

MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD TROLLEY

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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Bloom and Groom — It is Back

By Pat Mueller

On Saturday, May 22nd we will be celebrating a beautiful, colorful summer season that you can enjoy in your yard by sponsoring Bloom & Groom. Thanks to the City of Milwaukee



NIDC and Lowes who offer the plants to us for half of wholesale prices, we can bring you very reasonable prices for plants to decorate your yards. We have done this event for 10 years, but last year it was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

than you might otherwise. At this point we are not limiting

If you have concerns about shopping the sale, we will consider options like filling and delivering your order if prepaid. If you have a need for this service, contact Pat at 414-339-



This year precautions will be taken to assure safety and social distancing while we wind

sales but remember we want this to go to many in the neighborhood.

2099. There will be a call for volunteers to help with Bloom & Groom, but this will be done through our listserve closer to the date. Volunteers get first pick of plants.



Dave Johnson will monitor the number of neighbors shopping at a time. Bring ID or a utility bill to show you live in this neighborhood. The sale will be limited to only the neighbors in the Martin Drive Neighborhood.

The sale will begin at 10am and go until noon. At noon, the sale is open to residents of other neighborhoods, or for additional purchases.

down in the pandemic. It will be at the Martin Drive Community Garden, 1337 N. 46th St.

While we love the camaraderie and the opportunity to see neighbors you don't often see, we also want to be safe. We ask you to wear a mask for others. Maybe shop a little faster

Bloom & Groom
Saturday, May 22,
10am to noon, Martin Drive Residents only.
1pm sales are open to all.
At Martin Drive Community Garden
1337 N 46th St

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MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD

MDNA Celebrates a 100 YEARS Of MDNA Houses



Meeting Notice:

The next Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Meeting at 6:00 pm April 12 on Zoom check the MDNA Website and Facebook for login info

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www.martin-drive.org/contact.html
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2021 Community Garden By Jerry Burns

As warmer weather approaches, the prospect of planting vegetables and flowers in the garden has been surging. There has been considerable interest expressed in the Martin Drive Community Garden,



and there promises to be a higher participation rate than in recent years. Already, ten individuals have indicated their desire to have a plot in the garden, and we've been able to accommodate them all. There are three plots still available. Only \$25 will secure a plot for you, and that fee will be returned to gardeners, upon request, if



they maintain their garden throughout the growing season and clean up their plot in the fall. It is our hope that the eventual easing of Covid concerns will enable the garden area to again become the focal point for other events and activities throughout the summer. If you're interested in securing one of the remaining plots, please contact Jerry Burns at jburns@marianuniversity.edu



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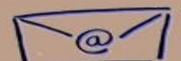


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Vliet Street Businesses Need your local support



MDNA Contact



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Listserv — martin-drive@googlegroups.com

Martin Drive Neighborhood \$1,000 Grant Opportunity

Near West Side Partners is offering \$1,000 grants to Martin Drive Neighborhood homeowners are eligible for \$1,000 grant towards home improvements that can be viewed from the street or address a repair ordered by the Department of Neighborhood Services.

When Martin Drive Neighborhood Association first started, most years, we were able to get small grants for exterior home improvements. It made a huge difference in our housing quality. Guess what? It's back thanks to the NWSP's.

Here's How It Works

Here are some examples of the 50% match up to \$1,000 to homeowners in their neighborhoods.

On a \$2,000 repair, \$1,000 would be paid.

On a \$500 repair, \$250 would be paid.

If you did a larger repair, like siding your home, you certainly could use a \$1,000 reduction in cost!

It is easily accessible because homeowners of all income levels are eligible.

To qualify for the grant, applicants must own a home and occupy it as your primary residence. Repairs must address an exterior condition visible from the street or address an emergency repair ordered by the City.

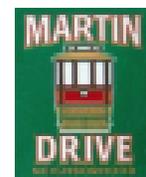
You will need to provide a detailed description of the repair project, location, photo and materials which will be used. Projects must be completed within two months of approval unless otherwise approved by the NWSP's. This is a reimbursable grant meaning it must be completed and paid receipts are needed for reimbursement.



Here are some ideas that might qualify:

- Concrete stairs and walkways,
- Garage replacement
- Lighting,
- Painting and siding,
- Landscaping
- New windows and storms
- Porch repair/replacement,
- Replacement doors,
- Shrub removal/or replacement,
- Replace defective gutters and downspouts,

Be sure to check with the Near West Side Partners for qualifications.



Remember, these grants are limited so don't hesitate.

Tell you neighbors about this!

Jump on this opportunity before the grants are gone!

For more information and to apply, visit:

www.nearwestsidemke.org/liveworkplay

**and/or email Lindsey St Arnold Bell
at associate@nearwestsidepartners.org**

Alderman Murphy Alderman 10th District.

Finance & Personnel Comm. discuss receipt & distribution of federal relief. March 16 Press release.

During a meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee (Wednesday, March 17), the committee heard file #201526 - Communication from the Department of Administration - Budget and Management Division relating to the receipt and distribution of federal coronavirus relief funds. The file will be item number one on the agenda. Finance and Personnel Committee Chair Alderman Michael J. Murphy, a co-sponsor of the file introduced by Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs and also co-sponsored by Common Council President Cavalier Johnson, looks forward to discussing the historic stimulus package at tomorrow's meeting. "These federal stimulus dollars represent an immense opportunity for Milwaukee, and the Common Council has an obligation to wisely invest these funds in an equitable way that will have the greatest impact on improving the quality of life for the most residents," said Alderman Murphy. "I would encourage stakeholders who are interested in this process to tune into tomorrow's meeting where we will have a thoughtful conversation on all things related to this topic." The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 includes more than \$400 million for the City of Milwaukee. To promote transparency in the allocation of funds, Alderman Murphy and President Johnson are introducing legislation to create a public-facing dashboard that will track how and where ARPA funds are distributed. The legislation will be discussed in more detail at a future committee meeting.

As officials discuss the best uses for these dollars it is vital that residents have information on how, where and when they can see an impact. We should be striving for maximum transparency, and I believe this legislation helps accomplish that goal," said Alderman Murphy. Council President Cavalier Johnson agrees with the sentiment. "Transparency is always vital in government, but it is key now more than ever as families have been grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic for a year and are looking to these stimulus funds for relief. This dashboard can serve as another tool to hold policymakers accountable and show residents exactly where these dollars are going.

Return to in-person learning is needed for local youth March 22, 2021 Press release.

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors voted on whether Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) students should return to classrooms in April. When it comes to returning to in person learning, I appreciate the caution and diligence demonstrated to this point, but I believe now is the time for our students to resume their learning in-person. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has offered guidance saying school district reopening should be considered in communities where there are fewer than 50 new cases per 100,000 people per week, and less than 8% of people tested for



COVID-19 test positive. As was reported last week, Milwaukee is below both of those thresholds. On top of these promising trends, teachers have been eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations since March 1st, and many can achieve full vaccination by the time reopening occurs in April. Over time, the science on this issue has also become increasingly clear. The CDC published new research that found limited coronavirus transmission in schools that require masks, an important factor that is included in the MPS reopening proposal. Additionally, the proposal addresses enhanced ventilation and surveillance testing, two more key components that help make schools and classrooms safer. Perhaps most importantly, research has indicated that the prolonged absence from schools can leave an impact on learning development. Access to technology, computer literacy, reduced learning times and less hands-on support can all impact the development of the whole child. This also includes the missing social-emotional development that comes from being in a classroom with peers. Other urban communities including New York City, Chicago and Boston have begun phasing in in-person schooling, and it is time Milwaukee does the same. I hope the Milwaukee Board of School Directors agrees and voted to allow children to return to the classroom in April.

Common Council unanimous in solidarity with AAPI community and residents March 23, 2021 Press Release

The Common Council today was unanimous in voting to approve a resolution putting the city on record as standing with the Asian-American Pacific Islander population (AAPI) and against hate stoked by racism. – sponsored by Alderman Michael J. Murphy and Council President Cavalier Johnson – emphasizes the importance of expressing the City of Milwaukee's solidarity with its Asian-American Pacific Islander residents and condemning all acts of violence directed against the AAPI community. "It is time to work together to put an end to the violence and racism the AAPI community experiences across our country, and that is why we must work together toward creating communities that are actively anti-racist," Alderman Murphy said. "I sincerely appreciate the unanimous support from my colleagues on this important resolution. Alderman Murphy said he hopes that the Council's resolution and others like it from other legislative bodies across the U.S. will "move our country's urgent need for reform forward" and closer to "creating a society where our diversity is not only respected but celebrated." 

Our Neighborhood Marker

By Anna Weirick ccc@nearwestsidepartners.org

The Near West Side Partners project is progressing quite well, and we are excited to generate more momentum as we get closer to the installation. Our artists, Andre St. Louis and Brandon Minga, will be spending the next few weeks integrating the feedback they collected at the March neighborhood meetings to update each of the markers. We are on track to launch a feedback survey the week of April 19th that will include the updated marker designs, potential color swatches, a draft of the brief histories that will be included on the marker, and an update on the location. We will leave this survey open for a couple of weeks so that we can collect as much feedback as possible. The artists will



symbolism for each marker. I have also attached the current draft of the markers. There are three versions of the marker. Each has a different type face, but the overall design is the same. The pictures



take this feedback to update the design and produce a color rendering. We will send the updated marker out for final review, likely in May, before the creation of the marker begins.

include in article are artist vision of the three markers.

Below is a link to the NWS webinar that has information on all of the Neighborhood Markers including an explanation of the

[Neighborhood Marker Webinar](#)



We are offering COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible people in our community.

Open to all in these categories:

- Individuals age 65 and older
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Call (414) 935-8000 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

Eligibility is updated often. Please call or visit www.progressivechc.org for the most up-to-date information.



Grateful

By Maggie Blaha

Gardens are full of flowers, some from Bloom and Groom.

Raking keeps the leaves from blowing around.

Artwork is on display in the gardens.

Teach our children to respect others' properties.

Everyone benefits from neighbors that are really great friends.

Favor people who share their talents, talking, baking, eating

Unusual to have so many people who care about each other.

Lights help keep us outside but more so does the sun.



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Pizza Meal Winners announced

by MNDATrolley

Two Neighbors won a free pizza from the Valley Inn by simply providing their email address to deliver the electronic issue of the Martin Drive Trolley. The winners are Bill T. and Thomas S.



WI Legislative Update by Evan Goyke

State Representative 18th Assembly District

Martin Drive Neighbors, I hope this update finds you healthy and safe. I wanted to dedicate this update to our State budget. Below is important information on the budget process,



including new opportunities to provide your feedback and thoughts as the legislature shapes Wisconsin's next state budget.

This session I am the senior Assembly Democrat on the Joint Finance Committee. This powerful committee debates and shapes our next State budget. This position provides me a unique opportunity to further advocate for our community and State.

On February 16th, Governor Evers gave his 2021-23 Budget Address where he announced the administration's priorities for the next biennial budget. The state budget covers funding for state programs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. I was encouraged by Governor Evers' hopeful message of recovery and resilience. The Governor's budget highlighted investments in small businesses, public schools, higher education, increasing access to healthcare, reducing prescription drug prices, reforming the criminal and juvenile justice systems, and renewing our commitment to preserving Wisconsin's natural resources.

The budget proposes to spend roughly \$90 billion over the next two-years in a mix of state and federal funding. The legislative process on the budget will be long and complicated, but please do not hesitate to contact my office with any process or content questions.

One of the next steps in the budget process is public listening sessions held around the state by the Joint Finance Committee. The public hearing schedule is:

Friday, April 9, 2021: UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI

Wednesday, April 21, 2021: The Hodag Dome, Rhinelander, WI

Thursday, April 22, 2021: UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI

Wednesday, April 28, 2021: Virtual, open to anyone statewide

You will notice that there isn't a hearing anywhere close to our community. I encourage you to participate in the virtual option if you are able. I have mixed feelings about the locations selected and while I would like to see an event closer to us, I am mindful that these events themselves present a risk of COVID spread and would not encourage participation if it wasn't safe even if the event were in our community.

Pre-registration will be required for the virtual hearing. The registration process and details are in development and will be released as soon as possible via the new committee website, which is also a portal for constituents to provide input.

This website is: www.legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments

The committee has also developed a dedicated email address to receive comments and testimony. The e-mail to submit your comments and testimony is: budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov

Following the public hearings, the budget process continues through May and June. Below is a graphic detailing the budget process over the coming weeks and months.

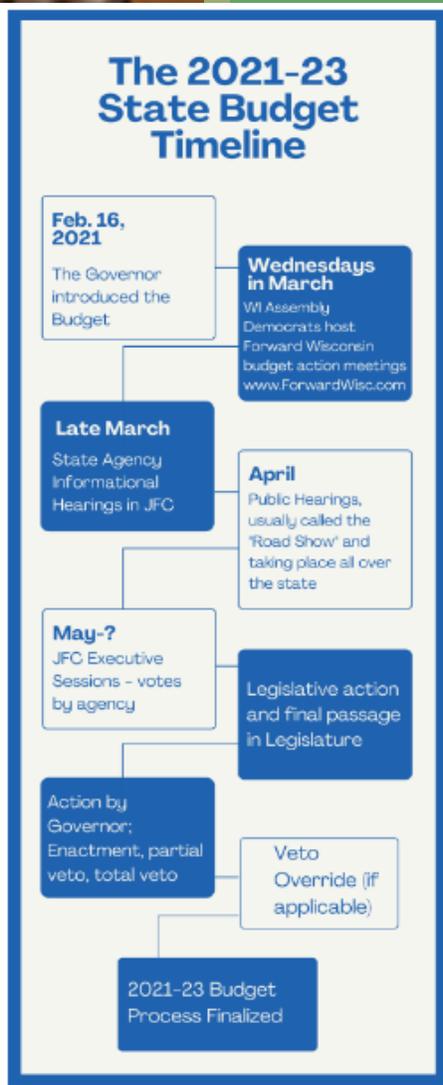
I hope to have the opportunity to write in again with more content about the budget as the debate moves forward. Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Madison. I look forward to listening to your priorities and communicating with you as the legislative session continues forward in 2021.

I welcome any questions, concerns, etc. regarding your thoughts on the state budget or other important issues. My email is Rep.Goyke@legis.wi.gov and my phone number is (608)266-0645. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you and have a wonderful Spring!

Evan Goyke

State Representative 18th Assembly District



Martin Drive Email Address



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We Are Neighbors

By Maggie Blaha



Just recently we have noted that a few of our neighbors have left us as they took the final journey in this life. We will miss Jean and Jim. We keep others in our prayers who are struggling with health issues. But we have new neighbors to wave at, take a minute to greet, invite them to join the neighborhood

website, identify helpers, encourage recycling, and introduce their children or dogs.

We have so many women who are enjoying homeownership. That is really amazing to me. It was not so long ago, that women could not own property much less credit cards in their own names. We are making progress with much more to accomplish. Let's see if we can identify other areas of accomplishment. I know. We have so much work to do.

Trust our neighbors to be available to keep us all safer. By keeping your garage doors closed, so as not to invite people into our area looking to take what does not belong to them. If you notice mail piling up at a neighbor's house, check on them.

Dog spotlight - two successful Adoptions

by Julie Colton

Ziggy is a 3 year old large rescue mix adopted by us in December. In four months this dog has decompressed and learned how to be a dog. We worked closely with a trainer, invested our time and loads of love. Ziggy was quite insecure, highly leash reactive, nervous, and had separation anxiety. He has gained confidence, is minimally reactive, and is happy and trusting.



Chloe is a 5 year old Tibetan terrier -Indonesia. We adopted her 1 1/2 years ago and everything about her is different now including her fur. She was anxious, barky, nippy, and didn't snuggle, but is now happy, playful, affectionate and quiet (even sitting in the window).

MARTIN DRIVE The next Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Meeting will be 6:00 pm April 12 on Zoom check to the MDNA Website for sign in details

WEBSITE
www.martin-drive.org/contact.html



CALENDAR

- April 12—MDNA Virtual Meeting on Zoom see notes below**
- June 1 —Next Trolley Story & Ad Deadline, Publish by June 17
- July 24 — Hold the date Neighborhood Rummage Sale
- July 31 — Hold the date Summer Sizzle if held starts at noon.

Watch for announcements via listserv emails or MDNA website/ Facebook and June edition of Trolley for updates on Movie Night, Meet and Greets, MDNA MEETINGS Summer Sizzle and other Pandemic impacted MDNA events.

****This link will be on the neighborhood website (look for "Virtual Meeting 4/12/2021 6pm". www.martin-drive.org**



Pandemic Puppies

By Julie Colton



So many people adopted dogs early in the pandemic that rescue agencies nationwide were temporarily empty or low census for the first time. While some of the dogs got returned, the overall mission of rehoming dogs was accomplished. This was a happy thing for me watch as I am connected to several rescues and love seeing doggies being matched to their forever homes.

Dog walking tip from MKEPuppypal

Why its important to take a different route each time you walk.

As a pack leader, it is a goal to choose your route and have your dog(s) stay passive. When you pick a different route, the dog is forced to pay attention to you, the driver. You drive, they are the passenger, and you make all the decisions. When they are making decisions on where to go, they are not passive.

When dogs are anticipating where you're headed, or if they're leading you, they are in the driver's seat and have assumed the role of pack leader.

Each electronic issue we would like to spotlight a dog or a household with dogs

RUMMAGE SALE

THE RUMMAGE SALE QUANDRY!

By Sharon Williams

SAVE THE DATE for planning your next rummage sale to coordinate with the neighborhood....just in case we can have one. The date planned is Saturday, **July 24th 2021** — **BUT** we have to wait to see what the Association can do this summer. Planning for the Rummage Sale has to begin in early June. A Covid surge in May would delay that planning and cause a cancellation of the Neighborhood Rummage Sale. We would have to also question bringing larger groups of neighbors and shoppers from many parts of the city together. So...stay tuned!

Thoughts on Litter By Maggie Blaha

Left behind by the wind or folks
Irritates neighbors and those who drive by.
Takes off inches when we bend over.
Teases each of us to remove just a few pieces.
Everyone wants to live in a neat clean neighborhood.
Rich we are to have such faithful "pickers."



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Meeting Notes MDNA Zoom Meeting February 8, 2021 Provided By Mary Andries

A Meeting site opened by Raymond Duncan at 6pm for neighbors to chat and the agenda was posted for all to see at 6:30pm. During the course of the meeting 23 neighbors attended in addition to scheduled presenters.

Charlotte Jackson welcomed neighbors to introduce themselves and began the meeting.

City Alderman Michael Murphy wished neighbors well, acknowledging the challenges of recent snow removal with two storms and deep freeze. The goal is to keep streets open. Neighbors commented that the new sidewalks have made it easier to remove snow and the alderman appreciated the work of citizens in this task. Clarification that the payment for the new sidewalks is postponed until 2022 and a reminder that the payment can be made over several years as needed. Plans are underway to expand the number of sites for COVID vaccinations per the Head of the Health Department which also includes the Violence Prevention Program. The recent shooting deaths of several young men were acknowledged with great sadness. The alderman clarified that property taxes are in part determined by all of the City department costs which included the recent school public school referendum.

City Property Assessment Commissioner Steve Minor reviewed the goals and guidelines of the property tax assessment office explaining that the assessment determines the value of any home. The goal of the office is to provide fair treatment and is staffed by State certified assessors who receive regular quality of work reviews and continuing education. Property values are influenced by interest rates which have dropped in recent years, from about 5% in 2018 to 2.73% in 2021. Mr. Minor explained that the city neighborhoods are organized into 15 groups, with an average property value at \$148,000 in our west central neighborhood group. An example was given of the fluctuation of values in a property, for example, valued at \$152,000 in 2007, valued at \$129,000 in 2019, and valued at 142,00 in 2020. In 2020 re-evaluations were done to more accu-

MARTIN DRIVE BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

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46TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHRISTINE HAPPEL & KEVIN SCHULTZ	414-916-2465
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36TH - MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	
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rately reflect current market values and there were 6,000 appeals for 25 appraisers. In 2021, no re-assessment except for a physical change (like a garage) will be sent. Updated online apps for the City site are being developed. Defined by State statutes all notices are sent the third week of April with appeals beginning in the third week in May with e-mail, online, and phone options. Mr. Minor encouraged neighbors to call and communicate with the appraiser about any specific questions or concerns, as a way to look at all of the facts.

MPD Third District were unable to attend the meeting.

Neighbors raised concerns about the well being of a specific neighbor who has been encountered over the last 5 months wandering on the streets in an unwell condition. Neighbors have reached out to help this man and recommended calling 911, being sure to specify medical emergency. Third district police are aware of the situation which is complicated by a lack of resources and insecure housing. Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Adult Protective Services was shared as a resource.

Announcements

- Thanks for help to all neighbors digging out their fellow neighbors and the stuck city plows.
- The traveling music flatbed truck with neighbor Adekola Adalapo hopes to return in warmer weather.
- Neighbor Jerry Burns has agreed to continue coordination of the Neighborhood Garden for 2021.
- Overnight parking is not possible in snow emergencies at the Washington Park Senior Center. The County staff need the space for the plowing operations.



Vliet Street Oasis

by Pat Mueller

Last year the Vliet Street Oasis opened at 3743 W Vliet which is across 38th Street from Triciclo. The Oasis consists of two produce stands with local produce and a few other offerings like homemade bakery, plants, masks. It consists of Byit, bake it, grow it items made locally.

The Oasis offers fresh produce 5 days a week in a food desert. Shopping at the Oasis means you get quality, fresh produce at low prices which supports a healthier lifestyle while we support and connect neighbors.



Triciclo Peru Milwaukee

Martin Drive East Businesses

by Pat Mueller

The Oasis supports and is supported by two exciting new businesses next door: Triciclo Peru MKE and Pete's Pops. Both of this business opened brick and mortar stores on Vliet

Street right before the pandemic. Despite this they are doing as well and continue to grow and thrive because of their quality product, adaptability, and hard work. I encourage you to call for carryout or stop of a popsicle. They are great at social media so google them for hours and details.



Pete's Pops



Love Where You Live

By Pat Mueller

This week I traveled several places in the City and was both appalled and amazed. I was appalled at the amount of litter in neighborhoods in this City. I was amazed coming back and noticing how clean this neighborhood is. Keep it up

Martin Drive. I also showed an apartment with a tenant returning to Martin Drive. Her friend was with her and they talked about the neighborhood and why it was different. My former tenant said it was the people who lived here...they watched out for each other. Nice to hear that from someone else's mouth.

Creations Lift Spirits

by Mary Andries

Neighbor's creations provide beacons of hope, whimsy and encouragement

Martin Drive neighbor Jerry Burns has brought some pretty awesome creations to the neighborhood to lift our spirits during these challenging times. Preferring the term "craftsman" to artist, Jerry's side yard on Vliet St. at 45th has been the home for beautifully designed elevated creations that began in December 2019 with a wooden holiday star perched on the top of one of his several garden bean pole tripods. At over 20 feet in the air, the 16 inch framed star and poles were illuminated with lights, creating a tower of celebration, and double purposing the vegetable tower. Jerry indicates that the angles of the star were created from 8 separate pieces glued together.

As the pandemic began in March 2020 the green lights were kept lit on the star to symbolize our hope in challenging times. And in the 2020 summer Jerry added a "tail" of wood to create a comet in honor of two aerial phenomena that were more visible than ever with the decrease of airplane travel in the skies.

In fall 2020 as the presidential election gathered steam, Jerry created a White House diorama that included the former president peering down at the rising candidate who was literally "climbing the polls/poles." The tower figures and diorama were created with wood, plaster and modeling clay and caught the eye of discerning drivers who often slowed down or even pulled over to note the "rise in the polls!" A recent retiree with a great sense of humor Jerry's witty creation helped us smile.

The holiday star re-appeared in the yard, a shining beacon, lighting up the end of 2020 with celebration. For Valentine's Day a new carved wooden heart with a graceful paper cut design including 12 interior hearts lit up the sky. This was soon followed by a bright green shamrock in honor of St. Pat's Day, radiating light through stained glass panels and sitting on a stand that is painted with an Irish flag. Upon closer inspection this design revealed embedded salmon and lily flower and took two days to complete according to it's creator. Both the heart and shamrock have been moved back into the yard to make way in the front for the latest spring creation, an Easter egg that resides on a braced stand. Full of colorful stained glass it includes dragon flies, baby chicks, tulips and lily flower, and a bright red heart. Although challenged with the weight and shape of the egg Jerry designed it using cardboard, burlap and lots of plaster added in layers to create the oval shape.

Jerry says he is just having fun with no artistic pretensions. I would add, with the appreciation of our whole neighborhood, that he also keeps us on our toes to look and think and enjoy. Thanks Jerry!



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PARK WORKER #3

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STEP#3 - 11.83

A letter from Congresswomen Gwen Moore



Dear friend,

I want to ensure that each of you are aware of the benefits in the American Rescue Plan. This bill includes survival payments aka stimulus checks, extended federal unemployment benefits, an expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, an increase of the Child Tax Credit, and so much more. This is relief you will see in your pockets and your communities.

I appreciated the chance to answer your questions about this comprehensive COVID-19 relief package at my town hall. If you weren't able to attend my town hall, you can watch it [here](#). You will find the slides presented during the town hall [here](#).

And if you would like to learn more about the American Rescue Plan, please visit my webpage [here](#). You can find COVID-19 resources on my webpage [here](#) as well.

My district office continues to follow public health guidance and is still working remotely. If you have a question or need assistance, please leave a message at 414-297-1140, as my staff checks messages regularly or go to the Contact Me tab on my website and [send me a message](#).

Your friend,
Gwen

Mark your calendar!

New Dates for Garbage Pickup

Assembled by Pat Mueller

For those who are confused about garbage pickup, here is the new schedule. I checked all the streets and it seems the same for everything from 36th to 46th Streets.

I believe they will continue to finish picking up recyclables through part of this week. Good news is that beginning in June recycling will be every two weeks. Something we can all keep track of easier.

City of Milwaukee GARBAGE CART SETOUT SCHEDULE
April 2021 - March 2022

Collection Days: Holiday - No Collection:

Collection Range (Set out on first day and leave until emptied)

Month	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
April '21							1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
May '21							1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
June '21							1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
July '21							1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
August '21							1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
September '21							1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



Painted Vliet Street

By Pat Mueller

By the end of this year, expect to see four murals, possibly more along Vliet Street

Let's Talk Trash Assemble by Pat Mueller

Recycling Schedule Beginning June 1st, our recyclables will be picked up every two weeks thanks to a grant the City received. The scheduled will be completed late May and available online.

Project Clean & Green is Reason to Clean During the week of May 3-7 city garbage collection crews will pick up to six (6) cubic yards per dwelling unit of discarded furniture, mattresses or household items and garden/yard debris in paper yard waste bags! This is free! No running to the dump!

They will pick up on our regular collection day which is Monday May 3. Leave your items at the curb. **Clean the weekend of May 1 – 2 so you will be ready.**

Items Not Accepted – DPW will not pick up appliances, tires, TVs, and other electronics (such as computers, printers, scanners, tablets, etc.), construction debris, paint, and paint thinner, motor oil and hazardous waste. Use the DPW Drop Off for those items.

Project CLEAN & GREEN
Let's get clean and green Milwaukee!
Refresh your home with Milwaukee's annual Project Clean & Green program just in time for spring.

- 1 FIND YOUR ZONE**
Go to Milwaukee.gov/cleanandgreen
- 2 CLEAN IT UP**
Gather acceptable materials from your home, garage, and yard.
- 3 SET IT OUT**
Set out items at your garbage collection point on your Project Clean & Green collection day. *And it's free!*

MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD
MDNA Meeting Notice
April 12— at 6:00 pm
MDNA Virtual Meeting on Zoom see notes below

**This link will be on the neighborhood website (look for "Virtual Meeting 4/12/2021 6:00 pm" www.martin-drive.org)