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Dear Resident,

Thank you to all of you who have already taken part in the COAST Leader programs. Your positive response has given us a great start to our semester. This month I would like to share with you some of the exciting new developments coming from the Neighborhood Housing Office (NHO). We have instituted a Landlord Website Removal Protocol. What that means is if a tenant files a complaint with our office concerning their landlord, then the landlord will have 30 days to resolve the issue. If the complaint is not resolved then the Landlord will no longer be able to post their listings on the Neighborhood Housing Office website for a six month period. This new initiative will allow the NHO to provide even better quality housing to students. As always will still encourage tenants to contact their landlords directly about any issues, but if you do not receive a timely response we encourage tenants to call, email or stop-in the NHO to pick up a complaint form. You will also need a copy of your lease, if you were provided with one, to go along with you complaint. Additionally, if you have a complaint you can contact the Department of Neighborhood Services at (414) 286-2268 and they will be able to assist you. The Neighborhood Housing Office is also in the end stages of developing a civic responsibility class called the Preferred Tenant Program. This program would provide students with a certificate to receive a discount off their rent (with participating landlords) after completing a few classes. Look for more information about this exciting program in the months to come.

Additionally, I would like to remind you all of the challenges that winter can bring us with parking, snow removal and garbage. Please visit <http://www.mpw.net/Pages/winter.htm> for more detailed information. If you would like to file a complaint about Snow Removal in your neighborhood please call (414) 286-CITY or visit the Department of Public Works website at <http://dpwworks.mpw.net/> to file a complaint. You can also use this website to request trash removal, register for night parking permission and a host of other handy services provided by the city. Please keep in mind that walking down the middle of the street because sidewalks are not cleared is not safe or legal. You could receive a citation or be hit by a car. Let's all be safe and smart to have a great spring semester!

Finally I have a few helpful reminders and updates. Pizza boxes are not recyclable. They will contaminate your recycling bin and it will not be removed. Please place your pizza boxes in the trash. Also, make sure your garbage cans are shoveled out and accessible so waste can be removed. Recently there has also been a rash of garage break-ins. These usually occur in garages that are either left open or the lock on the garage is not engaged. Please take an extra minute when backing out of your garage to make sure the door goes all the way down and the track is not obstructed by snow. Also, please lock the doors on your homes and garages. Burglars often look for easy targets so by locking your door you might avoid becoming the victim of a crime. Additionally, do not leave expensive items in your vehicle overnight. Take them inside with you. The best defense against crime is to not be an easy target. As always, if you have any questions or comments please contact me.

Sincerely,

Keri L. Duce, MS



## NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS IS A RESOURCE FOR YOU

UWM's office of Neighborhood Relations can be a great resource for you as an off-campus UWM student resident. There are approximately 5000 UWM off-campus student residents that reside in the surrounding UWM neighborhoods (53211/53212 zip code areas). Neighborhood Relations Director, Oscar O. Perez spends a great deal of time in the surrounding UWM Neighborhoods sharing quality messages with UWM students on the benefits of building positive relationships and communications with their long time neighbors and young adult, or fellow student neighbors.

Oscar created an outreach effort in which he, and assigned Interns, spend time in the UWM neighborhoods on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, between the hours of 11 PM and 4 AM, at the beginning and end of the semester. This outreach is conducted during a time when the most disruptive activity is being reported within our neighborhoods. The focus of the outreach is to educate UWM students who are observed to be disruptive, and taking away from the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Through a low profile, non-confrontational approach, UWM students that are observed to be disruptive, are approached, and asked if a good message can be shared with them. If the invitation is accepted, Oscar discusses information on the importance of good decision making. He talks about how their disruptions can negatively impact them if police are called, or how excessive illegal underage drinking can negatively impact them, not just from the issuance of a citation, but from a perspective of safety.

Neighborhood Relations also works extensively with the Neighborhood Associations that surround UWM. These Neighborhood Associations can be found at the web link below. The ultimate goal is to bring all of the residents in our surrounding neighborhoods together, to work with one another in providing the highest quality of life possible.

If anyone is interested in more information on Neighborhood Relations, or needs their assistance, please call or e-mail Oscar at; 229-4451, [oop@uwm.edu](mailto:oop@uwm.edu). ([http://www4.uwm.edu/univ\\_rel/neighborhood\\_rel/index.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/univ_rel/neighborhood_rel/index.cfm))

### *Look before you lease!*

**Finding a decent place to rent requires thorough inspections of apartments and the strength to keep looking when apartments don't pan out.**

- ◆ We recommend you take a flashlight, light bulb, hair dryer, and pen with you to inspect the unit.
- ◆ You can look up any violations on a rental unit on the City of Milwaukee's Department of Neighborhood Services website. ([www.city.milwaukee.gov](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov))
- ◆ Make sure the heating unit can not maintain a temperature of at least 67 degrees.

**More than 3 unrelated adults living in a unit, no matter how many bedrooms, requires a rooming house license. Look around! If you are living in an attic or basement and there is only one exit, it is probably an illegal rental unit.**

**Evictions and possible citations will be issued against the landlord and the TENANT for illegal occupancy.**

## 3RD DISTRICT ALDERMANIC ELECTION

By Dan Carpenter

The most basic founding principle of the United States of America is with the people having the right to cast a vote in an election. This November Americans across the nation will have a chance to cast votes for the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, all 435 members in the House of Representatives and 34 of the 100 members of the Senate. Before the nation becomes swept in blue and red pride in November, the City of Milwaukee will hold it's aldermanic elections.

Milwaukee's 3<sup>rd</sup> aldermanic district includes several neighborhoods in the Riverwest area, Lake Drive, E. North Avenue, Oakland Avenue, Brady Street and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Since 1996 Michael D'Amato has been the 3<sup>rd</sup> district alderman in Milwaukee. D'Amato is not seeking re-election and many candidates are vying for his aldermanic seat. The primary was held on February 19, 2008 and the general election is taking place on Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

Why is all of this important to you? As I said earlier, it is the most basic right of the American institution and many brave people have fought for this democracy so we can have this privilege. Many people take their right to vote for granted or simply do not participate for various reasons. It is not only out of respect and granted that we should vote, but also because we have the right to do so. Most importantly, it is your community and each person has a civic responsibility to be active in some way within their community. Voting is quite possibly the easiest way to get involved and to make your voice count.

Students living in any one of the previously mentioned neighborhoods are entitled to vote in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district aldermanic election. Even if you missed the primary you can still vote in the general election on April 1, 2008. If you've already registered to vote in your community then you are good to go. If you are not, it is a very simple process to become registered so you can cast your ballot. You must have either a valid ID (like a driver's license) with your current address that proves residency in your community. If your driver's license does not have your current address on it, you may provide a utility bill in your name to prove residency. The state of Wisconsin allows for same day registration and voting so if you do not register before the election, you can register right at the poll and then cast your vote.

As you may have noticed this article is not endorsing any candidate, (as I myself have some researching and thinking to do). The point of this article is to encourage UWM students to participate in local government this coming April within their respected communities. It is your constitutional right to vote for elected officials from the local to the federal level so why not exercise it?



**8th Annual  
Housing Fair**  
Wednesday, April 16th  
Union Concourse  
10 AM - 3 PM

**SAVE THE DATE**  
414.229.6999 [www.neighborhoodhousing.uwm.edu](http://www.neighborhoodhousing.uwm.edu)

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# LGBT CENTER & RENTING DISCRIMINATION

By Austin Baade

As I'm sure many of you know, the LGBT Center at UW-Milwaukee is located on the street level in the Union next to the Terrace Café. Currently, UWM is one of only three UW-System Campuses which have physical space designated to an LGBT Resource Center. Before talking to Jennifer Murray, Director of the LGBT Resource Center, I didn't have a clue as to the amount of programs, groups, and resources the LGBT Resource Center offers. The center's mission focuses on advocating for and supporting the campus LGBT community, along with its allies. The staff at the LGBT Resource Center seeks to break down obstacles that keep students from succeeding academically and socially. To accomplish these goals, the Center educates the campus and surrounding community by holding various programs and social/educational group discussions. The LGBT Resource Center also has a Lending Library complete with over 800 books on subjects ranging from Spirituality and Religion, to gay rights, and even travel. I encourage everyone to visit the LGBT Resource Center and find out what it can offer you!

One issue facing the LGBT community today is rental discrimination. According to a nationwide survey conducted in 2001 by the Kaiser Family Foundation, "thirty four percent of gay people have been turned away from renting or buying a home based of their sexual orientation."\* As of 2007, eleven states and countless cities have implemented ordinances making it illegal to discriminate based on a person's sexual orientation. Wisconsin as a whole, as well as Milwaukee and Madison are on that list. I am confident that with our efforts as a community, we can continue to break down barriers that stand in the way of people's happiness and success.

## LGBT Resource Center's upcoming groups and programs

March 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Union Fireside Lounge—Sexpo-Relationships 101: Dating and Hooking up

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00-1:00—Bridging the Gap, Multicultural Student Lounge

April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm Not Where We Live—Erin Davies speaks about discrimination Union Ballroom  
(and in University Housing April 9<sup>th</sup>)

Third Wednesday of every month from 7-9 (March date changed to March 26<sup>th</sup> due to spring break)—  
LGBT and Ally Bowling (register in advance in the LGBT Resource Center)

FREE HIV Testing—March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup> Sign up in advance call 229-4116

Mondays from 12:30-1:30—Non Traditional student group (in LGBT)

Mondays from 11:00am-12:00pm—Trans and Allies (in LGBT)

Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30—Knit and Bitch (in LGBT)

Wednesdays at 11:00am—B.I.T.E.-Bisexual Identity: Talk and Educate (in LGBT)

Wednesdays at 12:30pm—M.I.A.M.I.-Meeting Individuals about Multicultural Issues (in LGBT)

Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00pm—Gasthaus Entertainment Series hosts Coyote Grace

Visit the LGBT Resource Center (Union WG89) to find out more about these programs,  
or email Jennifer Murray to get added to their weekly email: [jrmurray@uwm.edu](mailto:jrmurray@uwm.edu)

## WINTER IN MILWAUKEE

By: Tess Kieselhorst

The name of this article is the same as that of the best resource for dealing with Milwaukee's winters: the City of Milwaukee's page (<http://www.mpw.net/Pages/winter.htm>). There are links to other pages on snow emergency and other winter parking regulations, snow emergency designated parking areas, and snow removal ordinances. A searchable listing of posted and non-posted parking regulations for each street is available.

If your street is designated as a "snow route tow-away zone," your car will be towed if you park it on the street during a snow emergency. Snow emergencies are publicly declared over radio and T.V. stations and are in effect for up to 72 hours. Certain Milwaukee Public School parking lots and playgrounds are designated for parking during snow emergencies, including those on Maryland and Hartford Avenues.

On streets with signs posted for the "4-Inch Rule," parking is allowed on both sides of the street unless snowfall is four inches or more. In that case, parking is not allowed on the side of the street with the sign, day and night, until the snow has been removed.

See the City of Milwaukee's page for more information on parking regulations. Remember, too, that the Residential Parking Permit is a permit *apart* from usual daytime parking permits. It is free of charge, and available from the 5th District Police Station at 2920 N. 4th Street.

Finally, a topic of great concern to students who walk to school: the shoveling of sidewalks. Sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours of snowfall in order for renters and property owners to avoid charges for snow removal. If you don't know whether shoveling is your responsibility or your landlord's, reread your lease or contact the property manager. Shoveling promptly not only helps renters and property owners avoid charges, but also allows everyone—elderly, disabled, laden with books—to get around safely.

# Watch where you park!!

## Winter Parking Regulations Run through March 1st!



# A TRUE WISCONSIN WINTER

By: Andy Wiesner

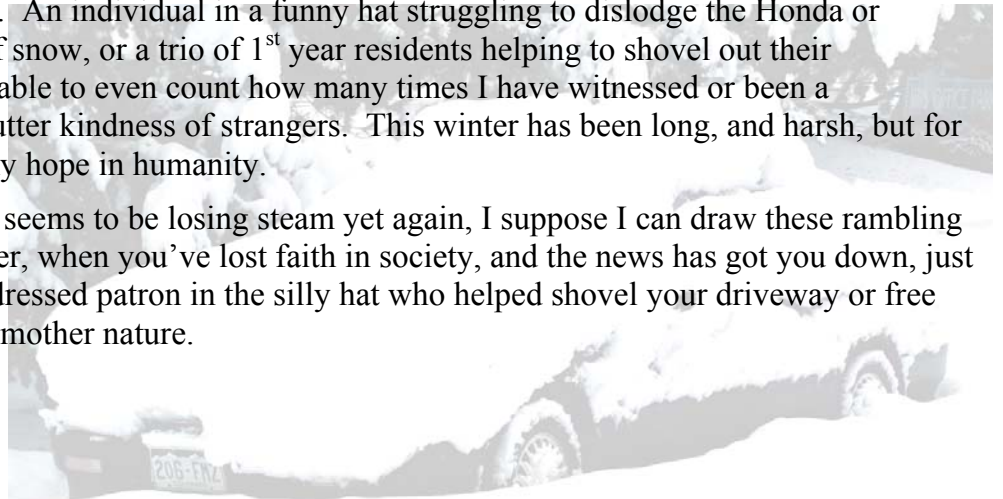
The trail was fraught with snow and ice. Wind bit angrily at the exposed portions of our flesh, numbing the body and hardening the resolve of our courageous adventurers. Drifts of snow slid across the landscape, burying paths and previous routes of travel. The journey, only a week previous a short distance now seems to stretch on forever, each step more agonizing than the last.

Sound familiar? Well it probably should, this Wisconsin winter seems to have finally encompassed everything that the frozen tundra seems to draw to the imagination. Frigid temperatures, mountains of snow, ice locked roads, everything that one thinks of when they think of Wisconsin. Who would have thought in this era of global warming and advanced snow fighting technology (well, plows and salt) that Mother Nature could have such an encompassing grip on all of our lives? As a lifetime resident of Wisconsin, and originally from two hours north (good ole' Green Bay Wisconsin, heartland of Favre country) I for one thought the reminiscent stories of my father, and my father's father were nothing but old wives' tales. I have been proven wrong, as I'm sure countless others have as well and as I sit here tapping away on this poor excuse for a laptop (it being so old that its battery life lasts a mere 35 minutes) have come to the realization that there are some positives that have come from the unrelenting avalanche of cascading snow.

From the start of this unrelenting assault by Ms. Nature, I have noticed one undeniable fact – Society is not doomed, and everyone is not as callous and heartless as the modern day news media may otherwise have us believe. You may ask, but Andy how could you possibly glean such an optimistic view on society from such chilly fornication of Nature?! Okay, to be fair you probably didn't ask it in quite that way, but I imagine you are still at least a little curious to how I was able to come up with this positive spin on this frigid and distasteful winter environment. The answer is quite simple, and I am certain that you the reader have encountered or witnessed these same events that I am going to relate here.

I have decided that our society is not doomed because the individuals that make up the UW-Milwaukee Neighborhood: temporary residents, students, permanent residents, guests, and everyone in between will lend and have leant a hand in this trying and glacial time. On my many treks across the blocks towards campus and back again I've noticed time and time again the generosity of complete strangers as they assisted snow trapped travelers (namely cars buried in the mounds of snow deposited by the helpful plows of Milwaukee). An individual in a funny hat struggling to dislodge the Honda or Eclipse buried in the three feet of snow, or a trio of 1<sup>st</sup> year residents helping to shovel out their overburdened neighbor. I am unable to even count how many times I have witnessed or been a beneficiary of the complete and utter kindness of strangers. This winter has been long, and harsh, but for myself it has at least rekindled my hope in humanity.

As this machine's battery seems to be losing steam yet again, I suppose I can draw these rambling thoughts to a close. So, remember, when you've lost faith in society, and the news has got you down, just remember that ridiculously overdressed patron in the silly hat who helped shovel your driveway or free you from the grips of that witch, mother nature.



## DON'T GET STUCK IN YOUR LEASE

Every year at least a handful of students come to University Legal Clinic because they are stuck in their lease. Usually, they were unaware of the following lease provision:


Lessee shall furnish to Lessor, 60 days prior to the lease expiration date, written notice as to their intent to either renew the existing lease upon terms to be agreed upon by the parties hereto or vacate the leased premises.

Meaning that you have to give your landlord notice **60 days before your lease ends** of your intention to stay or leave, and this is legally enforceable. Many students don't realize this and get stuck in their leases. Typically, students have already signed a new lease and as result they have to pay double rent for a few months. They may also have to find someone to sublet their unit. Obviously this can cause a lot of hardship and may cost a lot of money. So here is what you can do to avoid the problem all together.

1. Review your lease and see if it contains a 60 day automatic renewal clause
2. If it does and you do not wish to renew your lease, go to [www.ulc-uwm.com](http://www.ulc-uwm.com) and click on the "don't get stuck in your lease" icon.
3. Follow the instructions and contact the ULC if you have further questions

Landlords are required to send you a letter reminding you that there is a 60 day automatic renewal clause in the lease. If your landlord does not send you that notice, your lease may not have been legally renewed. Regardless, if your landlord is claiming that your lease has been automatically renewed come to the University Legal Clinic immediately. Our offices are located in Union 357 and we are open Monday through Friday from 9-5pm.


Keith Kollmeyer  
Executive Director  
University Legal Clinic



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- Student Groups  
- Lending Library  
- Safe sex supplies

# HAVE A SAFE SPRING BREAK!

## Some tips for a safe spring break.



### Take care of your skin when you're out in the sun!

- ◆ Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher (regardless of if you're on the beach, in the water, skiing, mountain climbing, etc.).
  - ◆ Re-apply sunscreen if you get wet, sweat, or dry your skin with a towel.
- ◆ Cover up with a shirt, hat, or sunglasses to protect your skin from the sun.
- ◆ Avoid sunbathing during the middle of the day, when the sun's rays are at their strongest.

### If you choose to drink:

- ◆ Decide upon your limit beforehand (calculate your BAC at the Virtual Bar at [www.baecdrom.org](http://www.baecdrom.org))
  - ◆ Count your drinks
    - ◆ Do not drink a drink that's been out of your view
    - ◆ Eat before and during your periods of drinking
- ◆ For less risky and more predictable drinking results, avoid drinking games and shots
- ◆ Consider alternating drinks with water or non-alcohol drinks, especially in the heat
  - ◆ Pace yourself

### Recognize the signs of alcohol poisoning

- ◆ Breathing fewer than 8 times per minute, or irregular breathing with 10 seconds or more between breaths
  - ◆ Passed out, unconscious or cannot easily be awakened
    - ◆ Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin
- ◆ Vomiting while sleeping or passed out, or not waking up after vomiting

**If any of the above symptoms, get medical help immediately.**

**Stay in the company of friends. Consider the risks of going anywhere alone with strangers**

### Mixing sex with alcohol is a risky combination!

Intoxication from alcohol and/or other drugs lowers one's ability to think clearly, impairs judgment, and makes it more difficult to clearly express or understand consent.

Students often abandon the safe sex practices they ordinarily use when sober, putting them at greater risk for unplanned pregnancy, HIV, and other sexually transmitted diseases.

**If you are sexually active, using a latex condom can reduce the risk of infection.**

### Body Art: Piercing and Tattooing

- ◆ Consider body art permanent and make your decision carefully. Will you like it 5 years from now or when you go on job interviews?
  - ◆ Make your decision without pressure from friends and **not** under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- ◆ Check out the studio – are new needles used for each customer? Are instruments sterilized? Unclean instruments can spread HIV & hepatitis B.
  - ◆ Interview the artist. Ask about his/her training and experience. Look at examples of her/his work.



## LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS?

By: Christina Radomski

If you're a student searching for resources to improve your grades and comprehension in your courses, there are many facilities you can turn to on campus. This includes the Tutoring and Academic Resource Center which offers a variety of services to students. The tutoring ranges from weekly group tutoring to walk-in generalized questions. Also, if you find it difficult in your large lecture questions to have questions answered by either your professor or TA, there is Supplemental Instruction available through TARC. All of these tutoring sessions are dependent on which courses you are seeking help for. The lists of available courses can be found on the website at [www.uwm.edu/Dept/TARC](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/TARC). If you'd prefer to work in study groups space is available in the TARC areas. Most of the facilities are located either in Bolton 180 or WB42 of the Library.

Another academic facility free to students on campus is the Writing Center, located in Curtain 382. It is suggested that you make an appointment by calling 229-4339. The help is available to students of any major with papers of any topic and the help can be offered through draft revisions, but also organization and generating thesis statements. Every teacher appreciates a second draft of a paper as compared to a first!

Other resources can be found within your individual school which can better focus on courses specific to your major. A few examples of this include the Computer, Engineering and Applied Sciences tutoring, Arch Culture for Architecture Students, Spanish and Portuguese partnership with native speakers. No matter what your major there is sure to be opportunities to improve your academic life on campus. If you have any questions feel free to ask your COAST Leader.

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# Q&A WITH LUCY XU– RESTAURANT OPERATIONS

By: Michael Balkman

*Lucy Xu is a supervisor with Restaurant Operations. In addition to having held a position in the department for nearly five years, she's also pursuing further education at UW-M for the second time, currently at the graduate level. Her current responsibilities include the oversight of all units in the Student Union's Atrium Food Court.*

## **What function does Restaurant Operations serve on campus?**

Restaurant Operations plays a big role on campus. We have 11 locations in the Student Union. Additionally there are four units in Sandburg Halls, one at Enderis Hall, Cunningham, and a full-service convenience store and kitchen at the new RiverView dorms. There are also Grind (coffee shop locations) in the Union, Sandburg, EMS, RiverView, and the East Wing of the library.

## **What kind of hours are restaurant units open?**

Any student on campus for the majority of the day has a lot of options. The Flour Shop, Grind, and Union Station open in the Union before classes start. The Gasthaus (basement level in the Union) stays open until midnight during the week, too. Lunch options include the food court in the Atrium (1<sup>st</sup> floor level in the Union), the Kenwood Inn (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), and grab & go meals at all units outside the Union. The public should also be aware that dining options are not restricted to students and staff. They may also dine at Restaurant Operations venues during the day. Don't forget that Sandburg's cafeteria, the Emporium (Sandburg, main level), Burger King, the Union Station, the Gasthaus, all RiverView units, and most Grind locations are open on the weekends.

## **Can student-organizations receive catering services?**

Any event or program on campus can receive catering services for a fee. Additional services (equipment, furniture, A/V) are available for events in the Student Union as well.

## **Does Restaurant Operations offer any specialty menu items?**

A number of units in the department offer vegetarian and vegan-friendly dishes and sides. One of our more popular lines comes from Chef Rihab from Au bon Appetit. Also, tofu is available as a substitute for meat at Pacific Wraps, in the Union Station, and in sushi sold around campus.

## **What kind of student-employment is available?**

There are all kinds of employment opportunities for students that live both on- and off-campus. With hundreds of student positions available, working for Restaurant Operations is very flexible with scheduling. Students can work as little as a couple shifts or as much as five or six days per week.

*For any additional information, call 414-229-5833, or stop by the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor offices in the Union (hang a right from the elevators).*

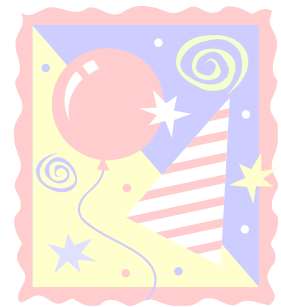


## PANTHER PRIDE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

Spring and the beauty associated with it are just around the corner. This, combined with the urge to celebrate from all the hard work you put forth this past semester, is the magic ingredients to host a party or social gathering, and deservedly so.

As your Neighborhood Relations Specialist, I would like to offer some suggestions to your social gathering planning, that will hopefully create a great experience for you, and your fellow neighbors;

- ◆ Meet with your roommates and set some basic ground rules for the party.
- ◆ Notify your neighbors of the gathering, and provide a contact number encouraging them to call you first if they have any concerns about your gathering.
- ◆ Avoid large crowds, keep the gathering to a controllable and safe size.
- ◆ Provide expectations to your quests; no underage drinking, respect neighbors always-while out on the porch- or in the front and back yards. Keep noise levels down when leaving the gathering, and do not litter in the neighborhoods. Watch over each other to avoid dangerous binge drinking levels.
- ◆ Assign several roommates, or dependable friends to maintain soberness and conduct frequent inspections of the interior and exterior activities so expectations are adhered too.
- ◆ As the host, put yourself in your neighbor's shoes, literally, and walk outside several times during the party to observe firsthand if expectations are being met, and that disruptive activity is not occurring.
- ◆ Remember, police officers, both uniformed and in plainclothes are patrolling the neighborhoods looking for illegal activity, or to enter your party posing as a guest to substantiate underage drinking or illegal taverns (for parties charging an entry fee, it's a \$2,500 citation). Avoid this very negative contact by following the above suggestions, and being responsible in the planning of your gatherings.
- ◆ For the safety of quests, exercise the buddy system when walking the neighborhoods during late evening, or early morning hours. Never walk alone during these times, call BOSS if they are operational.



The Neighborhood Relations Division works extensively with UWM's surrounding Neighborhood Associations, long term residents, and off-campus student residents. It is our goal to be a support system to all UWM students in sharing good neighbor concepts.

Being a good neighbor will greatly benefit your journey to reaching your goals and aspirations towards independence and professionalism. Be a driving force in the neighborhoods for respecting all, and having the highest level of Panther pride.... Go Panthers!

Contact Oscar O. Perez, UWM's Neighborhood Relations Specialist if you have any questions or concerns; 414-229-4451

## VISIT THE URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER

In Riverside Park, the Urban Ecology Center's outdoor laboratory consists of 12 acres of wooded land and riparian habitat on the east bank of the Milwaukee River. The resource center and classroom is a short walk from the natural area. This building is home to live animals, informational exhibits, and resource material about the Center and surrounding area.

Washington Park is a nearly 135 acre home to a wide diversity of birds, wildlife and vegetation. The resource center is housed in a Milwaukee County park building.

### Upcoming Events

February 28th: Introduction to T'ai Chi 5:30-6:45 pm

Often called "meditation in motion", this gentle exercise promotes overall health and relaxation. Instructor Carrie Crossot has over 12 years experience practicing, studying and teaching T'ai Chi.

March 1st: Animal Feeling Time 1:00pm

Help feed the Center's resident turtles and snakes as you learn about the animals that inhabit the river valley.

March 6th: UEC Photo Club (Adults Only) 6:30pm

Explore nature in an artistic light and develop new skills. For more information about the UEC Photo Club visit [www.uecpc.org/](http://www.uecpc.org/) or visit the Urban Ecology Center.

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**Anyone interested in submitting an article for the C.O.A.S.T. Leader can e-mail them to [nhoprogrammer@uwm.edu](mailto:nhoprogrammer@uwm.edu) by the 15th of each month.**

**Contact The Neighborhood Housing Office at 414.229.6999**

**[www.neighborhoodhousing.uwm.edu](http://www.neighborhoodhousing.uwm.edu)**

\*The Neighborhood Housing Office has the right to use their own discretion as to what articles will run in each newsletter pending space available.