

Chronology of the East Village Conservation District

For the City of Milwaukee Plan Commission, November 8, 2004

March 16, 2000 – EVA Meeting

Under Issues and Concerns for the EVA in 2000, the East Village Association discussed efforts to “protect the area from runaway development”.

July 2000 - newsletter

“Conservation District: What do you like about your neighborhood buildings?” appeared as the first article in the East Village newsletter which was delivered to every residence in the East Village Neighborhood. The article explained the purpose and possible scope of the Conservation District and noted a committee was being formed to help formulate guidelines. (see attached article)

June 2001 - Special East Village Association meeting

The EVA newsletter announced a joint presentation, “What Makes A Neighborhood A Special Place?” by the East Village Association, the City Historic Preservation Commission and the Alderman's office. The announcement requested input from the neighborhood for conservation district guidelines. First guidelines for the Conservation District were created from the input gained from neighbors at this presentation. (see attached newsletter and guidelines)

● **August 2001 – Ald. D'Amato Mails Survey to Every Property Owner**

A survey was sent to every property owner in the East Village neighborhood asking them to rate the importance of regulating each of the following features such as building additions, demolition of buildings, patterned shingles, decorative treatments, doors, fences, front lawns, garage/parking, height, masonry size, polish flats, porch, window size/shape, railings, roof pitch, setback, siding material, skylights, storefront conversions, and vacant land. There were 47 surveys returned. Five surveys indicated no regulation was needed/enough regulation already, while the rest of the surveys indicated various rates of importance for each feature. (see attached survey)

August 2001- August 2002 Conservation District Committee

The East Village Association forms a Conservation District Committee to draft the Conservation District Guidelines. The Committee works with the Department of City Development and and Alderman's Office. (See letter from Feb. 18, 2002 from Peter J. Park, Planning Director).

August 2002 – Presentation on Conservation District

The East Village newsletter announces a presentation on the National Register nomination and the Conservation District. (see attached newsletter)

June 2003 – Newsletter Article

Newsletter article, "Conservation District – What is it?" describes the purpose of the Conservation District and the process that has been undertaken thus far. (see attached newsletter)

October 2003 – Newsletter Article

Newsletter article, "Conservation District – City of Milwaukee" gives another update on the status of the Conservation District guidelines and again explains the purpose and scope. Residents are encouraged to contact the East Village Association with comments, questions or concerns. An additional article encourages people to serve on the East Village Association Board and give input to the association. (see attached newsletter)

● **April 23, 2004 – Ald. D'Amato Sends Postcard to Every Property Owner**

Postcards are sent to every property owner in the East Village Association asking them to attend a meeting to discuss plans for the East Village Conservation District. The postcard explains what a Conservation District is and asks property owners to contact Ald. D'Amato with any questions or concerns. The meeting is held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11 at the Tasting Room, 1100 East Kane Pl. (see attached postcard)

April 2004 – East Village Newsletter

Newsletter article, "Development that Respects History" updates residents on the Conservation District process and also announces the May 11 meeting. (see attached newsletter)

June 2004 – Newsletter Article

Newsletter article, "Conservation Overlay" reviews the May 11 meeting and encourages people to attend future East Village meetings to revise Conservation District guidelines based on further neighborhood input. "Maintaining the Village in East Village" recounts the Conservation District process, what it addresses and how it would be implemented. (see attached newsletter)

June 8, 2004; Sept. 14, 2004; Oct. 12, 2004

The East Village Association holds regular meetings at 7 p.m. at the Tasting Room, 1100 E Kane Pl., on June 8, 2004; Oct. 12, 2004; and Sept. 14, 2004. The Conservation District is discussed at each meeting and final input is taken.



Newsletters

Association Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 2000, 7:00PM
The Tasting Room, 1100 E. Kane Place
Sun, Wind, Earth
Guest: UWM Architecture Professor Jim Wasley

Meeting for the following residents, especially the homeowners, parents, renters, students, landlords, business owners, St. Hedwig parishioners, and city employees who live on:

Arlington Place 1700 & 1800 blocks	Humboldt Avenue
Boylston Street 1300 & 1400 blocks	Kane Place 1000, 1100, 1200, & 1300 blocks
Franklin Place 1700 block	Warren Avenue 1700, 1800, & 1900 blocks
Hamilton Street 1300 block	Pulaski Street 1700 & 1800

We're making decisions! We're taking action! Be a part of it! Be there! Have a voice!

The Next Meeting—Sun, Wind, Earth

As a homeowner "in da 'hood" for more than 10 years now, I have often wondered if anyone has ever studied whether there are cost effective alternative energy installations for homeowners or renters in Milwaukee! Sure, we know that folks in California, Arizona, and other sun enriched places can benefit from installations of such things as passive solar (heat generating) panels, active solar (photovoltaic cells), shaded windows, windmills, pipes buried for tapping geothermal resources, insulation, specially tinted windows, etc. But what about in urban homes up north??

July 13th's EVA meeting will host UWM Architecture professor Jim Wasley to guide us in a discussion of renewable energy resources for home owners and renters in the city. Let's hear about intelligent, clean, nonpolluting, inexpensive options. —Mark

Conservation District: What do you like about your neighborhood buildings?

In lieu of a historic district an alternative plan called a conservation district is being considered for the East Village area. A conservation district is similar to a historic district but less restrictive. Owners determine the guidelines for improvements or new construction. This district would help preserve the neighborhood from inappropriate development. A bare bones list of guidelines will be available for you at the July meeting. This is your chance to make suggestions as to what you like about our neighborhood buildings and how these things should be preserved. Your input is important because a committee will be looking through and using these items to establish the guidelines. Make sure you attend the meeting or send a friend to pick up a copy of the list of guidelines so you will not be overlooked.

Pulaski Playground Update

The East Village is still working very hard to make sure our project for Pulaski Playground will be done. Anyone who would like to help with fundraising, media coverage or grant writing please see Kendall at the meeting on July 13th. Our plans will be available at the meeting as well.

Five Things You Can Do This Week to Improve Your Neighborhood

Try these! You don't have to go to any meetings or pay anything and they only take minutes!

1. Roll your green or blue cart back to its storage area by 10 P.M. on garbage day.
2. Pick up litter around your house, especially between the sidewalk and the street.
3. If you're a renter, remember *you are the customer!* For your rent, your landlord owes you a safe, clean, and well maintained dwelling. If you're not getting that, remind him or her.
4. Look out the windows once in awhile and check out the scene. Be curious about your neighbors and what people are doing around you.
5. Ask visitors to ring your doorbell instead of honking their horn when they come to pick you up.

The EVA general meetings are a good way to meet neighbors who have concerns similar to yours. We are also experienced with problem solving and working with city and police officials.

Did You Know?

Kane Place was named after Alonzo Kane, the most prominent member of a family who settled in Milwaukee 150 years ago. Alonzo and his family owned and operated a hotel at the site of the present Grand Avenue Mall. They also owned property which included the street that bears his name. However this isn't through financial success; instead it was the spring water that he and his brother Sandford bottled and sold as a "healthy alternative" to the polluted wells that plagued early Milwaukeans with cholera. Alonzo was also an alderman, county supervisor, the owner of a newspaper called "The Milwaukee News", and a real estate developer. Part of his real estate development included an order from the health department to clean up a gully deemed "the filthiest spot in the city". He cleaned and filled in the gully and it became known as Pulaski Street. Alonzo died in 1889 and in 1890 the 1600-1800 blocks of Dane Place were renamed Kane Place in his honor. The rest of the street from 1000-1300 East didn't become East Kane Place until 1930. Before 1930 it was known as North Water Street and where Water Street truly runs north and south it was named East Water Street.

A Call For Action

Do you need to know who to call about potholes in the street, jobs in city government, or tax assessments? The Milwaukee Common Council publishes a directory of city services and phone numbers called "Call for Action". This handy directory is arranged alphabetically by specific problems. Even if you don't need to make a call just looking through it will give you some insight into city government and its services. If you would like a copy check for it at the EVA general meeting or call Alderman D'Amato's office at 286-2221 and request a copy.

Neighborhood Guidelines

The East Village Association promotes a set of neighborhood guidelines for owners and renters:

* How we feel about our neighborhood has a lot to do with how it looks. Overgrown weeds, eroded yards, trash, garbage carts left out, and uncared for property create a negative image of our area. Please pick up litter and sweep up any broken glass. Garbage carts must be returned to their proper place within 24 hours of garbage collection.

* Noise is a special concern—especially since many houses are close together. Loud music from cars and houses, noisy cars and motorcycles, and loud gatherings all can disturb neighbors. Please help to keep the noise levels down to make this a more pleasant place to live. Excessive noise can be reported to the police and a ticket could be issued. Owners can be held responsible for their tenants and ticketed.

* Please drive carefully and watch out for children. The speed limit on residential streets is 25 MPH.

* Pets are important members of many families. Dogs should always be leashed, fenced, or supervised. Barking dogs should be brought inside. Always pick up after your pet.

* Drugs will not be tolerated. Landlords can evict tenants in 5 days when drug activity has been confirmed.

Landlords

The city provides an excellent free landlord training program. To enroll, call 286-2954.

Thank You!

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Association Meeting
Tuesday, June 5, 2001, 7:00 P.M.
Riverview, 1300 E. Kane Place
Special EVA Meeting
"What makes the neighborhood a special place?"

Meeting for the following residents, especially the homeowners, parents, renters, students, landlords, business owners, St. Hedwig parishioners, and city employees who live on:

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Special EVA Meeting--Come and Learn

The City Preservation Commission and the Alderman's Office will do a presentation on "what makes the neighborhood a special place." A slide show presentation will give us a chance to see our neighborhood up close and personal. What do you like about where you live? What is an insensitive rehab? After the slide show we would like to know how you feel about the possibility of designating the EVA neighborhood as a conservation or historic preservation district and what needs to be done to move forward.

The Pulaski Street Playground Project

The Pulaski Street Playground Project is thrilled to announce that we have officially broken ground! The workers should be in the park soon to begin with the demolition of the existing play equipment and the asphalt play surface. By the end of August, we should have a new playground for all to enjoy! It is not too late to make a donation. In fact, we still need to raise about \$20,000 to complete the park as designed. To have your name added to the donor board, all you need to do is make a \$50 donation! Please make your check payable to: **The Brady Area Arts and Education Foundation** and send it to:

The Pulaski Street Playground Project
 1311 East Kane Place #4
 Milwaukee, WI
 53202

Bicycle Police

To Milwaukee Police Department will be bring out the Bicycle Police this Spring and Summer to help ensure our safety in areas which are hard to access by car. So be on the

lookout for them along our public parks, bike paths and along The Riverwalk. They will also bring back some of the beat patrols in this area. With an increased presence, the police department hopes to significantly cut down on the number of problems in these areas.

E-mail to the EVA

If you have questions about neighborhood sanitation, landlord-tenant issues, safety, or crime issues. Post an e-mail to the EVA.

Overnight Parking Permit

Tired of tickets? End these problems. Obtain a parking permit at the District 5 police station, located at 4th and Locust. The cost is \$10 for three months (beats \$13 for each ticket). The police station is open 24 hours.

Farmers Market

From June 23 until October 6 there will be a farmers market every Saturday, 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. , on Kenilworth Avenue between Farwel Avenue and North Avenue.

Spring Clean-up

To those who took time out from their busy Saturday plans to work at the neighborhood spring clean-up on May 19 and on the Caesar's Park clean-up on April 28--well done!

EVA Proposes Formalizing Structure

As announced in the April newsletter EVA leaders have drafted a set of bylaws for the purpose of formalizing the EVA structure. If you have any comments or questions please let us know.

Help Prevent Car Break-ins from Happening to You!

Leave nothing in your car that would entice someone to break in and steal it.

Summer Challenges

Summer is an especially great time of year in this area. Many activities are going on at the lakefront, along the Milwaukee River and downtown. Parking shortages, litter and noise can be come major problems. Parking will always be a challenge and there really isn't to much that can be done about that. We can do some things about litter and noise. Litter is easy -- just pick it up. Noise is also something that will always be a challenge with the homes and businesses so close to each other. We can help with noise by keeping our music low if our windows are open, and keeping noise to a minimum after 10P.M. We can ask our guests coming and going into our neighborhood to keep car stereos turned down, don't honk car horns and not to get to loud when out on the street.

Brady Street Pedestrian Bridge

A big thank you to our State Representative Jon Richards and to Milwaukee County Supervisor Sheila Aldridge for not only taking quick action on keeping the Brady Street Pedestrian bridge from being torn down, but making sure the bridge will be repaired until it can be rebuilt. (Original plans were to just take out the bridge and not replace it.)

Special Trash Pickups

If you set out items on the curb you need to call the city Sanitation Department for a special pick up--call 286-3326.

June 2001

Suggestions for: Guidelines for EVA Conservation District

Additions:

Chimney:

Demolition: Three-Step Process:

1. Research by Historic Preservation. Keep record on file to be checked if demolition permit is requested.
2. Inspection by Neighborhood Services.
3. After steps 1 & 2 are completed, apply to Historic Preservation for demolition permit.

Door: Front

Dormers: Anywhere on roof.

Gangways: Concrete sidewalks (not asphalt)

Garage Doors: Not on front of building.

Garbage Carts: Provisions for locating garbage carts away from the street and out of sight

Grading:

Height: No higher than any of three houses on either side of new construction.

Landscape Materials: No fieldstones.

Porch: Front

Roof Pitch: To match any of three houses on either side of new construction. (Gabled)

Roofing Materials: Colored roofing tiles (No black).

Set Back: 5 foot set back from sidewalk (minimum).

Siding Materials: Wood preferred. Vinyl acceptable.

Stairs:

Skylights: Preferred back of house only

Style: Appropriate for neighborhood.

Windows: No aluminum combinations. Wood preferred, clad or painted thermopane ok.

EVA

East Village Survey

Please rate the importance of regulating each of the following features, using the following scale:

1 = very important; 2 = important; 3 = indifferent; 4 = little importance; 5 = no importance

Possible Feature to Regulate	Rating (Circle)				
	Important → No Importance				
Building Additions	1	2	3	4	5
Demolition of Buildings	1	2	3	4	5
Patterned Shingles	1	2	3	4	5
Decorative Treatments (sunburst, window scrolls)	1	2	3	4	5
Doors (location)	1	2	3	4	5
Extras (satellite dish, air conditioner, fire place vent)	1	2	3	4	5
Fences	1	2	3	4	5
Front Lawns	1	2	3	4	5
Garage/Parking	1	2	3	4	5
Height	1	2	3	4	5
Masonry Size	1	2	3	4	5
Polish Flats	1	2	3	4	5
Porch	1	2	3	4	5
Window Size/Shape	1	2	3	4	5
Railings	1	2	3	4	5
Roof Pitch	1	2	3	4	5
Setback	1	2	3	4	5
Siding Material (wood, vinyl, aluminum, stucco)	1	2	3	4	5
Skylights	1	2	3	4	5
Storefront Conversions	1	2	3	4	5
Vacant Land	1	2	3	4	5

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City _____ Zip _____

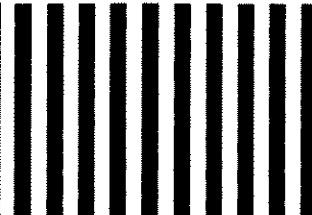
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February 18, 2002

Ald. Michael D'Amato
City of Milwaukee
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Ald. D'Amato:

I'm writing to provide an update of our progress in preparing the East Village Neighborhood Conservation Overlay and Plan. As we discussed last week, given our current commitments, our work on this project can't begin until mid-April, 2002. However, we have done an initial review of the draft Development and Design Standards submitted by the East Village Association. We reviewed the draft relative to the proposed new Zoning Code for the City of Milwaukee to determine the extent that the new base zoning districts for this neighborhood will address the proposed conservation overlay standards.

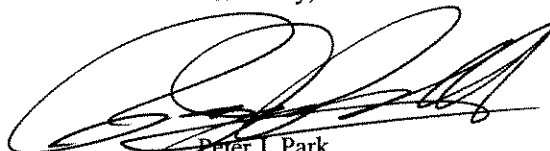
Under the new zoning code most of this area will fall under the RT4, Two-family zoning district. A small area near N. Humboldt and E. Kane will be zoned Local Business, Caesar's Park and Pulaski Playground will be zoned Parks and two larger apartment buildings including Riverview will be zoned Multi-family. The RT4 district is a zoning district designed to promote, preserve and protect our older traditional neighborhoods. It permits one and two-family dwellings while recognizing that many of our older neighborhoods also contain small 3 and 4 unit apartments buildings, corner stores and rear cottages. The following is a description of the new zoning relative to the design issues included in the draft East Village Neighborhood Conservation Plan:

1. Building additions. Setbacks governing the placement of building additions on a lot would be more similar to those actually occurring in the neighborhood.
2. Demolitions. The new code will not add new regulations relative to demolitions. The City Attorney is preparing a Legal Opinion as to the possibility of placing limitations on demolitions.
3. Fences. Current standards relative to location, height and openness are retained but some additional flexibility will be provided for ornamental fences, trellises and arbors.
4. Front Lawns/landscaping. No changes affecting front lawns/landscaping are included.
5. Garages/off-street parking. Any parking area with more than 5 spaces will be required to provide a 6 foot high opaque fence/wall if adjacent to a residential property. Garages will be allowed to be built to a height of 24 feet rather than the current 17 feet. This will allow new garages to be built with higher roof pitches more in character with older neighborhoods rather than the low pitch, suburban style roofs now required.
6. Height of structures. The RT4 district will allow buildings up to 60 feet in height - the same height allowed by current zoning.
7. Maintenance of Polish Flats. No changes affecting polish flats are included.
8. Porches and railings. No changes affecting porches or railings are included.
9. Non-residential buildings. If currently a non-residential use, it could continue. If a new non-residential use were proposed for a building not recently used for non-residential purposes, a special use permit would have to be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals after holding a public hearing.

10. Development of vacant land. New construction could only occur if plans conformed to the new zoning in terms of use, density, setbacks and height. In the RT4 district no building could contain more than 4 dwelling units, would have to have an entrance door facing the street or include physical features that clearly identify the front door and would have to set back any garage doors facing the street 4 feet from the front building façade or provide a significant design feature. Non-residential uses could only occur after a public hearing and approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
11. Window shapes and sizes. No changes affecting window shapes or sizes are included.

Thank you for your assistance in coordinating this project. We look forward to working with you and the neighborhood in the future. If you have any additional questions, please call John Hyslop at 286-5710.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Park
Planning Director
Department of City Development

Cc: John Hyslop
Greg Patin
Jeff Osterman

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Newsletters

Association Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2002, 7:00 P.M.
The Tasting Room, 1100 E. Kane Place
Special Guest: Carlen Hatala
of the
Historic Preservation Commission
Presents a "Historic Overview of the Area" Slide Show

The Next Meeting—National Register, Conservation and History of the Neighborhood
 We are fortunate to have Carlen Hatala do a presentation on the history of the Brady Street and East Village area. Learn more about the people who turned a swampy, uninhabited area into what we now call home.

Condo Development in the EVA



Condo development plans for the corner of Humboldt, Kane and Pulaski (where a gas station sat across from the Tasting Room) will be discussed at the General meeting on August 13th. Sketches and site plans will be on display. David Hoff from The Hoff Group will have a brief presentation with Q & A to follow. Plan on

attending.

East Village Nomination for National Register of Historic Places

A grant (\$8,075) has been secured to hire a consultant to prepare a nomination for the East Village with the National Register of Historic Places in the State of Wisconsin. A number of resumes (statewide) have been mailed to us from people interested in working on the nomination. After interviewing and going over proposals a consultant will be hired in September to begin working on this project. The research on the East Village area will be a daunting task with approximately 286 structures to check on. The completion date has been set for April 2003.

What does it mean to be on the National Register? The nomination of the East Village District to the State National Register of Historic Places will make voluntary properties eligible for state and federal rehabilitation tax credits, thus encouraging appropriate renovations. This recognition could help preserve the ethnic and historic character of the

area.

—*Shirley Ferguson*

Caesar's Park/Pedestrian Bridge



Plans are starting to take shape by the city to construct a pedestrian bridge over the Milwaukee River utilizing the remains of the old North Avenue dam. Requests for proposals are being sought from architectural firms for construction plans. This bridge will help to connect the East and West neighborhoods. The bridge could be finished as soon as 2003. Caesar's Park is also getting some badly needed help. In 1993 a TIF was set up for the area along the River. That TIF has \$75,000 available for use in Caesar's Park. County and city officials are

discussing landscaping plans and other improvements.

East Village Association to Acquire Tax Exempt Status

One of East Village Association's goals for the year is to enhance its business operations. As part of this effort, members approved a plan last fall to become a formally recognized organization. EVA is now incorporated as a nonprofit in the state of Wisconsin and expects to file an application for Federal tax exemption in August. A committee involving several people on the Board - Kendall Yahr, Mark Behar and Scott Gelzer - has nearly completed its work on various documents needed for review by the Internal Revenue Service.

This step will enable EVA to raise funds for projects as needed, i.e., continuing the Pulaski Playground renovation. It also means we will formally become a membership organization to represent our neighborhood. In the future, EVA will be better able to respond to neighborhood concerns and take initiatives as determined by members and residents.

Kudos to Neighbor Donna Schlieman



Donna received the Historic Preservation Activist Award for the year 2002 given by the City of Milwaukee's Historic Preservation Commission. Donna is active in many neighborhood organizations and we are lucky to have her knowledge and experience to help guide the EVA in several undertakings. Donna has nominated several buildings over the years for historic preservation status. Among them are Holy Rosary Church at Oakland and Lafayette, a former Schlitz Tavern on Humboldt and North, the former ward yard building on Water and Humboldt, and Kilbourn/Reservoir Park on East North Avenue.

Congratulations Donna!

The Pulaski Street Playground

For anyone who has not noticed, the donor board has been repaired and returned. Jay at Graphic Sign Company was more than generous with his discounts for us on the repairs! He deserves a huge **thank you** from all of us!

There continues to be a problem with dog waste in the baseball diamond, as well as the playground itself. The Alderman has requested to have someone from the health department

placed at the park to watch and issue citations to those who have not been picking up after their pets. We did not want things to come to this, but our efforts have not been effective. If this does not correct the problem, there will be no dogs allowed at all in the playground, or the baseball diamond at any time. Please help us change the habits of the few who refuse to pick up after their dogs! Or we will all pay the price by losing a neighborhood play spot for all of the pets here!

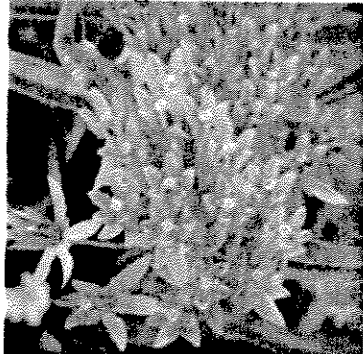
Home Ownership Theme Planned for the 2003 Meetings

A special series of programs on home ownership for is being planned for EVA members. Home ownership in the EVA will be explored with panels and special guests talking about buying a home in the neighborhood.

EVA Elections in October

Fall elections for EVA board members and officers are scheduled for the October meeting. If you are interested in becoming more active and serving as a board member, please talk with one of the board during a meeting, or call Mark, Chair-elect, 277-7671.

Gardening Corner—Butterfly Weed



Zone 3-8; Full sun; blooms from July-September; 24-36 inches tall

Origin: Eastern North America

The butterfly weed has bright orange flowers and it attracts Monarch butterflies. Plant butterfly weed in a sunny site in average, well-drained soil. Established plants are relatively drought tolerant. Unless you count the occasional yellow-, black-, and white-striped caterpillar of the monarch butterfly as a problem, butterfly weed is untroubled by pests and disease.

Butterfly weed appears late in spring, so be patient and perhaps mark where it is located so you don't dig it up. The plant does not like to be disturbed once it is planted, so pick the right spot and leave it there. The plant is easy to grow from seeds sown outdoors in the fall.

East Side Open Market



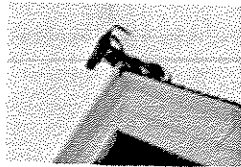
Saturdays until October 5th, 10A.M.–2P.M., on Kenilworth Place, between North and Farwell Avenues. The open market features fresh and organic produce, freshly prepared foods, arts, crafts, live music, and a flea market. The list of vendors include produce growers Stella Gardens, Moonrose Farm, Growing Power, Tony Moua, The Flavor Farm, Rare Earth, Flower Power Nursery, Red Hawk Nursery, and Sweet Earth Garden Center. Alterra will have coffee, tea drinks and bakery. Breadsmith of Downer Avenue will bring fresh and unique breads.

Definitely check this out!

Special Pickups

If you set out items on the curb you need to call the city Sanitation Department for a special pickup—call 286-3326.

Have You Seen . . . the Goat on Warren Avenue?



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Association Meeting
Tuesday, June 10, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
The Tasting Room, 1100 E. Kane Place
Special Guest: Norm Terapak
Buying or Selling a Property

The Next Meeting....

Want to know how to buy or sell a property? Join the us at the EVA General Meeting for a short presentation by realtor Norm Terapak of Terapak Realty—located just off Brady Street at 1693 N. Humboldt Avenue. Don't miss this important part of the East Village year of the homeowner series.

The meeting will also include updates on the construction and rehab projects in and around the neighborhood. Alderman Mike D'Amato is expected to attend.

Dog Gone It!

Alderman Mike D'Amato has requested that the topic of unrestrained dogs at Pulaski Park be once again "woofed" up for public discussion at the June 10th meeting. For over a year, the EVA has asked residents owning dogs to not only keep their tail waggers on leash, but also to pick up dog waste after their pooches, especially when visiting Pulaski Playground. Unfortunately, these requests have gone unheeded, and there have been several "growls & howls" to enforce the dog prohibition regulations at the playground and to ticket offenders. Since the playground is heavily used by athletic teams and children, one suggestion was to relocate an official K-9 retreat along the Milwaukee River flats, from the Caesar 's Park dam abutment to the North Avenue bridge. Everyone wishing to calmly "arf" their opinion as to how our neighborhood can happily accommodate both dogs and people are urged to attend! If you are absolutely unable to attend the June 10th meeting, please send your comments to me via e-mail to: mpbehar@wisc.edu.

Mark Behar, EVA Chair

Pulaski Street Playground Update

Special thanks goes out to everyone who attended the fundraiser for the playground with the **Spade Cooley** band on May 17 at The Tasting Room. \$140 was raised, bringing us even closer to having the new roof structure done! Speaking of that...Scott Genke has come up with a really neat design, and as soon as the mechanics and engineering are all figured out, we can get this wave of the project going! Right now, we are about \$3300 short...but hopefully a few more donors will come out of the woodwork in the next couple of weeks so that

Scott can get going on construction! Anyone interested in making a donation should make the check payable to the "Brady Area Foundation for Arts and Education" and should either bring the donation to an East Village meeting, or mail it to Playground Project, 1311 East Kane Place #4. All donations of \$50 or more will be listed on a special donor board!!

Conservation District—What is it?

A conservation district addresses the needs of the neighborhood in regards to new development and existing housing. A while back a survey was sent to every homeowner in the EVA by the Alderman's office. The results of that survey illustrated what was liked about the housing in the EVA. People indicated that they would like to retain, e.g. front porches, front doors, restrict height of structures, etc. With this information, members of the East Village Board, along with experts in property renovation, design and land use worked on refining a proposal for a conservation district. After a year of working to put together these guidelines for the East Village Conservation Overlay District a special meeting is being planned to present the guidelines. With all the new interest in the EVA it is important to guide developments that might detract from the village-like atmosphere we now all enjoy. Supporter Alderman Michael D'Amato will be mailing out copies of the guidelines and an invitation to attend a special meeting to all homeowners in the proposed Conservation District.

The East Village Association—Becoming a Member

We encourage you to join the EVA and become a member. Membership is only \$5.00 a year (for EVA owners/renters, \$10 for others). We are all volunteers and the membership dues assist in covering the administrative costs of the association. Being a member helps us to notify you of neighborhood issues and plans for neighborhood development. We are always looking for more neighbors to get involved. If you can't volunteer your time please consider joining. Joining is a good way to show you care about your neighborhood. 2003 membership dues should be paid by the end of June. If you can't make the June 10th meeting you can mail a check to the East Village Association and send it to:

EVA Treasurer, 1874 N. Warren, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Please include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. (We are protective of your personal information and will only use it for Association business). You can include a note with your check if you have any neighborhood questions, suggestions or concerns. As a member you will be eligible for a raffle at the June 10th meeting!

New Restaurant—Watermark



Watermark will soon be taking over the old Vinifera site on Arlington Place. Chef Mark Weber (formerly of Lake Park Bistro) says to keep your eyes open for the grand opening. The goal is to be ready to go by June 15, but renovations have been a bit more involved than originally thought. *Watermark* will feature an all seafood menu, and is sure to be a quick addition to the 'Best Of' list here in Milwaukee!

Three Holy Women Parish Festival

The Three Holy Women parish will be having its festival Thursday June 12th thru Sunday June 15th at St. Rita church on Cass Street just south of Brady Street. The festival will include good food, great music, carnival rides and games, a Friday fish fry, a spit roasted

chicken dinner (on Sunday) and a \$10,000 Mega Raffle. On Sunday Archbishop Timothy Dolan will celebrate mass at St. Hedwig church. Afterwards there will be the traditional street procession from St. Hedwig to St. Rita church. The festival schedule is: Thursday 5 P.M. to 10 P.M., Friday 4 P.M. to 11 P.M., Saturday noon to 11 P.M., and Sunday noon to 10 P.M. The raffle drawing will be held Sunday at 9 P.M.

East Side Open Market—Farmer's Market, Arts and Crafts, Flea Market, and Live Music

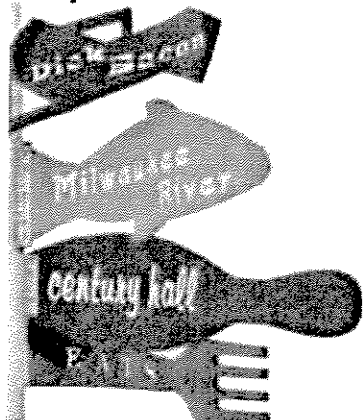


Saturdays June 21st through October 4th 10 A.M.- 2 P.M. on Kenilworth Place (North Avenue and Oakland Avenue).

East Side Summer Soulstice Music Festival and Grand Opening of the East Side Open Market

Saturday, June 21st, 10 A.M.- midnight on East North Avenue, between Oakland and Prospect Avenues. Live music on three stages featuring Little Blue Crunchy Things, Paul Ceban and the Milwaukeeans, Mississippi Cactus, The Probers, All Fours, Reason for Leaving, Growing Nation, and more. Activities all day including fresh and organic produce at the Open Market, arts and crafts, canoe rides on Milwaukee River. Also, Midwest Unconventional Sports Association (MUSA) sponsored events: Dodgeball Tournament, 2nd Annual Big Wheel 500. For more information about the Open Market and the Summer Soulstice visit www.TheEastSide.org.

Compass



If you haven't already noticed **Compass**, a new sculpture by Gail Simpson at the east end of the North Avenue bridge, make sure you take a look. The sculpture is in the form of a destination pole with a spiraling cluster of signs related to the history and personality of the neighborhood. The East Side Business Improvement District commissioned the sculpture.

The East Village Association

The EVA started as a block watch in 1994. In 2001 formal bylaws were created and the EVA became incorporated. We are all volunteers and encourage the involvement of both property owners and renters. Our goal has been and is now to create an environment that is safe, friendly and clean for all residents to live, work, do business and recreate.

Brady Street Association Events

- o The June 17th Brady Street Association Meeting will consist of a Historic Walking Tour on Brady Street. The tour starts at 6:30 P.M. at Bella's Fat Cat, 1233 E. Brady, and finishes there with an ice cream social.
- o Parents, if you are looking for a fun evening with your children, the Brady Street Association sponsors "Movies in the Park" at Cass St. Playground on July 11, August 8 and September 5. Movies start at dusk.
- o The Brady Street Association is looking for volunteers to help with their food stand during the Harley 100th Anniversary. If you can work a few hours between 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on Friday August 28 or Saturday August 29, please contact Cathy at 224-0955.

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Association Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
The Tasting Room, 1100 E. Kane Place
Special Guest: Paul Jakubovich from the Department of City
Development
“Pictorial Presentation of the History of the East Village”

The Next Meeting...

business!

Paul Jakubovich, Preservation Planner with the City's Development Center will do a pictorial history of the East Village. In addition to the history of the area see the restoration potential at 1809 N. Humboldt. Paul will be showing a proposed design for a building under renovation at 1809 N. Humboldt. This is part of a city program that includes storefront grants. This could apply to several other buildings in the East Village neighborhood—see the potential for your

Mark's Bark EVA Chair's Letter

Hello EVAers! It has been a pleasure serving as the Chairperson Elect and Chairperson of the EVA over the last two years. All of our Board Members have been very dedicated to the welfare of the neighborhood, and I am grateful that we have been able to work together as a team so effectively for the benefit of the East Village! We are also very fortunate to have broad support for establishing our neighborhood as a State and Federal Historic District! We are now planning for 2004, and in anticipation of the Historic District being approved, EVA Board Members are thinking about what we can do to facilitate tasteful home renovations that might gain home owners tax benefits!

We need and invite your ideas for the EVA—what special projects or activities would you like to see the EVA do next year? Here are a few ideas that have been suggested: special signage on street signs or elsewhere, beautification of garbage carts or light poles, a contest for developing a neighborhood emblem or logo, a neighborhood walk, a contest for the best and worst external building renovations and landscaping, and programs concentrating on home renovations.

One final item has to do with the association's need for you to step forward and serve on our Board. All you need is a sincere interest in keeping our neighborhood a great place to live, work, do business, and recreate. You may nominate yourself or ask a board member to nominate you! After the elections at the October 14 meeting, the new board will meet monthly—usually on the 4th Thursday of the month. Let us know if you'd like to attend,

and we'll save you a place.

Enjoy the fall and winter, and plan to attend our first spring meeting on the second Tuesday in April. Periodically check our web site for other news and updates!—*Mark Behar*,
Chairperson, mpbehar@wisc.edu

Pulaski Street Playground

When the idea of redoing the playground was first dreamed about we thought this could all be completed in a year's time. That was in May of 2001. We are thrilled with the wonderful results that turned an asphalt lot into an appealing place for recreation. We are now moving forward with plans for the little comfort station. As we continue to dream the city is reviewing the plans. This project never could have been accomplished without all the generous people and organizations that donated time and money to make this dream come true. Recent donations have been received from New Land Enterprises, Marty Pruhs, and Raymond and Jean Groh—Thank You!

All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Donations of \$50 or more will be listed on a donor board. Please make your check payable to: **Brady Area Arts & Education Foundation** and mail it to:

The Pulaski Street Playground Project, 1874 N. Warren Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Caesar's Park Pedestrian Bridge



Mike Wisniewski, Office of the Commissioner, Department of City Development has provided an update on the pedestrian bridge being planned at the site of the old North Avenue dam. The bridge contract has been awarded. After the contractor has the pieces manufactured they will be on site and the construction will begin. During the week of 10/6 there will be a conference with DPW and the contractor. Afterward the city will know more about the schedule.

National Register of Historic Places—State and Federal

Once upon a time historic preservation meant saving the houses of the rich and famous and that was about it. Fortunately things have changed. Communities are revitalizing abandoned buildings, restoring valuable historic housing and recognizing the importance of the ethnic pioneers. The East Village's uniqueness lies in its strong ethnic character that is reflected in the village-like environment of the area. The old world ethnic characteristics seen throughout the neighborhood are worth preserving and important to the area's identification.

Resident owners in the East Village Historic District will become eligible to participate in the Homeowners Rehabilitation Tax Credit program when the district is listed in the State Register. This will be after the State Review Board meeting on October 17, 2003. The program provides a 25% state income tax credit for the repair and rehabilitation of historic homes. To be eligible for tax credits, work must be **preapproved** by the Wisconsin Historical Society. For information on the program and application materials visit the Society's web site: http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/histbuild/architecture/tax_credit.htm

Owners of income producing buildings may apply for a 20% Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit. This program also has a 5% State Supplemental credit. To be eligible as part of a historic district, a property must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Federal listing generally occurs within six months of the State designation. For information

on the income producing tax credit visit the Society's web site:
http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/histbuild/architecture/iptax_credit.html

Conservation District—City of Milwaukee

The East Village would be the first Conservation District in the City of Milwaukee. The Conservation District guidelines are being reviewed for the East Village area by the City of Milwaukee. These guidelines were set up with neighborhood input on what concerned owners of the EVA would like to see retained in the neighborhood. They have been assembled in an effort to preserve the integrity of existing housing stock. Currently the East Village area is in jeopardy of losing its cottages to the larger tax based condominiums. With all the renewed interest in living in an urban setting and nearby river front developments, buyers are looking at this area as a place to assemble parcels for building big developments. The result could be numerous structures being demolished. The East Village would lose its historic structures to new construction thus losing the historic fabric of the area. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please contact the EVA.

Don't be Shy



If you have saved or come across vintage photos of the East Village that we can copy for the EVA archive, please call Shirley Ferguson at 271-7052. We will be looking for clues about the neighborhood. If you know the history of your house we are also interested in putting together an informational grouping of houses for future use on the web site or a booklet.

Become an East Village Board Member

Reasons for being on the Board: You live in or own property in the East Village neighborhood, you want to meet your neighbors, you want to know and have a voice in what is happening in our area, you can attend the monthly board meetings and the four general meetings, you can help with EVA projects, and you want to have some fun, too!

Pop Quiz

Question: What animal is slightly larger than a bread box, brown and furry, swims in water, eats fish, chops down trees with its large buck teeth, builds dams, is renowned for its work ethic, and has a tail that could be used as a canoe paddle?

Answer: Well if you guessed a beaver, then you are not only correct, but you have a wonderful aptitude for answering very easy questions about wildlife! And if you want to see one of nature's littlest lumberjacks with your own eyes, you might look in the pond below the North Avenue dam spillway, where beaver sightings have been reported lately. This is only the latest of a growing list of wildlife inhabiting the woods and fields along the Milwaukee River in the East Village. Other animals spotted in the last year in and around Caesar's Park include garter snakes, bull snakes, deer, skunks, rabbits, coyotes, raccoons, muskrats, field mice, opossums, squirrels, chipmunks, bats, and woodchucks. Owls, hawks, and other birds are also commonly spotted in Caesar's Park, along with, of course, fish of all types and sizes.

Way to go Jeff!

On Saturday, October 4, Jeff Van Rivel and about twenty of his friends conducted the second annual Milwaukee River Clean Up along the river near Caesar's Park. Jeff, who lives in Greenfield and is a young teacher at the Harambee Community School, is an avid lover of the outdoors. In a commendable effort to make a difference, Jeff arranged for sponsors who provided garbage bags, gloves and tee shirts for his friends and their friends who volunteered. Lakefront Brewery very generously provided the crew with a barrel of beer to keep their lips wet and their spirits high as they collected garbage from our beloved waterway. Way to go Jeff! Our thanks to you, your friends and your sponsors!

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Historic Fact

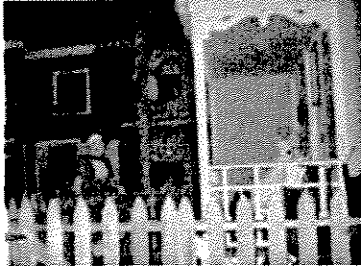
The first lawn mower was invented in England in 1830. In 1855 the first lawn mower was imported to the United States.

Fighting Coppers—Francis Niezorawski House, 1722-1724 N. Franklin Place

This large red brick duplex was built about 1894 for Frank Niezorawski, a prominent mason contractor in the city of Milwaukee. Earlier in his career he served on the Milwaukee Police Force, which in those days was a political appointment. The Milwaukee Journal of October 8, 1931 recaptured some history with an article about the "Fighting Coppers". The article states that the late former Alderman Frank Niezorawski of the eighteen ward was known as a "fighting copper". Back in the eighties (1880) he was appointed a member of the police force and after he had learned the ropes it was decided to give him a beat in the third ward, then quite notorious for some of it's scrappy Irishmen. The story goes that no German was allowed south of what is now E. Wisconsin Avenue. Other nationalities were no more popular. In those days no policeman traveled a beat in the ward that did not meet with plenty of grief. "Now listen Niezorawski," said the lieutenant to him "We are going to send you in the ward and you are going to have your hands plenty full. The minute you get in a tight spot phone us and we'll give you a hand." "Now you listen, lieutenant." Came the retort from the Pole. "I may phone you, but not for help. It will be for the wagon and all I ask is that the boys haul them to the station. Those Irishmen are not going to make a fool of me." Niezorawski had always been able to hold his own in controversies in the Polish section of the east side but headquarters was not so sure how he would come out in the fighting third. So everybody waited for results. It was a short wait. One night Niezorawski called for the wagon. He met the patrol and turned four Irishmen over to the wagon men. Each of his prisoners was battered and bruised but quite tame. "Tell the lieutenant these guys got funny with me and tried to beat me up I couldn't stand for that, so I laid them out. Make the charge disorderly conduct." Neizorawski never had any more trouble in the ward. When a gathering in a saloon got too noisy he would open the door and shout in "Less noise there you fellows, less noise." There was always less noise when the Polish policeman gave orders.

Family History authored by Mary Ann Brost Gawin, March 2003

Good bye Front Porches —Fall is here and Winter is nearing....



Grandma's Porch Etiquette

Nod graciously to all who pass
Favor a few with permission to approach the steps
for a discreet chat about the weather
Invite good friends to settle down in the swing
for a solid dose of soul satisfying neighborhood gossip.

Let's lift a glass of lemonade to summer and porches. See you next year.

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Keep Character in East Village!

Ald. D'Amato invites you to attend an East Village Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss plans for the

East Village Conservation District

7 p.m., Tuesday, May 11
at the Tasting Room,
1100 East Kane Place

What is a Conservation District and why create one in East Village?

Within the East Village Neighborhood, there are **unique and distinctive buildings** which contribute significantly to the **overall character** and identity of the neighborhood. The East Village Neighborhood Association has worked with neighbors and the City of Milwaukee to create plans for a Conservation District. The Conservation District recognizes the identity and **charm of the neighborhood** while providing guidelines to encourage harmonious, orderly and efficient growth and development within the neighborhood.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please call Ald. D'Amato's Office at 286-3447.



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Association Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 7:00 P.M.
The Tasting Room, 1100 E. Kane Place
Special Guest: Cheryl Jenkins of the American Red Cross
“Together We Prepare”

The Next Meeting...

Have you ever asked yourself what you would do in case of a disaster? In today's climate, it is more important than ever that all of us be prepared for possible emergencies. Natural or other, disaster can strike suddenly, at any time and anywhere. The American Red cross is challenging every individual and organization in our community to take five action steps to help us all in time of disaster. Please join us for “Together We Prepare” and the five action steps to take.

Don't Miss the “Season Opener”

Spring is the season of new beginnings and the East Village Association is beginning a new season of neighborhood meetings. I encourage you to attend and get involved with the community — **your** community. The major projects of the past few years have been completed (or are nearing completion) and we're hoping that you will come to this first meeting of the year to give us your views on where the EVA should focus its efforts. This is a neighborhood association and we need to hear *your* insights, suggestions and comments. I especially want to encourage anyone who has never been to one of our meetings to come down and get to know us. If you're new to the East Village, it's a great way to find out what's going on in the neighborhood. If you just never been to one but there's something about the East Village that you think needs changing (or needs saving?)—stop in on Tuesday to let us know. Hope to see you there. *Lisa Christopherson*

East Village Historic District Entered in the National Register

East Village homeowners received word on January 21 from the Wisconsin Historical Society that the U.S. Secretary of the Interior entered the area in the National Register of Historic Places. The historic district is made up of 283 structures established and built by Polish immigrants starting in the 1860's. The process of obtaining this recognition, along with the possibility of tax credits, was the culmination of the work of Shirley Ferguson and the research of Susan Mikos. The East Village Association proudly presents this research on our web site for you to explore the history of the East Village!

The National Register status brings with it the benefit of Federal and/or State Income Tax Credits for renovation projects that meet the Register's guidelines. Visit the WHS web site for more information:

http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/architecture/tax_credit.asp

<http://www.eastvillagemilwaukee.org/newsletters/2004/0404.html>

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If you would like to have a representative from the state speak on how to apply for the tax credit please e-mail us at info@eastvillagemilwaukee.org or call Shirley Ferguson at 414-271-7052.

Development that Respects History

On the east, Prospect Avenue development continues with high-rise buildings. On the west, new construction on Water and Commerce Streets approaches. What's in the middle of this development sandwich? You guessed it – the East Village. This area is currently home to affordable rental housing for students, artists and young adults who work and play on Brady Street. It's home for older property owners who give the area its stability. It's Pulaski Street Playground, Wolski's and one of the last affordable areas on the east side. How can an area cope with development and maintain its character?

An answer to this question has been provided by a working committee of neighborhood residents, city officials and the East Village Association. **Its technical name – The East Village Conservation Overlay District. Its function – to help develop the area, while keeping its current character, population density and affordability.** The District would be an addition to current zoning regulations that would guide development by encouraging rehab and construction that reflects the current neighborhood character. Polish flats, current building heights and design guidelines that enhance the area. It would help discourage massive high rises and large-scale developments of Prospect, Water and Commerce. Want to learn more? Attend a special meeting of the East Village Association where the working committee will present its findings and recommendations for a Conservation District May 11, 7:00 pm, at the Tasting Room.

New Web Address

The EVA web site has information on: EVA organization, 2004 meeting calendar, EVA bylaws, the Conservation District, the Historic District, Caesar's Park, Pulaski Playground, expanded versions of the newsletters and more. Visit: <http://www.EastVillageMilwaukee.org>

East Village National Register of Historic Places Recognized by Acting Mayor Pratt



On March 25, 2004 representatives from the East Village Association were presented a certificate of recognition from acting Mayor Marvin Pratt. The presentation was in recognition for successfully securing national historic status for the area known as the East Village.

Pictured:

Mike D'Amato, Mark Behar,
Susan Mikos, Marvin Pratt
Courtesy of Riverwest Currents.

Spring Rummage Sale

Three Holy Women Catholic Parish (Holy Rosary, St. Hedwig and St. Rita) will hold its Spring Rummage Sale in St. Rita's church hall on Pleasant and Cass Friday, May 7th (10 am-5 pm) and Saturday, May 8th (9 am-1 pm). If you would like to donate items to the sale please call for drop off information at 271-6577 (the parish office).

North Avenue Dam Pedestrian Bridge



The bridge as seen from Caesar's Park.

Work on the pedestrian bridge continues. The concrete piers have been poured, the steel bearings have been installed, and the structural steel girders and cross bracing have been erected. The contractor is currently welding the steel diaphragms and preparing to build the east and west abutments and wing walls. In the next several months, the contractor is to pour the bridge deck, erect the railing, install the light poles, and complete the approach work. Because of uncertainties on the railing fabrication schedule, the contractor is hoping to be completed by early July. (Information from Mike Wisniewski, Department of City Development).

Spring Cleanup Saturday May 22

The EVA and the Brady Street Association hold a neighborhood cleanup every spring. This gives you the opportunity to clean up in and around your home, yard, basement, attic or garage. Dumpsters will be placed around the neighborhood on Friday May 21. From 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. the EVA will concentrate clean up efforts at the Pulaski Street Playground.

Unsung Hero Award



Pictured:

Mike D'Amato, Peter McMullen,
Toni McBride, Vince Bushell,
Shirley Ferguson.

Courtesy of Riverwest Currents.

The Milwaukee Common Council honored **Shirley Ferguson** neighborhood activist as an "Unsung Hero" on November 18, 2004. Shirley was among four people nominated by Third District Alder Mike D'Amato for their service to the community. She was recognized for working to secure status on the National Register of Historic Places for the EVA neighborhood thus allowing property owners to qualify for tax credits and to preserve the close-knit village like character of the neighborhood. Shirley was presented with a plaque reading:

Whereas, Shirley Ferguson selflessly volunteered her time and talent to help her neighbors and improve the quality of life in the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Alderman Michael D'Amato identified Shirley Ferguson as a role model, motivator, leader and inspiration to others for her dedication and desire to make the community a better place for all residents; and

Whereas, As owner of a historic home on North Warren Ave. Shirley recognizes the importance of preserving the Polish flats and multiple-dwelling lots built by our Polish inhabitants in Milwaukee's East Village; and

Whereas, Along with members of the East Village Neighborhood Association, Shirley has sought to secure status on the National Register of Historic Places for the East Village neighborhood, allowing property owners to qualify for tax credits and to preserve the close-knit village character of the neighborhood; and

Whereas, Shirley Ferguson's dedication and commitment to the City of Milwaukee exemplifies the meaning of public service, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognize Shirley Ferguson for her service to the community, thank her for her good work and congratulate her on being selected as one of the City of Milwaukee's "Unsung Heroes."

Introduced and approved on November 25, 2003 by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council.

preserves the character of a nineteenth century urban "village." The District has undergone continuous change since the 1870s. While many of the individual buildings lack integrity and distinction, the District as a whole serves as a vivid reminder of the once-vibrant ethnic community that inhabited them. Distinctive physical characteristics include proximity to a magnificent church, an irregular street pattern, unusually high housing density, irregular lot sizes and setbacks, evidence of additive building practices, a large number of moved buildings, intermingling of residential and commercial structures, juxtaposition of vernacular and high style buildings, and unique architectural forms like the "Polish flat."

Important Dates to Remember

April 13 General Meeting
 May 11 Conservation District Meeting
 May 22 Spring Cleanup
 June 8 General Meeting
 August 10 General Meeting
 October 12 General Meeting

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Thank You Kendall!



On November 7, 2003 friends and neighbors of Kendall Yahr met to thank Kendall for all the work she did improving the neighborhood. Kendall was a board member of the EVA and she coordinated the rejuvenation of Pulaski Playground.

*The members and Board of Directors of
 East Village Association, Inc.
 gratefully recognize Kendall Yahr
 for leading the fight
 to improve our neighborhood,
 on behalf of those who currently
 make the East Village their home.*

*We, your friends and neighbors,
 salute your accomplishments and say "well
 done".*

We wish you the best in your next adventures!

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Association Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2004, 7:00 P.M.
The Tasting Room, 1100 E. Kane Place
The East Village – Past, Present and Future

Special Guests:

Bill Scherbarth – East Village Homeowner and Resident
Mike Wisniewski – Department of City Development
County Supervisor Gerry Broderick
Alderman Mike D’Amato

The Next Meeting... The Village—Then and Now

Bill Scherbarth will present historical slides of the East Village (many originally taken by Father Yaniak of St. Hedwig’s) along with updated views of various properties. Bill did a similar (and well-received) slide show for the EVA in ’97 and we are eager to see the updates he has made that show how the East Village continues to evolve over time.

Caesar’s Park and the Pedestrian Bridge

Mike Wisniewski of the DCD Office of the Commissioner, County Supervisor Broderick and Alderman D’Amato will provide us with an update on what is in store for Caesar’s Park and the status of the pedestrian bridge. They will also be available to address other issues of neighborhood concern.

Conservation Overlay

The special meeting on May 11th was well attended with a lot of good, open discussion of the proposed guidelines (see Maintaining the Village below). Thanks to everyone who came and took part in the discussion. An informal vote taken at the end of the meeting was **2-to-1 in favor of proceeding** with the Conservation Overlay. Based on neighborhood feedback, **there have been quite a few revisions to the proposal. The revised version will be available for perusal and discussion at our June meeting.** Make sure you come by to let us know how we’ve done. Hope to see you there!

(Clean)Up-date

In spite of the soggy conditions, we had a good turnout for the cleanup of Pulaski Playground on May 22nd. We were all pleased to discover that there wasn’t too much to do – the place was in pretty good shape. It didn’t take long to grab up the miscellaneous litter (mostly cigarette butts) and trim up some of volunteer foliage. The EVA will be contacting the MPS and the city about some of the problems we noticed – damage to the railing along the path from the ball field to the playground and a big crack in tennis court -- to see what can be done.



EVA volunteers also placed a number of blue trash bag dispensers on the fences around the playground and ball field to help reduce the amount of dog waste left in public areas. While the playground area wasn't too bad this year, the ball field wasn't as nice and the 'poop problem' is a recurring one in East Village. If you need a bag for your puppy's 'business,' please take one. And thanks to Tamarack school for collecting the bags to fill the dispensers.

Another big thanks goes to **Wolski's** tavern for providing soda, snacks and a dry meeting place for the volunteers after their hard work.

There were some problems with the general neighborhood cleanup. The EVA had arranged for eight dumpsters to be placed in the area on Friday but only three arrived. According to DNS, the other dumpsters couldn't be left because of cars on the street. Also, in part because of the limited number of dumpsters, there was some "overflow" that didn't get picked up right away. Having the dumpsters around every spring has been very popular with most EVA residents, so we'll be considering what we can do to make this work out better next year. If you have any suggestions, let us know – come to one of our meetings or e-mail us at info@eastvillagemilwaukee.org.

Maintaining the Village in East Village

In 2002, at a brainstorming session involving residents of the East Village area and Alderman Michael D'Amato, the idea of a conservation district was born. Some of the key questions raised by the brainstorming session were:

- How could we maintain a neighborhood environment?
- What aspects of the neighborhood were important to maintain?
- What about the neighborhood should be changed?

To find out how people viewed their neighborhood, the alderman's office conducted a brief survey of residents and property owners. The results of that survey formed the basis of the proposed Neighborhood Conservation District. The guidelines for this district would be an addition to the zoning ordinance of the City of Milwaukee, hence the term "overlay".

There are at least three major concerns that the Conservation District is designed to address:

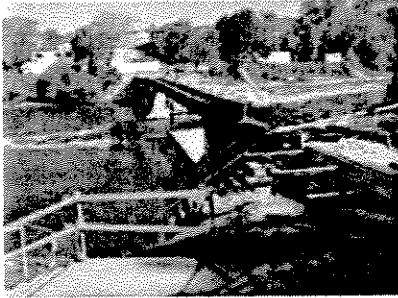
- "Skyscraper" apartment buildings such as those on the east side of Prospect Avenue;
- *Large multi-lot apartment or condominium complexes* such as those on Commerce Street or Water Street;
- *The strengths of East Village's current neighborhood character*, including Polish flats, duplexes and single-family homes.

Basic Questions & Answers

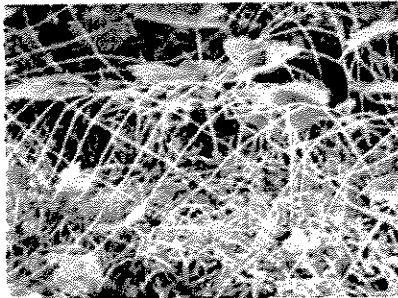
Who will "administer" the District?	The City of Milwaukee.
Does this mean my neighbors can tell me what to do with my house?	No, the City administers the District, not your neighbors.

Who decides what the guidelines of the Conservation District will be?	Owners and residents of the East Village. The Common Council must pass a zoning ordinance to launch the Conservation District.
Once it's passed by the Council, can the Conservation District be amended?	Yes - the East Village Association will continue to review.
Why are we talking about this anyway?	So we won't become Water Street east or Pro Avenue west.

Caesar's Park Update



Thanks to the foresight and efforts of our neighborhood and political leaders, especially Shirley Ferguson and Alderman Michael D'Amato, along with Supervisor Gerry Broderick, a renaissance is occurring in Caesar's Park. In a cooperative effort between the City and County of Milwaukee, the hillside has been landscaped, and a new pedestrian bridge is being constructed over the remnants of the North Avenue Dam.



The hillside foliage was trimmed revealing, for the first time in many years, a panoramic view of the Milwaukee River Valley from Warren Avenue. Also, a mix of native and quick-cover grass seeds were planted on the hillside under a biodegradable, green-colored "excelsior" blanket. Fresh shoots of new grass are rising through the blanket, and will soon grow to a height of 1-2 feet, providing erosion control, as well as cover for the birds and small animals inhabiting the Milwaukee River Valley.



The pedestrian bridge over the old dam is well underway, and should be completed by the end of July. Originally planned to be a shorter, cheaper, less architecturally sensitive design, the "powers that be" in city government made a commendable decision to spend more money, and to do the job right. At a cost of 1.3 million dollars, the newly designed bridge will span from bank to bank, will have a concrete walkway, will be lit at night, and will feature other architectural details not included in the original drawings. This bridge will be a tremendous asset to the East Village neighborhood, to Riverwest, to the City of Milwaukee in general, and to everybody who has the good fortune to visit our locale.

Block Party

A number of residents have suggested we have a block party. Would you like to have a block party? Would you be interested in helping to plan one? Bring your ideas and suggestions to our June 8 meeting. If you can't attend the meeting you can call in your ideas and suggestions to Cathy at 224-0955

Thank You!

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Three Holy Women Festival

On Father's Day weekend the Three Holy Women Parish will be holding their parish festival. The festival starts Thursday, June 17, and runs through Sunday, June 20 and will be held St. Rita's (Cass & Pleasant Streets on Milwaukee's East Side). Featured will be music, carnival games and rides, a fish fry on Friday, a spit roasted chicken dinner on Sunday and a "Mega Raffle" with a \$10,000 grand prize. There will be a traditional street procession on Sunday from St. Hedwig to St. Rita church following the 10:30 AM mass at St. Hedwig.

Events on Brady Street

June 19, July 17, August 21, & Sept. 18 - **Saturday Sidewalk Sales** on Brady Street.

July 25 (Sunday) 11 am to 8 pm - **Brady Street Artisan Food Festival** - Brady Street will transform into a festival site (from Astor to Warren Avenue) that highlights craft food makers. The festival will feature tents devoted to organizations that appreciate & offer organic and/or artisan foods, craft beer and wine, music, and various related merchants.

August 7 (Saturday) 10 am to 4pm - **Brady Area Garden Tour** - More than 20 area gardens will be featured, some will include art for outdoors or related to gardening. Plans are in the works for a perennial exchange, and workshops related to gardening. Interested in including your garden in the tour? Call Kat at 298-9147.

East Side Association's 4th Annual East Side Summer Soulstice Music Festival

The music festival will be held on Saturday, June 19th from 10:00 AM to midnight. and will be located on East North Avenue between Oakland and Prospect. Featured will be three music stages and other activities including the start of the East Side Open Market.

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