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## The Riverwest Food Pantry - A Loaf of Bread, a Can of Beans and So Much More

by Peggy Schulz

The motto of the Riverwest Food Pantry is, “Not by bread alone.” Those four words capture the operation of the pantry, in that it strives to provide as broad a selection of fresh, prepared and canned food as possible. The motto also speaks to figurative and longer-term objectives to improve the quality of life of the pantry’s clients.

Because “food insecurity” is so pervasive in Milwaukee’s neighborhoods, the immediate need for the pantry – to fill emergency gaps in a family’s food supply – likely won’t be going away anytime soon.

But the pantry’s director, Vincent Noth, has broader goals. They include addressing the root causes of food insecurity, looking at the types of food that frequently come through the pantry and improving the diets of the pantry’s guests.

### A Re-Occurring Problem

The generally-accepted definition of “food insecurity” is a lack resources for consistent access to adequate food. Noth, the pantry’s director, explains that for many residents of the Riverwest and Harambee neighborhoods served by the pantry, food insecurity is episodic and cyclical.

According to the pantry’s website, approximately 35% of residents in the Riverwest and Harambee neighborhoods have an income level at or below the poverty line, which is \$23,850 for a family of four in 2014. In terms of being food insecure, the figures are about 18% of Riverwest residents, but more than 70% of those living in Harambee.

### RW Food Pantry - A Brief History

The Riverwest Food Pantry began in the late 1970’s as a project of the East Side Housing Action Committee (ESHAC). The two current locations, at Our Lady of Divine Providence/St. Casimir’s, 924 E. Clarke St., and Gaenslen, an MPS school, at 1250 E. Burleigh, have been home to the pantry for decades. Hundreds of volunteers work at growing, rescuing, sorting and preparing food, and thousands of neighborhood households donate food on a weekly basis.

Noth reports that the number of clients using the pantry varies between 500 and 1,000 per month. In 2012, more than 10,000 clients were served over the course of the year. Roughly one-third of all clients are children.

The Riverwest Food Pantry is a “choice pantry,” meaning clients are able to select from the available options on the day they visit. The majority of the food offered to clients is donated, primarily from four Catholic parishes: Three Holy Women, Ss. Peter & Paul, Our Lady of Divine Providence and Old St. Mary’s. Christ Redeemer Anglican Church, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church and the St. John’s on the Lake Retirement Community also support the pantry.

### A Generous Boost

In April of this year, the Riverwest Food



Charles Davis and Patricia Holland, two of the hundreds of pantry/garden volunteers, display the beginnings of the St. Casimir’s garden crop in early May. ~Photo by Peggy Schulz

Pantry was the beneficiary of a “Lenten Almsgiving” project at the four Catholic parishes listed above. An anonymous donor gave a \$50,000 challenge grant and parishioners of the four parishes were able to meet and even exceed that amount, resulting in more than \$100,000 coming to the Riverwest Food Pantry.

“The generous support of the four parishes ensures our successful launch (as an official non-profit organization) and will enable us to broaden our level of service beyond food,” Noth says.

### Food From Many Sources

Area grocery stores, bakeries and community organizations provide donations on a regular basis, in addition to the religious organizations. The pantry also is part of the Hunger Task Force, a free and local network of food providers.

Noth pointed out on a recent Tuesday at Gaenslen the table full of “mistakery” from the Colectivo bakery in Bay View. That’s Noth’s word for the fortunate accident of the bakery making too much of one product that won’t sell in a timely fashion in their coffee houses.

Noth also notes that providing clients with emergency food isn’t enough to solve the often long-term problems many of the pantry’s clients face, including diabetes and heart disease.

“Healthy food access is a real challenge,” Noth says, beyond just something to fill peoples’ stomachs.

Milwaukee is home to more than 80 food pantries and meal sites. But, “if that’s all they’re doing, what a waste,” Noth says.

### A Community Food Center

“A food pantry should be a springboard, a platform to engage those most susceptible to all these other factors that create intractable poverty,” he says. “Our vision is to create an environment where new ideas can be introduced, including fresh produce, cooking demonstrations and gardening.”

“We need to transition from being just a food pantry to a community food center,” Noth says.

### St. Casimir’s Gets a Garden

To help meet the specific goal of providing more fresh produce to pantry guests, a second vegetable and fruit garden was established this year, on the Our Lady of Divine Providence/St. Casimir’s grounds, in addition to the existing garden at the Three Holy Women/St. Rita’s location.

Meta House had been using four raised beds at the edge of the church parking lot, but recently decided to stop gardening. Julie Trafton, a member of the Riverwest Food Pantry’s strategic planning committee, put the seed in Vincent Noth’s head about taking advantage of the unused beds to grow fresh produce for pantry clients. The four smaller beds were taken apart and a single, larger raised bed was built along the northern border of the St. Casimir’s property.

Garden volunteers already have harvested more than 100 pounds of fresh produce from the St. Casimir’s site as of mid-July, according to Laurie Jacobs and Kathy Blair, the two volunteers who coordinate the new garden spot.

It is the hope of all those involved with both garden locations that food pantry clients will eventually establish their own, individual gardens and do what Trafton likes to call “square-foot gardening.”

“If we can show people that it’s really not hard to grow your own fresh stuff, and expose them to new produce they haven’t tried before, that will be great,” Trafton said.

Check out the pantry’s website at [riverwestfoodpantry.org](http://riverwestfoodpantry.org) for more information, including days and hours of operation for the two Riverwest Food Pantry locations.

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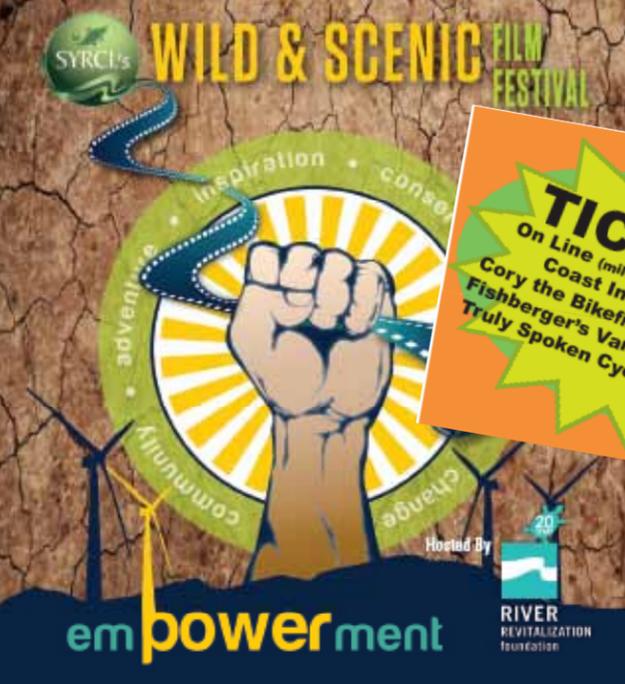
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**EDITORIAL**

## Some Wisconsin Residents Will Lose FoodShare Benefits in 2015

by Maureen Fitzgerald, Director of Advocacy, Hunger Task Force

Hunger is increasing in Wisconsin. Some neighborhoods experience it more than others. Some communities struggle more than others. One of our best defenses against hunger is support from federal nutrition assistance programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps. Unfortunately, SNAP is under attack and Wisconsin families are seeing cut after cut to their monthly food aid.

SNAP, known as FoodShare in Wisconsin, helps over 844,000 low-income people in our state who are struggling to feed their families. The largest group receiving nutrition assistance is children under four, and one-half of FoodShare recipients in Wisconsin are under 23 years old. FoodShare is distributed over the first half of each month by looking at the eighth digit of a participant's social security number. Each digit corresponds with a different day of the month that the benefits will first appear.

Over the last four years, Wisconsin has averaged the lowest average SNAP benefit in the nation. Despite this and the fact that FoodShare benefits are not designed to cover the entirety of a family's food costs, these benefits are still being slashed repeatedly by shortsighted policymakers. Last November, everyone receiving FoodShare in Wisconsin had their monthly food aid cut with the expiration of the SNAP boost contained in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA.) All SNAP participants across the country lost money; in Wisconsin these cuts totaled \$9 million a month in federal aid just before the winter holidays.

Another federal cut to FoodShare hit in March, 2014, when the Farm Bill

cut benefits in 15 states including Wisconsin. Ten Governors took swift action to correct the federal cut, but Wisconsin did not. This cut eliminated Wisconsin's "Heat & Eat" program, which streamlined benefits to people whose heat is included in their rent. As a result, over 255,000 Wisconsinites lost an average of \$90 in FoodShare benefits per household. This translates to \$276 million in federal funding. The true victims are low-income seniors and people with disabilities who suffer massive cuts to their food budget. For the nearly 40% of FoodShare households which have at least one member who is elderly, blind or disabled, continued cuts to these vital programs are causing great distress.

Despite these challenges at the federal level, Wisconsin is planning additional cuts, some of which are expected to decrease enrollment rather than just reduce the monthly benefits.

Historically, there has been a time limit on how long single adults without dependents can receive food stamps, with the assumption that this group can and should be seeking work in a healthy economy. The rule states

that if an able-bodied person without dependents is not working or in a SNAP training program, that person could only receive food stamps for three months within a three year period. The time limits have been lifted nationwide due to high levels of unemployment. Typically, States request the federal government waive the time limits due to unemployment levels. Wisconsin has maintained a waiver of these federal Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) time limits for specific counties struggling with unemployment since 2002, and statewide since 2007.

Governor Walker's 2013-15 budget included language to eliminate the FoodShare waiver for the State of Wisconsin, meaning that this population will soon be required to seek employment or training through the FoodShare Employment and Training program, regardless of the local unemployment levels, which are higher now than they were in 2007. What does this mean? So, for example, an unemployed Wisconsin veteran with no dependents would only be eligible to receive FoodShare for three months in a three year period.

Administration of ABAWD time limits began to be piloted in Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth counties starting on July 1, 2014. These will be starting statewide in January 2015. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates this will impact 62,000 FoodShare recipients statewide, and it is estimated to cause the disenrollment of 31,500 ABAWDs from SNAP. This will cut an additional \$71.9 million of nutrition assistance from supporting Wisconsin communities.

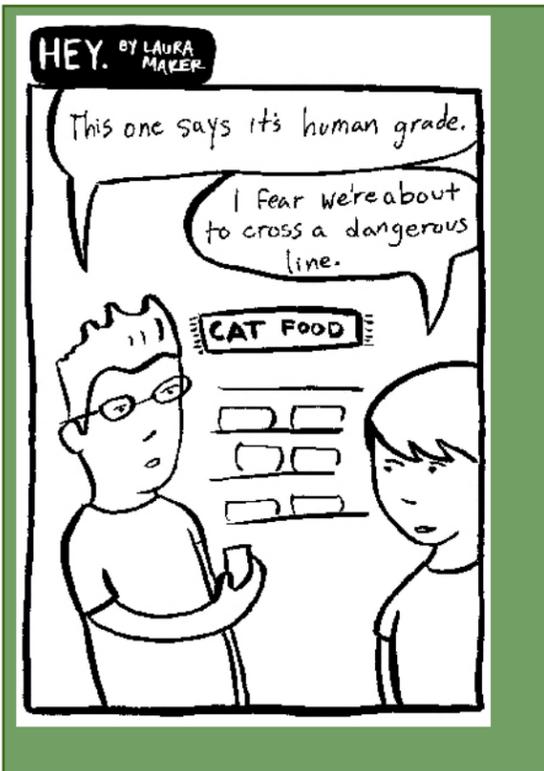
These three cuts are combining to eliminate \$455 million in federal funding annually from Wisconsin. These dollars are spent in grocery stores and farmers markets in our communities. The continuous assault on the FoodShare program will increase hunger in our community and increase assistance needed at emergency food outlets.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Currents and RNA-

In the July Riverwest Safety column, RNA's Julie Papadakis suggested contacting the neighborhood association for things that are "not police issues but issues that need help, as in the neighbor you believe is mean to their dog. The police can do very little with this unless they see it." This is not true: animal abuse is a police issue, and for a good reason. According to a recent statistic, 76% of animal abusers also abuse a family member. Animal abuse is often a sign of domestic abuse. The MPD and the Wisconsin Humane Society are currently working together on the Spot Abuse campaign to encourage people who see animal abuse to call 911. MPD officers are trained to look for signs of domestic abuse when responding to animal abuse calls. If Riverwest residents see an animal being abused, they should call 911. For more information, visit [spotabuse.com](http://spotabuse.com)

Thank you,  
Erin Christman



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- ✓ Find out more: email [board@my-rna.org](mailto:board@my-rna.org)

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# AUGUST

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by Tess Reiss

### THE BALLOT BOX

#### CANDIDATE FORUMS, AUGUST 6 & 7

The Riverwest Neighborhood Association (RNA) is sponsoring candidate forums on Wed, Aug 6 and Thu, Aug 7 at Milwaukee Friends Meeting (3224 N Gordon Place) of interest to voters in Riverwest, Harambee, and the East Side. Written questions will be taken from the audience and the forums will be moderated either by the League of Women Voters or using the LWV process.

#### WED, AUGUST 6, 6PM:

Forum for State Assembly, District 19 with Democratic candidates Jonathan Brostoff, Marina Dimitrijevic, Sara Geenen, and Dan Adams, and Pirate Party candidate Joe Klein. This is an open seat currently held by Jon Richards who is running for state Attorney General.

#### THU, AUGUST 7, 6PM:

Forum for State Assembly, District 10 with Democratic candidates David Bowen, Bria Grant, Sara Lee Johann, and Tia Torhorst. This is an open seat currently held by Sandy Pasch who is not running.

#### THU, AUGUST 7, 8PM:

Forum for State Assembly, District 16 with Democratic candidates Leon Young (incumbent) and Tracy Dent.

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Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Voters do not need to show a photo ID to receive a ballot. After the polls close, results will be reported on local news stations and the web.

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

To view a sample ballot with the candidates for your ward, go to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

#### VOTING INFORMATION

For polling locations or how to register to vote, call the Election Commission at 414.286.3491 or [milwaukee.gov/election](http://milwaukee.gov/election).

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~ compiled by Tess Reiss

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- Aug 2-9 ..... Bronzeville Week ([milwaukee.gov/Bronzeville](http://milwaukee.gov/Bronzeville))
- Sat, Aug 2 ..... Center Street Daze (see ad Page 2)
- Sat, Aug 9 ..... Lanterns for Peace at Pere Marquette Park (see ad Page 16)
- Sat, Aug 9 ..... Hank Aaron Run ([hankaaronstatetrail.org](http://hankaaronstatetrail.org))
- Aug 6 & 7 ..... Candidate Forums (see Ballot Box, Page 4)
- Fri, Aug 8 ..... Riverwest Blood Drive, 1:30-5:30PM at Milw Friends Meeting
- Tue, Aug 12 ..... Fall Primary Election (see Ballot Box, Page 4)
- Sat, Aug 23 ..... Flea Market, at St Casimir parking lot
- Sat, Aug 30 ..... Reclamation Parade & Pageant, Beerline Trail

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Wednesdays, 6:30PM, thru Aug 27  
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#### Skyline Music

Kadish Park (see ad Page 2)  
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#### Amazing Milwaukee Race on Bikes

Sun, Aug 10, Noon-5PM  
Urban bike adventure with clues & checkpoints.  
Register at [amazingmilwaukeeace.com](http://amazingmilwaukeeace.com)

#### Bike-In Movie Series

Fri, Aug 15, Sep 19, Oct 10 (at dusk)  
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#### Ladies Night

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#### Underwear Bike Ride

Thu, Aug 14 & Sep 11, 8PM  
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### FARMERS MARKETS

#### RIVERWEST GARDENERS MARKET

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#### EAST SIDE GREEN MARKET

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## Tamarack Waldorf School: New Ninth Grade Near Riverwest

Tamarack Waldorf School is expanding into the ninth grade this fall, at a location near Riverwest! Our new pioneering class of ninth graders is almost full, but if you have a rising ninth grader – or an eighth grader this year looking for 2015-2016 – who would thrive in a hands-on, experiential learning environment featuring vigorous academics, artistic creativity and

socially relevant activities, we may be just the school for you!

Tamarack Waldorf School was recently awarded a \$375,000 high school start-up grant by the Walton Family Foundation and is using these funds to start their new ninth grade (and grades 10, 11 and 12 in the next three years) robustly and viably.

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Milwaukee County UW-Extension is offering food preservation and canning classes to teach you how to prepare fresh, healthy food from your garden or farmer's markets for your friends and family.

**August 13** – Introduction to Food Preservation  
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(Registration deadline August 8)

**August 27** – Canning Salsa Demonstration Workshop  
1:45 – 3:45 PM or 5:45 – 7:45 PM \$35 per person – includes recipe book and a jar of salsa  
(Registration deadline August 20)  
You can register for both classes for \$40.

Be part of the "eat local, eat fresh" movement and fun in the process.

Classes will be held at the Milwaukee County UW-Extension office, 9501 W; Watertown Plank Road, Wauwatosa. For more information and registration forms visit UW Extension on Facebook or call 414-256-4600.

The Waldorf High School curriculum includes four years of chemistry, biology, physics and life sciences, alongside four years of history and literature, arts, music, world language and sports/movement. Weekly experiential learning days and yearly service learning trips will connect adolescents to the community around them, and to those in the world modeling good work on behalf of the whole.

Geared to be small so that teacher-student-parent relationships can thrive, and each child "seen" in the most positive light, and helped to blossom into who s/he wants to be, Waldorf high schools are found over the entire world. Ours will be the forty-first Waldorf High School in North America, and the first ever in southeastern Wisconsin. More information can be found on our website, [tamarackwaldorf.org](http://tamarackwaldorf.org).

Tamarack Waldorf School is a private school welcoming students of all walks of life. We currently have 32 zip codes represented in our lower school, and already ten different zip codes in our new ninth grade! Private pay and Choice students are warmly welcomed. We believe that diversity is our strength.

Call Tamarack Waldorf School: 414.277.0009 x 102.



**Hey Guys and Gals: There are so many fun things going on!**  
Here is a list of ideas to help keep us safe in Riverwest. Clip out and post where you see it regularly.

1. Pay attention to your surroundings (don't become distracted by electronics).
2. Never walk home alone, use the buddy system. Hey - you guys too!
3. If confronted by a robber, cooperate, as resistance typically equals injury.
4. Do not walk in the alleys.
5. Install and enroll in tracking software for your smart phone and tablet
6. In your car, lock your doors and windows.
7. Call a cab.
8. Stay safe, neighbors and friends. Look for us monthly in the *Currents*.

~Riverwest Neighborhood Association Safety Committee 2014



## Riverwest Safety

by Judie Papadakis

Every month I try to give ideas and solutions to promote safety in Riverwest. With that said, this is a bit awkward of an article to write this month. I go to the District 5 meetings and take notes and share that information with my friends and neighbors. I chair the Riverwest Neighborhood Association safety committee where, again, I take notes and talk with the ones "in the know." I then share that information with you via this column in the *Currents* and at the monthly RNA meetings. The last DS meeting I attended highlighted that all crime is down in the neighborhood except car thefts. The cars most taken are older models in the Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge family; they can be stolen in less than 15 seconds.

So with that information, I don't lock my car doors (car windows do not get broken). I do not use a club or have a kill switch, all deterrents that I suggest in *Currents* article and at meetings. My reasoning is that my van is full of bumper stickers of a political nature, a peace sign or two and restaurants and venues I frequent. Who would steal something so noticeable?

Well it was stolen. Not in Riverwest, but in a downtown parking lot probably in that 15-second time frame.

A person noticed suspicious behavior around my van, came into the building the van was parked in front of, reported that a van with lots of bumper stickers was just driven away by someone she did not believe was the owner.

I went out to the parking lot and yes, my van was gone. What a shock. Who would steal my van with all the deterrents on it?

The police found the van within about 30 hours, and now it is back. My bumper stickers did not help the police find the van. The thieves had covered them by painting my whole van black.

I now have a club thanks to my sister, who asked me, "Why didn't you have a club?" A very good question. I do now and will use it everywhere. A lesson learned the hard way.

Another discussion at the Safety Committee meeting were the robberies at Marsupial Bridge that occurred while the victims were on foot or bike. One arrest has been made and there have not been any more reported criminal activities. It was suggested that we use whistles as a deterrent when walking or riding bike. Three sharp blasts is SOS. If you hear this, call 911 or offer assistance if you feel it is safe.

If you have a smart phone there is a flashlight app, and on mine it will flash out SOS. Check it out, carry it in the flashlight mode so all you have to do is to start it. The RNA has Safety Whistles at their booth at Gardeners Market and Center St Daze. Stop by and get one for a small donation.

### Riverwest Walkers

Neighbors who are interested in the Walking Group, please attend the next Safety Committee Meeting (see below). This is a great idea that just needs a bit of organization to keep it going.

### Descriptions

I have seen concerns on social media about how we describe a suspect when calling the police or putting it out on social media. A good rule of thumb is to report behavior, not looks. Below are a few examples of what the police look for in descriptions.

- Describe what you see as suspicious or concerning behavior. What is the person doing? Looking into cars? Breaking into a home? Having a domestic issue?
- Describe the face: eye color, glasses, facial hair, earrings, arms, hands, voice, tattoos.
- Describe the clothing: hat, shirt, pants, jacket, shoes, jewelry.
- Describe the person: gender, race, complexion, hair color and length, eyebrows. Height, weight, build, scars, tattoos, birthmarks, speech, and accent.
- Describe the vehicle: license number, color, size, year, 2/4 door, shape of head/rear lights, condition, direction, number of occupants.
- Describe any weapons: rifle, shotgun, revolver, knife.

### Dogs at Center Street Daze

It has been asked if dogs are allowed at Center Street Daze. It is preferred that dogs not be at the festival. It is not a good environment for dogs, so please keep them at home. Thanks from Center Street Daze Committee.

Always call 911 about violent crimes, weapon use and crimes in progress. Also call 911 if you believe shots have been fired. Call the non-emergency number for other concerns. 933-4444.

### Contacts:

- Judie Papadakis, Safety Committee**  
jpapadakis@wi.rr.com
- Community Liaison Officer**  
Lori Lammers llamme@milwaukee.gov 935-7141
- Riverwest Bicycle Patrol Officers** 3PM to 11PM  
P.O. Steven Roufus and P.O. Philip Poulos 935-7252 559-2651 (cell)
- RNA Safety Committee meeting**  
Monday, August 4 7pm, Colectivo on Humboldt

## Riverwest Elder Action Network: The Rhythm Of Unity

by Josef Bieniek

There are moments when the raging, ongoing blathering of our inner voice – that incessant stream of noise the pulls us from being simply present here/ now is silenced. One experiences a shift into an experience of presence in which individuals also blend into one space for a moment, and into awe and unity.

The human hunger for this experience is encoded in our biological heritage for survival as well as spiritual and social needs. This explains our attraction to watching sports events, firework displays, and, sadly, nationalistic displays of violence.

There is a deep spiritual and evolutionary need to emerge out of our clutching the armour of self-identity and shift into a vaster experience of the self. When it happens we realize we are part of something larger then we imagine. There is deep silence and for a moment, awareness of the Deep Now within us all.

Participating in a Drum Circle is a transformative ritual that can lead us to experience union and awe. It's a conversation with other members of the circle. The facilitator, a Shaman of sorts, attunes himself and becomes a conductor of different energies. A skilled circle leader can, like a canoeist on a raging river, play with the various rhythms and move the members to finally let go into the experience of stillness at the last beat – the experience of communion emerges out of the varied persons and inner mental chatter.

Jahmes Tony Finlayson will act as transformer and, like a "priest," will set the stage for "communion." His tempered and skilled presence within the drum circle will guide a "conversation" among and with members of the circle. It will be an interpersonal and intrapsychic experience that will nurture a moment of joy.

Finlayson is well known to many in this community. He began to be interested in music as a child, supported by his parents, but with some concern since their vision for him was to move into the medical field like his father, well-known as one of the first African American physicians in Wisconsin.

Jahmes has honed his skill by participating for several decades in a variety of music and dance ensembles, including being part of Kirtan gatherings. He has played with world music and jazz artists as well as with the group, One Drum. He's been part of the Earth Poets who perform regularly on Earth Day, expressing through poetry and song their acknowledgement and concern for the Earth Mother.

You're invited to participate at the Riverwest Elders Action Network's annual Drum Circle on Tuesday, August 12 at 11AM at Gordon Park. We'll start with a potluck at the shelter and begin the dance of energies at noon. Please bring a dish and a percussion instrument if you have one. Jahmes will bring an assortment of instruments. Bring your own seating or blankets. In case of rain the event will be at Linneman's Riverwest Inn, 1001 E. Locust St.

### Riverwest Elders August Events

"We are a diverse group of Riverwest and nearby neighbors over 50 years old. We come together to share wisdom, live to our full potential and give back to the community."

### Wisdom Gathering

Tuesday, August 12, 11AM – 1:30PM  
Look for us at the Gordon Park Picnic Shelter near the north section of the park along Locust Street All welcome, please bring a friend.  
Annual Gordon Park Potluck Picnic and Drumming Circle Led by Jahmes Finlayson. Plenty of drums for everyone, but bring your own if you prefer. We'll eat first then gather under a tree for the drumming. Bring a chair. Bring a dish to pass. Coffee provided by Fuel Café. Bring your own eating utensils/plate/cups to save resources.

### Craft and Art Group

Thursday, August 21, 1 – 4PM  
Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, 926 E Center St  
Work on your own project or stop by to visit and see what others are doing. Bring a snack to share if you have it.

### Games Group & Conversation Gathering

Tuesday, August 26  
2 – 4PM Games Group  
4 – 6PM Conversation & Coffee.  
Dry Hootch Coffee House, 1030 E Brady St.  
Games are facilitated by Arlene, call 289-0806 to find out which game is on deck today.  
Conversation has no agenda, it's a social time. Buy a beverage & share a snack.

### Birthday Lunch Group

Thursday, August 28, 12:30 – 2PM  
Café Corazon, 3129 N Bremen St.  
Hopefully we'll be able to sit outside. We get together because it's someone's birthday somewhere, sometimes right at our table! Enjoy good conversation and excellent food.

Contact: Lorraine 562-6608

## Riverwest Artists Association Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts

by bonita bruch

### ART

**Tuesdays, July 8-Aug 26.** RAA artists run a children's art area during the Skyline Music concerts at Kadish Park. Co-sponsored with COA Youth & Family Centers.

**Friday July 25-Saturday August 30.** For five weeks, Jazz Gallery will become a Habeas Lounge Meeting Place to explore Riverwest's dynamic arts and cultural life. The Jazz Gallery will play host to the multiple layers of Riverwest's creative civic life with programs of music, art, and marketplaces. The gallery will be open most days. Events include mapping exercises, pot luck gatherings, music, hip-hop, spoken work, art and dance. Los Angeles-based artist Linda Pollack, RAA's summer artist in residence, has developed a Riverwest program similar to Habeas Lounge Projects she has staged in New York, California and Poland.

### August 2 Center Street Daze Race & Music Schedule

**Noon: Art Cart Race**  
**Outside Stage:**  
Thing Thing Thing, Brandenburg Four, Carlos Adames, Three.Stacks.Eliot  
**Inside Stage**  
7-9:30pm: Breadfest [organized by Myles Coyne]  
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**Saturday August 16, 10am-7pm**  
Bayshore's Eighth Annual Chalk Art Festival at Bayshore Shopping Center in Glendale.  
Enjoy watching chalk artists complete and compete for prizes. Vote for your favorite artwork up to 5pm.  
Also, there will be art project tables for children.  
**Sunday, August 17 11am-5pm** View completed art drawings and learn the category winners.

### MUSIC (\$5 suggested donation)

**Saturday August 16, 7pm** Montauk Project [Classic Jazz]  
**Saturday August 30, 7pm** Three.Stacks.Eliot with special guests [Jazz hip-hop fusion]  
**Every Tuesday, 7pm** Open Jazz Jam & Artists' Sketch  
**First Tuesday** MYSO Jazz with Chris Mell and Manty Ellis  
**Second Tuesday** MATC - Julie Brandenburg & friends  
**Third Tuesday** Brandon Miller & friends  
**Fourth Tuesday** Cody Steinmann & friends

### RAA/JCGA Information

Riverwest's Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts  
926 East Center Street  
riverwestart.org & Facebook: R

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## Neighbor Spotlight • Jan Christensen

by Greta Jochem ~ photo by Peter diAntoni

It's hard to talk about both urban agriculture and Riverwest without Jan Christensen's name coming up. When I suggested that she be the Neighbor Spotlight, Jan looked at me quizzically, put her head on her desk, and laughed. But no one in the Currents office could deny that it did make sense to feature her for the urban agriculture issue. Despite her hesitation, I interviewed her and found that from urban agriculture, to community organizing, to the Riverwest Currents, Jan Christensen has a significant impact on the Riverwest community.

"Farming and raising food has always been a part of my life," Jan explained. She grew up on a potato farm in Waupaca, Wisconsin where she worked alongside her part-time co-op employee and full-time farmer father, part-time psychiatric nurse and full-time farm-wife mother, and two older siblings. After finishing college, she and her husband, Tom Masaros, managed the farm for nearly a decade. After that, she lived in an "intentional community" in Plymouth, Wisconsin. There, she worked on various organic farming endeavors while fellow community members "were experimenting with alternative ways to live, incorporating things like renewable energy and consensus process governance in their lives."

Her route to Riverwest from Plymouth was anything but boring, taking her to Harvard Divinity School in Boston,

as well as "communities including Dreamtime Village and Rhine Center Village in Wisconsin; Colorado Springs; San Gregorio, California; and Eugene, Oregon." One day she found herself standing across from Fuel Café with her partner Dr. Dave happily proclaiming, "This is good. This is very good." Since that fateful day in 1999, she has lived in Riverwest and advocated for urban agriculture through organizations like Milwaukee Urban Gardens, Milwaukee Urban Agriculture Network, and the Milwaukee Food Council as well as through collaborations with Will Allen, the Chief Executive Officer of Growing Power. In 2001, she and her partner Dr. Dave worked with local Riverwest youth to construct raised bed gardens, some of which can still be spotted in use around the neighborhood. But by far, her most notable urban agriculture project is the Kilbourn Park Community Garden. After Milwaukee Water Works converted the reservoir into a park, the head of Water Works casually suggested that the park would make a good home for a garden. Jan took this seriously, and in collaboration with COA Youth and Family Centers, the Riverwest Health Initiative and many others, the site has since flourished into the home of 141 beds as well as an internship program and the Young Farmers of Milwaukee that pays students to grow food through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

Jan explains that urban agriculture is

a relatively new idea in comparison to its prehistoric farming roots. While she acknowledges that it is easier to produce some agriculture – like meat and grains – in rural areas, she believes that a city and its people can reap benefits from producing their own food. For example, she points out that some foods, "especially those that are fragile, difficult to ship or that lose nutrition quickly – are best grown and distributed locally." In addition, locally grown food has a positive impact environmentally – a tomato from your backyard has a much smaller carbon footprint than a tomato grown on a farm thousands of miles away in Florida. Jan believes that this new farming concept will continue to develop. "If we look at our needs to save fossil fuels associated with long-distance shipping and preservation of highest nutritional value, I think urban agriculture will play an increasingly important part in our food system."

Although she graduated from Harvard Divinity School with her Master in Theological Studies, she is also "interested in how communities of people work and interact with each other, and the decision-making process that moves civilizations...and found a meaningful way to follow all those interests by working in community organizing." She has worked as a community organizer in a position funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) since 2001. Recently, this job has involved her with the policy side of agriculture through

the Urban Agriculture Policy Group, whose work from the past few years produced the ordinances outlined in the special section in this issue of the Currents. Her achievements over the past fifteen years as a community organizer in Riverwest earned her recognition as a finalist for the 2014 MANDI Awards (Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation).

As part of her job as a community organizer, Jan helped write and design some of the first issues of the Riverwest Currents. After an unfair housing practices lawsuit led to a small grant, the paper grew from a newsletter to a tabloid-sized publication and the staff recruited enough advertisers to maintain it as the monthly newspaper it is today. Jan has worked, mostly on a volunteer basis, as editor of the paper since 2004, managing writers, artists, and photographers to create "the best record of our neighborhood we are able to produce." It's a job that she describes as "fascinating, infuriating, exhausting and very gratifying."

When asked about Riverwest's greatest strength, Jan confidently declares, "Without a doubt, the people." Although the community isn't perfect, she believes, "It's real people who know each other in real ways. We don't all love each other. We don't even like each other sometimes. But we're real about it."

"That's not magical, but I think it might be rare."

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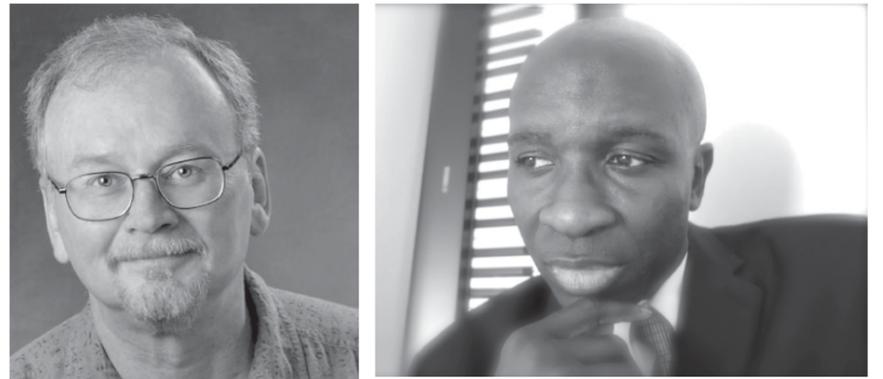
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**Elyve Composting – Getting “Green” from Garbage**

by Jim Loew

Elyve Composting. Neat name, huh? It’s actually an acronym that stands for Equal Living Youthful Vibrant Educators. To pronounce it properly, think of the word “alive,” only drop the “a” and add a long “e” in its place – thus, “E-live.”

Elyve Composting is in the – you guessed it – composting business, and it’s been doing it since February of 2012, when three gentlemen – Damian Coleman, James Burks and JaVern Taylor – got together and formed the proprietorship. What they’ve been doing since that time is picking up organic refuse from, as Coleman says, places “like the Outpost, coffee grounds from coffee shops and woodchips from the city of Milwaukee to make rich soil amendments.” A soil amendment is anything added to soil that improves its physical properties.

The material they pick up is then brought back to the company’s 1,500-square-foot warehouse and garage, located at 30th and Clybourn Streets in the Merrill Park neighborhood. “We use our tiller to turn it, which adds oxygen,” explained Coleman. “The heat and moisture turn it into fertilizer or soil amendment. We don’t use any animal manure; it’s all organic.” Once this process is done, the results are packaged and sold. “We sell to five different garden centers,” Coleman said.

There is no actual store at this time, but looking ahead, Coleman and his partners have some ideas about that. “We would like to have a designated store and even offer tours in the future,” he said. “We would like to lead the way that makes a viable product for the city of Milwaukee. To create jobs. To reduce stuff that goes into landfills.”

Listening to Coleman speak, it is evident that he has a real passion for what he does. “Elyve Composting is an up-and-coming compost business with ideas that I think the city of Milwaukee needs,” he said.

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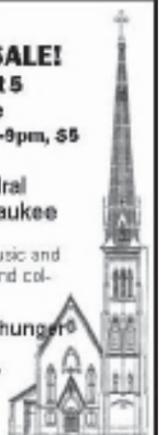
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## Long Arm Farm: Relationships, Ethics, Trust... and Amazing Food

Story and photo by Janice Christensen

Long Arm Farm in Westby, Wisconsin is a long way from Riverwest, but Micaela O'Herlihy has found a way to farm, and to make her relationships in the city pay off.

O'Herlihy grew up in Los Angeles, California. She came to Milwaukee in 1999 and became an adjunct professor in the film department at UW-Milwaukee.

"I got very involved in Riverwest gallery life," O'Herlihy recalled. "I did art shows in Riverwest and Bay View, and got involved with Pumpkin World – Riverwest Film & Video. I was also involved in community gardens here, and in women's groups like Feminists for Fornication."

She moved with her family to Long Arm in 2009 and focused on raising goats and making artisanal cheeses. She is still working on getting her cheese maker's license and building a facility for aging cheeses.

More recently she established a Community Supported Agriculture business to sell the vegetables from the farm. She also began selling and delivering to chefs in restaurants. For several reasons, she decided to make the switch from a CSA to an RSA (restaurant supported

agriculture) this year.

"I needed to streamline the operation," O'Herlihy explained, "so I decided to focus on working with chefs. I like to grow weird stuff and they know what to do with it."

"With a CSA there was a lot of educating that needed to be done to teach people to use the crops I grew. It took me out of the field a day every week looking up recipes and preparing educational materials."

"Chefs know what to do with the foods I deliver, especially wildcrafts. I don't have to teach them what to do."

Long Arm Farm currently delivers to six restaurants in the Milwaukee area.

"I work with Ardent, Balzac, C.1880, Goodkind, Juniper 61 and Odd Duck. They get a share every week, and I dictate what goes into it."

"We focus on rare, seasonal, high-value heirloom products that are hard for them to get their hands on through normal venues. We have lots of wildcrafts and local value added products, and hard-to-find herbs like Monarda and hyssop. This week we had black caps, josta berries, currants, and wild and cultivated gooseberries and elder flowers."

Long Arm Farm has 14 acres, and it's all in perennials. O'Herlihy leases two acres for annual row crops. She chooses unusual varieties, like purple velour French filet beans and mrihani, an extremely rare African basil. "I grow lots of mustard greens and lots of kale to feed my goats. Actually, I'm looking for a wholesale contract for kale," she laughed.

"I grow lots of purple stuff. I like Purple Majesty potatoes, and Magic Mollies – purple fingerling potatoes, and Purple Graffiti cauliflower. I grow lots of heirloom tomatoes, many of which are black and purple."

Restaurants are also ready markets for the value-added products that O'Herlihy produces. She and the interns who work on her farm make a variety of fermented products, plus elder flower socata (a fizzy elder flower drink), and milkweed cordial. She also delivers maple syrup and sorghum syrup.

"I deliver some product that I buy from my Amish neighbors," O'Herlihy explained, especially larger quantities of annual vegetables that need more space and mechanization. "I'm not a big fan of row cropping," she admitted, although she does do some row crops, like mustard greens, radicchio, new potatoes and green beans.

She drives to Milwaukee once a week to deliver to restaurants, a 200-mile trek each way. She is also selling at the Newaukeee Night Market once a month – the next market will be August 13.

Long Arm Farm currently has three interns, all women, plus one toddler, along with O'Herlihy's three children, ages 15, six, and four. "Our youngest intern is 14 months old," she laughed.

"I think it's important to note that the farm is 'woman-powered,'" she said. "There is a huge contingency of organic farmers out here, and many are women. Agriculture used to be male dominated, but if you look at the numbers, women are now a dramatically rising proportion of organic farmers."

"I think it has to do with scale and sustainability. Women are looking at healthy ways to raise their children and are very conscientious and humane in their practices. People want to support that. There's a

market for things like ethically raised meat."

Long Arm Farm is also home to lots of animals. Currently, O'Herlihy sells breeding stock. They keep pigs, geese, goats, and chickens. "We also have a draft horse," O'Herlihy grinned. "I'm learning to work with horse power for field work."

The kids are all involved with the work at Long Arm Farm. "My daughter, Oota (age six) was probably most helpful when I built my greenhouse," O'Herlihy said.

At 15, son Thurman keeps all the small engines running and helps with computer work and marketing. "Although he'd probably rather be in Facebook," O'Herlihy admits, grinning.

"Lugh (age four) kills pest bugs. Oota loves seeding flats and transplanting – she's almost as fast as I am."

The 14-month-old, Ursai, "eats dirt and entertains us. We've found a rhythm where there's a lot of play involved in our work."

O'Herlihy chose the CSA or RSA model to market her vegetables for economic reasons. In that model the clients pay at the beginning of the season, then receive their food in "shares" throughout the year. This relieves the farmer from having to take out a loan to get the crops in the ground.

"That's important for me because I'm a mom and I have a mortgage and I'm not particularly credit-worthy," O'Herlihy explained. "I can't go the bank every spring for a loan. As a woman farmer, a mom farmer, I couldn't do it otherwise. I need to know I can feed my kids and pay the mortgage for the year."

The model also appeals to her because of the level of trust between farmer and client. "Some weeks the shares are a little skimpy, but then mid-July hits, and it makes up for the skimpy weeks."

"The chefs know I'm going to bring them high quality, unusual produce. And frankly, there are a lot of culinary awards out there, and I'm giving them things to work with that are really experimental. It makes their menus more adventuresome and interesting."

Relationships are what make Long Arm Farm run. For Micaela O'Herlihy and her family, agriculture is more than a living – it's a life.

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# SPECIAL SECTION

## CITY OF MILWAUKEE URBAN AGRICULTURE ORDINANCES

### Growing Milwaukee

#### New Laws and Current Procedures for Farming, Community Gardening, Bees, and Hens

by Bruce Wiggins

Bruce is a retired city planner, gardener, and garden advocate who was involved, along with the Urban Agriculture Policy Group and many others in getting the ordinance changes discussed in this insert.

We are approaching a cliff. Some say we have already gone over the edge. But in any case, our traditional food system is broken. We are seeing problems with food-related illnesses, food prices are increasing to the point where many people cannot afford nutritious food. Too many people go to bed hungry, and too many people die as a result of the food they eat. Food-related diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity are killing people or overburdening our medical system. Our current industrial food system depends on fossil fuels and

ultimately is unsustainable.

We need a new food system, and many people are responding to the challenge. Local food systems are emerging in many cities across the country. People are putting in backyard gardens and community gardens are becoming more popular. Farmers markets are proliferating. Community Supported Agriculture subscriptions are increasing. Young farmers want to grow food in the City. Teachers are using agriculture to teach science, math, reading, and social studies.

Milwaukee is a leader in urban agriculture, and the City of Milwaukee is helping. The city's sustainability plan, *Refresh Milwaukee*, emphasizes urban agriculture. In July of this year, the

Milwaukee Common Council passed new ordinances to set out protocols to begin farming in the city. The new law is ordinance Sub121382 for those of you who want to look it up. This *Riverwest Currents* insert covers the basics of the

new rules and procedures. The City's HOME GR/OWN program will soon have a "Frequently Asked Questions" section on its web page with extensive details and links to applications, forms and contact information.

#### Additional Resources

For detailed information on the new rules related to any of the subjects covered here, contact:

##### HOME GR/OWN Office

Tim McCollow, Program Manager  
414.286.3748  
tmccol@milwaukee.gov

##### Real Estate – Department of City Development

Yves LaPierre 414.286.5762  
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### Finding and Securing Land

#### Finding Land

Whether you are starting a community garden or starting a commercial farm business, you need to gain access to land and obtain permission to use it for an extended period of time. You don't want to go to all the work of creating a farm or garden and then have the owner show up and kick you off the property. If you find a piece of land that you are interested in farming, you can look up the owner on

the city website as described below.

You might ask neighbors who owns a piece of land, or consult Map Milwaukee to find the city's real estate records online. See the Resources box for info on Map Milwaukee and how to use it. You can also contact the city's Real Estate staff (listed above) to obtain a list of city property for sale.

#### Resources

- 🌱 City of Milwaukee land and property records are available online. Information includes property owner's name and address, zoning, aldermanic district, tax information, and much more.
- 🌱 Search for **Map Milwaukee** on your browser or go to the City of Milwaukee home page [city.milwaukee.gov](http://city.milwaukee.gov) Click on the Residents or Business tab, then click on "M" to reach the **Map Milwaukee** link. Under Map Applications, click on Property Information. You can enter the address of the property or zoom in on the map to find the property. Click on the property and an information box will pop up.
- 🌱 **Map Milwaukee** provides much useful information, such as the Aldermanic District (you will want to work with the alderperson) and the zoning district (what you propose to do and any structures you build will be regulated by the Zoning Code, as described in the Buildings section on the next page.) When you click on a property and a pop-up box appears, click on "View Additional Details" at the bottom to access that information.
- 🌱 **Vacant Lot Handbook: A Guide to Reusing, Reinventing, and Adding Value to Milwaukee's City-owned Vacant Lots** is available in PDF format. Navigate to [milwaukee.gov](http://milwaukee.gov) > Department of City Development > City Real Estate > Vacant Lot Handbook
- 🌱 **Milwaukee Urban Gardens (MUG)** at Groundwork Milwaukee. MUG is a nonprofit land trust established to secure land for community gardens. Staff can help you find the owner and obtain permission to use the land. Call 414.763.9947

#### Securing Land

##### Gardening on City of Milwaukee Property - Obtaining Permission

The city has several methods for making land available for community gardens.

- 🌱 **Seasonal Permit:** This permit allows a group to start a community garden and operate it during the growing season, typically March 1 through October 31. The permit is a two-page license agreement (a form of legal document) specifying the rights and responsibilities of both the owner (the city) and the garden operator. This permit allows a group to gain the experience of gardening and demonstrate that they can manage the garden. It might be renewed the next year or even year after year, but the city makes no promises that the lot will be available in future years. There is no cost for this permit.
- 🌱 **Three-Year Agreement:** Typically after a garden group gains some experience with a Seasonal Permit for a year or two, the city can issue a three-year lease or license a property to a community group, a local land trust such as Milwaukee Urban Gardens, or another community institution such as a church or the Milwaukee County Extension Service. A license agreement allows you to enter onto the property and use the land for gardening. City Real Estate staff has the authority to license properties to MUG or the Milwaukee County Extension Service. Other agreements, such as a long-term lease, require legislative action through the Common Council, which can be a time-consuming process. This permit currently costs \$25/year and is a longer legal document.
- 🌱 **Sale of Property:** The city can sell land to a garden group, land trust, or institution such as a church. Sale of property requires Common Council approval, so groups must work closely with the District Alderperson.

##### Farming on City of Milwaukee Property – Obtaining Permission

The city's new HOME GR/OWN program was created partly to promote urban farming and reuse of vacant lots. Sale OR long-term lease of land for a commercial farm requires special legislation with Common Council approval. If you want to secure long-term access to a property, start by working with HOME GR/OWN staff and the district alderperson.

##### Other Ownership

If you find land that is owned by an individual, a company, an institution such as a church or hospital, or a unit of government other than the city, you will need to negotiate directly with that owner. You may be able to obtain a lease or agreement of sale.

All matters can be negotiated – such as term (for example, one year or multiple years), uses (farming or community gardening), plans (the layout of activities and any buildings, etc.), costs or fees, and insurance. All these should be specified in the agreement signed by both parties. You should have an attorney help you with the final agreement.

# SPECIAL SECTION

## CITY OF MILWAUKEE URBAN AGRICULTURE ORDINANCES

### Urban Farming

The city's new ordinance allows growing of crops for commercial purposes, defining such a farm as a Commercial Farm Enterprise (CFE):

**Commercial Farming Enterprise** means a premises used to grow and harvest plants or compost for sale to the general public, retail businesses or wholesale establishments. This use does not include community gardens or outdoor storage facilities.

**Edible plants** (vegetables and herbs) and non-edible plants (trees, bushes, perennials, flowers) can be grown on a CFE. Composting can be a primary use on a CFE. Chickens (hens) and bees can be raised on a CFE under the same rules as ordinary permits for those animals (see other sections of this Insert.)

The city now differentiates a farm with and without animals. A farm or business with animals must follow a different set of rules than a CFE does. The new ordinance definition for raising animals is the following (note that aquaculture is included in this definition).

**Raising Of Livestock** means the use of land or buildings for aquaculture, or the keeping of bees, cows, cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese or any other domesticated livestock if permitted by the health department under the provisions of Chapter 78 of the City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.

This insert does not cover the special procedures and rules for raising of livestock other than hens or bees. Contact HOME GR/OWN staff or the resources listed here for additional information on raising of livestock.

**Permits & Certificates:** A CFE operator (a farmer) needs to obtain a permit from the city's Development Center (see Resources box). You will need to develop a site plan showing where you will be growing crops along with the location and type of any structures on the land. A CFE is allowed in an industrial or institutional zoning district without a special hearing. A CFE in a residential or commercial district will require a special use permit and a public hearing at the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BOZA), which has a special application process, an application fee, and it may take several months to schedule the

BOZA hearing. CFEs are not allowed in the Downtown zoning areas. See the Buildings section of this insert regarding the requirements for buildings on the farm property. You should start working with your district alderperson and neighbors as soon as you have identified a parcel of land you want to farm.

All CFE's will require a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) issued by the city's Development Center. There is a \$25 processing fee. The city may issue a temporary CO until any potential BOZA approvals are received. The processing fee for a temporary CO is an additional \$150.

### Resources

#### City of Milwaukee Development Center

841 N. Broadway, First Floor  
DevelopmentCenterInfo@milwaukee.gov  
Suzanne Hanson 414.286.8542  
Suzanne.Hanson@milwaukee.gov

#### Food Enterprise Development Network (FEDN):

This project of the Urban Economic Development Association (UEDA) in partnership with the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC) aims to help startup food businesses and small farmers.  
fednmke.wordpress.com  
uedawi.org  
(414) 562-9904

**Growing Power:** Will Allen's internationally known project and the only farm now operating in the city.  
growingpower.org  
414.527.1546

### Community Gardening

All community gardens will now need a permit from the city – whether on city land or private property. As defined in the ordinance:

**Community Garden** means any use of land or a premises for the growing of crops, plants or other vegetation by a group of individuals or by a public or non-profit organization. This use includes composting and the raising of crops, native vegetation or fruit not otherwise in violation of this code. It also includes the sale of produce and ornamental

crops grown on-site. This use does not include a commercial farming enterprise or outdoor storage facilities.

If your community garden existed on June 1, 2014, you do not need a permit for this year. You can continue without a permit. But all community gardens in 2015 will need a permit, including gardens that existed in 2014 or new ones being created. There is no cost to obtain the permit. The city will soon have a permit application form online. The garden group is asked, among other things, to describe

the community outreach efforts made to neighbors. The permit application form for gardening on city-owned property is to be sent to Yves LaPierre (contact information previous page). The permit application for gardening on privately-owned land is processed at the Development Center.

A new procedure in the permit process is approval by the district alderperson, so you should contact him or her early in your planning and organizing process. When you submit your application to the city, the Development Center will notify the alderperson and he or she has 10 days to decide whether the permit should be granted or denied based on the following narrow criteria.

A garden permit can be denied if:

- The applicant is not a group of individuals or a public or non-profit organization.
- The applicant has had a community garden permit revoked in the past three years.
- Operation of the community garden will unreasonably disrupt the safe and orderly use of any street, alley or other public place as a result of vehicular traffic or parking related to the community garden.
- Operation of the community garden will degrade the surface of the adjacent public right-of-way through the tracking of dirt and other materials onto the public right-of-way, damaging of turf, creation of ruts, damaging of curbs and so forth.
- Operation of the community garden will occur at such hours or at such intensity as to disturb the peace of

the surrounding neighborhood.

- The community garden will not be in compliance with the applicable standards and requirements of the City Code.

Once a Community Gardening Permit is issued, it can be revoked by the city if there have been multiple code violations found by inspectors of the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS). The presence of rats, weeds or uncut grass, cars parked on the property, and late-night parties are examples of activities that may cause a permit to be revoked.

For the first time, gardeners are allowed to sell produce at the garden (fruits and vegetables) along with ornamental crops (flowers, perennials, shrubbery). They cannot sell compost, packaged, or processed food.

The city requires raised beds filled with twelve inches of clean soil or compost to be used in community gardens on city-owned land. Community gardeners usually build four foot by eight foot beds of two-by-twelve lumber. This allows ease of access, and since these beds hold about one yard of soil, makes ordering easier.

You can compost at your community garden, but the size and placement are restricted under current regulations. Compost bins must be no taller than five feet and cannot exceed 125 cubic feet (for example, a cube-shaped bin five feet on a side). See Sec. 79-12.5 of the City Code of Ordinances (available online at Milwaukee.gov) for further details.

You may want to visit some successful community gardens to see how they work. There are now more than 100 community gardens in Milwaukee proper. See the Resources list.

### Additional Resources

Some of these organizations have lists of active community gardens. Many offer workshops on gardening and supply assistance with planning along with help obtaining soil, seeds, and other materials. They are listed in alphabetical order. All are outstanding organizations.

#### Alice's Garden

414.687.0122 alicesgardenmilwaukee.com

#### Groundwork Milwaukee and Milwaukee Urban Gardens

414.763.9947  
groundworkmke.org  
milwaukeeurbangardens.org

#### Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension

414.256.4600 milwaukee.uwex.edu  
See also FEEDS (Food and Ecosystem Educational Demonstrations Sites) feeds.uwex.edu

#### Urban Ecology Center (Three centers in the city.)

urbanecologycenter.org

#### Walnut Way Conservation Corp.

414.264.2326 walnutway.org/

#### Victory Garden Initiative

414.431.0888 victorygardeninitiative.org



# SPECIAL SECTION

## CITY OF MILWAUKEE URBAN AGRICULTURE ORDINANCES

### Buildings

A major goal of Milwaukee urban ag advocates, identified several years ago, was accomplished this year with the new ordinance that includes definitions and rules for structures on community gardens and farms.

Three types of accessory structures are now allowed on CFEs and community gardens: hoop houses, large agricultural structures, and sheds.

**Hoop House** means a temporary or permanent structure typically constructed with, but not limited to, piping or other material covered with translucent material for the purpose of growing food or ornamental crops, but not for storage of inorganic materials. A hoop house is considered more temporary than a greenhouse.

**Large Agricultural Structure** means an accessory structure that does not fit the definition of a hoop house and that is greater than 150 square feet in area. This term includes rain catchment systems.

**Shed** means an accessory building of not more than 150 square feet of floor area and not more than 14 feet in height.

**“Accessory”** means a structure customarily incidental or subordinate to the principal building or use on the property.

So, for example, a shed up to 150 square feet (10 by 15 feet in floor area) is permitted at a community garden for storage of tools and materials. Temporary farm stands for selling of produce are also allowed as accessory to the garden for selling produce.

**Permitting Process**

While these structures are now permitted on both city-owned and privately-owned land, they may still need special review and may need building permits issued by the city’s Development Center.

The normal procedure for obtaining a permit is to take your plans to the Development Center. A Plans Examiner



*No building permit is required for a small hoop house to extend the growing season on a raised bed.*

### Accessory Structure Restrictions

	Shed	Large Ag Structure	Hoop House
<b>Front, side or rear street setback</b>	Avg* + 5 feet	Avg* + 5 feet	Avg* + 5 feet
<b>Side or rear setback</b>	5 feet	5 feet	5 feet
<b>Maximum height of sidewall</b>	8 feet	10 feet	14 feet
<b>Maximum overall height</b>	10 feet	If on a vacant lot, 14 feet. If on a lot with a building: 24 feet or the height of the principal building	14 feet
* Avg refers to the average setback of adjacent properties			

will review them and issue the permit or tell you what additional information you must supply or requirements you must meet.

The plans you take to the Development Center can be, for a simple structure, a

hand-drawn site plan and description of your construction. You will need more elaborate drawings by a design professional for a large building or complex of buildings.

**Combinations of Structures**

Here are specific requirements for combinations of these structures:

- Not more than one shed and one large agricultural structure may be located on a single lot.
- The total lot coverage of sheds and large agricultural structures cannot exceed 15% of the lot area.
- The total lot coverage of all sheds, large agricultural structures and hoop houses on a single lot must not exceed 70% of the lot area.

**Getting Help With Plans**

Plans Examiners in the city’s Development Center can provide permit information and requirements specific to your site. The Development Center is located in the City Hall complex of buildings downtown.

It doesn’t cost anything to meet and consult with Plans Examiners. So if you are planning a business or a community garden with structures, you should set up an appointment at the Development Center (see Resources).

Note, however, that fees are required when it comes time to obtain a permit.

### Do you need a building permit for ...

- An Accessory Shed under 150 sq. ft. and set back at least three feet from the property line? ..... **NO**  
*But no more than two sheds are allowed on a residential vacant lot. Note that the standard license agreements for use of city-owned lots do not allow concrete foundations or concrete floors. Alternatives may be patio block or two inches of macadam laid on three inches of gravel.*
- Rainwater harvesting on the shed? ..... **NO**
- Rain barrels? ..... **NO**
- Farm stand (not mobile)? ..... **NO**
- A Large Agricultural Structure? ..... **YES**
- A hoop house? ..... **YES**  
*Note that the permit for a hoop house is a no-fee permit, and a plan review is not required. There is no limit on the number of hoop houses on a single lot. Note also that a greenhouse, a structure with glass or non-flexible plastic walls, has separate rules defined in City Code.*
- A rainwater harvesting system that is larger or more unconventional than rain barrels or rainwater harvesting on a shed? ..... **YES**

### Resources

**City of Milwaukee Development Center**  
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# SPECIAL SECTION

## CITY OF MILWAUKEE URBAN AGRICULTURE ORDINANCES

### Bees

*From the City of Milwaukee Bee Keeping page:* The honeybee (*apis mellifera*) is a critical pollinator for flowers, fruits and vegetables. The new ordinances allowing backyard bees is of great benefit in the city, where pollinating

insect populations are usually significantly smaller than in rural areas. Managed colonies of bees help to increase the yields and the quality of a large variety of plants found in backyard gardens, municipal parks,

and flowerbeds.

Hives of honeybees are currently established in almost every major city in the United States. Beehives are successfully kept in small back yards, on balconies and rooftops in congested urban environments with little, if any impact to adjacent property owners.

In addition to the benefits of plant pollination, the honey, beeswax, pollen and other hive products are high in nutritional value and are a local, renewable and sustainable resource.

In 2010, the City of Milwaukee passed a new law allowing residents to keep up to two colonies of honeybees on private property within the city limits. See Chapter 78-6 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, available on the City of Milwaukee web site.

If you want to keep honeybees, you should learn about best practices. You can take a course at the Cooperative Extension (see Resources box.) You should also talk to your neighbors before applying for a permit to explain the behavior and benefits of beekeeping. Be prepared to address their concerns, as your neighbors will

have a voice in the permit approval process.

Here are a few of the particulars regarding rules and procedures:

- A permit and inspection is required. Permit applications may be obtained from the Department of Neighborhood Services Environmental Section. There is an \$81.12 permit fee.
- A simple map with dimensions showing the apiary and surrounding area must be provided with the application.
- Neighbors within 200 feet will be notified and given an opportunity to voice any concerns they may have. You might also be required to get written permission from your immediate neighbors if your hives are within 50 feet of their dwellings or certain structures.
- Proof of beekeeping competency must be provided with the application.
- You will be responsible for monitoring your bees on a regular basis for the health of the hive and to ensure that you have not created a nuisance to others.

### Resources

#### City of Milwaukee Beekeeping Page

city.milwaukee.gov  
Search for "Bee Keeping" then click on "Bee Keeping in Milwaukee"

#### Urban Apiculture Institute at Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension

414.256.4600 milwaukee.uwex.edu  
The Institute promotes healthy beekeeping practices and offers a Certified Beekeeper Course.

#### Wisconsin Department of Agriculture

Craig Petros, State Apiary Inspector  
262.968.5391  
Free hive inspections Spring and Fall.

#### Milwaukee/Waukesha Beekeeping Association

mwbkeepers.org  
Meets monthly, provides workshops, mentoring, networking, a lending library and other helpful resources.

#### Charlie Koenen

BeePods, Inc.  
facebook.com/charlie.koenen  
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### Hens

Since the passage of an ordinance in July 2011, Milwaukee residents have been allowed to keep hens for egg production. Here are a few specifics of the rules:

- Residents may keep up to four hens (no roosters) on their property. Hens are not allowed on commercial or mixed-use properties.
- A permit is required and is issued by the Dept. of Neighborhood Services (DNS) at 4001 S. 6th St., 2nd floor Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. The permit fee is a one-time cost of \$35.49

- One of the forms required as part of the application is a site plan. A site plan form and sample are available at the DNS office or online to help guide the applicant.
- Another required form is the Neighbor Approval Statement signed by any neighbor whose property touches the applicant's, including across an alley (but not across the street.) This form is also available at the DNS office or online.
- An enclosed structure, called a chicken coop, is required. The coop plus a yard provided must add up to 16 square feet per bird. The coop cannot be higher than 10 feet and cannot be larger than 50 square feet.
- Enclosures (the coop and yard) can be no closer than 25 feet to a residence on an adjacent property, and cannot be in the applicant's front yard.
- At all times, including winter, fresh water and feed is required and the coop must be kept clean.
- Slaughter of the hens is not allowed in the city.
- DNS will respond to complaints from neighbors. A permit can be revoked for failure to keep the coop clean or for failure to follow the rules of the hen ordinance and City Code. A permit that has been revoked cannot be reinstated.

### Resources

#### City of Milwaukee Chicken Information Page

city.milwaukee.gov  
Search for "hens" then click on "Milwaukee Residents can Now Keep Chickens"  
For information on the permitting process, call Marcie Otto 414.286.328  
With other questions, call DNS Environmental and Nuisance Section at 414.286.3280

#### Cream City Hens

414.301.EGGS (3447)  
creamcityhens.com  
CreamCityHens@gmail.com  
This community-based nonprofit teaches kids and adults about urban henkeeping.

#### Internet and Library

Search for information on raising backyard chickens, design of chicken coops, care and feeding, different breeds of hens, where to buy them, etc.

#### Urban Hen Owners

According to the HOME GR/OWN Facebook page, 54 permits for chickens have been issued in Milwaukee. Several of them in the neighborhood are profiled in an article in this issue of the Currents.

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**Questions? Contact Bruce Wiggins 414.372.4991**

# Chickens in the Yard

Story and photos by Ellen C. Warren

Let's call this "Backyard Chickens 101." Or "Intro to Urban Chickens." Or something like that, because you're learning along with me. Unless you already know a lot about raising chickens in your yard. Then, I suppose, you can just enjoy the pictures.

As a wanna-be chicken owner I'm getting as much information as I can from Riverwest folks, Katherine Wilson, Claire Moore, Jessica Lane and Keith Hayes, who are tending their own flocks.

Here are some basics.

To keep chickens you need a coop and a run. The coop is a fully-enclosed building with various door and ventilation possibilities.

According to Katherine, "There's lots of ways to design a coop."

Keith's coop is a winner from a "coopetition" that was held in 2012 to design a chicken coop from reused materials, in this case, white plastic barrels.

The run is a cage. It's an open, fenced structure that can take many forms. There are requirements of sizing per animal. Claire's eight-by-ten foot run is sufficient for her three hens. A variety of roosting choices is pretty much a requirement as one never knows which will tickle a chicken's fancy on a given day.

Every backyard chicken is female. Roosters are prohibited in the urban programs. So the pullets I met are teen-aged girls and the adults are hens. It only takes a few months for them to mature. Hens often have a comb – the red growth on top of the head – and a wattle – the red part that hangs down from the chicken's cheeks.

It is quite possible your neighbors will barely notice the coop's presence. Chicken-keeping is a rather quiet activity. Only roosters crow. Hens cluck. And each girl has her own unique cluck. Claire describes her black hen Sebastian's cluck as "low and growly, while Fluffy has a higher, melodic cluck."

However, there are minor exceptions, as in the

case of Wesley who has taken on the role of rooster-like protector over Luke (Skywalker). "I've heard that some chickens can, like, gender-bend a little bit," says owner Jessica. She reports that her hen, Wesley, "will go up on the top of the fence in the morning. She won't crow, but she'll cackle for a while."

Not only do the chickens have personal clucks, they also have very definite personalities.

Sebastian has a lot of character and is very smart. "She's a fast twitch one," says Claire, which means she is high-energy, hard to catch, has good survival skills. Star, the golden-rust girl is pretty but stupid. Fluffy is docile, lackadaisical, easy to get along with and to catch. Jessica's Wesley is, not surprisingly, hard to catch and Keith's Biscuit is not people-friendly, although I watched her share with coop-mate Sam.



From top: Claire Moore, Jessica Lane and Katherine Wilson with friends.



Claire Moore checks her chicken coop for eggs.

Different breeds of chickens lay different color eggs. After the recent relocation of community members who took their run and chickens with them, Katherine's flock is composed of two pullets. One is a Lavender. She'll lay pink eggs when she matures. The other "teenager" is a blue egg layer, an Ameraucana.

"In total my plan is to get two more laying hens so that all four will lay different colored eggs – a pink egg, a blue egg, a dark chocolate-colored egg, and a brown or white egg," says Katherine delightedly. A Blue Copper Marans will supply the chocolate brown egg.



Top: A chicken run  
Bottom: Chickens love to forage in the garden.

And eggs you will collect, as long as your hens are content. In their prime last year, Keith says his Sam and Biscuit laid five to six eggs per week. Summer comfort has provided about an egg per hen per day for Claire. In winter the number decreases, but they do still lay.

The chickens remain outside for the winter. There are cold-hardy breeds that can just do fine in the snow. Claire says hers like a snow-free area in their run.

"Chickens need a certain amount of daylight and heat in order to produce eggs," explains Katherine. You can simulate a longer day by having a lamp in the coop, as she does. Keith adds warmth and light with red lamps and heated animal pads.

Claire's hens get the benefit of a dog kennel heater in winter. "Just enough to keep above freezing." Jessica's birds winter over without the help of anything other than shared body heat.

Even in the city one must protect the birds from predators. Most of the coops get locked up at night and run fencing may reach well into the ground. Rats, raccoons, opossums, cats, and large birds number among the possible threats.

Unfortunately, Jessica learned the hard way that people can also be on that list. She had two of her four hens stolen. One of them was her buddy Kilbourn, a bird with a wonderful personality who left a trail of tales behind. The other was Buttercup, named for Wesley's true love in The Princess Bride.

Everyone I talked with allows their chickens to forage, scratch and adventure in their yards. The hens find tasty grubs, insects and greens to feast upon. Of course, for the less twitchy, there's need for a human to keep an eye on the sky.

The more I learn, the more I look forward to walking out to my backyard coop to find a freshly-laid egg for my breakfast. After, that is, saying, "Good Morning!" to my feathered friends.

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**thru AUG 17** INOVA 2155 N Prospect EXHIBIT: The Uncertainty of Enclosure  
**thru SEP 1** MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM 700 N Broadway, EXHIBIT: Kandinsky: A Retrospective  
**thru AUG 30** JAZZ GALLERY 926 E Center, HABEUS LOUNGE  
**AUG 2-AUG 9** BRONZEVILLE WEEK Bronzeville District Cultural and entertainment events; see milwaukee.gov/Bronzeville  
**AUG 1-SEP 11** ART BAR 722 E Burleigh, EXHIBIT: Copa Presents Beautiful Blur  
**AUG 1-AUG 31** RIVERWEST COOP 733 E Clarke EXHIBIT: Drawings by Rachel Sanders

**1 FRIDAY**  
**ART BAR 722 E Burleigh**, Art Show Opening: Beautiful Blur w/live music by Strategic, 7PM  
**BEER BISTRO** 2730 N Humboldt, Beer-Infused Accordion Music (see ad Page 13) 6-9PM  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, BREADFEST: Lady Cannon, Jamie Yanda 8PM / DJ 80HD 10PM  
**LAKESHORE STATE PARK** 500 N Harbor Drive, Urban Island Beach Party w/ music, kayaking, fish fry & pig roast (urbanislandparty.com) NOON-11PM  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, Retro Dance Party 9PM \$5  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, BREADFEST: Calliope, The Aluar Pearls, Light Music, more BREADFEST Calliope + The Aluar Pearls + Light Music + Mortgage Freeman BREADFEST Calliope + The Aluar Pearls + Light Music + Mortgage Freeman 9PM \$6  
**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E Locust, \$5 Restorative Focus, 5:45PM

**2 SATURDAY**  
**ART BAR 722 E Burleigh**, Live Music w/Greg Herriges, 10PM  
**CENTER STREET DAZE & ART CART RACE**, (on Center St, Humboldt to Holton) Cart Race at noon, music stages, family activities & more (see ad Page 2) 11AM-7PM  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Laughing Eye Weeping Eye, Pleasure Thief 8PM / DJ Brett Allen 10PM  
**EAST SIDE GREEN MARKET** 1901 E North Ave (more info at theeastside.org) 10AM-2PM  
**JAZZ GALLERY** 926 E Center, BREADFEST: Soul Low, Ugly Brothers, Island of Misfit Toys 7PM  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, BREADFEST: The Championship, Lawrence Peters Outfit, Thriftones, Lousy Trouts 9PM \$6  
**MIRAMAR THEATRE** 2844 N Oakland, Joe Marcinek Band feat Special Guest Allie Kral Stereo Frontier, Evergreen, Conundrum 8PM \$10  
**RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY** 924 E Clarke, For residents of 53212 & 53211 zip codes, 8:30-11AM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, DJ Armahn The Hammer 9PM free  
**RRF OFFICE** 2134 N Riverboat Rd, Walking Group, all welcome! 10-11AM

**3 SUNDAY**  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Bryan McPherson 8PM / DJ Sun Ra Sanctuary 10PM  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, BREADFEST: WebsterX, WC Tank, D'Amato, Birong, Conundrum 8PM \$6  
**RIVERWEST GARDENERS MARKET** 821 E Locust, Soulfoot Mombits (see ad Page 7) NOON-3PM  
**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E Locust, Intro Gift Class, 2PM  
**URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER** 1500 E Park Pl, Milwaukee River Paddle:

Mequon-Thiensville Dam to Kletzsch Park Noon-5PM

**4 MONDAY**  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Poet's Monday 7:30PM / TBA 9PM

**5 TUESDAY**  
**ART BAR 722 E Burleigh**, Live Music w/Ryan M. Brewer, 10PM  
**CAFÉ CORAZON** 3129 N Bremen, Tu y Yo Tuesdays: \$2 Tacos & 2-4 -1 Drinks 8PM / Free Spanish Class 10PM (see ad Page 8)  
**FIRST TUESDAY DRUM CIRCLE** Quaker Meeting House, 3224 N Gordon Pl, Bring instruments or use one provided, 7-9PM  
**GAENSLER SCHOOL** 1250 E Burleigh, Food Pantry, 4:30-6:30PM  
**JAZZ GALLERY** 926 E Center, Open Jazz Jam w/Chris Mell & Manty Ellis, 7-9PM  
**MIRAMAR THEATRE** 2844 N Oakland, Tuesday Open Mic (see ad Page 14) 7:30PM \$2  
**NIA CLASS** 2550 N Weil, w/ Barb Wesson (see ad Page 14) 4:30-5:30PM  
**PEOPLE'S BOOKS** 804 E Center, In Liberty's Name reading, discussion w/Eva Augustin Rumpf 7PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Bingo, Burlesque & Drag, 8PM \$5  
**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E Locust, Gentle Yoga, 11AM  
**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E Locust, Womyn of Color, 7:15PM  
**SKYLINE MUSIC SERIES** Kadish Park Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound (see ad Page 2) 5:30PM  
**UPTOWNER** 1032 E Center, Turntable Tuesday w/ DJ Doc B

**6 WEDNESDAY**  
**ALL PEOPLES CHURCH** 2600 N 2nd St, Food Pantry, 1-2PM  
**CLUB TIMBUKTU** 520 E Center, Hip Hop Open Mic  
**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** 3224 N Gordon Pl, Non-Violent Communication Practice Group, 7-9PM  
**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** 3224 N Gordon Pl, RNA sponsors District 19 candidates forum (see article Page 4) 6PM  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Acoustic Open Stage: Zach Steiner, 9PM Sign-up, 9:30 Start  
**MIRAMAR THEATRE** 2844 N Oakland, Talent 414 (local musician event) 8PM  
**RIVER RHYTHMS** Pere Marquette Park, Tallymoore 6:30-9PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Trivia, 8PM free  
**WOODLAND PATTERN** 720 E Locust, GIFTS: Curated, performed by Conrad Bishop & Elizabeth Fuller, 7PM

**7 THURSDAY**  
**5th DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION MEETING** 2920 N. 4th St, All residents welcome, 5:30PM  
**CLUB TIMBUKTU** 520 E Center, Chocolate Ice 2  
**COLECTIVO AT THE LAKE** 1701 N Lincoln Memorial Dr, Música del Lago: De La Buena, 7PM  
**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** 3224 N Gordon Pl, RNA sponsors District 10 candidates forum (see article Page 4) 6PM  
**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** 3224 N Gordon Pl, RNA sponsors District 16 candidates forum (see article Page 4) 8PM  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, Klassik & Showyousuck w/Auggie the 9th, Sean Anonymous, Hurt Everybody 9PM \$7  
**MIRAMAR THEATRE** 2844 N Oakland, The Moth Storytelling Series 7PM  
**NIA CLASS** 2550 N Weil, w/ Barb Wesson (see ad Page 14) 4:30-5:30PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Night School: History of Resistance at UWM: Lessons from the 1970's 6PM free

**8 FRIDAY**  
**BEER BISTRO** 2730 N Humboldt, Beer-Infused Accordion Music (see ad Page 13) 6-9PM  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Terry

White CD release, Midnight Magic 8PM / DJ Seedy 10PM

**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** 3224 N Gordon Pl, Riverwest Blood Drive (make appt at bcw.edu/riverwestblooddrive) 1:30-5:30PM

**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, Retro Dance Party 9PM \$5

**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Cody Frei's Going Away Party 9PM free

**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E Locust, \$5 Restorative Focus, 5:45PM

**9 SATURDAY**  
**ART BAR 722 E Burleigh**, Live Music w/Paul Doffing,  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, The Tritonics 8PM / DJ Mildew-Jays 10PM  
**EAST SIDE GREEN MARKET** 1901 E North Ave (more info at theeastside.org) 10AM-2PM  
**HANK AARON RUN** (hankaaronstatetrail.org) 8AM  
**LANTERNS FOR PEACE** Pere Marquette Park, Live music; guest speakers; floating of lanterns on Milw River (peaceactionwi.org) (see ad Page 16) 5:30-10PM  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, The Get Down, spinning Funk and Soul 10PM \$5  
**MIRAMAR THEATRE** 2844 N Oakland, Haywre w/Artifakts, MrGat, Fooki Wonton 8PM \$8  
**PEOPLE'S BOOKS** 804 E Center, Riverwest Cooperative Alliance New Member Training 2PM  
**RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY** 924 E Clarke, For residents of 53212 & 53211 zip codes, 8:30-11AM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Chain and the Gang, The Trusty Knife, more 9PM \$8  
**URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER** 1500 E Park Pl, Milwaukee Centennial Arboretum Docent-Led Tour 10:30-11:30AM

**10 SUNDAY**  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Indonesian Junk, Ornerys 8PM / DJ Sheppy 10PM  
**RIVERWEST GARDENERS MARKET** 821 E Locust, Texas Dave (see ad Page 7) NOON-3PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Enabler, Dagarath, Texas Tapeworms, Deadset 7PM \$5  
**URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER** 1500 E Park Pl, Full Moon Canoe; contact Leslie Sheridan for registration info (lsheridan@UrbanEcologyCenter.org) 7:30-10PM

**11 MONDAY**  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Poet's Monday 7:30PM / TBA 9PM

**12 TUESDAY**  
**FALL PRIMARY ELECTION. VOTE!! BOSWELL BOOKS @ Purple Door Ice Cream** 205 S 2nd St, Interview, ice cream w/Jeff Miller, author of Scoop: Notes From a Small Ice Cream Shop 7PM  
**CAFÉ CORAZON** 3129 N Bremen, Tu y Yo Tuesdays: \$2 Tacos & 2-4 -1 Drinks 8PM / Free Spanish Class 10PM (see ad Page 8)  
**GAENSLER SCHOOL** 1250 E Burleigh, Food Pantry, 4:30-6:30PM  
**GORDON PARK PAVILION** Locust & Humboldt Riverwest Elders Wisdom Gathering - Annual Potluck Picnic, Drumming Circle 11AM-1:30PM  
**HISTORIC MILWAUKEE** 207 E Michigan Ste 406 Book talk: Milwaukee Then and Now by author Sandra Ackerman (RSVP call 414 277-7795) 6-7:30PM  
**JAZZ GALLERY** 926 E Center, Open Jazz Jam w/Julie Brandenburg & friends, 7-9PM  
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**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Acoustic Open Stage: Justin and Lizzy, 9PM Sign-up, 9:30 Start  
**MIRAMAR THEATRE** 2844 N Oakland, Talent 414 (local musician event) 8PM  
**RIVER RHYTHMS** Pere Marquette Park, Vic and Gab, Fever Fever 6:30-9PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Trivia, 8PM free

**14 THURSDAY**  
**CLUB TIMBUKTU** 520 E Center, Chocolate Ice 2  
**COLECTIVO AT THE LAKE** 1701 N Lincoln Memorial Dr, Florentine Opera at the Lake, 7PM  
**NIA CLASS** 2550 N Weil, w/ Barb Wesson (see ad Page 14) 4:30-5:30PM  
**PEOPLE'S BOOKS** 804 E Center, Thursday, August 14, 6pm Industrial Workers of the World Meeting 6PM  
**UNDERWEAR BIKE RIDE** Adults welcome! (mkebk.com or facebook for meetup info) 8PM

**15 FRIDAY**  
**ART BAR 722 E Burleigh**, Live Music w/Dizzy Bats, 10PM  
**BEER BISTRO** 2730 N Humboldt, Beer-Infused Accordion Music (see ad Page 13) 6-9PM  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Midwest Beat acoustic night 8PM / DJ Brian Kirk 10PM  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Castle Thunder w/TBA 9PM \$6  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, Retro Dance Party 9PM \$5  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, The Turn Up! 9PM free  
**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E Locust, \$5 Restorative Focus, 5:45PM

**16 SATURDAY**  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Circle A Presents ... 8PM / DJ The Brains 10PM  
**EAST SIDE GREEN MARKET** 1901 E North Ave (more info at theeastside.org) 10AM-2PM  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Arthur Fowler w/ Jack Grassel, Jen Cintron, Susan Howe 8:30PM \$5  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, Supernature: DJs Asher Diamonds, Slim Brit, more 9PM \$4  
**PEOPLE'S BOOKS** 804 E Center, The Punk Singer, film showing, fundraiser, discussion 7PM  
**RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY** 924 E Clarke, For residents of 53212 & 53211 zip codes, 8:30-11AM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Tigernite, North by North, Mortgage Freeman 9PM \$5  
**STONEFLY BREWERY** 735 E Center St, Creme de la Creme Burlesque Festival Fundraiser, 10PM \$8

**17 SUNDAY**  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Techno-Babble Extract 8PM / DJ Publique 10PM  
**RIVERWEST GARDENERS MARKET** 821 E Locust, Sam Rodewald (see ad Page 7) NOON-3PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Jazz Series w/ Dave Flowers & Friends (see ad Page 18) 7PM donation  
**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E

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**BOSWELL BOOKS** 2559 N Downer, Dan Epstein, author of Stars and Strikes: Baseball and America in the Bicentennial Summer of '76 7PM  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Poet's Monday 7:30PM /TBA 9PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Theology on Tap 7PM free  
**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH** 2400 N Cramer, Narcotics Anonymous Meeting: Open to the public every third Monday, 7:30PM

**19 TUESDAY**  
**BOSWELL BOOKS** 2559 N Downer, UW-Madison Professor Jordan Ellenberg, author of How Not to Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking, 7PM  
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**UPTOWNER** 1032 E Center, Turntable Tuesday w/ DJ Doc B

**20 WEDNESDAY**  
**ALL PEOPLES CHURCH** 2600 N 2nd St, Food Pantry, 1-2PM  
**CLUB TIMBUKTU** 520 E Center, Hip Hop Open Mic  
**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** 3224 N Gordon Pl, Non-Violent Communication Practice Group, 7-9PM  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Acoustic Open Stage: Latch and Adder 9PM Sign-up, 9:30 Start  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, Supersuckers, Beggars, A Couple of Cocksmiths 8PM \$12-\$15

**21 THURSDAY**  
**CLUB TIMBUKTU** 520 E Center, Chocolate Ice 2  
**COLECTIVO AT THE LAKE** 1701 N Lincoln Memorial Dr, Música del Lago: La Chazz, 7PM  
**JAZZ GALLERY ART CENTER** 926 E Center, Riverwest Elders Craft & Art Group, 1-3:30PM  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, Howler, Sat. Nite Duets 9PM \$8-\$10  
**NIA CLASS** 2550 N Weil, w/ Barb Wesson (see ad Page 14) 4:30-5:30PM  
**PEOPLE'S BOOKS** 804 E Center, Last of the Po Ricans book tour w/ poet Not4Prophet 6PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, White Gold, Ghost Notes, Rio Turbo 8PM \$5

**22 FRIDAY**  
**ART BAR** 722 E Burleigh, Live Music w/ Band of Lovers, 10PM  
**BEER BISTRO** 2730 N Humboldt, Beer-Infused Accordion Music (see ad Page 13) 6-9PM  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Obnox, Platinum Boys, Drugs Dragons 8PM / DJ Fazio 10PM  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Colin O'Brien & Li'l Rev 8PM \$7  
**MAD PLANET** 533 E Center, Retro Dance Party 9PM \$5  
**PARTY IN THE PARK** Kadish Park Kiddy Disco, yoga session, electronic and house music DJs 3-9PM  
**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E Locust, \$5 Restorative Focus, 5:45PM

**23 SATURDAY**  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Migo, Antler House 8PM / DJ Lemonie Fresh 10PM  
**EAST SIDE GREEN MARKET** 1901 E North Ave (more info at theeastside.org) 10AM-2PM  
**RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY** 924 E Clarke, For residents of 53212 & 53211 zip codes, 8:30-11AM  
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**24 SUNDAY**  
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**RIVER RHYTHMS** Pere Marquette Park, MadiSalsa 6:30-9PM  
**RIVERWEST PUBLIC HOUSE** 815 E Locust, Trivia, 7PM free

**25 MONDAY**  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Poet's Monday 7:30PM /TBA 9PM

**26 TUESDAY**  
**CAFÉ CORAZON** 3129 N Bremen, Tu y Yo Tuesdays: \$2 Tacos & 2-4 -1 Drinks 8PM / Free Spanish Class 10PM (see ad Page 8)  
**DRY HOOTCH COFFEE HOUSE** 1130 E Brady, Riverwest Elders Conversation Gathering, 4PM-6PM  
**GAENSLER SCHOOL** 1250 E Burleigh, Food Pantry, 4:30-6:30PM  
**JAZZ GALLERY** 926 E Center, Open Jazz Jam Tuesday w/Cody Steinmann & friends, 7-9PM  
**MIRAMAR THEATRE** 2844 N Oakland, Tuesday Open Mic (see ad Page 14) 7:30PM \$2  
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**RIVERWEST YOGASHALA** 731 E Locust, Womyn of Color, 7:15PM  
**UPTOWNER** 1032 E Center, Turntable Tuesday w/ DJ Doc B

**27 WEDNESDAY**  
**ALL PEOPLES CHURCH** 2600 N 2nd St, Food Pantry, 1-2PM  
**BOSWELL BOOKS** 2559 N Downer, Local author Nick Weber, author of Shakespeare with Hearing Aids: Some Old-timers Revisit the Bard 7PM  
**CLUB TIMBUKTU** 520 E Center, Hip Hop Open Mic  
**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** 3224 N Gordon Pl, Non-Violent Communication Practice Group, 7-9PM  
**IWW WORKSHOP** 310 W Locust 310 W Locust St, Industrial Workers of the World workshop on safety violations, workplace organizing (MLK Library) workplace organizing 6-7:30PM  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Acoustic Open Stage: Ben and Paul, 9PM Sign-up, 9:30 Start  
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**28 THURSDAY**  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, Josh Hardy and John Statz 8:30PM \$6  
**NIA CLASS** 2550 N Weil, w/ Barb Wesson (see ad Page 14) 4:30-5:30PM

**29 FRIDAY**  
**BEER BISTRO** 2730 N Humboldt, Beer-Infused Accordion Music (see ad Page 13) 6-9PM  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Savannah Smith, Saint James 8PM / DJs Wild Wendy & Ryan Killawatt 10PM  
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**31 SUNDAY**  
**CIRCLE A** 932 E Chambers, Floor Model 8PM / DJ Daniel James 10PM  
**PEOPLE'S BOOKS** 804 E Center, Red Scare: a book club / discussing Deschooling Society by Ivan Illich 2:30PM  
**RIVERWEST GARDENERS MARKET** 821 E Locust, The November Criminals (see ad Page 7) NOON-3PM  
**SUMMER SUNDAYS ON THE LAWN** 2934 N Weil, South End Blues Band 2PM  
**WOODLAND PATTERN** 720 E Locust, Alternating Currents Live presents Tim Daisy & Jason Stein Duo 7PM \$6-\$8

**28 THURSDAY**  
**LINNEMAN'S** 1001 E Locust, The Midwestern Charm release show w/The Midwest Beat, Dinny Bulca 9PM \$3  
**RIVERWEST GARDENERS MARKET** 821 E Locust, The Kitchen Boys (see ad Page 7) NOON-3PM  
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WE GOT THIS! Program at the garden at 9th and Ring Streets.

## The Secret of the Green Revolution

by Janice Christensen  
with additional writing by Ben Koller and Andre Lee Ellis

Community gardens can grow more than food. There's something about putting your hands in the earth that brings about transformation, unleashes energy, and gives people hope.

Here are two projects growing up around community gardens in Milwaukee that grow food, and something else, as well.

**Heart Haus**  
325 East Euclid Avenue, Bay View  
Ben Koller writes:

The Heart Haus came to be out of necessity, a boomer with a vacant property in need of some major TLC and a millennial in search for a new community. In May, 2014 James Godsil and Ben Koller decided to join forces and embarked on a journey to transform an old beater home in Bayview into a neighborhood hub for collaborative living, working and playing.

The plan was simple; do some minor repairs and see where it goes from there, little did they know how far and fast down the rabbit hole they

would go. In less than 12 weeks the dynamic duo with the help of unlikely collaborators Miguel Castro, Tim Green and Farmer Pete Ochs, have "flipped" a once hoarders fantasy into a vortex for healing, learning and creating.

The Heart Haus is now home to a digital conferencing center, three rentable guest rooms, two urban gardens and a garage vermicomposting and wheatgrass operation. When asked what the Heart Haus is, Ben Koller quickly replies, "The Heart Haus is a Boys & Girls Club for adults. It's like summer camp year round over here!"

**WE GOT THIS!**  
**Project in the community garden at 9th and Ring**  
Andre Lee Ellis started working with the young men



Heart Haus on East Euclid in Bay View.

and boys who live around the community garden next to his house on 9th and Ring in the Harambee neighborhood. He told them to come to the garden on Saturday mornings, and gave them work to do in the gardens and picking up garbage in the streets. At the end of the morning's work he gave each one \$20. He asked his adult neighbors and friends to contribute the money so he could pay the young men.

On Saturday, July 26, Andre posted this on his Facebook page.

"62 young men showed up in the garden today by 8 am. We sent 8 boys home because they can not be late, period. The support system today was phenomenal. By noon we had just what we needed to pay them. God is really shining in this."

### The One Straw Revolution

Masanobu Fukuoka wrote the *One Straw Revolution* in 1978. People called it "the little green book" because its ideas were so inflammatory. Fukuoka writes, "The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings."

As we move toward the idea of urban agriculture as an industry that needs to be supported by city government and institutions, it's important to remember that agriculture – farming, gardening, the care and harvest of plants – also changes us as human beings in a fundamental way.

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## The Sweet Life: Eat Local Resource Fair

by Jackie Reid Dettloff

Move over, California.

Strawberries might not ripen in Wisconsin until late June; they might not be gigantic. But they are guaranteed to be juicy.

The same with peaches and plums. Fruit that grows in this part of the world might ripen in August or September instead of June, it might be small in size but it is big in flavor. We in Wisconsin are blessed with an abundance of locally-grown, scrumptious food crops. Our produce doesn't have to be shipped across hundreds of miles. It's not grown on corporate

plantations but most often comes from small farms or backyards right here in the Midwest. And it is delicious.

On Saturday, September 6, the Urban Ecology Center will celebrate this abundance of locally-grown food at the annual **Eat Local Resource Fair** at their Riverside Park center. From 11AM to 3PM they will offer workshops, demonstrations and, yes, samples to please your palate. Folks from Outpost Natural Foods, UW-Extension and Slow Food will present tips on growing fruit in your own backyard, fixing quick and nutritious snacks, and incorporating more home-cooked food into your diet. And that's just a



sampling of topics that will be presented.

Representatives from Bliffert's Hardware will also be on hand with a display of all the equipment they offer for those who want to put up food for the winter. Whether it is canning, freezing or drying, Bliffert's Hardware at 1014 E Chambers St in Riverwest carries all the necessary supplies and offers information on food preservation.

Events at the Eat Local Resource Fair are geared toward encouraging people to become locavores. This is a new word that's barely in the dictionary. Locavores are people who eat food grown close to the place where they live. This means that most of the money they spend for food stays within their community. It means that local family farmers can sell their harvest and stay in business. It means that less fossil fuel is spent transporting refrigerated food across hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles. It means that people tend to eat more of what is ripe in each season, putting them more in touch with the ecosystem where they live. It means that consumers build relationships with those who

supply their food, whether it be vendors at their local farmers' markets or those who offer CSA (community supported agriculture) shares. Barbara Kingsolver wrote *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, a whole book about what happened when her family of four took on the challenge of eating locally.

Here in Milwaukee, you can check out the website of Eat Local Milwaukee at [eatlocalmilwaukee.org](http://eatlocalmilwaukee.org). At the same site you will also find more details about the event at the UEC on September 6. The Fair itself is free but lunch will be available for purchase that day – a meal you can bet will be put together by locally-owned small businesses, guaranteed to be fresh and tasty and very Wisconsin. No offense, California.

### If You Go

**Eat Local Resource Fair**  
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**Wedding Season** MAKER 14

Do you realize most of our straight friends have been to more gay weddings than us?

Well, how many have we been to? Just the one. And it was ours.

I'm just not sure we're gay enough.

**In Kern Park!!** By ANNIE CARRELL

I've heard that the Sycamore trees in Kern Park were gifts to the Kern Family from the British Ambassadors. While it is unlikely, in my mind these trees crossed the ocean with pleasure and excitement, wind in their leaves.

**Dreadful Days**

Sometimes I feel like I have to entertain people with my comics.

Sometimes, I think I should just make shit up.

Sometimes... I Don't know... Stuff

**Dan Hernandez**  
Sometimes I just feel guilty for not being a more interesting person.

God! I do not want to be here!

Hangover or sick? You decide!

THEY'RE JUST NATURE'S ASSHOLES.

I love you too!

OH WOW! LOOK AT ALL THOSE DARK HAIRS!

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I'm getting the tweezers!

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