

**Area Upcoming Events**

**Urban Ecology Center Events**

www.urbanecologycenter.org

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Earth Musicians & Poets, 7pm

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** Earth Day Festival, Noon-4pm,

Riverside & Washington Parks

**Lake Park Events**

www.lakeparkfriends.org

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** Clean Up Day in Lake Park,

9am-Noon, Warming House

**April 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** Warber Walks,

8:30-10am, Warming House

**Neighborhood Clean-up Initiatives**

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** Hunger Clean-up, 9am-1pm,

UWM Area Neighborhoods

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** Dump, Run & Neighborhood

Rummage, 10am-3pm, Zelazo Parking Lot

**Helping students find quality housing**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** NHO Housing Fair, 10am-3pm,

Union Concourse

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** NHO Tour of Homes, 10am-3pm,

Union WG85

**River Events - Gordon Park**

**Apr 17<sup>th</sup>** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Milwaukee Riverkeeper's

River Clean Up, 9am-Noon

followed by a Trash Bash, Gordon Park

www.milwaukeekeeper.org/civcrm/

event/info?reset=1&id=48

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** Milwaukee River Walk Hike, 1-3pm,

Gordon Park

*The average distance women and children walk every day to secure water is almost four miles. We will be hiking a little less than half that.*

www.riverwestcurrents.org/20100310226/

News/Articles/Walk-for-Water-Hike-for-

your-health.html.

**About MHNA**

**M**urray Hill Neighborhood Association is about 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, provide quarterly newsletter, 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.

**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, **Gregory James:** 414-962-5158 or gjames@gjd.com

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

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

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

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

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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:

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

**Please mark all that apply:**

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

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**A Word from the President**

by J. Gerard Capell

**A**h spring, the time of growth and change; warmer weather, leafing out of the trees, and the emergence of daffodils. Just as with the seasons, changes come to Murray Hill too. A recent change that we are still trying to accustom ourselves to is the reassignment of Oscar Perez as UWM's Community Liaison. Many of us had developed a close relationship with Oscar over the past few years as he canvassed the neighborhoods early into the mornings reminding students trolling the streets that not everyone appreciates yelling, swearing, and drunken behavior at 2 am. He and his team not only brought this message to the offending young people sitting on the porches but he also made sure that the landlords were made aware of what was going on at their properties; often times with certainly unappreciated calls in the wee hours. He realized that to maintain good relations between the university, its students, and the men and women who call the upper eastside their home that rules and procedures had to be repeatedly given and consistently acted upon. Despite having a new batch of students each year and having to start anew each fall and spring he always seemed to welcome the opportunity to teach our student neighbors how to behave and that their actions have consequences from which they can endanger their lives.

UWM has formed a transition team to select a new liaison officer and (hopefully) continue where Oscar left off. Many of the neighborhood leaders and residents feel betrayed by the university by Oscar's reassignment. No doubt the next liaison will not have the same disarming but no-nonsense presence as Oscar, but we will have to work with that person and stress our concerns to ensure that we can live in peace with the valuable but threatening behemoth known as the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. The leadership of Murray Hill will be a valued and necessary voice in whoever the new liaison is and we will do everything we can to ensure that all our neighbors, young and old, can live and sleep in peace without fear of being awoken at 3 in the morning or finding their property stolen or damaged by those who selfishly think they have the right to do so.

I recently met a new Murray Hill neighbor who moved back to the area after having grown up here and then spent a number of years in Madison. He had fond childhood memories of the upper eastside, Downer Ave and the Oriental Theatre. However, in the few months he and his girlfriend have lived here he is already considering moving due to the disruptive student behavior. I don't think we want the

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**MHNA 2009 General Membership Meeting Schedule**

Unless otherwise noted, MHNA Meetings are held at the Urban Ecology Center – 1500 E. Park Place at 7 pm.  
414-964-8505 – urbanecologycenter.com

- April 27<sup>th</sup>** – The State of Real Estate in the Upper Eastside, Jim Christenson
- May 25<sup>th</sup>** – The Implementation of Chapter 17, Jim Jill and Chief Marzion

Watch the web site for detailed information on upcoming meetings: [www.murrayhillna.org](http://www.murrayhillna.org)

## Committee of Landlords

by Pamela Frautschi

Letters COL sent to 20 landlords, listing offenses related to their properties from MPD, UWM-PD, DNS and UWM Neighborhood Relations reports last year brought only 4 responses. One brought up an important complexity, that of an address listed as an "alcohol poisoning" offense. The case occurred in the lawn of an address but wasn't designated as related to the owner or occupants. COL is working with MPD and UWM PD to obtain more specific information in such cases, so that assumption of fault doesn't occur.

COL is building its list of landlord e-mails to be used to convey general Ordinance information and specific MPD and DNS information. EMCT (Eastside Milwaukee Community Team) established by UWM last December, is also working with landlords to achieve more cooperation and solutions for nuisance properties. 3DNA leadership works with EMCT on these efforts.

DNS Commissioner Art Dahlberg has reported that the Landlord Certificate Pilot Project is in active operation, and compliance with Ordinances is in process.

Keri Duce of UWM's Neighborhood Housing Office (NHO) reported that 90-100 students are expected to complete their Preferred Tenant Program this spring. 50 landlords have registered to be involved in the program and offer \$250 reduction in Security Deposit or 2% off monthly rent to certified Preferred Tenants. Opening of the 700-student Cambridge Commons Dorm this fall is expected to shift 10-20% of students out of off-campus housing.

Several area landlords are interested in forming an Eastside Committee of Landlords to get better acquainted and to pursue solutions to their shared issues and interests as landlords. Contact Nancy Johnson at 234-3262 or e-mail shorebear90@yahoo.com if you're interested in helping form the group and work with its agendas.

## Milwaukee Pitches Google

The search engine company Google is planning to hook up several cities with cutting edge Internet technology in the next few years, and Milwaukee wants to be a part of it!

The City of Milwaukee has launched a website where residents can add their voices to the call for Google to select Milwaukee as a part of the Google Fiber project. Find more information at the City's website [www.ci.mil.wi.us](http://www.ci.mil.wi.us)

## Susan Knows Murray Hill... Murray Hill knows Susan!



**Susan McCabe**

Have a real estate question? Selling, Buying or both?  
Just like to know the value of your property?  
Call Susan at 414-322-6526 [smccabe@firstweber.com](mailto:smccabe@firstweber.com)



 **Upper East Side** [www.uppereastsidebid.com](http://www.uppereastsidebid.com)  
Business Improvement District

Formerly called "University Square", the new UES is the East Side's most eclectic two-block business district featuring food from around the world, services for your daily life, and vibrant entertainment venues.

The B.I.D. is actively engaged in making your shopping and entertainment visit to our neighborhood the best it can be! We salute the efforts of our neighborhood partners at MHNA.

Enjoy delectables from **Oakland Trattoria, Lisa's, Bella's Fat Cat, George Webb's, Oakland Gyros, Subway, Shahrazad, Thai Kitchen, Shiraz, Cousin's Subs, Chin's Fresh Asian, Cold Stone Creamery, and Five Guys Burgers and Fries.**

Don't forget your service and daily shopping needs can be fulfilled on your next visit to Oakland Ave. from **Clark Graphics, Gilbert's Liquor, The Washing Well, Walgreen's, Sal's Barber Shop, and Cloud Nine!**

And don't forget the eclectic mix of entertainment at our beloved **Miramar Theater** or grab a game of pool and a cold one at **Axel's**. On **Oakland Ave.**, we have it all!

## Free Lunch at Neighborhood Clean-Up Day - April 24<sup>th</sup>

### Calling all Students and Neighbors!

Here is the perfect event to meet your neighbors and student leaders, beautify your surroundings, help feed the hungry, and have a free lunch...all in one morning! Is it possible?

Yes! UWM's annual neighborhood Spring Clean-Up is on Saturday morning, April 24th. Join us at 9am at the Spaight's Plaza behind the UWM Union. You'll join a work team with other volunteers and a team leader, and be assigned to a specific area for clean up. Plastic bags and litter grabbers are supplied. Team leaders have radios to contact roving UWM ground crews who pick up the bags of collected litter and any furniture or other large items that need to be removed. City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works will support volunteers by placing dumpsters in strategic locations.

Free lunch: Lunch will be served to all volunteers in the Union from 12-1pm. Who doesn't love a free lunch?

New this year: We're collecting canned goods for the local food pantry. So bring your donation to the assembly area at the Spaight's Plaza at 9am.

There's great satisfaction in working together to clean up the litter and debris left over after the winter snows have melted. Saturday morning exercise, fresh air, companionship and a clean neighborhood – what could be better? See you there!

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Geralyn Flick, through the Murray Hill Pottery Works and with the sponsorship of Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, will again hold the Murray Hill Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Park on Saturday April 3rd from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The starting area will be on Oakland Avenue by the playground.

The Easter Bunny usually has some pretty unique eggs prepared for the day, which makes them great table decorations for the holiday, and the kids get to be outside (usually) and burn off some pent up energy, find a variety of hard boiled and treat filled eggs; and it gives you the opportunity to meet some of your neighbors and visit the Urban Ecology Center. So come on down and enjoy some fresh air and the beginning of spring.



## Enjoy Lake Park

by Pamela Frautschi

This year renowned Milwaukee historian John Gurda spoke about "Lake Park and the East Side" at a Lake Park Friends program. Attendees learned that Forest Home Cemetery was the primary summer-Sundays gathering spot for families until 1889 when the City formed a Parks Commission. In the early 1890s Christian Wahl was the first President of the Milwaukee Board of Parks. Frederick Law Olmstead, then working on the Chicago World's Fair, was contracted to design the 6 tracts of land that became Milwaukee's first parks. Wahl, rich from his Chicago glue factory business, and retired at age 57, became a "green space" enthusiast. He gave "hands-on" help, personally supervising the greening of Lake Park most of which had been previously cleared and tilled as farmland. By 1894 the first trees that had been sledged-in during winter from northern Wisconsin were planted, each one toasted by Wahl with a glass of champagne. In 1895 the streetcar company was extended north to Locust Street. Sunday Band Concerts commenced in the park, and by 1899 as many as 6,000 people attended them. When the Pavilion was completed in 1903, Wahl invited 100 dignitaries to tour the park and lunch at the Pavilion. Fill to create Lincoln Memorial Drive commenced in 1910. Its two purposes were 1) to provide public access to the lakefront, and 2) to create erosion control. The drive was completed to Kenwood Blvd in 1929. Many attending Gurda's presentation told stories of their families related to Lake Park. One told of stables in Riverside Park where family members rode horses up Newberry Blvd to the bridle paths in Lake Park. Gurda would like Milwaukeeans to share such stories at a future gathering. Lake Park Friends will organize it. Check Lake Park Friend's website at [www.lakeparkfriends.org](http://www.lakeparkfriends.org) for upcoming activities. See you this summer's picnics and concerts on Mondays and Wednesdays.

## Thanks for your Support of MHNA!

Murray Hill Neighborhood Association greatly appreciates the donation by John Sendik of seven \$25 gift certificates to Sendik's Fine Foods. The gift certificates were raffled off during the fall and winter Murray Hill General Meetings. The raffle was a fun way to end the meeting and the winners definitely enjoyed the benefits. A more meaningful incentive to being active in Murray Hill could not be found.

**Thanks for supporting the community!**

## Volunteers Appreciated & Needed

by Cynthia Sommer

Spring brings the snow melt and also uncovers the trash that was buried throughout the winter. We need your help to maintain the quality of our neighborhood and to re-educate others regarding the impact of trash. The New York City approach to crime control through minor repairs (“broken window syndrome”) and neighborhood appearance applies to trash control. Also, food containers with left-over pizza or other food create an easy “fast food” source for rodents and other animals in the area and raise a public health concern.

A solution to a stable neighborhood is for every neighbor who lives here (owner or renter) to pick-up litter in front of his/her house. Visitors also need to be cognizant that this neighborhood has a goal of safety for the visitor as well as the resident and that any visitor needs to do their part. MHNA applauds the many neighbors who regularly clean their properties! We especially appreciate the extra effort of volunteers who participate in the annual Spring Clean-up organized through the UWM Center for Volunteerism and those that participate in our “Adopt-A-Block” program. The “Adopt-A-Block” program requests volunteers to regularly address the trash that appears on their block. MHNA will provide volunteers with a “pick-up-stick” to help in the task. Please contact Dave Allen at david-d-allen@wi.rr.com to volunteer for your block and to receive your pick-up-stick. **Your help is needed!**

### Thank You Oscar Perez

Dear Oscar Perez:

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association and the other NA's surrounding UWM thank you for your steadfast years of service to our community. Your responsiveness, vigilance, focus and energy devoted to problem-solving and your ability to convey information was exceptional. It was a pleasure to ride with you on those weekend nights, and bring a “learning moment” to our younger neighbors.

At the Mariners' meeting on March 1, attended by legislators Jon Richards and Sandy Paasch, neighbors conveyed in detail your professionalism, the respectful way you opened the eyes of students and neighbors alike for resolution with civility. Please know that your actions have made a significant impact on the neighborhood and you were a positive force multiplier between the university, long-time residents and the students.

## Neighbor-to-Neighbor

*Talents, businesses and services are available right here in Murray Hill to Enjoy!*

**Acupuncture**, Judy Conti RN, MSOM, 1926 E. Park Pl. Focus on our community, pain, stress, addictions, anxiety, ptsd...and more. Affordable rates. 906-8881

**PRI Travel-Cruise**, World Travelers Pam & Richard will plan your travel needs, everything except domestic air. Share our commissions. 962-1541 or cell 405-1541

**Healing Energy Work**, hands on or hands away. Kathleen Marquardt 962-4244 kathmarq@execpc.com

**Realtor**, Celeste Horvath, RE/MAX 100, 2107 E. Newberry Blvd. 322-5652

**Tax Return & Investment Management Services**, specializing in Tax Return preparation and Investment Advisory services for individuals and self-employed people. John F. Bleidorn, CPA, 2755 N. Murray Ave. 455-4287

**Residential and Commercial Real Estate**, Carole Wehner, Broker/Owner Milwaukee Executive Realty. Office in the Clock Tower, 2266 N. Prospect Ave. #600, 704-7103, buysell duplex.com

**Lawn Mowing and Care**, Eliot Kaufmann, 2015 E. Newberry Blvd. 750-8168 eliotkaufmann88@yahoo.com.

**Land Surveying**, Dan Talarczyk, 2220 E. Linnwood Ave. 315-7959

**DeWan Dental Wellness**, Care for your healthy smile. Close to your home. 2445 N. Farwell Ave. 962-5915

**Urban Aquaculture Center**, Milwaukee non-profit promoting sustainable urban fish farming www.urbanaquaculturecenter.com

**Murray Hill Pottery Works**, Best Kid Parties Ever! 5th Annual Spring Egg Hunt, Egg Headquarters, One Nite Stand - Adult clay play: 2458 N. Murray Ave. GERALYN 332-8828

**Lawn Mowing**, Ron 2700 blk of Maryland. Looking to mow medium to small size lawns within a block from my block. 331-6648

**Catering and Party Planning**, Jennifer 2700 blk N. Maryland. Having a party? With my extra set of hands there, you get to enjoy your guests. References available. 962-1805

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## New Downer Restaurant

by Cynthia Sommer

A new restaurant that is planning to open for business on or around May 1st in the “Coffee Trader” building on Downer. The restaurant group that will open in the space previously occupied by the Bartolotta Group, currently runs a restaurant and bar called Transfer (www.transfermke.com), located on 1st and Mitchell Streets. The Downer Avenue Merchants Association overwhelmingly approves of this restaurant's presence on the street.

The operators, John and Russ Rossetto (owners of Transfer), are responsible and hard-working. They deliver a great product that appeals to a broad range of age groups and attracts customers from the entire metro area. Their new establishment will have a similar menu and atmosphere to their existing restaurant, and will feature additional menu items.

## President's Message

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Balkanization of the eastside where the university and students make up 98 % of the population from Shorewood to North Ave and everyone else can live somewhere else. I and most people I know recognize that to have a vibrant community you need a diverse population that can adapt to changes and work together to get things done for the greater good.

To properly represent the residents of Murray Hill we need talented and willing volunteers to help us participate in important committees or meetings and to present our views at those meetings. As you read through this newsletter you will see significant bits of the community relationships we are involved in; but we need new committed members to serve on the board and various committees, and if we can spread the tasks over several volunteers we can have more view points, avoid burn out, and have a better base on which to grow the entire organization; so please consider volunteering.

To that goal we need people to give a few hours of their time each month to help us grow and coordinate the block leaders, or meet with the Milwaukee Police Department's liaison officer and report to the membership on crime trends and how we can better protect ourselves, or meet and work with other neighborhood representatives to identify and solve common problems. We also need a replacement for a long serving board member who is moving a few blocks away, but just far enough that he cannot be part of the board. All of this gives you the opportunity to meet and work with a great set of people and expand your understanding of neighborhood, city, and county. Most importantly, you can have a positive impact on the neighborhood and city.

If any of this is something you are willing to undertake or you know someone who is please contact me at the phone number or email listed in the masthead and I can explain more about the various opportunities.

## Our Neighborhood Identified

by Cynthia Sommer

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is applying for a City of Milwaukee Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation matching grant to create and install street signs identifying Murray Hill. The goals of the project are to identify our area and create a sense of community in the neighborhood. The proposed double-sided, aluminum signs will be placed on light poles on the major streets of Oakland, Maryland, Downer, Kenwood, Locust and Bradford. We are currently in the process of having a new logo designed for Murray Hill and have involved graphic design students from UW-Milwaukee and Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. Once the new logo design is selected, a process of approval by the City is needed for the proposed street locations and logo design. The signage will be produced by Traffic and Parking Control Company of Brown Deer and then installed by the City of Milwaukee Public Works Department. Support for this matching grant will come from you, the members of Murray Hill, through your membership fees and from a generous commitment of \$500 from the Upper Eastside (Oakland/Locust) Business Improvement District. Installation of the signs is planned for summer and all neighbors will be invited for a community celebration.

## 3DNA High-Risk Committee Update

by Pamela Frautschi

3DNA, Third District Neighborhood Association composed of 7 neighborhood associations in this area, established 3 active committees, one focused on High-Risk Drinking (HRD). At HRD's inception Sarah Belstock, Health Educator in the Office of Health Promotion and Wellness at Norris Health Services, gave an overview of initiatives currently underway at UWM. She noted that the campus' Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Task Force, an open task force in existence for 8 years, includes many "front-line" workers. The Vice Chancellor's AODA Work Group was formed in spring of 2009. The work group meets quarterly and consists of director-level individuals. Parents are spoken to at new student orientations regarding AODA issues. A parent website is available that provides information about services available to students regarding alcohol issues and problems.

Prevention initiatives conducted on campus include a 2-part interactive online program related to high-risk drinking presented to new students at orientation. Students were told it was a mandatory program requiring completion before the semester began. 86% of the students completed part 1; 66% of that group completed part 2.

Regarding her research of an on-campus Alcohol Anonymous group, Belstock reported that AA, as a matter of policy, does not affiliate with other groups/institutions. UWM policy is that all on-campus meetings must adhere to the open-meeting requirements. This conflicts with AA policy of confidentiality. Paul Dupont (Norris Counseling Director) tried to find a faculty/staff member to sponsor an off campus meeting. However, there was very little participation and the students are now referred to a local AA group; and very few students have actively asked about AA's programs.

AODA training has been given to Resident Advisors, COAST (Community Outreach and Assistance for Student Tenants) leaders, orientation leaders, peer mentors, SAFE (Safety Awareness For Everyone) walkers and other students in positions of responsibility. This training is also available to other groups upon request. Information is distributed to residence halls and included in COAST newsletters. Last fall University Housing and Union Programming sponsored speaker/comedian Bernie McGrenahan, who performed in Sandburg Dorms and the Union, focusing on AODA issues.

"Virtual House Party" and "How to Throw a House Party" are programs offered to students in the fall. The latter is a new program, sponsored by UWM's Neighborhood Housing Office that incorporates principles from Safe

Beverage Server Training. Issues such as how to check ID's and ensure guest safety are addressed. There is a push within Union Programming to sponsor alcohol-free alternative activities and programming. An alcohol intervention program is available to students identified by residence halls, UWM police, and through self-referral. First time offenders can forego the citation fine if they complete the program; however there is a \$150 program fee. The fee is lower for others (the program is available free for those who are self-referred.) Alcohol treatment and assessment are available through Norris Health Center.

Pre-college outreach has been done in Shorewood and Mequon. The feasibility of expanding and formalizing outreach to target some of UWM's top feeder high schools is being examined. Dean of Students, Tom McGinnity meets with students reported as party hosts. Belstock offers a program for faculty and staff "How to Help a Student in Distress." UWM also piloted a first-year student course in Fall 2009. It was a voluntary, 6-week experience that included a health segment (including alcohol awareness) and other segments about financial aid, using university resources, and good citizenship.

## 3DNA Safety Committee Organized

by Pamela Frautschi

Comprised of City official stakeholders and representatives from 8 area Neighborhood Associations, 3DNA's Safety Committee met initially in early March 2010. The committee is gathering information and pursuing remedies to safety issues to establish "The Milwaukee Model" for safety, neighborhood stability and residential quality-of-life restoration and maintenance. The Department of Neighborhood Service, Milwaukee's Police Department, Alderman Kovac, District and City Attorneys and other city representatives are involved. Neighborhood Association representatives will meet quarterly with MPD District#1, and will meet "as-needed" to give monthly feedback to 3DNA. Reports and better communication with the public is expected.

MPD District #1 Invites Your Help - your reports of parties, excess noise, drunkenness, damage to property, activity possibly related to drugs and other undesirable activity helps track such incidents in our neighborhood. Call Police District #1 at 935-7211 for immediate handling of incidents. The records establish patterns on which we pursue solutions. Your reports play an important role.

## What Makes Our School Great! - Hartford University School

by Brittani Cook

*Where knowledge goes wild  
And challenges abound  
Where robots are built and thinkers are bred  
Students are scientists, historians and poets  
Where math becomes art -- and art becomes math  
The school I'd like to avoid some days -- at 5:30 am  
Is the school that I cherish:  
Hartford.*

*The school where ideas come alive.  
Where art leaves people speechless and  
Singing touches people's hearts,  
Is the place I learn best.  
The school with a freedom of speech  
School that helps my future.*

*A school that opens its arms to any race, culture or religion  
The school where vibrant faces don't go unnoticed,  
Where smiles lift people's spirits.  
The school that forces you to communicate  
And make friends.  
The school with so many different personalities,  
School of my being.*

*A school that shows true community,  
And is one of a kind,  
Is what makes Hartford special.  
Hartford is my haven  
School of privilege and adventure.  
With memories I'll carry to high school.  
A school I respect.*

Brittani is an eighth grader on the Gold Honor Roll at Hartford University School. She will attend Rufus King High School in Fall 2010. She aspires to be a poet and choreographer.

## Maryland Avenue School – Yesterday & Today

by Susan Nusser

Beans, carrots, onions, okra, beets. These are just some of the vegetables that were planned as part of the Maryland Avenue school's playground early in the twentieth century. The school was designed by Milwaukee native Annette Hoyt Flander, who rose to international prominence as a landscape designer in New York before returning to Milwaukee in 1943. Her original vision for the Maryland School playground, which included boys and girls play areas, perennial beds, and a lilac border around the garden, have long since been paved over. All that remains are the lilacs on the northeast corner of the property.

A committee of parents at the Maryland Avenue School, working with the Community Design Solutions, a community service offered by UW Milwaukee's School of Architecture, is working to restore a "Green Playground" to the 3.5 acre site through a series of targeted projects that focus on specific areas of the property.

Currently, a proposal submitted to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program seeks funding to replace the 10,000 square foot parking lot and adjacent turf area on the southern tip of the property—facing North Avenue—with a 14,000 foot outdoor laboratory complete with an underground rainwater harvesting system and a four foot wide vegetated riverbed, that will redirect about 42 thousand gallons of rainwater each year from the sewer system to the garden. The Montessori-trained teachers at Maryland Avenue will use the proposed garden as an outdoor classroom where students can learn about water quality and the hydrologic cycle, vegetable gardening, native plants and the birds and bugs that inhabit the garden.

The same proposal seeks funding to replace about 34,000 square feet of asphalt on the rest of the property with turf, and to install swales around the property perimeter that inhibit the flow of rainwater into the city's sewer system and enhance the play area, and provide an attractive natural landscape both for the children who attend Maryland Avenue and for the surrounding community.

## Hartford Avenue University School

by Cynthia Sommer

The name change of Hartford Avenue School from its early years reflects a shift from a neighborhood school to a college preparatory school. The school is a K-8 school of approximately 670 students who come from throughout the city and the neighborhood. The strong emphasis on academics is enhanced by a vibrant arts program and a focus on creating a sense of social justice. Linkage with UWM, other colleges, businesses and professionals in the field enables Hartford students to understand the preparation needed for academic success and provides an appreciation for the opportunities that education and the world can offer. Traditional subjects, including reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies and the arts, are taught to enhance critical thinking skills, creativity and an awareness of the real life issues of urban communities.

Hartford University School has been identified for several years as a "High Performing School" based on high achievement and growth of performance of its students. Hartford students have out-performed the district on standardized tests in reading, math, social studies and writing for the past 8 years. Several grades have out-performed the state of Wisconsin in writing for several years in a row. Extensive field trips, partnership with the Urban Ecology Center, an Arts in Residence Program, and Project Lead the Way create unique experiences for learning. Hartford fields 14 athletic teams for boys and girls, including basketball, baseball, football, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading and cross country. A majority of Hartford graduates go on to Rufus King, Riverside or other competitive high schools.

These specifics do not relay the learning/teaching, spirit and heart of the students, teachers and parents at Hartford. If you enter the building, you will see stained glass window designs of triangles arrayed inside circles done by 6th graders through the Artists in Residence program. The art work was coordinated with the concepts learned by students in geometry. The active and committed Parents Association has raised over \$15,000 this year to support this special arts program that brings in professional artists to work with student from K-8. For example, kindergartners learned movement with Milwaukee Ballet artists and 4th graders created 3-D books tied to the study of Wisconsin, US and their

own history. As you walk the neighborhood, you can see student artwork prominently displayed outside of Hartford school, and their artwork has been shown at the Milwaukee Art Museum and many community sites. Two photojournalism projects have even traveled to shows in Canada and Mexico. The student newspaper that is produced by the sixth and seventh graders with mentoring from two Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel editors challenges students in their writing skills and independence.

Hartford's curriculum is committed to social justice with the goal of developing young leaders with a strong sense of ethics, an ability to "look at events and issues from multiple points of view" and to solve problems. The focus is integrated with their traditional subjects in different ways at the various levels. For example, second graders have walking field trips to explore and photograph "places where people solve problems, play, be safe, live and work". Seventh graders designed and made silkscreen posters expressing positive behavioral messages with artist from Redline Community Artist Program. Classrooms pursue a variety of community projects, including recycling and collecting item for donation.

The staff and parents are being more than challenged this year in maintaining this high quality of education in the midst of a budget cut for the school of nearly \$500,000. Several positions are proposed to be cut and reduced. Now is a time to make a commitment to your local schools through voicing your support, volunteering or in whatever way you can. Milwaukee schools are the future of our city and our neighborhoods!

Enjoy the poem on the next page  
by eighth grade student Brittani Cook:  
**What Makes Our School Great! -  
Hartford University School**

This article is the first in a series  
on the schools in our neighborhood

## How to Deal With Party Noise

by Pamela Frautschi

We are beginning another Spring party season in the Murray Hill neighborhood and we once again find our nights interrupted by the parties that coincide with warmer weather. Although it is frustrating at times, there are ways to combat the problem. It requires individual effort, but with coordinated action we can reduce the number of sleepless nights. MHNA asks that you do the following when you are personally affected by party noise.

- 1) Make sure you have correctly identified the address involved. This often means getting up and walking about, but it is important that the property involved be accurately identified.
- 2) Call the police department and register a complaint. MPD #1 non-emergency number: 414-935-7212 or MPD 933-4444.

Tell them exactly where the problem is located. You may remain anonymous if you choose, but it is more effective if you identify yourself, provide your phone number and address and use the magic words: "I want a citation issued". Often the police arrive too late to witness the problem themselves. If you are willing to be a witness they will issue citations anyway. You may even make your complaint a day or two after the event. For example, calls can be made to the police station on Monday for a violation on Saturday.

- 3) Make some notes and save them. Write down the time you made the complaint, whether you had gone outside to identify the property, how long the noise problem had been going on, and any other pertinent facts. If citations are issued and you are the witness, there is a chance that the recipient of the citation will contest it. Your notes will make all the difference since these hearings occur months after the actual event. The more specific your notes, the more valuable they will be. For example: "a blond, tall skinny young man was giving out cups after receiving something in his left hand (selling cups)" or "five guys on the porch yelling back and forth to those on the street". Those of us who have gone through this process have been pleased with the outcome.

- 4) Call, or better yet, send an email about the problem. An email is best because it delivers the message to all concerned and also creates a record of the notes discussed above. Make sure to copy all of the following people:

**Officer Peter Graber:**

MPD#1 Neighborhood Liaison Officer:  
pgrabe@milwaukee.gov 935-7701

**Alderman Nic Kovac:**

nkovac@milwaukee.gov 286-2221

**MHNA:**

Also, send a copy to murrayhillnh@gmail.com. This address is used primarily for broadcasting emails like this one, but if you copy MHNA we'll keep a copy as well.

- 5) Contact the property owner. You can find out who the landlord is by looking up property information on the City's web site at <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov>. There is a "Get Property Information" button on the left side of the home page. You may also use the City's "Map Milwaukee" site to find property information at <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/display/router.asp?docid=3480>. If the site is not working or you find it difficult to use, send an email to Greg James (gjam@gjd.com) and he'll look up the information for you.
- 6) If you feel that your call has not been taken seriously, Captain Patrick Mitchell, MPD District 1 Captain, asks that he or the Lieutenant in charge be called at the 1st MPD district: 935-7250.

We may never see a spring or fall semester start without some of these parties, but if we all respond quickly and forcefully we should all see an improvement in our nighttime lives.



## Questions/Answers from Chief Marzion about UWM-PD

by Pamela Frautschi

Many thanks to UWM Police Chief Michael Marzion for responding to our inquiry to make the neighbors more informed about UWM Police Department's structure and involvement on campus and off.

### Q: How many patrols are there?

**A:** The UWM Police Department is a 24-7-365 operation. On all days we operate on a team concept that provides a sergeant and six officers on a team at any given time, along with security officers, safe walkers and a dispatcher.

### Q: Who is stationed where?

**A:** Our headquarters is in the West Tower of Sandburg Hall. Officers are assigned various sectors and assignments during their workday, including time at off-campus facilities such as the university residence halls, Great Lakes Research Institute on Greenfield Avenue, the University Services and Research Building northwest of campus, and the off-campus parking lots.

### Q: What system of compiling reports do you have and to whom do they go?

**A:** We use an internal program called Automated Record Management System (ARMS). It is a secure database for police record-keeping available to appropriate university staff.

### Q: How often are you called in to assist with MPD incidents in the neighborhood?

**A:** As I'm sure you can appreciate, every day, week and month is different. Even an average number could be misleading. Let me just say that we have an excellent professional relationship with MPD District One officers and respond to each others calls whenever the situation is appropriate.

### Q: In a typical week, or on average, what's the number of citations issued on campus, and for what designated offenses?

**A:** Again, the number of citations varies from week to week. Many variables, including class schedules, weather and time of year affect how busy we are. We don't use tickets issued as a performance metric, but evaluate an officer's ability to communicate effectively as an essential element for university policing.

### Q: What's the number and cause for responses off campus?

**A:** The primary off-campus calls to which we respond are for noise/nuisance, fights and disturbances. For the same reasons mentioned in preceding responses, the number and types of calls vary.

### Q: What's the number of cases of alcohol poisoning and related UWM policies?

**A:** We respond to calls for service related to intoxicated individuals frequently, and they are handled on a case-by-case basis. We strive to change behavior and to educate, and our officers are encouraged to carefully assess each incident and seek long-term resolution whenever possible.

### Q: What's the number of references you give to a) administration, b) Interim Chancellor of Student Affairs, c) Interim Dean of Students?

**A:** We speak with, meet with and share information with all of these groups daily. All of these campus departments are actively participating in the implementation of the Maxient software. It will allow us to better share information across campus.

### Q: How effectively is the new computer system helping you track and reference your records?

**A:** It will be an excellent tool for tracking and sharing information, and I look forward to the complete implementation. We are still learning all of its capabilities.

### Q: What State/City statutes or policies are problematic?

**A:** None that I can think of. We have the guidance we need to enforce the codes and laws as needed.

### Q: Who, how many, and what backgrounds do your department members have?

**A:** Our Police Department has 41 sworn positions, 7 administrative staff, 3 dispatchers, 18 SAFE walkers, and 14 security guards, and their backgrounds are as diverse as the university we serve. The police officer experience levels vary; we have an Officer that has worked for the UWM Police Dept since 1971, and two Officers that were hired as recently as January 2010. We have several ex-MPD Officers employed here, and a few officers that came from other UW campuses. All Officers have in excess of 60 college credits, many have college degrees. Officers at UWMPD are well trained, and we have instructors in many disciplines; Defense and Arrest Tactics, Firearms, Professional communications, vehicle contacts, and a few other areas. I will ensure continued diversity is integral to our current and future hiring processes, and remain a part of our retention efforts.

I appreciate your interest in our operations, as evidenced by your detailed inquiry. I would like to encourage your association members to call the police when they see something suspicious. Sometimes, these calls are the first indication of a problem and we rely on them for information

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## Boswell Book Company – The Sequel

by Cynthia Sommer

**B**oswell Book Company at 2559 N. Downer Avenue has more than survived its first year of business as an independent bookstore, even in these tough economic times. A year ago in April, the bookstore changed ownership from Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop to become Boswell Book Company. The bookstore is named after James Boswell, considered by many to be the first writer of biography.

Daniel Goldin, who had worked as a book buyer for Schwartz bookstores for 23 years, became the new owner of the Downer Avenue store. Milwaukee readers will still find the vast array of books, magazines, newspapers and gifts that they might remember from the former Schwartz's bookstore ... but more. You can still experience the pleasant memories of browsing through books in comfortable chairs on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or pausing to have coffee while reading your book at the connected Starbucks store next door. The transition and success of the store are due to the energy, new ideas and passion for books of Daniel Goldin and his knowledgeable staff.

The web site for Boswell's Book Company ([boswell.indiebound.com](http://boswell.indiebound.com)) can give you an idea of the variety of new books available and the many events, book clubs and blogs in which you can partake. Join the SciFi or Mystery book clubs or come to the author readings that fill many evenings of each week. If you need recommendations for fiction, non fiction or children's books view "Boswell's Best" on the web or, better yet, stop in and ask any of the helpful and experienced staff. And while you are at the store, let your children explore the children's section. Boswell's not only sells new books but also sell used books that you will find throughout the store. If you are an avid reader, take advantage of being able to sell your books back for credit – so that you can recycle and feed your desire for more books.



Independent bookstores serve a niche that is not met by the national chains or big box stores. The service is evident in the staff, the store hours (Mon-Sat 9 am – 9 pm, Sun 10 am - 6 pm) and the many free events open to the community. Goldin with his knowledge of books is a great resource for customers hunting for hard to find titles. Besides the service, local independent bookstores contribute to the local economy and set a standard for the neighborhood. If you haven't done so recently, stop in and support Boswell's. Happy First Anniversary to Daniel Goldin and his staff and thanks for being in the Murray Hill neighborhood!

### Who are Your Legislators?

*Wondering who to contact about an issue or problem?*

*Want to know if your representatives are staying in touch?*

The State of Wisconsin website has a feature that allows you to find who represents your area.  
[www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx)

Simply enter your address to find your representatives and their contact information.