



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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Neighborhood Briefs

From: The Coordination Committee

1. Thanks to Raymond Duncan and Arlene Chambers for making the 2023 Movies in the Garden such a big success this summer! Raymond carefully researched family friendly films, set up the screening area, and managed the showings. Arlene created the colorful hand drawn outdoor signs throughout the neighborhood and made sure the portapotty was delivered in time! It was a record year for family attendance on Fridays, in June.



2. Congratulations to neighbor Terri Bartlett for securing a grant from the Community Connections Small Grant Program to provide our neighborhood with a Creative Collective Walk Project!! With Terri's support neighbors of all skill levels have been

creating pocket museums for display all over and many have enjoyed community singalongs at the garden. A creative opportunity at the Summer Sizzle will be to work on a colorful mural for the garden. The garden singalongs continuing into September.

3. Just last week a Greater Milwaukee Fund grant was secured to provide work projects for youth, improvements and foundational support to increase access, and involvement in our neighborhood's Community Garden!! The grant writing team included Jerry Burns, Pat Mueller and Jacqueline Ward.

Look for more information as this grant work gets going very soon!

4. The MDNA Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 5, from 8:30 am

to 4pm, provides all neighbors with an opportunity to buy and sell, and connect in our community. Coordinated by Sharon Williams, the sale this year is held on the same day as the upper Vliet St Sidewalk Sale and that can bring more customers for both events!

5. The Summer Sizzle held this year on Saturday, August 12, from 12-4pm, will include the Mounted Unit of horses from MPD, kids games, great food, mural making, info from community partners, and most of all connecting with neighbors! Both set up and clean up help is always appreciated.

6. **Your Coordinating Committee is seeking another committee member as Mary Andres will be stepping aside at the end of the summer. Please, consider contacting the MDNA CC for more info. It is a great trio to work with, dedicated to the neighborhood.**

TROLLEY

Meeting Notice:

The next Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Meeting

- Oct 7 2023 10:00 am Martin Drive Neighborhood Meeting at Washington Park Senior center followed at noon with Harvest Luncheon.

Please see website or Facebook for more information.

www.martin-drive.org/contact.html

Published by David Johnson for the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association

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The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association is an unfunded association made up of neighbors who volunteer many hours of their time for the greater good of the neighborhood. We always need you to volunteer or help. This enriches your life in the neighborhood and the whole community



A Word of Thanks and Your Fire Safety

By: Maggie Blaha

On July 3, 2023, Martin Drive experienced the 8th fire since January. We are grateful beyond words for the wonderful fire department who responded making sure we lost no lives in this time period. But we have learned a few lessons. Nothing can be taken for granted.

Four-year-old Isabel, granddaughter of Kathy McCauley, convinced her family to have a tea party on their front porch at 45th and Juneau. Her mother, Jenn noticed smoke coming from the house across the street. Kathy and son, Doug, ran quickly to pound on the front doors to alert the residents. Running to the back door caused the lady on the first floor to respond to the noise. She ran upstairs to call the young family with an 8-month-old infant. Apparently, they es-

caped through the front door as Kathy and Doug returned home. Jenn had called 911 with immediate response of about ten emergency vehicles and team members. The young family kept telling Kathy that she had saved their lives. All four residents sat on the concrete step trying to comprehend how their lives had just changed.

Lieutenant Freitag met with all the neighbors who were grateful for the good news that all the residents were OK but also gave us some important information about electricity and fires. I understood him to say that a breaker would shut off if there was an overload demand for electricity. I remember my first experience with that. I just went down to the box and snapped the breaker back on. But his words of wisdom were: If the breaker goes off a second time, call the fire department immedi-

ately. It is possible electricity is arcing in the walls.

On June 16th Michael Murphy and the Fire Department walked parts of the neighborhood and gave out and installed smoke detectors, including the 1100 block where there were 3 fires. One of the extra challenges is that duplexes do not usually get inspected due to shortage of personnel.

Once again, we learned how important it is to know our neighbors. We can save lives, make lives more pleasant, be encouraging to those who live alone, recognize the new members in a family etc. Living in a neighborhood is more than having a job, taking care of a property, paying taxes, developing our private lives. A neighborhood becomes a community of caring people who make each other's lives more wholesome and rewarding.

Reason for Hope : A Grant to Support MDNA Neighbors To Reactivate and Rebuild our Community Garden

Provided By : Pat Mueller

We have exciting news! The Martin Drive Neighborhood has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. The Near West Side Partners will act as fiscal agent!

Our Community Garden was established 15 years ago and some of the infrastructure is old, tired and needs to be restored, replenished, and reimagined with the original love and vision we had for the space.



Our goal is to promote healing and restorative justice; support children, youth, and families; advance economic opportunities; and foster an even safer and stronger neighborhood. Focusing on the community garden we will restore garden beds, increase seating and gathering spaces, and engage neighbors in this process. There will be time for fun, enrichment, celebration, and learning about the amazing diversity we have in the MD neighborhood!

Brian Thomas, a garden advocate, and resident of 46th Street, has been selected as the Director. We need two (2) older teens, or young adults to assist Brian. There is a \$15 per hour stipend for this work. These young assistants must be willing to commit to do these tasks:

Guide and assist young people and neighbors in hands-on recreational and enrichment activities on Saturdays or early after school/evening times from mid-August to mid-October. Martin Drive will market these activities.

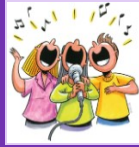
Assist in the maintenance, upkeep, and improvement of the community garden.

Assist in presentations done by others on topics like ethnic traditions, edible plants in nature, invasive plants, and assist in planned activities as needed.

Compensation will be \$15 per hour for possibly 10 and not to exceed 20 hours a week.

If you know such an individual, Fill our link at bottom of this article for the next steps. If you wish to put your name in the hat, start by providing your full legal name, age, and address of your residence. If under 18 we will need your parent or guardian contact information. We look to hire someone within the Martin Drive Neighborhood boundaries, which are 47th Street on the west, 35th Street on the east, State Street on the south and Vliet on the north. To apply use this: <https://forms.gle/Zp8QvQT3LEXftUbi8>

AUGUST 8TH 10:00AM Kid-Tastic will be having a ceremony to add their Butterfly garden tub to the north side of the garden. Please, join them in support. A few neighbors will be giving them a certificate of Appreciation and Accomplishment from the neighborhood in general. This will be the beginning of a fun partnership as time goes on. Please join the celebration and welcome them to our neighborhood, our garden and our events.



Calling Community Members for Garden Sing

By: Terri Bartlett

Tuesday August 29th is our monthly singalong this month. The Last Date for Next Month will be Sept 26. We begin to gather at 6:30 to chitchat and get to know each other beforehand. We sing at 7:00-8:30. It's getting darker earlier, so we'll play it by ear. We have song sheets and again, if you have a song you want to add send it to Marc at oldmangrower@gmail.com email so he can prepare music cords or bring 20 copies of the song. All musicians, singers, and lovers of music are invited. Marc also has participatory songs for the kids and young at heart. They will be added early in the time frame, because all are invited to be involved. Bring mover and shaker percussion instruments if you like.



Spooktacular Planning Event.. We Need You

By: Terri Bartlett

TUESDAY AUGUST 15TH 7:00 pm @ 4145 W McKinley Ct. Back yard (inclement weather inside) I will be holding the first planning meeting for our 30th Annual Spooktacular Martin Drive Neighborhood Trick or Treat event!! **Yes, you read right! 30 YEARS!!!!**. Because it's the 30th, I believe this year we should step out of the box for the Spooktacular.

I know you all would like to make it special. I have a few ideas that have been shared from others and possibly a new opportunity, but I need more helping hands to make this happen, so, please let me know if you can come. Please come with Ideas (it is helpful to let me know ahead of time for agenda planning). Please place a reminder on your calendar so you don't forget to attend. Invite neighbors to attend with you and be ready to help this community continue to be a working connected community. Have I noted I love my neighborhood?



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Martin Drive Website Review and Design Suggestions

By : Oriana Dentici



Hello! It's my pleasure to introduce myself to you all. I am Oriana Dentici, daughter of Tom and Dave (Martin Drive neighbors) and I am thrilled to announce a significant milestone in the Martin Drive Neighborhood's digital presence – a website redesign initiative. Working closely with the Coordinating Committee, we aim to enhance this vital community resource by addressing key areas of improvement: streamlined navigation, mobile-friendly design, and improved community sign-up and participation.

Project Status as of Summer 2023 and Future Project Milestones:

Phase 1 (Completed): In this initial phase, we conducted comprehensive research and collected valuable input from the community through the initial survey emails. From this outreach, we identified three key themes for improvement: website organization and navigation; difficulty finding specific resources; and outdated or duplicated information. We also discovered that residents highly value access to relevant information and resources, neighborhood history, and the celebration of neighborhood diversity.

Phase 2 (In Progress): We are currently delving deeper into the existing information and its organization. Our goal is to identify additional resources and pages that need to be added. Some potential additions include an updated business partners index, an easier way to sign up for volunteering and community involvement, and submitting activity suggestions. A mock-up of the website is also being created during Phase 2.

Phase 3: Once Phase 2 is completed, we will roll out another round of surveys to gather community feedback on a mock-up of the updated website. We anticipate this phase to be implemented in late Summer.

Phase 4: Building upon the community's valuable feedback, we will implement the necessary changes and unveil the new website design.

A Fresh Look and Improved Navigation:

Enhancing the organization of information on the website is our top priority. Many residents (around 75%) expressed the need for improved navigation, making it easier to find information about events and community initiatives, volunteer sign-up, and resources like the Martin Drive email group sign-up. Moreover, we understand that an increasing number of residents access the website using their mobile devices. Therefore, the new design will be mobile-friendly to ensure a seamless experience for all users.

Share Your Thoughts:

I am excited to continue working with the community throughout this initiative. Your feedback, ideas, and involvement are crucial in shaping the website to meet your needs. Feel free to reach out to me directly at orianadentici@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions about this project.

The primary focus of this project is to enhance our vital community resource, and your input will guide every decision we make. Let's work together to create a website that benefits all residents and strengthens our community bonds.

Thank you all for your participation and feedback on this project, and I look forward to your continued involvement in making this resource accessible and beneficial to everyone in the community.

Calendar



Compiled by MDNA Trolley editor from Coordinating Committee and Article Contributors

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 MDNA events. **Look for Next Meeting info on www.martin-drive.org or Facebook**

October 7, 2023 10:00 Martin Drive Meeting at Washington Park Senior Center and stay for Fall Harvest Luncheon at Noon.

August 5 8:30 to 4:00 pm Saturday Neighborhood wide Rummage Sale

August 5 Vliet Street Sidewalk Sale 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

August 8 10:00 am at the Garden Kidtastic Butterfly Garden see article bottom of page 2 for more info.

August 12 12:00 to 4:00 pm Saturday Summer Sizzle picnic at Neighborhood Garden.

August 15 Starting at 7:00 pm Spooktacular Planning Meeting at Terri Bartlett's 4145 W McKinley Ct. Back yard

August 29th Sing Along in the Garden at 6:30 meet and 7:30 singing starts for more information see article on page 2

Wednesdays in August all month at 5:00pm Concerts and Events at Washington Park Band Shell



Rummage Sale Sat. Aug 5
From 8:30 to 4:00 pm Many homes in our neighborhood are participating.

Location information via this link: https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1n_CuLpNp8gM70tUFP0yEI6CU8fHzoLH&usp=sharing

Mini Pocket Museums

By: Terri Bartlett

The first part of the community connections small grant program is almost completed. We have completed almost 34 mini pocket museum boxes created by 28 neighbors! These boxes were created to enhance **The Martin Drive Neighborhood Creative Collective Walk**.

Each mini museum box is as unique as possible. They are installed near sidewalks and should be studied and enjoyed. Be aware, more than several are interactive. I hope to have a map of all their locations. They will be up through September during which I plan to throw out a couple of challenges. Neighbors and walkers will be asked trivia questions to find items or provide house number locations about the mini pocket museums. They then can submit their answers to Terribartlett007@gmail.com within a given time frame as described in Listsev email challenge message. A winner of the correct answers will be picked and awarded a sweet treat.

There will also be a treasure chest suitcase somewhere in the neighborhood for folks to add small things. The collection of small items will be used for next year's mini pocket museums. This has been fun!

Please seek the mini pocket museum that pays homage to the Halloween event and those who have led and worked to maintain the fun in our community.



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Great News and Urgent Request for Assistance

Martin Drive Neighborhood Received a \$10,000 Grant
from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation

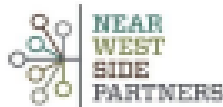
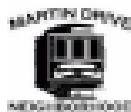
Martin Drive Neighborhood is looking to hire two (2) older teens or young adults to assist the Director on this project. There is a \$15 per hour stipend for this work. Contact Pat at 414-339-2099 or email pmueller4502@gmail.com.

We are look to hire someone within the Martin Drive Neighborhood boundaries, which are 47th Street on the west, 35th Street on the east, State Street on the south and Vliet on the north.

Our Community Garden was established 15 years ago, and some of the infrastructure is old, tired and needs to be restored, replenished, and reimagined with the original love and vision we had for the space.

For all the details, look to the Martin Drive Neighborhood website, or our Facebook page. There is an article in the newsletter.
Link to apply for this Assistance Position

<https://forms.gle/Zp8QvQT3LEXftUbi8>



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WI Legislative Update

by Evan Goyke

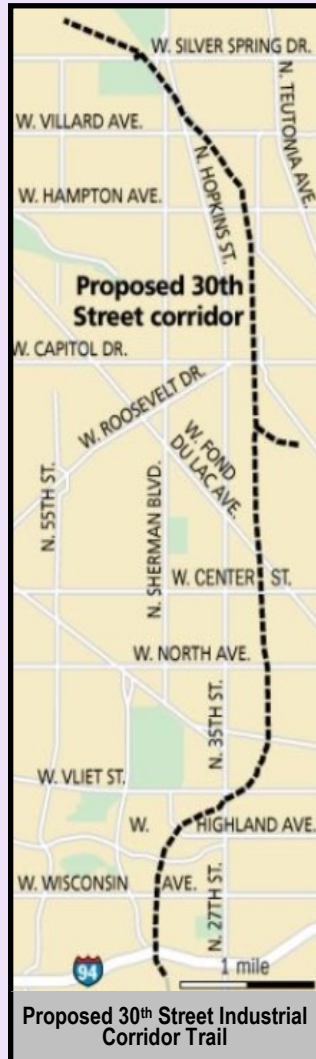
State Representative 18th Assembly District

I hope this column finds you and your family well. With the beautiful summer weather, my family and I have been out and about more enjoying our parks, trails, and outdoor recreation. I hope you've been able to do the same. I'm writing in this issue to introduce an idea that I've been working on with several community partners over the past few years. Please know that this project is far from being "shovel ready" and there are many hurdles to overcome before we can announce that the project will in fact move forward - though we continue to make slow and steady progress and support is growing!

To the south of Martin Drive is a railroad track that runs through Molson Coors and Harley Davidson's properties. Driving on State Street you go under the railroad, while driving on Highland or 35th or Vliet Street, you drive over the railroad. From the near west side, these tracks go all the way through the northside and beyond. This railroad line forms the heart of what we call the 30th Street Industrial Corridor ("Corridor").

You likely know or have lived the Corridor's history. Once home to tens of thousands of quality jobs and some of Wisconsin's most iconic businesses, the Corridor today looks very different. The railroad is still in operation but many of the businesses are gone - including the recent announcement that Master Lock will be moving its operations out of the Corridor.

Our idea is to co-locate a bike/recreational trail along the rail line. This is what we call "rail-with-trail," meaning the rail line would remain active and the trail would be separated by fencing (at least). The idea is more than a trail - think a linear park or greenway - that connects to the Hank Aaron State Trail on the south and



branches of the Oak Leaf and future extensions of the Beerline Trails on the north. We also envision public art and lighting, restoring natural vegetation and improved stormwater management, and increasing safety by reclaiming vacant spaces and providing safer routes off busy city streets.

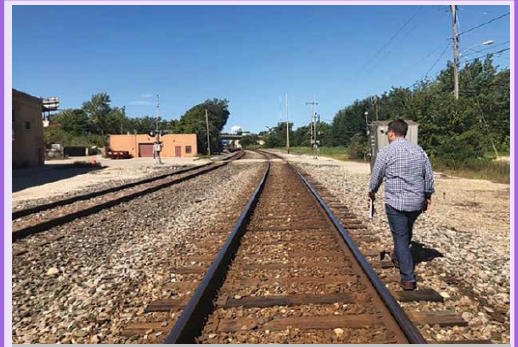
An important step forward happened in June.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation provided funding through the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Milwaukee County to conduct an engineering study of the Corridor. As you can imagine this project is incredibly complex and presents several engineering and design challenges. The engineering study will provide the technical information necessary to advance the project beyond just a concept.

I believe this project can be transformational. As your State Representative, I have personally met with nearly 60 organizations and secured support from dozens of additional Milwaukee-area entities including: environmental or conservation organizations; housing organizations; healthcare systems; education or childcare providers; local police and fire unions; and many others. In addition, many of the major employers within the Corridor are engaged and supportive of the project.

I've written a longer piece about this project, available here: (include link that's below). Again, this project will take many twists and turns before it officially can begin, but I believe it would be a major improvement to our area and to the entire City - and I'll keep working on it until it's realized. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions, concerns or ideas for this project. <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/18/goyke/media/1732/the-30th-street-corridor-1122-final-version.pdf>

Please continue to stay tuned to my e-updates and social media for up to date news. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. My email is Rep.Goyke@legis.wisconsin.gov and my phone number is (608) 266-0645. Evan.



Walking the Corridor (sorry for the trespassing) over the years has revealed a different side of the City and a clear view of the massive potential for this project to positively impact Milwaukee for years

Want to find out more Martin Drive Information?



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Website www.martin-drive.org

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THANK YOU!

Submitted by Maggie Blaha

We want to thank Mary Andres for her effort and perspective on the Coordinating Committee. Many of us jump on activities that interest us to make this neighborhood super welcoming and involved, in addition to continuing the traditions started so long ago.

We hope our neighbors enjoy whatever it is we do. Everyone is welcome to highlight their individual interests by joining in. Thanks again for your commitment Mary on CC Committee.

Alderman Murphy Update provided by his office staff



Martin Drive Neighbors,

I hope you're all having a fun and safe summer so far. This summer, there has been a big focus on improving fire safety and fire education in the Martin Drive neighborhood. As you may be aware, there have been an uptick in fires in your neighborhood this year. Since January, four fires devastated homes in the area, each of which were accidental and could have been prevented by either a working smoke alarm or better knowledge of fire safety. Fortunately, no lives were lost in any of these fires. I urge all residents to take necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their lives and their properties.

In June, I organized a walk with Fire Chief Aaron Lipski and Milwaukee firefighters to go door-to-door in the Martin Drive neighborhood offering residents fire safety education materials, check for working smoke alarms, and install new alarms as necessary. These efforts are part of Project FOCUS (Firefighters Out Creating Urban Safety). If you are in need of a smoke alarm, please call the Smoke Alarm Hotline at the number listed below. Arrangements will be made for Milwaukee Firefighters to come to your single-family home or duplex to deliver a



Ald. Murphy at the Homes MKE Kick-off on April 19th

smoke alarm free of charge, and further will install it.

SMOKE ALARM HOTLINE: 414-286-8980

For additional fire safety education materials, please visit: <https://city.milwaukee.gov/MFD/Aboutmfd/Safety-Message>.



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

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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
44TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHUCK LANDRY	414-344-1331
43RD - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE.	RAYMOND DUNCAN	414-294-3828
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We are Looking for additional Representatives in blocks with Need Representative in list above. Please support your neighborhood. For More Information contact the Coordination Committee for more information Email : MDNA-cc@martindrive.org Time commitment is very small and helps the neighborhood greatly