**Bay View Historic Pub Crawl**

**Friday, August 28th from 5-10 pm**

**THIS IS A SELF-GUIDED TOUR, BE RESPONSIBLE!**

**Avalon Theater, 2473 S. KinnicKinnic Avenue (1925-29)** The Avalon Theater is the only atmospheric theater in Milwaukee that is still a theater. It is a City of Milwaukee and Bay View Historical Society land mark. Atmospheric theaters were constructed to make patrons feel as though they were in a far off land. The Avalon’s Spanish architecture transports the patron to the Mediterranean region.

The Avalon was Wisconsin’s first air conditioned theater and the first constructed for sound motion pictures. By 2000, it was no longer making a profit and closed. It was purchased by Lee Barczak in 2006, renovated and reopened in December 2014. The effect of a star-studded sky has been preserved with 12,000 LED lights in the ceiling. The main theater’s seats were replaced with 240 comfortable seats with ample leg room where patrons can enjoy first-run movies and refreshments served by a wait staff. There is also an 80-seat theater in the rear with the same comfortable seats.

One of the storefronts is now a medium-priced lounge with seating for 80 patrons. Its Mediterranean motif is in keeping with the Avalon’s atmospheric quality.

**Barnacle Bud’s, 1955 S. Hilbert**. Located the KK River this little bar is secluded and a great place to watch the barges, yachts and even kayaks that sail by. Noted for the Key West atmosphere and large gathering tables, the owner Gene and his fun loving staff will keep you happy with food, drink and conversation! Originally owned by Skipper Bud who put up the shack for his wife to manage . . . has been operated by current owner for 24 years.

**Burnheart’s, 2599 S. Logan Ave.** The Burnhearts’ building had a long history of previous bars, from Carl’s, a supper club in the 40’s or 50’s, to a bar called Suds, a place called O’Brien’s Call Box (with a firefighter influence) and later Flanigan’s Call Box. It was also reputed to be a brothel/gambling parlor for some time, probably during Prohibition. Owners William and Jessica Seidel decided to pick up on the brothel theme. Murals and nude photos of women can be seen throughout the establishment. The idea is to evoke “the sins of the past but in a more innocent way,” he says. If the décor is a bit edgy, it remains true to Milwaukee drinking culture with old beer signage and whiskey barrels.

A favorite part of the bar is the walk-in cooler. This is the “hidden world of Burnhearts,” that houses a collection of aging beers. “It’s an amazing collection,” William says. “There’s a whole world of beer out there that doesn’t need to be consumed fresh. Some of the best buy dates on those beers are 25 years old.” He rotates them on a list he named Carl’s Private Stash in honor of the bar’s history. The list features imperial stouts, barley wines, strong ales and soured beers, and periodically a new one will pop up on the list. “It’s our own private stash,” he says. “There are many layers of beers here that you won’t even try for another year or two.”

**Cactus Club, 2496 S. Wentworth Avenue (1910)** Thisbuilding was moved here in 1907 from Superior and Russellto make room for the construction of Club Garibaldi. Today the building is the Cactus Club which features live music. Previously, it was a clubhouse for a group of Italian anarchists, who in 1917, during the first World War, interrupted a patriotic revival meeting on Potter and Wentworth. Gunshots were fired and two anarchists, one of them the leader, were killed; many others were injured. The *Milwaukee Journal* described it as the city’s worst riot since the 1886 Bay View Tragedy.

**Dom & Phil’s Original Recipe Pizza (formerly Louis Travis AMVETS Post #14), 1211 E. Conway Street (1949)** This building was moved here in 1949 from Mitchell Field where it had housed German POWs during World War II. At this location it was the Travis AMVETS Post #14 of the American Legion, named for Louis Travis, a veteran who died at sea during World War II. The post closed and was purchased in 1996 by Dominic and Phil DeMarinis, who opened *Dom & Phil DeMarinis Original Recipe Pizza* after leaving the family business following their famous family feud.

**Goodkind (formerly *Mama DeMarinis’ Original Recipes)*, 2457 S. Wentworth Avenue (1898)** In 1950,Vincenzo “Jimmy” and Lucy DeMarinis bought this building and expanded the bar into a restaurant, using Lucy’s recipes. One of them was pizza, which was just becoming popular. The couple’s four children later became involved with the business. In 1996, a family feud developed over the division of the business and the original recipes. Sons Dominic and Phil left and opened their own restaurant less than two blocks away. This restaurant continued in operation,run by Vincent, Lucy, and their twin daughters Rosie and Josie. It was closed in 2013 and opened as Goodkind, under new ownership.Featuring wonderful menu, service and atmosphere! **(pub crawl only between 4-6 pm due to previous reservations)**

**Groppi’s Grocery, 2507 S. Wentworth Avenue (1900)** Italian immigrants Giocando and Georgina Groppi founded Groppi’s Grocery in 1913. Over the years their twelve children were also involved in the business. Tom Groppi, the last of the line of Groppi children to own the store, closed the doors in February 2003. The store was reopened in November 2003 by John Nehring and Anne Finch-Nehring, owners of several groceries throughout the Milwaukee area. Groppi’s is the only Italian grocery store on Milwaukee’s south side; it is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Bay View Historical Society land mark.

**Humboldt Park Beer Garden** The recent resurgence in beer gardens in Milwaukee dates to the late 19th century, when Milwaukee had numerous beer gardens. Beer gardens were similar to tied houses, in that they were owned by a particular brewery to sell its products.

Beer gardens were popular picnic spots for Milwaukeeans in the days before public parks. An example in Bay View is Union Park, located where Outpost stands today. It was opened in the mid 1860s by the Schlitz Brewery and had a picnic grove among the trees, along with a skating pond, bandstand and hall for one thousand people. The Colonial Revival **Humboldt Park Pavilion** in which the beer garden is located was designed by Clas and Clas, and was built in 1932. It is constructed of stone with wood trim to give the impression of a New England farm home.

These private parks were less popular after 1890 when public parks were established. Humboldt Park was one of the five original parks that were established by the City of Milwaukee in 1890. It was originally named South Park. The other parks were West (Washington), Lake, North (Sherman) and Lincoln (Kosciuszko). Humboldt Park was named for Baron Freidrich Heinrich Alexander Von Humboldt, a German scientist, naturalist, explorer and statesman. He was born in Berlin in 1769 and died in Berlin in 1859.

**Little DeMarinis/American Legion Post 180, 2860 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue (1941)** American Legion Post 180 was established in 1927 at 2530 S. Shore Drive. When that building was razed in 1941, the legion built this red brick Georgian Revival structure.

In February 2014, Little DeMarinis was opened by grandchildren of Jimmy and Lucy DeMarinis, (Victoria and Joe ) founders of Mama DeMarinis at 2457 S. Wentworth in 1950. You will find items here from the original restaurant such as the tables and the outside sign which is mounted on the wall

**Palomino Bar (formerly Peter Marino’s Tavern), 2491 S. Superior Street (ca.1875)** Through 1929, this “watering hole” served as a gathering spot for employees from the nearby Bay View Rolling Mill as they waited for the Cream City Car Line’s horse-drawn streetcar, whose terminus was at this intersection. Be sure to check out the pie specials!

**Puddler’s Hall, 2461-63 South St. Clair Street (1873)** Puddler’s Hall was jointly erected by the Sons of Vulcan and Badger State Lodge Number 2, with assistance from the Milwaukee Iron Company. In the early days, it was the only gathering place in Bay View and was used for lectures, debates, plays and concerts. The dance hall addition dates from 1921. The building is a Bay View Historical Society landmark and is listed on the National Registerof Historic Places.

**Victoria’s on Potter, 1100 E. Potter Ave.** Always a bar tucked in this Bay View neighborhood. Originally known as Lee and Dottie’s Clown Inn, then Dar’s View Inn and Donna’s View Inn. Much memorabilia surrounding the very local atmosphere, with a jute box that takes you back in time!

**White House, 2900 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue (1893)** The White House, built in 1891 by William C. Kneisler, is easily recognized by its Queen Anne style and its twin turrets. Each turret contains fine detail and a conical roof. White House is a reference to the politicians who gathered there, especially on election night when a blackboard was used to tally results. The White House is a Bay View Historical Society land mark.

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As the initial Historical Pub Crawl for Bay View Historical Society we know there are many other fine places to include and we sure hope to offer again with additional history and locations. Thanks for joining us!

Be sure to come by for events OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at the Beulah Brinton House on Saturday, Aug. 29th to celebrate Bay View Historical Society’s 35th Anniversary. 9 am – landmark walking tour ($5/member or $7 non-members), noon-4 pm lawn party, vintage hat collection, ice cream social, photo booth, raffle (free events) and food for purchase by St. Francis Brewery. 6 pm reception and Robin Pluer performing.

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