

# Martin Drive Trolley News

Winter 2010

## Ice Skating Returns to Washington Park

By Joey Zoher,

Washington Park Director of the Urban Ecology Center

I love it when people stop in and tell me stories about the past. Just the other day someone stopped in with a photo from the early 1900s of the Washington Park lagoon filled with ice skaters. It's remarkable to see how excited people are when they talk about their memories of skating in Washington Park, and shows how rich this park's history really is. We are very happy to announce that there will be ice skating again in Washington Park this year! As the word is starting to spread, there are several recurring questions I thought I could answer for you here. The most frequently asked question is, "When will the ice be open?" Washington Park's lagoon is now being treated like those in all the other parks, so once the County Parks staff determine the ice is thick enough, they will announce it on the website [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com).



Will the bathrooms be open? Our open hours are Tuesday-Friday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-5 p.m. The community building is not generally open to the public at other times. So, if you want to join us for a cup of hot chocolate and warm up, come during our open hours!

Are there skates available? We are happy to include children's skates in our equipment lending program, thanks to the generosity of Harley Davidson Foundation. In addition, we have several pairs of adult skates that have been donated. The best way to be sure to have the right size is to BYO Skates. If you would like to borrow ours, please call in advance to check for sizes. Also, if you have a pair of skates collecting dust in your basement, consider donating them!

If ice skating isn't your thing, there's still lots to do in the winter at Washington Park. Stop by any time during open hours to borrow snowshoes, sleds or ice fishing equipment. You can get a taste of things such as cross country skiing, take a ride on our sleigh, and of course, practice your ice skating. Come inside to warm up with some hot chocolate, then get back outside and play!

**Snow on the lagoon is cleared and the rink is officially open.**

For more information or to check for skates, call:  
Urban Ecology Center  
(414) 344-5460 <>

## *Jacob Knight*

### Received Recognition from Milwaukee Police Department



Many of you remember Katrina Knight who founded our tradition of Night Time Trick-or-Treat when her kids were of treating age. Her son Jacob Knight has grown to a fine adult and chose a career as a Milwaukee Police Officer. On November 18, 2009, Chief Flynn recognized 46 Milwaukee Police Officers for bravery and Meritorious service to Milwaukee County. Jake was recognized at that

### **Police Officers Jacob Knight and Erin K. Lelinski**

On February 18, 2009, Officer Knight and his partner were patrolling in the area of the 1900 block of West Hopkins Street, when they observed two subjects acting suspiciously at the gas station. The officers had knowledge that there had been several armed robberies and burglaries at the station in the past.

As the officers pulled into the lot, one of the subjects immediately grabbed towards his waistband. Officer Knight exited the squad and began to question the subjects regarding their activity. One of the subjects took unprovoked flight from Officer Knight, running eastbound from the scene. Several times during the foot pursuit, Officer Knight's verbalized commands to the subject to cease his flight were ignored. The suspect fell to the ground during flight in the 1800 block of West Hopkins Street.

In an effort to elude apprehension, the suspect began to physically resist. During this resistance, the suspect repeatedly tried to bring his hands to his waistband. Another officer arrived on the scene in the yard and assisted in safely securing the suspect. A handgun was retrieved from the suspect's waistband. The suspect subsequently pleaded guilty to charges of carrying a concealed weapon and resisting an officer. Officer Knight displayed courage while apprehending an armed subject, and likely deterred other crimes. <>

Join your Martin Drive neighbors on the **second Monday** of each month at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 West Vliet St., at 6:30 p.m.



## SNOW ANGELS

By Pat Mueller

Martin Drive Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator

According to Wikipedia, a snow angel is a human-made depression formed in an area of snow in the shape of an angel. Making snow angels is a common childhood game. Want to try it yourself?



### Technique for Making Snow Angels

The creation of the snow angel is a simple process. The first step is to find an undisturbed plane of snow. The next step is to lie spread-eagle in the center of the snow. The limbs are then swept back and forth, creating a trough through the snow. When it is finished, the snow angel should have the appearance of an angel, the movement of the arms having formed wings, and that of the legs having formed a gown.

### What is a

### Martin Drive Neighborhood Snow Angel?

Sometimes a neighbor calls my office for help with snow. We have a wonderful family with five kids who help neighbors with their snow. The area also has secret snow angels. Another snow angel goes along 43rd Street creating a path with his snow blower. During the last snow, I received a note on my door - "Thank you for your snow removal - your neighbor at 1339." Legend has it there is a snow angel on Vliet Street who comes early morning or late night and clears the sidewalk so that the neighbors awake to find a snow cleared path instead of a snow drift. The Vliet Street snow angel has cookies awaiting him if we can find out who he is.

### Why Are Martin Drive Snow Angels So Prolific?

My feeling is that the neighbors in Martin Drive feel connected and part of the whole neighborhood. When you feel connected, you are more likely to reach out and help others. Hopefully, in your time of need, other neighbors will be there to help you. A big collective neighborhood "thank you" goes out to all the snow angels and Martin Drive angels.

## TIDBITS

### MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD MISSION STATEMENT

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! <>

### Get Going – Get Growing! - Martin Drive Community Garden Grows & Expands

If you are like me, you are starting to get excited about warm weather, blooming flowers, and growing vegetable gardens! This spring with the work of Steve Falsetti, Martin Drive's Garden Guy, we will enlarge our garden, add a micro greens garden on the Sentry fence, and add three fruit trees. Are you interested in learning how to garden and helping with this valuable project? Contact Steve at 608-443-9337 or Pat Mueller at 933-5589 to express interest. <>

### Martin Drive Porch Light Project

***For a safer, more secure neighborhood, we encourage you to keep your porch lights lit.***

While Martin Drive Neighborhood boasts of a very low crime rate, some have expressed that if more neighbors were keeping porch lights lit, it would improve security of the overall neighborhood. In 2007, we did a **Light Brigade, Light the Night Campaign** and identified that many people had broken light fixtures. So with funding received from the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative, we offered to neighbors to replace ceiling mounted porch lights fixtures with a quality, low energy, dusk to dawn light manufactured by Ruud Lighting in Racine and a licensed electrician to install the fixture. Half of our lights are installed and brightening the neighborhood. Don't be left in the dark. Only a few lights are left. You must have a ceiling mounted porch fixture. Call Pat at 933-5589 **Thank you city of Milwaukee, NIDC and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.** <>

### Urban Ecology Center's Wish List

Please save toilet paper rolls for the Urban Ecology Center (UEC). This year the UEC is limiting use of plastics in its plant nursery because they are difficult to recycle. Instead, they're testing a more eco-friendly option of fashioning cardboard tubes into small, bio-degradable pots for seedlings.

Here's where your help comes in: we need about 2,000 toilet paper, paper towel or other cardboard tubes. Please save your cardboard tubes and bring them to the UEC. The more you give the more we can grow!

PS: Since coming to Washington Park, the UEC and volunteers have planted thousands of naturalized plants throughout the park and raised vegetable beds next to their facility. Keep them growing. Thanks for your help! <>







### Caroline Carter & Eden's Market

By Pat Mueller

Martin Drive Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator

New Year's Day I attended a conference presented by a Martin Drive resident, Caroline Carter, at the Amaranth Café. It seemed perfect timing -- what a better day to review, renew and research how to eat well and be healthier. We sampled three dishes prepared by Caroline - Kale Chips, Spanish Raw Rice and Spicy Zucchini Paté. All dishes were incredibly tasty. Caroline began a raw food business in 2007 with her daughter, Shenita Ray, and credits a raw food lifestyle change with better health, more energy, better sleep and a significant weight loss.

What exactly is raw food? It is whole food that has not been heated, treated, or processed with preservative or additives. Raw foods are fresh fruit, veggies, nuts, whole grains, sprouts and lightly fermented food.

Caroline is passionate about her business and lifestyle and is taping seven shows for Channel 10-36: "Cooking Raw" which will air this spring. *Mother and Daughter Diary of Raw Food Recipes for Beginners*, a collaborative book by Caroline's daughter, Shenita, should be available in March locally and on Amazon.com.

If you would like to try some of Caroline's products, you can see her weekly at the Winter Farmer's Market at State Fair Park in the Tommy Thompson Residence Center near the ice rink on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Eden's Market crackers and granola are sold at Amaranth Café, 3329 West Lisbon Avenue. For more information, check out her web site [www.edensmarket.com](http://www.edensmarket.com). <>



#### **MILWAUKEE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE**

Martin Drive is one of seven Milwaukee Neighborhoods designated as part of the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative. The goal of Healthy Neighborhoods is to engage residents with tools to build neighborhood pride and increase real estate values.

Healthy Neighborhoods are places where it is abundantly clear that people love, are proud of, and are happy in their neighborhood. <>

### Remember to Recycle

By Linda Devitt

It's important for all of us to remember to recycle. Recycling provides materials that can be made into other items and saves natural resources. Recycling keeps useful materials from piling up in landfills. Recycling conserved municipal tax dollars.

Recycling is a business for the city of Milwaukee. The trucks are weighed when they return after a pickup in a neighborhood. If a neighborhood does not recycle much, it may get neglected. Recycling carts are supposed to be picked up every 30 days all across the city. The amount of material in the cart should not affect that schedule.

Drivers of the recycling trucks are pulled from their routes once a month to submit to a drug test. Sounds like a good idea from a safety perspective, but it may keep the driver away from the route for an hour or more.

A "split" route means a recycling truck driver's 60-block route may end on the other side of your street. If a driver is out sick, a substitute may not know the route as well and start on the wrong place, causing a block to be skipped.

Remember to make your recycling can accessible. Move cars if possible so the driver can get the cart out of your driveway. In the winter make sure that you have shoveled around the cart so it can be moved to the city trucks. Also, remember to return your cart to its storage place by the end of the day it is picked up. You could be fined if you don't.

There are two sides to our recycling carts: the left side is for paper, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, and phone books; the right side is for aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles, glass jars, and bottles.

You can recycle the following items: aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles (#1 and #2 only), glass jars and bottles (any color), phone books, newspapers and magazines, cardboard and paperboard, and mixed paper and junk mail.

Please empty and rinse all recyclable containers. Keep paper recyclables separate from cans, bottles and jars. If you save recyclable materials in a plastic bag in your house, take them out of the bag before putting them in the recycling cart. Be sure not to put trash in the recycling cart.

Remember, do not put window glass, light bulbs, ceramics or china, styrofoam, plastic bags, #4-#7 or unmarked plastics; plastic bottles that contained motor oil or antifreeze in recycling carts. Also, no needles or "sharps" should go in recycling carts.

We have had problems with recycling in our Martin Drive Neighborhood. Lately, things have improved, but if you still have problems with recycling carts not being emptied on a monthly basis, there are two things you can do: 1) call the Department of Public Works at 286-6102 or you can call our alderman, Michael Murphy, at 286-3763 or email him at [mmurph@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mmurph@milwaukee.gov).

Please - remember to recycle. It's good for the environment! <>





### Martin Drive Neighborhood and Block Representatives

#### Martin Drive

Sharon Williams ..... 933-6800

#### Martin Drive Apartment

Eric Pennebaker..... 313-9861

#### McKinley Court

Mary Andres..... 344-3970

#### 42<sup>nd</sup> Street

Betty & Al Siemens ..... 344-3846

#### 43<sup>rd</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)

Raymond Duncan ..... 294-3828

Vicki Provencher ..... 828-8250

#### 43<sup>rd</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)

Amy Peterson ..... 750-1005

#### 44<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)

..... Volunteer Needed

#### 44<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)

Linda and Pat Devitt..... 344-1019

#### 45<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)

Rod & Sandy Washington ..... 763-8848

Maggie & Tom Blaha..... 344-0688

#### 45<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)

Kathy McCauley ..... 517-9797

Tom Gillard ..... 688-3185

#### 46<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)

Steve Falsetti ..... 608-443-9337

#### 46<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)

Terry McCauley..... 588-5551

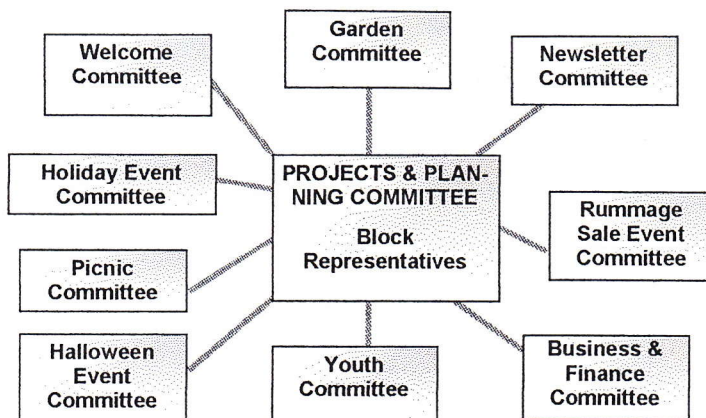
#### 46<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to State)

Bonnie Morscher..... 339-0731

#### Vliet Street & Business Representative

Pat Mueller..... 933-5589

Here's a reminder of our current organizational chart  
(lines are not reporting relationships,  
we all work together) 😊



### What's Next For Our Neighborhood and Washington Park!

Please join neighbors, schools, churches, businesses and other neighborhood stakeholders to help set the priorities for Washington Park.

**Saturday, May 1, 2010  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

For more information and for the location, contact Robbie Leonard, Neighborhood Coordinator at Washington Park Partners, 344-1818.

#### BLOCK REP. NEEDED FOR:

**44th Street from Juneau to Vliet**  
Contact **Sharon Williams**  
@933-6800 to register



### Save the Date

#### **Martin Drive Annual Meeting**

**Monday, May 10, 2010, 6:15 p.m.**

**Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 West Vliet St.**