

Martin Drive Trolley News

Special Meeting of the Association Saturday, Sept. 14th at 10am

There is no meeting Monday Sept. 9th

There will be a special meeting of the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association on Sat. Sept. 14th starting at 10am. We would like to tell you about many new developments including Martin Drive Neighborhood Association becoming a Non-Profit Organization. There is also a chance that we will have the opportunity to become a Targeted Investment Neighborhood, commonly referred to as a TIN. Come & be updated. <>

Martin Drive's Landmark Wall

By Sharon Williams

Have you ever driven across Martin Drive toward Highland Blvd.? Have you noticed the stone wall that runs between 44th and 43rd Streets? For the last 23 years I have lived directly across from it and watched it deteriorate. My worst nightmare was that the wall would be torn down and replaced by a drab metal barrier found on highway exit ramps.

A concerned neighbor and I contacted Supervisor Russell Stamper's and Alderman Michael Murphy's offices for help. During the first days of June, I noticed two workmen who appeared to be examining the wall. I crossed the street, spoke to them...and sure enough...they were from a stone restoration business subcontracted by the city to clean and repair our wall. No ugly, drab, all be it probably less costly, metal barrier would replace our landmark wall!! Yes, we gladly endured the weeks of being awakened by the early morning sounds of stone grinders and the resulting dust that blew into our windows. (Photos on web version of newsletter.)

With the help of Megan O'Connor, Ald. Murphy's assistant, we found out that the wall had been built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corp. This program was designed to put young men back to work during the Great Depression repairing the Nation's infrastructure, forests, etc. Thanks to those mentioned above, and to the other neighbors who joined our efforts, our wall will continue to stand as a monument to the work of the young men of the CCC and will continue to provide a beautiful aesthetic reminder to our neighborhood. Take a walk down Martin Drive and enjoy it.<>

Night Time Trick or Treat Turns 20!



By Pat Mueller

The Martin Drive Neighborhood had been meeting monthly for several years when two young mothers who were 43rd Street Block Council Reps, Katrina Knight and Barb Roose, came to a meeting to share something that Washington Heights was doing...Night Time Trick or Treat. They thought Martin Drive should start doing the same. Those attending the meeting quickly agreed. Katrina and Barb contacted Washington Heights to learn how to organize Night Time Trick or Treat from the experienced group.

Barb eventually moved. Still for many years, Trick or Treat Headquarters was run out of Katrina's home in the 1200 block of N. 43rd Street. It was there that families registered children. Katrina's family counted out the candy. They made the buttons kids were to wear to identify that they were registered. Volunteers stepped up to report for their duties.

The two of them set the foundation for this cherished "spooktacular" tradition in the neighborhood. And the circle has come around with Katrina's children now adults, bringing the grandchildren to the event. Thank you for your vision. <>

Thank you Katrina Knight and family for starting
Night Time Trick or Treat.

Neighbors be safe! By Joe Duncan

If kids are not in school, they're in your home. Sometimes it does take a neighborhood to raise a child. If you see a child not attending school please call the Milwaukee's non-emergency phone number **414-933-4444 OPTION 9**. The Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression Program (TABS) began in Milwaukee on November 29, 1993. The mission of TABS is to intervene with students who are truant, deterring them from involvement in the criminal justice system. This is accomplished by promoting school attendance through a collaborative team approach, involving students, parents, schools, law enforcement and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. And always... **SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, SMELL SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING**. It could save a life, prevent an injury, or stop a criminal act and help affect an arrest. <>

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.

DIRTY ROTTEN RAT!

By Pat Devitt

Rats are being sighted in the Martin Drive Neighborhood. Rats have some favorite outdoor haunts, and by eliminating or minimizing these favored places you can stop these rodents from multiplying and spreading. Here is a listing of places they will find refuge:

- Under wood piles or lumber that is not being used often;
- Under bushes, vines and in tall grasses that are not trimmed or cut back;
- Under rocks in the garden;
- In cars, appliances and furniture that has been put outside and is no longer being used;
- In and around trash and garbage that has been left on the ground;
- In holes or gaps under buildings.



What attracts rats and how to eliminate the problem.

Just like people rats have some basic needs which will lure them to a house or a neighborhood. Once there they will stay and spread unless we do not supply those needs. Here is a list of some of the things that may be attracting these critters to our neighborhood:

- Garbage that rats can get into, like garbage cans with loose lids or that are filled over the top, plastic or paper bags, and litter (You know, those half-empty McDonalds bags left in the street);
- Fruits and berries that have fallen to the ground;
- Dog droppings;
- Discarded food;
- Food for pets and birds that has not been eaten (birdseed on the ground, pet food in pet dishes, bread crumbs, etc.);
- Compost pile or worm bin that isn't taken care of the right way (no meat, fish, poultry, or dairy in the compost);
- Uncollected rubbish and litter.
- Wash out your garbage and recycling carts and then make sure you hose away any of the residue from your newly clean cart;
- Rats get into your house or garage from tree branches that hang over the roof, keep trees cut back and cover any openings in the eaves.

Please do whatever you can to help eliminate this problem and to prevent its recurrence. If you see any of these critters in your yard or on your block, report it to your block rep.

THE RUMMAGE SALE IS ALWAYS FUN!

By Sharon Williams

The 10th annual Martin Drive Neighborhood rummage sale was another happy event in our neighborhood. The weather was great, and 42 neighbors dragged their "stuff" out onto their lawns and driveways to sell. With flags swaying in the breeze up and down the streets, Martin Drive and lower 46th St. looked like they were having block parties.

Besides distributing the flier, Block Reps used the event as an opportunity to get in touch with their immediate neighbors, espe-

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)	
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)	
.....	Volunteer Needed
46th Street (Martin to State)	
Bonnie Morscher	339-0731
Vliet Street & Business Rep	
Pat Mueller	933-5589

lower 46th. Because of their efforts, we got back most of the flags and four crates of donations for the White Elephant raffle for next May's Annual Meeting.

BIG THANK YOUS go to the volunteers who put the Rummage Sale information on the many garage sale websites, and to Wally Kutch at Caradaro Club Pizza on Vliet Street, who printed the fliers and provided the pizza coupons for the "selling" participants. His place is across from Wick Field and has the huge coffee cup on the front. And of course, thank you to all who came out.

I'm already looking forward to organizing next year's Rummage Sale, which will most likely be on the third Saturday in July or July 19, 2014. Come to the Annual Meeting next May to find out the details. It does seem that having the sale a week before the Summer Sizzle Picnic helps give more publicity to both events. **Start planning now, and we'll see you next year!**

Martin Drive Neighborhood Mission

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!