

What's New

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Want to make a snowperson?

Snowmen pop up after big snowfalls. This year the Area 3 Council plans to hold a snowman contest. Winners will get certificates. Details are being worked out. But the plan is, when enough of the white stuff has landed, to announce the contest through strategically placed signs and the council's e-mail system.

To contact the council about the contest, call 671-9101 or e-mail area3whna@gmail.com. To subscribe to the council's e-mail discussion list, see box on Page 2.

Letter sent to landlords

The Neighborhood Council recently sent letters of introduction to the 79 residential landlords who don't live in their properties in Area 3. The letters invited the landlords to work with the council to help keep Area 3 "safe, strong, vibrant and beautiful." The 79 landlords own 98 properties, half of all of Area 3's residential properties

The letters noted that the council would report problem properties to the proper authorities, but would first alert landlords who agreed to work with the council. So far three have done so. One has agreed to be

Kids learn ecology and have fun, too



Members of the Young Scientist Club pet a bull snake held by high school intern Daniel Rawley in the animal room of the Urban Ecology Center at Washington Park.

One recent Saturday children took turns petting a snake at the Urban Ecology Center at Washington Park and learned that, contrary to popular impression, the animal is not slimy. Then the children – members of the Young Scientist Club – walked through the neighborhood, picking up trash as they went, winding up at Birdie's Café, 4110 W. Martin Dr., where they had hot chocolate and pumpkin pie.

The week before club members visited the Milwaukee County Zoo. On tap this winter are sledding, cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing and ice-skating among other activities.

"The goal is to have fun," says Erick Anderson, the center's community program coordinator, Goal accomplished, suggests the lively, engaged chatter among the children. Anderson adds. "We want kids to grow up to consider the environment in their decision-making."

The Urban Ecology Center, founded in Riverside Park in 1990, branched into Washington Park in 2007.

To join the Young Scientist Club, a child must be from 7 to 12

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Erick Anderson, community program coordinator, stands amid an array of sleds, skis and snow shoes available for use by center members.

added to the Area 3 e-mail group, whereby residents and others chat about neighborhood issues. The majority of Area 3 council members who expressed an opinion favored including such landlords.

Still, that issue will be on the agenda of the next council meeting.

If you are not a part of the Area 3 e-mail discussion group and wish to join, see box on Page 2.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

14-Washington Heights Area 3 Neighborhood Council meeting, 2-3:30 p.m., Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church annex, 48th & Garfield, rear entrance.

26-Crime & safety meeting, 6 p.m., 3rd District police station, 49th & Lisbon.

28-Winterfest, 1-4 p.m., Urban Ecology Center, Washington Park. Sled dog demonstration, sledding, ice skating, snowshoing, cross country skiing, t-shirt screen printing. Free. Donation appreciated.

FEBRUARY

1, 8, 15, 22, 29-Black History Month read-in, 5:30-7 p.m. Washington Park Library, 2121 N. Sherman. Neighbors read their favorite stories & poems from African-American tradition. Snacks provided. Interested readers should contact the library (286-3011).

23-Crime & safety meeting, 6 p.m., 3rd District police station.

MARCH

11-Washington Heights Area 3 Neighborhood Council meeting, 2-3:30 p.m., Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church annex.

29-Crime & safety meeting, 6 p.m., 3rd District police station.

Children learn and have fun, too

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years old and pay a one-time fee of \$10. Can't afford that or other fees at the center? Financial assistance is available, Anderson says.

A child doesn't have to be a club member to stop by the center. The animal room – where snakes, frogs, turtles and fish bask in tanks – is a popular spot to visit. And a popular time is 1 p.m. Saturdays, feeding time for the animals.

During the summer the center runs a day camp, which serves preschoolers through ninth graders. It also has an overnight camp. For older teens, paid internships are available.

The Ecology Center has memberships, which entitle members to get a newsletter, borrow such equipment as canoes and skis and to enjoy other perks. The annual membership fee is \$35 for a family, \$25 for an individual and \$12 for a student. Again, financial aid is available.

The center's hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.. The phone number is 344-5460.

Old Taste of Art site being peddled

The Uptown Crossing, a neighborhood group just to the north of Area 3, is trying to stir up interest among businesses in the vacant storefront that once housed A Taste of Art restaurant at 47th St. and Lisbon Ave., according to Marie (Tina) Holst, who heads the group. Speaking at the November meeting of the Area 3 Neighborhood Council. Holst promised to keep the council abreast of developments. The storefront lies within Area 3.

Holst and Area 3 Council members shared notes on crime, housing and other issues. Holst mentioned Uptown Crossing's cooperation with a community group called Common Ground, which bought a foreclosed house in the Uptown Crossing area, rehabbed it and sold it to an owner-occupant.

Neighborly Rules

So that we can all get along and keep a great neighborhood great!

CONTROL YOUR DOG

Abide by the law by keeping your dog leashed off premises and fenced in or leashed in your yard (78-19-1 Milwaukee Code); by always carrying a pooper scooper or poop bag or the like when walking your dog and immediately using it when the occasion arises (78-19-3), and by not letting your dog bark constantly (78-29).

For a complete set of Neighborly Rules, which were developed by Area 3 residents, contact us. See box to right for contact info.

Stages of demolition



The balloon store in the 4800 block of North Ave. is now a city-owned vacant lot. The two-story structure, gutted by fire last year, was finally razed in November.

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