

Martin Drive Trolley News

ANNUAL MEETING MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 to Noon

The Annual Meeting traditionally includes a **review of the year's accomplishments and activities**. This year will mark the return of the "**Good neighbor**" recognitions. We will have **prizes**. There will be time to **check in with neighbors** and **special guests**, to learn about the **exciting new** programs available in our neighborhood and.... **enjoy birthday cake of course!** "



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!<>

Upcoming Events in the Martin Drive Neighborhood

Sign up for participation in the TIN Neighborhood Clean-up —May 10th
Victory Garden May11-14
Annual Meeting - May 17, 2014
Bloom and Groom—May 31st
Neighborhood Garden - ???
Rummage Sale—July 19,2014
Annual Picnic at Garden on 46th Street—
July 26th
Movies Under the Stars—8:30 PM
Friday, June 20th
Friday, July 18
Tuesday, August 5

March 15, 2014 Minutes

Approximately thirty neighbors gathered at the Washington Park Senior Center at 10:00AM. With our guests, Ald. Michael Murphy, MPD Officer Kong, and Master Gardener Heather Zydek, we discussed the following:

1. There has been no crime in our area since our meeting in February. Officer Kong felt that our vigilance in reporting unusual activities to the Department was one of the main reasons. He also warns us to cover, or protect, any copper wiring, ornaments, etc., on our houses. Thieves are attracted by its high scrap market value.

2. Alderman Murphy reported on the Advanced Waste situation. Even though Menominee Falls has reneged on its permit allowing AW to move there, the City of Milwaukee still expects them to move out of the 38th St. location by Sept. 14. He expects both issues will end up in court. It is still important to continue to report any odors from that area.

3. Heather Zydek from Brew City Gardens, a new business located next to Eat Cake on Vliet Street, provided information on preparing, planting, nurturing, and harvesting our local backyard gardens.

MDNA members Steve Falsetti, Pat Mueller, and Sharon Williams gave reports about the following:

1. **Martin Drive Community Garden**---this is the Community Garden's sixth anniversary. There are beds available, no expertise is needed just an interest in working with a group of folks who like to grow stuff. Contact Steve at Martin-Drive@yahoo.com

2. **Victory Garden Blitz**----MDNA is eligible for ten half-priced 4x8 feet raised garden beds, ten names were pulled from a hat, and applications were given out.

3. **Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN)** loan program - applications are beginning to come in. Pat M is planning more "block coffees" to get more face-to-face contact for providing information to neighbors.

4. **Bloom and Groom**----flower orders will be delivered on May 31st this year, but the way we place orders this year may have to change. Details will be given later .

5. **Neighborhood Clean-Up Day** – May 10th Meet at 44th and Juneau to pick up gloves and bags. Between May 5th and 10th you may place large items on the boulevard in front of you house. The city will pick it up with no charge to us.

6. **Fall Fundraiser** - Plans are being made to have a musical "review" featuring a Glee type teen choir, the Marcel Guyton band, and many of Martin Drive's professional musicians and singers. The next planning meeting is Monday, May 12th at 6:30 pm. Anyone

RUMMAGE SALE-----2014

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

Clean out your closets, attic, your basement, and under your bed. Make a little cash, and meet your neighbors.

REMEMBER: If you sign up before the deadline given, you will receive a banner to hang in front of your house.

Come to the Annual Meeting Saturday, May 17th to find out more details.

Martin Drive Neighborhood is a Targeted Investment Neighborhood TIN

By Pat Mueller, Martin Drive TIN Coordinator



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Four Martin Drive residents have applied for TIN loans!

The TIN provides up to a \$30,000 loan in the form of part forgivable and 0% interest. The forgivable loans are matched dollar for dollar with 0% loans so you are getting twice the loan for half the price. 0% loans can be payable over a maximum of a 15 year period. Seniors and disabled may be offered deferred payment on TIN loans. There are no prepayment penalties. Financing criteria is relaxed compared to banks and credit unions. There are income requirements.

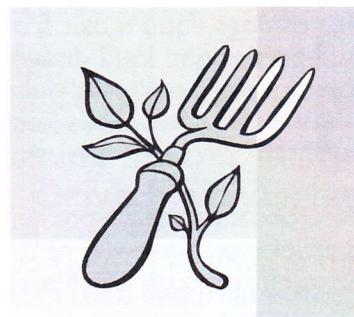
Monies can be used for exterior improvements to your home. Some interior items are included such as: high efficiency heating units, energy efficient hot water heaters, insulation and new windows. Don't miss out, come to our meetings to get an application. Questions, call Pat at 414-933-5589.



MAY 17, 2014
MEETING OF THE MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
10:00-12:00
Washington Park Senior Center

Crime Prevention Tips:

- **Be Alert and Aware.** Keep your head up and always look around you when you are out and about. Looking down on a phone or tablet makes you and your possessions an easy target. "Keep your head on a swivel."
- **Trust Your Instincts.** If you sense trouble, get away as soon as possible or call for help.
- **Show Confidence.** Walking at a steady pace makes you look like you know where you are going, along with watching everything and everyone; you will most likely be left alone. Criminals like to target people who will provide the least resistance.
- **Avoid Dark or Poorly Lit Locations.** Criminals do not like to be seen or have their activities be observed.
- **Safety in Numbers.** Criminals will likely target individuals rather than a group. If you are arriving at a location late at night or in an area that is poorly lit, call ahead and have someone else watch you.
- **Avoid Distractions.** Don't have your hands full, such as carrying lots of packages or bags of groceries. It makes you look defenseless. Don't have headphones on so loud you cannot hear anything else around you.



Another Benefit of the TIN

Victory Garden Initiative ** Ten names were pulled from a basket at the MDNA April 12th meeting. We were able to get 12 beds at half price because other TIN neighborhoods did not use all their allotment. Beds will go to ten lucky residents plus Excel High School and one for our Martin Drive Community Garden. <>

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)	
Available position	
44th Street (Juneau to Vliet)	
Tim Singbeil	708-7176
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)	

Website & Other Social Media– Martin Drive has a beautiful website designed and maintained by Raymond Duncan. Check it out at 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 – This address will send your message to neighbors who have attended meetings or events and signed up for the listserv. Currently there are 274 members of this group which includes neighbors and our elected government leaders.

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 -- 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 -- 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.

Good Neighbors of Martin Drive

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!

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

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.

Tool Time - Mow the lawn. Plant flowers. Dream of Spring!

Give thanks for helpful neighbors — who help those who cannot do lawn work.



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Other Benefits of the TIN

Bloom & Groom ** TIN neighborhoods are eligible to participate in the well loved Bloom & Groom where we can purchase incredibly healthy annual and perennial plants at very low prices. Martin Drive’s Bloom & Groom will be held May 31st in front of the Washington Park Senior Center. Details and plant varieties will be available at the Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 17th.