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Spring 2018 President's Message

By Tory Kress

don't know about you, but after the snowy spring we had this year, I'm beyond ready for summer! I hope you all have plans to get out and about in the neighborhood, meet up with neighbors old and new, and enjoy all our community has to offer. As you may know, Murray Hill meetings are on hiatus over the summer (there is enough to keep everyone busy during the summer!) and restart in August.

I want to officially welcome two new volunteers to our association—Eryn Longstaff and Kevin Germino. Eryn is the new editor of Murray Hill News! Eryn is proud to have put down roots in the neighborhood where she has lived off and on for several years. She loves walking around the neighborhood and enjoying all it has to offer! She lives with her fiancé Kevin and their dog Luna.



Eryn graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a degree in English in 2011. She is currently working at Northwestern Mutual in their Distribution Strategy department.

Kevin stepped into an open board position on short notice. He recently moved to the neighborhood, and is loving living by the Urban Ecology Center and his beloved Oak Leaf Trail. Kevin graduated from Marquette University with a degree in Computer Engineering in 2013. He works at Artisan Partners as a web developer. Thank you Eryn and Kevin!

I also want to thank Mike Varney, our outgoing editor, for his contributions and assistance during our transition period, as well as Donnel Thompson, outgoing board member, for his service on the board and commitment to the neighborhood.

Finally, a reminder we can't stress enough: MHNA exists to support a great quality of life for all its residents, so we want to hear from you! What do you love about Murray Hill and the East Side and how would you like to see it improved? What talents or ideas can you offer to help enhance your neighborhood? Do you have some time to volunteer?

Reach out to any of our board members with your questions, comments, and ideas.



Murray Hill lost a beloved neighbor and avid supporter when Donna Uehling passed away unexpectedly in December. Originally from Cincinnati, Donna made her home in Milwaukee and Murray Hill for nearly 30 years. She loved her dog, cat, neighbors and enthusiastically helped distribute the Murray Hill newsletter. Neighbors and friends raised funds to place and dedicate a park bench at Water Tower Park to honor her memory. Learn more about Donna at legacy.com/obituaries/name/donna-uehling-obituary?pid=187684993&view=guestbook.

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Happy Hunters at the 14th Annual Egg-stravaganza

By Cynthia Sommer

rain storm and strong winds did not prevent the 14th Egg-stravaganza from happening. The annual event took place inside the Urban Ecology Center (UEC) to keep the dedicated kids, parents, and Mr. Bunny dry. The excited young hunters roamed the first and second floors of the UEC in search of thousands of filled eggs. Extra special treats included stuffed animals distributed by Officer Kline of the Milwaukee Police Department, ceramic/papier mache eggs made by the Geralyn Flick and the crew at Murray Hill Pottery Works, and pictures of smiling faces taken with Mr. Bunny.

No event would be possible without the multitude of volunteers who make it happen. The staff of UEC, coordinators Jennifer Casanova and Tory Kress, Greg James and crew contributed by standing in the cold rain at Riverside Park to direct everyone to the UEC. Pat and Jerry Broderick graciously opened their home to volunteers. Andrew Klebar showed his warmth and performance skills as Mr. Bunny. Sponsors included Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, Murray Hill Pottery Works and the Upper East Side Business Improvement District.

The young hunters walked away with baskets filled with candy filled eggs and treasures, great memories and smiling faces. It takes a community to make a great neighborhood and successful events.





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Updates From UWM

By Alyssa Conrardy Neighborhood Housing & Relations Coordinator University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

semester at UWM, and as of April 5th, 2018 the MPD Grant period is in full swing! We are excited to continue our partnership with the Milwaukee Police Department to support UWM students and promote safety in the neighborhood surrounding UWM's Kenwood campus. Thanks to the MPD Grant Initiative, you may see an increased police presence in your community, particularly on weekends during the evening hours. 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.

The chilly winter and spring weather has been keeping us busy indoors over the past few months. The Neighborhood Housing Office has hosted several programs and events for UWM students since January. Some of the highlights of our semester thus far include: 3 successful Preferred Tenant Rental Education Programs and the debut of Neighborhood Housing Office (NHO) Week which has increased awareness and shared important information student-tenants need to know. NHO Week consisted of an Open House, Dennis the Menace movie showing, 1 Preferred Tenant Program, and our 18th Annual Housing Fair. So far this semester we are thrilled to have had over 15,000 interactions with UWM students through our social media, email newsletter, in-office conversations, and the programs previously mentioned.

We are ready to round out the 2018 spring semester with periodic Neighborhood Clean-Ups and our favorite event of the year, the Dump 'N' Run which is set for Saturday, May 19th from 9am-4pm! The Dump 'N' Run is a great opportunity for students to properly dispose of large furniture such as mattresses or couches. Any reusable items will become part of our gently-used and free shopping center that day for other students and community members to furnish their homes. As part of the Dump 'N' Run, we welcome all neighbors to volunteer for our neighborhood clean-up and stop by to shop. To learn more about the Dump 'N' Run and other Neighborhood related initiatives, check out the Neighborhood Housing Office website: uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing.

Help build our community calendar by submitting events here: uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/community-event-submission/. See what is going on in your community by visiting our online calendar of events found here: edu/neighborhoodhousing/events/.

Beginning mid-May and throughout the summer, the Neighborhood Housing Office will be operating on a limited schedule, Monday-Thursday from 10am-3pm and closed on Fridays. Please continue to contact the University with any concerns by emailing neighborhood-relations@uwm.edu.

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July 16	Milwaukee Chamber Choir
July 23 Pat I	Donohue and the Prairie All Stars
July 30	
August 6	Edith's End Celtic Band
August 13	My Sweet Patootie
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Lake Park Friends start their 11th year of Wonderful Wednesday music offerings geared for children and their families on June 20th. Concerts run for one hour, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

June 20	Ms. Jen and the Jellyfish
June 27	Extra Crispy Brass Band
July 4	(no concert)
July 11	The Kitchen Boys
July 18	Trapper Schoepp
July 25	Little Miss Ann
August 1	Duke Otherwise
August 8	Fox and Branch

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Chinese Christian Church of Milwaukee

By Cynthia Sommer

he Chinese Christian Church of Milwaukee (CCCM) is located at 2519 E. Kenwood Boulevard in the historic Georgian Revival building with its red face brick and limestone portico. It was once the Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist. CCCM has a 40 year history of serving the Chinese community in the Milwaukee area, starting in 1978. Their mission is a passion for Christ and a compassion for people. Their vision is "to expand God's kingdom by helping to confess their sins, walk with Jesus Christ, love one another and practice discipleship." This interdenominational church welcomes all people. The congregation of about 350 people has been an important source of fellowship for Chinese Christians in Milwaukee. CCCM also serves as a vital spiritual meeting house for University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette University Chinese students and Chinese immigrants.

Several Pastors serve the needs of this multilingual congregation. The congregation is honored to have the services of an internationally known Pastor, B.C. Feng, who coordinates nine or more visits to CCCM per year. The daily needs of the Mandarin-speaking and Cantonese-speaking congregation are administered by Co-Pastor Steven Jihn and Daniel Shyu who also offer a Mandarin/Cantonese service on Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Pastor Steve Chu delivers the English services on Sunday at 11:15 am which is followed by a luncheon at 12:05 pm. A Home Builder fellowship for English speaking families



is also available biweekly on Sunday at 5:30 pm. A gathering to share, snack and study the Bible in small groups is available at 7:30 pm on Wednesday and 7:30 pm on Friday. A Board of elders and deacons support the many activities in the church that includes a Sunday school ministry, choir, weekly ministry sessions and various committees.

For more information on the Chinese Christian Church of Milwaukee visit: cccm.net.

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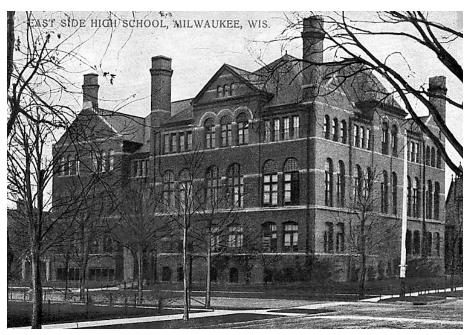
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150 Years Strong on a Solid Foundation: Riverside University High School

By Cynthia Sommer

In 1868, one hundred and fifty years ago, the leaders and citizens of Milwaukee established the first public high school in the City. Riverside University High School is the direct descendent of that institution. Then and now, parents and citizens recognized the importance and need for a good education as a reliable path to an improved life and a better society. Even though the school name changed from "Milwaukee High School (HS)" in 1868 to "East Side HS (1893)" to "East Division HS (1901)" to "Riverside HS (1915)" to "Riverside University HS (1984)",



Former East Side High School; 1908 German Postcard

the institution has continued to provide young people through the years with the academic excellence needed for success.

Tremendous societal changes were occurring in the US and Milwaukee in the last half of the 19th century. In 1868, the country was responding to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the end of the Civil War (1865), the abolition of slavery, and the election of Ulysses S. Grant as the 21st President (1868). Major growth occurred in agriculture with the use of steam engines and combines, in transportation with rapid westward expansion of railroads, and in industries with rapid innovations resulting in the demand for an inexhaustible supply of coal, iron and timber, especially from the Midwest. Wisconsin had become a state just 20 years earlier (1848) and Milwaukee had already incorporated as a city two years before that in 1846. The population of Milwaukee in 1868 was around 70,000, and the City was ranked as the 19th largest city in the US.

The early educational scene in Milwaukee was also rapidly evolving and was influenced by several developments. The US Department of Education was first formed in 1867. The rapid increase in population due to immigration created a need for

more schools and better teacher training. The "Kalamazoo Decision" by the Supreme Court of Michigan in 1874 legally made the high school a part of the system of continuity from the elementary grades through the university. Teachers in Milwaukee were members of the National Educational Association already in the 1870s. Wisconsin in 1875 allowed women to vote and run for School Board and other elected School offices.

The Wisconsin legislature approved in 1867 an act "to establish a high school in the City of Milwaukee." The high school opened

in January 1868 in an upper floor of a primary school with 100 boys and girls. The allocated budget of \$6,000 covered the Principal and two teachers (\$3,500), janitor (\$400), furniture (\$1,000), fuel (\$100), supplies (\$250) and contingency (\$750). Admission to the school required the pupils to be at least 12 years of age and to have satisfactorily passed examinations in "reading, spelling, penmanship, geography, grammar, arithmetic, history of the US and elementary algebra."

The school year consisted of two sessions from May 1st to November 1st and November 1st until May 1st with 2.5 hours of instruction in both the morning and afternoon. The 3 year High School consisted of Classical (Greek, Latin, Classics, Caesar, Virgil, and History of Antiquities) and General /English (5 semesters of math, English, German or French, science, history/civics) programs. In 1870, a standardized, higher quality training of teachers resulted

when a Normal program was added to the Milwaukee HS curriculum. During this early period in education, teaching at the elementary school level was primarily done by high school trained graduates. Teaching was mainly done by women and if they married, it was cause for dismissal.

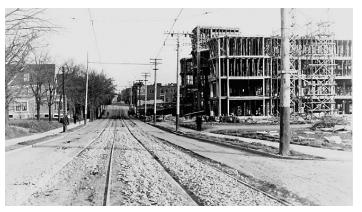
Not unexpectedly there were some difficulties in the growth of the school. The large influx of immigrants from various countries created a demand for evening programs, a shift toward "Americanization", an active discussion on the need to continue teaching German as a language for everyone and stressed budgets due to the need for new school buildings and for more teachers. A "Committee on Teacher Salaries Report" in 1871 compared male and female teacher salaries in Milwaukee and also noted the disparity in male and female teacher salaries to teachers in Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis. Male teachers in Milwaukee earned average salaries of \$1,251 per year while female teachers earned a \$499 per year average; male and female Milwaukee teachers earned significantly less (25-35 %%) than teachers in the compared cities.

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Photo courtesy of the RUHS Foundation

The development, excellence and confidence in education provided to Milwaukee youth were demonstrated through its award winning exhibit at the International Centennial Exhibit at Philadelphia in 1876. One focus of that World's Fair was to share information on the workings of educational systems. The Milwaukee educators felt it was important that the "world should know what the western states, with their new and unsolved problems of civilization are doing in the field of education". Much energy and time was spent in preparing the history of the school system, courses of instruction, and a complete representation of



1915 construction of current RUHS on Locust St (formerly Folsom Place); photo courtesy of Milwaukee Public Library

the work done by students. The Milwaukee High School from this early period contributed many Milwaukee leaders, including Vogel, Ulhlein, Pfister, Schlesinger, and Kasten.

One can almost feel the energy, excitement, pride and commitment of all who built Milwaukee's first high school. Today, RUHS is still demanding excellence through its significant number of Advanced Placement courses. To maintain a School of Excellence, RUHS will continue to need dedicated teachers, staff and involved students, along with the active support of City leaders, alumni, parents and community. Congratulations to the RUHS family on your 150th Anniversary!!

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Exploring Our Schools

By Eryn Longstaff

Teekday mornings this time of year the sidewalk is bustling as many children pass by on their way to school. Murray Hill Neighborhood is a proud home to many beautiful, historic, and unique schools. From Hartford University School's unique art decorations to Catholic East's strong traditions to Maryland Avenue Montessori School's new addition there is something wonderful about each institution of learning. This year Riverside University High School is celebrating 150 years of providing education to their students, making it the oldest school in our neighborhood. Together they

all work to serve a wide range of diverse students and make positive contributions to our community.

These schools have several awards and accomplishments between them. There is pride and love in each building. Let's take a closer look at these places we pass by each day. Each brings its own perspective and theory of learning to the table. They have become an integral part of Murray Hill. Some have been here for over a century, others for just a decade or two, but all are cherished by the families and children who attend them.

Catholic East Elementary—Not Just a Neighborhood School

By Julee Mitchell



Catholic East Elementary has roots that go back more than 100 years. German, Irish, Italian, Polish, and other Catholic immigrants, established eight parish schools in communities along the Milwaukee River. These schools served children in their surrounding neighborhoods. Over the years the single parish schools closed or merged with one another leaving Catholic East as the only remaining Catholic elementary school on the East Side.

Even though the physical location of Catholic East is next to SS. Peter and Paul church in the Murray Hill neighborhood, the school is supported by all five local parishes to include the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Old Saint Mary, Our Lady of Divine Providence, and Three Holy Women. In 2011 they opened the Holy Rosary campus on Bartlett Ave. just south of North Ave., to meet the needs of younger scholars in K3 to 1st grade.

The school is accredited by the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation Association and bases its curriculum on standards set by both the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin. Besides top notch academic instruction, as shown by acceptance into high schools, scholars also take part in special programs which may take place

after school or be part of the school day.

Catholic East Elementary is a school in the Murray Hill neighborhood, but it's not just a neighborhood school. It represents multiple neighborhoods and many communities throughout Milwaukee. Whether it be sharing an ice cream social with residents from the Catholic home, making a craft with a younger "Buddy" schoolmate, or teaming up with classmates to do a history project, scholars are sharing experiences with people of different ages, races, and backgrounds and they're gaining understanding of and perhaps appreciation for those differences. Amongst this microclimate I am hopeful of what Milwaukee could become in the next generation.

Hartford University School

By Cynthia Sommer



Hartford University School is a K4-8 college preparatory school in the neighborhood with an enrollment of 600 students. It is the only school in MPS to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and was a Wisconsin Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) School of Distinction.

Hartford maintains full-time art, music, and physical education programs, which are the pillars of their school—this

is evident to anyone in the community who may walk by and see the original art creations outside the school.

The unique location of this neighborhood school, in the heart of the UWM campus, provides a number of wonderful learning opportunities for preparing their students for college and beyond. Hartford maintains connections with a number of colleges, businesses and professionals to enhance the academic success of their students. The emphasis on academics is augmented by a vibrant arts program and by a focus on extending the classroom into the world around them.

Extensive field trips and partnership with the Urban Ecology Center, Arts in Community Education (ACE), Junior Achievement, and Danceworks, create unique learning experiences. Traditional subjects, including reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies are taught to enhance critical thinking skills, creativity and an awareness of the real-world issues of urban communities. Hartford offers classes which are beyond the tradition of education. The middle school students prepare for high school through the use of SpringBoard, the CollegeBoard equivalent of Advanced Placement courses in elementary schools. A partnership with UWM allows the students to develop coding skills and the middle school rotates through a computer science class, daily. Currently, the students are developing their own web pages.

For information or a visit call 414-906-4700 or contact Principal Shannon Kilsdonk at kilsdose@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Maryland Avenue Montessori School

By Ericka Stark



Milwaukee Public Schools has the largest collection of public Montessori schools in the nation and we have a great one right here in our neighborhood, Maryland Avenue Montessori (MAM). The east side is fantastic for so many reasons and for my family, one reason we moved here was to be closer to MAM. The school is located at 2418 N Maryland Ave. The Montessori approach is unique in many ways and one of the most apparent is that each classroom serves multiple grades and children stay with the same teacher for three years (K3-K5, 1st-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-8th).

You may have noticed a new addition opened this school

year to accommodate our current population of 430 students. Beautification hasn't stopped there. A parking lot was removed to make way for our rain water and butterfly gardens. In addition, an orchard will be planted in the upcoming weeks, assuming spring actually arrives! Students can also enjoy many extracurricular activities including: athletics, yoga, cardio dance party, ballroom and tap classes, languages classes, and chess. Our most popular event each year is our Black History Month Celebration in February. The event is so well attended we move to Riverside University High School for the evening. Parent involvement is high at MAM and there are a variety of ways to volunteer. Be sure to visit our Maker's Market held on the last weekend in January each year. This event is a great way to buy goods from local craftspeople while helping raise funds for our school.

Families can enroll for grades K3 and K4 online at mpsmke. com/EnrollMPS. The learning happening at this school is simply amazing. These children are growing into critical thinkers right here in our neighborhood. My husband and I feel so fortunate to walk the kids to and from this great school each day and call Murray Hill our home. ■

Riverside University High School Today

By Cynthia Sommer



Riverside University High School (RUHS) is a city-wide specialty school with competitive entrance requirements. The current 1,490 students can choose from a variety of college preparatory courses, two world languages (French and Spanish), 16 Advance Placement (AP) courses, computer options, and a wide variety of arts, music, performance arts, orchestra and service learning. Over 75% of current students in this college preparatory school are admitted to college and have obtained over 5.8 million dollars in scholarships. The school was recognized in 2017 as one of America's Most Challenging High Schools by The Washington Post. The 85 faculty members, including National Board Certified teachers and ten former Riverside High School graduates, provide the academic excellence and commitment to students that are needed for them to succeed.

Walkability, Walk Score, and Why?

By Julee Mitchell

Talk Score is a company whose mission is to promote walkable neighborhoods and Walk Scores are becoming increasingly important for real estate and business locations. In fact, it's not uncommon to see a property listing or business website display its Walk Score, as it would its address or business hours.

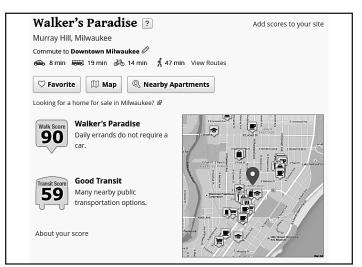
So, what is Walk Score and why should it matter?

Although Walk Scores have only been around for a decade, the concept of walkability has been around for a very long time. Before our society became predominantly auto-dependent, jobs, stores, schools and other necessities were naturally in close proximity to where people actually lived. Today's catch phrase "Live, Work, Play" was the norm and not the exception. Besides proximity to amenities, there are other factors to consider when describing a place as walkable. For example, a family might live 2 blocks from a store or school, but if they don't feel safe walking that distance because of crime or heavy traffic then it's not walkable. Likewise, if there are no sidewalks or if the sidewalks aren't easily accessible to all people, then it's not walkable. A factor that Walk Score hasn't yet figured out how to calculate into its algorithm are nuances like the difference between an actual grocery store and a convenience store which can lead to some skewed Walk Scores, especially if someone was looking for more than candy and cigarettes.

Walkability Scoring		
90-100	Walker's Paradise Daily errands do not require a	
	car	
70-89	Very Walkable Most errands can be	
	accomplished on foot	
50-69	Somewhat Walkable Some errands can be	
	accomplished on foot	
25-49	Car-Dependent Most errands require a car	
0-24	Car-Dependent Almost all errands require a car	

Why does this matter? Besides the convenience of living in close proximity to what we want and need, we receive the health benefits of walking and we become less auto-dependant, therefore reducing the need for fossil fuels. Additionally, studies show that walkability has become a key to economic competitiveness. A Transportation for America survey shows that 80 percent of

18- to 34-year-olds want to live in walkable neighborhoods (1), and an AARP survey found that an average of 60 percent of those over 50 want to live within one mile of goods and services (2), which explains why walkable neighborhoods tend to have higher property values. Likewise, dense neighborhoods tend to be positively associated with property values in most markets as well as older established neighborhoods in close proximity to the urban core.



So, by now I hope you're curious about Murray Hill's Walk Score. Drum roll please....the Murray Hill neighborhood receives a score of 90 making it the 5th most walkable neighborhood in Milwaukee. This means people in Murray Hill can walk to an average of 7 restaurants, bars and coffee shops in 5 minutes. However, this score can differ depending on your address location within the neighborhood. Go to www.walkscore.com to find out your home's Walk Score. Lastly, please remember to shop local because without our small business owners, we wouldn't have any place to walk to! Online resources:

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www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/research/surveys_statistics/il/2012/2011-Boomer-Housing-Survey-AARP.pdf

Take Mom Out to Milwaukee Museum Mile Day for Mothers Day

The Milwaukee Museum Mile (MMM) is celebrating its Seventh Annual Milwaukee Museum Mile Day on Mother's Day, May 13! This is a great way to spend family time after brunch on Mother's Day.

All five MMM museums will offer free or reduced admission, free docent-led tours, exhibits, free activities for children and light refreshments—including champagne at several locations. A free, continuous shuttle bus will be available

for travel between locations.

The MMM is a joint effort of five museums to create a simple way for visitors to enjoy multiple museum experiences and discover the history, architecture, culture and art that have come to define our city. The museums are located within walking distance of each other.

Learn more about the day's activities, admission and the MMM museums at mmmday.org. ■

Project Clean and Green - Week of May 29- June 4, 2018

Project Clean and Green is a city-wide program designed to foster neighborhood pride and ownership through coordinated clean ups. Collection Crews will target one zone each week and collect extra items left at the collection point on the scheduled Collection Day. Murray Hill is part of Zone 6 which will be targeted for clean up the week of May 29th –June 4th, 2018.

Residents within the targeted zone can place unwanted furniture, mattresses, household items, yard and garden waste, twigs and leaves, up to 2 cubic yards of tree trimmings, grass clippings bagged in brown paper yard waste bags, and up to 5 tires at the garbage collection point (curb or alley) on their scheduled garbage collection day. We are encouraging pet

owners to ensure they clean up any messes left behind by their dogs, as snow has melted to reveal some unwanted fertilizer on neighborhood lawns.

This is your opportunity to get rid of excess household debris at no cost. After Project Clean and Green week, there will be a \$50-\$150 charge for all bulky pickup requests larger than 1 cubic yard (about the size of an easy chair).

Crews will not collect appliances, TVs, electronics, construction debris and paint. These items can be taken to a City Self Help site for proper disposal. Household hazardous waste will not be included in this Project Clean and Green week but can be taken to 3879 W. Lincoln Avenue on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays from 7AM − 3 PM. ■

Exploring Our Schools

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Many opportunities exist for students to expand their education and experiences. With the close proximity to UW-Milwaukee (UWM), students may take college courses on the UWM campus. The state-of-the-art lab for "Project Lead the Way", an engineering and biomedical program, provides students with hands-on experiences while earning college credit. Riverside's Robotics Team won the 2018 regional competition and will be competing in the upcoming World Robotic Competition.

Students at Riverside can also develop their interests and leadership in over twenty-two student clubs and in eighteen competitive athletic sports. RUHS is also known for its award winning music, bilingual, and special education programs. Musicals, gospel and show choirs, after school activities and student leadership allow students to shine.

Two COA Rising Star Awards and a Black Excellence Award were recently received by seniors for their academics and dedicated leadership to their school and community. In the 2017 Wisconsin State competition, RUHS students earned 1st place awards for the jazz combo, percussion ensemble, and six 1st place plus two 2nd place awards in vocal solo competitions. Their athletics teams are winners and competitive at City and State levels, and graduates have been awarded sports scholarships at several colleges and universities. Three alumni play professional sports. Several City aldermen and other community leaders are proud alumni of Riverside.

Parents and students interested in RUHS are encouraged to visit and/or contact the school or Principal Maria Gonzalez-Edwards at (414) 906-4900 or by email: gonzalm2@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Thanks to all past and present RUHS family for your positive contributions to the world and our community. Keep up the good work.

GO TIGERS! ■



Take in a Lecture 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.

Upcoming 2018 schedule:

May 9: Thomas Fehring – The Magnificent Machines of Milwaukee

June 13: Brenda Magee – The Milwaukee Mile, Brewing in Milwaukee

July 11: Antonio Doxtator - American Indians in Milwaukee

August 8: Tom Bamberger – Artistic and Architectural Milwaukee

September 12: Kevin Abing – A Crowded Hour, MKE & Great War 1917

October 10: Darlene Winter & Elizabeth Frank – The Milwaukee County Zoo

November 14: Paul Geenen – Milwaukee's Bronzeville

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. ■

Murray Hill Neighborhood Association

— 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:

May 22

MHNA General Membership Meeting – Complete Streets Workshop

** No meetings in June or July **

August 28

Back to School with UWM, UWM Police Department and Milwaukee Police Department

September 25

Carl Swanson, author of "Lost Milwaukee" and the Milwaukee Notebook blog

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

May 9

Lecture at the Lighthouse

May 19

UWM Dump & Run and

Neighborhood Cleanup

May 29-June 4

Project Clean and Green

May 31-June 7

Downtown Dining Week

June 3

UPAF Ride for the Arts

June 8-10

Pridefest

June 10

Locust St. Festival of Music and Art

June 13

Lecture at the Lighthouse

June 15-17

Lakefront Festival of Art

June 15-17

Polish Fest

June 27-July 8

Summerfest

June 30

Downer Classic Bike

Races

July 11 Lecture at the

Lighthouse

July 12-15

Bastille Days

July 20-22 Festa Italiana

July 21-22

Air and Water Show

July 27-28

Riverwest 24

July 27-29

German Fest

July 28

Brady Street Festival

August 16-19

Irish FestBike Expo,

State Fair Park

About MHNA

urray 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:	
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Ave., and Oakland Ave. to Downer Ave. Member ousinesses. General membership meetings are he	res a 58-block area from Hartford Ave. to Bradford ership is open to all residents, property owners and eld the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Urban pm. To find out more about the association, or to one of our upcoming meetings, or contact us.
Family \$25	Please mark all that apply:
Individual □ \$15	Homeowner
Business □ \$30	Renter
Senior (age 65+) □ \$5	Landlord
Senior Family \$10	
Student	