

# Martin Drive Trolley News



## 19th Annual Night Time Trick or Treat Friday, October 26



Boo! Are you ready for this frighteningly Spooktacular family friendly Martin Drive Neighborhood event? This year's Night Time Trick or Treat is on **Friday October 26<sup>th</sup>**.

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 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 17 & 24: 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday—October 20: 10:00 a.m.-Noon**



### **Vliet Street Youth Art & Coloring Contest. Oct. 1-31**

Hey Kids! Share your creativity by participating in the Fall 2012 Vliet Street Business Association Youth Art & Coloring Contest. The Fall Youth Art & Coloring Contest is designed to encourage active participation in the arts in our neighborhood during October. Youth ages 18 and younger are encouraged to submit a contest entry and be part of the Vliet Street celebration. All entries will be on display November 10-30 at many Vliet Street businesses. Entry information is included in this newsletter. <>

### Help... Help! I'm calling for Help.

### Do you hear me?

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. 17h.
- **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. 25th & 26th.
- **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. <>



**Welcome Packs Available**— Welcome new neighbors to Martin Drive Neighborhood with a welcome pack. Maggie Blaha and Lynn Grages assemble and make available Welcome Pack for new neighbors. The pack is very informative and includes information about the Neighborhood Association and the general area.

## Summer Sizzle Picnic, by Raymond Duncan

I want to thank **Shirley** for her hard work on the picnic. It is a lot of work to put everything together, especially when you volunteer to do this on your free time. **Sharon** for help with fliers and entertainment. Neighbors who helped pass out fliers. **Wally** at the **Caradaro Club Pizza** for printing fliers <http://caradaroclubpizza.com/> **Eric** for cooking all afternoon. **Pat** for tent supplies and helping to go to Sam's Club and supplying the kids game prizes. **Willis** and **Mary** for electricity and the use of their grill. **Eileen** for donating a Weber grill to the neighborhood. **Mary** and **Terri** for face painting for the kids. **Marc** for singing and playing the guitar. **Alderman Murphy** and **Supervisor Stamper II**, for coming to have fun with neighbors. The **Milwaukee Police Department** for sending a **Mounted Police Officer**, horses, and **McGruff the Crime Dog**. **Alicia** for helping neighbors learn **Zumba**. **Jennifer** for taking so many great pictures. Neighbors who brought water balloons, kid games, food, and drinks. Those who helped set up and take down the tents, tables and chairs. If I forgot any one's name, I am sorry. Your work was noticed in how great the picnic actually was. It is great to have so much help and so many neighbors who came out for some food and fun. **PS: (We also thank Raymond for donating all the burgers, brats, buns, chips and paper products for the picnic.)** <>

## Neighborhood Improvement District (NID)

A NID is similar to a Business Improvement District. Changes in State Statutes allows a municipality power to establish NID within their community by adopting a tax assessment strategy to allow the neighborhood to raise monies for neighborhood improvements and other activities approved by its NID Board. Washington Park Partners applied for such a district. During the next year Martin Drive Neighborhood will have time to evaluate being part of the Neighborhood Improvement District. The Business & Finance Committee has been asked to work on evaluating a NID and informing neighbors of the options. If you have questions, please come to neighborhood meetings to ask questions and learn more. You can also e-mail [MDNA-BandF@yahoo.com](mailto:MDNA-BandF@yahoo.com) with questions. <>

## Westside Guide

The premier edition of the full-color Westside Guide was published this year thanks to donations from Washington Park Partners, Uptown Crossing Bid, Washington Heights and NIDC. This is a comprehensive resource to area businesses, organizations, schools, churches, parks as well as important government contacts. Copies are still available at local businesses. It can also be accessed online on the neighborhood website. [http://martin-drive.org/uploads/wsg\\_web.pdf](http://martin-drive.org/uploads/wsg_web.pdf)

## Spring/Summer Activities in Martin Drive –

It was a busy summer in Martin Drive. In May two Little Free Libraries were unveiled in Martin Drive Neighborhood. **Alderman Michael Murphy** and our **new County Supervisor Russell Stamper II** attended the ribbon cutting on May 26<sup>th</sup>. These two libraries were built and donated by neighbors. The garden was expanded with an additional **three Victory Garden Initiative raised beds**. Two beds were paid for with Martin Drive Neighborhood funds and one bed was donated to the neighborhood by a neighbor. **Steve Falsetti** worked with new gardeners mentoring them in how to grow a vegetable garden. In June neighbors were able to buy ridiculously low priced, exceptionally high quality annual and perennial plants through the **Bloom & Groom Project**. The **Summer Sizzle Picnic** planned by Shirley Drake and Raymond Duncan was better than ever with Mounted Police, Zumba lessons, live music and spoken word performed by neighbors. Raymond Duncan generously donated the food and paper supplies for the picnic. The **Neimiah Project** teens, spring cleaned the garden, performed the summer mowing of the lot, did a cleanup and artistically painted two picnic tables that were donated by a neighborhood to the Farmers Market. **Sharon Williams** organized the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale** and 30 houses participated. During April, May & June dumpsters were placed in the neighborhood. This is a great benefit since the City now charges for any special pick-up where the materials are larger than a cubic yard (roughly the size of an easy chair). The Vliet Street Community Green Market began its 5<sup>th</sup> year in mid-June and will continue through Sun. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Local produce is grown by residents of Martin Drive Neighborhood. A variety of rotating vendors including jewelry, candles, bakery, honey, etc make the market interesting each week. Maggie Rau organized weekly kids art activities to compliment the live entertainment. Washington Park had a Helios Fitness Center and Gametime Playtrail installed on our side of the park. <>

## Little Free Libraries

Two Little Free Libraries have been established in Martin Drive Neighborhood at 1054 N. 46<sup>th</sup> and 4121 W. Martin Drive. Bonnie Morscher and Pat Mueller, as stewards, built and decorated a library and installed them for neighbors' enjoyment. Many neighbors have donated books to our libraries. Even with this great generosity, Pat Mueller says, "I have not been able to keep enough children's books stocked to meet the demand."

The concept was the brainchild of Todd Bol of Madison Wisconsin who wanted to promote literacy by building free book exchanges worldwide. The full LFL story is at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org) where you can see many examples of little libraries. <>

## Martin Drive Neighborhood Under the Stars Movie, By Raymond Duncan

We enjoyed three movies this summer at the Martin Drive Community Gardens, with the last movie in August on National Night Out. About 50 neighbors enjoyed Puss in Boots, The Muppets, and Hugo. We hope to have three movies next summer in June, July (on a Friday) and in August (National Night Out Tuesday, August 6, 2013). We were very lucky to have comfortable weather each night. Movies are recent release and family friendly. <>

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## Rebuild Together Greater Milwaukee's

mission is to preserve and revitalize homes and communities assuring low-income elderly homeowners and homeowners with disabilities live in warmth, safety and independence. Modifications are made free of charge. Examples of work performed by Rebuilding Together include the following:



- \* installation of grab bars in bathrooms
- \* reinforcing or adding hand rails and guard rails at stairways, porches and landings
- \* painting, plumbing, electrical, and roof work
- \* repair of worn out materials and/or equipment; and
- \* general fix up, clean up and painting.
- \* construction of ramps to assist disabled persons with access if you need such assistance, please call them at 312-7531.

## Welcome to Our Quiet Neighborhood! Martin Drive Likes It Like That!

**Light Up the Night** - All residents are encouraged to turn on porch & yard lights at night to increase safety.

**Home Sweet Home** - Car horns, loud and continuous barking of dogs, loud music from cars & homes, loud parties and loud disagreements all disturb your neighbors' peaceful enjoyment of their home and yard. Let's keep the peace!

**Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?** - Please inform your guests that doorbells and phones are to be used to pre-announce their presence. Car horns and yelling to announce arrival is not enjoyable to neighbors.

**Kids R US** - Please observe the 11 pm summer and 10 pm school year curfew & remind your children not to cut through neighbors' yards.

**Keep It Clean** - Garbage carts need to be removed promptly from the curb after pick-up. Picking up trash from your yard whenever you see it will keep our neighborhood looking good.

**Graffiti Busters** - Please report graffiti to your landlord right away so that it can be removed quickly. If you're a homeowner, please remove it as soon as possible.

**Wrong Way on a One-Way** - Going the wrong way on a one-way street is dangerous and unnecessary. Cars pulling out and kids playing don't expect it.

**Park It** - Remember to observe the posted street parking regulations. Parking on unpaved areas (grass) is not permitted by code.

**Tool Time** - Cut the grass! Rake the leaves! Shovel the snow!

Wouldn't it be nice if we could all abide by these suggestions. <>

## Things to Look Forward To:

### Fall Leaf Collection Begins October 15<sup>th</sup> -

Rake your leaves into the street from Oct. 1- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, keeping piles away from storm drains and sewer grates. Place garden debris in leaf piles, not in plastic bags. Do not put brush into the street. Do not put leaves in your garbage carts. <>



### MDNA Bi-Monthly -- Meeting, Monday November 12 @ 6:30 pm at the Washington Park Senior Center

Every other month the Program and Planning Committee works hard to deliver interesting and informative topics that guide or group towards the mission of the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association. Be part of the group that shapes the future of the neighborhood. Mark your calendar and watch for the neighborhood reminder signs and Attend the bi-monthly meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday during the months of Jan. March, May, July, September and November at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street at 6:30 pm. <>

### Artists Working In Education (A.W.E.)

**Open House** -- Our new neighbor A.W.E. will host an open house to celebrate their 15 years of building community and spreading art on Wednesday, October 24 from 6-8pm at their offices 4315 W. Vliet Street. Come tour the new space and enjoy refreshments. Eric's Johnson a local artist will lead kids in a mask making adventure.<>

**Holiday Bows** -- Every year, Martin Drive Neighborhood wishes happy holidays to all neighbors and those who pass through the neighborhood by attaching red bows to our trees. Volunteers will be needed at the end of November and early January to put up and take down Holiday Bows.<>

### Holiday Caroling By: Raymond Duncan

It will soon be that time of the year. Please join in holiday caroling on **Mon, Dec. 10 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. <>

### Turn Your Porch Light On --

There has been an increase in auto thefts and break-ins Citywide. Let's all make an effort to **Light the Night** by turning on porch lights and exterior lights and watching out.



**Website & Other Social Media**– Martin Drive has a beautiful website designed and maintained by Raymond Duncan. Check it out at [www.martin-drive.org/](http://www.martin-drive.org/) He also maintains a Facebook page and “tweets” on Twitter and has followers from as far away as Malaysia.

**Email List Serves** - Martin Drive is great at communicating with all neighbors. Residents are informed and communication is accomplished by newsletters, signage and fliers delivered to your door. Most committees have listserves. By using these e-mail addresses you can send a message to an entire committee.

[Martin-drive@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Martin-drive@yahoogroups.com) – This address will send your message to neighbors who have attended meetings or events and signed up for the listserve. Currently there are 274 members of this group which includes neighbors and our elected government leaders.

[MDNAPandP@yahoogroups.com](mailto:MDNAPandP@yahoogroups.com) – This committee plans for the agenda of the bi-monthly meetings and plans events and programs for the association.

[MDNAREps@yahoogroups.com](mailto:MDNAREps@yahoogroups.com) -- Martin Drive has a Block Rep for almost every block in the neighborhood. Block Reps attend meetings as needed, see to the distribution of newsletters and fliers on their block and are the liaison between the Association and individuals on each block.

[MDNABandF@yahoogroups.com](mailto:MDNABandF@yahoogroups.com) -- This committee reviews neighborhood financial information, approves neighborhood expenditures with proper receipts, maintains neighborhood checking account, accounts for neighborhood expenditures, retains receipts of expenditures and prepares proper financial reports for grant purposes

**Martin Drive Neighborhood Block Reps**

<b>Martin Drive</b>	
Sharon Williams.....	933-6800
<b>Martin Drive Apartments</b>	
Eric Penebaker.....	313-9861
<b>McKinley Court</b>	
Mary Andres.....	344-3970
<b>42<sup>nd</sup> Street</b>	
Betty & Al Siemsen.....	344-3846
<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)</b>	
Raymond Duncan.....	294-3828
Vicki Provencher.....	828-8250
<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)</b>	
Amy Peterson.....	750-1005
<b>44<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)</b>	
Tim Singbeil.....	708-7176
<b>44<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)</b>	
Linda & Pat Devitt.....	344-1019
<b>45<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)</b>	
Rod & Sandy Washington.....	763-8848
Maggie Blaha.....	344-0688
<b>45<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)</b>	
Kathy McCauley.....	517-9797
Tom Gillard.....	688-3185
<b>46<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)</b>	
Steve Falsetti.....	608-443-9337
<b>46<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)</b>	
.....	Volunteer Needed
<b>46th Street (Martin to State)</b>	
Bonnie Morscher.....	339-0731
<b>Vliet Street &amp; Business Rep</b>	
Pat Mueller.....	933-5589

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**Martin Drive Neighborhood Gets Noticed** – We have been contacted by a Waukesha Neighborhood who is looking to collaborate with Martin Drive Association founders to help Waukesha organize their newly formed neighborhood group.



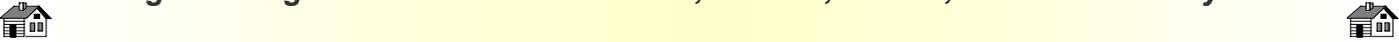
**Fall Cleanup** – Recently in the mail you received a great Recycling and Waste Reduction newsletter from the City of Milwaukee full of valuable info. The City is switching to single-sort recycling where you will not need to sort your recyclables and more materials are accepted. Winter garbage & recycling starts Mon. Dec. 3.

**Washington Park Partner Documentary Film** – George Jones and Muneer Bahauddeen are interviewing residents from the area around Washington Park creating a video about the neighborhood’s richness and diversity.



**MARTIN DRIVE MISSION STATEMENT**

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





# Martin Drive Neighborhood Presents "Spooktacular" 2012

## Kid's Registration Form for Trick-or-Treat

**19th Annual Night-Time Trick-Or-Treat  
Friday October 26 – 7:30 to 8:30 pm**

We need your help! We are asking each family to do the following:

1. Contribute \$1 per child registered, and donate a bag of candy (200 pieces or more per family). If more than 4 children donate 2 bags of candy.
2. **Volunteer** your services if at all possible. (Safety Monitor, Deliver Treating Home Packs and help with registration on any of the dates listed below.)
3. **Teens we could really use your help**, please see us at the registration site.

***THIS EVENT IS FOR RESIDENT CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ONLY.  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED AND ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.***

**Register at Heritage West, 4303 W. Vliet St  
(enter side door on 43<sup>rd</sup> St.)**

Wednesday  
Oct 17 & 24  
6-8 pm

Saturday  
Oct. 20  
10 am to noon

Parent or Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name:

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