

History

The land that now comprises the Hiestand Neighborhood was previously farmland. Jacob Hiestand and Milo Swanton were major landowners in the area. In the 1970's the land was developed and the neighborhoods were plotted. Gordon Sinykin and Ronald Powers were two of the developers. A man by the name of Thies was another developer in the area.

Some of the first homeowners were Dolores and Fred Stampfer (Milo Lane), Darline and Bob Rowe (Milo Lane), Gordon Sinykin (corner of Milwaukee Street and Milo Lane, also a developer), Ralph and Dawn Culver (Hamlet Circle), and Bill and Carol Hoffman (Milo Lane).

Many of the streets in the neighborhood were named after family members of the original landowners. Milo Lane and Swanton Road were named after Milo Swanton. Boynton (Place) was the maiden name of Milo Swanton's wife, Irene. Wittwer Road was also named after an early resident of the neighborhood. Milo Lane was originally a dead end street before Easley Lane was developed.

Hiestand Park had community gardens in the early 1970's. There was also a building on top of Radar Hill (built around the World War II era), formerly owned by the United States Government and used by neighborhood residents in the years that the neighborhood was developing. This building is no longer there.

Former residents organized the first Hiestand Neighborhood Association in 1977. The group

united to inform current residents of the proposed land use and development of the remaining sections of the neighborhood. The proposed development was slated for the land, which was previously the Kurt farm. Piccadilly Drive, Trafalger Place, Violet Lane, and Kurt Drive are some of the streets where this development of single family and duplex homes were built. It is unclear when the original Hiestand Neighborhood Association dissolved.

The Hiestand Neighborhood Association would like to thank Darline Rowe, longtime neighborhood resident, for her help in compiling the history of the neighborhood.

Hiestand School House

The original frame schoolhouse was built in 1855. A present day structure opened in 1915 with central heat, running water, from a well on the property, and sanitation facilities. Hiestand School was built to serve District 1, which included the townships of Blooming Grove and Burke, at what is now 4418 Milwaukee Street. Hiestand School closed in the 1950s when the school districts were consolidated.

Some notable school graduates from District 1 were: W.D. Hiestand, register of the U.W. for 27 years; Ed Brown, an outstanding civil engineer; Father Morgan Dempsey, vicar

general of the Archdiocese of Detroit; Hiram Gill, twice mayor of Seattle; George Sprecher, a long time administrator of Wisconsin's Conservation Department and Al Steinhauer, president of Anchor Savings and Loan.

On March 23, 1976, the City of Madison Common Council adopted a resolution, which directed the Real Estate Division to appraise and to prepare to negotiate for the purchase of Hiestand School. According to the historic records:

- Estimated cost to restore the building and to install City water and sanitary sewer: \$30,000
- Estimated acquisition cost: \$21,600



Hiestand School House: The original frame school building was razed in 1915 to make way for a fully modern stucco-covered building that stands in the 4400 block of Milwaukee Street today. This building was designated a Madison landmark on April 19, 1976, by the Madison Landmarks Commission.