

# Trolley News

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Summer 2015

## 2014 Was a Banner Year for Martin Drive – Leading to an Awesome 2015

At least three exceptional things happened for our neighborhood in 2014.

\*\*Martin Drive Neighborhood received designation as a 501(c)(3) meaning we have non-profit status. This allows us to raise funds and receive grants that are tax deductible to the donors.

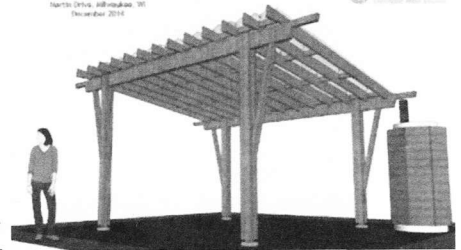
\*\*The City of Milwaukee designated Martin Drive Neighborhood a Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN). This is a three year opportunity for homeowners to make repairs to the exterior of their homes, make energy efficiency repairs and repair code compliant issues. The TIN offers repair money in the form of a loan, half of this loan is forgivable over 5 years and the other half is loaned at a zero percent interest. What a deal!!

\*\*Neighbors organized the first ever fundraiser which was an astonishingly entertaining musical production put on by Martin Drive neighbors. The performances had almost everyone dancing in the aisles. This event raised money to pay the cost of rental fees for the Senior Center for neighborhood meetings. I fear mentioning names because I don't want to let anyone out. Impressive thanks to **Sharon Williams** for organizing. Entertainers from the neighborhood included **Adekola Adedapo, Marcell Guyton, Kevin Schultz**. A touch of American Idol was incorporated with a performance by Sophia's Heart Foundation's youth performance choir and a special American Idol finalist. Block Reps and others sold tickets and donated food. Way to go neighbors! <>

## A Big Year for the Community Garden

In the past seven years, an ill cared for pie shaped strip of land left over from when homes and businesses were torn down to build Hwy 41 north, has morphed into a vibrant

Martin Drive Community  
Rainwater Harvesting Pavilion  
14th Street and Third Street  
Martin Drive, Milwaukee, WI  
December 2014



community garden and gathering space for the neighborhood. The space serves several important purposes besides being a community garden. We host a Summer Sizzle Picnic and three Movies Under the Stars at the site each summer. We offer free garden beds in exchange for help with the maintenance and upkeep of the space.

Wanting to utilize every advantage of the Martin Drive TIN designation, Martin Drive Neighborhood Inc. applied for grants to build the Martin Drive Rain Harvesting and Activity Pavilion at the space. The funds were granted primarily through TIN funding and NIDC Small Community Improvement Projects (CIP) funding. And a significant amount was raised from donations of neighbors, people from surrounding neighborhoods and even from other states.

Other credits include Reflo Sustainable Water Solutions for the design of the structure, the DOT for granting use of the land, John Klatt for valuable advice and a brilliant site plan. **The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place June 19<sup>th</sup> prior to the first Movie Under the Stars.** <>

## Movie Under the Stars — Double Feature Fri. June 19 — @ Community Garden

- 6:00pm - Entertaining booths, music, salad buffet, refreshments & cake from Eat Cake!
- 7:30pm - Ribbon Cutting Celebration
- 8:30pm - Movie Under the Stars — Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

## Resources to Fix Your Home

### My house needs help!

By Bryan Berghauer

As you gander back outside during the warmer weather with a cup of coffee and look at your house, have you noticed that your shingles are beginning to curl? And remember that time earlier this spring when you found water dripping somewhere it shouldn't have? Curling shingles can be a result of being worn out, and having lost all the granules. Once this happens, the possibility for leaks increases which can cause attic and ceiling damage, mold and mildew, fire hazards, wasted energy and compromise the structural integrity of the house. Consider replacing the roof and below are some roofers that were recommended by neighbors:

Northwest Roofing, 262.628.3080, <http://www.northwestroofing.net/>

Terry Grossman, [alumatrihofamerica.com](mailto:alumatrihofamerica.com), 414.964.6520

Infinity Exteriors,  
262.650.5040

WeatherPro, 414.543.0929

By the second cup of coffee, are you thinking to yourself, 'My paint scheme is tired' or 'chipping and I should probably fix that'? To help with the first question, contact Janet Rowe, a neighbor recommendation and a color consultant at 414.520.8396. Janet would be happy to assist you with paint color selection for a nominal fee of \$50. Below are some painters that were recommended by neighbors:

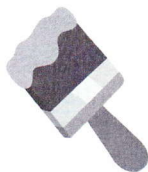
Daniel Valadez, 414.213.4686

J&C Preferred Painting, 414.517.7489

Jan Van Dulm, 414.617.6069

Paulino, 414.232.4676

David Lozano, 414.342.1738



### 'Simple-scape' landscape design

By Bryan Berghauer

You have drained your second cup of coffee and your eye has finally made it down to the front-side landscape. You realized you have little to none. Is this you? Would you like help? Contact Bryan Berghauer at 414.839.1931 or [berghauer@hotmail.com](mailto:berghauer@hotmail.com) for a 'Simple-scape' design. Pick one of two basic landscape designs and he will provide you with a list of materials and estimated costs – perfect for Bloom and Groom. Need help installing? He can work with you on that as well with a little help from neighbors.

### Tree Trimming and Removal

During the January and February block by block meetings people noted concerns about trees in electrical lines and trees from other neighbor's yards coming into their property and damaging roofs, garages and fences. In the past year I have used Rodriguez Landscape Co. Inc. for tree removal and trimming. I found their prices to be a fraction of the cost of others. I noticed their trucks because the City of Milwaukee uses them for landscaping and work on vacant lots. Rodriguez Landscape, 414-383-3300.

### Resources

Learn about Martin Drive's Targeted Investment Neighborhood. <http://city.milwaukee.gov/TINs#.VUBSMCFVhBc>

Learn about the many resources available through the City of Milwaukee to help you repair your home. [http://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cityDCD/realestate/DCD\\_ResourceGuide\\_2014.pdf](http://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cityDCD/realestate/DCD_ResourceGuide_2014.pdf)

Many resources are listed on Martin Drive Website. [www.martin-drive.org](http://www.martin-drive.org)



### Missing Trees?

You can request a tree if your City tree by the curb has died or been removed. Go to [www.milwaukee.gov](http://www.milwaukee.gov) and in the top right hand corner click for action. Select **trees & plants**. Select **plant tree** and complete the address and pertinent information. In the meantime look for new Japanese Tree Lilac to be planted in our neighborhood at these locations.  
1320 N 44<sup>th</sup> St – Fall 2015, 1266 N 44<sup>th</sup> St – Spring 2016,  
1351 N 44<sup>th</sup> St (Vliet St side) – Spring 2016

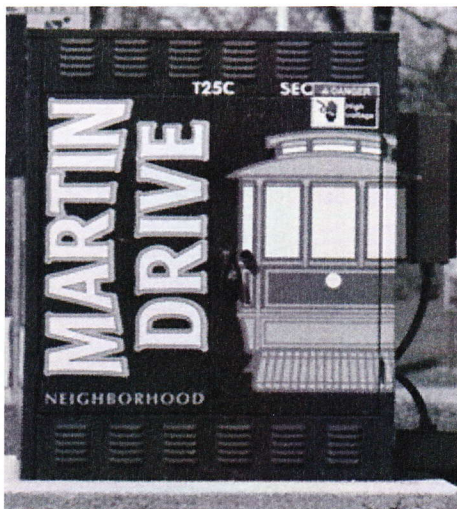
### 2015 Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN) Program

Through the TIN program, the City of Milwaukee will focus funds and resources in the Martin Drive Neighborhood for approximately three years. The goal of the program is to support and encourage homeowners and responsible landlords to improve the safety and appearance of the neighborhood. Homeowners and landlords who use the program can make common household repairs & updates.

### TIN Priority Repairs

Code violation repairs  
Lead paint abatement  
Exterior appearance  
Heating & plumbing upgrades  
Energy conservation  
Weatherization  
Window replacement  
Electrical upgrades.

For additional info on applying for a TIN loan visit: [www.milwaukee.gov/TIN](http://www.milwaukee.gov/TIN)



### Gateway Identity Project

We also received funding to cover the unattractive electrical box in the Boulevard at Highland & Vliet Streets with our updated Martin Drive logo to further our neighborhood identity. It is the talk of the City. This was a great idea brainstormed by **Mike Howden**. The Martin Drive Gateway Identity Project received a 2015 Spaces & Places Mayor's Design Award. Hoot, howl, and whoop with excitement on the project and a job well done!

### New Neighborhood Signage

Thank you to NIDC CIP grant and Community Connections grant. Martin Drive was able to raise funds to replace our battered meeting signage that served us well for over 20 years.



**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR** - Do you know that knowing the names and faces of the neighbors living on each side of your home & across the street makes for a secure and friendly neighborhood? Do you know the names of neighbor kids? Consider inviting your neighbor over for a cup of coffee or a backyard barbeque this summer.



# What's Happening

## In Martin Drive

### Friday June 19

#### Movie Under the Stars Double Feature

**6pm – 7:30pm** Ribbon Cutting, entertaining booths, live music, complimentary salad buffet, refreshments and cake from Eat Cake!

**8:30pm Movie** – Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

### Martin Drive Neighborhood Rummage Sale

#### Saturday July 18 – 8am – 4pm

Neighborhood wide rummage. Free to participate

### Martin Drive Summer Sizzle Picnic

#### Saturday July 25 – noon – 4pm

Always a fun time to enjoy potluck & neighborhood supplied food and catch up with familiar neighbors and meet new neighbors.

### WEDNESDAYS AT THE SHELL @ Wash Park

#### Wed 6:30-8:30pm; Opening Acts: 6pm

July 1: Christopher's Project

July 8: Marcell's Matrix (Martin Drive Resident)

July 15: Kids from Wisconsin

July 22: Brew City Big Band

July 29: KT's Universal Love Band

Aug. 5: Peter Mulvey

Aug. 12: Charles Walker Band

Aug. 19: Valerie B. & the Boyz Band

Aug. 26: Nabori

How about declaring **July 8th Martin Drive Neighborhood's Concert Night**. Come out and cheer on Martin Drive resident, Marcell Guyton as he performs. He is a great performer and you will not be sorry you came.



### Little Free Libraries

Martin Drive has five (5) Little Free Libraries. This is a take a book, return a book gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form it is a box full of books where anyone may stop and pick up a book and bring back a book to share.

This take a book, return a book gathering place is where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. Unfortunately, most of our Little Free Libraries have more checked out books than library inventory. Please drop off some books at the nearest library. 4121 W. Martin Dr., 4311 W. Vliet St., 1353 N. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., 1262 N. 45<sup>th</sup>., 1054 N. 46<sup>th</sup>.



**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/) Raymond maintains Facebook and twitter for Martin Drive.



**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. You can sign up by going to the Martin Drive website.

**Martin-drive@yahoogroups.com** – This address will send your message to neighbors who have attended meetings or events and signed up for the list serve. Currently there are over 300 members of this group which includes neighbors and our elected government leaders.