



Martin Drive Trolley News

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Highland Park Pies and Cafe: A Neighborhood Treasure

by Mary Kehoe Andres

Imagine coming home to the aromas of fresh bakery, warm greetings and a comfy easy chair. Sounds great, doesn't it? You can find this treasure of our neighborhood at the corner of Martin Dr. and W. Highland Blvd. Highland Park Pies and Café is open Mondays through Saturdays and great coffee, delicious bakery choices as well as flavorful soups and creative sandwiches is served

Celebrating a five-year anniversary in June, the Café is the dream of Maureen Bohorfoush, owner and head baker of the fantastic pies that are a café specialty. Originally an English Tudor home with an eight-sided sun porch, circa 1927, the café building has had many identities including photo lab, potters studio and hair salon. Maureen and her family saw the "home" in the building's structure. Working as a team, they broke down some walls and opened up some windows to share this fantastic architectural delight with the neighborhood. Maureen chose a name that reflected the area around the café and Highland Park Pies and Café was born!



The café has since been honored with the Mayor's Design Award for Design Excellence, is a choice of local businesses for their seminars, received kudos in restaurant reviews and will soon be featured in a coffee table book on the treasures of Milwaukee.

You have to stand inside the café for the full effect of light and angle of specialty windows and cozy rooms and, of course, to receive the warm greeting waiting for each and every customer. It is this spirit of welcome extended to the many customers, some of whom are lifelong residents of the neighborhood (including a previous owner of the café!), that keeps people coming back.

Whether it's young people at the outdoor tables, nonprofit groups having a board meeting in the one-step meeting room, or the many who start their day at the cozy café, it is truly a center for the neighborhood.

So stop in and enjoy the café Mondays through Fridays between 6:30 am and 5:00 pm and Saturdays between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm<>

Halloween Spooktacular 2006

Fri. Oct. 27th * 7:30 - 8:30 pm

12th Annual Night-Time

Trick-Or-Treat

All our little bumblebees, ghosts, princesses, super heroes are invited to be bewitched at the 12th Annual good old fashioned Night Time Trick or Treat.



All kids must be registered and must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

We ask for a contribution of \$1 for each child registered and a donation of one bag of candy (100 pieces or more). If more than 4 children from a family, please donate 2 bags of candy. This is a nominal fee for this family fun event and is necessary to keep this tradition going.

This year one street will be designated as a treating street and will be barricaded from car traffic from Vliet St. to Martin Dr. from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. When you register your kids, you will get a map showing the Treating Street.

If this is your first Night Time Trick Or Treat, expect to have fun, no matter what your age. It's totally Spooktacular! <>

Trick or Treat Registration

Register Your Kids At: Heritage West
4303 W. Vliet — side door on 43rd

Wed. Oct. 18 & 25 (5 – 8 pm)

Sat. Oct. 21 (9 am – noon)

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed for the 3on 3 Basketball Tournament and Night Time Trick or Treat.

These events can only happen with the help of neighborhood volunteers. Have a few hours, Call

Pat at 933-5589 to see what might fit your schedule. .

This newsletter accepts articles about events, issues, editorials, and letters pertaining to the Martin Drive Neighborhood. Submissions must have a name and telephone number for contact. Send submissions to hwproperties@netzero.net; deadlines are: January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1. Articles in this newsletter are written by Martin Drive Neighborhood volunteers.

**MDNA 2nd Annual
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Sat. Oct. 14th * 11 am to 3 pm
Rain date Oct. 21st
Washington Park Basketball
Courts**

Last year we had a tremendously successful neighborhood 3 on 3 basketball tournament. So, we decided to do it again. The event is for neighborhood kids (male and female), grades 1 through 12. It will be held at the Washington Park Basket Ball Courts. All kids must pre-registered to play. See the registration form on the last page of this newsletter.



Players who register **BEFORE** Oct. 14th will receive a **FREE** ticket to a **BUCKS GAME**. You must be registered by 11 am on the day of the event. Everyone registered will be eligible for a drawing of cool door prizes. Parents, make sure you sign the form and get it returned to Heritage West Properties before Oct. 14. Questions, call Pat at 933-5589<>

Call it what you want!

Landfill Rescues, Recyclables, Trash, or Junk!
If you're thinking of kicking it to the curb, Karen Spencer of Déjà vu Consignments would be happy to pick up your donation. She may be able to use it for parts and give it a new life. If it is real wood, metal and even if parts are missing give her a call 414-265-0217. These kinds of donations will help keep the doors open.

Haven't experienced déjà vu yet?

Visit Daja Vu Consignments

4315 W. Vliet Street

One of a kind furniture, antiques & collectibles.<>

St Sebastian Fish Fry Dates

St Seb's School Cafeteria

1740 N. 55th Street

4:30 - 7:30 pm

November 3

December 1

January 5

February 2

Dine in or Carry Out

For More Info Call 414-453-1061



Journal Jottings

As I Walk Through Washington Park

By Nelda W.

July 5, 2006: In addition to enjoying the beauty of our historic Washington Park and exercising little Roscoe, my son's dog, I walk to lower my blood pressure. It really works – usually! However, today I am seething with anger; my blood pressure is undoubtedly out of control. The Park is a pigsty. Does anyone care?

July 11: As I continue my daily walks in the Park frustration mounts. Although I carry a garbage bag and try to pick up litter and broken glass, my feeble efforts seem so futile. Instead of just reacting negatively, is there something I can do to be pro-active?

July 13: After much deliberation I am determined to go to the Park with a new mindset. I will try to take a positive approach and attempt to carry out one of the various ideas swirling around in my gray matter.

July 14: Enter the park today with both pockets bulging – trash bags in the left pocket, candy bars in the right. Encountered two small obviously bored boys meandering aimlessly. Engaged them in conversation. Asked if they knew who owned the Park. Without hesitation they informed me that it belongs to everyone.

Then the big question: who is responsible for keeping it clean? That required a little more thought but they quickly decided that everyone should help. I promptly produced the trash bags and thanked them in advance for their help. Told them to find me when the bags were full.

Fifteen minutes later they came running toward me, each one excitedly waving an arm, both wanting to talk at the same time. They had encountered a man who asked them what they were doing. When they told him they were helping keep the Park clean, he gave each a dollar.

I asked the boys (both age 8) what they planned to do with their reward. One didn't know; the other stuffed it down his pocket announcing that he was going to save it to buy a new house. I'll sleep better tonight; have found my mission.

July 17: Upon arrival in the Park I was instantly surrounded by children (ages 6-12) asking if I were the "treat lady." Within minutes seven girls and boys were scurrying through the park filling their bags. There were only five candy bars in my pocket; a quick trip home enabled each child to receive a reward.

However, before passing out the treats we talked about keeping the Park clean even on days the "treat lady" would not be around. We talked about pride in our Park being its own reward. I told them a little about the history of the Park, about who designed it, and about the 1,800 trees planted there in 1896.

July 26: I was so touched by a little boy who seemed happy to see me. He lives on 40th St, and he told me he had looked out the window as soon as he woke up to see if I were in the Park. Maybe my efforts are not totally in vain.<>

Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Meeting Summary

August 14, 2006

26 people attended including two new neighbors from 45th St. John Chisolm and Lorraine McNamara-McGraw, candidates running for the office of District Attorney for Milwaukee addressed the group.

On Tues, Aug. 7, neighbors walked with Capt. Jim Harpole and other police officers with the intent of becoming familiar with 43rd and 44th Streets. It was our hope that the police could realize that the quality of life issues are what makes us call out for help.



According to police records, Martin Drive has minimal crime, neighbors report: sleep is interrupted by young people racing cars, screaming and shouting people hanging out of windows of racing cars with dogs barking. The most common repeated request from neighbors is to have the police walk the streets on a regular basis.

In our real world, neighbors can work together by having everyone who is being disturbed; call the police for the same incident at the same time. Most of us are not alone in our expectations of what our neighborhoods should provide.

The best part of the meeting was having those in attendance recommend their neighbors for our "Good Neighbor" award. If you want to see who received these awards check out the following addresses: 1367 N. 42nd St., 4138-40 W. McKinley, 1153 N. 44th St., 1165 N. 44th St., 1266 N. 44th St., 1137-39 N. 45th St., 1170-72 N. 45th St., 1168-70 N. 46th St., 1228-30 N. 46th St. Congratulations to all the honorees!

Neighbor concerns included garbage cart problems. We have been told by the city workers that our neighborhood has an infestation of flies. We need to really scrub our garbage carts and eliminate the source of the problem.

September 11, 2006

20 neighbors attended. Our guest was the interim organizer for West End Corp, Karen G. West End has three main goals: acquire, rehab, and sell. These goals are evidenced in their present programs: neighborhood improvements, minor home repairs using block grants, and Main Street SoHi on 27th St. south of Highland. Karen proved to be an excellent listener to the neighbors' questions and concerns. She promised to respond by Wednesday of that week. The major question was the financial stability of West End. Karen feels that West End's problem can be resolved resulting in a healthy organization. Neighbors also questioned whether they were eligible to receive help with minor home repairs.

Sharon W. spoke for a newly formed group presently named the Response Team of MDNA. They meet every Wednesday night at Sharon's home on Martin Drive at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested is invited. The goal is to utilize the youth of this neighborhood for some neighborhood activities (e.g. Halloween) and also to provide some healthy activities for our young people by having them help in planning.

They are planning a 3 on 3 basketball event on Sat, Oct. 14th with Oct. 21 being the rain date. One of our young neighbors has been hired by Bob Clark of Making Connections. Many needs have been identified and will be addressed as the team meets regularly.

Mayor Barrett will receive a letter from the MDNA expressing our gratefulness for enforcing the curfew ordinance. The letter was signed by those in attendance. Copies of the letter will also be sent to Alderman Murphy and Police Chief N. Hegerty.

Jen V. notified us that plans are under way for the 2006 Halloween Trick or Treat night on October 27th from 7:30 - 8:30.

Neighbor concerns involved people going through garbage and leaving a mess behind. For the neighbors who meet up with the recyclers, it would be helpful to have them address the concerns. The recyclers of today have been seen pushing the baby strollers around on the collection route. Be aware that raccoons also could be creating the messes. Be sure to close your carts. You might also provide a container with your aluminum for recycling.

There was a suggestion made that Martin Drive Neighborhood Association use letterhead for general purposes. Maggie will take care of this issue. Another issue was the street sweeper partially cleaning our streets. Maggie volunteered to contact Michael Murphy's office concerning this issue. The catch basins are being repaired.

Jacqueline suggested and volunteered to invite Trina Bond from WWBIC to speak to us at the October 9th meeting. Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation provides many helpful services to the community.

Susan provided the neighbors with several flyers. 1.A Medicine Collection Day at Miller Park on Sept. 16 from 9:00 to Noon at the Sausage House and a Library book sale. <>

**The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association
meets the second Monday of each month
at 6:30 pm at
1219 N. 45th St.**

**We want this neighborhood to be safe, friendly,
cooperative and informed.**

The diversity of people is one of the best reasons for living in Martin Drive. Hope all of you get out and meet a new neighbor. <>

THE MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS A

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

For neighborhood students (male and female)
Grades 1 through 12



Saturday, Oct. 14th -- beginning at 11am to 3pm

Rain Date: Saturday, Oct. 21st

Washington Park Basketball Courts

Each player must be registered in order to play!!

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PARTICIPANTS ---PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND BRING IT TO:
4303 W. Vliet St., (the Heritage West Offices)

Parents and adults bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon of fun!

Do not forget to have a parent sign the form!

-----tear off -----tear here and return to the address given above-----

Registration Form

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

My team mates will be _____

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD, _____, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOURNAMENT.

SIGNED _____ Date _____

In case of an emergency, I can be reached at _____

Phone