

## Martin Drive Neighborhood Has Identity



You may have noticed the mosaic "Martin Drive Neighborhood" markers placed at the corners of 43<sup>rd</sup> & Vliet, 46<sup>th</sup> & Vliet and 41<sup>st</sup> & Martin Drive. The project initially began in Febru-

ary when we started to gather pottery shards for use in the mosaic. The bases of the markers were reclaimed planters from 43<sup>rd</sup> & Vliet Street. A local artist, Muneer Bahauddeen helped us transform the planters into public art with the help of about 30 neighbors, mostly kids but some adults also helped. We worked for five afternoons in July on the project. Muneer made the ceramic tiles that say "Martin Drive Neighborhood" in his studio and did cleaning, finishing, and sealing work.

Earth Auguring Equipment donated the transportation of the planters to the Senior Center and then back to their new homes. Advance Landscaped has landscaped around the planter on 46<sup>th</sup> & Vliet Street.

This wonderful project was made possible by the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative, which the Martin Drive Neighborhood is participating, and by funds from the Milwaukee Neighborhood Improvement Development Corp. <>

## We Will Miss You !

Third District Captain James Harpole was promoted to Assistant Chief. This was a well deserved and earned promotion.

Volunteer Katie Halopka and her fiancé Matt Bangel have purchased a home and moved.

Thanks for your contributions and we will miss you.

## Night Time Trick or Treat Friday, October 31st — Spooky!

This year is the 15th Annual Night Time Trick in the Martin Drive Neighborhood. This is the best attended neighborhood event. Usually we have over 300 kids participating and many, many volunteers in many capacities.

We are inviting all angels, pumpkins, princesses and pirates under the age of thirteen to take part in this fun old-fashioned neighborhood event. Teens there is not reason to be left out. Sign up to volunteer and you too will have fun and go home with a bag of treats.

All kids must be registered and must be accompanied by an adult to participate. We ask for a contribution of \$1 for each child registered and a donation of one bag of candy (100 pieces or more). If more than 4 children from a family participate, please donate 2 bags of candy. This is a nominal fee for a family fun event and it is necessary to keep this tradition going.

Each year we pick a street or two in the neighborhood that will be barricaded for the safety of the kids. Those streets will be closed from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. The streets are a secret. When you register your kids, you will get a map showing the Treating Streets. If you live on a Treating Street, we will be going door to door signing up homes to participate.

As usual, we expect to have a howling good time. <>



Please Register Early!

**Trick or Treat Registration**

**Wed. Oct 22 & 29 — 6-8pm**

**Sat. Oct. 18 & 25 — 10am to noon**

The Martin Drive Neighborhood Meetings are on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm and are usually hosted by Tom and Maggie B. At 1219 N. 45th Street. Everyone is welcome.

## Martin Drive Walk Club

This summer we started a neighborhood-walking club that was lead by Katie Halopka. The Martin Drive movers started on June 1 and walked most every Wednesday thru the summer.

Our first walk was short, as we built stamina after the long, hard winter that kept us inside for too many months. Each week we tried something different. We did a litter walk and picked up a few bags of litter but mostly found the neighborhood to be surprisingly clean after the long winter. We tested our legs on hills and walked up State through the Miller headquarters. One week we opted to walk on Saturday so we could partake in a Miller Brewing Company tour, something I had not done in many, many years before I moved to the neighborhood. We had a few brews together after the walk. Several weeks we spread mulch under the trees of the lot on 46<sup>th</sup> & Vliet Street.

My favorite walks were two Wednesdays in June when we walked through Washington Park and learned some of its history. A tree trek article published in the Journal in 1981 guided us. It mapped out locations of some of the very oldest trees in the park. Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of landscape architecture, designed this park. Olmsted is famous for the design of Central Park in New York and he designed parks all over the world.

There are many lovely sights in the park; its winding trails take you through hill and dale, around lagoons and the historic Washington Park Bandshell, which was a gift to the City of Milwaukee from the Blatz family. We found a huge oak tree as old as the city of Milwaukee behind the bandshell by the lagoon. Her arms were stretched wide and tall and the beauty of her arms and trunk were awesome. As we tried to locate the trees on our map, we proceeded slowly and taking time to look at leaves on trees and below our feet. The smells of spring were always in the background. Sometimes there was a whiff of perfumed floral scents or just of moist earth and grass, which smelled clean and refreshing not at all like you would picture space in the innermost part of a large city. We found a tree with such a huge trunk it took four people to span her girth, as four people stretched arms and touched hands to go around the trees trunk for a group tree hug.

You do not know what you missed sitting home and watching the news. Hope you will join us next year for round two.

### Call for Block Watch Captains

The new Police Chief Flynn believes in community policing and there is a move to reinvigorate block watch activities thru Milwaukee. Block watch, or joining with your neighbors to watch out for each other, is a highly effective way of reducing crime. Interested in starting a block watch on your block or even with a small number of your neighbors? If interested in more information there are several things you could do.

- Contact Community Liaison Officer Hue Kong at 935-7733 or email at [hkong@milwaukee.gov](mailto:hkong@milwaukee.gov)
- Contact Pat Mueller @ 933-5589 for more information.

### Where to Vote

Our polling station is at the MPS School Administration building at 5225 W. Vliet Street. The polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.

**You can't beat a neat street.** Plan ahead. There is no garbage or recycling collections on these holidays:

Thanksgiving and the Next day: Nov. 27 & 28

Christmas Eve and Day: Wed & Thurs Dec. 24 & 25

New Years Eve & New Years Day: Wed & Thurs Dec. 31 & Jan. 1.

## Gelato Anyone?

Cold Spoons Gelato just opened at 5924 W. Vliet Street. In case you don't know what gelato is, I'm sure you will want to learn. Gelato is Italian ice cream, typically made with fresh fruit or other ingredients like chocolate and topped with small confections, cookies or biscuits. Milk based gelato originated in Northern Italy while fruit and water based gelato; called sorbetto, came from Southern Italy.

Cold Spoons offers about 25 flavors of gelato, including a vegan and a soy-based flavor and rotates two to four flavors out daily as a way to test and establish customer favorites. It's more expensive than custard. Try it; you'll like it.



## Vliet Street Community Green Market

The market was very successful for a first year market. There was a wide variety of local vendors and entertainment. Look for a bigger and better market next summer.



**Meet Your Neighbors.** Do you know that knowing the names and faces of the folks living on each side of your home, and across the street makes for a secure and friendly neighborhood? Consider inviting your neighbor over for a cup of tea or coffee, or consider offering to help him or her with raking some of those lovely leaves.

### **Be Neighborly.**

If you have off street parking, use it.

## Healthy Neighborhood Initiative

The Martin Drive Neighborhood is one of seven neighborhoods selected to participate in this program. The concept came from a very successful initiative in Baltimore. It focuses on mid range neighborhoods in the city and offers them help and strategies to achieve outcomes in four areas.

**Image** Healthy neighborhoods have a positive image that makes people want to stay there, and others want to move there. It makes business and government want to invest there. In healthy neighborhoods, people are confident in the future.

**Market** In healthy neighborhoods, home values are strong enough to "get back" your investment in maintenance and improvements – and strong enough that homebuyers think buying a home there is a good investment. Healthy neighborhoods attract good neighbors whether they are renters, landlords or owner-occupants and they attract a variety of income groups.

**Physical Conditions** Homes, businesses, streets and parks look like people are proud to be there. People take care of their property and do their part to keep the neighborhood looking great.

## **Neighborhood Management**

Neighbors feel in control of the future of their neighborhood. When a problem needs solving, they know enough other neighbors to get help solving it. Neighbors have fun together and look out for each other – and they feel safe in the neighborhood.

### **Be Neighborly.**

Leave your porch lights on.



## WANTED -- VOLUNTEERS For Night Time Trick or Treat

The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association is proud to be sponsoring our **15th Annual Spooktacular Night Time Trick-or-Treat Event.**

To ensure the event is organized and safe we need help!

**Help with the Registration Site.** Heritage West Properties –  
4303 W. Vliet Street (side door)

Wed. Oct. 22 & 29  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Sat. Oct. 18 & 25<sup>th</sup>  
from 10 am to noon

**Safety Monitor** – Volunteers are needed to set up barricades and make sure no cars travel down the treating streets during the event. This is the most important job of all but it is also very fun to see all the kids dressed up! Please help!

**Teen Volunteers** – Teenagers are not allowed to trick or treat. So, if you don't want to be left out, volunteer to hand out candy at properties or other locations. Teen volunteers will get a bag of candy for their contribution.

### *Don't Have Time to Volunteer?*

**The best thing you could do is register your kids early!**

It is so much easier for our volunteers if we have registrations and donated candy earlier so we have ample time to plan and put all the candy to good use.

**Don't Register Last Minute!**





# Wanted Treating Homes

Martin Drive Neighborhood Presents  
**Spooktacular 2008**

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Night-Time Trick-Or-Treat  
Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> – 7:30 to 8:30 pm

We need your help! Once again, we are planning the Spooktacular Night-Time Trick or Treat in the Martin Drive Neighborhood.

***THIS YEAR THE STREETS SOUTH OF JUNEAU WILL BE THE TREATING AREA!***

As a TREATING HOME you will receive a luminary bucket and candle along with about 150 pieces of donated candy. **You will need to buy candy too** since we are expecting 300 plus children this year. In a pinch we can help you with more candy.

If you agree to be a TREATING HOME, you must plan to have someone at your home to hand out candy between 7:30 and 8:30 pm. Or, with your permission we could also provide a volunteer to sit on your porch and hand out candy. It's easy, it's fun. So can we count you in?

Yes, sign me up to be a treating home!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Treating Home  Volunteer Needed   
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***Questions, call Pat at 933-5589***

**And remember, your street will be barricaded on Friday October 31  
from 7:15 pm to about 8:30 p.m.**

**You will not be able to drive on the street at that time.  
Plan accordingly.**

**If necessarily move your car to Juneau or Martin Drive early!**



Martin Drive Neighborhood Presents  
**Spooktacular 2008**  
Registration Form for Trick-or-Treat

15th Annual Night-time Trick-or-Treat  
Friday, October 31 – 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

We need your help! We ask each family to do the following:

1. Contribute \$1 per child registered, and donate a bag of candy (100 to 150 pieces or more per family). If more than 4 children, donate 2 bags of candy.
2. **Volunteer** your services if at all possible. Be a safety monitor, deliver treating home packs, and/or help with registration on any of the dates listed below. **Teens** we could really use your help. Please see us at the registration site.

***THIS EVENT IS FOR RESIDENT CHILDREN ONLY.  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE AND  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.***

Register at: Heritage West, 4303 W. Vliet St. In the Eat Cake! building but enter on side door on 43<sup>rd</sup>

Registration Dates: Wednesday, Oct. 22 & Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 18 & 25 from 10 a.m. to noon

Parent or Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_

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