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NEXT MEETING: General Membership Program. Bay View Historical Society Presents: Encyclopedia of Milwaukee, Monday, February 4 at 7:00 pm at the Beulah Brinton Center, 2555 S. Bay Street.

# St. Francis Historical Society to Have New Home

New Municipal Building to be built in 2013

BY RON WINKLER

In 2014 the St. Francis Historical Society will move into the new City of St. Francis Municipal Building. The society has been homeless since it moved out of its historic home in August 2010 following its condemnation by the City of St. Francis. The \$8.5 million structure will be built this year on vacant land on East Howard Avenue at South Lipton Avenue immediately west of the city's community center. The plan was unveiled by St. Francis Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carl on December 6th at the society's annual dinner and Christmas party.

### Outdated facilities

The current municipal building at 4235 South Nicholson Avenue was constructed in 1962 for \$250,000. St. Marie-Carl stressed that the fire and police facilities are outdated and inadequate. In addition, the building has problems with flooding.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
BVHS ANNUAL DINNER
SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 5** 

# OF YOUR LIFE, TWO PAGES AT A TIME!

The Bay View Historical Society announces a ten-week workshop in creating your personal history through Guided Autobiography. Personal histories record our lives in words and images, creating a history of community and bringing our personal stories to life

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This is the plan for the new St. Francis Municipal Building scheduled to open on February 14, 2014.

The new Civic Center will house all units of city government, the same as the current city hall. However, the new structure will also include space for the historical society and have ample parking.

### Preserving History

The Municipal Building Development Committee was established in September 2010 consisting of St. Francis citizens, officials and staff. Part of the committee's goals and objectives were to "[embrace] our past as the Town of Lake with historic memorabilia welcoming citizens and visitors." To meet that goal, the historical society will have an office and storage space for its extensive collection. The building will provide space for a temporary display as well as a permanent display.

The society's archives have seen numerous homes during the past 20 years. For many years they were at Thompson Elementary School, 3120 East Norwich Avenue. In 1991, the society purchased the former Frank Lupo home at 4168 South Packard

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# Encyclopedia of Milwaukee

# February 4th Meeting - Bay View Historical Society Presents: *Encyclopedia of Milwaukee*

Wouldn't it be great if there were a single source where you could easily look up answers to all your basic questions about Milwaukee history and learn more about topics you didn't know to ask about? UWM history and urban studies professors Amanda Seligman and Margo Anderson are planning a print and digital encyclopedia of Milwaukee to help answer those questions. Hear Prof. Seligman tell us about this exciting project and ask your questions about it!

This presentation will take place at the Bay View Community Center, 2555 S. Bay Street at 7 pm on Monday, February 4. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. Do you need a ride to the meeting? Call 744-5674 and arrangements will be made.

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\$20 Individual/\$17 Seniors (Age 65+) \$30 Household/\$25 Senior Household

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

BY NANCY TAWNEY

As we begin 2013, let's look back for a few moments on what the Bay View Historical Society achieved in 2012.

In the sprit of Beulah Brinton, the historic Brinton House has been a meeting site for the Farmers Market and the Bay View Neighborhood Association; Alderman Zielinski has held neighborhood meetings and all Bay View Historical Society board meetings are held there. An 88th birthday party for Ruth Simos was held at the house in March; it was also a fundraiser for the Society. The annual yard sale (the most successful one ever) was in May. Michael Tucker, great-great-great grandson of Warren and Beulah Brinton and Abagael Lola Dean had a pre-wedding dinner at the Brinton House in June. Gardening workshops were held and the Milwaukee Observatory was installed on the house grounds for the third season. The house was also open to the public for free tours on the third Saturday of each month. A Guided Autobiography class was held from October to December. A Little Free Library was installed on the Brinton House porch this summer. Students from Fernwood Montessori School came to the house to learn about Bay View history. House concerts were held in May with musicians from Bavaria and in November with Larry Penn and Lil' Rev.

Throughout the year, the Archives

Committee has made great progress in getting every item in the archives digitized. In the community away from the Brinton House, several antique cars belonging to members of the Milwaukee Model T Ford Club represented the Society in the Humboldt Park 4th of July Parade. The Society had information tables at the Bay View Winter Blast in February, South Shore Frolics in July, at Chill on the Hill and the Farmer's Market in August and at the Bay View Bash in September. T. H. Stemper Co. received the Society's Historic Landmark designation in September.

Membership meetings at the Beulah Brinton Community Center featured talks by City Development Commissioner Rocky Marcoux and Historian Mario Carini.

The Northern border of Bay View walking tour was held in in August and Ron Winkler made many community appearances to promote his book "Images of America: Bay View".

The annual dinner at the South Shore Yacht Club was in April and the Beulah Brinton Awards Dinner at South Shore Park Pavilion was in October. As all of this shows, the Bay View Historical is an active organization that is important to Bay View.

Thank you for your involvement in 2012; please continue your participation to make our Society even greater in 2013.

### St. Francis Historical Society to Have New Home New Municipal Building to be built in 2013

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Avenue, adjacent to Milt Vretnar Park. When that house was condemned by the city in 2010, the archives were moved to a large room in Deer Creek Elementary School, 3680 South Kinnickinnic Avenue, which had ample space for storage and displays. However, that room was needed for classes last spring, so the Society's archives were boxed and moved into storage.



### Where Your Heart Remains

The municipal building is scheduled to open on February 14, 2014, Valentine's Day. The date will provide a link to the City's logo which includes the phrase "Where Your Heart Remains."

### IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth L. "Betty" Luedke



# BVHS Annual 2012 Income and Expenses

	Actual
REVENUE	
Direct Public Support	<b>#15400</b>
Donations at House	\$154.00
Capital Campaign	\$159,313.00
Annual Fund	\$14,216.36
Total Direct Public	\$173,683.36
Program Income	
Walk	\$298.00
Walk Expense	\$123.07
Total Program Income	\$174.93
Membership Dues	\$4,181.00
Interest Income - Bank	\$21.22
Rent	\$1,440.00
Bay View Book Sales	\$8,091.66
Bay View Book Expense	\$4,222.09
Total Bay View	
Book Sales	\$3,869.57
Special Events	
Annual Dinner	\$5,946.00
Annual Dinner Expense	\$2,610.51
Total Annual Dinner	\$3,335.49
Bay View Bash	\$ -
Bay View Bash Expense	\$85.00
Total Bay View Bash	\$(85.00)
Rummage Sale	\$4,496.50
Rummage Expense	\$200.50
Total Rummage Sale	\$4,296.00
October House Dinner	\$27,824.00
October House Dinner	Ψ27,021.00
Expense	\$7,357.73
Total October House Dinner	\$20,466.27
Total Special Events	\$28,012.76
Grants Received	\$1,219.00
Sale Inventory	\$1,995.00
Inventory Expense	\$ -
Total Sale Inventory	\$1,995.00
Archives Donation	\$200.00
Total Revenue	\$214,796.84

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EXPENSE	Actual
Board Expense	
D & O Insurance	\$482.00
Total Board Expense	\$482.00
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Conferences & Meetings	\$65.00
Occupancy	
Mortgage Interest	\$12,116.41
Principal Reduction	\$164,159.27
Restoration	\$ -
Insurance	\$1,512.00
Maintenance	\$445.94
Other Occupancy Expense	
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Utilities	
Gas & Electric	\$1,389.00
Water	\$537.12
Total Utilities	\$1,926.12
Total Occupancy	\$180,235.74
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Other Expenses	Φ.
Advertising	\$ -
Archives	\$ -
Annual Fund	\$1,564.04
Capital Campaign Expens	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$65.00
House Events Expense	\$25.00
Supplies	\$241.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$255.00
Internet Provider	\$748.31
Total Other Expense	\$3,121.99
Postage & Shipping	\$703.83
Printing & Publications	A
Historian	\$4,003.75
Other Printing	\$94.64
Total Printing & Publication	
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
Total Expense	\$188,706.95

### BALANCE SHEET 12-31-2012

Assets Bank Accounts Anchor Bank - House Account Harris Bank Checking Harris Bank Savings Capital Campaign USPS Postage Deposit Total Bank Accounts	\$5,423.81 \$7,895.44 \$9,390.25 \$59,584.02 \$807.42 \$83,100.94
Other Assets 2590 S Superior Personal Property Total Other Assets	\$450,000.00 \$2,164.94 \$452,164.94 \$535,265.88
Liabilities 2590 S Superior Loan Security Deposit Prepay Bay View Book Accounts Payable Total Liabilities	\$146,811.00 \$20.00 \$- \$- \$146,831.00
Net Worth Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$388,434.88 \$535,265.88

# STATE FAIR SESQUICENTENNIAL AND CENTURY HOME APPLICATION

The Wisconsin State Fair sponsors a Sesquicentennial and Century Farm and Home Program. If you have a home or farm that has been in continuous family ownership for 100 or 150 years, you are encouraged to apply. In 2012, 161 property owners were honored at Wisconsin State Fair as part of the awards program. For further information, contact Jill Albanese at 777-0580 or email jill.albanese@wisconsin.gov

Total Income Less Expense \$26,089.89

# Thank You for Supporting our 2012 Annual Appeal!

The Society is deeply grateful to the following for supporting our 2012 Annual Appeal as of December 31st:

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# 2013 Membership Renewal Form

# Please renew my membership in the Bay View Historical Society for 2013!

MEMBERSHIP DUES:				
Individual	\$20.00	☐ Household		\$30.00
Senior (65 or older)	\$17.00	Senior Hous	sehold	\$25.00
☐ Nonprofit/Small Business	\$30.00	Corporate		\$55.00
Also enclosed is a tax dec	luctible contrib	ution of \$		
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#### **SEND YOUR RENEWAL TO:**

### Bay View Historical Society

ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP 2590 SOUTH SUPERIOR STREET MILWAUKEE, WI, 53207



# BVHS memberships make a terrific gift!

Just include the information on an additional sheet of paper with your renewal.

Vivian Lucci



# THANK YOU

Pianist Frank DeMiles played Christmas music to entertain members at the Holiday Gathering in the Brinton House on December 3. Calvin Wetzel again donated a beautiful Christmas tree to adorn the Brinton House living room during the holiday season. Abs Mendez for donating his handyman services to repair some broken chairs in the Brinton House. Stano Landscaping, Inc. has again generously offered their services to the Bay View Historical Society this winter. When there is a snowfall of three inches or more, Stano will do complimentary plowing of the sidewalk around the Brinton House.





Left: Pianist Jim Sambol provided live musical entertainment.

Right: BVHS leadership members and volunteers celebrate at the Leadership party on January 6.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

We welcome the following new member who joined the Society since December 1st:

Marylin Banzhaf

### PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

### The Bay View Historical Society's Annual Dinner

Saturday, April 27 at the South Shore Yacht Club

<b>Cash Bar</b> 5:30 p.m
<b>Dinner</b> 6:30 p.m.
Silent Auction
Entertainment
<b>RSVP</b> by April 18th
Tickets \$50

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION
TO THE ANNUAL DINNER.
A SEPARATE INVITATION
WILL NOT BE MAILED

Name
Phone
Please reserve:
☐ Chicken Marsala ☐ Orange Roughy ☐ Vegetarian Pasta
In addition to or in lieu of tickets, I would like to make a tax deductible contribution of \$ to the Bay View Historical Society.
Please make checks payable to the Bay View Historical Society. Mail your reservation to:
Erin & Bob Lenz 2440 S. Burrell Street Milwaukee, VVI 53207

Questions? Contact Nancy Tawney at 744-5674

### LARRY PENN & LIL' REV PERFORM AT BEULAH BRINTON HOUSE



Larry Penn and Lil' Rev again performed to a standing room only group at the Brinton House on Sunday, November 25 and thoroughly entertained everyone in attendance.

### WRITE THE STORIES OF YOUR LIFE, TWO PAGES AT A TIME!

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through the stories behind those statistics on the family tree. Learn how to discover, write and organize your stories in a meaningful way. Topics and questions introduced by the instructor prepare you for writing and sharing, one step at a time. Each meeting will include instruction, with tools and perspectives to inspire your writing and time to read your story to your small group, as well as listen to the stories of other group members.

No writing experience necessary. You'll preserve your life stories, meet new friends and have fun doing it! Workshops will be held at Brinton House, 2590 S. Superior Street, Bay View and facilitated by Patty Tomaszewski, a member of the Association of Personal Historians.

A free introductory session will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 10 a.m. at the Brinton House. The workshop will be held over ten consecutive Thursdays beginning March 28 from 10 a.m. until noon. To register or get more information, contact Patty Tomaszewski at (262) 375-8107 or momtoma@aol.com.

# Calendar 2013

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

General Membership Program
Bay View Historical Society Presents:
Encyclopedia of Milwaukee
Beulah Brinton Center
2555 S. Bay Street
7:00 pm

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Beulah Brinton House Open to the Public 2590 S. Superior Street 1:00 - 4:00 pm

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

Beulah Brinton House Open to the Public 2590 S. Superior Street 1:00 - 4:00 pm

### DON'T MISS IT!

Thursday, March 21, 2013, 6:30 PM

Bay View, Cudahy, St. Francis; the Emergence of Three Communities.

Free slide show lecture by Ron Winkler at St. Francis Public Library, 4230 S. Nicholson Avenue

## Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Monday, February 11, 6:30 pm Beulah Brinton House
- Monday, March 16, 6:30 pm Beulah Brinton House

Board meetings may be subject to change.

ENCOURAGING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BY PRESERVING, CELEBRATING AND SHARING BAY VIEW'S RICH HERITAGE.

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