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Meeting Notice:

The next Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Meeting

- Not yet scheduled watch Facebook or our website

Please see website or Facebook for more information.

www.martin-drive.org/contact.html

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contact MDNA Coordinating Committee at mdna-cc@googlegroups.com

The Neighborhood Yard Sale Deadline Extended

By Sharon Williams



The registration deadline has been extended until Tuesday, August 2nd. Sharon said "It has been my experience that we'll get more volunteers in enough time to prepare and hand out the flags." To Register: http://www.martin-drive.org/rummage_sale.html

The signs for the event should be up a week or two prior to event. The Rummage sale is slated for Aug 13th from 12 noon until 4pm.

The link to map of homes participating can be found at this link

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1n_CuLpNp8gM70tUFPP0yEI6CU8fHzoLH&usp=sharing

Vliet Street Oasis Opening

News shared from Pat Mueller

The Vliet Street Oasis is launching their open season on August 5th. Please view the ad notification below. We hope to see you there during our open season to continue to make this a great success. Opens Aug. 5th.

Garden Movies Thank you

Big shout out to Raymond Duncan and Arlean Chambers for bringing the "Movies in the Garden" back this summer!! A lot of effort goes into the preparation, communication and setup for these movie events. Around the Neighborhood

wonderful colorful signs went up, Facebook and Webpage notifications were sent and posted. The movies were selected for each day, screens went up in the garden, projection and sound equipment connected. Many neighbors showed up. Thank you both for this wonderful traditions and events.

Election information

Information Verified from: Milwaukee Election Commission and Alderman Murphy



Reminder: Upcoming Election Dates

The Fall 2022 primary elections are fast approaching. **Primary day is Tuesday, August 9th.** Early voting will take place Tuesday, July 26th-Saturday, August 6. Early voting locations and hours are listed below:

FOR ABSENTEE Ballots it is IMPORTANT NOTE:VOTERS MUST DROP OFF THEIR OWN EARLY BALLET. Meaning every voter must drop off their own ballots to the drop off boxes and must have a photo ID to show at the drop off location or their ballot will not be counted.



Frank P. Zeidler Municipal Building (841 North Broadway, Room 102)
 Good Hope Library (7715 W Good Hope Rd)
 Midtown Center (5700 West Capitol Drive)
 Zablocki Library (3501 West Oklahoma Avenue)

Weekdays: 9:00am - 6:00pm
 Saturdays & Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

There was a Tree Submitted by : Marian Klapperich

There was a tree in my life. It didn't belong to me. But it came close enough to say, "You are a part of what I am." That tree was already here when I arrived.

As the years passed and the tree grew larger, it blessed everything around with its benevolence. Home to hundreds of species, visible and not, it existed just for us — providing a filter for the hot rays of the sun in summer. It was a natural community hall for all kinds of birds — those just passing through and those that filled our days with that symphony; a gift of nature, that makes morning work worth waking up to.



The squirrels created a freeway, using the electrical wires threaded through the trees and the backyards, one utility pole to another that eventually led through that tree. From my second floor porch it was possible to watch them commute daily — building tree nest, so vocal, pointing out certain advantages of life in that tree.

Always, always --- life was celebrated in that tree. So it was not a welcome sight when tips of branches started to die off. As one year followed another it became obvious a serious sickness had invaded. Regardless, nature still found a paradise in its dying branches.

We humans have other expectations. We find it hard to live with the falling branches and litter of bark and leaves. We have a fear that the large structure could threaten us. We have insurance policies and property values. Though nature loves the dying tree, we are compelled to "clean it up."

It is now cleaned up. There is a hole in the Sky, in the landscape, and in our lives.

Bonjour, Charles here-

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A dog walking tip by Julie Colton



For several years I see this dog-walker in the park. I want to be her. I want to own the role of pack leader as strongly as she does. I'm jealous and I think: "well, she probably doesn't have rescues like me!" So I typically avoid her and her amazingly controlled canines. Occasionally we smile or wave, yet I'm pissed that I'm not mastering this walk thing.

We have worked closely with a trainer and poured years of love, money, and time into creating a safe and balanced home environment for our doggos. Yet this walking thing has been a much slower feat for improvement. I've tried every collar, or so I thought.

Recently I had the opportunity to chat with her, that dog walking pro; a Masterclass. She saw my newest guy pulling, and simply said, "Gentle leader."

I replied, "Pardon?" She responded and pointed to her dog, "gentle leader. It's a snout harness that I won't walk without or even watch others' dogs without. It works similar to a horse bridle moving the face/ head of the dog when he pulls."

We continue to talk about dogs and I'm grateful for another tip. This dog owner is now using the gentle leader when walking our dogs. Yahoooooo, it is a game changer.

Message to the masterclass boxer owner:
THANK YOU

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR friend's small business WITHOUT SPENDING ANY MONEY

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Martin Drive Residents,

I hope you've all had an enjoyable summer so far. I am pleased to provide you with the below updates on City and neighborhood matters.



Vliet Street Reconstruction Update

Vliet Street from N 27th to N 47th Street is scheduled for high-impact paving this year. WE Energies began their gas work in the beginning of July and are anticipating finishing in early October. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is coordinating the ADA pedestrian ramp replacement with the end of the gas work, starting around the beginning of October and lasting for about a month. The goal is to pave the roadway around the very beginning of November, weather permitting. It is estimated that it will take 3 or 4 days for the roadway to be milled and paved. DPW will try to utilize a rolling closure throughout the paving process and only close down blocks that are actively being worked on and keep traffic moving on the remaining blocks of the project.

Reckless Driving Efforts

As many of you know, reckless driving continues to be a top issue plaguing our city. I remain committed to implementing a wide range of solutions in an effort to mitigate this type of behavior and improve safety. In June I worked with the Mayor's office to pass legislation committing Milwaukee to becoming a Vision Zero city. Vision Zero is a platform aiming to eliminate traffic deaths through a multi-disciplinary approach focusing on street design, traffic enforcement, education and drivers' behavior. Mayor Johnson has directed all departments to report out on a quarterly basis what activities they are engaged in to achieve this goal of zero traffic-related deaths. In addition, the Department of Public Works will be installing a record number of speed humps in the City this year. Through my 2021 budget amendment, \$1 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds were allocated towards offsetting the special assessment costs billed to property owners for the installation of speed humps. From 2007-2021, an average of 100 speed humps were approved and installed each year throughout the City. In 2022, a record number of 260 speed humps were approved by the Council and will be installed before the end of the year. I was glad to see so many residents took advantage of this opportunity and feel confident that the installation of these speed humps will help reduce reckless driving instances in every corner of our city.

Housing Trust Fund

As Chair of the Housing Trust Fund (HTF), I am excited to announce the next round of available grants. Grant applications for \$10.7 million in funding will be accepted for a cycle that will close on August 12th. Of the available funding, \$10 million is being provided via federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars. The HTF provides funding that seeks to improve housing conditions for low-income persons in the City and to provide support for non-profit and for-profit developers and governmental entities in the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and accessibility modification of affordable housing for low-income households in Milwaukee. The HTF was also created to

fund services that assist low-income households in obtaining and maintaining affordable housing. Eligible Projects/Services include:

The production, rehabilitation, preservation of affordable housing and in some cases affordable homeownership units, including:

- Permanent supportive housing
 - Affordable housing developments targeting specialized populations (recovery housing)
 - Wraparound services (behavioral health, employment, supportive services)
- Services promoting durable home ownership:
 - Down payment assistance
 - Home ownership assistance eligible under CDBG
- Affordable housing development projects are eligible if:
 - If they increase the supply of long-term affordable housing for low-income individuals
 - Eligible under HOME Program
 - Grants that support affordable housing development (including LIHTC)

For additional details and to view a copy of the application, please visit: www.milwaukee.gov/cdga

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. I can be reached at 414 -286-3763 or mmurph@milwaukee.gov.



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MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD



MDNA 100 YEARS

From a Neighbor's Perspective

By: Julie Colton

The house is done.

It's finally here.

The time to welcome new hopeful residents is almost here. Traumatized moms who need a social hug coupled

with neighborhood love. Beautiful humans who need another chance to get it right. We are so fortunate to be in this space at this time; whether karma - a blessing- or simple coincidence.

Learning to be a mom and a safe caregiver isn't complicated, yet it's the most important job in the world; raising our future. And, yes:



it takes a village.

We're the village.

I'm so humbled to be in this space at this time. Making an impact and adding value is truly why we're all here, isn't it?

If you want more information or wish to volunteer, please see their website.

OneHope27 is a nonprofit.

<https://www.onehope27.org/>

Parkway in Washington Park Name change to Olmsted Way Approved

By County Board Chairwoman Marcella Nicholson - Jul 28th, 2022 04:38 pm REPRINTED

MILWAUKEE – Today the County Board of Supervisors adopted (14-4) a resolution by Chairwoman Marcella Nicholson and Supervisor Peter Burgelis to change the name of the parkway in Washington Park to Olmsted Way.

“Frederick Law Olmsted’s impact on Milwaukee deserves to be celebrated,” said Chairwoman Nicholson. “From Lake and Riverside parks on the east side to one of my personal favorites, Washington Park, Olmsted has shaped how people have enjoyed public spaces in Milwaukee for more than 130 years and will continue to shape how we enjoy it for the next 100. I look forward to seeing his contributions celebrated through this parkway to ensure we remember this history.”

The resolution was amended at Thursday’s meeting to also allocate funds for traffic calming modifications including a center line in the road, bike lanes, and crosswalk striping with appropriate signage for two crosswalks.

Olmsted’s legacy in Milwaukee includes designing Lake, Riverside and Washington parks, as well as Newberry Boulevard. He is famous across the world for designing New York City’s Central Park, Boston’s Emerald Necklace, and the U.S. Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Olmsted’s birth. The Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum is commemorating the occasion with its “In the Park with Olmsted: A Vision for Milwaukee”

MARTIN DRIVE BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

BLOCK	REPRESENTATIVE 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	mitchelljefferyr@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
44TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHUCK LANDRY	414-344-1331
43RD - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE.	RAYMOND DUNCAN	414-294-3828
43RD - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	SHARON WILLIAMS	414-933-6800
43RD - MARTIN DRIVE TO HIWAY RAMP	CHARLOTTE JACKSON	charjackson@att.com
42ND - VLIET TO Mc KINLEY CT.	ABBY & ERIC ROSE	920-207-2251
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	Please volunteer
40TH – MCKINLEY TO VLIET	BILL THOMPSON	815-814-6880
39TH – MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	Please volunteer
38TH – MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	Please volunteer
37TH/PL– MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	Please volunteer
36TH – MCKINLEY TO VLIET	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	Please volunteer
VLIET– HIGHLAND TO 39TH	NEED REPRESENTATIVE	Please volunteer

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 or Facebook

- Aug 5 — The Oasis opens for the season 3:30 to 6:30
Ribbon cutting at 5pm
- Aug 6 — MDNA Rummage Sale / Special Twelfth
Night Performance at Wash Park Bandshell
4pm
- Aug 9 — VOTE TODAY IN PERSON
- Aug 13 — MDNA Summer Sizzle at the Community Gar
den space
- Oct 28 — MDNA Trick or Treat Spooktacular
- Dec 12 — Hold Date Holiday Caroling event

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Most of our local business are still struggling.

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MDNA Meeting Minutes

by MDNA Coordinating Committee



Martin Drive Neighborhood Association June 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

1. Long term and new neighbors attended the meeting that began with introductions led by meeting chair Charlotte Jackson. She introduced fellow coordinating committee members Arlene Chambers, Raymond Duncan and Mary Andres.
2. Gratitude was expressed for the outreach between neighbors during the COVID pandemic: helping with food, errands, and shoveling. The newsletter was produced and block reps delivered copies, a traveling open truck band went through the neighborhood and zoom meetings connected us to each other. Two growth cycles in the community garden produced great produce, red bows made it up on all blocks and Halloween took on a new user friendly format.
3. Jerry Burns shared the community garden news that most garden plots are taken and workdays have helped get the season going. Please contact Jerry if interested in a plot or to help out at the garden at Jburns@marianuniversity.edu
4. MDNA movie nights in the garden are June 17 and 24.
5. The annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, August 6. Current long term coordinator Sharon Williams has requested help as she retires from the position after this year. THANK YOU Sharon! Consider taking on a part of the work this year as this event is a win/win for our community and for neighbors. Sharon can be reached at 414-933-6800.
6. The Summer Sizzle neighborhood wide cookout picnic is set for Saturday, August 13 at the community garden. This is a fun event with games, fire truck, MPD Police horse visits for kids. Not to mention great potluck dishes. Help is needed to make this day a good time for all. Please contact MDNA Coordinating Committee at mdna-cc@googlegroups.com to offer your help.
7. October 28 is the annual Trick or Treat for Martin Drive. Coordinator Terri Bartlett has organized the many jobs so that there is one for each person's schedule. Contact Terri at Terrbartlett007@gmail.com to sign up to help!
8. Near Westside Partners staff Anne Marie Gunn shared that the time line for Vliet St. repaving will be August through November. The neighborhood murals along Vliet Street are almost all completed. Perennial plants were brought by Anne Marie and Pat Mueller for all neighbors at the meeting
9. MPD District 3 Officers Cruz and Sanders reported on neighborhood crime activity which included a domestic firearm incident that was non life threatening. Officer Cruz framed the challenge of high speed drivers and asked that neighbors use the emergency 911 call line to report these drivers as emergencies.

10. Alderman Murphy continued reporting on the reckless driving epidemic and his press release about a seriously reckless driver given probation. He has proposed a detention center for children under 12 years of age who have stolen and driven cars restlessly and who need intervention and resources. The Hwy 175 proposal is being studied to determine what mechanisms could be used to change it to a boulevard. A Housing Trust Fund has been developed with economic support to create affordable housing. The bill for our new neighborhood sidewalks is still on its way!
11. Neighbor Michael Howden asked for MDNA support to his proposal to Milwaukee County to name the street that runs through Washington Park from Highland Ave to Washington Blvd. as "Olmstead Way" in honor of the Park designer Frederic Law Olmsted. There will be a public hearing in July. 12. The new Washington Park Senior Center Coordinator, Diane Chilinski, welcomed us to the Center.
12. The meeting ended with Future MDNA Brainstorm asking neighbors to indicate ideas for our future. All of the ideas will be researched by the coordinating committee with reporting back to the neighborhood. Here is the list:

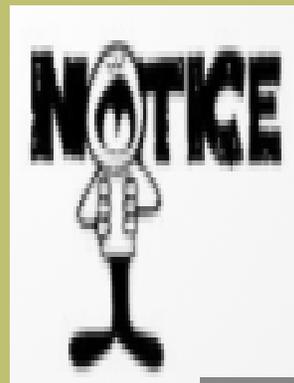
- Keep both the paper and online versions of the MDNA newsletter
- More individual block meetings
- Rearrange meeting space at WPSC
- Look into block watch idea
- Permanent signage for neighborhood events
- Garbage cans back after pickup
- Meetings on week nights
- Scholarships idea for neighborhood youth
- Student council helpers
- Save used household items for neighbors in need



Remember to vote
In person Aug 9



Police Numbers



- All Emergencies Dial 911
- Non Emergency 933-4444
- District Notification 935-7232
- Drug House Reports Gang unit 935-7968 Lieutenant 935-7231
- Captain's office 935-7230



WI Legislative Update July 2022

by Evan Goyke

State Representative 18th Assembly District



Martin Drive Neighbors,

I hope this update finds you and your family well and enjoying the beautiful summer. I apologize that I was not able to attend the most recent in-person neighborhood meeting. I do have a few important updates for the neighborhood that I hope you find helpful.

Highway 175 Update:

The Department of Transportation recently [announced](#) a study of Highway 175. The process will take about 18 months. There may be no neighborhood as impacted and connected to Highway 175 as Martin Drive. Your voices in the ensuing study of the highway will be critical. It is likely engineering and community engagement firms will be hired to lead the process. There will be ample opportunity to weigh in and I strongly encourage everyone to do so - whether you like the ideas discussed or not.

There are no initial designs for the Highway. The process is beginning from scratch. In addition, there is no funding source allocated for any construction, so if a design emerges as a preferred option we still need to secure funding. Under the federal infrastructure bill passed in the fall, there are some dollars set aside for projects on highways like 175, so that may be an option. However, with so much uncertainty, I ask neighbors keep an open mind and share your experiences, concerns, etc. throughout the process.

I do support making changes to 175 and am glad it is being studied. I have three main goals for the project (but please keep in mind I am not an engineer, just a neighbor that uses 175 a lot). My three goals are:

Improved safety on Lisbon and North Avenues - especially for pedestrians

Create efficient connections for heavy trucks to where they're going - this one is particularly true for Martin Drive - this idea could include direct access to State street or some creative solution so trucks don't have to use neighborhood streets

Create a bike/recreational trail that connects Washington Park to the Menomonee Valley and the Hank Aaron State Trail

I'm not sure these can all be achieved, but I'm excited to participate in the process. I will continue to keep you updated as the study progresses and will alert you to any important information.

2022 Legislative Council Study Committee on Increasing Offender Employment Opportunities:

This summer I will be serving as a member of a newly formed [bi-partisan study committee](#) that will focus on increasing offender employment opportu-

nities across Wisconsin. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 30. I have worked for the last 10 years in this policy area advocating for more and better opportunities to help people establish themselves upon their return from incarceration. There is no better crime deterrent than a good job.

This committee will meet multiple times through the end of the year and I am hopeful it will yield recommendations for policy changes and legislation that will help our community and those across Wisconsin. Stay tuned for future updates as the committee's work begins.



Redistricting Update:

Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau publishes updated information reflecting changes in the population. This information is used to redraw local, legislative, and congressional districts so that each district has approximately the same number of people in it. Even though there are some boundary changes to the west, I am thrilled to continue to be your State Representative in the upcoming legislative session. Martin Drive will continue to be part of the 18th Assembly District under the new legislative maps. You will also continue to be represented in the 6th Senate District by State Senator LaTonya Johnson.

Please reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or would like additional information.

As always, I welcome hearing from you. My email is Rep.Goyke@legis.wi.gov and my phone number is (608) 266-0645. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and all the best!

Evan Goyke

State Representative

18th Assembly District



Vliet Street Businesses Need your local support





Twelfth Night or What SHE Will

Join Optimist Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park
for a **free** abridged performance.

Washington Park
Saturday, August 6th at 4:00 PM



Presented by Optimist Theatre
For details and to register:
Tinyurl.com/SitP12thNight



Hello Friend of Washington Park!

The Optimist Theatre has taken their show on the road this year and one of their stops in August is Washington Park. I would encourage you to stop by the grassy area south of the lagoon (see link) to have an exclusive and intimate viewing of Twelfth Night or What SHE will, with your neighbors. It's a fantastic way to enjoy your park. And spread the news! This is a limited engagement!

Twelfth Night or What SHE Will

“Twelfth Night”, one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, is a story of twins separated by shipwreck and the ensuing shenanigans, foibles, intrigues, and ultimately, the universal truth about love. Plus it's just plain funny.

Join [Optimist Theatre's](#) Shakespeare in the Park Washington Park Wednesdays for a **free** abridged performance.

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the show. Sunscreen, bug spray and bottled water are a good idea. No umbrellas. Space is limited.

More info is [HERE!](#)

Facebook link [HERE!](#)