



Seymour Park

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Michael Iwinski
445-0197

Seymour Park

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Michael Iwinski,
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Vice President

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Green Space Opportunity in Area

A currently undeveloped site along the Fox River presents itself as a potential beautification site in Seymour Park. The land, located between the Mason Street Bridge and Bridge Street along South Broadway, is currently owned by the Green Bay Redevelopment Authority.

Today the area is essentially a flat open lot with river frontage overlooking the opposite side of the Fox River.

If developed, it would be a unique site that would not only compliment the Seymour Park area, but would also bring attention to the area due to its visibility from the Mason Street Bridge, and the trail on the opposite shore.

Recent talks with the city have been encouraging, with ideas including wildflower plantings, a trail, and featured outdoor artwork from UWGB.

Because of the size of the area, it may be necessary to complete the green space in phases, with the first being the northeastern section of land along the shore and Bridge St.

This proposed project would be a great opportunity for the whole neighborhood to work together and transform this vacant lot into an enjoyable place for our community and the city.

See Page 3 for Photos and Map

Police Update: Nuisance Properties

Many in the neighborhood express concern about chronic nuisance properties and what they can do to help stop this problem.

The good news is there are ways each of us can do to change these situations and better the neighborhood.

Under Green Bay City Ordinance 28, property owners are legally responsible for maintaining and managing their properties. If they don't, they may be subject to: citations with fines up

to \$2,518.00 per incident; bills for police services at the property due to failure to eliminate the nuisance activity; and additional legal action against the property owner through the Circuit Court.

In order to deem a property as a chronic nuisance, there must have been three or more separate police responses resulting in enforcement action. Some of the violations include: harassment; disorderly conduct; theft; inspection-related calls where the

police respond; illegal drug activity; noise violations; alcohol violations; noise violation; and trespassing.

This ordinance is an excellent way for each of us to be proactive in ensuring Seymour Park remains safe, and shows we do not have to tolerate illegal activity in our neighborhood.

Although the ordinance has harsh consequences for the offender and property owner, the Police

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

ANNUAL SEYMOUR PARK MEETING:

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 25TH**

6:00PM

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

***ELECTION OF
BOARD FOR '07-'08***



**We're Online!
Please check out
our new website:**

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/seymourpark_gb

**Stay current with
upcoming events,
meetings, and pro-
vide feedback on
your neighborhood .**

Property Conversion Program

The City of Green Bay has an exciting new program available to encourage home-ownership while also restoring multifamily properties to their original single-family use.

The City of Green Bay Conversion Program is a grant allocated through Neighborhood Enhancement funds, and is a great opportunity to help new homeowners and decrease the density

in the neighborhood.

Up to 25 percent of the conversion and rehabilitation costs, (not to exceed \$10,000), is available for qualifying projects in the city.

The property must meet the following requirements: be located in the City of Green Bay; have been originally constructed as a single-family home; and require improvements in order to

convert the property from a multifamily to a single-family use.

This program has already been used with success by rental property owners who see the benefits in converting their multifamily units back into single-family homes.

For more information on the program, contact **Cheryl Reiner-Wigg** at **920-448-3412**.

We Want Your History

Seymour Park lies in an historic area with a past going back to a time when we were known as the City of Fort Howard before becoming part of Green Bay in 1895.

With the founding of On Broadway, Inc. a decade ago, and the publication of resident Green Bay resident Gail Ives' book, *Green Bay's West Side: The Fort Howard Neighborhood* in 2003, the spotlight has been focused on preserving and sharing our area's history.

Not to be confused with the Fort Howard Neighborhood Association, Ives book covers the history of the West Side, including Seymour Park, where several noted homes are shown.

For those who would like to trace the history of their home, or share what they have, On Broadway, Inc. has a large database of photos, personal stories, and other information on properties on the West Side.

While this is a great source of existing information on homes, they rely on people to voluntarily contribute information they have to the archive.

Please consider providing photos, personal stories, property abstracts, etc. to On Broadway; or contact Seymour Park president Michael Iwinski.

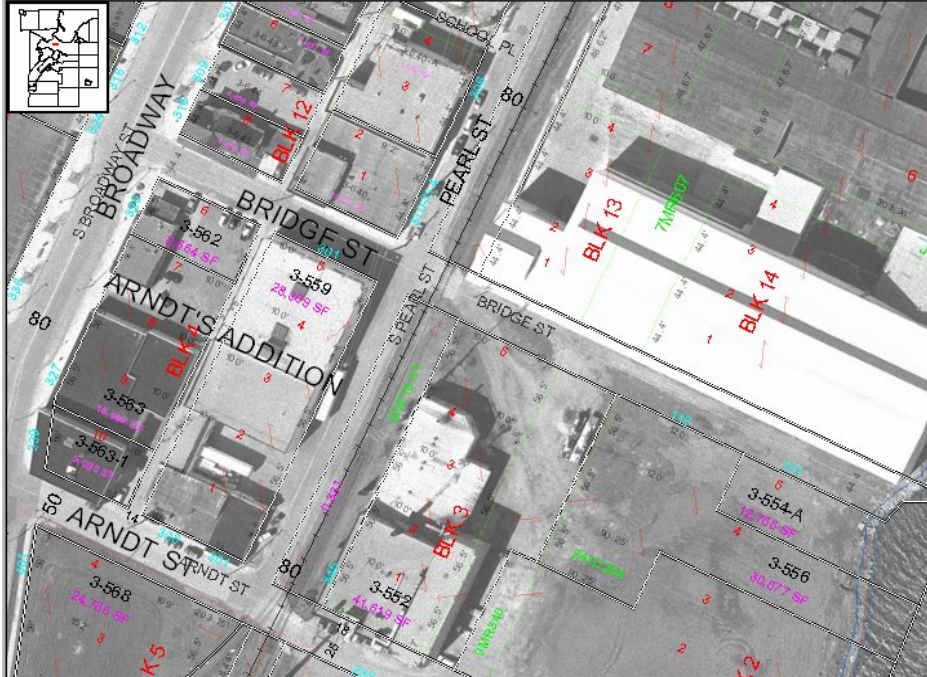
Your home may already be listed online through the Wisconsin Historical Society. Their "Wisconsin

Architecture & Inventory database is a statewide archive of select properties. With several criteria to use in their search engine, one can view properties based on an address, architectural type, historic name, or range of years. It can be accessed online at: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi/>



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Proposed green space along the Fox River, SE of Bridge St. and S. Pearl St.



View looking north along Fox River

Habitat for Humanity in Seymour Park

The Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity is in need of land sites and homeowner applicants in the Green Bay area.

Habitat is a non-profit volunteer organization with the simple goal of "simple, decent, and affordable housing."

In recent years Seymour Park benefited from Habitat homes, including one built in 2006 on Norwood Avenue.

Two main criteria to qualify for a Habitat home are a need and the *ability* to pay. The *need* as

defined by Habitat includes: Current housing conditions overcrowded; structural, environmental and/or neighborhood safety issues; paying more than 50% of family gross income for rent and utilities combined; unable to obtain conventional financing for a home."

Additionally, applicants are required to volunteer in the build (300 hrs for a single adult family and 500 hrs for a 2-adult family).

In order to ensure a family can afford the home, minimum income requirements are also considered

in the application process. For instance, a one family household annual income must be at least \$13,550; for a two-family household, the minimum is \$15,850.

If you know of a potential site in Seymour Park for Habitat to build, please contact Michael Iwinski, who sits on the Site Selection Committee, at: 445-0197.

For those who are interested in applying for a home, please contact **Habitat for Humanity** at: **593-3921**.



Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for 2008 homes; informational meetings to apply for the program will be held on Thursday, November 1st from 6:00-8:00 P.M., and on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at 811 Packerland Drive.



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Work hard to cooperatively work with the property owners in resolving property problems.

As noted during Seymour Park meetings, the Community Police routinely provide updates on problem properties in the area, and reiterate that everyone in the community should be

observant and report chronic problems to them so something can be done. Green Bay Police Department’s non-emergency line at 448-3200.

For more details on the Public Nuisance Ordinance, please see the Green Bay Police Department’s website: www.gbpolice.org.

If you see suspicious activity, please call the

Our Community Police officers Schmitz and Litzinger can also be reached via e-mail: Davesc@ci.green-bay.wi.us Rayli@ci.green-bay.wi.us and via phone as noted on the cover of the newsletter.

Letter from our President

Greetings!

With summer now over and as we head towards the end of 2007, we can point to progress made in Seymour Park, and plenty of opportunities for growth going forward.

After one full year of being president, I have seen the challenges we face and areas where I feel we should concentrate on to become a more effective association.

When speaking with fellow Seymour Park neighbors, one looming issue always comes up—participation. We had a great turnout last summer when we came out of dormant status and revived the association with an active board.

In contrast, this summer it was difficult to find a time and date to hold any meetings as a majority of the board members were simply not available

These days everyone seems to be busy. This is very understandable and is a fact we must take into consideration.

Because we did not have the interest or availability from the members to hold any meetings this summer does not mean people do not want to be involved.

Instead, we should focus on other ways to remain in contact with each other and come together as a community on issues that are important to us.

Remaining in constant communication is key, which is why I have since created a Seymour Park Neighborhood Association website (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/seymourpark_gb/), and hope to have quarterly newsletters sent out to everyone regularly.

Additionally, it is my hope that we will have board meetings monthly, and quarterly association meetings on a scheduled basis.

With these outlets for communication, I feel everyone will have access to information on what’s going on and can provide feedback on their concerns or ideas.

On Thursday, October 25th we will be holding our annual Seymour Park Neighborhood Association meeting. This meeting is important because we will elect our board for next year, and decide on what we would like to accomplish in the next year.

Please try to attend the annual meeting, and also sign up on our website for meeting updates and e-mail notifications of upcoming projects. Thank you!