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# Walnut Way Neighborhood News

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## Harvest Day 2009



### Civic Engagement

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*Walnut Way's mission is to sustain economically diverse and abundant communities through*

- civic engagement
- environmental stewardship
- creating venues for prosperity

*Look for these themes in our publications*

On Saturday, October 3rd Walnut Way residents and friends celebrated the 9th Annual Walnut Way Harvest Day. Rain was kept at bay while the band played, "This little light of mine." Neighbors and guests connected and gathered information from the many educational booths representing Milwaukee organizations. Children kicked off the morning with a parade. Neu Life Community Resource Center sounded the beat with their drummers and cheers. Approximately 300 adults



Smiling Faces

and children gathered for this annual event celebrating community abundance. Attendees had the opportunity to have their blood pressure screened by three different health organizations. Parents were able to learn about various programs to engage youth. Fondy Food Center offered a fabulous cooking demonstration and gave many tasty samples. Our performers included Ahvant Soul who dazzled the crowd with jazzy and uplifting tunes and also the Running Rebels Entertainment Group offered thoughtful poetry. Each year Harvest Day continues to grow in size

and attendance. While similar to many famous street festivals in Milwaukee, the diversity attracted by Harvest Day is second to none. Folks from all walks of life join to celebrate a community who refused to accept the status quo. Events which engage residents, supporters, and agencies serving the Milwaukee Community are key to weaving our social cloth. Harvest Day is a testament to the rebirth of this neighborhood and proof that collective action creates results. We will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Harvest Day and the 100th anniversary of the Walnut Way Center in October 2010. We hope you can join us for this momentous occasion.

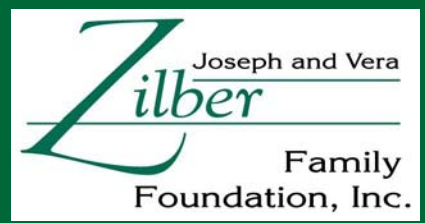


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Running Rebels

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# Thank You!

# Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Initiative

## Civic Engagement

Thank you to all the many residents and neighborhood partners who participated in the creation of the Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Plan. The Plan was presented to Mayor Tom Barrett and Council President Willie Hines and can be viewed at [www.walnutway.org](http://www.walnutway.org) or at the Walnut Way Center. As we move toward implementation of the plan, we will continue to call on residents to be a part of the process. Our Mayor said it best with this quote, "What's impressive is that (the plans) were drawn up by experts - the people who live in the neighborhood as opposed to politicians and consultants." Workgroups will reconvene beginning November 21st during the CPC meeting. If you have questions or concerns feel free to call our offices at (414) 264-2326.

## Venues for Prosperity

Homes in the Lindsay Heights neighborhood are being restored thanks to many supporters including Wells Fargo and the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Walnut Way has acquired and started renovating 8 units on N. 16th Street.

NSP Programs include a Homebuyer Assistance Program that helps prospective homeowners purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed homes they will occupy as their primary residence; Buy in Your Neighborhood Program that helps homeowners buy a foreclosed property within three blocks of where they live for rental purposes; and Rental Rehabilitation Program that helps responsible landlords purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed homes for affordable rental opportunities. For more information about NSP programs email [nspinfo@milwaukee.gov](mailto:nspinfo@milwaukee.gov).

We have concluded a successful first season of the Lindsay Heights Titans Football Team. A big THANK YOU to the Zilber Family Foundation, Neu Life Community Resource Center, Lavarway Boys & Girls Club, Journey House Football League, team parents and coaches Victor Garza, Jeff Knox, Nick Knox, Mario Hall, Oscar Mcvery, Larry Norwood, Theresa Garza and Ytora James. Look for the Titans again next September.



# Walnut Way Center

## Environmental Stewardship

The Walnut Way Center located at 2240 North 17th Street continues to be an active place for neighborhood engagement and demonstration. In addition to accommodating the many community meetings and educational events such as our 4H Club, Gardens to Market Program and Health Advocates, the Center is also a space for educational tours. All kinds of people visit Walnut Way to learn about neighborhood revitalization techniques, urban agriculture, healthy living and so much more. Recently, the Walnut Way Center was featured as a Mobile Learning Lab for the Neighborworks® national conference. Visitors from as far away as Georgia, California and Hawaii came to learn about our ways of sustaining a peaceful and nurturing environment.

Local schools also visit to learn about growing vegetables and beekeeping. This summer we were happy accommodate over 200 children from nearby schools. Children smelled herbs, watched insects and ate tomatoes right from the garden.

Our individual public tours are free and offered on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in scheduling a private, group tour please call our office at (414)264-2326.



Walnut Way  
Community  
Meeting  
Every 3rd  
Saturday 9am

Walnut Way  
Public Tours  
1st & 3rd  
Tuesday of  
the Month  
5:30pm  
Please call  
414-264-  
2326

# Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Health Alliance (LHNHA)

July 17<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of the LHNHA Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N): Health Advocates Program. 11 neighbor-participants attended 6 health topic presentations, 4 healthy activity sessions (gardening and cooking included), taught a course to a neighbor, and recruited neighbors to join the next cohort of Health Advocates. The program is funded by the Healthy Wisconsin Partnership Program through the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Program objectives include improving access to food, building skills for cooking and preparing healthy meals, and creating opportunities for safe physical activity and health education. Health Advocates promoted healthy choices and self-responsibility. Participants came to understand the outcomes of living a healthy lifestyle. Health presentation topics included: Heart Disease Prevention and Heart Healthy Meals, Diabetes and Weight Management Recipes, Cancer Prevention and much more. The sessions were in tandem with Fondy Food Center's Community Food Specialist, Kimberly Njoroge. A seasoned cook herself, she taught classes on the preparation and storage of healthy meals, their nutritional values and using local foods.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> marked our last day with the first graduates of the Health Advocates Program. Advocates were acknowledged with Certificates of Completion. Following the commencement ceremony, the LHNHA quarterly community meeting began. Here folks gather to work toward eliminating health disparities. One man attending the ceremony said, "this is Milwaukee's best kept secret."



## Ways to Give

There are many ways to support Walnut Way activities, events, and programs. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, financial donations are tax deductible. We appreciate volunteer time and donations of supplies. We also accept gifts of stock and mutual fund shares. Our honey and garden products are sold locally. To find out how you can support Walnut Way call 414-264-2326 or visit [walnutway.org](http://walnutway.org).

## What's Going On?

\*\*All events held at Walnut Way Center unless otherwise noted by @ symbol

- Tuesday, November 3rd 5:30pm- Walnut Way Public Tour
- Saturdays November 7th -21st 7am-3pm (@ 2200 W. Fond du Lac Ave.)- Fondy Farmers Market
- Monday, November 16th 6pm- Walnut Way Board Meeting
- Tuesday, November 17th 5:30pm- Walnut Way Public Tour
- Wednesday, November 18th 6pm- Youth Health Service Corps Meeting
- Thursday, November 19th 6pm- Walnut Way Family Night
- Saturday, November 21st 9am- Walnut Way Community Meeting
- Saturday, November 21st 10:30am (@ Northside YMCA) - Community Planning Council (CPC) Meeting
- Saturday, November 21st 10:30am (@ Northside YMCA) - Lindsay Heights Initiative Update during CPC
- Saturday, November 21st 11am-1pm (@ Northside YMCA) - SHARE Mobile Market
- November 26th and 27th-Walnut Way Center closed for the holiday
- Tuesday, December 1st 5:30pm- Walnut Way Public Tour
- Tuesday, December 15th 5:30pm- Walnut Way Public Tour
- Thursday, December 17th 6pm- Walnut Way Family Night
- Saturday, December 19th 9am- Walnut Way Community Meeting
- Saturday, December 19th 10:30am (@ Northside YMCA)- Community Planning Council Meeting
- Friday, January 29th 6pm- Lindsay Heights Health Alliance Meeting (location TBD)