

THE PARK NEIGHBORHOODS

The next best place



LINCOLN VILLAGE AND BARAN PARK NEIGHBORHOODS

The place to be for artistic and intellectual stimulation

LOCATION

What and where are the Park Neighborhoods?



The Park Neighborhoods are the areas designated by the city of Milwaukee as Baran Park and Lincoln Village.

The Park Neighborhoods are bordered by Bay View on the east, Pulaski Park on the west, Kosciuszko Park on the north, and the Kinnickinnic River on the south. The main street in this area is Lincoln Avenue. (See map on last page.)

PARKS

Below are three of the larger parks in the Park Neighborhoods: Kosciuszko, Baran, and Pulaski.



THE BASILICA

The Park Neighborhoods have Milwaukee's only basilica—the majestic Basilica of St. Josaphat, with all of its wonderful concerts and programs.



THE MUSEUM

The Park Neighborhoods have Milwaukee's only neighborhood museum—the Old South Side Settlement Museum.



Features of the Old South Side Settlement Museum:

- Rooms that replicate those of the earliest immigrant families
- Tours that tell the stories of the various cultural groups that found the neighborhood their home
- Alternating exhibits of area artists
- Over 1000 photographs of early neighborhood history



THE SHOPS & ARCHITECTURE

The Park Neighborhoods have some of Milwaukee's most distinctive architecture. Not only do they host the quaint Polish flats, but the parapets from northern Poland adorn Lincoln Avenue (see comparison of Gdansk, Poland and Lincoln Avenue). Lincoln Avenue does not have rows of boarded up or vacant shops, as you see in other neighborhoods. However, the shops that are available for sale or lease are very modestly priced (great for galleries, boutiques, studios, etc.)



VERY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

This is the best time in the history of America to purchase homes. Right now, homes in the Park Neighborhoods go for \$17,000 to \$75,000 for single family properties. Urban Anthropology Inc. will conduct tours of these homes and the neighborhood for interested people.



CULTURAL DIVERSITY



Population makeup in the Park Neighborhoods:

Latino	50%
European American	36%
Native American	9%
African American	4%
Asian American	1%
Middle Eastern	1%

Overall, 109 national groups are represented in the Park Neighborhoods.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FARE

The Park Neighborhoods have 16 restaurants for all tastes. Most of the restaurants were developed by immigrant populations that settled in the area. Below, see roasted beets and quinoa from the Peruvian restaurant, El Tondero; stuffed pupusas from the Salvadorian restaurant, El Salvador; spinach burek from the Serbian restaurant, Old Town European Gourmet House; and tacos from the Mexican restaurant, Club Tres Hermanos.

Other kinds of food establishments include a pizza place, coffee/bakery shops, a Polish Deli, and ethnic grocers.



NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

The Park Neighborhoods were once home to the mound culture and Native trade on the Kinnickinnic River. Today a full 9% of the residents are Native.

Beginning in the late 1800s, immigrant Poles built up this neighborhood. The Polish culture was documented by noted neighborhood photographer, Roman Kwasniewski (see the gathering of the Polish Women's Alliance of American, below, in front of the Basilica of St. Josaphat).

In the 1960s, Kosciuszko Park was the destination of a major Fair Housing March and since then the neighborhood has become home to 109 nations.

The Old South Side Settlement Museum has over 100 editions of the Old South Side News, which tell the stories of the long and extremely interesting history of this contested neighborhood.



ART AND ARTISTS

The Poles brought the beautiful paper art, Wycinanki, to the Park Neighborhoods, as well as the Polish Opera Club and the Polish Drama Club. In the middle of the 20th century, famous poet Lorine Niedecker and Native artist William Lackey lived on 6th and 7th streets. Today the neighborhood boasts its own Artist Guild, art spaces along Lincoln Avenue (see below), public art, and one artist in every six households. The Park Neighborhoods are home to the internationally celebrated Flores family and local artists of renown, including Todd Gnacinski, James Charles, Ron Nelson, and Yevgeniya Kaganovich.

A KK Crossing Park of public art is currently in the planning stages to border the Kinnickinnic River.



HUMANITIES SCHOLARS

The Park Neighborhoods are the home of Urban Anthropology Inc. (UrbAn), the only nonprofit in the country practicing urban anthropology. and the organization draws other anthropologists and humanities scholars to the neighborhood. UrbAn studies neighborhoods and cultural groups throughout the Greater Milwaukee area, and from these studies come documentaries, museum exhibits, youth programs, tours, and lecture series. Residents of the Park Neighborhoods have many opportunities to participate in anthropology and hear the results of all the studies.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Children will find the Park Neighborhoods a wonderland. Not only are there two community centers, gyms, tennis courts, soccer leagues, baseball diamonds and leagues, a boxing club, three large parks, an indoor and outdoor pool, but there are intellectually stimulating programs on culture and history as well.



KINNICKINNIC DEVELOPMENT

The Kinnickinnic River is currently being widened. Along the river banks will be green space, public art, and new park areas. The charming foot bridges along the river will be improved. The river banks will include walking and bike paths.



OTHER FEATURES

Schools in the Park Neighborhoods:

Advanced Language and Academy Studies
(ALAS)

971 W Windlake Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53204-3822
Ph: (414) 481-6225

Public Charter - Grades: 9-12

Windlake Seeds of Health Part
2433 S 15th St
Milwaukee, WI 53215-3132
Ph: (414) 643-9052

Public - Grades: 1-5

Riley Elementary
2424 S 4th St
Milwaukee, WI 53207-1492
Ph: (414) 645-7340

Public - Grades: PK-5

St. Josaphat Parish School
801 West Lincoln Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
Ph: (414) 645-4378

Private - Grades: PK-8

Hayes Bilingual School
2431 S 10th St
Milwaukee, WI 53215-3248
Ph: (414) 902-9600

Public - Grades: PK-5

Badger State Baptist School
1170 W Windlake Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
Ph: (414) 643-6843

Private - Grades: KG-12

Kosciuszko Middle School
971 W Windlake Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53204-3822 Ph: (414) 902-7200

Public - Grades: PK-8

Churches in the Park Neighborhoods:

Categories: Catholic Churches

Apostolic Missionary Church

Categories: Apostolic Churches, Church &
Religious Associations & Organizations

Blessed Hope Assembly of God

Categories: Churches, Assembly of God
Churches, Church & Religious Associations &
Organizations

Categories: Baptist Churches

Good News Messengers Church

Categories: Bible Churches, Church & Religious
Associations & Organizations

Categories: Catholic Churches (Polish Nat)

Hulburt Baptist Church

Categories: Baptist Churches

Iglesia Pentecostal Ebenezer Abrigo Del Altisimo

Categories: Pentecostal Churches

Categories: Catholic Churches

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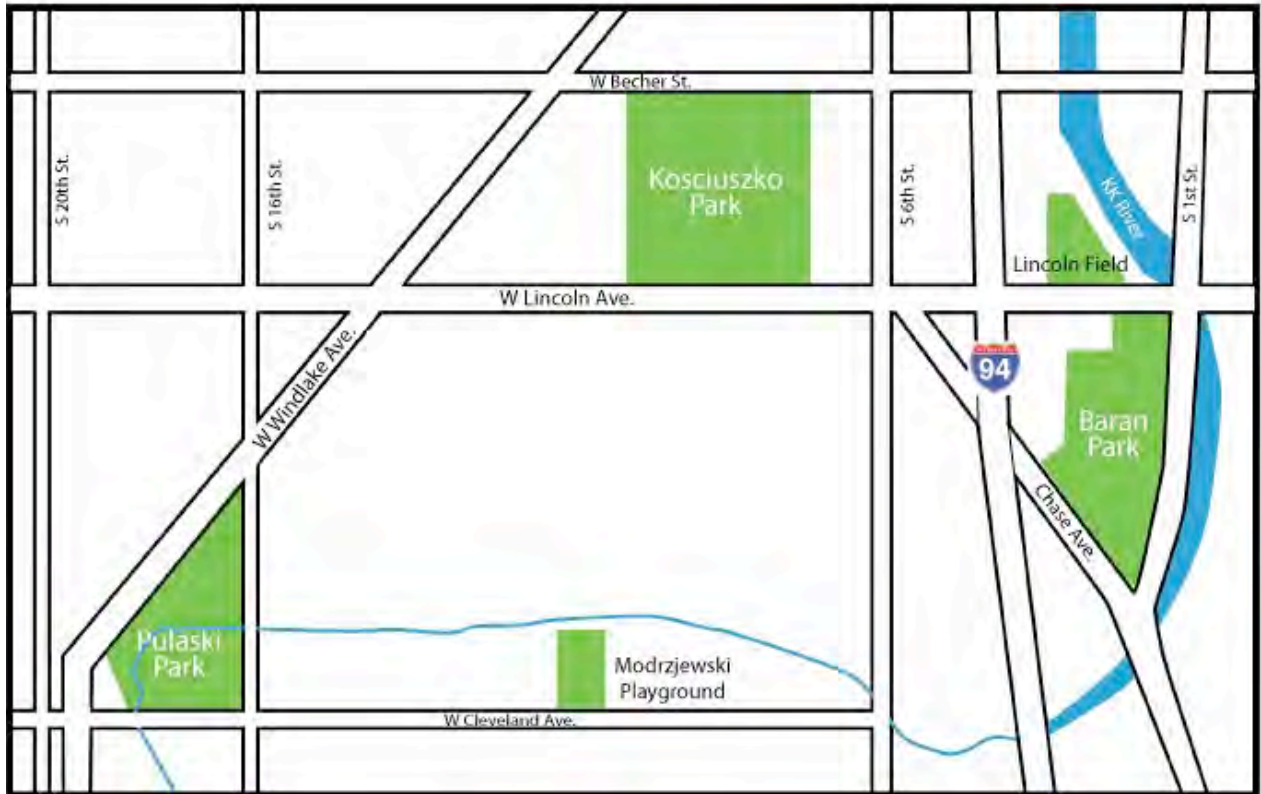
Supermarkets in the Park Neighborhoods

Aldi's, Mi Super Mercado, Pick n Save (two
blocks south)

Large stores in the Park Neighborhoods

Target, Home Depot (2 blocks south)

BOUNDARY MAP



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