

Most Improved Home Contest

Win cash prizes for any exterior improvements to the front of your house



IMPROVE YOUR HOUSE EXTERIOR FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE FOLLOWING PRIZES:

1st Place: \$500 • 2nd Place: \$250 • 3rd Place: \$100

4th/5th Place: Home Depot Power Tool Prize Pack

The first 10 who verify completion of their work with UrbAn will receive a \$10 rebate

Who qualifies: Homeowners and landlords in the Lincoln Village/Baran Park neighborhoods.

What qualifies: Any exterior improvements to the front of your house including gardening and landscaping that are visible from the sidewalk.

What are the dates: UrbAn will begin accepting applications on May 10. All projects must be completed by October 1, 2013.

How do I Sign Up: Contact Urban Anthropology Inc, 707 W. Lincoln Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53215 to pick up an application or go to our website at: www.urban-anthropology.org to download an application form.

For more information contact: Rick Petrie (414) 271-9417
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Services available for upcoming year

Stop in our offices at Old South Side Settlement Museum



Some of our services include:

- **Links to housing resource services.** Stop in and learn the eligibility requirements for these home improvement services: Me2, Great Midwest Bank, DCD Housing Rehabilitation Program, Harrison Avenue TIN, Rebuilding Together, and Homeowners Emergency Loan Program.
- **Block Club Development.** We can help you organize a block watch.
- **Free genealogy.** We can help you find your ancestors that lived in the United States.
- **Posting events in our newsletters.** Do you have a story or an event to post? Contact us.
- **Property problems.** Do you have an unsightly property on your block? Contact us and we will act on this.
- **Group tours.** Schedule a tour of the neighborhood or our museum.
- **Youth programs.** Contact us to learn what youth programs are currently available.
- **Renting assistance.** Help for people wishing to rent apartments in our area and help to landlords in finding suitable renters. Stop in at 707 W. Lincoln, call (414) 271-9417 or email RickPetrie@gmail.com.

UPCOMING

E V E N T S

IN THE PARK NEIGHBORHOODS

2013 Chill on the Hill performers announced

The Bay View Neighborhood Association (BVNA) is pleased to announce the performers for the 2013 Chill on the Hill season. Chill on the Hill won a 2013 Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) award in the people's choice category for best venue and is the Bay View neighborhood's largest concert series. Concerts take place on Tuesday evenings from June through August and attract an average of 2,500 attendees weekly to the band shell in Milwaukee County's Humboldt Park.



June

- June 4 – *Walter Salas-Humara of the Silos / Wooldridge Brothers (Alt Americana)*, opening act: *Bay View Middle School and High School & Tippecanoe / Dover drum lines*
- June 11 – *Pay the Devil / The Best Westerns (Bluegrass/Country)* opening act: TBD
- June 18 – *Tweed Funk (Funk/Soul)*, opening act: *Dailey Debutantes Baton and Drum Corps*
- June 25 – *(Run for the Parks) 5 Card Studs (Vegas Lounge Schmaltz)*, no opening act

July

- July 2 – *American Legion Band (Traditional)*, no opening act
- July 9 – *Katz Sass (Blues)*, opening act TBD
- July 16 – *Wade Fernandez / Painted Caves (World Music)*, no opening act

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Who was Tata Rybe?

The mystery man of the Old South Side



Anyone who grew up on the Old South Side will have at least heard about Tata Rybe. He was one of the area's earliest residents, arriving in Milwaukee in 1889. Actually, "Tata Rybe" was actually a nickname that meant "papa fish." His real name was Stanislaus Chelminiak.

But who was he?

It depends on who you ask. Some residents thought he was an Orthodox Jew from Poland or Russia. He dressed in all black clothes, donned a tall black hat, and had a long black beard. But he also wore sandals. Would an Orthodox Jew wear sandals?

Ask other people about Tata Rybe and they would say he was the man who entertained children. Even though he spoke no English, he could converse with the kids in Polish. Well, that was in the first half of the twentieth century. He would tell stories while walking on his hands.

Ask other people about Tata and they would say he had something to do with cigars. There was a local cigar store on Lincoln Avenue that specialized in, of all things, Tata Rybe cigars.

Ask other people about Tata Rybe

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Upcoming events *(Continued from page 2)*

- July 23 – Extra Crispy Brass Band (New Orleans Jazz), opening act: Bay View Middle School and High School Drum Line
- July 30 – Paul Cebar and Tomorrow Sound (Original Dance), opening act: Ethan Keller

August

- August 6 – (Kids & Family Night) – Nora Collins (Country) / Eagle Trace (Rock), opening act: The Maji
- August 13 – (Pre-Irish Fest) McTavish, opening act: Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- August 20 – (Ladies' Night) Ramma Lamma / Wanton Looks (Rock), opening act TBD
- August 27 – Spanglish (Salsa), opening act: D. Lopez Academy of Dance

*All opening acts 6:00-6:25pm

Carol Voss, founder of the concert series, is responsible for booking bands. Of this year's lineup, Voss said, "I'm really excited to bring a mix of music genres and lots of local, original acts this summer. We have some old friends and new ones this season. The Bay View area and beyond looks forward to chilling on the hill in just a few weeks!"

Old South Side Day slated for July 20

Arcadia book on area's history just released



Arcadia Press recently released the book, *Milwaukee's Old South Side*, written by the staff of Urban Anthropology (UrbAn). In response to the publishing of this book, UrbAn will hold an Old South Side Day that will educate (and entertain) residents on the history of their south side neighborhoods. The event will be held between 11am and 3pm on Saturday, July 20 at Kosciuszko Park, between 7th and 10th streets along Lincoln Avenue. The event and all food served are free to the public.

Stay tuned for more details in the next edition of this newsletter.

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and they would tell you that he was that "strange man" that led all the parades on Lincoln Avenue—the beauty contest processions, the Polish Constitution Day parades, and all the street openings. He led the parades performing cartwheels, and he did this well into his old age.

But who really was he, and where did he come from?

The answers

The answers to the true identity of Tata Rybe and how he got this nickname will be given at Old South Side Day on July 20. Just visit the Old Settlers Tent: Poles and introduce yourself to his relatives and friends.

Neighborhood play nominated for national award



In November, Urban Anthropology performed the play, *The March to Kosciuszko*, at the Basilica of St. Josaphat. The play, written by Jill Florence Lackey, was about the fair housing marches that came to Kosciuszko Park in 1967. UrbAn just heard the news that this play has become an official nominee for the Polish American Historical Association's Creative Arts Award. The person nominating the play was Dr. Stephen Leahy, professor of history at Shantou University in China.

Lincoln Avenue tour



Do you have relatives coming to town and would like to show off the best of your neighborhood? Saturdays at 3 pm, Rick Petrie, the Executive Director of Urban Anthropology Inc. provides a tour called "The Art, Culture and Architecture of Lincoln Ave."

The tour includes a visit to the majestic basilica, the Old South Side Museum, and many other distinctive sites along Lincoln Ave. The price of the 35 minute tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, seniors, and students.

The tour meets at 5th Place and Lincoln, next to the Old Town Restaurant. To reserve a tour please call (414) 335-3729.

Historic Milwaukee's third annual Doors Open September 21 & 22

Visit over 120 Milwaukee buildings

The Old Southside Settlement Museum will be open to the public for free the weekend of Saturday, September 21 from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday the 22nd from 1 pm to 4 pm as part of this citywide event sponsored by Historic Milwaukee. For more information visit the website at: www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org or call our office at (414) 271-9417.

Arcadia Book on Old South Side Available

Orders can be taken now

Have you ever wanted to know how Lincoln Avenue came to look the way it does today? Do you know how the neighborhood got developed and who did it? Are you interested in little historical tidbits on your area, and over 180 historical photographs of its past?

Then you will be most interested in purchasing a copy (or copies) of this wonderful book, published by Arcadia Press.

How to get your copy

If you would like to order a copy, just call Urban Anthropology Inc. at (414) 271-9417, or email Rick Petrie at rickpetrie@gmail.com.



A celebration of the Polish community at Kosciuszko Park in 1918



Going to the beauty parlor on Lincoln Avenue in the 1930s.

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