



TROLLEY



MDNA Meeting Notice:

Martin Drive Neighborhood Meeting not planned at present time . Please see website or Facebook for more information.

www.martin-drive.org/contact.html



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Please support our local Businesses

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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Local Business and Economic Development Spurt

By Pat Mueller

Vliet Street Bringing Back an Old Tradition. As our city started, it was common for owners of business to live above or very near their business. This is doubly good for surrounding neighborhoods as more is invested back in the local economy than with big box. Quoting Ambia: "Your dollars recirculate through your local economy 2-4 times more than money spent at a non-local company. As your dollars move through your community, the money generates more local wealth, charitable contributions, and jobs". Or more dollars stay right here.



5020 W Vliet. Have you noticed the construction going on at Dandy Midcentury Modern and event space? Well, the 3-story addition will be living space for the owners, Ryan and Jess and family.

4303 W Vliet. Washington Park Media Center is also the home to partners, Wes and Sara. What do they do? Washington Park Media Center is a media production, strategy, and training center in Milwaukee. They are working diligently with Washington Park Friends as they profoundly love the Olmsted Park and want to see it thrive.

4227 W Vliet. A new event and wedding space which will accommodate 150 guests, is opening this month. Denizen MKE is owned by Amber and Rachel who live just blocks away. The space is stunning and a great backdrop for your important day or event.

3804 W Vliet. This will be the new home of Metz & Associates a Phoenix and Milwaukee CPA with full accounting services. Travis is the managing member. An apartment living space is being added to the space. The original building was a movie theatre. It has had several uses over the years, including Babian Carpet sale and repair and Color Wheel Painting.

Wonder what the Near West Side Partners is doing for the Area? Here is what they say they accomplished last year.

During 2023, Near West Side Partners:

- Conducted eight neighborhood cleanups in collaboration with Near West Side Safety Ambassadors and Marquette students
- Awarded \$16,000 in home repair grants to residents of the Near West Side
- Collaborated with Advocate Aurora Mobile Wellness Clinic to provide additional services inside the Neighborhood House Food Pantry twice a month
- Facilitated the establishment of four new businesses in the Near West Side: Gray Jett Cafe, Buffalo Boss, Washington Park Media Center, and The Academy of Skin & Beauty
- Hosted the annual Near West Side Week, engaging over 850 neighbors
- Announced CeLani Skin & Wellness as the Rev-Up MKE 2023 winner
- Installed cameras to aid in identifying problem areas and actors



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. Please Neighbors in Martin Drive East consider Being a block captain. Very little work as a captain in you get to know your neighbors and Help us be a working community.

It's a New Neighbor Denizen Mke

Hello neighbors! Thank you for the warm welcome into the neighborhood. I am so excited to announce our first event, the Near West Side Winter Social. Washington Park Media Center is also participating in the event and has been a wonderful neighbor as we navigate our last months before opening. All neighbors are welcome and should attend! I look forward to seeing you all there.



A little about Denizen MKE

Located on the corner of 43rd and Vliet, Denizen is an event space focusing on private events such as weddings, showers and corporate meetings. We are available to rent at an hourly rate for small, private events or an all-day rental for large events like quincinera's and weddings. We will be hosting public events, which will be open to the neighborhood, starting this Spring. Music Nights, markets and holiday events are just a few of the events we are considering. One of our values as a company is 'community' and hosting events that enhance our living experience will be top of mind. We have been residents of Martin Drive for 10 years now and have aligned our business's values to match this wonderful, diverse community. Some other things on the list for Denizen in 2024:

- We will be starting a composting program to teach and assist caterers/guests on the importance of composting
- The outdoor space will be a large garden/lawn area for outdoor events. We are bringing in trees as soon as the Wisconsin weather allows us! Bringing nature and native plants back into our outdoor space is important to us.
- Cleanliness and beautification of Vliet Street. We will be working with our staff to ensure our area of Vliet Street stays clean and beautiful for all for us to enjoy
- We are committed to offering an event space to local nonprofits, offering a flexible space to work towards their goals

We will continue to find ways to create a positive impact on the neighborhood through family/neighborhood events and community service. To stay updated on our public events, you can visit our website or follow us on Facebook/Instagram. We will be announcing our first events for the neighborhood in the next few months.

Thank you, again, for the welcome into Martin Drive. We look forward to seeing all of you in our space throughout 2024 and beyond.

Winterfest Free Event

From Urban Ecology

winterFEST

Winterfest At the Urban Ecology Center at Washington Park is on Saturday, February 3rd from 11am to 2pm. There will be many fun things to do and lots of winter outdoor activities you can participate in for **FREE\$\$\$**. While waiting for the Renovated and expanded UEC, it has been relocated to the pool building. This building is off of 40th Street at Galena.



Natalie Brunner (she/her/

hers)

Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator

Urban Ecology Center at Washington Park

(414) 344-5460 ext 220

Hours: Tu 8-6, Wed-Th 10-6, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-3

urbanecologycenter.org

VOTE Feb 20 and April 2 2024

PLAN NOW



PLEASE VOTE on Tuesday Feb 20 2024 and also on April 2 2024.

If you plan on voting absentee or early, view www.myvote.wi.gov to find polling place locations, information to register to vote. Best if this is done asap. Due to large volume expected for Presidential Elections **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.** Delays by mail, handling or Lack of proper documentation may impact your Right to vote. **ACT NOW !! ACT EARLY !! BE COUNTED !!**

The following upcoming elections: Dates from My Vote Website

Feb 20, 2024 - 2024 Spring Primary

Apr 2, 2024 - 2024 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote

Aug 13, 2024 - 2024 Partisan Primary

Nov 5, 2024 - 2024 General Election

Neighborhood History Review

From Maggie Blaha

The history of our neighborhood could have started a couple hundred years ago or 36 years ago when we pulled together as an association. I began to wonder if our neighbors knew or even cared why Vliet Street was the name of one of our boundaries. These are the kind of things that fascinate me. As a fourth-grade teacher I took the streets in our school neighborhood and hooked the street names with the persons of history or items from nature. Although I know nothing about Alois Angermaier, we are gifted with the little street east of the Police Tactical Squad headquarters named Alois by Mr. Angermaier who lived nearby in 1887. The street is actually four blocks long.

You might be interested to know that Canal Street in the Menomonee River Valley separates the city's north and south sides. In 1926 it was used as the baseline for the city's house numbering system. Although Cherry is not in the MDN, it is very close by. It was one of the first streets in the city. Byron Kilbourn and

Archibald Clybourn named it in 1835. Cherry trees were native to the area, in particular chokecherry, black cherry, and pin cherry.

Garrett Vliet was the surveyor of Byron Kilbourn laying out the perpendicular lines of this area. When we claimed the name Martin Drive it was not because of the name of the street. It was because I thought Morgan L. Martin, the surveyor for Solomon Juneau brought to mind more of the history of the city of Milwaukee. Mr. Martin bought half of the land for Mr. Juneau on the east side of Milwaukee. To learn more about Mr. Martin it would be wise to visit his home in Green Bay. I am sure he is proud of his history being preserved by a tiny area near the important Harley Davidson original company and the Fred Miller Brewing Company. Let us also not forget the Gettelman Brewing Company is preserved near 44th and State Street. Why would we think it would be important to have McKinley Street? Could it be remembering William McKinley being the third president assassinated in office while serving his second term in 1901?

The southern boundary of our neighborhood is called State Street. This street was originally named Tamarack Street which ran to Watertown Plank Road and on to the state's capitol.

I remember reading that Cudahy had a meat market on Vliet Street before moving south and ending up with his own little town. I know the most recent naming rights went to Olmsted Street in memory of Frederick Law Olmsted's designing Washington Park. Were any of you in attendance at the ceremony this past summer?

One of my favorite stories comes from the Milwaukee Willow Company. Adolf Meineke donated a portion of their property with the understanding the land was to be used for a fire station. In 1927 the city decided to change the name of the street. Adolf's grandson came to the city council to notify them the land would need to be returned to the family per the original agreement. The city stepped back and maintained the street would remain Meineke with the fire station as originally set up. We can't look a gift horse in the mouth or a carriage. The company made toys and fancy things from bamboo and willow. In his early days the wicker material was supplied by Meineke's 37-acre willow fields at 15th and North Avenue. His factory was at 125 E. Wells Street per H. Russell Zimmerman. My other resource was my autographed copy of Milwaukee Streets: The Stories Behind Their Names by Carl Baehr copyrighted in 1995.

30th annual Spooktacular Final report

By Terri Bartlett



This 30th annual Halloween event was another successful event. Thanks to our wonderful neighbors and their friends and family. You are awesome! We had 96 families register 351 children by the events day. At least a dozen late the day of and 6 more the evening of the event joined in. The day of late folks made it stressful. I won't be doing this again. Next year they will get an I'm sorry from us. I'm thankful for Amber's (of Denizen) time to volunteer to register the night of. With 86 candy hosts with 50 volunteers taking on a variety of tasks to make it happen in addition to the owners of hosting homes.

No candy needed to be purchased this year!!! First time ever. In fact, two large leftover bags were donated to the Urban Ecology Ctr who was pleased to receive it as they had 8 nature classes teaching middle school students the next week.

Financial Report

Cash on hand to start was 223.98
282.86 Oriental Trading = toy stuffers for children's bags
<44.80> Dollar Tree = more stuffers
<30.33> extra buckets (we always need to buy)
<43.64> UPS printing Halloween flyers
<177.65 >

Joe Duncan printed bag inserts, Marc Powers bucket inserts, Pat Mueller maps and FedEx the printing of my 4 neighborhood maps I use to keep track of the host homes and their location. These donations saved the neighborhood coffer \$50-100 in additional cost, Thank you.

Cash received Donations 635.00

Online registrations 253.00

In person registrations 271.00

(I keep this as I've done all other years to start out)

Total\$1,159.00

354 registered children

524.00 total registration collected

171.00 donated over registered children.

Next year, we need to buy new stuffers for the

registered children's bags.

The local dollar store had no left overs, but noted we could order on line and items would be shipped to her store, such as spider rings eye-balls stickers etc. This would have been done in Aug/Sept.

Instead Oriental Trading had a sale and most Halloween treats to stuff the bags next year were purchase in Nov. for next year. These numbers and cost will be noted in next year's report.

We currently have 396 yellow MD logo Halloween children's bags. We probably have enough for next year, but I never thought we'd reach 300 this year. The bags are called conference bags and normally go on sale on spring/summer. I plan on monitoring it for when they do.

Currently prices are 500 bags=312.89/
750=441.27/and 1,000=541.40. It is best to purchase the largest amount if possible to save.

The original ink color is a special order now and adds \$\$ to the order. They note they can get close enough or we can use black ink each for no further charge. I suggest the latter.

So, until next year this Halloween gal is ghosting you and yes, I can drive a stick!

Alderman Murphy Update

provided by his office staff and Alderman Murphy

Martin Drive Neighbors,

I hope that everyone is having a great start to the New Year and I hope all are staying safe and warm during this winter season. Unfortunately, the snow has finally found us and I'd like to issue some quick reminders of City snow Policy.

Snow and Ice Control

Our goal is to have all main and residential streets safe and passable 18-24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. This goal is impacted by the type and amount of snow and timing of the storm. Once streets are safe and passable we will continue to address alternate side parking, crosswalks, bus stops, and intersections. Sidewalks must be clear of snow and ice 24 hours after snow had stopped falling.

Residents SHOULD NOT shovel, blow or plow snow back into the streets. Don't forget to clear corners and fire hydrants if they are next to your property. Snow plows are designed to push snow to the side. It is inevitable for snow to be deposited at the end of driveways and on sidewalks during plowing. To minimize the impact, we recommend piling the snow to the right side of your driveway when facing the street. The plows make four to six passes down a street to clear it curb to curb which may deposit additional snow after you have shoveled. Our drivers plow at low speeds to minimize these issues, but this is an inevitable byproduct of plowing which can be exacerbated by higher snowfall amounts and light fluffy snow.

Sidewalk snow enforcement requests can be made online or by calling 414-286-CITY, however please do not make requests until the snow has stopped for 24 hours.

The snow can be hard on everyone and we encourage residents to help their neighbors, particularly if elderly and/or disabled, when possible.

Appealing your property assessment

Assessment notices reflecting new assessed values for real estate parcels in the City of Milwaukee will be mailed to homeowners in mid-April 2024. After the notices are mailed the open book period begins. The open book is the time for you to talk to an assessor about your assessment. It is possible until May 20, 2024 to file a formal objection to the Assessor's valuation of your property. Challenges can be successful when the objections are supported by data that is readily available through research. The objection process is as follows:

First, decide for yourself what your home is worth. You can do that by looking at recent home sales in your area, contacting appraisers or comparing assessments of homes similar to yours ("comparables") in your area. Sales and assessment information is available in the Assessor's Office, the Milwaukee Public Library or online at www.Milwaukee.gov/assessor. Next, make an appointment or call and talk with a city assessor. In this informal session, you can learn how your assessment was



made, what factors were considered and what type of records are kept regarding your property.

If you still disagree with the assessment, the next step is to fully complete and file a written objection form before the third Monday in May (May 20 in 2024) deadline. This form is available at the Assessor's Office. To properly review the assessed value, the assessor may need to physically inspect both the inside and outside of your property. During the inspection, you can provide any information you feel will be helpful in the review. Then the assessor's recommendation will go to the Board of Assessors, a group of his/her supervisors.

You will receive their decision in writing. If you still disagree, the next step is a hearing before the Board of Review, a panel of five to nine citizens appointed by the Mayor. If you don't agree with the Board of Review, you can appeal in Circuit Court. The statutory deadline to return appeals form(s) is 4:45 pm, Monday, May 20, 2024. Appeals forms can be returned by:

- Email: assessor.objection@milwaukee.gov or
- U.S. Mail: City of Milwaukee Assessor's Office 200 E. Wells St., Room 507 Milwaukee, WI 53202
- Drop Box: City of Milwaukee Assessor's Office Milwaukee City Hall, 5th Floor 200 E. Wells St., Room 507

Conclusion:

As always, I am here to assist you in any way that I can. If you have questions or concerns related to City services, please do not hesitate to contact me at mmurph@milwaukee.gov or 414-286-3763.

Sincerely,

Alderman Michael Murphy



Highway 175 Project dates and information



The Highway 175 is in the final stages of the planning and there is still time to participate and have your voice heard. Please check the web site link below for more details if interested. The proposals on the table potentially have huge impact to traffic flow may include provisions for bicyclist and pedestrians and will have impact on Martin Drive Neighborhood and current traffic flow.

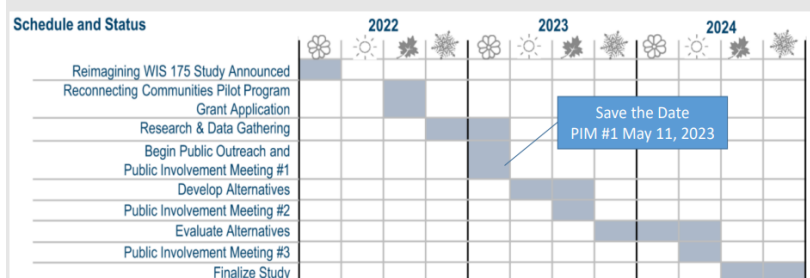
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www.wisconsinstate.gov/reimagine175

2-year study with a final report late 2024



Wis Representative Goyke Update

By Evan Goyke and provided by his Staff



Over the past two and half years, I've enjoyed sharing updates and pictures of my son Miguel. Becoming a parent has been a life changing, wonderful experience. Like all new parents, I faced a maze of decisions in the weeks and months after Miguel was born. WisKids is inspired by Miguel and the limitless potential that all kids have.

For Martin Drive residents, it's important to highlight that this idea comes from a Martin Drive resident. Last year I introduced a bill that was somewhat similar, but didn't connect to an education savings account. I promptly received an email from Maggie Blaha which said, basically: "why aren't you doing a college savings account for every child?" Here's some good life advice - listen to Maggie Blaha.

WisKids is legislation that would create a state owned college savings account for every child when they are born or adopted in Wisconsin. This program would be administered by the College Savings Board, which currently oversees the existing Edvest program (sometimes called a "529" account or Tomorrow Scholars). Edvest accounts allow families to save and invest in their child's educational future while receiving a tax deduction and favorable tax treatment when the funds are used.

Edvest accounts can be used for four-year college tuition, technical or vocational school tuition, room, board or books, costs associated with an apprenticeship in a skilled trade, and, starting this year, any remaining unused funds can be rolled over into a retirement account tax free. Together this means that all kids can benefit from their WisKids account, whether they attend college or not.

Today in Wisconsin, there are nearly 250,000 Edvest accounts and another 160,000 Tomorrow's Scholars accounts with assets totaling \$6.6 billion under management. Private sector vendors bid on and help service these accounts.

While the number of participants may seem impressive, it reveals that only a small percentage of families are using the Edvest program to save for their child's educational future. Huge portions of middle class families and families struggling to make it to the middle class are not participating. This makes some logical sense, as we all know and have experienced the challenge of saving when the many pressures of life bear their weight upon us.

Our legislation, called WisKids, will help all Wisconsin families save by creating a state owned account at birth. This is a universal program. Every

child will have an account, though families will be given an option to opt-out. The State will commit \$25.00 to the child and will work to make it as easy as possible for families to open a mirrored, private account.

At inception, the \$25 is a small start toward future educational expenses, however, the legislation opens avenues for additional contributions from philanthropic or community organizations, fostering a community-driven infrastructure that supports these crucial savings accounts. Under WisKids, the state would not receive individual contributions to a child's state owned account, those investments would require a family to open an individual 529 in their child's name.

The program is funded through a fraction of investment proceeds, no general purpose revenue (GPR) dollars are used to fund the WisKids program.

The bill's key benefits encompass a range of positive outcomes. We anticipate inspiring an increase in the creation of mirrored Edvest accounts, drawing from successful precedents like the SEED Ok program in Oklahoma, which found a nearly sixteen fold increase in mirrored account creation (from 1.1% to 16.8%) when the state opened an account at birth. Moreover, the WisKids program aligns with the financial literacy requirements mandated by the newly signed into law, 2023 Act 60, and will serve as a valuable educational tool for high school students, providing practical and personalized insights into market trends, compounding interest, and financial planning through their WisKids accounts.

But the true benefit of the WisKids program is in its potential to foster a transformative shift in mindset towards education and future aspirations. Multiple social science studies show that the mere establishment of a college savings account significantly increases the likelihood of a child attending and graduating from college. This phenomenon is attributed to the cultivation of a "college-bound identity" within the child and their parents. The act of creating a dedicated savings account instills a sense of purpose and expectation, shaping the perception that the child is destined for higher education. This powerful mindset not only influences the child but also motivates parents to take proactive steps in facilitating their child's educational journey. Behaviors such as bedtime reading, the enrollment in more challenging classes, and greater participation in additional extracurricular activities become natural extensions of this college-bound identity.

By embedding this sense of aspiration and investment in education - in every child at an early age - the WisKids program goes beyond mere financial support, serving as a catalyst for comprehensive educational development and future success. Together we can rally around our kids and invest in their future.

Stay tuned for future updates as this bi-partisan legislation moves through the Legislature.



Save the Dates MDNA Garden Movies

By Raymond Duncan

For the Movies in the Gardens (46th & Vliet) remember to Dress for Lower Evening Temperatures since you don't want to Miss any of the Movies by needing to go back home for a coat, etc.

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.

2024 Schedule (Movies TBD)

Friday, June 7, 2024
Friday, June 14, 2024
Friday, June 21, 2024
Friday, June 28, 2024



Trolley Thanks

By Dave Johnson

In 2017, I began acting as editor and publisher for the Martin Drive trolley. I want to thank all the neighbors for their support, stories and ideas for the newsletter.

This is truly an effort that would not happen if those dedicated, neighbors and businesses in the Martin Drive and Vliet Street area did not support us. We also must include the advertisers who definitely make this possible so that we can have a printed edition once a year and I produce the three other electronic additions that support the positive attributes of the neighborhood. Please support our advertisers by shopping or visiting their locations as their support helps us continue the positive communication for the neighborhood.

I also want to reach out and thank those Black captains who distribute the printed newsletters, and the neighborhood, coordinating committee, governmental story writers, neighborhood story and event leaders for their stories and our proofreaders and others that I may have overlooked — my apologies. We are looking for more Positive story ideas especially in winter summer and spring issues. The fall issue is pretty packed with Halloween and other events that occur. If

you're interested in doing this, please reach out to me at djmke@djmke.com. I am trying something new living up to a schedule for newsletter so here are the three issue deadlines for the 2024 newsletters —

Winter issue publish	1/21/24
Deadline for spring ad/stories	4/16/24
Spring issue Publish	4/20/24
Deadline for summer ad story	7/16/24
Summer issue publish	7/20/24
Deadline for Fall printed issue	10/16/24
Fall issue publish	10/20/24

Any changes will be announced on list serv.

The Valley Inn

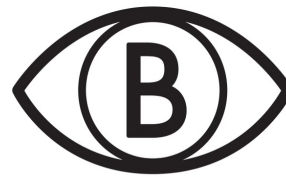
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BLOCK	REPRESENTATIVE NAME	contact
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46TH - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE.	LYNN GRAGES & PAUL NEYMEYR	414-344-1362
46TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHRISTINE HAPPEL & KEVIN SCHULTZ	414-916-2465
45TH - VLIET 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
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	



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 Email : MDNA-cc@martindrive.org

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2024 Plan for:

Creative Art Box

Last summer's wonderful connection of fun art pieces will be reinstalled this year. Several boxes need to be repaired or retouched due to pranksters, weather or hungry squirrels reacting the 24 pink painted fondant brain pieces glued to the "Idea mini museum". I'll be reaching out to the creators of those mini museums. Hint, I do have some wood that is available for new mini museums. Just ask. All be will be available mid June.

We all noted the mini museum project with involvement of many neighbors began a string of events that stirred up our Martin Drive neighborhood community in a positive way. I'd like to build on that if possible.

While the garden grant will be in full swing this year, we might want to take advantage of that space more.

I was thinking about having a fund raiser in that space once a week beginning the end of June through August, (8-10 weeks) one morning a week for 3-4 hours providing baked goods and coffee or tea or ice tea or lemonade; to be determined, for a nominal fee. BUT, in order to do this, we would need a number of neighbors to commit to the idea.

Commitment might mean to help plan, bake some goods one week, help serve one or two weeks, come and eat and drink while sharing and building community.

All funds raised would go to our Martin Drive Neighborhood. As many have realized or not, we have not had a fund raiser in years and we have expenses for our neighborhood events that have been covered by many neighbors, some privately. I feel we need to take into account our neighborhood is a neighborhood, because of these fun events and this might be a fun project to promote supporting those expenses. Let me know what you think either way. I'm also asking for interested parties to contact me at my email address: terribartlett007@gmail.com. In the meantime, enjoy the season.



Planning Meeting (left) and 2023 Executed art Boxes (below).



MDNA Neighborhood Rummage Sale

Sellers must sign up for free (deadline July/31/2024) to getting on our Online Map more information in spring Trolley.

The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association sponsors an annual neighborhood-wide rummage sale. Neighbors sign-up their houses and the Association takes care of marketing the event. The more houses that participate, the more potential buyers! It's a great way for neighbors to get rid of their extra things. The neighborhood-wide rummage sale is one of many activities that build community among neighbors.



For Non Police Emergencies dial 414-933-4444

Calendar Important Hold the Dates

Jan 26 Winter Social
Feb 3 Urban Ecology Winter Fest
Feb 16 Game Night Sign Up Info in newsletter 6:30 Pm
Feb 20 Spring Primary Go to Vote
April 12 Presidential Preference Primary Go to Vote
April 16 Spring Newsletter Story and Ad Deadline
June 7,14,21,28 Movie Nights at the MDNA Garden at Dusk
July 17 Summer Newsletter Story and Ad Deadline
July 31 Rummage Sale Sign Up Deadline
Aug 2 MDNA Rummage Sale
Aug 13 Partisan Primary Go to Vote
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New MNDNA Website to be Considered

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An opportunity presented itself when my daughter, Oriana, reached out to ask if she could look at the Martin Drive website as a project that was part of a Master's Degree Course on website design she was taking in Chicago. As a parent, I was excited for the opportunity to be able to participate with her to see what might be possible! First, I reached out to Martin Drives' web designer, Raymond Duncan. Then I posted on the neighborhood listserv inviting interested neighbors to offer ideas at a meeting. Several people came forward and Zoom meetings were held.

One suggestion was to simplify the maintenance, and time that it takes to keep the information up to date. Could it be

connected to existing information sources such as Facebook, Instagram, and others? Another need was for an easier way to sign up for subscriptions like the listserv, newsletter, or register for the Halloween Spooktacular and be able to manage individual lists of participants for each of these. Could we allow neighbors to sign up, update their information, or remove themselves as they desire? No need for Raymond or a webmaster to do this work.

The wireframes of the new updated website mockups are ready. Soon, we will host a meeting, to present both website mock-up formats, asking for input on which is most liked. And of course, seeking agreement from our web-

master, Raymond, and the Coordinating Committee.

Watch for more exciting information about this. Anyone interested in attending the comparison meeting in March or April, please contact me djmke@djmke.com, for the time and date of the meeting. I will reply to all interested parties with the meeting date and time. Thanks Dave J

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Welcome to the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association

The Martin Drive Neighborhood is Milwaukee's best kept secret! Check out this presentation to find out why you should buy or rent in the Martin Drive Neighborhood.

The Martin Drive Neighborhood is a small, safe and affordable neighborhood on Milwaukee's Westside, fortuitously located between beautiful Washington Park to the north and historic Miller Valley to the south. Due to its tucked away location, the Martin Drive Neighborhood is quiet and surprisingly free of traffic. Its mainly one-way tree lined streets are often host to joggers, dog walkers and groups of children at play.

The Neighborhood is very accessible and centrally located. Only minutes from downtown Milwaukee, Martin Drive brushes against Wauwatosa to the west and it is a quick hop onto the freeway to the east. Additionally, two large parks, a public pool, the Washington Park Library, cafes, restaurants, and a number of unique shops are all within walking distance.

One of the most attractive aspects of the Martin Drive Neighborhood is its diverse and active residents, many of whom are involved in the close-knit neighborhood association. The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association is continually working to increase communication between neighbors, encouraging residents to aid in community projects and always striving to become the best neighborhood we can be!

Upcoming Events



This is a test snip of the home page for the new web page to give idea of new look and feel.

Neighborhood Fliers

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

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SHARE
THEIR
POST

LIKE
THEIR
POST

TAG A
FRIEND

COMMENT
SOMETHING
NICE

COMMENT
AN EMOJI



POST
A PIC
(especially if you do purchase something)

SHOUT
THEM
OUT



LEAVE A
REVIEW



11AM-2PM	SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3	FACE PAINTING, SMORES, SLEDDING, SNOWSHOEING & MORE!
Free	4023 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53208	
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Near West Side Winter Social

Celebrate the opening of a new event venue,
Denizen MKE, and socialize with Near West
Side residents, business owners, and partners!

Friday, January 26th 5-9pm
Denizen MKE, 4227 W Vliet St

Light catering and a cash bar with select beverages
will be provided.
Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/hPJ6bPJNw832H8aA7>
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Seventh Annual Martin Drive
Neighborhood Winter Game Night

Friday, February 16, 2024 6:30pm

1260 North 43rd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Winter Scenes from Park and Neighborhood

