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Meeting Notice:

The next Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Meeting

Oct 7 2023 10:30 am Martin
Drive Neighborhood Meeting at
Washington Park Senior center.
Please see website or Facebook
for more information.

www.martin-drive.org/contact.html

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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

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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A Small Grant with Big Returns Story From Terri Bartlett

The Martin Drive Neighborhood residents have had fun reaching out to their community post pandemic. It is a very diverse neighborhood that is usually connected by planning community events like: bloom and groom, the annual neighborhood clean up, community garden, the annual picnic, Halloween Spooktacular, Christmas Caroling and more. But since the pandemic, like everything else, events were put on the back burner.

This year, with the spark from the Community Connections Small Grants Program funded by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Zilber Family Foundation and Northwestern Mutual Foundation, the Martin Drive Neighborhood Community is once again reaching out to each other in fun and colorful ways.

The grant has allowed, in a few short months, more than 70 volunteer residents of all ages and talents along with several neighborhood businesses to create almost 4 dozen six inch square mini pocket museums, that have been installed up and down the neighborhood walkways, a monthly sing-along in



the Community Garden and at the annual picnic, a painting project, which was added to the garden fence above Kid-Tastics flower pot contribution.

The boxes like the mural pieces are varied, whimsical and thought provoking, the sing-alongs have been an exercise in voice, memory and laughter, and the fence mural created multi-colorful images to be appreciated throughout the seasons. We hope with or without a grant to expand on the fun ideas next year. The Mini pocket museums will be taken down by the end of Oct. Those who want to keep theirs till next year, contact Terribartlett007@gmail.com.

All of the events are a reminder of the talent that is fostered in this neighborhood, professionally and creatively and most of all the value of involvement that adds to the quality of life in a community willing to stretch out. Thank you Martian Drive Neighbors!

It's the Martin Drive Neighborhood's 30th year Spooktacular!! By Terri Bartlett

It is time for our neighborhood's Night Time Trick or Treat!

This year, our 30th Annual "Spooktacular, is on Friday, October 27th – 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Here Is What You Need To Know:

Each year designated blocks are selected as the treating home area. Promptly at 7:15pm, security monitors put up barricades, so that everyone is free to roam the area, crossing streets safely.

To create this safe environment, we enlist volunteer help: teen and adult neighbors, and community liaisons. Continued on Page 2

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This event is for Martin Drive neighborhood residents' children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews "under the age of 13 only." All children

must be accompanied by an adult at registration and the night of trick-or treating.

Teens in costume are welcome to help monitor streets and volunteer to hand out candy.

All children must be registered to participate. Families registering children are asked to contribute \$1 per registered child and a bag of candy (200 pieces or more) per every two children. Each registered child will



receive a special labeled Martin Drive Spooktacular yellow trick or treat bag. The bag includes a few fun Halloween toys and the location of the treating area. The bags identify children as being registered and will be

used at the event to collect the candy.



Registration will be:

A. Online on the Martin Drive website. Once registered the site will take you to a Go-Fund-Me site that is set up for payment. Candy labeled with the registered neighbor's name will need to be delivered within 3 days to 4145 W McKinley Ct. where a Halloween Tub will be outside on the front porch. B. At 4145 W McKinley Ct. 24/7. A registration tub as noted above will include registration forms and

envelopes. Filled out forms and the fee will go in the envelope, sealed and into the mail slot.

C. Last minute and chance to register will be in person on Wednesday October 25th from 2pm to 8pm at 4145 W McKinley Ct.

Children's treating bags will be available the week of October 15th. It can be arranged for the children's treat bags to be picked up anytime to the last day of registration.

Neighbors in the designated treating area are asked to be host trick or treat homes, decorating as desired, and are asked to provide 300 pieces of candy, or be partially supplemented by the MDNA if needed.

Volunteers become hosts where neighbors cannot. There are usually 80-100 treating spots (including trick or Trunk & Treat cars hosted by our neighbor. Each participant will receive one piece of candy from each host. Volunteers are needed to make this a great event, so please contact Terri Bartlett at: terribartlett007@gmail.com or 414-377-2645 to offer your help and please, leave a message, so she can return your call.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- 1. Registration and stuffing treat bags
- 2. Decorated trick or treat cars,
- 3. Passing out Halloween notices,
- 4. Candy sorting and distribution plus more.

Our nighttime Trick or Treating is always fun, as neighbors often come out

in force, in costumes and in the spirit of making this a memorable experi-

All skateboards, bikes and dogs are not allowed for everyone's safety. Thank you.



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Nov. 14th - Wines for your Thanksgiving Table Dec. 5-St. Nick's Eve Wine and Chocolate Pairing All tastings take place from 5:30 -7:30.





MDNA over



How to call 911

By Joe Duncan

EMERGENCY

Remember when you call police, for emergencies - 911 for in progress, or for not in progress non-violent crime in Milwaukee 414-933-4444

AND PRESS 9 - Your involvement is YOUR CHOICE TOO.

Tell the communicator your wishes...

i.e. Hello, I would like to report a burglary in progress. My neighbors are not home at 1440 N 43rd Street for approximately a week and right now I see a unfamiliar vehicle in the driveway after just hearing glass breaking.

THREE CHOICES

Totally Anonymous: (just reporting what I heard, saw, smelled - no callback and no phone number for questions)

Call me by phone: (call me with questions but do not come to my door, I would like to learn the outcome).

The Community Caretaker: (questions by phone or in person, I already understand that it is the police that investigate, collect evidence, and go to court - not I if I am not the victim.)

In circumstances that are not life threatening, not in progress, no medical needed - Milwaukee residents should call non emergency at 414-933-4444 and PRESS 9 (OPTION 9).

Remember that sometimes police officers will conduct a canvas of the area, knocking on several homes looking for additional witnesses. This means sometimes knocking on the door of a home whom wishes to be anonymous. Remember if you report "anonymous" they don't know they don't know your address, name, phone number or the particular wishes of a particular location.

ALWAYS REMEMBER: DON'T RUSH TO HANG UP - CALLS ARE ENTERED AND DISPATCHED LIVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE WHILE YOU MAY STILL BE ON THE PHONE

INFORMATION MOST OFTEN NEEDED BY POLICE: What Happened? When? Where? Is Anyone Injured? Vehicle License Plate (make, model, style, color)? Description of Flight and Direction of Travel? Description of Persons Involved? Description of you/vehicle (if you wish the PO to talk to you in person, or if you prefer a callback)

FOR EMERGENCY POLICE SERVICES 911 MILWAUKEE POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 414-933-4444 AND PRESS 9.



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.
- October 17 2023 05:30 pm Town Hall on County Budget Sponsored by Perer Burgelis at Alverno College Wehr Hall 4100 W Morgan Ave
- October 25th 2pm to 8pm Last chance to register for Spooktackular at 4145 W McKinley Ct.
- Oct 21 2023 11:00 Autumn celebration of UEC Washington Park
- Oct 26 2023 5:30 pm—6:30 pm Monthly MPD 3rd District Crime and Safety Meeting 2333 N 49th St 414-935-7234 for more info
- November 9 5pm to 8 pm West Vliet St Holiday Happenings

For other events in the neighborhood Check the Facebook page or Martindrive Web site.



Many public services, including the fire and police department, depend on accurate, readable house numbers to respond quickly in an emergency. So do mail carriers, UPS and Fed Ex, and the folks who deliver your pizza.

The Milwaukee code of ordinances includes requirements for address numbers to ensure that all homes and businesses are clearly marked. Numbers must be:

- At least two inches high without background, or at least three inches high, including background.
- Placed on the building in a spot that's easy to read from the street, and at the rear or side of properties that are next to allevs.

Building owners are responsible for installing and maintaining address numbers.

Keep your Street Sewer Grates Clean

As you rake or mow your lawns check the sewer grates in the front of your home. Leaves and discarded trash can block the street

sewers and prevent normal water removal from streets. If you clean the grates it helps prevent flooding, pooling of water and ice build up in winter. DO NOT Remove grates if it appears that the storm street sewer needs service call the city of Milwaukee, for debris inside under grate or does it not drain.





WI Legislative Update

by Evan Goyke

I hope this message finds you and your family well, and that you are enjoying the end of summer. I want to share with you recent updates as the legislature reconvenes for a busy fall session. With many important happenings you have seen in the news, such as the possible impeachment of Justice Protasiewicz and the introduction of a new redistricting plan by legislative Republicans, the coming weeks and months at the Capitol will have an impact on our neighbors and citizens across Wisconsin.

Redistricting & Impeachment Threat Update

Since I was elected to the legislature in 2012, I have fully supported a nonpartisan redistricting process for how our State's legislative maps are drawn.



Rep. Goyke working on the floor of the Assembly during a recent legisla-

I have co-sponsored legislation to put this into state law to end a partisan process where politicians determine where legislative district lines are placed. The current process is not transparent and does not represent the will of the people of Wisconsin.

On September 12th, after years of opposing such an important change, Assembly Republicans did an about-face and announced their new found support for such a plan, and introduced a flawed bill that would be voted on in 48 hours without a public hearing.

If this raises a red flag to you - your instincts are correct!

There are many reasons why the bill is flawed, but there is one

that I would like to highlight for you. After reviewing the bill it became clear that legislative Republicans are hoping to sneak in language that would allow a "backdoor gerrymander" to occur. A provision in the bill would allow a simple majority to make changes to the maps. The previous nonpartisan redistricting bills, which I supported only allowed legislative changes to nonpartisan maps through a super-majority vote. The difference is massive. Any process that allows a simple majority in the legislature to draw legislative maps is not really a non-partisan process and is something I cannot support.

All of this is happening in conjunction with the ongoing threat by Republicans to impeach newly sworn-in Justice Janet Protasiewicz and paralyze the State Supreme Court who could hear <u>a newly filed legal challenge</u> arguing that the maps redrawn in 2021 by Republicans are unconstitutional and drawn in a partisan gerrymander.

Speaker Vos called this legislation an "off ramp" to impeachment. This was not sincere. Just a day later, on September 13th, Speaker Vos created a panel of former Supreme Court Justices to explore the criteria of impeachment. This unnamed secret panel continues to fly in the face of open government, transparency, and further sustains the ongoing impeachment threat.

As all of these events continue to unfold at the Capitol I will continue to keep you informed. To be clear - I do not and will not support the impeachment of Justice Janet Protasiewicz. I thank all of you who are

engaged on these important events and sharing your thoughts with me.

2023-2024 Blue Books have been published and recently delivered to my office! If you are interested in a copy, please contact me and I am happy to have one mailed to you. Please call or e-mail my office to request a copy.

Please continue to stay tuned to my e-updates and social media for up to date news. As always, pleas 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.



A Wonderful Rummage Sale

By Sharon Williams

This summer's Rummage Sale was by far one of the best. The weather was perfect, the customers were coming, and thirty neighbors, spread all over the neighborhoods, had set up their goods to sell. Thanks to all of those who helped with the set up, especially Raymond Duncan, who organized



the online registration and created the location maps.

The Sale provides a great reason to traverse our area blocks, to meet neighbors, and to find some good bargains. Thank to all who participated. See you next year!



Halloween Decorating Contest

By Terri Bartlett

Even though you may not know what street has been chosen for this year's Trick or Treating event, it is known many homeowners welcome the opportunity to decorate their homes for the season. This year, three homes in our neighborhood will be awarded for their creativity. Impartial judges will circulate the neighborhood with a somewhat critical eye before our Spooktacular event and the winners will be announced after the Spooktacular event. What are the prizes? It is hard to tell at the moment, but it will be a token of appreciation. Join in the fun and make yours Boootiful!

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<u>Link to check out</u> excellent article on how martin drive defies segregation https://www.wuwm.com/2023-09-19/how-milwaukees-martin-drive-defies -segregation-according-residents-who-live-there

History of an Organized Trick-or-Treat in MDNA

Article Developed by Pat Mueller

A Long History of an Organized Trick-or-Treat in the Martin Drive Neighborhood (MDNA) Going Back to 1927. In recent history, its rebirth began in the basement of the Blaha home, when alliances formed to work on improving our neighborhood, new friendships were kindled, common people gathered to solve common problems. We met with neighbors, our Alderman, city personnel and community based organizers...anyone who could help...anyone who could teach us what to do. There was always time to listen to ideas neighbors brought forward, or listen to a problem someone was having on their block. Collectively we talked about what to do. If the effort did not work, we put our heads together with Plan B. More often than not, our efforts had successful outcomes which made our collective bond even stronger and more energized. Martin Drive Neighborhood on the westside of Milwaukee is a strong and connected neighborhood.

Thirty-one years ago, two mothers with young children told us about this event in Washington Heights called the Night-time Trick-or-Treat. They thought we should do something similar. And so we asked them to contact Washington Heights to learn how they did Night-Time Trick-or-Treat. The following year it began. We thought it started there. Thirty years later we find that Martin Drive Businesses might have been a trendsetter in the trick-or-treat tradition. Here you will see an article from the Milwaukee Journal Nov. 1, 1931, about a "Hallowe'en" event done by the businesses along 43rd and Vliet Street. In 1931, it was in its fifth year meaning it started in 1927! This event was designed to keep the kids from creating pranks and causing trouble on this holiday and was extremely unique for the time.

Fast forward to 2023 and Martin Drive celebrates the 30th year of Night-Time Trick-or-Treat. During two years of COVID we modified and put together a DIY party for families with candy and ideas for simple inexpensive crafts and ideas to celebrate at home, safe from COVID. Bags with supplies were delivered to registered families. We have returned to our safe Night-Time version which has become a loved neighborhood tradition. Here is a story of how Trick-or-Treat truly started in our neighborhood.

Except From Journal Article November 1, 1931, PUBLISHED AT THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL Spooks Out in Force; Many Parade Streets

... "Please Mister," said a little boy said politely. "May I soap your windows?"

Herman Militzer, grocer, couldn't help but laugh to himself; the boy was so very small and so very serious and so very eager. The grocer couldn't be outdone in courtesy. "Su-re." he answered. The young ones got to have some fun on Hallowe'en."

There was a party at Forty-third and W Vliet St., just as there has been a party every Hallowe'en for the last four years. Its purpose was to give the neighborhood "young ones" fun; its result has been the attitude on the part of the children expressed by the little boy.

This is how the party was arranged:

The grocer, Mr. Militzer at 4303 W Vliet St. gave the candy. The baker, John George, and Martin Bayer at 4305 W Vliet St., gave the buns. The butcher, Louis Saffert at 4307 W Vliet St., gave the wieners to put between the buns. The druggist, Louis Kreusser, at 4309 W Vliet St. gave the ice cream.

They all chipped in, Mr. Militzer says to hire a band, so we can make all the racket we want." At 6:30p.m. the children gather at Forty-third and Vliet St. Last year there were 400; this year there were more than that.

Any sort of costume went in the parade. Some of the youngsters were draped in sheets and emitted blood curdling shrieks as ghosts. Some, with feathered head-dress, gave Indian war whoops. Others were cowboys and very little ones minced along in mother's last year's party dresses.

Mr. Militzer had the permit for the parade signed by Mayor Hoan, and he flourished that about. Police direction was given Then they started to walk.

About 7:30pm refreshments were served. By 8:30 p.m. the youngsters whooped and walked and eaten as much as they could. It was all through, and quiet settled over the neighborhood.

Media Biz Opens in Martin Drive



Washington Park Media Center (4303 W Vliet St)) is a media production, strategy, and training center. Located across from the historic Washington Park, the Media Center is owned and operated by Sara Daleiden of MKE<->LAX and Wes Tank of TankThink. The two independent, creative small businesses, MKE<->LAX and Tank Think, now occupy the center. The Center also provides space and equipment for filming, photography, podcasting, live streaming, hybrid events, and multimedia installations. Washington Park Media Center is open by appointment only. Please check out their website for more information www.washintonparkmediacenter.com

Safety & Security - Community Connect Milwaukee Camera Registration

Provided by Joe Duncan
At the last Captain's
meeting we learned
about a new program
called Community
Connect. Through this
program you can register your home security cameras. As a
homeowner, when you
register, you will give
the MPD your contact



information so that in the event there is a situation where they need to access your cameras on your block, they will call you. Currently police officers go door to door looking for cameras to ask for access. This makes people feel uncomfortable. It is important to note that they will not access your cameras without calling you and getting permission to do so. It just means that the MPD will have a list of installed cameras and know how to contact you without going to your door.

Businesses may prefer to allow MPD to access their cameras as when MPD sees fit. It is up to you. Here is how to register your cameras www.communityconnectmilwaukee.org

Art Box Project By Terri Bartlett

This enlightening project was made possible by a Making Connections Grant and the collective work of Numerous,



Awesome Neighbors. Gratitude and Appreciation should be given to the imaginative neighbors. Terri Bartlett who put this all together and coordinated many of us to

help. This is exactly why we have the Wonderful Neighborhood that we have.









MARTIN DRIVE

The Washington Park Friends

Provided By Pat Mueller

The Washington Park Friends is a friends group affiliated with the Park People, a non-profit 501c3.

This friends group was formed in spring 2023 and follows previous efforts of the Washington Park Partners (pre-COVID), not to be confused with the Washington Park Neighbors that runs the Washington Park Wednesdays concert series.



This WPF group convened to discuss the status of the park and what is being planned in and around the park. Quorum Architects completed a master planning study of Washington Park in 2000 with recommendations for implementation, and much still applies. Now there are big plans in the works, such as the WIS 175 Reimagining Study, reconstruction of the parking lot along 40th Street, major building improvements to the Urban Ecology Center in Washington Park, replacement of the bridges crossing the lagoon, and Active Street improvements by the City of Milwaukee along Galena Street from 40th Street to 35th Street. In addition Washington Park is site for the national Olmsted Network annual conference this September. WPF is involved in collaborating and being a conduit for communication for neighbors, residents, businesses in the district and around the park, with a focus on what is going on in the park.

The WPF group welcomes everyone interested in improving and sustaining

the experience of the park and people in the neighborhoods surrounding the park. In addition, another guiding principle is respect, including and amplifying voices, neighbors and other s who use our park.

Our meetings and working groups or "sub-groups" currently are focusing on a few topics and themes including:

Access into and around the park (planning benches and signs; and upcoming improvements to Olmsted Parkway and WIS 175)

Lagoon and Watershed planning

Legacy of Olmsted Park and pre-colonial history; Pool (link to county's aquatics facilities study webpage)

https://www.mkecountyparks.org/aquatic-facilities-study

Mapping
Media team
Governance and Fundraising

This organization is independent from with Washington Park Neighbors, Urban Ecology Center, United Methodist Children's Services, West Vliet Street Business Association, Uptown Crossing BID 16, City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County Parks, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation, but is actively in collaboration with these entities regarding what's happening in Washington Park.

For more information check out "What's Good Washington Park" on Facebook for updates on events in and around the park.

What are you interested in seeing in Washington Park? You can bring your ideas and open mind to a monthly meeting. For more information on upcoming meeting schedule contact washingtonparkfriends@gmail.com If you would like to donate to Washington Park Friends please visit:

https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Make-a-Difference/Donations--



Alderman Murphy Update

provided by his office staff



Martin Drive Neighbors,

Reckless Driving

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. This fall there has been a big focus on improving the reckless driving situation not only in Martin Drive, but in Milwaukee as whole. As you probably are aware reckless driving has been a growing concern

in the city. Along with the addition of bumpouts and increasing patrol I continue to urge State Legislator to increase penalties and hold people accountable for their actions.

Sanitation Schedule Changes

With the fall upon us there are some notable changes and additions to Sanitation Services schedule. Starting October 1st through November 15th residents may rake leaves into the street for collection. Friendly reminder to keep piles 1 foot away from curbs and sewer grates. Brush should not be added to the leaf piles, however, residents may continue to request special pickup of brush until November 30th by calling 414-286-CITY (2489). Keep an eye out for Sanitations annual fall mailer which will be delivered the week of October 1st.

Budget

Finally, with Budget season is underway over here at City Hall

the Finance and Personnel Committee will conduct hearings to discuss the proposed operating budgets for each city department. For residents looking for the opportunity to weigh in on the Mayors proposed budget they can do so at the public input hearing on Monday, October 16th at 9:00am. Residents can register to receive a virtual joining link. Upon conclusion of the department hearings and public engagement sessions, Council members will be able to offer amendments to the Mayor's proposed budget. The final budget will be adopted on Friday, November 3rd.

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.

Sincerely, Michael J. Murphy Alderman, 10th District

Spooktacular Need your Support By Raymond Duncan

The registration and request for volunteers for our 30th Annual Spooktacular Martin Drive Neighbor-

hood Association Night Time Trick and Treating Event is underway. Please consider donating to help make this event a success. Your donation will mean a lot to our community. We are also using this Go Fund Me in asking families to donate a dollar as they register participants (but more on that later). We keep this monetary fee to families as low as possible, mainly because of you help us. Thank you for your donation.

Any donation amount will be appreciated :) All moneys received are used for the event.

Link:https://www.gofundme.com/f/night-time-trick-and-treating-2022? utm_campaign=p_cp+sharesheet&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook



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DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD

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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



Peter Burgelis County Supervisor District 15 Update From Peter Burgelis Office

Dear Neighbors, It is my honor and privilege to serve as your County Supervisor. Thank you again for your trust. I am proud to represent you and work towards making our community a better place. I am happy to share what I have been working on, and I welcome your feedback and suggestions on issues you would like to see action on.

Since February, the MCTS Security Task Force has met to evaluate best practices and policy improvements so that Milwaukee County can better protect the bus system, passengers, and operators. I was proud to co-chair this important task force and work to improve safety for all who utilize our transit system.

After more than six months of hard work, the MCTS Security Task Force settled on final recommendations this July and presented recommendations to the Committee on Transportation and Transit in September.

Recommendations include:

- Improving the visibility of security vehicles and uniforms
- Providing bus operators with a copy of an incident report within 48 hours of filing
- Guidance on how operators can address individuals sleeping on the bus in a way that meets the needs of all on the bus
- That safety and security policies, when relevant, consider the needs of unhoused individuals
- That a member of the security force be assigned to MCTS dispatch
- That a security force be created, as Milwaukee County employees and consisting of 51 officers and community support staff

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the County Board, the County Executive, and our various Milwaukee County Departments to approve and implement these policy solutions and increase the quality of life for our transit riders and operators.

I am also proud of the work our community has done pushing for improvements to Washington Park. Fresh bike lanes were painted on Olmsted Way this summer, and the Washington Park lagoon bridge replacement project is currently in the design phase. Designs are set to be finalized this December with construction slated to begin in March of 2024. Construction should be completed by June of 2024. The two bridges will be replaced by similarly designed concrete bridges to preserve the historic look of the park. The pathways leading to the bridges will also be renovated according to ADA standards. A \$1 million parking lot repair project will also occur in coordination with repairs and improvements to the Urban Ecology Center.

Milwaukee County's budget season is almost upon us. County Executive Crowley will present his 2024 Recommended Budget to the County Board on Thursday, September 28. My colleagues and I will then have a chance to review the budget and amend to better serve the community

I want to hear directly from you on your priorities and ideas for Milwaukee County's 2024 budget. I will be hosting a town hall on Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30pm at Wehr Hall at Alverno College (4100 W Morgan Ave). You'll also be able to meet with Milwaukee County Departments one-on-one about your priorities and concerns.

Finally, winter weather will soon greet us. If you are looking for help on your energy bill this winter, Milwaukee County may have you covered. The Energy Assistance Program provides qualified Milwaukee County residents with a one-time, annual payment toward heating and electric bills. The funding pays a portion of energy costs determined by household size, income, and energy costs. The benefit is usually paid directly to the energy supplier.

If you have a utility bill and are within Milwaukee County's income guidelines, you probably qualify. Schedule an appointment by calling (414) 270-4-MKE or 2-1-1. Once you successfully complete the application with an energy specialist your benefit will go directly to your utility account.

If you are seeking the status of your application, you will receive a benefit status letter in the mail within 7-14 business days after your verification documents have been received. If it has been more than 14 business days, please call (414) 270-4653.

If you have a complaint regarding your experience with the Energy Assistance Program, please call (414) 289-6656 or email EnergyAssistance@Milwaukeecountywi.gov and a representative will follow up with you within 48 hours. If you completed your application online and have questions call (800) 506-5596 for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support. I am committed to serving you and our community, and I will keep you updated on my progress with these important issues. If you have any questions, concerns, compliments, or want to discuss the County, please do not he sitate to reach out! To Reach Me Email: peter.Burgelis@milwaukeecountywi.gov Or By Phone 414-278-4255 Web Site milwaukee.gov/burgelis

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