose.) In the fall and spring, during the grant period, policing in the neighborhood is dramatically increased with officers from MPD dedicated to the neighborhood and dedicated to events occurring in our immediate area. The grant period is when most of the Yellow Cards are issued.

UWM Police supplement MPD officers during this period and communication between both departments helps provide a targeted approach to addressing the most disruptive properties. The Department of Neighborhood Services also follows up on concerns related to properties and living conditions. This helps educate students on what their rights are as tenants and allows for landlords to be notified of activities in their properties. Neighbors are also encouraged to contact landlords to report what they see.

UWM Police

UWM Police officers are sworn Wisconsin State Police. They work in close coordination with MPD on issues that affect the neighborhood, but their primary role is on the Kenwood campus and at UWM facilities away from the main campus, including residence halls. UWM officers do some off-campus patrolling, primarily in the blocks closest to campus, and

participate in off-campus disruption monitoring activities in conjunction with MPD officers. As State Police, UWM officers do not enforce municipal ordinances, such as noise nuisance offenses. However, UWM officers do seek out potentially disruptive situations and attempt to prevent them from becoming more serious issues. The focus of the UWM Police in the neighborhoods around campus is assisting MPD with quality of life issues involving students and violent crime. In any case, it is important that when neighbors report noise problems, that we report to MPD, not UWM Police.

Let Others Know

In addition to notifying MPD at the time of the problem, a follow up email, sent the next morning, can be very helpful. It can be your own record of events, of course, but also copy UWM’s neighborhood office (neighborhood-relations@uwm.edu), Alderman Kovac (nkovac@milwaukee.gov), our MPD Neighborhood Liaison Officer Tom Kline (tkline@milwaukee.gov), and MHNA (issues@murrayhillna.org). If you know who the landlord is, let them know as well. You can find this information on the Department of Neighborhood Services website.

Remember..

Call (414) 933-4444 to report nighttime noise issues. Tell them you want citations issued and that you are willing to be the complainant. And take good notes:

- When the problem began
- Address, including upper or lower unit
- Description of disturbance, including how many people and any identifying features
- Time of call to MPD
- Summary of response and when the problem finally ended
- Send your notes to yourself and other participants in maintaining a livable neighborhood.

Updated April 20, 2018

How to Address Neighbor Nighttime Noise:

- 1) When noise problems occur, carefully document the problem, including the time and address
- 2) Call the non-emergency MPD dispatch number: (414) 933-4444 to report the problem. Note the time you made the call.
- 3) Tell the dispatcher that you want citations issued and that you are willing to be the complainant.
- 4) Record if and when an MPD squad arrives and what the outcome of the visit was.
- 5) Keep your phone on and turn your ringer up as MPD will call you when they arrive.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Eastside Senior Services

By Cynthia Sommer

Are you aware that Eastside Senior Service (ESS) exists to help older adults in our community? ESS is an association of twelve area congregations and sponsors serving with no religious or income requirements those neighbors age 60 or better at no cost to the client. Their mission statement is “Connecting Older Adults to a Caring Community.” The types of services provided include transportation to and from medical appointments, telephone and in person visits, shopping with and for our elders, and much more. Please call if you or someone you know needs help. The program tries to insure that our seniors, the foundation and sages of our community are not overlooked. Anyone can make a referral to the program if they are aware of anyone in need or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer call 414-210-5881 or write the director, Jane Raymer at essmilw@gmail.com.

Neighbors can help ESS by becoming a direct service volunteer who will help drive, shop, and visit or make phone calls. Any time you have is appreciated and you do not have to commit to a minimum or maximum number of hours. They do a criminal background check on volunteers to maintain the integrity of the program and volunteers are not allowed to receive gifts of value or cash. The benefits of volunteering include the satisfaction of helping someone who may not have *anyone* to help them, an appreciation for the history and wisdom of our elders and just the sense of helping others in the community. Your clients will most likely call you an angel, lifesaver, dear and the ultimate name “friend”! ■



Lectures at The Lighthouse

Lectures at the Lighthouse is a monthly series of talks by prominent historians, authors and scholars from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Admission at the door is \$10 and seniors and students with IDs is \$5. Lighthouse members are free.

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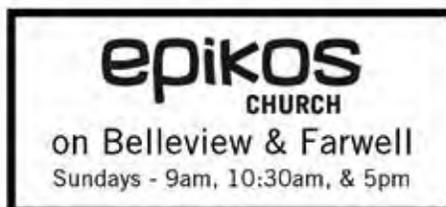
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For more information about the lecture series and other events at the lighthouse, visit northpointlighthouse.org. The lighthouse is located in Lake Park, at 2650 N. Wahl Avenue. Parking is available in the public lot next to Lake Park Bistro.

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tattoos and all



New on Downer—Stone Creek Coffee Café

By Cynthia Sommer

The pedestrian activity this summer on Downer Avenue has increased significantly with the opening of the Stone Creek Coffee Café. The vacant former Associated Bank branch site at the intersection of Downer Avenue and East Park Place is the site of this Milwaukee-based coffee company's newest coffee shop, café and kitchen.

The former parking lot has become an outdoor patio that flows into a three season space and the indoor service and seating area with its own kitchen. A walk-up service window provides customers an option on their way to work or when just walking the neighborhood to quickly grab a beverage or food item. An expanded menu, including hot breakfast meals and sandwiches add to the expected Stone Creek coffee, espresso, beverages and their own line of baked good.

The food choices include waffles, egg sandwiches, house-made yogurt bowls, a la carte items and add-ons. Menu items range from \$6 to \$8.50. There are several unique and interesting food combinations. A waffle choice might include Liege Style waffles with coffee butter and bacon while an egg sandwich on Brioche buns might include avocado and spicy egg. A Rose Water homemade yogurt bowl comes with lemon curd and pistachio nut. Customers can also order from the a la carte menu of green salads, seasonal fruits, bacon and toast and spreads. Beer and wine is available with daily happy hours from 4-6 pm.

The food items are prepared on site in an efficient semi-open kitchen. The interior seating area has tables that are computer friendly, larger tables for groups, and warm cozy lounges to just relax. A large community room can be reserved for groups or meetings. The 50 seat patio is surrounded by pleasant green plantings and has some shade umbrellas. The cafe has been a popular gathering place all summer. Designated To-Go parking along the outdoor patio area on E. Park Place provides priority parking for customers making quick stops for coffee and food. The café hours are 5:30 am to 9 pm daily and the kitchen is open from 6 am to 4 pm.

So if you want to meet a friend, have a group meeting, do your computer work, or just hang out and people watch,



Photos of Stone Creek Coffee Café by Cynthia Sommer

check out the Stone Creek Café at 2650 N. Downer Avenue. It is exciting to see all the new life that has come to Downer in the last year. ■



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

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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**.

— Meeting Information —

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

Upcoming Meetings and Speakers:

September 25

Carl Swanson, author of “Lost Milwaukee” and the Milwaukee Notebook blog

October 23

Annual Board Elections and Bonnie Halvorsen, UWM Outreach Director on “Local Farm-to-Stadium Meals”

November 27

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

September 21-October 21

China Lights: Panda-Mania

September 22-23

Doors Open Milwaukee

September 28-30

Harvest Fest at State Fair Park

October 6

Riverwest Art Walk

October 10

Lectures At North Point Lighthouse
Darlene Winter, Elizabeth Frank
The Milwaukee County Zoo

October 18-November 1

Milwaukee Film Festival

November 14

Lectures At The Lighthouse
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November 15-January 1

Milwaukee Holiday Lights

November 16-18

Holiday Folk Fair

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

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Senior (age 65+) \$5

Senior Family \$10

Student \$5

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