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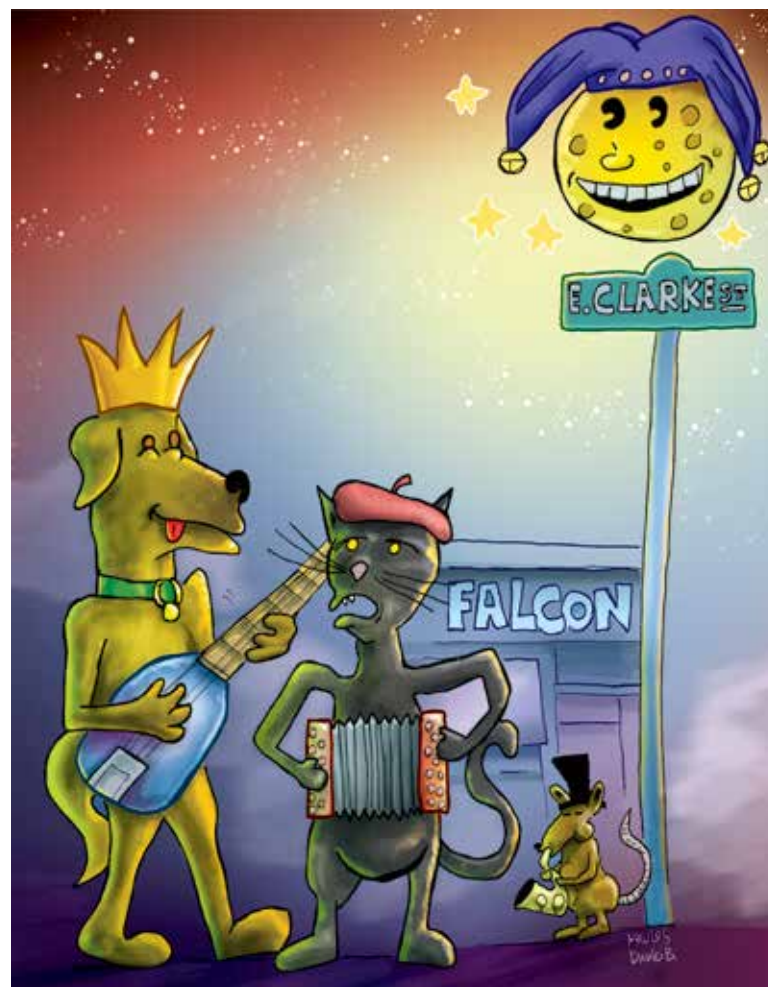
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You read that right – we're doing it again and we want YOU to join us. The Currents presents our 16th installment of the Riverwest Follies, the talent show that's a celebration of community and created by, for and right here IN our beloved neighborhood.

In 2006, the first Follies was staged at St. Mary Czeszochowa, in the parish hall. An eclectic sampling of local talent, it was hosted by Frank Chandek (of Dr. Chow's Love Medicine), and featured performances by musicians, poets, dancers, actors ... there was even a fashion show.

It was so much fun that we threw the party again and again. For a few years, it was held at St. Mary's, and eventually found a new home at the Falcon Bowl. In 2013, there was a reenactment of a 1947 radio play (a staged radio show, if you will), cast with actors from the neighborhood. The play, "Bring Me To Life," was back by popular demand with a different cast in 2014.

We've raised money in past years with donations at the door, to benefit either the Currents or other local causes like the RW Co-op's solar installation, Woodland Pattern or the Riverwest food pantry.

In 2020, we had to postpone the festivities during the COVID shutdown.

The last time we put on the Follies was in 2021 at Linneman's. We were just emerging from the anti-social pandemic times, and it felt great to all be together and dance our cares away at the end of the night with music from both Mike Fredrickson and Voot Warnings and their bands.

While we're name-dropping, here's a short list of folks that have graced the Follies stages: Susie & Harvey's Adventures in Song; Sigmund Snopek on his alps horn; poets Kavon Cortez Jones, Peter Burzynski, CC Charmichael; the Tamarind Belly Dancers; Mahmoud on his oud; open jam with Liam O'Brien and Caley Conway; The Riverwest Elders; Astral / Subastral ...

Anyway, it's high time we got the ball rolling again, so let's put on a show, gang! Want to be a part of it? Get ahold of Lee Gutowski, lee@rwc.com, for details.

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A GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST

by Harvey Taylor
Twenty-five years ago...a quarter-century, exactly, my family gathered for Christmas, the last time we were all together, as my Dad passed on several months later.

The most vivid memory I recall is all of us listening carefully to a now-classic Christmas story, which I'd heard for the first time a few days before, on the radio, and been able to tape so I could share it with family, knowing that it would be particularly appreciated by my parents, both of whom grew up in the rural South during the Depression, the background of John Henry Faulk's profound reminiscence. The usually-rowdy Taylor Christmas crew was totally tuned in, Mom & Dad magically transported back to their childhoods, the rest of us sensing something unique taking place.

I keep a 'Treasure Box' of super-extra-special memories, and this is one of the most special of all



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This man with a heart for Riverwest, lives a bit to the west. But his heart is still here. He came back to celebrate his 75th birthday. Though there never was a formal election, the claim was to be a Mayor of RW.

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Milwaukee is home to more Latino restaurants than you could explore in a year or even a lifetime. Guadalajara, a gem I recently discovered in Walker's Point, is one of my top three favorite Latino restaurants. It's a hole-in-the-wall at the corner of S. 10th and W. Walker streets. Sometimes the restaurants with the least curb appeal turn out to be the ones where delicious food replaces first impressions based on outside appearances.

Once inside this small restaurant, it was obvious that Guadalajara had had another life. An elegant art deco bar with a large mirror in the center told us this place had a history. The bar no longer serves as a bar and instead, the owners use the space as a staging platform for meals coming from the kitchen located directly behind the bar. Because Guadalajara appeared busy every time I visited, this use of the bar kept things moving rapidly from kitchen to customer.

They do an efficient carry-out business which explained the woman with a large pot of red salsa filling small plastic containers for take-out meals. We also noticed more than enough servers, dressed in black and ready to deliver your food as it came from the kitchen.

When friends and I came on a Sunday morning, we were told there was a 20-minute wait. It was a short 20. We knew at once it was a happy place where local families and multiple generations came for a meal dressed in their Sunday church clothes. We also noted as many carry-out meals leaving as customers arriving.

You will find a lengthy menu for Guadalajara's basic Mexican cuisine. They do not serve fancy food and everything we ordered was delicious including the mild red salsa and the spicy green made with jalapenos.

There was an unexpected bonus, a delightful surprise on Sunday morning and my weekday lunch visits when a ranchero-playing guitarist serenaded every table.

When I ordered chilaquiles, our server said, "That is our most popular dish." It was easy to see why. Every chef does that dish differently. At Guadalajara, they serve it on a plate, not in a bowl, with red salsa-coated chips separate from the eggs and alongside a puddle of refried beans. If it sounds ordinary, chips, sauce, eggs, and beans, and you are chilaquiles aficionado, then you will be impressed with every bite as I was.

My companion's huevos a la Mexicana were equally delish. Again, a common dish elevated to something special that showcased the colors of the Mexican flag, red tomatoes, white onions, and jalapeno green.

On a second visit we stayed with traditional tacos, burritos and enchiladas, and the mole poblano dinner. The tacos were stuffed and required utensils; the burritos were more than a meal; and the enchiladas were exceptionally cheesy. The mole dinner, boneless chicken in a dense rich classic brown sauce hinted of chocolate as it should.

The third time I came to lunch at Guadalajara, my friend and I ordered



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from the "a la carta" menu -- one supreme tostada, one enchilada, one sope, and one quesadilla. From the meat selection we chose pastor (tender chunks of boneless pork shoulder) and chopped beef (buttery, juicy pieces of steak). We cleaned our plates, including all the rice and beans.

Less commonly found on local menus, but being served at Guadalajara, are these dishes: Beef Steak Ranchero, chopped steak with onions, tomatoes, and jalapeno; Bistec En Chile De Arbol, steak in a spicy sauce; Caldo De Camaron, shrimp soup; Birria De Chivo Dinner, goat cooked in red sauce; Pozole, pork soup with hominy; and Menudo, beef tripe soup.

You do not want to overlook the lemonade. My 16 oz. glass made with real lemons was an ideal companion to my spicy meal. You can also order horchata, soda, or one of the jarritos, Mexican sodas made with natural fruit.

As I wrote this, I hoped this review did not sound like Guadalajara is just one more Latino restaurant in Walker's Point. Trust me -- it's not. Guadalajara is special.

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Meet Mary Nohl

Her Lakefront Cottage Became a Nationally-Acclaimed Art Environment

Ripples in Time
by Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski
What lies beneath the surface? How does the past shape our lives today? I invite you spend a few moments with Milwaukee tales anchored in location, person, and time. Everything has a story!

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Nobody “just happens to drive by” 7328 North Beach Drive. You have to take a sharp downhill turn off Lake Drive, then watching out carefully for joggers and deer, proceed down the slope and make a sharp right turn when you get to Lake Michigan. The road runs south alongside the lake. Set back to the west are million-dollar private homes.

read in depth about her childhood—how she spent her elementary school years attending Hartford Avenue School, residing in Milwaukee at 3017 North Stowell Avenue where she and her playmates made a secret clubhouse under the front porch. Reading this book is to partake in her particular life journey that extended from 1914 to 2001.

As life moved on and the art world recognized the national and historic im-

hired a lawyer, fearing a disruption of their tranquil neighborhood. Eventually the board accepted a plan for the cultural overlay. This agreement allows for two special events per year with 60 attendees, a small auxiliary building, and the house open to visitors by invitation only. Research groups and artists will receive easier access. This remains a commendable example of democracy in action, and the voices of the arts community and all Fox Point residents were heard.

Misconceptions about Mary Nohl

No, she was not a witch... although she used incredible skill and imagination to create these figures. She worked in oil, clay, wood, and stone. Wire and glass. Whatever her hands touched could be transformed.

No, her husband was not lost in a storm on Lake Michigan. She never sat on the shore brooding, looking out to sea. Her only brother died young in a car accident; she had no remaining family. There never was a husband in the picture.

No, she was not an untrained or self-taught artist: She had a degree from the Art Institute of Chicago. She was adept in whatever she put her hands to.

No, she did not live the life of a recluse. She had many friends, hosted gatherings, belonged to a woman's club, played bridge, wrote fabulous group letters at Christmas.

No, she did not have an idyllic life in her bailiwick. The outside world intruded. There were vandals who sought to destroy. There were haters and rambunctious high school intruders in the night who were taking dares. There were people casing her home for robbery. The fences rose higher and eventually were topped with barbed wire. This was not an act of hostility, but of self-protection.

“Nevertheless She Persisted.”

A few years ago I received a surprising message: A woman whose aunt had been a friend of Mary's received her seasonal letters. Would I like these letters? A breathless, “Yes!”

As the holiday season is upon us, I now share portions of one of her Christmas letters with our Riverwest Currents Community. These letters sparkle with her wry humor, her zest for existence, and her creative spirit. Here is her Christmas letter from 40 years ago. Enjoy!

A Few Excerpts

Her dogs: “Always maintained that the biggest trouble with my dogs is that they don't know that they are dogs and it is too late to tell them. They also think that all dogs have an acre of fenced-in woods out in back where they can bedevil anything smaller than they are and have all kinds of fun that way.”

Lakefront erosion: “The storms on the lake have robbed me of about twenty-five feet of beach. Instead of hurrying to the rescue the way it is done in tornado and volcanic eruption areas, the village charges one hundred dollars for a permit to replace that of which we have been robbed.”

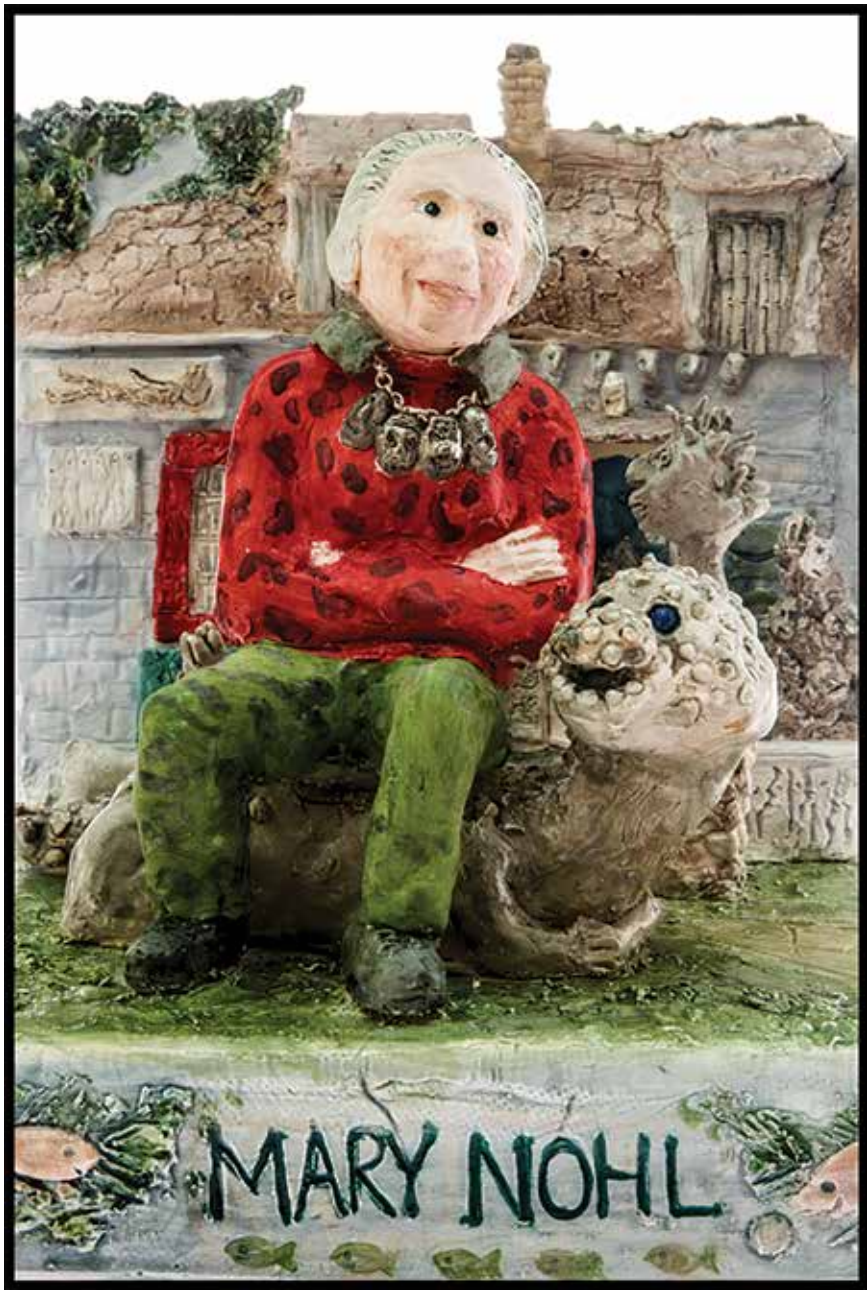
“Decided that it was either a sea wall for me or move the beach fence back. The fence couldn't be moved anywhere without tangling with trees and current sculpture. So now I have 150 one-ton chunks of concrete lined up and cabled together on the beach and the problem is solved for now but there is no guarantee against storms on the great Lake Michigan.”

On love and friendship: “‘Love-Mary’ does not always mean ‘Love to you from Mary.’ It is sometimes a command to love Mary because she is a good kid who sometimes makes mistakes but does the best she can with what she has to work with!!!”

(Author's aside: Indeed, many of us love Mary.)

In January the Milwaukee Opera Theater is offering a dramatic reading of Marie Kohler's play “Maybe We'll Fly,” based on the life of Mary Nohl. The seeds of creativity Mary planted in her garden continue to enhance our lives.

Author's Note: I am thankful for the opportunity to share my art and writing through this column, as I now celebrate a second year of Ripples in Time. I appreciate the encouragement I have received from staff and readers. As always, I welcome your comments. The sculpture of Mary Nohl is in a private collection, but my book, Memorable Milwaukee: Legendary Tales Depicted in Clay, is available at Boswell's and Woodland Pattern.



If you had been doing this drive a mere two years ago, you would have seen Beach Drive lined with blue and white “No Nohl Museum” signs, as neighbors stood firmly against a proposal by the Kohler Arts Center to change the status of Mary Nohl's lakefront art environment, proposing a “Cultural Overlay District.”

Continuing down the drive, the road takes an abrupt ninety-degree turn. By now, you will have seen the tall chain link fence with a large dinosaur-like creature peering over. Parking is illegal, but cruise slowly and consider turning around in a nearby driveway and cautiously parking for a very brief time. (In many years, only once have I been questioned by police, who were nice enough but said I should move on.)

You have arrived, as close as most of us ever get; but roll down your car window and peer through the fence to admire Mary's concrete creations built with Lake Michigan sand, stone, and shell. In sharp contrast to the neighbors' houses, the 1924 prefabricated cottage is a quaint, spectacular work of art, with its wood-cut embellishments and curved path lined with critters and other sculptures. Note the two gateposts. This was Mary's first concrete construction project as she helped her father build them. The garden is a sight to behold, even through chain link.

There is more to the story. In fact, there's an excellent book Mary Nohl, Inside and Outside: Biography of the Artist by Barbara Manger and Janine Smith. Here you may

portance of Mary's environment, Mary and Ruth Kohler became friends. Mary eventually bequeathed this site to the Kohler Foundation and JMK Art Center, ensuring that her home and yard would be preserved.

In the limited scope of this article, I will not go deeply into the details of the ensuing struggle, as over the years Ruth's position as Custodian of the Garden became thorny. In 2014 the Village of Fox Point denied Kohler's petition to create a Cultural Overlay Zoning District. For a while, we members of the arts and historic preservation communities trembled in our sandals. Ruth proposed moving the entire house and yard to Sheboygan! Issues were unresolved, but at least a sort of a truce continued, and the Kohler Foundation invested more than a million dollars to preserve the environment in situ. I personally loved John Gurda's comment at a Forum we attended in 2014: “Stripped of context it is like a rose without a garden. This is particularly true when it is a garden as perfectly tended as Mary Nohl's.”

Years rolled by and in early 2023 the Kohler Arts Center again petitioned the village for a zoning change allowing a limited number of artists and research groups to visit. Facebook friends from a page first called “Save the Witch's House,” later renamed “Friends of Mary Nohl's Art Environment,” became a rallying point for updates, and for locals to contact members of the Fox Point Planning Commission. Open meetings were held. Neighbors even



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GHOST OF THE DAM

AN EVENT SPONSORED BY MMSD AT TURTLE PARK, PART OF RESTORING LANDS, NEAR THE OLD DAM SITE NOW A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE MILWAUKEE RIVER, ON LAND PREVIOUSLY MANAGED BY RIVER REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION.

By Jess Paetzke

On a crisp fall day ushering in the spirit of Halloween, Metro Milwaukee Sewage District (MMSD) hosted a social gathering and informational hike to bring the community together in awareness about the past, present, and future of our beloved Milwaukee river. Ghost of the Dam brought together MMSD, Sturgeon Protectors, the Community Advisory Committee, and more at the new home of Restoring Lands (formerly River Revitalization Foundation). Locals didn't just revel in hot cocoa and tales from the past, though. There were very complex issues addressed about very tangible challenges to the health of the river, referred to throughout as the Area of Concern, and the organizations present were onsite to ensure visitors walked away with more than warm hearts and Milwaukee lore.

Milwaukee has been entertained, served, and provided for by so many iterations of this river on the land and water reach that once nurtured the indigenous people with wild rice before the concept of Milwaukee ever existed. Historically, Milwaukeeans have made their own imprint on the river, too — both constructively and destructively. Never the same river twice is the old adage, and with humans interloping we can never be sure we can get back a previous river. Much is at stake here and much has been done by the organizations involved with Ghosts of the Dam to protect our natural resources and inform the community. Let's start with a bit of historical context.

Upstream the city grew and the North Avenue Dam pond became host to a number of swimming schools and other recreation opportunities.

This included winter carnivals, swimming races, and the beginning of our park system with Riverside Park and Gordon Park across the river.

But the pollution coming from the sewer system inevitably led to health concerns. These concerns were from water borne diseases and swimming moved away from the river.

MMSD has played the major role in cleaning up our rivers by catching excess rain in a deep tunnel system and holding it for treatment when heavy rains stop. MMSD water treatment plant on Jones Island treats waste from the far reaches of the metropolitan Milwaukee and returns the clean water into the harbor.

The Milwaukee River was formerly dammed in three places — Kletzsch Dam, Estabrook Falls, a man made falls, and North Avenue Dam. Additionally, the Milwaukee River still harbors contaminated beds and pockets of soil from our manufacturing past that dumped contaminated waste into the river. As we moved into the 20th Century the pollution culprit moved from contaminants from sewers to industrial dumping of toxic substances into the streams for many decades.

The North Avenue Dam was partially removed in 1997. Standing on the North Avenue bridge today, you can see the temporary solution put in place — an articulated concrete matting that is progressively falling apart.

The dams on the Milwaukee River are examples of unnatural intervention in the flow of the water that affect fish breeding habitat. The dams prevent natural fish migration for native species from Lake Michigan, sturgeon included. MMSD

Representative M. Beth Wetzel updated me about their organization's current remediation efforts with a natural fish migration and the forefront of their mission.

At Kletzsch, MMSD completed a fish bypass channel that goes around the dam. Progressive lowering of the falls at Estabrook Falls allow fish less barriers to entry while navigating that reach.

MMSD has set their sights on the former site of the North Avenue Dam as the Area of Concern. In regards to the AOC Wetzel had this to say: "One of the reasons this (**concrete matting**) was placed here was when they partially removed the dam is they left the full river bed artificially high... It makes it so that the river is very steep and narrow and you can see that in this aerial photo. It's a lot narrower than it is upstream — because it's narrow the water is very fast and so during some conditions fish can't get through. So that's a problem for fish, but the fact that it's falling apart is a problem for everybody. If we don't do something about it, this will continue to erode and a lot of the sediment that's underneath will also wash out and just be a problem somewhere else."

BethWetzel also reported the concrete matting took a beating during heavy floods of this past August. During the event the general public was informed on a walking hike overlooking the river that views we were looking at October 28th, 2025 will start to look very different pending repairs slated to start in 2027. Experts hosting the walking tour gave little hope for one quick fix, "Things are going to look different for a long time," one representative from Restoring Lands noted. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and its contractors plan to excavate huge tracts of contaminated soil using the Beer Line trail for a lineup of dump trucks and construction vehicles.

"There's a lot of different components, right? With any type of restoration project but this one is especially complex. Given the fact that we have structural damage — the structure along the shoreline that failed and need to be repaired. We also have infrastructure like a water main on the north end, and then we have contaminated soil on both sides."

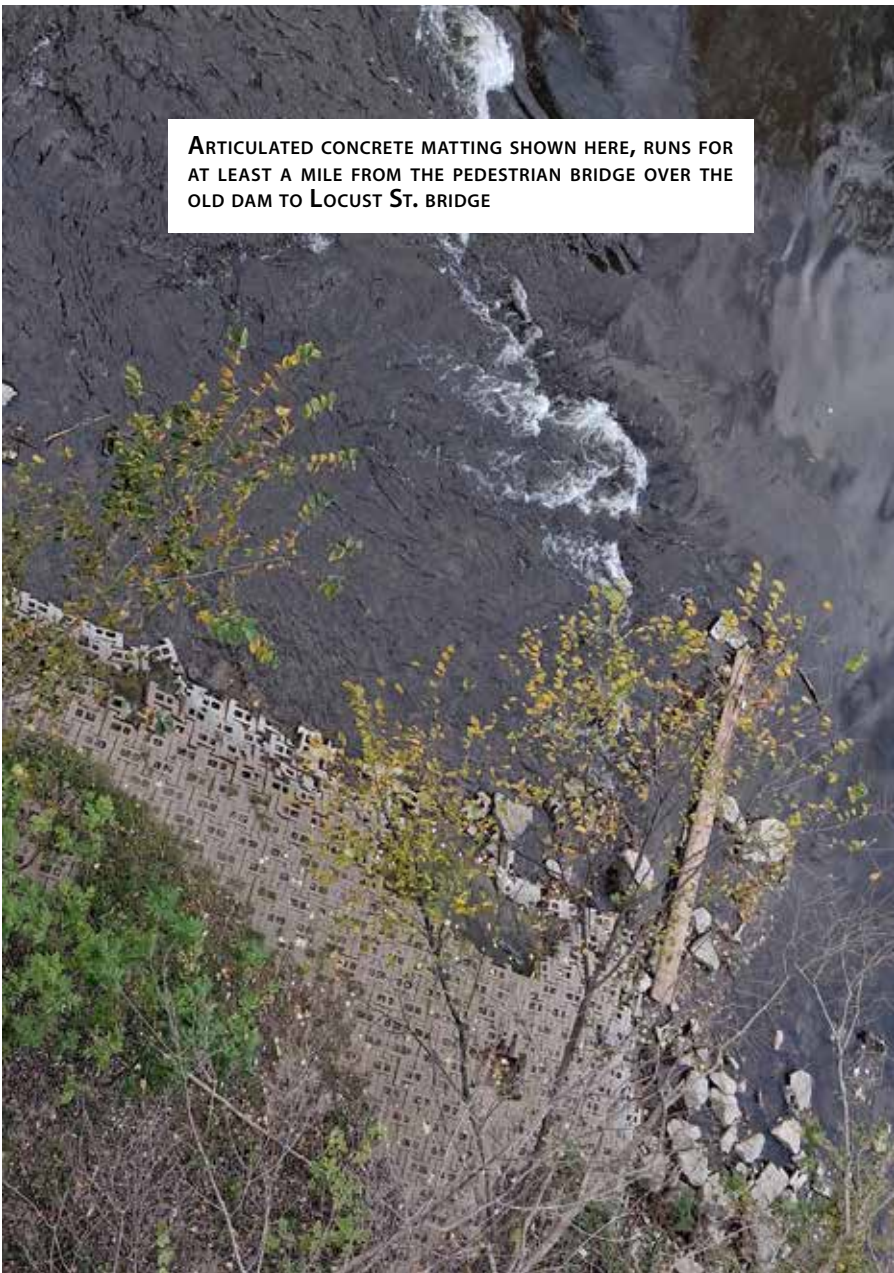
Although the EPA and local organizations have their work in years cut out for them, Milwaukee's inhabitants — both fish and folk stand to gain a lot from the efforts to rightsize the harms of the past.



Native Fish Populations Return when barriers to breeding are eliminated.

Sturgeon Protector, Mark Denning, shared the rallying cry for his organization fighting for community awareness of the sacred stature sturgeon hold to the Indigenous community.

"As they live, We live — and very simply what that means is, if our Sturgeon have



ARTICULATED CONCRETE MATTING SHOWN HERE, RUNS FOR AT LEAST A MILE FROM THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE OLD DAM TO LOCUST ST. BRIDGE

regarding the opportunities ahead.

"We had two organizations with the same mission connect together and merge just to have a bigger impact on the whole region. We're trying to move away from just county lines and move toward watershed coverage and impact. So let's break down these silos, break down the borders, and come together to make it happen and do work that's important. Conservation, land protection, community engagement, stewardship- we also do that. We still have our volunteer programs too. Our volunteer programs are weekly throughout the three counties, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays." Catie says.

With inspiration from Catie Petrailia, Mark Wetzel, M. Beth Wetzel, and more the community is invited to make its mark on the rehabilitation of our much beloved Milwaukee River in the months and years to come.

a beautiful and amazing environment to return home to, we will also have a beautiful and amazing natural world to return to every day."

Other community advocates had plenty to say about intervening on Mother Nature's behalf during this prescient time. Communications and Outreach Manager Catie Petrailia for the newly merged Restoring Lands was vibrant with enthusiasm

“As they live, We live — and very simply what that means is, if our Sturgeon have a beautiful and amazing environment to return home to, we will also have a beautiful and amazing natural world to return to every day.” Mark Denning, Sturgeon Protector



Photo taken on 8/10/25. 11 AM.
Looking south from Locust St. bridge. Sunday after record rains upstream.
Note: Willow tree in middle of the river. Normally tree is on the bank.
St. Casimir Steeple can be seen on the right over the trees.



Photo taken 8/25/25 1:20 PM>
Looking south from Locust st. brtidge
Note: Willow tree is now on the bank of the river during normal flow.
You can still see the grasses and smaller shrubs are bent over from the flood waters on August 10th.

These record rainfalls are occuring more often then predicted.
This is the challenge for actions to mitigate the damage and protect habitat and keep sediment pollutants from washing downstream into the Lake Michigan.

When the North Avenue dam was in place the foreground flood plain in this photo, on the west bank or right side of the photo, was underwater. The trees and plants you see have filled in since the removal of the dam in 1997.

Christian Becker

People start becoming Atheists and Agnostics when they finally realise there is no Santa Claus.
In our family, presents were opened on Christmas Eve. Around 7 o'clock my mother would tell me to get in the car so Dad would have company picking up Oma, (German for "Grandmother").
Oma lived nearby so we were only gone a half hour at most. Incredibly, each year all the presents would be under the Christmas tree upon return. " I just missed him again!"
My first thought.
Later, more critical thinking evolved.

Lori Banaszak /Haley? Zimmermann

Tragedy meets Hope at Christmas

My father, John Zimmerman, was the Sheet Metal Union representative for the State of Wisconsin. He was driving home from a business meeting in norther Wisconsin. He wanted to get to my oldest brother's, John Henrey Zimmermann's football game. John was the quarterback for the Racine Lutheran High School football team.
My Father either dozed off or missed a turn in the road and rolled his car in a farm field. He passed away two days later, when I was 12 years old.
I had two older brothers and two younger twin brothers. We were all 5 years apart.
I will never forget the Christmas after my father passed away. We came down on Christmas morning. My mother, Doris Irene Zimmerman, had a quarter of the living room filled with Christmas presents. We spent all of Christmas day playing games, enjoying our Christmas presents, and a Christmas meal.
My mother was wonderful mother
This is something I will never forget.
God Bless.

Ruth Gibbons
Many years ago when I was 4 years old. I went with may family to my paternal grandparents for Chrismas Eve.
Towards the end of the evening, my mother put my coat, hat, and boots on me and I went out the front door to wait for the rest of the family on the porch.
The door closed and left me outside. At first I was disturbed to be outside at night., but gradually the scene in front of me caught my attention.
The snow was falling in perfect flakes. Across the street was St. John Vianney Catholic Church an old structure. Alongside was the new High School with a modern front of the two-story building with large windows of stained glass going up both floors. The windows had panels of the colored glass that cast a multi-colored pattern on the falling snow.
I watched this street scene. Then I looked back in the house to see may family bringing the day to an end.
I was filled with such joy!
I knew deep in my soul.
This was Christmas.

SUBMITTED BY THE ELDERS
ATTENDING OWL (OLDER
WISER LOCAL) AT THE JAZZ
GALLERY ON NOVEMBER 14,
2025, OH! AND IAN K.!

Tinkerbelle

Katherine Yets

For most of my childhood after Thanksgiving, we would put up our Christmas trees. One tall one for my parents and two smaller on each side for me and my big sister. I recall having dozens upon dozens of ornaments collected over the years, unboxed one by one to hang on a pine branch.

Many are lost in memory, but I remember Tinkerbelle. She was a two dimensional, flat depiction of the fairy covered in sparkles. She was always the one I chose to place on the electric spinner and she would slowly twirl and twinkle in the soft white string lights' gleams. She was a whimsical sight.

Cristina Zawadiwusky

My Family, practical Ukranian Chrismas traditions in America.
Every Christmas Eve we waited eagerly for the wonderfully special Christmas Eve dinner that include Kootya, a desert made of barley and honey. But we could never begin to eat until the first star came out in the night sky.
What happened when there were too many clouds so that we couldn't see that star?
God told my father when that star came out and he told us. So we could say grace,
And
begin to eat.

Ian Klepetar

The Christmas Miracle

Colin, who was the first one up, sprinted to the other two of our rooms, jostling us and pro-claiming that it was “Christmas morning”. Within a matter of seconds, Amy and I had our covers flung off and the three of us darted to our balcony lookout to catch a sneak preview of the fabulous sight below.. We would lean over as a collective unit and take in the decorated and illuminated tree with stacked presents scattered below. The anticipation and excitement was palatable. How could this exist? A glimmering tree with 3 dozen perfectly wrapped gifts for “us”?! It was in the holiday playbook that we weren’t allowed to descend until our parents woke up, so we then barged into their room to exclaim that Santa had showed up! When given the nod, we took to the stairs, probably sliding down in our blanket sleepers and landing in the pillow & blanket pit that lived at the bottom of our stairway. As a child my brother and I usually asked Santa for “He-Man guys”, as we called them, and as we tore through present after present, we could not believe that Santa had come through with our wishes. What a wild dream!

John McNeely

It rarely snows in New Orleans.
So it was exciting when it snowed on Christmas.
I was hanging out with a friend and his wife. We all rushed to the window to watch the flakes flutter to the ground. While snow is an annoyance in many parts of the country, to see the yard covered in white was just amazing.
We decided to go to Audubon Park to see the huge expanse covered in Christmas snow..
Unfortunately, once we got there the snow had turned to rain and it all melted.
I’ll still always remember are one-of-a-kind White Christmas.

Mauren McDonald

Poem: Darkness

Darknes befalls many
Thunder – falling stars
Meteor showers
A Covering of deep snow
Quiet us – a hush
We emerge together
Shovel out, trop thru
Slide on sleds, cardboard
Tubes or toboggans
Continues a season
Of quiet warmth

Thomas Pullano

Did you hear Santa ?
Was he here?
Cookies are here
Yes, he was here
A note, A note
He left a letter
What does it say?
Yes Yes, That’s
What I want
He’s real, He’s real
“That’s What I Want.”

Clothes Pin Tabernacle

Vince J. Bushell

Dad helped me pick out a gifte for mom at Christmas. We had a religious store with what you would expect: rosaries, crucifixes, books, mini shrines to the saints for the sinners. For salvation, which to me was easy. At 8 years old. I believed my mom was part of this bliss. There was a plastic altar with candle sticks and a tabernacle of plastic gold to keep the chalice and hosts. My dad was a bit concerned. It was a bit pricey. “Are your sure?” Yes of course!
I offer to you mom, an altar from a little boy with a tabernacle filled with mini clothespins and a bag of colorful prayer cloths for you to hang in the wind of the gentle breeze of paradise.
VJ, (What my mom called me.)

10 December 2025



Riverwest Elders: Sharing Wisdom with Community

Riverwest Elders Guiding Vision: 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.

Celebrate Winter Solstice with us! (an invitation from Lorraine Jacobs)

Our winter traditions of today carry the history of December from ages past. As the days of winter enter with longer light and anticipation of slowly warming days of the Winter Solstice, there is room for Hope and Renewal once again. The world of nature that surrounds us begins to show gradual new growth. We seek to step out of shelter and spend time together once again.

The Riverwest Elder's Event Calendar offers a variety of social gatherings for December. If you are curious about celebrating the Winter Solstice together, please check the December Event Calendar below. Come join us!

There will be Ex Fabula Story Sharing, a Holiday Potluck, lunch at Ma Fischer's and a challenge to wear that holiday sweater you save for the holidays!

RW Elders December Event Calendar

Riverwest Elders invites you to join us for an EX FABULA night on Friday, December 5, 7-8pm, at the Falcon Bowl, 801 East Clarke Street (at Fratney). The theme for the stories is, "Date Night – Stories of Romantic Adventures." Real-life stories shared by everyday people!

Holiday Potluck Party! Tuesday, December 9, 12-3pm

Friends Meeting House 3224 N Gordon Place

Main entrées and coffee will be provided. Bring salads, side dishes, and desserts to share. Also bring a small, wrapped gift for gift exchange. Plus, book exchange!

Please be sure to RSVP at jacobslm@sbcglobal.net. It is very helpful to know how many people to plan for.

Birthday Lunch! Thursday, December 18, 12-2pm

Ma Fischer's Diner 2214 N Farwell Avenue

Ma Fischer's serves a varied menu of American breakfast and comfort-food dishes. They also offer vegan options. For fun and laughs wear an "Ugly Holiday Sweater" (if you dare)! Remember, every day is someone's birthday!

Community Happenings

By Ruth Weill-Community Development Manager at Riverworks Development Corporation

Riverworks presents

The Riverwest Farmers Market Winter Market season began November 23 with 8 more dates to follow. It is being held at Amorphic Beer, 3700 N Fratney Street from 11-3pm. Look for many of your favorites from the regular season: heirloom mushrooms, bakery, pickled things, honey, fresh frozen Mexican staples, eggs, pork products, fresh juices, and so much more. Please visit the Riverwest Farmers Market on Facebook and Instagram for the most up to date information.

Dec 21 - Jan 11 - Jan 25 - Feb 8 - Feb 22 - March 8 - March 29 - April 12

The 53212Marketplace Holiday Edition 2025 is happening Sunday December 14 from 11-4pm on the 3700 block of North Fratney Street at the following locations: Amorphic Beer, Home Again and Gathering Place Brewing Company. Over 30 local vendors showcasing their creations: art/jewelry, apparel, body products, books, specialty foods, plants and accessories and so much more.

Don Pastor and Double Dubs Food Trucks.....SIP-SHOP-STROLL !

If you are interested in getting involved in community clean ups or The Friends of the Beerline Trail please reach out to Jill at jillc@riverworksmke.org or call 414-906-9650.

For more information, please visit the Riverworks MKE Facebook page or beerlinetrailmke.org The Riverworks Financial Clinic through the Financial Empowerment Center offers free financial coaching for City of Milwaukee residents. Need to increase your credit score? Get a better handle on your monthly budget? Call 414-882-7430 to set up an appointment.



Wed. Dec. 3 (RADIO)	Karen Beaumont Presents: Wilder Brothers Show (with music)
Thur. Dec. 4 (IN-PERSON)	Vince Bushell of Riverwest Currents: December '25
Fri. Dec. 5 (IN-PERSON)	Decade Review, part 14: Writing Workshop & Show-n-Tell (bring artifacts/photos from your life from 75-80 yrs old)
Wed. Dec. 10 (RADIO)	Entrepreneurial Spotlight: Vanessa Rose of Mother's Restaurant
Thur. Dec. 11 (IN-PERSON)	Maria Mauras Montanez of Milwaukee County Aging and Disability Services
Fri. Dec. 12 (IN-PERSON)	Artist-Talk on JGCA Exhibitions: Main Show "Figure Xpressions" curated by Trey Savage, plus Small-Wall Artist Ian Izard
Wed. Dec. 17 (RADIO)	The A.M. Book Report, Navigating Disinformation
Thur. Dec. 18 (IN-PERSON)	OWL Holiday Party: Music, Crafts, Treats & Presents!
Fri. Dec. 19 (IN-PERSON)	Piano Duo, Daniel Petry & Patricia Monroe: Holiday Sing-Along
Wed. Dec. 24 (RADIO)	Karen Beaumont Presents: Poetry of Leonie Adams (with Music)
Thur. Dec. 25 (IN-PERSON)	Closed for Holidays
Fri. Dec. 26 (IN-PERSON)	Closed for Holidays
Wed. Dec. 31 (RADIO)	Goodbye to 2025: Community Chat

O.W.L. (Older.Wiser.Local) is a program created to serve, enlighten & educate area seniors (50 & up). OWL is sponsored by the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, and Bader Philanthropies.

PLACE: Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, 926 E. Center Street, Milwaukee 53212 All people, ages 50 & up, are welcome. Gatherings are free of charge with free refreshments.

IN-PERSON: Thurs & Fridays 1 - 4PM

RADIO SHOWS: Wednesdays at 3:30pm, on Riverwest Radio, WXRW, 104.1 FM. Stream live on riverwestradio.com, if you can't get radio reception. Or listen to the archive anytime: <https://www.riverwestradio.com/show/owl-older-wiser-local>

More info: Amy Schmutte, O.W.L. Program Manager, owlprogrammanager@gmail.com

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JAZZ GALLERY
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

For current information on our art, music, and other programming, see our calendar on the JGCA website.

926 Center St, Milwaukee WI 53212 | jazzgallerycenterforarts.org



ONGOING EVENTS THROUGH TUESDAY, DEC. 9, AT BLACK HUSKY BREWING: THE GIVING TREE. THE BENEFICIARIES THIS YEAR ARE META HOUSE, RIVERWEST ELEMENTARY, AND SEA LITERACY! COME IN AND PICK UP A TAG AND LOG IT WITH A STAFF MEMBER. BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED GIFT TO BLACK HUSKY BEFORE THE DEADLINE ON DEC. 9.

THROUGH SATURDAY, JAN. 17, 2026 AT JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS. IN THE MAIN GALLERY: FIGURE XPRESSION (GROUP EXHIBITION) AND SOLO FEATURE. ON THE SMALL WALL: IAN IZARD, PILGRIM'S CROSSING.

FURTHER DOWNSTREAM SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026: THE 16TH RIVERWEST FOLLIES AT FALCON BOWL
1 MONDAY Dec. 1st.
BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Ouzman
FALCON BOWL Cream City Swing
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meditation for Everyone: Transform Your Mind, Transform Your World. Led by Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8:30pm. Drop-in or sign up in advance at meditationinmadison.org/MKE. All are welcome. \$15 donation
LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: Sue Blaustein
MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Maxie's Jazz Night, 5:30-8pm upstairs. Tonight, Milwaukee Hot Club
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Yoga w/Sarah (6-7:15pm)
THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

2 TUESDAY
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.
BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm
FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays -- Swing Dance lesson, 7-8pm; live music w/ Third Ward Jazz Band, 8-10pm
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 2:30 or 3:30 - 6:30pm
MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Party DJ'd by Mr. New York. Doors 9pm. Free cover for ladies, 9-10pm.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/Tracey, 10-11:30am. // Community Class: Yoga Basics w/ Hart, 6-7pm. // Hatha Yoga Foundations in Dream Yoga w/ Luan, 7:30-8:45pm
WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Reading Group: Ping Pong Book Club reading Ugliness by Moshtari Hilal. Led by artist Nomka Enkhee, who lives and works in Milwaukee. 6-7pm

3 WEDNESDAY
ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm
BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm; Passion Park, 9pm
FALCON NEST Cowboy Killers: A Comedy Show, 7:30pm doors
LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30
LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Barry Patton
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon); Vocal Jam - Improv and play, 7pm
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 9:30-10:45am // Yoga: Focus & Refine w/ Sara, 6-7:30pm
THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Wednesday Night Music! 9pm-midnight
THE MILWAUKEE CLUB, 706 N Jefferson St Florentine Opera: Celebrating the Season in Song. A night of music, cocktails, and easy elegance.
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell S. Carey, 8pm, \$26+
WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Workshop: A Flight of Microbrews -- Writing Flash Fiction, Prose Poems, & Very Brief Essays, with Mauricio Kilwein Guevara. 6:15-7:45pm. Sliding Scale fee of \$20-\$150 (Please give what you can; all donations will go directly to the instructor). Register on Eventbrite.com
WOODLAND PATTERN *online* Reading Group: Readshop. 6-7:15pm. We will be reading Midwinter Day by Bernadette Mayer
WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Karen Beaumont Presents: Wilder Brothers Show (with music). 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

4 THURSDAY
ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce The Claudettes Album Release with special guests Elephonic. Doors 6, show 7pm. \$12 adv / \$17 door
bar centro Jazz Jam, 8:30-11:30pm. Open for listeners and players of all experience levels. Garret Waite Trio at 8:30; open jam begins at 9pm. No cover, drink specials.
BREMEN CAFÉ ShrineStone, 9pm
DAVID BARNETT GALLERY, 1024 E State St Artist Talk: An Evening with the Rogues. Doors 4:30pm. Talk starts 5pm. Artists: Gwen Granzow, Lee Grantham, Tree Lind, and Jan Smith
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Vince Bushell of Riverwest Currents: December '25, 1-4pm.
LINNEMAN'S Keegan Phillips w/ TBA. 8-10:30pm
MIRAMAR THEATRE Almost Friday w/ DJ Press Play, 9pm
NASHVILLE NORTH MKE Music Night presents ... Punk Night! 7-10pm. Featuring: Tlalók, PAX, Que So What, Smooth Talkers
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 6:30-8pm virtual meeting
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30-2:45pm. Community Class: Beginner+ w/ Helena,

Currents Calendar

5:30-6:45pm.
UPTOWNER Motion Light + StuDies + Grislier. 8pm
VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Rhett Miller On Tour, with special guest Anna Daley Young. 7pm. \$34+

5 FRIDAY
ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Arlen + Simon Cropp. Doors 6:30, show 7:30pm. \$15 adv / \$20 door
ART*BAR Live Music w/ Severio Mancieri, 9pm
bar centro B.D. Greer & the Gents -- electrifying soul & jazz. 8-10pm.
BREMEN CAFÉ Drumbalaya
FALCON HALL Ex Fabula Story Slam: Date Night. Doors 6:30pm. Storytelling starts at 7pm.

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl International Gift Shop! 4-8pm. Shop hand-made gifts from artists, builders, crafts people and makers from Wisconsin and around the world.
INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St ArtSaleExtravaganza25 Open Gallery Hours, 5-7pm
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Shaddstone Orchestra, 7-10pm, jazz/ free improvisation, \$10 cover.
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Decade Review, part 14: Writing Workshop & Show-n-Tell (bring artifacts/photos from your life from 75-80 yrs old). 1-4pm.

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am
LINNEMAN'S Riverwest Roots Festival with J.R. & the Strangers (10:15pm), Dropbear Collective (9:15pm), Ben Harold Trio (8:30pm), Genesee (7:45pm). \$10
MAD PLANET Retro Dance Party w/ DJ Paul H, doors 9pm
MIRAMAR THEATRE Ho Ho Home For The Holidays w/ Gettoblaster, DJ Slugo + more. 9pm
NASHVILLE NORTH Lola Blu, 8-11pm
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am. Root Chakra Yogasana: Pelvic Floor Health w/Sara, 12-1:15pm
SHANK HALL Davina and the Vagabonds. 8pm, \$25
THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
UWM PLANETARIUM Colorful Nebulas. Explore gorgeous clouds that give birth to stars. 7-8pm. \$6 general admission, \$5 students. (uwmplanetarium.vbotickets.com/event/Colorful_Nebulas/163169)
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Henhouse Prowlers with special guests Valley Fox and Ogburn & Cerny. Doors 7pm, \$24+

6 SATURDAY
AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Amorphic Four Year Birthday Party! 12-10pm. Live music: Buena Cara, Offtide, SPF-150, John Ketterhagen, JP Spencer. Food trucks out front: MKE Bento - Japanese Fusion. Nadi Plates - Fresh made Pizzas and Calzones
ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Coffeeshop Astrophysics. Doors 1, show

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2pm. What You Probably Don't Know About Al. Speakers: Ronan Humphrey, Adam Opperman, Pratyusava Baral
ART*BAR House of Peace party! 1-5pm. Please bring toys and winter clothes for kids. Cash works too!
ART*BAR Live Music w/ Jorge Valentine, 9pm
bar centro Meet The Seavers -- jazz, swing, vaudeville, and more. 8-10pm, \$15
BREMEN CAFÉ Bettlegork, Five Mod Four, Key of Evil
FALCON HALL The Dead Bolts, 7pm
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl International Gift Shop! 9am-4pm. Shop hand-made gifts from artists, builders, crafts people and makers from Wisconsin and around the world. Enjoy lunch in the Friends Café with delicious homemade soups, breads and other baked goods.
INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St ArtSaleExtravaganza25 Open Gallery Hours, 11am-1pm. // Wisconsin Visual Artists Holiday Party, 2-6pm
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon. // Gabriel Wade Quintet, doors 6pm, 2 sets 6:30pm/8:30pm, jazz/R&B/fusion, \$20 cover.
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am
LINNEMAN'S Driveway Thrift dwellers Album Release w/ Joseph Huber Band. 8-11pm. \$20
MAD PLANET Emo Ever After: An Indie, Emo, Alternative and Punk Dance Party w/ DJ Milkman of Elechronic, doors 9pm
MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS MARKET @ The Table, 5303 W Capitol Dr Winter farmers market, 9am-2pm, thru March 28, 2026. Proudly accepting SNAP benefits, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers. Details at fondymke.org.
MINI ROCK SHOW, 2430 N Dousman Paul Zasadny sells healing rocks and crystals. 11am-5pm. Large stock of rocks and crystals available; buy in bulk for special discount!
MIRAMAR THEATRE Lumasi -- STVSH -- VEIL -- Schmux
NASHVILLE NORTH Crooke & Company -- soul, pop, r&b and more. 8-11pm.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Grief as a Portal, 3:30-9:30pm
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Yoga: Focus & Refine w/Sara, 10:15-11:45am.
SANTA CYCLE RAMPAGE This holiday-themed costume bike ride for charity is a 13-mile, slow-rolling party on wheels bringing together over 2,000 riders dressed as Santas, Mrs. Claus, reindeer, elves, snowmen, dreidels, the Grinch, and more. Go to WisconsinBikeFed.org to register.
SHANK HALL Panorama: A Tribute to The Cars with DJ Paul H. 8pm, \$15 adv / \$20 door
STAND FOR PEACE at Locust & Humboldt Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 21st year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm
THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Frogwater - Holiday Show, 7:30-9:30pm
THE FITZGERALD, 1119 N Marshall Krampus Holiday Ball with The Squeezettes, 7:30-11pm

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6 SATURDAY cont.
UPTOWNER Last Black Rockstars, 9pm
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Ryan Necci
and The Buffalo Gospel, 8pm, \$26+
WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid*.
Reading and Conversation: Ed Roberson,
Matthew Goulish, and Patrick Morrissey.
2-3:30pm. \$Give what you can.

7 SUNDAY
ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce 11th
Annual Larry Penn Tribute Concert. Doors 5,
show 6pm. \$10 adv / \$15 door
BEST PLACE at the Historic Pabst
Brewery, 917 W Juneau Av The Squeezettes
play the Krampus Parade! 5-5:45pm.
BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm.
Bingo w/Marion 6pm
FALCON HALL Falcon Flea, 11am
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224
N Gordon Pl Meeting for worship, 10:15-
11:45am
INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St
GAMMA-MKE Holiday Party, 2-6pm

KRAMPUSNACHT! In The Brewery
District Milwaukee Krampusnacht Acht (8)!
3-9pm. Taking place at Best Place, 917 W
Juneau, and surrounding area. Krampus
Parade, live music, vendors, bus tours ... Get
tix and info at milwaukeekrampusnacht.com
LAKEFRONT BREWERY Handcrafted:
Lakefront Makers Market. 11am-3pm. An
eclectic mix of over 20 local, hand-selected
vendors sell their labors of love.
NASHVILLE NORTH Geoff and Sonya,
3-6pm.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The
Park, 11-12:30.
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Community
Class: Family Yoga, 9-10am. Yoga Movement
Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am.
Community Class: Beginner + Yoga w/
Helena, 12:30-1:45pm.
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman)
Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

8 MONDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic,
8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Max (Diet Lite)
FALCON HALL Courtesy, I h8 it here &
Disposable Thumbs, 7pm
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224
N Gordon Pl Meditation for Everyone:
Transform Your Mind, Transform Your World.
Led by Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje.
6:30-8:30pm. Drop-in or sign up in advance
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BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm
FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays --

Swing Dance lesson, 7-8pm; live music w/Old
Sam & the Teardrops, 8-10pm
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10 WEDNESDAY
ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Forest
Christmas Candle Holder Creative, 6pm.
Materials were sourced from dead and
fallen Birch, Red Pine and Cherry trees and
pinecones collected from the forest floor back
home in northern Wisconsin. \$15 includes
all the supplies to make your own candle
holder. Children are welcome. Email Toni@
BlackHuskyBrewing.com to register.
BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm
INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St
West Allis Arts Collective Community Meeting,
6-7:30pm
LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night,
6:30-8:30
LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage --
Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show
starts at 8pm. Featured performer: John
Gorman
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in
Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat
(11am-Noon)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginner
Yoga Series w/ Sara, 9:30-10:45am // Yoga:
Focus & Refine w/ Sara, 6-7:30pm
THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke
All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has
fresh and free produce, organic veggies,
eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain
pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman)
Wednesday Night Music! 9pm-midnight
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Xaviersobased
-- The Riverside Tour with special guests
ksuuvii & Backend. Doors 7pm, \$34

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person*
Workshop: A Flight of Microbrews -- Writing
Flash Fiction, Prose Poems, & Very Brief
Essays, with Mauricio Kilwein Guevara.
6:15-7:45pm. Sliding Scale fee of \$20-\$150
(Please give what you can; all donations
will go directly to the instructor). Register on
Eventbrite.com
WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO
OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Entrepreneurial
Spotlight: Vanessa Rose of Mother's
Restaurant. 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to
archive at riverwestradio.com.

11 THURSDAY
ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce
So Zuppy Record Release with Forktail +

Rainbow Cobra. Doors 6, show 7. \$12 adv /
\$17 door
bar centro Jazz Guitar Spotlight: Neil
Davis. 7-10pm. \$10
BREMEN CAFÉ ARTKIDDMITCH,
BORYNNSTARR, Efay,
Ericwiththeglockinhissock
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE
ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Maria
Mauras Montanez of Milwaukee County Aging
and Disability Services. 1-4pm.
NASHVILLE NORTH 16 Levels / Ellen
Vareldzis -- R&B, rock, ambient jazz, funk/
soul and experimental soundscapes. 7-10pm
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery
Meditation group, 6:30-8pm virtual meeting
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga
for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30-2:45pm.
Community Class: Beginner+ w/ Helena,
5:30-6:45pm.
ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 914 E
Knapp Florentine Opera's Carols & Classics,
7:30pm. Tickets@florentineopera.org.
UPTOWNER Hip Hop for hunger. 9pm
VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Nate Smith,
8pm, tix \$40+

12 FRIDAY
ART*BAR Live Music w/ Matthew Haefel
Trio, 9pm
bar centro Mike Kubicki and Erin Boehme
-- jazz, swing, American songbook. 8-10pm.
\$10
BREMEN CAFÉ OffTide
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N
Gordon Place Milwaukee Contra Dance,
7-10pm
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE
ARTS Derrick Bounds + Jazz Flux, 7-10pm,
jazz, \$10 cover.
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE
ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Artist-Talk
on JGCA Exhibitions: Main Show "Figure
Xpressions" curated by Trey Savage, plus
Small-Wall Artist Ian Izard. 1-4pm
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER,
924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-
10:30am
LINNEMAN'S The Resonators w/ Patti &
Craig, 7:30-10pm. \$12
MAD PLANET Mall Goth Santa: A Retro
Video Dance Party w/ Goth Barge DJs. Doors
9pm.

MILWAUKEE YOUTH THEATER @
North Shore Presbyterian, 4048 N Bartlett
Milwaukee Youth Theater presents Alice in
Winter Wonderland! 7-8:15pm. \$15 adults,
\$10 students. Age 5 and younger, free.
MIRAMAR THEATRE smith. The Serious
Gourmet Experience. 9pm
NASHVILLE NORTH Justin Witte and the
Steel Benders, 8-11pm
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in
Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for
Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am.
Root Chakra Yogasana: Pelvic Floor Health
w/Sara, 12-1:15pm. Community Class:
Soulful Coloring, 4-6pm.
SHANK HALL Pat McCurdy, 8pm, \$10
STALLEY CATS, 6201 W Mitchell Stalley
Cats Gallery Night, 8-11pm
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fresh and free produce, organic veggies,
eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain
pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Woodstock '99 (Cleveland),
Piss Me Off (Cleveland), Curbsitter (mke),

Scourm (mke). 9pm
UWM PLANETARIUM Colorful Nebulas.
Explore gorgeous clouds that give birth
to stars. 7-8pm. \$6 general admission, \$5
students. (uwmplanetarium.vbotickets.com/
event/Colorful_Nebulas/163169)
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell The Big Wu.
8pm. \$34+

13 SATURDAY
ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce
Walter Salas-Humara + Freedy Johnston.
Doors 6:30, show 7:30pm. \$20 adv / \$25 door
ART*BAR Live Music w/ Justin Jagler,
9pm
bar centro Faith Hatch & Friends: O
Soulful Night -- a heartwarming evening of
live holiday music. 7-8:30pm. \$15
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Get A Grip
on Literacy -- a grip strength competition
benefitting SEA Literacy, which provides
tutoring, literacy and mentoring services
to refugee children in the Milwaukee
area. 1pm. To register, contact Katie at
NoParkingZoneStrongman@gmail.com
BREMEN CAFÉ BremSin w/ The Brewcity
Bombshells
FALCON HALL Alt-Country
Extravaganza w/ Long Mama, Ladybird, Old
Pup, Maximiano. 7pm

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St
ArtSaleExtravaganza25 Open Gallery Hours,
11am-1pm.
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE
ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-
Noon. // J Ryan Trio, 7-9pm, jazz, blues,
gospel, funk and soul, donations encouraged.
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER,
924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St.
Casimir's Church -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly
serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and
53203 zip codes!
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER,
924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution
hours: 7:30-11:30am
LINNEMAN'S TNGNT EP Release w/
Jeans. Doors 7pm, music starts 8pm. \$10
MAD PLANET LIVE: Modern Joey, The
People Brothers Band, and Mae Simpson
Band present "An Ugly Sweater Christmas".
Doors 9pm
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 310
W Locust Harambee NID (Neighborhood
Improvement District) Annual Meeting and
Holiday Party, 10am-2pm. Come for food,
fellowship, prizes, and fun -- and stay to
learn how over \$1 million in NID grants
are being reinvested. More information at
HarambeeMKE.org.

MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS
MARKET @ The Table, 5303 W Capitol Dr
Winter farmers market, 9am-2pm, thru March
28, 2026. Proudly accepting SNAP benefits,
WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition
Program Vouchers. Details at fondymke.org.
MILWAUKEE YOUTH THEATER @
North Shore Presbyterian, 4048 N Bartlett
Milwaukee Youth Theater presents Alice
in Winter Wonderland! 3pm and 7pm
performances. \$15 adults, \$10 students. Age
5 and younger, free.
MIRAMAR THEATRE SoDown. 9pm
NASHVILLE NORTH Whiskey and the
Devil w/ Midnight Purchase -- 8-11pm
OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (HOFBRAU
HAUS), 1009 N MLK Dr The Squeezettes,
8:30-11:30pm
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Community
Kirtan, 4-6pm
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates

Currents Calendar

w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Yoga: Focus & Refine w/Sara, 10:15-11:45am.

RUFUS KING HIGH SCHOOL, 1801 W. Olive St MPS Battle of the Drumlines, 12-3pm. \$3.

SHANK HALL Anthony Gomes, 8pm, \$20 adv / \$25 door

STAND FOR PEACE at 76th & Layton Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 21st year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE BRICK HOUSE, 504 E Center St Holiday Makers Market, 11am-3pm. Join local artists and vendors for holiday beverages. Shop for artisan gifts. Free entry. Suggested donation of 2 items to the Kinship Community Food Pantry barrel.

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bee and the Jays, 9-11:30pm

UPTOWNER DJ Patience, Deep house techno. 9pm

VEGGAS PUB Holiday Punk Unplugged, featuring The No-Writes, Dead Dead Swans, Max Moon ... and more!

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Them Coulee Boys with special guest TAE & The Neighborly. 7pm, \$25+

WISCONSIN CLUB, 900 W Wisconsin Av Wisconsin Club Holiday Lunch, 11:30am-2pm. Enjoy this landmark building beautifully decorated for the holidays, a delicious three-course meal, and an engaging program. \$85-100. Book online at historicmilwaukee.org/events.

14 SUNDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney 53212Marketplace Holiday Edition. 11am-4pm. Over 30 local vendors showcasing their products including: art, jewelry, apparel, plants/accessories, specialty foods, body products, children's books. Food trucks: Don Pastor, Double Dubs Wings & Tots

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Merry & Bright Market. 10am. Tis the season to celebrate our 5th Annual (whoa!) Merry & Bright Market, with over 20 vendors selling curated and handmade goods.

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Bingo w/Marion 6pm

FALCON HALL Bloom The Arctic, 7pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St ArtSaleExtravaganza25 Open Gallery Hours, 1-3pm

MILWAUKEE YOUTH THEATER @ North Shore Presbyterian, 4048 N Bartlett Milwaukee Youth Theater presents Alice in Winter Wonderland! 2pm and 6pm performances. \$15 adults, \$10 students. Age 5 and younger, free.

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30 // Milwaukee Psychedelic Society, 4-5:30pm.

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30am. Community Class: Beginners+ Yoga w/ Helena, 12:30pm.

THE BRICK HOUSE, 504 E Center St Holiday Makers Market, 10am-2pm. Join local artists and vendors for holiday beverages. Shop for artisan gifts. Free entry. Suggested donation of 2 items to the Kinship Community Food Pantry barrel.

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

15 MONDAY -- Hannukah

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Parker (Social Cig)

FALCON BOWL Cream City Swing FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meditation for Everyone: Transform Your Mind, Transform Your World. Led by Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8:30pm. Drop-in or sign up in advance at meditationinmadison.org/MKE. All are welcome. \$15 donation

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: Racine Poet Laureate Mary Skillings

MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Maxie's Jazz Night, 5:30-8pm upstairs.Tonight, 3rd Ward Jazz Band

MILWAUKEE YOUTH THEATER @ North Shore Presbyterian, 4048 N Bartlett Milwaukee Youth Theater presents Alice in Winter Wonderland! 2pm and 6pm performances. \$15 adults, \$10 students. Age 5 and younger, free.

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Yoga w/Sarah (6-7:15pm)

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UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

16 TUESDAY

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays -- Swing Dance lesson, 7-8pm; live music w/ Sazerac 5 Jazz Band, 8-10pm

KING DRIVE LIBRARY, 2901 N Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Pulling Together on King Drive: A Movie Screening. 5:30-7pm. View a new short film celebrating Milwaukee's Harambee neighborhood -- its voices, history, and everyday brilliance. Come connect with neighbors and see Harambee on the big screen!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 2:30 or 3:30 - 6:30pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Party DJ'd by Mr. New York. Doors 9pm. Free cover for ladies, 9-10pm.

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/Tracey, 10-11:30am. // Community Class: Yoga Basics w/ Hart, 6-7pm. // Hatha Yoga Foundations in Dream Yoga w/ Luan, 7:30-8:45pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Reading Group: Ping Pong Book Club reading Ugliness by Moshtari Hilal. Led by artist Nomka Enkhee, who lives and works in Milwaukee. 6-7pm

17 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm; Passion Park, 9pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage --

Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Jesse Garwood

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon); Vocal Jam - Improv and play, 7pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 9:30-10:45am // Yoga: Focus & Refine w/ Sara, 6-7:30pm

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THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Wednesday Night Music! 9pm-midnight

WOODLAND PATTERN *online* Reading Group: Readshop. 6-7:15pm. We will be reading Midwinter Day by Bernadette Mayer

WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local): The A.M. Book Report, Navigating Disinformation. 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

18 THURSDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Julian Saunders + Croix Du Nord + Growing Boys. Doors 6, show 7pm. \$12 adv / \$17 door

bar centro Jazzy Joan Presents: Soulful Greetings -- a night of seasonal favorites. 7-11:30pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Los Mitoteros, 9pm

FALCON HALL Cream City Swing Special, 7pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Chuck LaPaglia Jazz Film Series, 6:30-9:00pm, \$15 suggested donation.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local)OWL Holiday Party: Music, Crafts, Treats & Presents! 1-4pm.

MA FISCHERS, 2214 N Farwell Riverwest Elders Birthday Lunch Gathering. Noon-2pm. Wear your Ugly Holiday Sweater, if you dare!

NASHVILLE NORTH Sugo -- retro-funk. 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 6:30-8pm virtual meeting

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30-2:45pm. Community Class: Beginner+ w/ Helena, 5:30-6:45pm.

SHANK HALL Adam Doleac, Adam Simons. 8pm, \$35

UPTOWNER Sorta Ridiculous. 9pm.

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Maurice MOBETTA Brown. Door 7pm, show 8pm.

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Concert: Formations Series for New & Improvised Music. 7-9pm. \$10

19 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce The Jimmys. Doors 6:30, show 7:30pm. \$15 adv / \$20 doors

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Emily Zimmer, 9pm

bar centro Troubadours of Rhythm -- early jazz, blues, swing. 8-10pm. \$12

BREMEN CAFÉ Aphrodyde A.D., 8:30pm; Dreadissance, 9pm; Friday Dies, 10pm

FALCON HALL SLAYGROUND, 8pm

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St ArtSaleExtravaganza25 Open Gallery Hours, 5-7pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Piano Duo,

December 2025 13

Daniel Petry & Patricia Monroe: Holiday Sing-Along. 1-4pm.

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S A Winter's Evening with Ryanhood. 8-10:30pm. \$25

MAD PLANET Retro Dance Party w/ DJ Don Black. 9pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE Wonkywilla - Galactic Circus Tour. All ages, 9pm

NASHVILLE NORTH The Westerlees -- swing era standards. 8-11pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am

SHANK HALL Teenage Bottlerocket, Boris The Sprinkler, Rodeo Boys. 8pm, \$20

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UPTOWNER G3 Da Plug. 9pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Creepfunk Christmas with special guest Hot Like Mars. 7:30pm, \$22+

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Open Mic: resound return. 7pm. Sign up when you get here, reading starts at 7:10. This is an open mic series that offers a space to incubate new work and dust off old poems.

20 SATURDAY

ART*BAR It's the 2025 HOLIDAY PARTY! Live Music w/ Sainted Patrons, 8pm

bar centro Los Nenes Del Lago -- Navidad Por el Lago. Bachata, salsa, cumbia! Doors 7pm. 8-10pm live music. \$15

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Red Magic Holiday Art Market, 1-5pm. Native American artist vendors. Hot foods. Baked goods. Raffles.

BREMEN CAFÉ 2k2Time, LoverBoy Shanty, Story the Teller

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT, The Hilton, 509 W Wisconsin Av Christmas Classics played by the Listeso String Quartet. Showtimes 6:30pm and 8:45pm. Tix at <https://feverup.com/m/473323>

CSZ MKE, 420 S. 1st Street Laughing Liberally's NO ICE Holiday Comedy Spectacular, 8-10pm.

FALCON HALL Down On Downer Presents: PANOPTICS & Music Beer Cheese, 7pm

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St ArtSaleExtravaganza25 Open Gallery Hours, 11am-1pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon.

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S Lost Orange Cat w/ Cozy Danger, 8-11pm. \$10

MAD PLANET Lady Gaga vs. Madonna w/ DJ Frank Straka. Doors 9pm

MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS MARKET @ The Table, 5303 W Capitol Dr Winter farmers market, 9am-2pm, thru March 28, 2026. Proudly accepting SNAP benefits, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition

Currents Calendar

Program Vouchers. Details at fondymke.org.
NASHVILLE NORTH Chained Up Alice -- A Tribute to Alice in Chains, 8-11pm
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Yoga: Focus & Refine w/Sara, 10:15-11:45am.
SHANK HALL Lake Drive, Fakeout, Hot Mess. 8pm. \$15 adv / \$20 door
STAND FOR PEACE at St. Paul & Water Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 21st year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm
THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire The Long and the Short of It Benefit - Various Performers, 7:30-9:30pm
UPTOWNER Eric Blowtorch, 5pm. MKE Verified, 9pm
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Jingle Pop: Holiday K-Pop Night, 8pm. \$18+

21 SUNDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Riverwest Winter Farmers Market (indoors), 11am-3pm
BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Bingo w/Marion 6pm
FALCON HALL Hunter Peeples & the Moonlighters, 6pm
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am
MITCHELL PARK DOMES, 524 S Layton Blvd 44th Annual “Let There Be Light!” Christmas Concert. 1pm. Free with regular Domes admission. David HB Drake presents a concert of seasonal folk songs, popular tunes, original songs and traditional carols.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30.
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30am. Community Class: Beginners+ Yoga w/ Helena, 12:30pm.
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

22 MONDAY

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Phil
FALCON BOWL Cream City Swing
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meditation for Everyone: Transform Your Mind, Transform Your World. Led by Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8:30pm. Drop-in or sign up in advance at meditationinmadison.org/MKE. All are welcome. \$15 donation
LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: Timothy Kloss
MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Maxie's Jazz Night, 5:30-8pm upstairs. Tonight, Sazerac 5 Jazz Band
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Yoga w/Sarah (6-7:15pm)
SHANK HALL The Sleighriders. 7pm, \$25
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UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm
23 TUESDAY
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.
BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm
FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays -- Swing Dance lesson, 7-8pm; live music w/Professor Pinkerton & His Irrelevant Orchestra, 8-10pm

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 2:30 or 3:30 - 6:30pm
MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Party DJ'd by Mr. New York. Doors 9pm. Free cover for ladies, 9-10pm.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/Tracey, 10-11:30am. // Community Class: Yoga Basics w/ Hart, 6-7pm. // Hatha Yoga Foundations in Dream Yoga w/ Luan, 7:30-8:45pm

24 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm
BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 9:30-10:45am // Yoga: Focus & Refine w/ Sara, 6-7:30pm
THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Wednesday Night Music! 9pm-midnight
WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Karen Beaumont Presents: Poetry of Leonie Adams (with Music). 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

25 THURSDAY -- Christmas Day

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 6:30-8pm virtual meeting
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30-2:45pm. Community Class: Beginner+ w/ Helena, 5:30-6:45pm.

26 FRIDAY

bar centro A Charlie Brown Christmas -- brought to you by The Commercialists. 6-7:30pm. \$20
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Place Milwaukee Contra Dance, 7-10pm
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am
MAD PLANET Retro Mixtape w/ DJs Sage “Champagne” Scharm and Mosh Wah. Doors 9pm
MIRAMAR THEATRE Cuntmas: Queer Holiday Dance Party
NASHVILLE NORTH Idlehaze Trio -- an original fusion of folk, alternative rock, blues and rap. 8-11pm
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am
THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Sock Hop Holiday Party, 5pm

27 SATURDAY

bar centro A Charlie Brown Christmas -- brought to you by The Commercialists. 6-7:30pm. \$20
BREMEN CAFÉ Henry Berger, Peter Hair, Robbie Sender, W.T. Newton, Winter Song Swap (9pm), Wylie Jakobs
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon.
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am
MAD PLANET The New New w/ Elechronic DJs, 9pm
MIRAMAR THEATRE Pier Pressure ft. Subtronics, Alison Wonderland + more.
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Yoga: Focus & Refine w/Sara, 10:15-11:45am.
SHANK HALL No Can Do - A Tribute To The Music of Hall & Oates. 8pm. \$20
STAND FOR PEACE at Locust & King Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 21st year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm
UPTOWNER Reverence Techno house

28 SUNDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Fox & Branch's Will Branch. Starts 11am sharp! Free.
BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Bingo w/Marion 6pm
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS xor (Asheville, NC), 7-10pm, experimental, \$10 cover.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30.
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/Tracey, 10:30am. Beginners+ Yoga w/ Helena, 12:30pm.
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell The Rock and Roll Playhouse plays Music of Grateful Dead + More for Kids. 12pm. \$25+

29 MONDAY

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm.
FALCON BOWL Cream City Swing
MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Maxie's Jazz Night, 5:30-8pm upstairs. Tonight, Mil Town Flamingos
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Yoga w/Sarah (6-7:15pm)
THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm
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30 TUESDAY

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.
BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm
FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays -- Swing Dance lesson, 7-8pm; live music w/DJ

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KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!
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MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Party DJ'd by Mr. New York. Doors 9pm. Free cover for ladies, 9-10pm.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/Tracey, 10-11:30am. // Community Class: Yoga Basics w/ Hart, 6-7pm.
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31 WEDNESDAY -- Happy New Year!

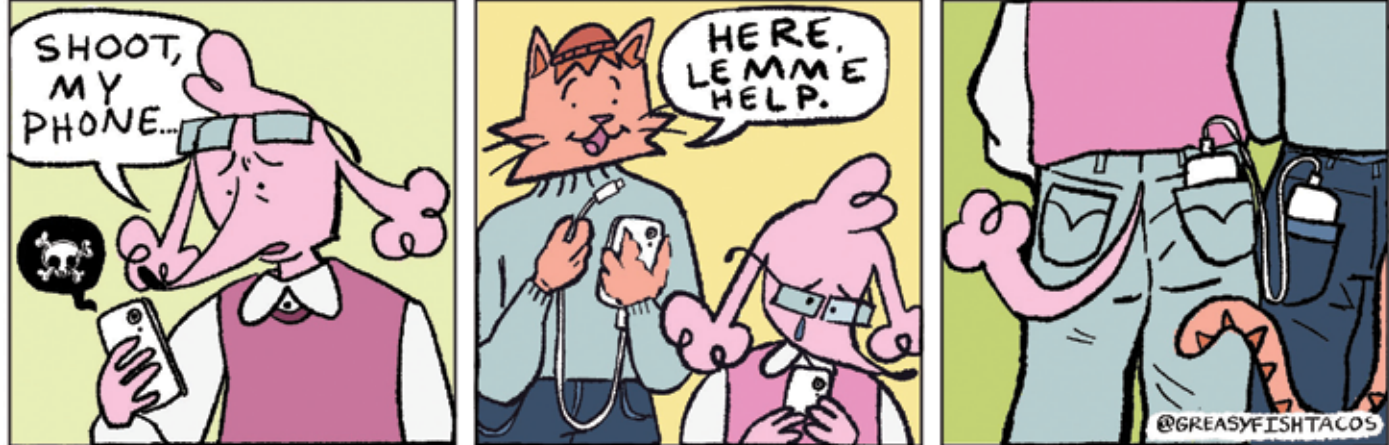
ART*BAR NYE DANCE PARTY WITH FUNK SUMMIT! \$15 cover (\$10 in advance online)
BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm
FALCON HALL Falcon Bowl Swing Dance NYE, 7pm
MAD PLANET New Year's Eve! w/ DJ Don Black
MIRAMAR THEATRE Miramar NYE ft. Maddy O'Neal, Marvel Years + more
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 9:30-10:45am // Yoga: Focus & Refine w/ Sara, 6-7:30pm
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THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Dead Night! Grateful Dead cover band. 9pm-midnight
UPTOWNER Beezy Barz NYE Party
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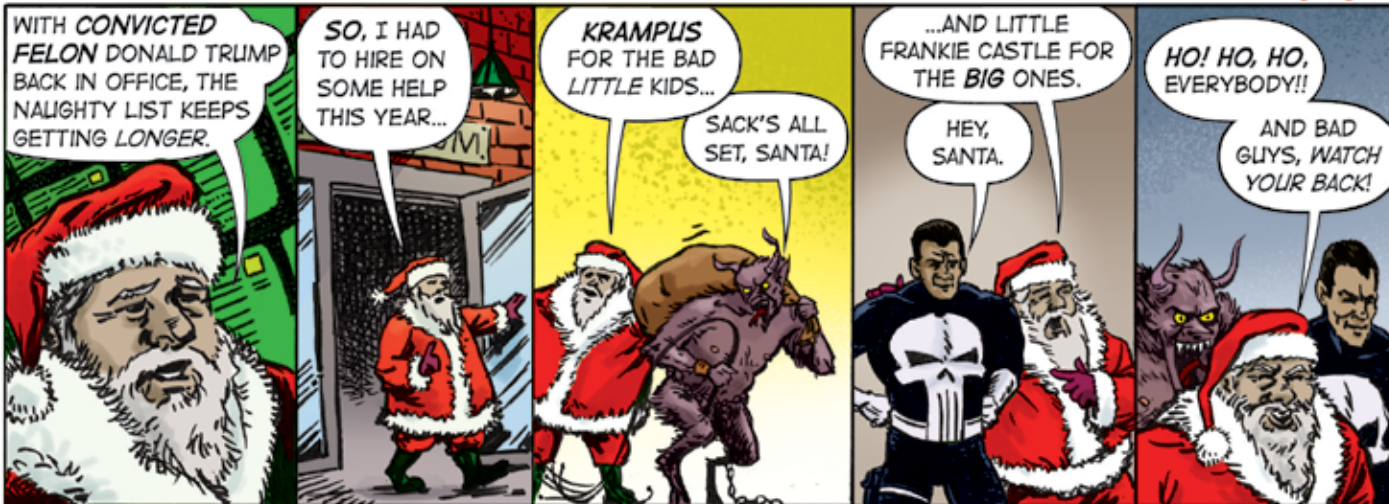
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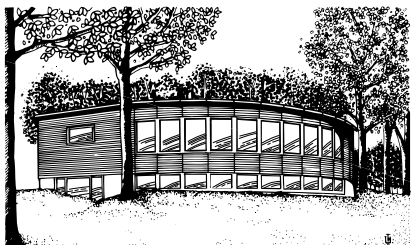
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