

**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.**

Fall 2021 Published for the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association

## Halloween Extravaganza Planned

By Terri Bartlett

I want to thank you all you who offered Halloween input this year. After reflection, this is our safest option:

1. Once again, registration for Halloween will be open to all MD residents with no registration fee.
2. We are asking for money donations only for those who feel comfortable making one.

3. Registration will be available on-line at the Martin Drive neighborhood website, and also you can register at my house outside my front door. The registration forms area in a plastic tub. This is same registration process we followed

last year. You can register 24 hours a day during the registration period at 4145 W McKinley Ct. I have a continually burning porch light for safety. The clipboard will include registration slips,

pencils/pens, and envelopes. The filled-out form and money donations should be put in my mail slot. **Registration begins from Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> through October the 17<sup>th</sup>**, Because of the need to estimate and purchase candy for each treating bag, this is the



only time to register.

4. The treat bags will be delivered to registered houses on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Included in the bags will be Halloween party food and craft ideas, and of course, the candy. The reason the bags will be delivered a week ahead of time is to give participants a chance to purchase or gather other materials to have a fun family time.

### In Review,

- We are doing a MD Halloween extravaganza for MD resident children & grandchildren 13 and under.
- Registration will open from 10/10 through 10/17 only.
- There is no fee to register but *We do ask for monetary donations, if you are able to.*
- Treat bags will be delivered to registered houses on Sunday, 10/24/21.
- Craft ideas will be posted to the list serve and be on our MD site.

We hope this works for everyone. This is a way for us to be supportive, sensitive and encouraging, while not going overboard during this time of *health concerns*.

Let's have a spooktacular time!!!

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## OneHope27 — A New Support Home

by Julie Colton

The 45<sup>th</sup> Street support home, which will be the new residence to moms in 2022, is receiving much needed TLC. The exterior is benefitting from landscaping and plantings. To accommodate their beautiful mission, the interior is receiving upgrades and remodels as well.

It is super cool that they chose the Martin Drive neighborhood, as we have so many individual who can positively impact these women. It

truly does take a village and community coming together for the greater good; stronger parenting skills results in healthier kiddos who can be assets to our city.

I am jazzed to be part of their new path associated in whatever capacity is needed. This opportunity will help moms thrive and reunify with their children more successfully. I feel honored to be help this effort.

When these women move in, they

will receive a welcome basket with personal products. I started collecting hygiene products (feminine products, bath and skin items, toothpaste + toothbrushes, etc.) as one way to give. If anyone is interested in giving, there is a small box on my porch: 1251 N. 45<sup>th</sup> St. that you may place items in. Friends and I are making felt tie-blankets to donate as I feel whatever we can do to actually show them they are welcome will help them believe they are.

# Car Theft Is Up across US and Milwaukee

By Pat Mueller

This is to make you aware not scared. Car thefts are up dramatically. Two-thirds of the cars stolen are Kia's and Hyundai's. If you have one of these cars, you may be eligible to get a free car club from the Milwaukee Police Department. Contact MDP by emailing [mpd3@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mpd3@milwaukee.gov) to find out if you can receive one.

This summer we learned that sometimes a car window is broken earlier, and the crook returns later to easily enter the car, start it, and steal it. If you see suspicious people waiting in a car for too long, looking into cars or hovering around cars; call the non-emergency . Let those people know you are watching, but do that safely. Don't confront them face to face.

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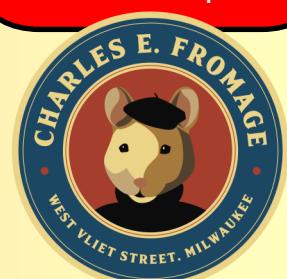
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# Tribute to a Dedicated Neighbor by Milwaukee Common Council

By Pat Mueller

Maggie Blaha recently received a Resolution Plaque from the City of Milwaukee for her dedication to the neighborhood.

Maggie moved to Martin Drive almost 50 years ago. She first lived in an apartment on Martin Drive with roommates while attending college who are still friends today. Eventually she met Tom Blaha and married, and became Maggie Blaha. She moved to Tom's home on 45th Street, where they raised three children.

Maggie Blaha was one of the founders of the original Neighborhood Association back in 1988. She still enjoys and contributes to the neighborhood in so many ways, Martin Drive Neighborhood Meetings were conducted in as informal group of neighbors from every block that met in the basement of the Blaha home for at least 20 years. Here, we worked together to improve the neighborhood and inspire neighbors to do the same. That has paid off in the stable neighborhood we enjoy today.



She was a creative teacher and taught 4th grade at St Sebastian's School from 1988 to 2003 and influenced the learning and development of over 400 Fourth Graders during that time. After retiring, she worked as a part-time librarian from 2003-2011 and volunteered in the office from 2011 to 2019.

Maggie will forever be known for her Chocolate Chip Cookies which are brought to each and every meeting and event of the Association. She welcomes new neighbors with freshly baked cookies along with a Welcome Pack, making sure to get to know their names and learn more about them. Some neighbors even get regular deliveries of cookies as a thank you. If you want to thank her, a bag of Toll House Chips might get you a warm place in her heart and a bag of cookies.

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# Successful Rummage Sale Wrap up

by Sharon Williams

To paraphrase Mr. Rodgers, "It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood" filled with good will, fun, and profit. It was really nice to see neighbors reconnect after the long months of no connection. About twenty-three neighbors set up for the Rummage Sale in July, and the weather held out until 2:15 or so giving us most of the day to sell.

A great big thank you to all of you "sellers", to all the Block Reps for delivering the fliers and flags, and especially, to Raymond for creating the maps, and for promoting the sale on just about every possible social media platform. Everyone was very pleased with the number of "buyers" that came through the neighborhood.

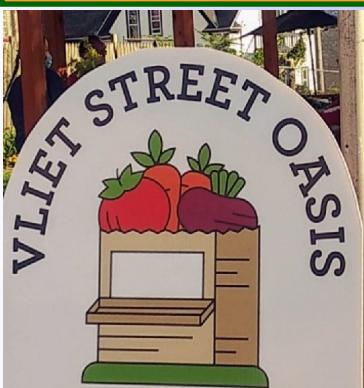
ALSO, many of you had a lot of items to sell after the day's sale, and wondered about extending the sale to for an additional day. Of course, you can do that at any time on your own or may want to join up with someone on your block. You can borrow some flags and use the banners if you like. Ask Raymond if he can provide guidance to help you promote your rummage sale through social media and go for it. We only are able to sponsor a single day.

Thanks again for a fun day. Hope it was a profitable one for you sellers.



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# Alderman Murphy News provided by his office staff

## Special survey request

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. As we transition into fall, my colleagues and I are again working to develop an annual balanced budget. Below you will find important information on the budget process, including available opportunities to provide your input.



Residents should visit [city.milwaukee.gov/budget](http://city.milwaukee.gov/budget) to sign

## A FIVE STEP PROCESS



up for continued budget updates and to take the **2022 Budget Priority Survey**. Every resident deserves to have a voice in deciding how the budget will be spent before it is adopted. Your input is critical in helping the City decide how to prepare a budget that is responsive to the needs of people and our community as a whole.

This budget season will look different than last year as the City will also be allocating funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA, signed into law March of 2021, included \$394 million for the City of Milwaukee. According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, funds are eligible to be used to support public health expenditures, address economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, and invest in infrastructure.

To promote transparency in the allocation of these funds, President Johnson and I sponsored legislation to create a public-facing dashboard to track how and where ARPA funds are distributed. When available, the dashboard can be found at [city.milwaukee.gov/ARPA](http://city.milwaukee.gov/ARPA). As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns related to the 2022 City budget or other important issues. I can be reached at [mmurph@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mmurph@milwaukee.gov) or 414-286-3763. Thank you and have a wonderful Fall!

# Second Annual Fall Pumpkin Fest

By Pat Mueller

Sat., Oct. 16, 2021 10am to 2pm

Vliet St Oasis Market 3743 W Vliet

We are recreating a cozy, fun fall event at the Vliet St Oasis Market on Sat., Oct. 16th. This is being carefully planned to allow for social distancing. Last year it could not have worked out better. There were always enough kids and never too



many. The area was set up to be able to move families through the space and was not crowded with people. There will be free pumpkins, pumpkin painting, and pumpkin bowling. Kids will leave with their painted pumpkin and a bag of goodies.

They will have a really good time. Also, something very special is being planned. So come and find out what that is! Costumes are encouraged but not required. Volunteers will be needed. Closer to the date, I'll post on the listserve for volunteers.

## Fall Views in the Neighborhood



## MARTIN DRIVE BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

BLOCK	REPRESENATIVE NAME	contact
47TH - STATE STREET	CINDY COBB	414-331-3085
46TH - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE.	LYNN GRAGES & PAUL NEYMEYR	414-344-1362
46TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHRISTINE HAPPEL & KEVIN SCHULTZ	414-916-2465
45TH - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE	JEFF MITCHELL	mitchelljeffery@gmail.com
45TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	KATHY Mc CAULEY	414-517-9797
44TH - VLIET ST TO JUNEAU AVE	VERONICA MANCHENO	414-315-1898
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43RD - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE.	RAYMOND DUNCAN	414-294-3828
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43RD - MARTIN DRIVE TO HIWAY RAMP	CHARLOTTE JACKSON	charjackson@att.com
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Mc KINLEY CT. - HIGHLAND AVE..	MARY ANDRES	414-526-2742
MARTIN DR. APTS. TO HIGHLAND AVE.	SHARON WILLIAMS	414-933-6800
HIGHLAND EAST AND WEST SIDE	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	
40TH - MCKINLEY TO VLIET	BILL THOMPSON	815-814-6880
39TH - MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	
38TH - MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	
37TH/PL- MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	
36TH - MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	
VLIET- HIGHLAND TO 39TH	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	

## CALENDAR

Compiled by MDNA Trolley editor

Watch for announcements via listserv emails or MDNA website, Facebook, and neighborhood signs for updates about movie night, meet and greets, MDNA Meetings, the neighborhood rummage sale, and other pandemic impacted MDNA events. The last MDNA meeting was October 4.

*Mark your calendar!*

Look for Next Meeting info on [www.martin-drive.org](http://www.martin-drive.org) or Facebook

- Oct 10 to 17 all day — Registration for Halloween Spooktacular
- Oct 16 10am to 2 pm — Kids Pumpkin Fall Fest a the Oasis
- Oct 24 — Distribution of Trick or Treat Bags
- Dec 13 — Hold Date Holiday Caroling event



# **SAVE THIS!!! IT'S TIME FOR Martin Drive's 28<sup>th</sup> SPOOKTACULAR!!!**



## **Here is what You Need To Know for the new 2021 version**

1. Registration will be free, for Martin Drive children 13 and under.

(We will ask for monetary donations and candy, but **only** for those who feel comfortable offering).

**Registration will be on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, ONLY,** you can register one of two ways:

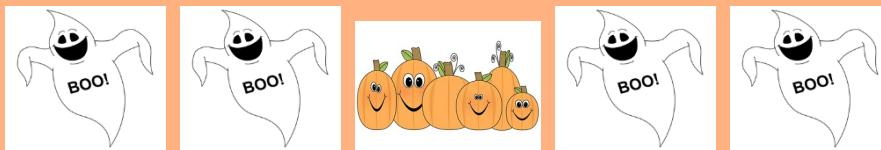
**A. By clicking on the Halloween registration link provided on the Martin Drive Website**

**B. At the front door of 4145 W McKinley Ct. 24/7.** Registration slips on a clipboard, pencils/pens and envelopes will be outside the front door in a tub container. The filled-out form, should be put in the house mail slot. Monetary cash donations, if any, should be put in the envelopes provided in the tub and also put in the mail slot with your name, please. The registration time allotted is limited, (actually it's more time), because we will need to estimate the amount of candy needed, purchase the candy, and prepare the bags to allocate to each child depending on the total \$ donations and number of children registered then deliver the bags all within the week. Even though it wasn't as much as our normal treating event, we had great support last year and everyone enjoyed! Our adaptive Spooktacular is meant to be a good will offering of care and support for our neighborhood children.

**Special treat bags will be offered to the first 100 children registered.**

2. Sunday, October 24th Candy treat bags will be delivered to the Martin Drive Houses listed on the registration forms. Families can hold till Friday or Saturday or as they chose.

**Thank you!** 😊



To Volunteer and/or ask questions contact: [Terribartlett007@gmail.com](mailto:Terribartlett007@gmail.com) 414 3772645

## Dogs and More Dogs by Julie Colton



Having a dog is like having a built-in gym; they require exercise, exercise, and more exercise. As Cesar Milan says, "Exercise, discipline, then affection; however humans want to provide affection, affection and exercise and discipline secondary." The walk is key to our canine/human relationship as it provides essential things: establishes hierarchy (who is walking who), bonding time, exercise, and stimulation (sniffs). The walk is paramount to so many behavioral traits. Understanding how to grow and improve in this area can make a world of difference.

Washington Park is not an off-leash dog park. Listed are some Milwaukee dog parks for exercise and socialization are:

- CURRIE PARK 3535 N Mayfair RD. 10 acres
- ESTABROOK DOG PARK 4400 N. Estabrook Dr 3 acres
- ROVERWEST DOG PARK 3243 N. Weil St
- GRANVILLE DOG EXERCISE 11718 W Good Hope Place 10acres "the Disneyland for dogs" (not fully fenced)
- RUNWAY DOG PARK 1214 E. Rawson Ave 26 acres

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## Dinner Exchange Idea by Julie Colton

Is anyone interested in participating in a monthly dinner exchange? I have an idea to propose, and I am happy to be the coordinator.

### 4 Dinners for two

We need four participants (4 participating households)

Cook one large dinner (for 8-9 servings)

- Divide up into four (4) containers (each container holds 2 generous servings)
- Must be Quality, fresh items
- Create on Saturday or Sunday
- Put into containers after the meal has cooled
- Sunday night exchange: keep one of your servings and receive 3 meals

### 4 dinners for family of 4-5

We need four participants (4 participating households)

Cook one very large dinner (16-18 servings, like you were hosting a dinner)

- Divide up into four (8) containers (each container holds 2 generous servings)
- Must be Quality, fresh items
- Create on Saturday or Sunday
- Put into containers after the meal has cooled
- Sunday night exchange: keep two of your servings (which is enough for four) plus receive 3 meals for 4

You may email me [juliecolton2020@gmail.com](mailto:juliecolton2020@gmail.com) or text 414.213.4601 for anyone interested

## Lost Pets? Try This:

1. Email neighbors at [martin-drive@googlegroups.com](mailto:martin-drive@googlegroups.com)
2. Go to [www.facebook.com/MartinDrive](http://www.facebook.com/MartinDrive) and make a post, take a picture, and it can be shared with a larger audience.
3. Go to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and make a post to share with other

# WI Legislative Update by Evan Goyke

## State Representative 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

Dear Martin Drive,

I hope this e-update finds you and your family healthy and enjoying the beginning of fall. This report includes important updates about legislation, census data, redistricting, and more.



### Redistricting:

Once every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau publishes updated information reflecting changes in the population since the previous census. This information is used to redraw local, legislative, and congressional districts so that each district has approximately the same number of people in it.

Now is the perfect time to end the practice of partisan gerrymandering by creating a non-partisan redistricting process. I am a proud co-sponsor of the Fair Maps Bill ([SB 389/AB 395](#)) introduced by Sen. Jeff Smith and Rep. Deb Andraca. I have supported this bill since my election to the legislature. I firmly believe voters should get to decide who their politicians are and not the other way around. The Fair Maps Bill establishes an independent, non-partisan commission to create legislative districts based on common-sense principles including compactness, following municipal boundaries, and keeping communities together whenever possible. Our neighbors in Iowa and Michigan, as well as 11 other states, have nonpartisan redistricting commissions and it is time for Wisconsin to join them.

Without this change, it is likely the redistricting process will play out in court - and a number of lawsuits have already been filed. Wisconsin is one of the most partisan gerrymandered states and it is clear the majority will spend considerable tax-payer dollars trying to maintain this unfair advantage.



In contrast to the GOP process, Governor Tony Evers created the People's Map Commission. The Commission has traveled around the state holding public hearings and taking input on what a fair redistricting map should look like. We expect the Commission to release its findings soon. To learn more about The People's Map Commission launched by Governor Evers please click [here](#).

### Census Data

On August 12, [Census data](#) needed to draw new maps were released. Here are some quick takeaways from the new data:

- Wisconsin's overall population grew by 4%
- Wisconsin's white population dropped by 3.4%
- The Hispanic population grew by 33.1%, and the Black population grew by 4.8%

- Our urban areas are becoming increasingly more diverse
- Milwaukee County lost around 1% of its population
- The City of Milwaukee lost nearly 3% of its population, leaving it at its lowest population since 1930

The 18th Assembly District lost 4,400 people, one of the largest reductions in the State Assembly

### Continuing to Implement "The Wisconsin Model" for Juvenile Corrections

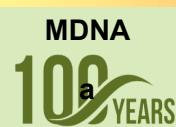
As you know, Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools are the state's primary facilities for juvenile offenders. Following a series of criminal probes and lawsuits, it was revealed that Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake were not being run appropriately, nor providing an appropriate environment and programming for the youth in their care. In addition to these issues, today's evidence-based practices show that juveniles do best when incarcerated in small groups, close to their home environments, and with programming intended to help them re-integrate effectively into society.

Two sessions ago I was proud to author legislation to bring needed reform to Wisconsin's juvenile corrections system and introduce the new "Wisconsin Model" for our incarcerated youth. The Legislature unanimously passed [2017 Act 185](#), mandating the closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lakes Schools by July 1, 2021. That date has come and gone due to a delay in funding by legislative Republicans.

In order for the closure of Lincoln Hills to take place, a new Type 1 facility must be built. I recently introduced [Assembly Bill 524](#) which is bi-partisan legislation that fully funds the construction of a new Type 1 correctional facility. Until this bill is passed and these dollars appropriated, Wisconsin will continue to be in violation of State law and these facilities proven to no longer be effective will not close. It is my hope the legislature will hold public hearings and pass this bill as soon as possible.

As always, I welcome any questions, concerns, etc. on any issue of importance to you. My email is [Rep.Goyke@legis.wi.gov](mailto: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 Fall!



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### MDNA Holiday Caroling Party



By Raymond Duncan

The Party is planned for the second Monday in December at 1260 N 43 ST. We will only do the event outside this year. Again, we will need to check with neighbors on attendance as there is work planning to do for the event . If low attendance or interest is low the event may be canceled. Watch for announcement in Early December.

# The Martin Drive Neighborhood Listserv

By Raymond Duncan

The Listserv is a great way to improve communication and the sense of community we feel in our wonderful neighborhood.

We currently have the following List Serves:

<http://www.martin-drive.org/contact.html>

For example, when someone emails [martin-drive@googlegroups.com](mailto:martin-drive@googlegroups.com) 225 neighbors get the email message. With this in mind, membership is limited to residents and it is not used for interests and subjects not connected to, nor involved in the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association.

Messages sent to this address will go to everyone on the neighborhood listserv so please provide a subject of your email in the subject line. Always include your name and street in your closing, so members know who you are.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

Use the Listserv only for things that pertain to this Neighborhood.. For example:

- Neighborhood events
- Safety
- Improvements
- Lost pets
- Meetings
- Crime
- Helping neighbors
- Neighborhood business support

Do not use the Listserv to voice a personal conflict with a neighbor. Instead, please contact them directly or discuss it with your Block Representative.

Do not send or forward emails that involve politics or solicitation for money in anyway, including products, services, and charities. You are welcome to put this type of information on our Martin Drive Facebook Page.

Do not copy email addresses from the listserv for commercial purposes.

**Please, be careful NOT to accidentally hit the “Reply All” button when replying to a list serve email unless you want all the listserv members to get your reply.**

You may not post content that is obscene, otherwise objectionable, or in violation of State or Federal law.

Do not forward copyrighted material unless you have permission to do so.

Anyone misusing the Listserv can be censored and/or removed.

There are many people on this Listserv who have good intentions, but different interpretations are normal for a large group such as ours, so please be sensitive and respectful with regards to these guidelines.

## Martin Drive Email Address

USE : [martin-drive@googlegroups.com](mailto:martin-drive@googlegroups.com)



# Do Porch Lights Really Stop Burglars?

Compiled by Raymond Duncan

When you picture a burglar, who do you see? Let me guess, the dark silhouette of a person with the tiny mask and a bulging bag of loot. Or maybe the hilarious pair of dunces from the "Home Alone" movies, casing a wealthy suburban neighborhood to know exactly when families are gone for Christmas vacation.

The reality of burglary and burglars is very different than most of us think. For starters, according to FBI statistics, the majority of residential burglaries happen during the day, not at night under the cover of darkness. And according to interviews with convicted burglars, only a third of all break-ins are planned ahead of time. The typical profile of a burglar is a 17-year-old person who is looking to quickly grab something valuable and scram.

Burglaries are fast, typically over within five minutes and often within one minute. "A lot of the time the door isn't even locked. If they come in and rummage, they rummage quickly and get out of there."

By better understanding when, why and how residential burglaries happen, homeowners can come up with the most effective strategies for deterring them. Which brings us to the question of the day: do house or porch lights do anything to stop burglars?

Lights have their place in a home security strategy, but lights alone won't prevent someone from breaking into your house. For example, motion-activated exterior lights in the front and rear of your house are an effective way to spook a burglar, but only if the light is positioned correctly to illuminate the intruder's face. If it's pointed toward the neighbor's house, all they'll see is a blinding light, but not the burglar.

What about timed interior lights? Home automation systems have made it easier than ever to schedule and control your interior lights while you're away. Many times, you can use your smartphone to program your living room, kitchen and bedroom lights to mimic what it would look like if you were home. Again, while automated lighting may give the impression that someone is home, opportunistic thieves look for uncollected mail, newspapers and packages left on the porch, and empty driveways and garages.

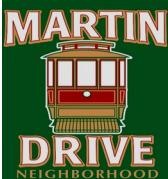
If you think you're being smart by leaving a TV or radio on in the house while you're away on vacation, think again. Burglars in the Australian survey said that a TV blasting away in the middle of the night is a sure sign that "no one is home."

The Best Burglar Deterrent is your neighbor who know you and your family well enough to identify a true stranger trying to enter your house. Introducing yourself to the neighbors on all sides of your house, particularly the ones that live behind you, since burglars will most likely enter from a back door or window.

Recognizing that most burglaries happen between 10 am and 2 pm, when a lot of people are away at work, your best neighborhood allies against a burglary are folks who are home most of the day. "Retired people are central for preventing crime in a neighborhood. Those same neighbors can pick up your mail and packages while you're gone on vacation or even park their car in your driveway as a decoy.

Again, exterior and interior lights can work as part of an integrated home security strategy that should also include strong locks on all doors and windows. But lights alone won't cut it. And let's not forget the No. 1 burglar deterrent according to burglars themselves: a dog. A barking dog will call loud attention to an intruder faster than any alarm system.

Now That's Interesting ...Woof Woof.



## October 4, 2021 MDNA Zoom Meeting Minutes

By Mary Andries

The meeting was preceded by time for neighbors to chat.

1. Terri Bartlett reported on plans for the MDNA's Night Time Trick or Treat. Registration for the event is free and will follow last year's plan of door to door delivery of candy treat bags to registered families. Registration October 10-October 17 is both online at the Martin Drive website by clicking on the Halloween registration link OR in person at Terri's front door 4145 West McKinley Ct. where registration forms can be filled out and put into the mail slot. Please see the Fall 2021 newsletter, soon to be at your front door, for more details.
2. Third District Milwaukee Police Officer Hudson reported that the MD neighborhood September crime indicated no personal or violent crime with three auto thefts and one robbery, and that MD remains a lower crime area. The free steering wheel "clubs" are still available at the Third district station to anyone living or working in the district. Speed control options like traffic calming markers were discussed. Vehicles without license plates can be reported and the previous ban on stopping unlicensed vehicles has been lifted. A reminder that a call can be made to the district requesting bike officers increase patrols in MD, a possibility if areas of higher police help are covered. Communication about any concerns or previous situations addressed to mpd3@milw.gov will receive a response.
3. Report on the N.45th St. meeting on 9/27/21 was made by Arlene Chambers. At this meeting Alderman Murphy discussed city personnel reductions due to budget and increased funding under the American Recovery Act to reduce reckless driving. Neighbors requested speed bumps that don't damage the car undercarriages and a parked police car at the exit ramp on Martin Drive to deter speeding. Lead removal continues in business and residential water pipes with lead pipes removed from all child care centers in Milwaukee. Additional programs are in development to teach residents about lead reduction. Alderman Murphy presented Maggie Blaha a plaque for her neighborhood contributions. Please the Fall 2021 newsletter article.
4. State Representative Goyke was in attendance at the meeting and addressed the lack of revenue in our city vs. other parts of the state. Milwaukee residents pay property taxes for example into the state budget but we face a cap on raising funds to assist in our own shortfall. These assets are currently frozen. Representative Goyke is working on a bi-partisan committee to develop a local option sales tax. Plans for changes to Highland Park next to Harley on Highland Blvd. are on hold as work continues with Near Westside Partners. A problematic absentee homeowner at 1301 N. 43rd Street has been sued by the state for running an illegal ponzi type scheme. Follow through is still not what it needs to be. A bill titled "401 Kids" is proposed that would require the state of Wisconsin to open saving accounts for every child born or adopted in the state. An idea about MD neighborhood contributions to school savings programs on behalf of our own MD neighborhood kids was shared and there is interest in investigating this idea.
5. Sharon Williams reported that 24 households participated in the recent Rummage Sale with a good turn out of customers. Read more in the Fall 2021 newsletter!
6. Announcements/Questions
  - A. The neighborhood community garden did well this summer with new gardeners participating and group work days that cleared out areas of brush. Beautiful flowers and sturdy crops were enjoyed!
  - B. The Pumpkin Patch event is set at the Vliet Street Oasis Market on October 16 from 10am-2pm. Check out more details in the newsletter.
  - C. Holiday Caroling is being tentatively planned as an outdoor, rather than indoor, event this year with a back yard gathering after caroling. Please watch for updates on the web site.
  - D. A suggestion was to schedule more frequent MDNA meetings and that a big celebration at the Senior Center when we can meet in person be a priority.
  - E. The MDNA Coordinating Committee consists of Arlene Chambers, Charlotte Jackson, Mary Andres and Raymond Duncan and the committee is always looking for additional members! A few of the typical committee duties include planning meetings, coordinating presenters and reports, promoting and maintaining communication within the neighborhood and with our city and community organization partners, writing grants for specific neighborhood projects and delivering the newsletter to all block reps