

Martin Drive Neighborhood Creative Collective Walk Project 2023



The Martin Drive Neighborhood has been awarded a grant from the **Community Connections Small Grants Program** to focus on community and the arts by promoting:

- 6" mini themed boxes/pocket museums created by volunteer neighbors to be installed in strategic fun places to be discovered while walking the neighborhood. The projects will be worked on from May through August 2023.
- A monthly 60's/70's folk sing-a-long in the community garden which will be the last Tuesday of the month May through September at 7pm. Bring a chair, your voice and listening ears.
 - An additional neighbor market opportunity will be available to our talented neighbors to sell their talents/wares/produce during the sing-a-long at no cost beginning June through September 2023.
- A creative opportunity during our Annual Picnic, August 12th, which will result in a colorful mural of many painted wooden pieces being assembled on the garden fence the week of August. 20th. The pieces will need to be sealed for the weather the week before being installed.

We currently have, at least a dozen neighbors, not including Denizen Inc. and Kid-Tastic who are also partnering, all will promote community and create fun art vignettes. We would love more neighbors/families to jump in and have fun creating with us. I will have boxes ready. We will have some supplies to provide, but more supplies will be needed, as well as donations: \$ and materials. An informative neighborhood meeting will be held at the Community Garden Pavilion on Tuesday June 6th at 7:00pm. Bring a chair, your ideas and dress accordingly. Donations can be arranged to be delivered to 4145 W McKinley Ct. Please call Terri first: 414-377-2645.

NEEDED ITEMS: 1 -2 neighbor/s to cut wood pieces, sand edges, drill holes, seal wood. These tasks are for different parts of the projects. 1" foam brushes, plastic coated wire to mount boxes, and mural pieces, 2 box of gloves = 1 small children size, 1 medium adult size, Outdoor latex/enamel paint any color for the mural done during the picnic. Please look at leftover paint in storage areas of your home. Small

images below are examples of mini pocket museum ideas. Each item is no larger than 6'-8' inches other than the use of the meter.









CREATING A POCKET/MINI MUSEUM

The purpose of a mini pocket museum is to display a collection, tell a story, make a statement, create wonder, and declare a vision for others to see among many other reasons. How do you start?

For your Mini Pocket Museum you need to think of your theme. .One neighbor is doing a zoo themed pocket museum in honor of when the zoo was in Washington Park.

Choose your special objects. About 6 to 8 is a good number. Maybe you have a collection you want to show.

Create your display. Lay your objects out and have a play about with how you want it to look. ...
Use a small box or frame with depth so you can glue your items, pictures, and figurines.

Label the objects if you choose. Write labels for your objects. Think of a title. Give your display a name... Think about where you want to display it. Are you putting it on a tree, in a bush, on a fence, on the ground, on a large rock, or a post. Where you display your art work should be seen by a neighbor walking by. They should not be put on your porch. Walkers should not need to walk on your property to see your object of wonder. Also think outside of the box. literally. Because it is a box, does not mean it has to be used as one! Actually, you don't have to use a box. Your creation can be displayed on its side, or flat so one will look into it. It can even have a cover that is lifted to see in. It can have moveable parts. It can be open ended or contain a backing. They will be exposed to the weather, so it's another consideration. Your creation has no limits and only one rule. Have fun!!! There is no wrong way to make your mini pocket museum.

You can use any materials you choose. Think recycle. I will have small people figurines, material, glue and a variety of paper and book pages. Ask me if I have a needed item before you buy. I have spar varnish to seal the wood and objects when you're done. My garage will be available to seal your treasure. Just call and we can arrange a time for you to work. I'm asking for all types of acrylic and enamel paint found in folks' basements that we can use rather than purchase. We would like all boxes to be done by the end of July.

Contact me, Terri, with questions, concerns and creative needs 414 377-2645 or terribartlett007@gmail.com.

For more ideas research: Hattiesburg, MS = Pocket Museum, mini museums, Roswell, NM = mini museum, Cathedral of Junk, Austin, TX, vision boards in a box, and junk journals.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Community Sing along the last Tuesday every month May through September at the community garden, 1335 N 46th Street at 7pm. Tues. May 30 in the first singalong then June 27th, July 25th, August 29th and September 26th. There will be song sheets, music accompaniment, and good times. Bring your chairs, your voices, your instruments, your ears, and tapping toes if you just want to listen. Meet under the pavilion for a fun time.

A Free Martin Drive neighbor market opportunity will begin in June through September during the singalong. MD neighbors will be free to sell their talents, wares, produce and white elephants. Just set up your table beginning 6:30 – 8pm Bring what you need to set up. claim any space, but call Terri 414-3772645 to assure space.

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES! 12th Annual Martin Drive Neighborhood Under the Stars Movie Series – EVERY FRIDAY IN JUNE! ==== 2023 Schedule ====

Friday June 2, 2023 Puss in Boots: The Last Wish - https://youtu.be/xgZLXyqbYOc

Friday June 9, 2023 DC League of Super Pets - https://youtu.be/1jkw2JPCI18

Friday June 16, 2023 Guardians of the Galaxy - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d96cjJhvIMA

Friday June 23, 2023 Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dW1Blid8Osg

Friday June 30, 2023 The Secret Life of Pets - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-80SGWfEjMC

At Sunset (about 8:45pm) enjoy a movie at our Community Gardens (46th & Vliet).

Bring a blanket, snacks, possibly bug spray, and enjoy a movie with your neighbors. A reminder to also make sure the kids use the bathroom before leaving the house. We recommend keeping liquids to a minimum. If there is a problem with the weather, you'll get an email via martin-drive@googlegroups.com by 7:30 p.m. on the day of the event. It'll also be announced on Facebook and Twitter.

More info will be shared the closer we get to the following Martin Drive fun opportunities and gathering:

Saturday August 5, **Neighborhood Wide Rummage Sale**

Saturday August 12 **Summer Sizzle/Picnic Go to** = martin-drive.org or our Face Book page.