

Martin Drive Trolley News



18th Annual Night Time Trick or Treat Friday, October 28



We're so happy, we could scream! Why, because it's the 18th Annual MDNA Halloween event. Come out, come out wherever you are and join the best loved family fun neighborhood event on **Friday October 28th**. Don't come out early because it will not start till it's sufficiently dark or at **7:30pm**. Barricaded streets, the Explorers, Auxiliary Police and neighborhood volunteers make the event safe and not too scary.

You can register your kids and grandkids at Heritage West Properties, side door at 4303 W. Vliet Street at the times listed. Registration costs \$1 per child and a bag of candy. Kids who register get a Trick or Treat bag with prizes. The bag identifies your child as being registered.

Treating homes must register too. If your block is a treating block you have a special page inserted in this newsletter to register your home to handout candy. We try to keep this a surprise to encourage everyone to register their kids. If you won't be home that night or would like a volunteer to hand out candy in front of your house, raise your hand and let us know.

Trick or Treat Registration

Wednesday—October 19 & 26: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday—October 22: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Please, please, please!

Will someone step forward and volunteer to go door to door to sign up the treating homes? This really helps balance out the number of homes that we get to register.



Please!

We Need Your Help Too!

Want to help make this safe and fun for everyone? Here is our wish list:

- **Donate candy early** - not the last day. Donations of unopened candy will be accepted at Heritage West at 4303 W. Vliet Street. Please drop some by prior to the first registration session on Oct. 19th.
- **Help with registration** - This involves registering the Trick or Treat kids, Treating Homes, packing treating bags.
- **Delivering candy and luminaries** on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 27th & 28th.
- **Door to Door Registration of Treating Homes** - I just have to ask this again! Would you be willing to go door to door to sign up treating homes?
- **Teen Volunteers** – Is your child 13 or older? We are seeking teens to volunteer during the event. Each teen will be paired with another volunteer and given an address of a home or a location where they will be posted to hand out candy. The volunteer will also receive a bag of candy.
- **Security Monitors** on Friday, October 28. If you would like to help, call Pat at 414-933-5589

Funny Halloween Jokes

Q. What do the skeletons say before eating? A. Bone appetite

Q. What happens when two vampires meet? A. It was love at first bite!

Q. What's a Vampire's least favorite song? A. Another one bites the dust!

Q. Why was the mummy so tense? A. Because he was all wound up.

Q. Who was the most famous ghost detective? A. Sherlock Moans.

The Martin Drive Neighborhood is grateful to have been selected to participate in the Milwaukee Healthy Neighborhood Initiative and to receive funding through the City of Milwaukee, NIDC and Greater Milwaukee Foundation to support our projects and activities.



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Martin Drive Website

By Raymond Duncan

The Martin Drive Website www.martin-drive.org has several updates. There is a new video about how to use E-Notify and making an E-Service Request. These are two powerful but easy tools to make the neighborhood nicer.

Through **E-Notify** you can subscribe to email notices from the City of Milwaukee. Most people check their email a few times a week and can quickly sort what they are interested in. Imagine knowing exactly what is going on in the neighborhood from the City's perspective. You can get a press release from Alderman Murphy, be informed of nearby crime incidents and find out about winter emergency parking restrictions when they take effect and more. You decide what you want to subscribe to.

Making an **E-Service Request** is also shown in a video on the Website on the Videos page. Neighbors can use E-Notify to report burned out streets lights, schedule a special trash pickup, and take care of a critter problem. Everything you can imagine is there and we encourage you to try this.

Finally, I encourage you to check out our Facebook page on the Martin Drive website. There are a lot of good tips, event updates, and nearby events of interest. You do not need a Facebook account to see these postings. Just check it out on the Martin Drive website and make it your homepage to stay connected to your neighborhood. <>



Fun @
Summer Sizzle



Summer Sizzle 2011, By Mary Andres

On Saturday, July 30, over sixty neighbors joined together from noon to 4:00pm to celebrate the MDNA neighborhood at the "Summer Sizzle." The third annual Sizzle is a picnic event held at the Community Garden area on North 46th Street, just south of Vliet Street. This event always combines great food, great fun and great company, and this year was no exception despite the hot day.

Sizzle highlights included the long awaited (and many times requested!) mounted Milwaukee Police Department Officer and horse. Children gathered around and were each treated to a turn sitting on the horse. Given the hot day, neighbors offered the horse water, but clearly this horse preferred the attention of the children. As each child, ranging in age from one to fourteen years of age, had their turn, the horse patiently held still until the "rider" was safely settled, so important to each child's experience. As neighbors welcomed the officer to share in the

picnic, families snapped photos of children on the horse.

Activities for children included face painting with requests for Packers, pirates and butterflies which were supplied by Terri Bartlett. The hula hoop contest, coordinated by Martina Stevens, encouraged children to take a turn, and even adults tried to remember that hip shaking move. The contest was won by Allysa McAfee, from North 46th Street.

Neighbors volunteered grills and chairs and brought great food, making this event come together so well. Block Reps circulated at the Sizzle, meeting and greeting new neighbors, and some visiting past neighbors were welcomed back. Alderman Michael Murphy enjoyed conversation, and neighbor Adekola Adalapo entertained with her melodic voice. The cleanup crew really rocked to some tunes while taking down the support poles and tents that had provided great shade for the day. Kudos to the hard working Sizzle committee: Shirley Drake, Raymond Duncan and Pat Mueller for continuing this great tradition!

Crime and the Importance of Working with the Police

By Raymond Duncan

Crime will almost always occur somewhere. What we can do is be proactive. Proactive neighbors make Martin Drive Neighborhood a nice place to live. We have neighborhood clean ups, curb appeal projects, and events throughout the year. Neighbors Eric Penebaker, Pat Mueller and I attend the monthly District Police Watch Meetings to monitor crime statistics and learn tips. Going to these meeting is an easy investment in our neighborhood.

Police Officers use phone calls from neighbors to deploy their resources on every shift. If you see something suspicious, please call 414-933-4444. Use your "gut". Let the police decide if there really is a problem. Give details to the dispatch operator and make sure you report the address of where it is occurring, not your address. Every call is data. Police use this data to see patterns and place officers in areas to help prevent crime.

The Milwaukee Police Department has noticed an increase of crime in other nearby neighborhoods. We want to make sure we are proactive so it does not come here. Thank you for being watchful eyes in our neighborhood. Please check out the monthly meetings.

Here are some other fall/winter safety tips.

Presents look nice under the Christmas tree but can also entice burglars. Put them under the tree Christmas morning.

Ensure that your windows and doors are locked.

Don't open your door to unexpected callers.

Always keep keys in a safe place away from windows and doors

Remember: If you can get into your house without keys so can burglars.

Outside your home

Keep sheds and garages locked at all times.

Security alarms are inexpensive and can deter undesirables.

Install a security light in the back and / front of the house.

Turn on your porch light . Lock your gate.

Don't leave keys under a stone or flower pot.

Keep all bicycles and tools locked and out of sight. Chain up expensive items such as a snow blower in the garage.

If you are away

Inform trusted neighbors of your departure and ask them to watch out. Set timers for lights or radio to give the impression that the house is not empty.

Cancel mail and other deliveries.



OPERATION CRIME WATCH

3rd District Crime & Safety Meeting/District Block Watch
2333 N. 49th Street (49th & Lisbon)
6pm Last Thursday of Every

Thurs. Oct. 27th

Thurs. Nov. 17th (reschedule because of Thanksgiving)

Thurs. Dec. 15th (reschedule because of Christmas)

End in Sight for Dilapidated Duplex

On 44th Street

Have you noted 1345-47 N. 44th Street. This dilapidated duplex has seen notoriously bad owners in the past 20 years. This type of neglect is not typical of Martin Drive Neighborhood so it stands out like a sore thumb. The new owner is the City of Milwaukee who will soon determine the fate of the property. A city inspector will make a determination to raze or rehab. If it were razed, each adjoining neighbor could be offered half the lot, or the neighborhood could ask for the lot to be land-banked for a future home to be built by someone like Habitat for Humanity. Keep in mind that with the number of foreclosures it may take a while for the building to be razed, but an end is in sight. <>

Martin Drive Neighborhood Association meets on the second Monday during the months of Jan. March, May, July, Sept. and Nov. at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street at 6:30 pm.

Martin Drive's Bloom & Groom Sees RED

By Pat Mueller



On June 4, 2011, Bloom & Groom headquarters were located at 37th & Viet Street in the new pocket park created

with funding from Harley Davidson. They will also maintain the lot for the next five years.

Fifteen Martin Drive neighbors helped set up and organize the event and 40 Martin Drive residents pre-registered to buy plants and many more purchased on the day of the event. Martin Drive received over 5,000 plants. The plants, which came from Lowes, were of phenomenal quality at outrageously low prices because the event was sponsored by Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp. (NIDC) Healthy Neighborhood Initiative and Lowes. Similar projects were done in 10 other neighborhoods through Milwaukee.

In honor of Tom Blaha, we purchased as many red flowers as we could. Red was Tom's favorite color. Tom was a founding member of our neighborhood organization and he passed away last November. He was known for his great sense of humor and could be credited with helping with almost every project we did over the last 20+ years. So when we say Martin Drive is seeing RED we mean it to honor a man's life who gave so much to the neighborhood and so many other organizations throughout the area.

Volunteers also planted 15 beds of perennial flowers at the entrances of Washington Park which was arranged by the WPP Parks Committee. They worked preparing and creating the beds for several weeks prior to June 4th. All work, clearing sod, tilling, amending the soil, planting, laying landscape fabric and mulching was done by many volunteers and volunteer groups.



The day ended by clearing beds, relaying a brick border and planting flowers for a resident who was ill, then trimmed overgrown bushes and mowed a lawn at an adjoining vacant property. It was a great block boost. Lowes workers did a beautiful job.



Last but not least, a great spread of food was grilled by Eric and Clint. The food was donated mostly by Phyllis and Clint from 39th Street and another resident. Thank you to the many volunteers, Phyllis & Clint for food, NIDC and Lowes. It was a great day.

Nehemiah Project

By Pat Mueller

During the week of June 20th about 16 youth from all over Milwaukee County came out and helped clean up our neighborhood. This awesome, inspiring group of teens decided to spend a portion of their summer giving back and helping out community. They spent a good portion of the week cleaning the landscaped areas installed last year through the Bookends Project and helped remove the old wire fence and weed the garden. Weeding was no small task as can be seen by the pile of weeds in the photo. Pat Mueller and Steve Falsetti were most grateful for this help and for the opportunity to meet such fine young people who just wanted to help others.



Nehemiah Project Volunteers

After the planting was complete, the tools were put away and the Pocket Park was cleared of supplies and any litter of the day, a trip to the office was interrupted by a 43rd Street resident flagging down my car. I stopped to talk. Chris was watering flowers in her yard. She pointed down the street to the park a half block away and with her Greek accent she said: "Who planted that? This is beautiful." "A few weeks ago there was a hole there. Now it is beautiful." I explained Bloom & Groom and our planting. I told her I would pass along her appreciation.

What a Rummage Sale!!!

By Sharon Williams

The best yet.....that was what our annual all neighborhood Rummage Sale was!! We doubled the number of participants from previous years. All 41 participants seemed pleased with the amount of customers "roaming" up and down our neighborhoods. One of our neighbors even sold a car.

Everyone who registered before the day of the annual picnic received a string of banners to put up in their yard to help draw attention to their sale. Most were returned for use again next summer. The banners made the upper part of Martin Drive and 46th between Juneau and Martin Drive look like a carnival.

Join us next summer....especially upper 44th St. (Not one house participated this year.) The date will be either before or just after the neighborhood picnic at the end of July. Look for the fliers and the signs announcing all of the information....and you can sign up at our Annual Meeting in May.

Thanks so much for dragging your "stuff" out on your lawns and porches and drive-ways. What a great way to meet your neighbors and make some cash. See you next year! Sharon Williams, the Rummage Sale Lady. <>



What is the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association?

By Raymond Duncan

Neighbors and block volun-

teers attend meetings to express ideas and concerns, and to listen to other neighbors. They hear details about events around the city and neighborhood. From time to time, neighbors are asked to participate in special projects.

Some of these activities are neighborhood cleanups, scheduling city services, newsletter publication, night time trick or treat, planning neighborhood-wide meetings, meeting monthly with the third district police captain, connecting youth to nearby activities, neighborhood beautification & gardening, planning or participation in the annual rummage sale, planning the annual picnic and outdoor evening movie, caroling and putting red bows on trees in the neighborhood.

Neighbors meet in smaller committees lead by an organizer and bring ideas to the monthly meeting.

The make-up of the organization implies that everyone will help manage the demands required of such a group of people. It is the voice of the neighbors that keep our police informed, our city government alert, and our county supervisor aware of the

needs of the Martin Drive Neighborhood. We are in contact with Alderman Michael Murphy, Supervisor Lee Holloway, and our state representatives because we are informed voters who know the workings of our government.

Members can bring new ideas and present them to the neighborhood. New ideas and positive comments keep the group motivated and enthusiastic about the improvements that have occurred in our neighborhood.

Your involvement is simple! Here are some ideas

- Come to a neighborhood meeting.
- Keep up the outside appearance of your property.
- Talk with your neighbors about your concerns.
- Volunteer to help with some event or help plan an event.
- Watch out for your neighbors. Become aware of the normal neighborhood routine so that any unusual activities can be documented for further examination and action.
- Learn about City and neighborhood programs that can save you real dollars and can add value to your property.
- Participate in one of the neighborhood events like the neighborhood clean-up, rummage sale, night time trick or treat, evening movie, holiday party, community garden, and the neighborhood summer picnic.. <>

Things to Look Forward To

Harvestfest at Washington Park Urban Ecology Center

The UEC will celebrate Autumn with an event on **Sat. Oct. 22nd** from 1-4pm. Food, fun and free family activities.

SHARE Mobile Market

SHARE Mobile Market is a nonprofit food buying club offering fresh, high quality nutritious products at reduced cost, 30-50% less than the supermarket. They will be at United Methodist Children's Services, 3940 W. Lisbon on the first Tuesday of each month from 9-11am. My first experience of the market was great as I purchased a large bag full of groceries for \$8.30. This is a great way for a family to buy lots of quality food at spectacular prices. The next market is **Nov. 1st. 9-11am.**

Westside Holiday Happenings

On **Fri. and Sat. Nov. 18 and 19th** expect new and improved holiday family, retail happenings along Vliet Street and the Westside. Friday night there will be a shuttle to take you from place to place. There will be **"Make & Take"** projects for kids and hopefully a Holiday Tree to decorate at Wick Field. Stay Tuned for details.<>

Martin Drive Neighborhood Block Reps

Martin Drive	
Sharon Williams.....	933-6800
Martin Drive Apartments	
Eric Penebaker.....	313-9861
McKinley Court	
Mary Andres.....	344-3970
42nd Street	
Betty & Al Siemsen.....	344-3846
43rd Street (Juneau to Vliet)	
Raymond Duncan.....	294-3828
Vicki Provencher.....	828-8250
43rd Street (Martin to Juneau)	
Amy Peterson.....	750-1005
44th Street (Juneau to Vliet)	
.....	Volunteer Needed
44th Street (Martin to Juneau)	
Linda & Pat Devitt.....	344-1019
45th Street (Juneau to Vliet)	
Rod & Sandy Washington.....	763-8848
Maggie Blaha.....	344-0688
45th Street (Martin to Juneau)	
Kathy McCauley.....	517-9797
Tom Gillard.....	688-3185
46th Street (Juneau to Vliet)	
Steve Falsetti.....	608-443-9337
46th Street (Martin to Juneau)	
.....	Volunteer Needed
46th Street (Martin to State)	
Bonnie Morscher.....	339-0731
Vliet Street & Business Rep	
Pat Mueller.....	933-5589



Holiday Caroling

By: Raymond Duncan

It will soon be that time of the year. Please join in holiday caroling on **Mon, Dec. 12 at 6:30pm.** We will meet at Raymond Duncan's house, 1260 N 43rd Street. We go around the neighborhood singing (do not worry if you do not have a good voice, I do not have one either) and then warm up with a holiday potluck back at the Duncan's house. It is a nice time to catch up with neighbors and relax during this busy time of year. I welcome you and I hope to see you there. <>



MARTIN DRIVE MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association, through programs and projects, will embrace and foster a sense of belonging and common purpose, resulting in a neighborhood that is beautiful, diverse, secure, and fun for everyone!<>

