

# MKE

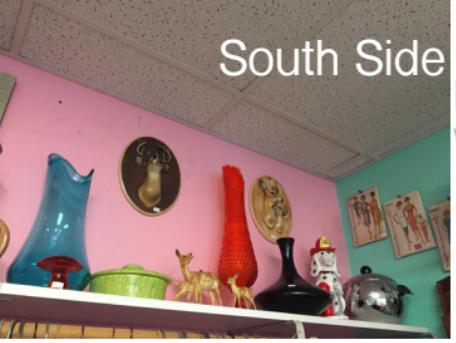


by genevieve vahl



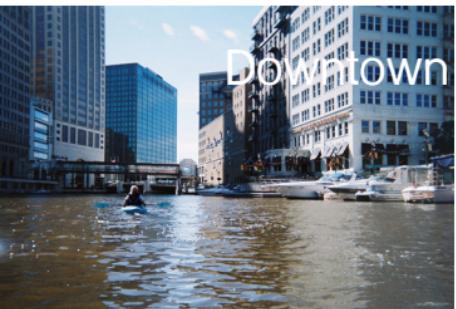
## East Side

Riverwest  
Lake Park  
Riverside Park



## South Side

Bayview  
Walker's Point



## Downtown

Third Ward  
Juneau Town  
Harbor View



## Lower East Side

Brewers Hill  
North Ave.  
Brady St.

concentric





# Accepting Familiarity

I grew up an only child to two Milwaukee Police Officers. We lived in a duplex on the Lower East Side of Milwaukee. My parents' jobs required us to live in the city through their retirement. I grew up in the same house my entire life. Oriental rugs covered the oak floors, a deer bust hung on the wall in my dad's room, a mural of Monet's Poppy Fields covered my entire bedroom wall. Living somewhere I did not go to school left me to spend a lot of time with my mom.

My mom and I's relationship blossomed into a tight friendship rooted in our times together around the city. All of her favorite spots became mine. Her deep understanding of the city guided me to what would become my favorite, most cherished places today.

## Familiarity

Living in the same place my entire life created a sense of familiarity. My immediate appreciation for the city was blinded by my familiarity. Familiarity breeds contempt they always say. I became all too familiar with my surroundings. I was taking the space and opportunities in the city for granted without realizing it.

Not until I left for college did I realize how amazing Milwaukee really is and how much I am obsessed with it. Natural attractions are built into the urban landscape, a growing art scene thrives and history seeps out of every cream city brick. Anyone can find their niche in this mini city I proudly call home.

Now having moved away and my favorite places are no longer a bike-ride



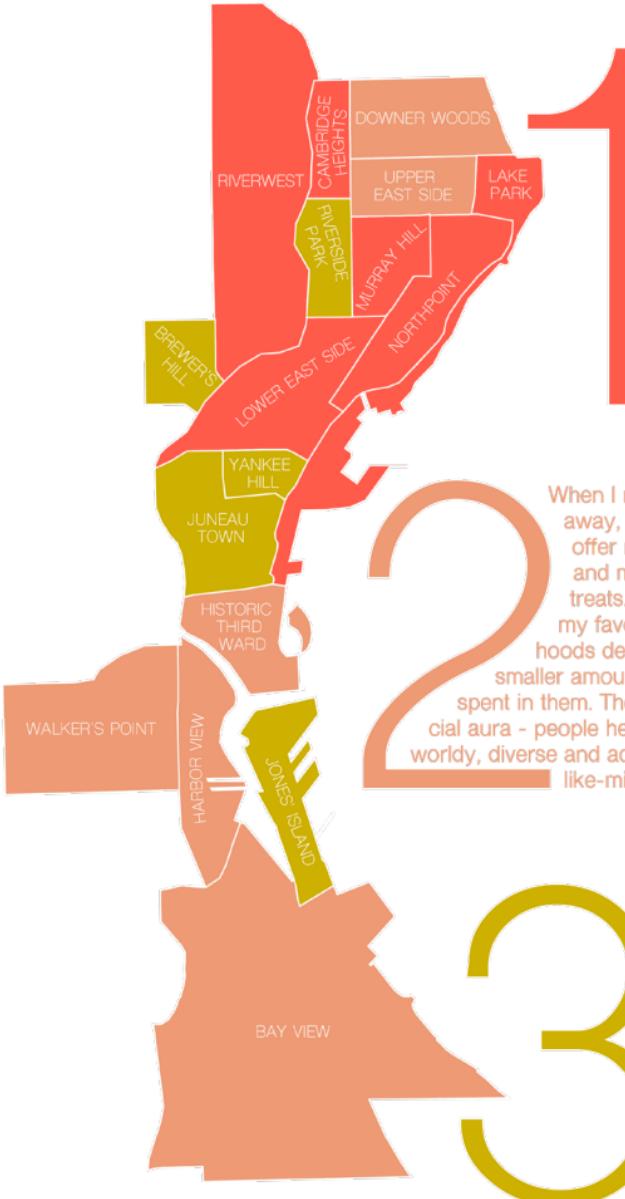
away, I have rekindled my appreciation into an intense passion for my home city. Milwaukee has become a place I greatly cherish. Although a definite cliche, Milwaukee truly has contributed to who I am today. I am grateful for the people, places and opportunities this mini city has provided me. I have found my favorite places throughout the city. Certain neighborhoods, specific streets, natural spaces, stores and coffee shops have become safe spaces for me; places I seek solace to.

This zine is an ode to my love for Milwaukee. An ode to forever appreciate the glory within all the different areas of this city. An ode to never forget my roots. Milwaukee has been my home my whole life. This is a compilation of my experiences throughout the city.

Although a place of solace and retreat for me, it is not for many others. I cannot rightfully discuss the glory of this city with-

out mentioning its flaws. Milwaukee is one of the most racially segregated cities in the nation. Boundary lines between neighborhoods and people can be recognized by the naked eye. Streets act as dividing lines between groups of people and qualities of life. Extreme wealth rimming Lake Michigan's coastline juxtaposes poverty just one mile west. My experience in Milwaukee is significantly different than people of color living within the same city limits. I am privileged to have positive associations with this city that neglects equal quality of life for large groups of people. It is not fair for me to glorify the city without recognizing the major social tones plaguing it today.

I recognize my privilege in the experiences I have access to. This zine is documenting my experiences throughout the different neighborhoods of the city. I have documented my times in each of the places through photographs.



These are the places I spend the **most** time in throughout the city. These locations are centered around the lake in proximity to my home. The lake is my hub of solace and peace. The lake gives me a taste of nature in the city.

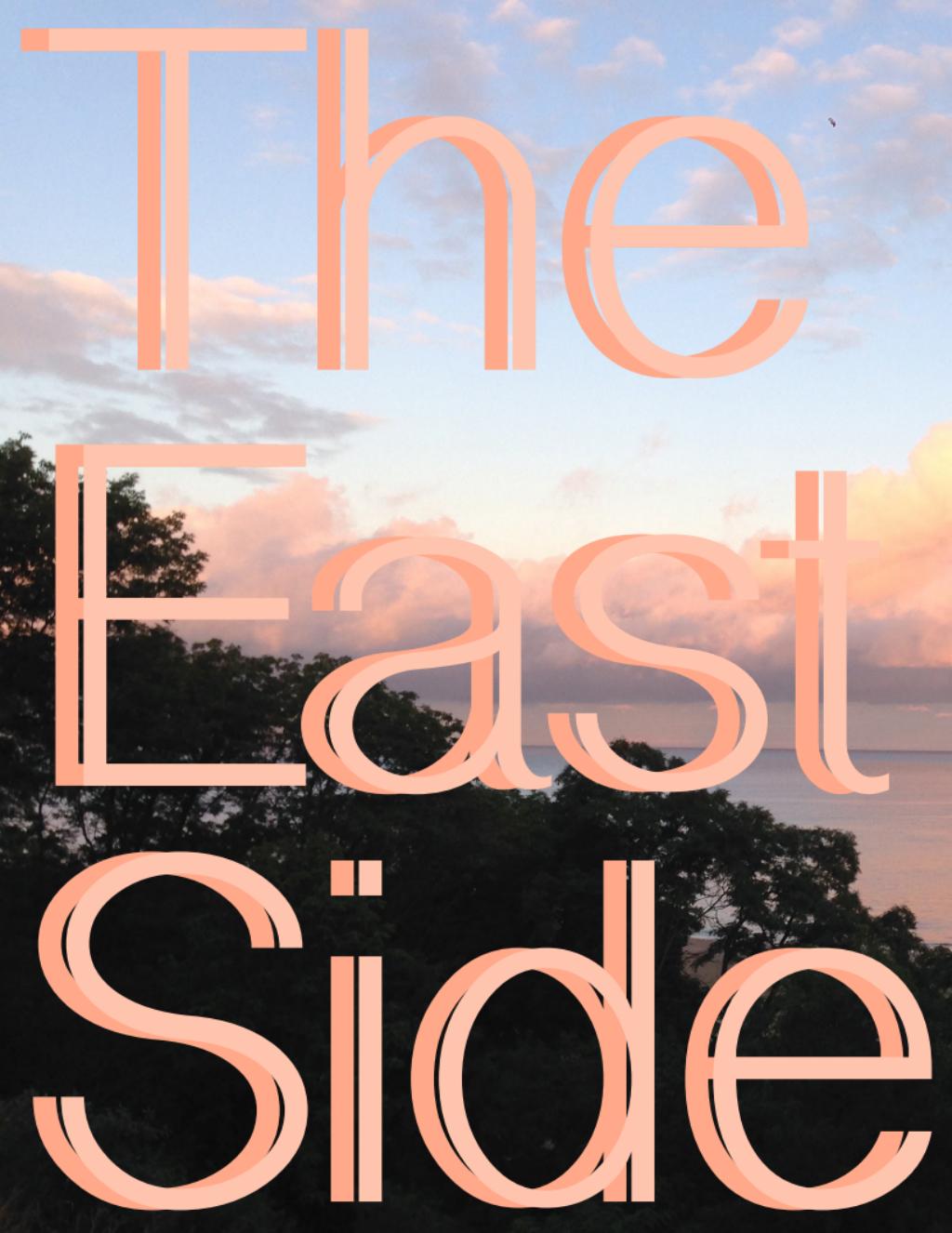
When I need to get away, these areas offer me diversity and my favorite retreats. These are of my favorite neighborhoods despite the smaller amount of time spent in them. They have a special aura - people here are more worldly, diverse and accepting; like-minded folk

From kayaking on the river onlooking Brewer's Hill, watching the sunset in Riverside Park or rollerblading on Jones' Island, my time in these places are of tender memories. I spend the least amount of time in these places, but still have great associations.

# My Time



# The East Side





RIVERWEST

CAMBRIDGE  
HEIGHTS

DOWNER  
WOODS

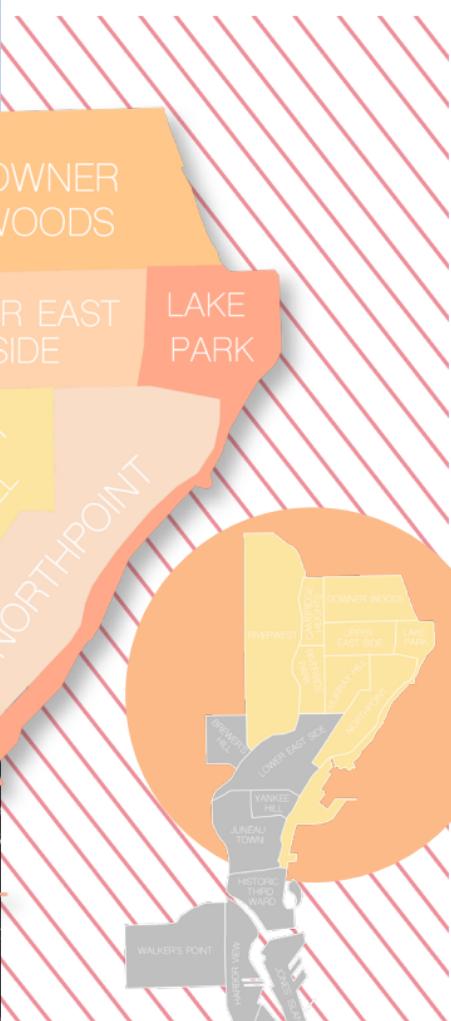
RIVERSIDE  
PARK

UPPER EAST  
SIDE

LAKE  
PARK

MURRAY  
HILL

NORTHPOINT



BAY VIEW

E Keefe Ave.

# Riverwest

E Locust St.

Humboldt Ave.  
Milwaukee River

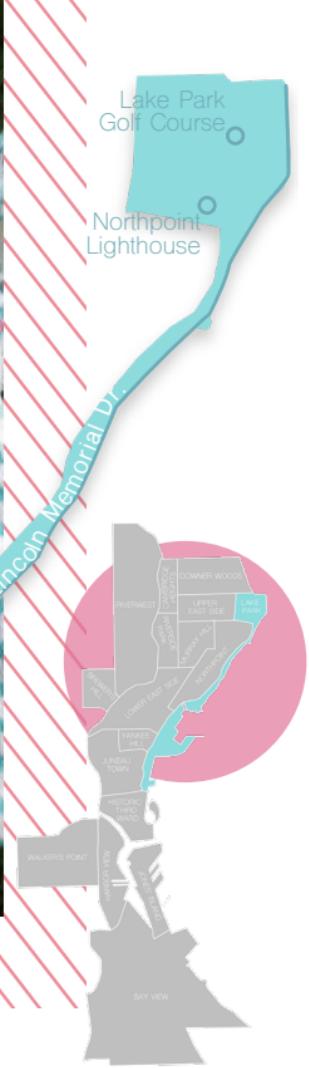
E Center St.



BAY VIEW





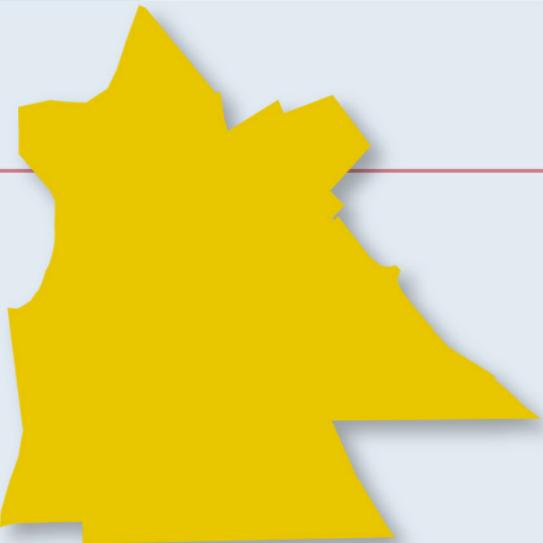


# LAKE PARK





# Walker's Point Bayview



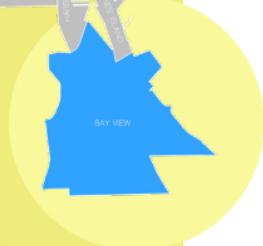
SiD SutSos





# Bay View

S. Kinnickinnic Ave.





W

P



D







Brady St.  
North Ave.



Brewers Hill





N Doctor MLK Dr.

Kadish Park

Milwaukee River

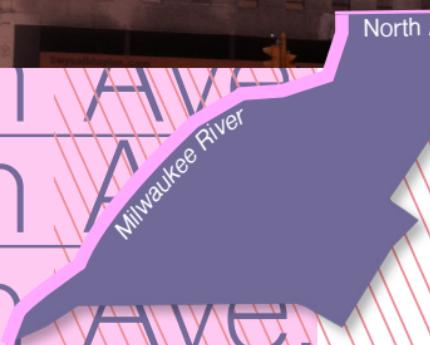


North Ave.  
North Ave.  
North Ave.

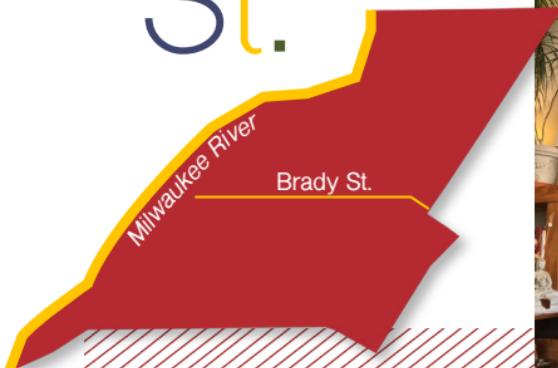
North Ave



North Ave.  
North Ave.  
North Ave.  
North Ave.



# Brady St.





Down  
Down  
Town



Historic Third Ward–Juneau Town – Harbor View

I U V V I I

# Third Ward







Harbor View Harbor View



Harbor View Harbor View Harbor View  
Harbor View Harbor View Harbor View

