



The Survey Results are In!

Come have supper with your neighbors and help plan where we will focus our ENERGY and MONEY for the next year.

- Monday, October 11, 2004
- Washington Park Senior Ctr.
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Bring a side dish to pass around, everything else provided.

Suggested dishes:

<u>Last name:</u>	<u>Bring</u>
A-E	Dessert
F-J	Relish tray
K-O	Fruit salad
P-T	Vegetable dish
U-Z	Pasta dish

**PLEASE RSVP TO
931-0986 or 344-6466 by
OCTOBER 6th**

Martin Drive Neighborhood Association

Artwalk

by Pat Mueller

The Westside Artwalk, now in its fourth year, takes place on Friday, October 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This year, both Déjà vu Consignments and Eat Cake! will be participating. On Friday evening, Déjà vu Consignments will be hosting an anniversary celebration and grand opening of the new store at 4311-15 W. Vliet Street. Friday's celebration will include live music by jazz vocalist Cassandra, starting at 7:30 p.m. Come listen to her sultry, smooth sound.



On Saturday, the festivities will include an 'Open Mic' at Noon and 3:00 p.m. This will feature poetry by Michael Jamal (aka "Smooth") and Charlesette Thompson, a local published poet. Other linguistic artists are invited to recite their poetry and spin an interesting tale.

Also on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., Debbie Pagel of Eat Cake! will demonstrate the art of cake sculpting. Watch her create a one-of-a-kind and edible piece of art before your eyes. Eat Cake! is located at 4303 W. Vliet Street. Free cake samples will abound on Friday and Saturday.

Many other businesses along Vliet Street and in Wauwatosa will be participating. Make 43rd & Vliet Streets your first stop so you can pick up programs and plan your route westerly on Vliet Street.

Our mission is to maintain or increase the percentage of owner-occupied households, enhance crime prevention, beautify the neighborhood and bring the neighborhood together with people who can help us accomplish these goals.

Making Connections by Terri Bartlett

As you read this article, much of this was discussed at our neighborhood meeting. If you couldn't attend the meeting, this article is to keep you informed and a viable part of our neighborhood!

I know everyone has been busy this summer, but to refresh your memories and inform the many who are getting this newsletter for the first time, our neighborhood group received a grant to help us become more neighborhood "need" focused

This summer has been a full one with finalizing the survey form (thank you Greta and Sharon) and actually hitting the pavement and knocking on doors. In some cases, we left the form in doors and prayed they'd be returned to us. Many were, so thank you. Also, thank you to all who volunteered your time to help with this project: Frank, Al, Pat, Carlee, Mary, Enrique & Elaine. By the end of summer, we were able to get a little over 100 surveys completed. The process was much harder to complete than what I anticipated due to weather, available volunteers and their available time. The latter a much treasured and appreciated commodity! It wasn't enough, so we hit the pavement again with several neighborhood teens (thank you Naima and Katie) and Sharon leading. They were able to get more, but again we thought it not enough for our 650 household neighborhood. The sun was setting earlier and the evenings were cooling. We were hopeful, yet half-heartedly knew we would have to go out again. But, Aha! to the rescue, the first week in September, came Making Connections! Last fall they surveyed 1,350 willing participants with a very thorough 30-plus page questionnaire. They covered the whole of Making Connections neighborhood. They knocked on doors and they made phone calls. (The latter was not a possibility that was open to us.) Sharon, Jackie and I, went to hear the beginning of the results they had tabulated. They are far from being done, and it was very interesting and informative. I believe we saw similarities in trends from the little our survey targeted. We also were surprised at some of the results and the whole while learned how to better analyze the information we had collected. Sharon was able to enlist the help of one of the Making Connections survey gurus to review



our data results, which we had tabulated, (thank you Sharon, Nelda, Eileen and Jackie), and were ready to summarize. The good news? Eighty-three of the 1,350 surveys completed were in the Martin Drive neighborhood! This brought our number to a little over 200!!! The Marquette coordinator for reviewing and separating data, Peter Maier, received our survey questions. His assistant is in the process of pulling out the answers from their surveys that match ours, so we can use the data. In addition, they can from their data, pull out any information they or we are interested in. We received an initial data review booklet. For instance, during a discussion about neighbors asking for the involvement of local churches, we questioned how many folks went to church in the neighborhood. In ten minutes, we had the answer along with how many went to church outside the neighborhood and how many didn't belong to a church. In addition to the information we already had, it was very enlightening! It helped to formulate a focus.

Keep in mind, data is only as specific as the questions asked allow it to be. There is a lot of speculation as well, but much of the gathered information is just what we want and what Making Connections wants to give to the neighborhoods to help them become more community focused. In some neighborhoods, it is a

beginning to become an organized group. In our neighborhood, it means another level of growth. Jackie and I were asked and have agreed, with several others, to look at the information and help to further break down the data. We are planning to arrange a separate meeting time, October 11th, in which to review the data of our neighborhood survey data. Reminders will go out. It will be a working meeting, planned for any of the Martin Drive Neighbors who want to hear the results and be a part of the process that meets the needs of our neighbors and our growing neighborhood.

We are asking that those who are interested in participating to please bring a side dish to pass, as designated on the front page. Please call 344-6466 or 931-0986 to RSVP. We want to assure that we have enough food for everyone. We hope to hear, learn, share and, of course, see you there! And don't forget; tell a neighbor.

Making Connections Through Training



Currently, the Neighborhood House, 2819 W. Richardson Place, is promoting a 'Life Skills for Self-Sufficiency' program geared to teach basic construction and remodeling techniques to a limited number of teens. The program will include three ten-week sessions, taught by a construction professional. Each session will last four hours. Food and beverages will be served. Enrollment is limited to a dozen teens between the ages of 15 and 18 years. A stipend of \$100 will be issued to each program participant who meets the minimum participation requirements. Pick up an application at the Neighborhood House NOW! Call 933-6161 for further information.

Rummage Sale: A Cool Way to Get in Touch With Your Neighbors

by Sharon Williams

The Neighborhood Association sponsored its second annual rummage sale on Saturday, July 24. Unlike last year, the weather was just right...not too hot, not too cool, and not WET. Participation doubled from last year, and many "new neighbors" were able to be contacted and invited to the next Neighborhood Association's meetings. A number of constructive suggestions were made for making next year's rummage sale even better. Thanks again to all participants.

Watch for the announcements in the early summer of next year, organize your "stuff," drag it into your yard, and join us at the All Area Rummage Sale.

Go Back to School With a Library Card!

September is both National Library Card Sign-Up Month and Literacy Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

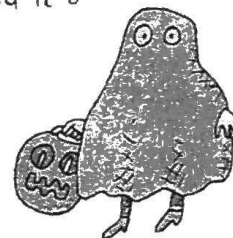
The Milwaukee Teachers' Education Assn. and Milwaukee Public Library invite kids and families to obtain an important back-to-school supply - a library card.

A City of Milwaukee Public Library card is free to everyone. To get a card, children must be able to print their first and last names. A parent or guardian also must sign the application for children under age 15. Call 286-3287 to locate the library in your neighborhood.

B-O-O-O-O _NEIGHBORS!!!

Once again the wind howls and it's that time of year again.

The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association is proud to sponsor our 10th Annual Night-Time Trick or Treat. We will be distributing flyers with registration forms to all of our wonderful neighbors with additional information on this fun-filled event.



The registration site will again be at Heritage West, 4303 W. Vliet Street (A huge Thanks to Pat Mueller). The dates to register are:

Wednesday, October 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 16, 9:00-Noon

Wednesday, October 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 23, 9:00-Noon

In order for us to make this event successful, we will need several volunteers to help at the registration site, to act as safety monitors and to help deliver the flyers for this fabulous event. We also would like to encourage teens to volunteer as well. If you can help in any way, please contact Katrina Knight at 933-0272.

Martin Drive Neighborhood & Block Representatives

Martin Drive

Pat Mueller 933-5589

Highland Boulevard (Volunteer Needed)

Vliet Street 342-9595

Ada Rouse

42nd & McKinley

Betty & Al Siemsen 344-3846

43rd Street (South of Juneau)

Katrina Knight 933-0272

Jerry Wick 933-2556

44th Street (North of Juneau)

Pat Sieloff 933-3013

44th Street (South of Juneau)

Pat & Linda Devitt 344-1019

45th Street (North of Juneau)

Maggie & Tom Blaha 344-3584

45th Street (South of Juneau)

Mary Jo Runnoe 344-2410

46th Street (North of Juneau)

Beth & Dale Milhans 933-6777

46th Street (South of Juneau)

Volunteer Needed

West End Community Association

(Paint & Rebate Information)

Dennis Barrish 933-2080



LOOKING FOR A PRAYER GROUP?

We have a small prayer group at 4145 W. McKinley Ct. every Monday, except for the neighborhood meeting night (2nd Monday of the month), 6:15 p.m. to 8:30/45ish. Everyone is welcome to come. A church on the post in front of the house is currently being reconstructed (help is needed) so another receptacle will be put there temporarily. also you may call 931-0434. Prayers are for the neighborhood, family, friends, Milwaukee, and requests. All request concerns remain confidential and within the group. We hope to see you and pray God touches your heart. God bless.

Who to Call:

Crimes

911 - Emergencies: life threatening; crimes in progress like battery, robbery, gunshots.

933-4444 - Non-emergencies: loud music, neighbor trouble.

935-7232 - 3rd District: to talk about ongoing problems, to talk with your squad officers, to request that a squad check your house occasionally while you are on vacation, for general information.

Other Problems:

286-2268 - Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS): garbage on private property or lot, nuisance vehicles on private property, disrepair of a building (Building Code Enforcement), rodents, animal feces, overfilled dumpsters or garbage carts, landscaping problems such as dirt eroding onto the public sidewalk.

286-8282 - Department of Public Works (DPW): snow and ice on the public sidewalk, the grass is longer than 9 inches, weeds, the garbage carts on the public sidewalk, clean up city-owned vacant lot, special garbage collection, missed garbage collection, street lights out, broken branches on city trees.

286-8350 - Parking Enforcement: abandoned vehicles on the streets or city property.

286-8715 - Graffiti Hotline

286-2557 - Department of Neighborhood Services: fire damage to structure to report, get permits, to find out the status, Zoning Enforcement.

286-3874 - Commercial Building Code Enforcement

For roaming or menacing pets, call the Milwaukee Police Department at 933-4444, or the DNS at 286-2268, or Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission at 649-8650.

You can also report neighbor problems to the city through their web site at www.milwaukee.gov under Report Problems.

Aldermen:

15th District - 286-2221 - Willie L. Hines

10th District - 286-2221 - Michael Murphy

Community Organizers:

221-8770 - Community Partners