

# LINCOLN VILLAGE VOICE

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*Lincoln Village's most interesting people*

## ESCAPING SUBURBIA



Pat Van Dyke recently moved to Lincoln Village from West Allis, in what he calls his escape from suburbia. "My search for a place to live in Milwaukee lasted about two years," says Pat. He originally focused on Riverwest, Bay View, and the Silver City neighborhood near the Domes. When he stumbled upon a great house at 2211 S 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln Village, he "began to pay attention to the neighborhood."

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## Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The City of Milwaukee's Neighborhood Stabilization Program is helping to keep Milwaukeeans housed. NSP offers incentives in the form of forgivable loans to owner-occupants and future landlords who invest in Milwaukee's growing number of bank-owned foreclosed homes. Learn about Homebuyer Assistance, Buy in your Neighborhood, Rental Rehabilitation, and many other programs online at <http://www.milwaukeehousinghelp.org/>, or call Urban Anthropology for more details.

## Ice-skating in the neighborhood



Alderman Jim Witkowiak remembers Kosciuszko Park ice-skating as great fun *and* as a source of many cuts and bruises in the days when Lincoln Village was Milwaukee's largest Polonia. As the smallest kid in games of "crack the whip;" Witkowiak flew across the ice and straight into a tree more than once. Other residents remember the green and red lights that indicated whether it was okay to skate on the ice or not.

### The return

This year's skating program runs Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4-7 pm. Skates from the tiniest children's size 11 to men's size 13 are offered, and long-time *and* first-time skaters are welcome. These days, just the eastern edge of the lagoon gets cleared, and crowds gather to enjoy free skate rental, hot chocolate, and good company.

After February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Lincoln Village ice-skating program will end for the season and open again next winter.

## NEW HOURS FOR SETTLEMENT MUSEUM



The Old South Side Settlement Museum announces new tour times! Tours are available on the first and third Sundays and on the Tuesdays *after* the first and third Sunday every month. Confused yet? To make this easier: We'll hold tours on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> this month and on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> next month. Call 271-9417 to reserve your spot.

Can't fit our new tour times into your schedule? No problem! We offer private tours to groups at other times, too. Call us to make special arrangements.

## PAT VAN DYKE

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He didn't have to look very long. Growing Power's vegetable green house at Forest Home Cemetery (see <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/4655537.html>), the Sweet Water Organics urban aquaculture experiment (see this web site at <http://bayviewcompass.com/archives/1205>), and the Old South Side Settlement Museum—all just blocks from the house he was considering—led Pat to fall in love with the area and purchase the house.

Pat continues to love Lincoln Village for those initial reasons as well as for some of its more everyday appeal: Kozy Park, the church bells, the Kinnickinnic River, the shops on Lincoln, the many cultures present here, and the public art. "I appreciate my new home every day," he concludes.

*Note: Will Allen, urban farmer and founder of Growing Power, is at the forefront of Milwaukee's good food revolution. Learn more about Growing Power by visiting <http://www.growingpower.org/blog>.*

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## Learning the cultural history of winter sports WINTER WONDERLAND PROGRAM



Local kids gather at the Old South Side Settlement Museum to learn the history of some popular winter sports, just in time for the Vancouver Olympic Games.

The participants of UrbAn's Winter Wonderlands program discuss the ways that winter sports like snowshoeing and tobogganing grew out of cultural adaptation.

Every session includes a taste of cultural cuisine that is tied to the areas where the sports were invented. These include dishes like wild mushroom soup from northern Poland, Native American wild rice, and hearty Scandinavian stew made with dried fish and root vegetables (such as carrots) kept in "root" cellars. Winter food traditions, like winter sports, often grow out of necessity.

*Can you guess which cultural group was the first to invent ice-skating? The first resident to call or email us with the answer will win a wintry prize. Call 414-271-9417 or email Rebecca Mueller at [lincolnvillager@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnvillager@gmail.com)*

## 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 web site for all homes for sale in Lincoln Village. The link is <http://public.mlswis.com/link.html?rempa7r8gqm..1>

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.

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