

Martin Drive Trolley News



HALLOWEEN 2014

Friday, October 31, 7:30 to 8:30

Halloween is going on 21!

By Pat Mueller

If you lived here a while you know about Night Time Trick or Treat. If not you need to know that for over 20 years as a neighborhood, we have celebrated the holiday on the Friday closest to Halloween by closing down several streets and participating in an organized Halloween Spook-tacular event that is safe and enjoyed by adults as much as kids. This year it actually falls on Halloween, Oct. 31st.

Don't come out early because it will not start till the bewitching hour of **7:30 pm** when it will be sufficiently dark. Barricaded streets, the Explorers, Auxiliary Police and neighborhood volunteers make the event safe. Neighbors who volunteer by decorating their houses, planning fabulous costumes and decorating their car as a Trunk-Or Treat barricade add just the right amount of 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 these streets 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. Please come and register your treating home, if you don't, expect a door to door person to come asking you to participate. ◇



To ensure the event is organized and safe we need help!

Safety Monitor – Volunteers are needed set up barricades and make sure no cars travel down the treating streets during the event. This is the most important job of all but it is very fun to see all the kids dressed up! Please help!

Trunk or Treat Volunteers – This would be your opportunity to decorate your car with a theme, find your friends and hand out candy. Your car will be assigned a space on a corner and will also act as a barricade for the event. How would you decorate your car? Themes might be Pirates, Superhero, Zombies or Wizard of Oz theme.

Door to Door Registration of Treating Homes

– This is a really important job. I need several volunteers to do this on a week day, early evening and a Saturday in hopes of catching everyone, no matter what their schedule. This allows us to make sure we don't have gaps in a treating home block and so we can offer the assistance of volunteers to hand out candy should the resident be unavailable Trick or Treat Night.

Teen Volunteers – Teenagers are not allowed to trick or treat. So, if you don't want to be left out, volunteer to hand out candy at assigned locations. In return, teen volunteers will get a bag of candy

Don't Have Time to Volunteer? The best thing you could do is register your kids early or donate candy early! It makes it so much easier for our volunteers if we have registrations and donated candy early so we have ample time to put all the candy to good use.

**Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014**

Welcome and Introductions

Policing Washington Park—Sheriff Capt. L. Wochoviack

- Captain Wochoviack spoke briefly about the organization of the Sheriff's Dept., community policing, and other programs the Dept. could present at future meetings.

Review and Update of Priorities — Sharon Williams

1. Increasing the lighted areas of MD neighborhood

2. Connecting Neighbors

3. Effective Complaint Procedures

At a future meeting, we will ask members to help develop complaint procedures that could be followed to solve these problems.

4. Identifying properties in need of repair.

a. Pat Mueller will put the checklist of property conditions developed by the Dept. of City Development on the list serve.

b. To see the positive changes in MD properties, Pat and Raymond referred us to the pictures taken in 2004-5 by Google Maps.

5. Working with Excel High School and engaging neighborhood youth.

a. Sharon Williams reported that the Excel High School was abruptly closed over the summer.

b. The Peace Post Project did afford her the opportunity to begin making connections with various groups of elementary and middle school neighbors.

c. We need to begin planning spring and summer activities that could engage them. Volunteers are needed to achieve this.

Association Reports

1. TIN (Targeted Investment Neighborhood) Update

a. One house on 45th St. has had repair work completed using a TIN loan.

b. As of the end of August, 13 applications have been submitted to NIDC. Six were rejected. The applicants have two more years to work on the problems so they may be resubmitted.

c. Pat will place brochure pockets containing applications in front of homes being repaired.

d. There is \$2155.00 remaining of the \$5000.00 granted to TIN neighborhoods for community projects.

2. Halloween Night Time Trick or Treating

a. This is the 21st year and the date will actually be on Friday, Oct. 31st.

b. Registration days are Oct. 15th, Oct. 18th, and Oct. 22nd.

3. Community Garden Structure

Pat Mueller is working with the Reflo organization to help us conceptualize and build a structure in the 46th Street Garden that would collect and save rainwater and, hopefully, eliminate the need for the fire hydrant.

4. Peace Post Workshop

Muneer lead ten young and eight mature neighbors to complete the posts for the garden shelter using money from the TIN program.

5. Musical Extravaganza Fundraiser

a. Our goal is to raise \$1000 to pay for the rental of the Senior Center for our MDNA mtgs.

b. The participants will be the Teen Show Choir from Sophia's Heart Foundation, Marcel Guyton, Adekola Adedapo, Kevin Schultz, and Terry Spears will perform. All but the Choir are from our neighborhood.

6. Linda Devitt reported there was \$3180.00 in the MDNA bank account.





Why You Should Apply for a TIN Loan Now!

By Pat Mueller

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, start the process now! Several reasons make now the perfect time to start. The process takes longer than you might anticipate. Starting now means you will be able to have ample time to process your application and get it approved. You will be able to get bids and negotiate with contractors at a slow time of year and means you will likely get a better price than in the heat of the summer when they are backlogged with jobs. So, apply now and be ready to start work in spring.

Martin Drive received a three year designation of a Targeted Investment Neighborhood. To date 13 applications have been submitted to NIDC. One neighbor's project is complete! The project included a new roof, some exterior electrical outlets and front porch steps. Another homeowner is soon to install new windows to replace the drafty old windows.

The TIN provides loans with one half of the project cost in the form of a forgivable loan over a five year period. The other half of the loan is a zero percent interest. The payment time can be adjusted to meet your budget. There are income requirements.



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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!

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Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Inc

By Bryan Berhgauer

As some of you may know, Pat Mueller, Raymond Duncan and myself spent many mornings last summer organizing paperwork to establish a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity. On June 26, 2014 we received the designation from State of Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions and the Internal Revenue Service.

Our mission is exactly the same as the Association that has been active in this neighborhood for the past 25 years. It's an exciting step, and one that can be used to further improve the neighborhood. For example, fundraising just became a lot easier. Many companies, foundations and charities only contribute funds to your non-profit once you have this status. For individuals, your contributions can potentially be tax deductible (assuming you itemize). It will also offer us reduced liability and protection for those who organize and work on association projects if something happened at one of our events.

I encourage you all to become members -- membership is \$10/year for voting members or \$0 for participatory members.

Improvements to our Community Garden

By Pat Mueller

The community garden continues to be an important part of our neighborhood, where people can learn gardening skills and gather to enjoy Movies Under the Stars or the Summer Sizzle Picnic. This year we added a garden bed, peace posts and two new benches.

We are working on designing and raising funds to build a simple structure that collects rainwater, offers shelter for our gatherings and supports the screen for the Movies Under the Stars. This will be the largest project that Martin Drive Neighborhood has ever accomplished.

Martin Drive has contracted with Reflow Sustainable Water Solutions to gather neighbor's input and design a structure suitable for the site which will support all of the activities held in the garden. Keep tuned.

The Morning Pickers, Walking Group

By Terry Bartlett

This spring, while visiting with several neighbors Eileen another neighbor, joined us and suddenly asked everyone, "So, when are we going to begin walking?" I chimed in, "Let's start tomorrow morning." Within a few short minutes we planned the route and had 3-4 neighbor walkers to start. I sent out the neighborhood walking invite. Eileen lives down the street, Mary Ellen, from Martin Drive, Pat from 45th and me. I meet Eileen and we walk fast pace with Mary Ellen meeting us on the way to Pat's. We walk no particular direction, but continue for 30 to 40 minutes at a much slower pace till we leave the group one by one to go our separate ways for the day. Mary Ellen was job hunting at the time and her mornings were free. Pat brings Tucker. We start walking at 7:00am and end about 7:45/8:00am. After several weeks, we picked up Laura and Libby from a nearby neighborhood. Laura is Pat's friend and Libby is Laura's. Laura picks up Libby and drives to Pat's. Everyone has a lot to say and all have a sense of humor. At times the conversation gets so loud with everyone talking; it's hard to believe we hear anything anyone says. During our walks we are often exchanging partners, our paces changing and who we need to share with becomes the deciding factor, not to mention the uneven sidewalks and garbage cans we dodge and weave around to keep falling at a minimum. Occasionally, folks join us and leave us, but we keep walking. Come to think of it all the men who have joined us have never maintained the routine. We had Chuck for a while from 44th. Chuck had a project to do, so his focus now is elsewhere and Marc a musician, and Rick retired, walked once. Walking is not everyone's cup of tea, but everyone is welcomed to join us any time during the walk. Eileen's husband has joined us several times. He joined us for our Saturday break from our normal walk in which we headed to the lakefront. We have continued to walk Monday through Saturday allowing for vacations, meetings, Sundays, rain and rare sleep in mornings. After walking on Wed. several of the group would go for pie and coffee sold by a couple of teens as a fund raiser. We became the pickers, because we decided we wanted to have a name for our group, so others knew who we were and would feel welcomed. I believe Eileen chose the name Pickers. Eileen & Mary Ellen picked up garbage, I picked up little treasures for my urban art projects, and Pat picked up Tucker's doo. Laura picked on Pat and occasionally doo from a dog she walks, Chuck picked up garbage and we decided pennies was his thing. Libby picked on Laura, Marc on his guitar and Eileen's husband we jokingly said he could pick his nose. During the summer The Pickers with each step have gotten to know each other a bit better. We have shared laughter over funny escapades and tales and tears of sharing and concerns over personal trials. We have imagined wonderful business ventures and recognized more of our neighbors and they us as we offer greetings to each other while they go off to work or now, send the children off to school. We now also greet the kids and ask them about their day. Mary Ellen is now employed and her mornings are not for walking. We're happy for her. Lately, we've been talking about walking in the winter. How can we continue safely in the weather? Until then, The Pickers will continue to walk and pick till, like the migrating birds, one by one they are gone. I would hope there could be one place close we could walk protected from the

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)	
Christine Happel.....	916-2465
46th Street (Martin to State)	
Bonnie Morscher	339-0731
Vliet Street & Business Rep	
Pat Mueller	933-5589

Trick or Treat Details: Registration

Wednesday: Oct 22 & 29
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Saturday: Oct 25th
10:00 AM -noon

Trick or Treat Night
Friday Oct. 31, 2014
7:30—8:30

Don't be early/ Don't be late!

weather, we could continue to meet and share and support, because honestly, although I hate getting up early, I've enjoyed the mornings. I haven't lost much weight or size, but there have been many blessings and that is just, as they say, priceless.