



# Martin Drive Trolley News

April 2007

## MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ANNUAL MEETING

May 14, 2007

Washington Park Senior Center

4420 W. Vliet Street

6:30 p.m.

(6:00 p.m. doors open)

Please find time to come to the Martin Drive Annual Meeting. There will be updates on items of neighborhood interest, including rebate money and opportunities for our neighborhood.

Joey Zocher, Director of the Urban Ecology Center at Washington Park will be our guest speaker. The Urban Ecology Center (UEC) is a very successful program that deals with urban kids in urban parks and offers kids from the schools and neighborhoods surrounding the park an opportunity to have a reoccurring contact with park land and nature. Kids learn a respect for the land and have an opportunity to experience adult role models. Respect for nature and the land translates to respect for life.

- ♦ **Snacks:** Everyone is welcome to bring snacks and/or beverages of your choice to share.
- ♦ **Door prizes** will be given.
- ♦ Please bring **perennials** to share with others.
- ♦ A **video of neighbors** saying a few words about why they live in MDN will be made. Be a part of the positive MDN <>

**URBAN  
ECOLOGY CENTER**



## BETTY AND AL: NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY BUILDERS

By Mary A.

A love of nature, a respect for education and a belief in a strong neighborhood community are combined in the life path chosen by Al and Betty S. of N. 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Al and Betty are well known to the N. 42<sup>nd</sup> and McKinley Court "block" as original block club organizers, environmental leaders and the "go to" friends of many residents on this block. The concept of "community" - diverse individuals uniting for a common goal - exemplifies Betty and Al's daily life in the neighborhood over these last 40+ years.

Moving to the Westside of Milwaukee in 1959, Betty and Al raised their three children here when they could play in the park and visit the Milwaukee County Zoo across the street in Washington Park.

Many attractions in our neighborhood remain the same today according to Al. He appreciates the central location in the city, good public transportation, senior center programming, and strong neighbor connections.

Organizing in the neighborhood began with mothers connecting over informal coffee. The area was called Washington Park South and extended from W. Highland Blvd. to 46<sup>th</sup> St. Betty recalled the early neighborhood meetings supported by Cooperation Westside and held at the Washington Park Senior Center.

This quickly grew into an organization that expanded activities and organized actual block-by-block leaders and clubs. Holiday door to door caroling, a tradition now continued by neighbor Barbara Tracey and St. Michael's children's choirs, was one of the many activities that Al and Betty remember establishing along with corn roasts and volleyball games. Neighborhood activities like the Washington Park's ice skating rink and summer performances in the band shell brought residents together to become neighbors.

Their whole family was involved in neighborhood schools - Betty and Al as elementary and high school educators and their children as students. Now retired from these jobs Betty and Al have chosen volunteer jobs with the Wehr Nature Center, Havenwoods State Forest, the Girl Scouts and, of course, our own Martin Drive Neighborhood Association (MDNA).

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE OLD KOHL'S GROCERY STORE?

By: Sharon W.

Have you wondered what is going to happen to the old Kohls grocery store on 35<sup>th</sup> and Juneau? There is hope that it won't become just another empty storefront. A group of residents from seven block clubs in neighborhoods surrounding Washington Park have organized into a Making Connections Milwaukee study group to see if something positive can be done with that property.

We discovered that the property was actually owned by Marquette University and leased to Harley-Davidson. Our study group has been meeting for the last two months formulating ideas on how that building could be used to strengthen our area. In the letter requesting a meeting, we explained that we represented the following neighborhoods: Washington Park, Martin Drive, Metcalf Park, Walnut Hill, Midtown, and Cold Spring Park. "We are residents highly committed to improving our area. We understand Harley is leasing the property on 35<sup>th</sup> and Juneau and is about to engage a feasibility study of that property." We asked to have input into that process since the property is located in such a pivotal spot in the center of our neighborhoods.

Our study group would like to see it become a center of activity for our neighborhoods that would focus on programs that would encourage and prepare our young adults to complete high school, to further their education in technical school or college, or to be better prepared to enter the workforce.

In addition, we are proposing a collaboration with Will Allen's Growing Power organization to set up "mini" greenhouse experiments based on hydroponics technology. The construction and operation of these urban "food factories" would provide a myriad of opportunities for hands-on application of many scientific principles, and not only provide healthy food products for the local community but real entrepreneurial experiences for the participants.

This building could be part of a unique solution to some of the serious problems in our area, would in no way duplicate already existing programs, and is being initiated by neighborhood residents.

As of the end of March, we are waiting for a reply from Harley. They have been a good corporate neighbor, so we do expect a contact from them. As usual, if you would like some input into this project, please come to the Martin Drive Annual Meeting in May. (Look for details on that meeting in this newsletter.) Ask to speak to our Study Group representatives: Rod Washington, Sharon Williams, or Pat Mueller.<>

*(Al and Betty - Continued from page 1)*

The economic issues of our city have resulted in changes over the years in our area. Families working to make ends meet and having less time to get to know neighbors can be a challenge in building community. Al and Betty remain connected to their neighbors, and in some cases are now connected to the second or third generation in a family!

Creating a community connection takes many forms for these two neighborhood ambassadors. For Al it can be shoveling for an elderly neighbor or providing another with tools or advice on a home repair. For Betty it may mean providing diplomatic suggestions for neighbor negotiations or welcoming the newest baby on the block. The annual holiday red ribbons that decorate trees on the block each year are stored at Al and Betty's house and they often contribute the ice cream for the annual meeting/social.

Both are also able to connect neighbors to resources when necessary. Al has developed a connection with the 3<sup>rd</sup> District police captain and does not hesitate to call about safety concerns. Both are familiar with home repair funding programs and the names and numbers of elected officials who are supportive to neighborhood needs.

Their belief that we need to be connected to one another is exemplified by a "neighbor watch" that encourages the exchange of phone numbers between neighbors to communicate about unusual activity or to alert neighbors when going out of town.

Sharing gardening ideas, planting flower beds, and keeping the block free of litter are priorities for Al and Betty. Another neighborhood goal that is important to them is working together in these warmer months to moderate the volume levels of music. Betty is especially concerned about the type of loud song lyrics that are played in the midst of the neighborhood children.

Betty and Al's love of nature is woven throughout their conversation. Remembering the sounds of the lions from the zoo, enjoying beautiful birds in their backyard (even recognizing a great horned owl!) and sharing stories with neighbors about possums, woodchucks and raccoons are all part of the life of Al and Betty S.<>

## HAROLD THE HANDYMAN SAYS:

Be smart: buy fertilizer by the nitrogen content rather than the price. The higher better.

Make your own spreader by punching holes in a large coffee can bottom. Cover, shake to spread. Great upper arm strength builder if you switch arms frequently or use both and dance through your yard.

Don't let dandelions seeds blow. Hook a vacuum cleaner to a grounded extension cord and vacuum the seed heads!!!! Call me when you do this. I want to watch the passer by's expressions.... they say it works even if it is funny. Think about it. They have yard blowers, why not yard vacuums? Do this before you fertilize. It could be a two part dance.

They also say a piece of charcoal in a vase of cut flowers will prevent the stems from smelling when they begin to rot...or remove them before they rot.

Old hoses: pick a few more holes in it and use as a soaker. Cut sections of hose slip over swing ropes or chains. Also use sections of hose over lug wrenches and other handled items you may hate to hold on to during the winter.

Plastic bag use: stash a large plastic bag under the car seat to use as an emergency raincoat, or cut a neck and two arm holes for messy jobs you don't want to wear. When gone for a week, water your plants and cover them loosely with a dry-cleaning bag. And speaking about being gone, I remember last spring on a trip down south, I was driving down a deserted farm road when a chicken along the side of the road began to run along side of my car. I sped up and it did to. I sped up again and it did too! It was keeping up with my car when in amazement I noticed it had three legs!! All of them moving so fast, I could hardly count. I sped up again to almost eighty when the chicken veered off into the woods by a driveway. I stopped, and backed up into the driveway to a house where a farmer was working. I asked him if I was seeing right. Was there really a three legged chicken? He laughed and said, "Yep, the woods are full of them. We're raising them for Kentucky Fried Chicken." I was in awe! I noted he must be making a fortune. He replied, "Not a cent. Ain't caught one yet!"

**Happy Spring!** <>



## DUMPSTER SCHEDULE

By: Maggie B.



This year, the city is being more generous with their dumpsters this year. They will place 4 dumpsters on 4 corners of the MD neighborhood this summer. The schedule is below.

- June 15:** Juneau and 43rd  
Juneau and 45th  
Juneau and 46  
McKinley & Highland
- August 10:** Juneau and 43rd  
Juneau and 45th  
Juneau and 46  
McKinley & Highland
- October 5:** Juneau and 43rd  
Juneau and 45th  
Juneau and 46

## HOMEOWNERS INITIATIVE ESPECIALLY FOR DUPLEX OWNERS

By: Pat M.

Do you have friends or family who dream of owning a home but don't know where to start? Owning a duplex and living in it is a great way to enter the real estate market and secure your future.

The income from the rental unit will help qualify you for a nicer property than you could afford in a single family home. If more of our Martin Drive Neighborhood duplexes were owner-occupied, it stands to reason they would be better cared for.

Buying your first home is scary and certainly buying a rental property is even scarier. But what if there were personal support to help you with your investment from a professional and ethical landlord in the area, who would be available to coach and mentor you in screening to find good tenants and support on how to handle problems as they arise? And if someone was available to help find reliable contractors or offer advice on repair and maintenance a duplex might sound better?

This year, we have applied for a grant which might support and offer incentives for that concept. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, contact Pat at 933-5589. We will keep you posted.<>



~~-BUSINESS AS USUAL -- "NOT"!!~~**BUSINESS "IS" BOOMING ON VLIET STREET**

By: Pat M.

**NOT MUNDANE \* NOT TRADITIONAL \* NEW AGE AND PROGRESSIVE \* SPIRITED AND VIBRANT  
\* ARTSY, EDGY, CULTURAL \* DIVERSE AND COHESIVE \* THAT'S VERY VLIET \***

In keeping with the flavor of the street, our new radio station, 88Nine Radio Milwaukee fits right in. Like Vliet Street, their stated goal is to seek to connect as many facets as possible of the city's exceptionally broad multi-ethnic and multi-cultural population. [www.radioformilwaukee.org](http://www.radioformilwaukee.org)

On June 1, Lucky Star Studio will re-open at 5407 W. Vliet St. Bridgett Griffith and Gene Evans are returning to re-open Luckystar after putting the award winning gallery (voted Milwaukee's Best 2003 & 2004) on hiatus to concentrate on The World Dominion Tour; a traveling exhibit featuring a dozen or so of Milwaukee and Chicago artists who exhibited regularly at Luckystar. The tour stopped off in Chicago, UW-Fond du Lac, Los Angeles, Baltimore and more before ending in Toronto last summer. They have been working hard painting for the last nine months so they are ready to get back to gallery work in Milwaukee. [www.luckystarstudio.com/about](http://www.luckystarstudio.com/about)

Recently Larry Widen purchased the Times Cinema at 5906 W. Vliet St, and he has been busy initiating changes. While planning bigger and better changes, including a wider selection of movies, live entertainment, food, beer, wine, and traditional and cozy seating, there still remains the atmosphere of a single screen movie theater that belongs to the neighborhood. The Times Cinema will feature their trademark classic films and a broader selection of first run movies. Brand new are Live Game Show Sundays. Come on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. and have a chance to sip wine and participate in TV game shows like Family Feud, Jeopardy and the Dating Game for fun and prizes. There will be a silent movie set to live music by three local musicians and other live music performances. [www.timescinema.com](http://www.timescinema.com)

Four Corners of the World trade store just opened their doors at 5401 W. Vliet St., providing artisan hand-crafts, sweatshop free contemporary clothing, fair trade coffee, tea and chocolates from dozens of developing countries. An objective of the store is to provide education to the public regarding fair trade and sustainable policies and practices as an alternative global economy. [www.fairtrademilwaukee.org](http://www.fairtrademilwaukee.org)

Jonathan Farris, LAc and Diplomat of Acupuncture grew up in Washington Heights, blocks from where he opened his business, Community Acupuncture at 4920 W. Vliet Street. Jonathan left for a four year program at Five B-ranches College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Santa Cruz, California. He also traveled to China and studied in a hospital environment for a summer. He is excited about bringing the practice of Chinese healing arts, a vast knowledge of Chinese Herbs, massage therapy and movement classes like Qigong (a cross between Tai Chi and Yoga, with meditation mixed in) to the neighborhood.

We are excited to have DeMattia Medical Group LLC, an independent family practice medical clinic soon to open. Laure DeMattia purchased the building at 5500 W. Vliet Street in February and is remodeling to accommodate her practice and at least one other physician.

Vliet Street has easy street parking, is pedestrian friendly and we are on the #11 bus line. Don't miss the bus. <>



*Keep the Lights Lit!*

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(Across from the Washington Park Senior Center)

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Wednesday 12 - 7pm, Sunday 12pm - 5pm, Closed Monday

### SPREAD THE WEALTH

By: Pat M.



When you look around the City of Milwaukee and see so many of the small commercial districts underutilized, boarded

up, overrun by daycares and store front churches, pager & cell phone stores, do you wonder why? There's good reason. The business climate today is so astronomically against the small business owner. How can one compete in price and variety against the big box stores, or the malls?

Vliet Street took a strategy in approaching this dilemma by trying to bring small, specialty stores that people would be willing to travel to from other areas and be willing to pay for their specialties.

For us the residents of the area, it's delightful and even exciting to see their lights in the windows, bright and colorful window displays and things like Artwalk bring new life and buzz to our street.

This has not been easy. These are new start-up businesses. Their owners have invested their fortunes and a huge amount of time into their ventures, in hopes that the future will provide income to sustain their investment and earn them a livelihood.

Our small business districts need your monthly-continued support to survive. Make a conscious effort to frequent Vliet Street and North Avenue businesses for your shopping needs. Your support will allow them to survive the odds and continue to light the gateways to our neighborhoods. It would be a shame for those lights to go out now that they have gathered a little brightness.<>

*Did you know ...? For every dollar spent at a locally owned business, 45 cents is returned to the community. For every dollar spent at a chain store, only 13 cents is returned to the local community.*

**Remember support your community! Support small business! It will come back to you.**

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### FIFTH ANNUAL MARTIN DRIVE

### RUMMAGE SALE

**G**et ready! On **Saturday, June 16, 2007**, from **8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, we hope to see lots of neighbors out on their blocks, either selling or shopping or both. If you plan to participate, call 933-5589 and leave your name and address. Participants will get some lawn flags or balloons to identify you as a "selling" home. Previously, we've had 30 neighbors selling. Let's double that this year and really make it a neighborhood event. It's a great way to get to know your area neighbors.<>

### WISCONSIN HUMAN SOCIETY'S WILDLIFE CENTER

By: Jill K.

As spring approaches, we will begin to see more wildlife in our neighborhoods and backyards. Many of us enjoy wildlife but, unfortunately, each year the Wisconsin Humane Society's (WHS) Wildlife Rehabilitation Center sees wild animals that have been hurt, often unintentionally, by people. The Wildlife Center cares for more than 5,000 wild animals of over 145 different species annually. Our goal is to rehabilitate these creatures and return them to the wild.



If you have concerns about injured, sick, orphaned or nuisance wild animals you have encountered, contact our Wildlife Center for humane advice. Our automated Tip Lines provide advice 24 hours per day.

Additionally, WHS' Wally's Workbench features a variety of products for sale to help people prevent or resolve conflicts with backyard wildlife in a humane fashion. Products can be purchased at WHS or through our website, [www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org).

Finally, if you encounter wildlife in your home, our Good Neighbors service can help. We use humane techniques to solve your wildlife problems and have over 25 years of experience.

We hope that you will enjoy wildlife this spring and that you will contact the Wisconsin Humane Society's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center with any concerns. <>

## MARTIN DRIVE WALKING GROUP

By: Pat M.

With summer approaching, we are making plans to begin a walking group in the Martin Drive area. The purpose is three fold. First, it is a chance for everyone to get some exercise and all the health benefits. Secondly, it's a time to come together and show an active presence in the neighborhood. If you are interested in either, contact Pat at 933-5589 and let me know when you would prefer to walk, mornings or evenings. I will try to match up interested walkers. These walks are more social and healthy in nature.

For those interested in crime prevention, Third District Police Captain James Harpole and our Alderman or their representatives will be walking the neighborhood with us on the third Monday of each month. (May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20 and Sept. 17). Walks will begin at 6 pm and start at Heritage West Properties at 4303 W. Vliet. If you would like to be alerted or reminded of walks and you can provide me with your e-mail address, I will notify you. Sorry, I don't think I can take on calling everyone. So please call Pat and sign up.



## HARLEY-DAVIDSON RAFFLE !

If you picture yourself as a Harley guy or gal in all the gear but are missing the Harley;



If you picture yourself at the Washington Park Band Shell sitting on new smooth seats made of recycled materials;

If you picture yourself volunteering at fun events and raising funds for your favorite organization, your dream could come true this summer on September 29.

A few years ago, our wonderful corporate neighbor, Harley Davidson, donated \$50,000, which was matched by Milwaukee County and used to paint, replace roofing and do necessary repairs at the Washington Park Band Shell. When the County asked Harley for a donation to replace the badly weathered and battered seats at the Park, Harley instead offered a bike to be raffled to raise money for the seats. That bike is hitting the road and going to every fun event in Milwaukee this summer, including all the concerts at Washington Park. On location with the bike will be \$5 raffle tickets sold for a chance to win the bike. And since there are so many fun events in Milwaukee every summer, volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at events. Proceeds from sales of tickets will be split with volunteering organizations. The drawing will be September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Shepherd Expresses' 25 year anniversary party at the park. If interested, contact Pat at 933-5589 for details. <>

## A HOWLING SUCCESS

By: Pat M.

Thanks to the generosity of our many friends and neighbors, the annual Night Time Tick-Or-Treating event was a huge success! We would like to thank everyone in the Martin Drive Neighborhood who helped make our Halloween celebration fun and safe for the children who participated.

Thanks to the 40+ families who were our Treating Homes. You have our most sincere thanks. Very special thanks to Jennifer Visnaw and her daughter, Shannon who went door to door convincing neighbors to be treating homes. We could not have done this without you.

Thank you, also, to all the families who donated candy for the Treating Homes. We were able to supplement the candy of the Treating Homes, provide candy to our volunteer porches and give candy to the teen volunteers.

We want to thank the following people for their help in assembling and/or delivering registration packs and Treating Home bags: Cindy Hartzheim, Pat Mueller, Georgia Pagel, Ada Rouse, Jennifer Visnaw, Shannon Visnaw.

Many teen volunteers offered time to hand out candy for those unable to do so.

Our safety monitors had one of the coldest jobs, but they also have our warmest thanks. Far more volunteers were needed for this important job.

Many thanks to our Alderman Michael Murphy who made sure we received the proper permits to close the street and re-route the bus line. Thanks also goes to Community Liaison Officer Robert King who arranged for the presence of the Explorers at our event. Because of their help, our event was fun and safe.

The following people made generous monetary donations to our Night Time Trick-or-Treating Event and deserve our heartfelt thanks: Mary Schneider, Dave Johnson, Patricia Mundford & Jeffrey Stroman, Carol Danek

Thanks to Pat Mueller for keeping up with the paperwork, registrations and the many pounds of Halloween candy, and materials needed to make the event successful.

The Halloween Committee enjoyed meeting many new neighbors and catching up with those neighbors we already know. This event makes our neighborhood truly special and connects and bonds so many people. We have enjoyed working with our neighbors and look forward to a bigger and better Halloween celebration each year.

Thank EVERYONE for so much enthusiastic support. <>



## SPEND SATURDAYS AT THE WASHINGTON PARK BAND SHELL



June 2, 9, 16	4-8 pm	Shepherd Express Band Slam Battle Royale Each week 5 bands will battle for a chance to play at Summerfest
June 23	TBA	Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
July 7	6:30 to 8:30 pm	Terry Simms – Jazz
July 14	6:30 to 8:30 pm	The Element – Aro-beat Jazz
July 21	6:30 to 8:30 pm	Kal Bergendahl Project – Jazz
July 28	6:30 to 8:30 pm	Upside Groove Coalition – Jazz/ Funk
Sept. 29	3-10 pm	A well known band – TBA will play at Washington Park Band Shell. Sponsored by Shepherd Express and in honor of the Shepherd's 25 year anniversary. Harley Raffle will be held.
<b>Vliet Street Sidewalk Sale</b> Sidewalk Sale <b>Sat. June 16, 10am to 4pm</b> Merchants of Vliet Street to 43 <sup>rd</sup> to 60 <sup>th</sup> & Vliet		<b>Washington Bark Dog Day</b> Huge dog fair, contests, demonstrations, food & fun <b>Sun. Aug. 12 – noon to 4pm</b> Washington Park Bandshell

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association is to build and promote community through increased awareness and involvement among all neighbors.*

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

*We would like to see all neighbors involved. Monthly meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at 1219 N. 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Everyone is welcome and new people will be welcomed with open arms. This is the best way to find out what is happening or express any concerns you may have. That way we can all work to address your concerns. There are many years of experience in problem solving represented at the meetings.*

## SUMMARY OF MDN MEETING MINUTES

### February 12, 2007

Thank you to David Johnson for minutes. Thirteen residents present. There was an informal discussion about using web affiliates for the Martin Drive website to raise some money.

Guests Robert Rondini and Jennifer Hayas, addressed the group. They are seeking Municipal Judge positions in the City of Milwaukee .

The rebate program was discussed. Pat M. agreed to formulate a letter to our alderman to make sure Martin Drive was not overlooked when block grant funds are released to different organizations. Any progress will be discussed at the next meeting. The new Martin Drive Trolley newsletter hit the streets and several of the neighbors offered to help with distribution south of Juneau Avenue. Again the group wishes to acknowledge the hard work in gathering, layout and assembling this newsletter. Thank you, Ada and those who helped with this effort. Although nobody really loves to shovel snow, many commented on how nice the neighborhood looked dressed in white.<>

### March 12, 2007

Representative Tamara Grigsby was warmly welcomed. She informed us of her successes with two new bills this past session as well as some of her frustrations in trying to make changes.

#### Success:

Legislated for the Asia Jones bill making it a crime to leave a child unattended on a bus/van. Convinced the legislature to make drug paraphernalia called "blunt wrappers" illegal - waiting for the city to Milwaukee to write an ordinance.

#### Other Focuses:

Child and Family Law, W2 and welfare reform, Rules Committee, Social Policy issues, Criminal Justice Issues

1. Drivers License Education Funding Clinic to assist young people in obtaining their licenses.
2. Children and Families - Badger Care also for single adults with no children.
3. Senior Care prescriptions
4. UWM - School of Public Health
5. Public Infrastructure on I94 in Kenosha and Racine Counties and the Zoo interchange .

#### Neighbors Response:

We want change, prevention rather than intervention and a reduction in crime.

#### New Business:

1. Rummage Sale being held at the Washington Park Senior Center on Sat. April 28 from 8 - 2:00 Admission is free. Tables are available for \$10.00. Set-up on Friday from 2:00 - 6:00.
2. Martin Drive Rummage Sale is in early spring.
3. Annual Meeting will be May 14th.
4. Pat M. is investigating paint and rebate program.
5. Pat M. with assistance from Sharon W. has drawn a plan of action for our neighborhood.
6. Pat D. invited any interested neighbors to attend a meeting at the Third District Police Station. <>

### April 2, 2007

Sixteen people in attendance..

Our annual meeting will be on May 14th at the Washington Park Senior Center. The meeting starts at 6:30 p m. (the doors will be open at 6:00 p.m.)

- ♦ Joey from the Urban Ecology Center will be our guest presenter.
- ♦ Snacks: Anyone is welcome to bring snacks/ beverages of your choice to share.
- ♦ Door prizes will be provided and accepted by anyone.

We encourage neighbors to bring perennials that they would like to share. A neighborhood video will be pursued at the mtg. to include neighbors saying a few words about why they live in MDN Pat M. has sent a letter to Steve Mahan at the DCD for the paint and rebate program.

June 16, 2007 will be the annual rummage sale from 8:30am - 2:00pm

The plan of action for the neighborhood was discussed and by Pat M. and Sharon W. Great ideas & support for the neighborhood!!

Shepherd Express is celebrating 25 years in business by providing concerts at Washington Park in collaboration with Johnson Controls. Scheduled events will be in the newsletter. Pat D. reported on the meeting at the police district #3

Maggie will schedule dumpsters for this summer.

Positive news of the neighbors is the Market Basket program available at the Senior Center, The Highland Pie and Park Café has new owners, Chris and Rich Metzger and their daughter, Sarah Buzzle. Wild animals have made their appearances around the area in particular, possums, raccoons, a wild turkey and a great horned owl. Martin Drive must be a good healthy place to live. To hear the wonderful progress & details of meetings, you all come down now, ya hear?!!!!