



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.

Spring 2024 Issue Published for the Martin Drive Neighborhood

MDNA REALLY Seeks YOUR HELP!

By Sharon Williams MDNA Coordination Committee

Our neighborhood association needs to know what it is doing well and what it needs to improve. These questions can best be answered by getting input from as many of you as possible. To accomplish this, the Coordinating Committee (CC) is planning a meeting for SATURDAY, MAY 11th from our usual time of 10:00 AM to NOON, and our usual place, the WASHINGTON PARK SENIOR CENTER. The CC will be heavily promoting this meeting and is asking you to attend, and to also encourage your neighbors to come.

I have been to at least three of this type of MDNA meetings in the thirty or so years I have been in Martin Drive. They have always produced a good set of goals to guide our neighborhood association for the next five or six years. This will be a very interactive meeting, and will give you a chance to work with many different neighbors.

SO PLEASE ATTEND ON SATURDAY, MAY 11th.

Thanks Sharon Williams for the Coordinating Committee



TROLLEY

Meeting Notice:



The next Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Meeting

- **May 11 10:00 am to Noon A Martin Drive Neighborhood Meeting is planned at Washington Park Senior center.**

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

Garden Clean Up

By Jerry Burns



The Garden Clean-up Saturday, April 20, was attended by nine Marquette University Students that pitched in to help get the Martin Drive Community Garden in shape. Several neighbors and Garden Coordinator, Jerry Burns, were in attendance to assist in the clean up efforts and preparation for the Spring and Summer growing season. The student volunteers took apart two beds that were rotted, spread dirt to level divots in the grassy area that can cause pains to the movers ankles, and cleaned and mulched the garden area. The Garden has also received a grant. More information on that and other outdoor events are located in this Issue of the Martin Drive Trolley.



WI Legislative Update

by Evan Goyke
**State Representative 18th Assembly District
 And Milwaukee City Attorney**

I am deeply grateful for the overwhelming support you have shown me throughout the City Attorney race. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for each of you who came out to support my candidacy. It is a privilege to have your confidence, and I am committed to proving worthy of it. I'd also like to congratulate Alderwoman Sharleen Moore and County Supervisor Sky Capriolo on their elections to serve Martin Drive in their respective capacities.

I know many neighbors have expressed this, but I would be remiss if I didn't take the opportunity to publicly thank Alderman Michael Murphy for his dedicated service to our city. Alderman Murphy has always been the most responsive and intelligent member of the City Council that I have worked with. Thank you, Alderman Murphy, and best of luck in your future endeavors.

As I step into the role of City Attorney, I bring with me the knowledge and experience gained from my years as a lawyer and legislator. I am dedicated to leveraging this background to serve our city and its residents to the best of my ability. Every decision I make will be guided by the principles of fairness, justice, and the betterment of our community. Together, we will strive to create a safer, more equitable Milwaukee for all its residents. I'm excited to continue to work with Martin Drive residents in this new capacity.



While my focus will be on fulfilling the duties of City Attorney, I will continue to retain my seat as your representative until the upcoming elections. There will be a partisan primary in August, a general election in November, and the newly elected Representative will take office in January of 2025. Until then, or until a majority party representative resigns, I will continue to serve as your representative.

This decision stems from the critical need to maintain the balance of power in our state legislature. The recent election of Representative Marisabel Cabrera to the position of circuit judge for Milwaukee County has shifted the political landscape. Judges are prohibited from serving in both capacities, so Judge-elect Cabrera must resign her legislative seat by August 1st. This will bring the margin of preventing a veto override super-majority to only one seat.

I am convinced, if given the chance, especially in light of new legislative maps and a likely narrowing majority, we would see the passage of harmful legislation that Governor Evers has diligently blocked. I cannot, in good conscience, allow this to happen.

Rest assured, I am fully committed to remaining accessible to my constituents and carrying out my duties as your representative. My office will continue to be a resource for you,


and I encourage you to reach out if there's anything I can assist you with. Together, we will navigate through any challenges that come our way, ensuring that the voices of our community are heard and respected.

Once again, thank you for your support, trust, and understanding. It is an honor and privilege to serve you, and I look forward to the opportunity to work together for the betterment of our city.



Coyotes Sighting

Two big coyotes were spotted behind the fence in our backyard last week. (Our backyard is on 46th and it abuts 175.) Keep an eye on your children as well as small animals. Call the Wisconsin DNR if you have concerns.



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Community Garden Update by Jerry Burns

The first day back in the garden in the spring is always a time full of hope for the future and for new beginnings. This was particularly the case when the members and supporters of the Martin Drive Community Garden met on April 20 for the annual spring clean-up and meet-and-greet.

This year was even more hopeful than usual, thanks in part to the aptly-named “Reason for Hope” grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, with the Near West Side Partners acting as our fiscal agent. The grant will enable us to enhance the physical space of the community garden, while also making it an attractive venue for presentations on cultural and plant-related issues that are meant to appeal to an intergenerational audience. We hope to follow up on the energy generated by the first event made possible by the grant: the pumpkin-carving event in the fall, which drew in several dozen enthusiastic families. In terms of the physical garden space, the grant will cover expenses for replacing, in cooperation with Victory Gardens, two of the twelve raised bed gardens, which have been badly in need of repair. It will also allow us to construct eight “garden tables,” waist-high garden beds to serve the needs of gardeners who are disabled or who otherwise have difficulty bending down. These tables will be constructed using eco friendly red cedar lumber. In addition, there will be a “Salad Table,” also a waist-high structure for planting fast-growing lettuce, spinach and other greens. “Salad Nights” are already being planned as a way of facilitating healthy eating, interaction with our neighbors – and regular garden maintenance. These structures will allow us to expand the area of the 46th Street tract that is suitable for gardening, since the tables can sit on the concrete driveway that would be otherwise unfit for planting of any kind.

The grant will also cover some important soil-amendment features. A large load of mulch was distributed on April 20, several yards of fresh topsoil are on the way, and the compost bins are being refurbished, and supplemented with two “compost tumblers” for fast decomposition of materials in the final stages of composting.

The grant will also allow us to fairly compensate, going forward, people who have kept the grass mowed over the years, out of the goodness of their hearts, with no compensation and little recognition. A summer-long porta-potty and a back-up hook-up to the near-by fire hydrant will also be covered by the grant.

In addition to these physical enhancements in the community garden, the grant will enable us to engage in some important cultural and educational outreach presentations. Local residents, especially young people, will be hired to coordinate presentations by local resource people on topics such as eco-friendly pest-management, environmentally-safe weed control, complementary planting, and succession-planting.

Intercultural events are also being planned, and a presentation in the fall about the concept of “offrenda” for the Day of the Dead is already being scheduled.

Thanks to the grant, we will be able to continue the practice of offering garden beds to neighbors at a rate far below that of most other neighborhoods. The low cost of \$25 will secure a plot, and if the garden is weeded at the end of the growing season, and if the gardener puts in some expected “sweat equity,” the cost will be waived for the following year (one year only).

There may still be some plots available, so please contact Garden Coordinator Jerry Burns at jerryvrb@sbcglobal.net if you’re interested in having a plot this summer. Alternatively, you can contact one of the other members of the Garden Coordinating Committee, Jacqueline Ward or Elise Forer.

This area on 46th Street has been the setting over the years for many uplifting events—the annual picnic, movie nights, sing-alongs, youth activities—and we are happy that this generous grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, supported by the Near West Side Partners, will help to make this small tract of land an even more inviting and sustainable space in the future.



Want to find out more

Martin Drive Information?

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/martindriveneighborhood/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MartinDrive/>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/MartinDrive>

Website www.martin-drive.org

Are you missing a tree? From Joe Duncan

You can request to have the City plant a City tree to replace a City tree that was removed, or to ask the City to plant a new City tree in a City right-of-way where a City tree had not previously been planted.

If you want to add to your curb appeal, enjoy some shade in an ever heating climate use the below listed link to add a tree between the sidewalk and street for your parcel.



Let's fill the neighborhood with green

<https://www.Milwaukee.gov/clickforservice>

MARTIN DRIVE BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

BLOCK	REPRESENTATIVE NAME	contact
47TH - STATE STREET	CINDY COBB	414-331-3085
46TH - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE.	LYNN GRAGES & PAUL NEYMEYR	414-344-1362
46TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHRISTINE HAPPEL & KEVIN SCHULTZ	414-916-2465
45TH - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE	JEFF MITCHELL	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 for more information Email : MDNA-cc@martindrive.org Time commitment is very small and helps the neighborhood greatly

Earth Month Events

There are many opportunities to celebrate and get involved this Earth Month! See below for community events happening near you.

Home Composting Webinar with Recycling Connections

Thursday, April 18 5PM

You ordered your Home Composter through DPW's Compost Bin Sale and now you're ready to learn the basics. Join Recycling Connections as they teach the basics of home composting.

[Register here.](#)

Milwaukee Riverkeeper Annual Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 20 9AM-12PM

Over 90 locations across the Milwaukee River Basin.

[Register here.](#)

Annual Spring Greening Event with UWM's Office of Sustainability

Saturday, April 20 9AM-12PM

Join UWM's Office of Sustainability along with students and volunteers to help clear out old growth in the spiral rain gardens on campus.

[Register here.](#)

April Webinars with the City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office

April 4 - April 30

ECO continues its weekly virtual lunch webinars for Earth Month to share more on sustainability in Milwaukee! Learn about topics such as how to make commercial buildings more sustainable, the Milwaukee Climate and Equity Plan, or renewable energy.

[Learn more here.](#)

Urban Ecology Center Earth Week Events

April 20 - April 27

Multiple volunteer opportunities, programs, and events for the whole family all week long.

[See the calendar here.](#)

Rock the Green 13th Annual Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 20 12PM-3PM

Join the City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office and Milwaukee Riverkeeper for an afternoon of music, goat yoga, and tasty fare.

[Learn more here.](#)

The Big Clean MKE

Monday, April 22

Volunteers, residents, and local neighborhood organizations work together citywide for the BIG CLEAN MKE in memory of Greg "Ziggy" Zyszkiewicz. All clean-up tools & supplies are provided.

[Learn more here.](#)

Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 27

Safely dispose of unused and expired medications at multiple collection sites.

[Learn more here.](#)

[Click here to find year-round collection locations.](#)

Stay in the Know

For more information visit MilwaukeeRecycles.com or call (414) 286-CITY (2489). Follow [Facebook.com/MilwaukeeRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/MilwaukeeRecycles) for tips and tricks.

Near West Side



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

NWSP Safety Initiative



Promoting safe neighborhoods with environmental design

Receive up to **\$250** in matching grants to support installation of cameras and lighting

Eligible residents must:

- Live in one of the seven NWS neighborhoods
- Apply for matching funds in the NWSP website
 - www.nearwestsidemke.org/LWP
- Enroll in the MPD community connect program
 - communityconnectmilwaukee.org

Need more info? Contact savanah@nearwestsidepartners.org or call 414-216-3194

Calendar

Look for Meeting Announcements on www.martin-drive.org or Facebook

October 6, 2023 10:00am Martin Drive Meeting at Washington Park Senior Center and stay for Fall Harvest Luncheon at Noon.

April 26-27 5pm to 8 pm Vliet St Art Walk

April 24 May 1,8,15,A22,29 Wed Concerts at Denzin

May 11 10:00 am Martin Drive Neighborhood meeting at Washington Park Senior Center

May 14 Alderman Thank you at 5:30 PM 4227 W Vliet St

Jun 1 - July 31 Rummage sale registration

June 7,14,21,28 Garden outdoor Movie at MDNA community garden

August 3 8:30 to 4:00 pm Saturday Neighborhood wide Rummage Sale

August 10 12:00 to 4:00 pm Saturday Summer Sizzle picnic at Neighborhood Garden.

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

Oct 5 Harvest Lunch and MDNA meeting Tentative date

Oct 25 Spooktacular 7:30 pm

Nov 16 Zoom meeting for MDNA association tentative date

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR friends small business WITHOUT SPENDING ANY MONEY

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Our Police Need your help

By Barb Scotty

MPD District 3 is gathering feedback from residents about concerns they have in their neighborhood. Please take a moment to complete the survey and share your experience via the link below: This should take only a few minutes of your time to complete and will help them understand and focus on our needs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCQD3SZ>

Congress Women Gwenn Moore's Update

From Her Email Communications

I am writing to keep you up to date on some exciting updates on student debt relief. I know how a crushing burden of student debt makes it hard for people to build a future for themselves and their families. I am committed to reducing that burden to lower costs for families like yours.

Right now, I encourage you to learn more about options for student debt cancellation – and feel free to share this information with your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

Despite the setback from the Supreme Court Ruling in 2022 that blocked efforts to cancel student debt, significant progress is being made through four critical steps:

Revamping the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. The strengthened PSLF program is bringing \$62.5 billion in student debt cancellation to more than 871,000 public servants — including teachers, first responders and firefighters, non-profit workers, and government employees. As of March 2024, 16,410 Wisconsinites have seen \$997.4 million relieved under PSLF. If you have served as a teacher, firefighter, government employee, or any other category of public service for 10 years, you may be eligible for PSLF. Find the necessary forms and more information [HERE](#).

Cancelling debt for borrowers defrauded by for-profit colleges and universities. The Department of Education has provided student debt cancellation for borrowers who were misled by fraudulent for-profit institutions and took out federal student loans to enroll in them. More than 1.3 million of these borrowers have seen a total of \$22.5 billion in student loan debt canceled. Find more information on borrower defense loan discharges [HERE](#).

Cancelling debt for borrowers with disabilities. Borrowers with a disability can receive student debt cancellation via a Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) discharge application. More than 513,000 Americans with permanent and total disabilities have seen their loans cancelled, amounting to \$11.7 billion. Ready to apply? Visit [HERE](#).

Fixing income-driven repayment plans once and for all. For more than one million borrowers, income-driven repayments can be as low as \$0 per month and the balance of your debt can be cancelled in 20 years – or as few as 10 years for some borrowers who have already been making payments for a decade. The Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) plan is an income-driven repayment (IDR) plan that cuts payments on undergraduate loans in half and brings student loan payments down to as low as \$0 per month. Some 930,500 borrowers have saved a total of \$45.6 billion through adjustments to IDR payments and the SAVE plan. To apply for a SAVE Plan, click [HERE](#). To learn about the different IDR plans or to apply, click [HERE](#).

I hope you will make full use of the student debt cancellation options made available to borrowers by visiting [StudentAid.gov](#) to learn more and review your eligibility today.

As we continue to navigate the complexities of student debt repayment, staying informed and empowered with knowledge is key to achieving financial wellness. By staying engaged with recent developments, accessing available resources, and advocating for meaningful change, borrowers can work towards a future where student debt is manageable and equitable for all.

My Office is Here to Help

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, my staff is happy to help you; please don't hesitate to call my district office at 414-297-1140.

Gwen



Reimagining WIS 175 Study Public Involvement Meeting NO. 2

You're Invited!



WHEN?
Tuesday, April 30, 2024
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE?
Washington Park Senior Center
4420 West Vliet Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208

This is the second public involvement meeting and your opportunity to learn about the study's purpose and need, review a broad range of preliminary alternatives, and provide your input. No decisions have yet been made and your feedback will help shape the recommendations. WisDOT, City, and County staff will be on hand to answer Study related questions.

Join us to learn more!

Provide Study input on Social Pinpoint by engaging with:

- an interactive map
- surveys
- FAQs
- study contact information
- sign up for study updates
- and other activities



Get involved and have your voice heard.

Questions? Contact us at reimagining175@gmail.com or call Doug Cain, WisDOT Project Manager (262) 548-5603

Public Meeting materials will be available on Social Pinpoint following the meeting.



Scan the QR code above with your smartphone or visit bit.ly/wis175 to interact with our engagement site today!

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(WED, MAY)	15	SCOTT HLAVENKA	FLAMENCO, JAZZ
(WED, MAY)	22	V FUNK BAND	FUNK
(WED, MAY)	29	ANTHONY DUETSCH	JAZZ, POP STANDARDS

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM - PERFORMANCES FROM 6-9
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Recycle for Good E-notify

DPW Sanitation Spring Updates



Signs of spring are finally here! The Department of Public Works is ready to support Milwaukee communities make the most of the outdoors by ensuring clean and green neighborhoods. See below for DPW Sanitation spring programs and other community events.

Spring 2024 Reminders and Events

Curbside Collection Schedules

New garbage and recycling collection schedules began April 1, with seasonal recycling cart set-out running through November 29, 2024. Residents can look up their collection schedules online at milwaukee.gov/collectionday where both garbage and recycling schedules are available for viewing, downloading, and printing. Alternatively, residents may request schedules be mailed to them by calling 286-CITY (2489) or online at milwaukee.gov/clickforaction.

Compost Bin Sale

Going on now through May 19!

- DPW is hosting its 13th annual backyard compost bin sale featuring the Home Composter (\$68) and the Kitchen Katcher (\$25). Recommended by expert composters, the Home Composter is easy to assemble, long-lasting, made from 100% recycled materials and is NOT available in stores. Each purchase comes with a Backyard Composting book.
- Items must be picked up on **Saturday, June 1** from 9:00AM to 4:00PM at DPW Sanitation, 4031 S. 6th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53221.



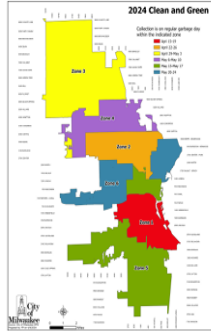
Order here!

Compost bins and kitchen pails must be pre-ordered online at www.recyclingconnections.org/milwaukee by **May 19, 2024**.

Project Clean & Green

April 15 - May 24

- This annual city-wide program is designed to foster neighborhood pride and ownership through coordinated clean up. Collection crews will target one zone each week from April 15 to May 24, 2024, and collect up to six (6) cubic yards per property of unwanted furniture, mattresses or household items, and garden/yard debris in paper yard waste bags.
- **The following items are not accepted for collection:** appliances, tires, TVs and other electronics (such as computers, printers, scanners, tablets, etc.), construction debris, paint and paint thinner, motor oil, and other hazardous waste. We encourage residents to make use of [DPW Drop Off Centers](#) or [MMSD's Household Hazardous Waste](#) program to properly dispose of these items.



[Click here for program and zone details](#)

NEAR WEST SIDE

A Neighborhood of Neighborhoods



Near Westside Housing Survey 2024

Surveyors needed!

Housing survey volunteers will survey the exterior of homes in each of the seven Near West Side. Surveys will be conducted from the sidewalk. It is important to note that surveyors will not be entering any residence.

BENEFITS

- \$16/ hr
- Free T-Shirt
- Snacks and Drinks provided

TRAININGS

Saturday, April 27th, 10 am - 2 pm
Innovation and Wellness Commons in Lindsey Heights
1619 West North Avenue



If you are interested in volunteering please scan the QR code attached. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the NWSP Housing Resource Coordinator:
Dia Henderson at 414-216-3194 or dia@nearwestsidepartners.org

CAN YOU SEE YOUR ADDRESS?

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 alleys.

Building owners are responsible for installing and maintaining address numbers.

Joe Duncan

Thank you for your service

Alderman Murphy

Written by Dave Johnson for MDNA



Alderman Murphy has been our Alderman for over 30 years and we have grown to know, respect and appreciate his support of the Martin Drive Neighborhood. He was always willing to carve time out for important concerns and events for the Martin Drive community. He was always responsive to our requests for information and help regarding matters in the Martin Drive area, like policing concerns, drafting noise ordinances to help address early quality of life complaints, directing us to resources to help address problems in our neighborhood, or the proper city resources to help with block watch or Halloween DPW permits, and working to improve parks for children in the area. Former Alderman Murphy also supported efforts of the early Martin Drive Council on which the MDNA neighborhood organization is now built. We at the Trolley and the Neighborhood want to thank him for his years of service and wish him well in his retirement.



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The Community Tree By Jerry Burns

Many of you have noticed the plywood "tree" on the corner of 45 th and Vliet that neighbor Jerry Burns calls his "Tree for All Seasons".

He has liked the idea of ornaments on Christmas trees so much that he thinks other holidays—many others!—are also deserving of ornaments: and a tree.

Jerry does not reject the characterization of the "tree" as folk art, but now this construction has gone high-tech. It now has its own web page, complete with a QR code, which can be found on the eastside of the "tree."

If you click on the QR code in this newsletter, you



[Gallery of Seasonal Changes | Tree For All Seasons \(jerryvrb.wixsite.com\)](http://jerryvrb.wixsite.com)

should be able to see what the tree has featured for every month, since its inception in January, 2022. And you can see what is planned for it in the months ahead.

There is also a page on the "Origin Story," on FA-Q's (including what happened to it last August and the repercussions), and

how someone can support the efforts of the L'il Food Pantry, the L'il Library, and the L'il Toy Swap Shop (the one most in need of neighbors' help in keeping it restocked—Jerry's and Heidi's children are well into adulthood, and toys are no longer readily accessible to them.)

QR Code to access Website with Community Tree Celebrations and to see pictures of past Celebrations.



MDNA Financial Report 2023 By Charolette Jackson

Below is a list of transactions from the Martin Drive Neighborhood checking account for the whole year of 2023. Martin Drive Neighborhood Association would like to THANK all who donated monies and/or time, because without you there would be no events. The News letter is 100% funded by advertising so please patronize those who support that effort. Printing cost and ad checks are deposited here for transparency This is the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Year End 2023 Financial summary.

DATE	NAME	(Db)/Cr	Event Notes	Balance
23-Jan	Halloween (2022)	\$615.00	Carry Over 2022	3,378.91
23-Feb	Donation	\$5.00	Activity	3,383.91
23-Mar	Donation (10)/Newsletter Ad (15)	\$25.00	Deposit	3,408.91
23-Apr	Red Bows Purchased	(\$232.52)	Raymnd Duncan	3,176.39
23-May	Garden Plot	\$25.00	Linda/co Pat M.	3,201.39
23-Jun	Printing for Summer Art Project	(\$99.96)	Terri Bartlett	3,101.43
23-Jul	Donation (Activity)	\$5.00	Activity	3,106.43
23-Aug	Washington Park Senior Center	(\$150.00)	MDNA Meeting	2,956.43
23-Oct	City Milwaukee/Raymond Dun.	(\$105.00)	Hydrant Garden	2,851.43
23-Oct	Port-A-Potty/Arlene C.	(\$284.47)	Garden Area	2,566.96
23-Oct	MDNA Fall News Letter- 8 pgs.	(\$550.48)	Dave Johnson	2,016.48
23-Oct	Go Fund Me	\$443.00	Halloween	2,459.48
23-Nov	Summer Sizzle	(\$154.00)	Food /prod/soda	2,305.48
23-Nov	MDNA News Letter	\$613.00	Ads for fall News	2,918.48
23-Dec	Halloween Report	(\$878.20)	Terri Bartlett	2,040.28
23-Dec	Halloween Go Fund Me	\$515.00		2555.28
YR2023	ENDING BALANCE			2,555.28

Collection Schedules



New garbage and recycling collection schedules began April 1, with seasonal recycling cart set-out running through November 29, 2024. Residents can look up their collection schedules online at milwaukee.gov/collection where both garbage and recycling schedules are available for viewing, downloading, and printing. Alternatively, residents may request schedules be mailed to them by calling 286-CITY (2489) or online at milwaukee.gov/clickforaction.

Compost Bin Sale



Now through May 19!

DPW is hosting its 13th annual backyard compost bin sale featuring the Home Composter (\$68) and the Kitchen Katcher (\$25). Recommended by expert composters, the Home Composter is easy to assemble, long-lasting, made from 100% recycled materials and is NOT available in stores. Each purchase comes with a Backyard Composting book.

Items must be picked up on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM at DPW Sanitation, 4031 S. 6th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53221.

Compost bins and kitchen pails must be pre-ordered online at <https://www.recyclingconnections.org/milwaukee> by May 19, 2024.

Project Clean and Green

April 15 – May 24

This annual city-wide program is designed to foster neighborhood pride and ownership through coordinated clean up. Collection crews will target one zone each week from April 15 to May 24, 2024, and collect up to six (6) cubic yards per property of unwanted furniture, mattresses or household items, and garden/yard debris in paper yard waste bags. Find more details at Milwaukee.gov/cleanandgreen.

The following items are not accepted for collection: appliances, tires, TVs and other electronics (such as computers, printers, scanners, tablets, etc.), construction debris, paint and paint thinner, motor oil, and other hazardous waste. We encourage residents to make use of DPW Drop Off Centers or MMSD's Household Hazardous Waste program to properly dispose of these items.

See the attached newsletter for Earth Month events!



Western Milwaukee Phase 2B Flood Risk Reduction Project Update

Construction has begun for the project. Demolition and removal of materials is taking place between the railroad and the Menomonee River. This work clears the way for building the new levee and flood-wall. Also, in preparation for the construction of the new levee and floodwall, We Energies is relocating electric power lines from along the river to along the railroad tracks.

State St. construction will begin this week between the W. 4600 block and the W. 5200 block. State St. will remain open during construction. Please look out for new traffic patterns. The traffic lanes will be narrowed, and parking and bike lanes closed between W. 4600 and W. 5200 blocks of State St. Travel may be slower than normal during certain times of the day. We appreciate your patience during the construction of this important project that will significantly reduce flooding in the area.

The Western Milwaukee Phase 2B project is part of the larger Menomonee River Watercourse Management Plan which aims to reduce the risk of flooding for over 300 homes and businesses.

