

The Vliet Street Community Green Market Is Coming



There is a new farmers market coming to town! The Vliet Street Community Market will open and operate weekly on Sundays from 11am – 2pm beginning June 1st for 18 weeks, and run thru September 28. It will be located in front of the Washington Park Senior

Center, visible from Vliet Street.

An exciting collaboration between Milwaukee County Parks, Washington Park Senior Center, Hmong American Friendship Association and Radio Milwaukee 88.9, several neighborhood groups, local farmers and artists, will bring a true neighborhood market to Vliet Street offering locally grown close to home produce, handmade crafts, demos, and live music.



There will be a \$200 seasonal fee for assigned 10' x 10' space at the market and a \$15 weekly fee for vendors who want to participate at random. This money will be invested back into the market in the form of marketing materials, signs and a small fee for a market manager.

We have started a search for a Market Manager and several people in this neighborhood have come forward. Radio Milwaukee has promised some live music. If you know of any vendors or people who might be willing to donate some performances or entertainment, please contact me. Pat 933-5589 <>



MD March Meeting Saturday not Monday! at Washington Park Senior Center

If you would like to find the seeds of knowledge to help you grow and thrive in this city, our neighborhood and your home, don't miss the next Martin Drive Meetings

**Saturday, March 8th
Washington Park Senior Center
4420 W. Vliet Street
8 to 11:30 am**

The meeting is geared around information to keep our neighborhood safe. The Milwaukee Police Department and City of Milwaukee personnel and other experts will be giving presentations about home security, using the City Website, self defense training. We will talk about how to keep your home safe with hands on information about how to install inexpensive security devices like a camera.

There will be a kids corner with supervised board games, crafts and a special presentation for the kids by Royal Court Academy on "stranger danger"

Michael Murphy and Captain Harpole will offer exciting information about a new use for the old District Three Police Station! And, we are still keeping our fingers crossed that the new Chief of Police will stop. Please come and learn, listen and participate. <>

Kids Corner

**Bring the Kids to the Meeting.
They will have a special place
and adult supervision.
Games, Crafts and Marshall Arts Demonstrations
will take place in the Shuffleboard**

We would so much like to hear from more people, have more participation. How can we reach each block? Would you like to offer your input but can't come to a Monday meeting? Would you consider hosting a small Kitchen Table Discussion Group of neighbors from your block with our help? We need involvement from those who live on N. 43rd, N. 44th and N. 46th Street. Have ideas or suggestions to pull those people out? Call Pat 933-5589

Martin Drive Youth is Honored at 2008 Staying True Awards!



Too often we hear about the exploits of youth in a negative light. The Center for Neighborhood Enterprise and the Latino Community Center have created the "Staying True" Awards to honor youth who are staying on track and being responsible persons. Kevin Calmese a sophomore at W.E.B Dubois High School and also a neighborhood youth from N. 42nd Street was honored for his academic achievements. Kevin stayed true and was able to improve his grade point average by one whole point. He is currently carrying a 3.75 GPA. Kevin enjoys music and basketball and spending time with his family. He was honored and an awards ceremony on January 29th. Kevin, you have made your family and our neighborhood proud of your achievements! Keep up the good work. <>

Martin Drive Goes Caroling!

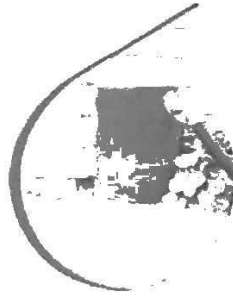
Thank you to Katie Halopka, for the wonderful idea to take our December meeting to the Streets! Monday December 10th a group of neighbors set out to spread holiday cheer and wish many a Merry Christmas. The bitter cold weather surprisingly warmed that evening and we were able to hit every street. If you thought you were hearing angels you were wrong. We had a fun time and felt the appreciation of several of our neighbors. We also want to thank the Washington family who hosted the warm-up at their home after the caroling. We will plan on an even larger group for next year. It was so much fun, we will definitely do this again next year. <>

Dejà vu Consignments 'Trash 2 Treasure' Exhibition March 16-22

Entries will be displayed in the following categories:
Most Changed
Most Useful
Most Artistic

There is more to vote on this year than the presidential election. Stop and cast your vote for local artists and neighbors entries. See how trash can be made to treasures and vote in the first ever Déjà vu 'Trash 2 Treasure' Exhibition.
It's the Green Thing to Do!

Martin Drive is Going Green!



Stay tuned for information on our annual Meeting but know that the theme is GREEN!

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful will be speaking about the use of rain barrels and compost bins. We will be offering the rain barrels and compost bins for sale at a great price. Comparables cost much more in catalogs. <>

Call for Broken Shards of Pottery, China and Porcelain

The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association is preparing to do a public art project. Artist, Muneer Bahauddeen, well known for his ceramic tile work, will lead the art project. You may have seen his work on the Walnut Street freeway overpass leading to the downtown. Muneer will create a series of three neighborhood mosaic signs with the help of neighborhood kids. The Washington Park Senior Center will be offering space for us to create this art.

Come to the April meeting and learn more about this subject and cast your vote for the project. We are looking for shards ceramic, porcelain and pottery. Are you keeping pieces of broken china or pottery because of sentimental value and cannot bear to toss these useless but meaningful treasures? Here is a chance to repurpose them into a beautiful cause. Of added interest would be a brief story of where the piece came from, any sentimental value to you and how the piece became broken. We will use these stories in promotions and possibly a mosaic booklet of stories.

Please bring your broken pieces and stories to the **Déjà vu Consignments**, 4315 W. Vliet Street where they will be placed with care in our community mosaic. Thank you. <>

Community Art Project?
Community Garden Project?
Safety & Security?
Beautification and Improvement Awards?
Rebates and Loan Funds?
Newsletters and Night Time Trick or Treat?
Activities for Kids?
Farmers Market?
New Ideas? What is Important?

None of this will happen without your help, participation and input.



**Where Can You Find the Seeds
of Knowledge to Help You
Grow & Thrive
in the City, Neighborhood
& Home?**



**Milwaukee Police Dept., Home Security,
City Website, Self-Defense Training,
Crime Prevention**

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
CLINIC**



Free & Open to the Public

**Saturday, March 8, 2008
9-11:30am Washington Park Senior Ctr**



**Demonstrations,
Presentations, Kids'
Corner (Games, Crafts,
Martial Arts)**



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