

# LINCOLN VILLAGE VOICE

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*Lincoln Village's most interesting people*

## His is a passion for authenticity

Native plants. Original architecture. Antiques. History of Lincoln Village. These are a few of the passions of Dan Jankowski of 2231 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Let's begin with the point that he lives in the house that his great grandfather built in the 1880s. His family arrived with the original wave of Poles to the area that is today Lincoln Village. His mother still lives in the upper flat of this home. Across from Kosciuszko Park, the home was on a block once considered a "gold coast" of the south side during the years of Polish domination. Dan is working slowly to restore the home to its original design, and is also furnishing the rooms with antiques.

But Dan's absolute passion is with horticulture. His day job is in interior landscaping, and his free time is spent in native landscaping.

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## Lincoln Village Clubs Artists, books, genealogy

Urban Anthropology Inc. sponsors the following clubs:

### South Side Artist and Writers Guild.

This organization plans festivals, exhibits, and Gallery Nights.

Book Clubs. Both Spanish language and English book clubs are held at the Settlement Museum.

Genealogy Club. Residents can locate their ancestors with staff help.

Block clubs. See the following page.

To join, call 271-9417.

## Lincoln Village holiday events

*Home lighting contest and tree lighting at triangle park*



In conjunction with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's (MSO) "Holiday Classics Messiah" performance at the Basilica of St. Josaphat (see below), the Lincoln Village Business Association will be hosting a Lincoln Village Christmas Tree Lighting event on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Three Christmas trees will be placed around the fountain in the triangle park at S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. and a Christmas lighting event will be complimented by the youth choir from St. Josaphat Elementary School singing Christmas carols. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.

The LVBA is also hosting a residential tree lighting contest. The winners of the Holiday Lights Home Decorating Contest will also be announced at the tree lighting event, with prizes for the best home decorations and lights going to the three best displays.

## Christmas concerts at Basilica



Christmas is a wonder in the Lincoln Village neighborhood. Each December, the Basilica of St. Josaphat holds a series of holiday concerns. Below are a few examples:

Sunday, December 6. Polish Carols performed by the Lira Ensemble, 3:30-5:00 pm.

Thursday, December 17. Studio Artists in Handel's Messiah. 7:30 pm.

Sunday, December 13. Bel Canto Boy Choir. 3:00-5:00 pm

Saturday, December 19. Fiesta Christmas at the Basilica. 8:00 pm.

Sunday, December 20. Studio Artists in Handel's Messiah. 4:00 pm

*Note: Alex Trumbull, an anthropologist of Urban Anthropology Inc. is a performer in the Festa Christmas concert.*

## Jankowski

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Dan Jankowski and his home on 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Dan has created a nature preserve in his backyard. Since the 1970s he's added native plants and wild flowers to this large yard. He also owns a property nearby on Logan and Tripoli with a double lot. For the past 15 years he's added 600 native species to the lot.

While Dan is frustrated with crime in Lincoln Village, he loves the neighborhood. He sees a new trend lately through the efforts of the Basilica and Urban Anthropology.

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## A soda factory once existed in LV



This house on 2221 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. was built in the 1850's for German immigrants Carl and Dorothea Kunckell. They manufactured soda water on a log cabin on the property. John Graf of "Grandpa Graf" fame worked for Kunckell before going into the soda water business for himself. Note the magnificent tower on the home.

## Three new block clubs in Lincoln Village

In order to develop a series of block clubs in Lincoln Village, Urban Anthropology Inc. has mapped the neighborhood into 50 clusters. This fall, staff have organized three new block clubs. The first is in cluster 21 (centered on S. 15<sup>th</sup> Place north of Lincoln), and the captain is Daniel Sanchez. The second is in cluster 22 (centered on S. 15<sup>th</sup> Place south of Lincoln), and the captain is Enrique Gomez. The third is cluster 42 (centered on S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. near the Kinnickinnic River), and the captain is Juan Fermin.

To contact any of these captains, or to set up a block club in your neighborhood, contact Urban Anthropology Inc. at 271-9417 or [JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net).

## Help available in owning a home in LV



Urban Anthropology Inc. now has a real estate agent to act as the residents' own agent in purchasing a home in Lincoln Village. His name is Chris Trotter. Each month, this newsletter will post a website link for all homes for sale in Lincoln Village. The link is <http://public.mlswis.com/link.html?oy28nls4j3o..> To access your own agent at no cost, and to learn the latest on home buying grants and loans, call Urban Anthropology at 271-9417.