

WASHINGTON BARK DOG DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

By Pat Mueller

The 5th Annual Washington Bark Dog Day was another huge success, raising \$6,000 for Washington Park and the Urban Ecology Center. We came very close to not hosting the event because it has grown in size and complexity



making it difficult to carry out on a volunteer basis – i.e. hours and hours and weeks and weeks of planning and work - lifting, carrying, hauling all the props that go into the event. However, Neighborhoods United for Washington Park (NUWP), put their paws together with the Urban Ecology Center and Residents for Off-Leash Milwaukee Dog Parks (ROMP) to stage the 2009 Dog Day. The event was well organized and it was delightful to see all the dogs. There were teacup size Chihuahuas and gargantuan Wolf and Blood Hounds. And it was a joy to see the pleasure in people's faces as they strolled through the grounds and strutted their dogs on stage to show off best dressed, best kissers, best vocals.

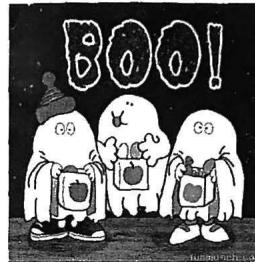
The outstanding part was seeing the beautiful bond that exists between people and their dogs. Accompanied by mom Stacey and dad Nate, three-week-old Oliver Rebholz was the youngest Martin Drive neighbor to attend with his dogs. There was also time to relish the beautiful weather and stunning surroundings of Washington Park including the band shell and lagoon area. Once again, the event came off without incident and was a genteel activity that brought people from all over the area into Washington Park. <>

Join your Martin Drive neighbors each month on the **second Monday** of the month at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 West Vliet St., at 6:30 p.m.

JOIN US IF YOU DARE ON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

By Pat Mueller



Jack O Lanterns, Lady Bugs, Ninja's and Polar Bear . . . Join us if you dare . . . for our special 16th Annual Night Time Trick or Treat Affair. Oh My!

This year's Trick or Treat event takes place on Friday, October 30 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm, when it gets good and dark. The Halloween Planning Committee is busy getting permits, updating flyers, and signs. **All kids must be registered and accompanied by an adult!** See pull out flyer in newsletter.

You have three chance to register, on Wednesday October 21 & 28 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this event should contact Pat Mueller at 933-5589 or via e-mail at hwproperties@netzero.com . <>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO MAKE NIGHT TIME TRICK OR TREAT SAFE AND FUN.



Needed:

Help with Registration Site

Oct. 21 & 28 from 6-8pm (Wednesdays)

Oct. 24 from 10am to noon (Saturday)

Safety Monitors – Set up barricades to make sure cars do not travel down the treating streets during the event.

Teen Volunteers – Teenagers are not allowed to trick or treat. But they are not left out. Teens who volunteer to hand out candy at properties or other locations receive a bag of candy.<>

Register at Heritage West
4303 W. Vliet St.



Martin Drive Community Gardens: Year One

By Steven Falsetti

The inaugural year of the Martin Drive Community Gardens has been an overall success. Even though we suffered a few setbacks from chilly temperatures, a few plant-hungry critters and a touch of cucumber blight, the gardens ultimately transformed a formerly vacant space into a beautiful, welcoming and pleasant place.

Many neighbors have lent a hand throughout the summer and all their help was GREATLY appreciated. Without the help and vision of neighbors from the Martin Drive neighborhood, the addition of Community Gardens would have never transpired. Additionally, the benches built by Pat Mueller and transformed into incredible art pieces by Martin Drive residents add to the attractiveness of the green space.

This summer's harvest was bountiful. We grew sugar snap peas, kale, celery, peppers, tomatoes, carrots, beets, beans, melons, lettuce, cucumbers and a variety of herbs. In addition to four raised beds bursting with vegetables, two beds parallel to 46th street displayed a colorful assortment of flowers, many of which will return next year.

Hopefully, the Martin Drive Community Gardens will continue to flourish for years to come. A few goals for next year include building two more raised beds, garnering more involvement by residents and starting seedlings indoors during the winter months. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved. <>

RUMMAGE SALE! RUMMAGE SALE!

By Sharon Williams

A big "thank you" to all who participated and volunteered to make the MDNA Annual Rummage Sale both fun and profitable. Twenty-six neighbors brought their "stuff" out to their front lawns or garages. This year 46th Street had the most participants, but every street was involved.

We will be planning next summer's rummage in March/April. I could use some help making next year's sale even larger, so come to one of our monthly meetings and contact me, Sharon Williams. Rummage sales are a great incentive to get rid of your old items, make a little cash, and meet your neighbors. See you next year <>



ANNUAL MDN BLOCK PARTY

By Mary Andres

The first, and hopefully now annual, Martin Drive Neighborhood Block Party was held on July 25, 2009, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the MDNA Community Gardens on North 46th Street. Over 50 neighbors attended throughout the afternoon, enjoying a beautiful sunny day, while sharing great food and excellent music.

Our neighborhood block party kicked off with an "opening" of the Community Gardens (already in full bloom!), and strong words of appreciation for our community from our alderperson, Michael Murphy. A variety of music was provided by many of our own MDNA musician neighbors, both professional and aspiring.

There is nothing like food under the tent to bring people together. MDNA provided the grilled meat, buns and beverages, while neighbors brought a variety of food to share. From homemade delights to store-bought treats, a wonderful spread was enjoyed throughout the afternoon. A special treat was the beautiful cake provided by Eat Cake, our very own neighborhood specialty cake shop.

Children's activities included a watermelon eating contest, tours with the visiting city of Milwaukee firefighters on their fire engine, face painting and sidewalk chalk art.

The Neighborhood Block Party committee, all of the helping hands "staffing" the event, and all of the neighbors who attended made this party very special!

A final scene of the day was a team of 10 teens and adults "breaking down" the tents, holding the tent corners up high, as the poles were carefully removed. In many ways, this is like our neighborhood, all hands together for our common MDNA goal! <>



RENTERS ROCK

By Pat Mueller

On the City Channel and in our neighborhoods we sometimes hear, "Oh, they are just renters," referring to a group of people perceived to care less about the area they live in or perceived to be transient. I am here to tell you renters rock in the Martin Drive Neighborhood. (In alphabetical order by first name to show no favoritism)

Dan Sylvester – You may not have noticed the beautiful community flower garden and retreat on the east side of the apartment building at 4121 W. Martin Drive. Most of the design and maintenance of this tucked away sanctuary is Dan's handiwork, although many have contributed through the years. Considering the beauty of this space, and acknowledging that the garden is at least 10 years old, gives contradiction to the statement that renters are transient.

Eric Pennebaker and Raymond Duncan – Attend the monthly Third District Captains' Networking Sessions and are extremely dedicated to making our neighborhood safe. Eric's son, a business owner of Pennebaker Enterprises, a roofing company, sponsored the food for the May Community Involvement Event.

Joey Duncan – Joey is an MPD officer who graduated last year. He walks off duty in our neighborhood checking out street lights and watching out for our general safety.

Kim Jackson – Kim has lived in the neighborhood for about a year. She lived in another neighborhood for a while but returned because she liked the Martin Drive neighborhood. She has volunteered to prepare minutes for our monthly meetings and has been active in our planning sessions.

Mary Ellen Clegg – Through her employer, Staples, Mary Ellen donated over 200+ American Flags for a future neighborhood flag project we hope to do next year.

Raymond Duncan – I do not want to short change Raymond, because he has done many things - putting up bows and passing out flyers. I will give him most recognition for putting together our neighborhood listserve and his efforts in crime prevention. Raymond is now a new homeowner on 43rd Street.

Shirley Drake – She was an important part of a team of several people who planned the very successful neighborhood picnic. Shirley worked very hard on the Planning Committee making sure we stayed on task.

Steve Falsetti – Steve planned the design for our Community Gardens on 46th & Vliet Street and saw to it that neighbors helped build and plant the garden. He has spent many hours, tending to the garden and building community along the way. He made significant contributions to the last issue of the newsletter by writing articles and laying out the last edition. He also donated the wonderful Quodoba buffet for the Annual Meeting.

Waz from 43rd Street – Waz helped build the wood beds for the garden, helped create the neighborhood Martin Drive Mosaic Markers and helped with the neighborhood clean up. He pulled weeds from a distressed property, trimmed bushes and brought back at least six heavy bushels of mulch to finish off the project. Yes, we did have the owner's permission to do this. And yes, it caused at least one homeowner on the street to grin ear to ear after seeing the improvement made in the block.

I could go on because I can still think of others, but I will stop by just saying again -- Renters Rock in the Martin Drive Neighborhood! Thank you all for your contributions. <>



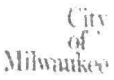
Enjoying the Annual MDN Block Party

HERE'S A THOUGHT

- ◆ The world is round so that friendship may encircle it.



TIDBITS

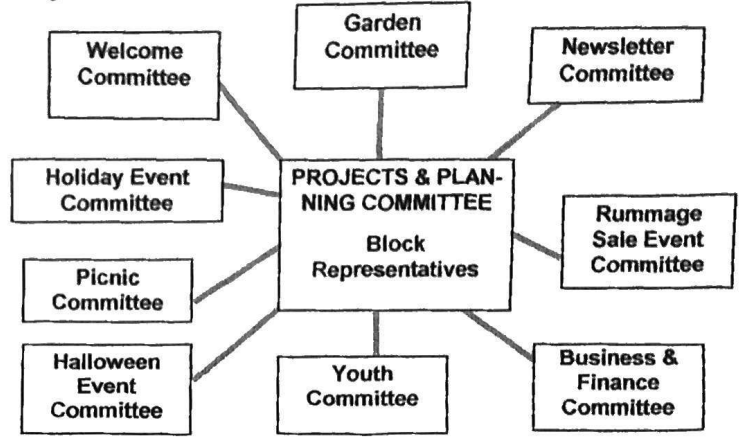


MILWAUKEE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

Martin Drive is one of seven Milwaukee Neighborhoods designated as part of the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative. The goal of Healthy Neighborhoods is to engage residents with tools to build neighborhood pride and increase real estate values.

Healthy Neighborhoods are places where it is abundantly clear that people love, are proud of, and are happy in their neighborhood. <>

This organizational chart reflects the changes recommended by the Planning Committee and agreed upon by the membership at the September 17, 2009, monthly meeting. **Note:** Lines are not reporting relationships, we all work together. 😊



Vliet Street Green Market & Flea Market Come Enjoy Healthy Family Fun - Produce is Abundant Now.

Purchase produce, honey, handmade soaps, jewelry and **Live entertainment**. Vliet Street Green Market wants to finish out the season with a little variety and modeled after European Markets. We are welcoming you to join the market. You could ...find bargains, adventures, or sell trash and treasures *and make a little ca\$h*

Sundays
Until October 18
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet St.

Starting October 4, Flea market vendors and arts and crafts vendors can bring a table, pitch a tent or throw out a blanket with their wares for \$5 for the market. Look for John who will register you and assign a vendor spot on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call Pat at 933-5589. Funded in part by the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative, NIDC & the GMF.

NEIGHBORHOOD ARTISTS EMBELLISH LEOPOLD BENCHES FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE By Amy Peterson

If you have been waiting for an opportunity to volunteer at the Martin Drive Community Gardens, this is a good time to do so. Thanks to the talented folks who live in the Martin Drive Neighborhood, we now have five unique and beautiful benches planted in the garden. You need to get close to admire them so don't be shy. Walk or drive over to 46th and Vliet, visit the garden and look at the benches. Thank you to the artists: Steve and Melanie Falsetti, Marlo Hill and Brad Bernard, Daunisha Robinson, and Shiela Kitchens, who contributed their time and talent to beautify the garden space. Special thanks to John Mueller who took some wood and nails to make Leopold style benches on short notice so we could have them ready for our First Annual Martin Drive Picnic.



If you have any interest in putting your mark on a bench next summer, call me at 750-1005 and I'll start a list in the hope that we can create an entire circle of benches. <>



The History of Washington Park

Part Two of a Three-Part Series

Part Two: The Zoo

By: Steven Falsetti

With the arrival of an elephant named Countess Heine, Washington Park transitioned from a Park to a Zoo. The Milwaukee Zoo was created in 1902, but the Zoo truly became an attraction during the summer of 1907 when an elephant arrived. An Indian elephant named Countess Heine arrived in Milwaukee via train and she was welcomed to the city, on the steps of the Pabst Brewery, by Colonel Gustave Pabst who presented her with a hay bale held together with a giant blue ribbon.

In 1912, four Polar bear cubs, captured on the coast of Greenland, were acquired by the Milwaukee Zoo. A few years later, the sole female Polar bear gave birth to the first Polar bear cub born in captivity. An unfortunate event occurred in 1920 when one of the Polar bears escaped from its enclosure and was shot and killed by a police officer while the bear was roaming along Vliet Street.

Polar bears were not the only animals that escaped from the Zoo, according to former zookeepers. After a visitor to the Zoo tossed a bench into the monkey island moat, several monkeys escaped and found their way into attics around the Martin Drive neighborhood. Current residents who lived in our neighborhood while the Zoo was housed in Washington Park claim that they could hear lions roaring at night and frequently smell potent Zoo odors.

Washington Park became an even more popular destination for Milwaukee residents in 1938, when Emil Blatz built an enormous band shell in the park. Concerts have been held and attended by Milwaukeeans in this band shell at the northwest end of Washington Park for over 70 years.

By the 1950s, the Zoo had outgrown its home in Washington Park, and was relocated to its present location in 1958. After the Zoo moved, the layout of Washington Park completely changed, as did the way residents used the Park, which will be touched on in the third and final part of this series.

Continued in Part 3:

Present Day Washington Park

SUMMARY OF MDN MINUTES

June 8, 2009 - Alderman Michael Murphy spoke to us concerning the city of Milwaukee budget. Resident concerns included garbage carts and taxing senior housing communities. Contact your state legislators.

Azeeza Islam, assistant art director for Milwaukee Public Theater, spoke about an upcoming All City People & Parade in our neighborhood August 8th.

Sharon reported the 2009 neighborhood rummage sale will be June 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Raymond, Annie, Bonnie and Tom volunteered to help with the flyers.

Marlo Hill and Shirley Drake will co-chair the neighborhood picnic in our Community Gardens. They will meet on Saturday, June 13

Steve Falsetti reported: we have a water hook for the garden, wood chips need to be used and moved, garden project update, youth assist in the garden and neighbors decorating seven Leopold benches.

The newsletter crew plans a September edition. Contributors should please contact Mary Andres.

Pat Mueller reported on: Greater Milwaukee Foundation, NIDC, the rebate program (31 applicants). A meeting of the Business & Finance Committee is scheduled for June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Pat Mueller's office.

Jim Fiala obtained information on the LAND rebate program.

Terry McCauley volunteered with Glenn to hang 500 American flags donated by Staples. Neighborhood dumpsters were scheduled. Kim Jackson volunteered to share the job of taking the minutes. Another volunteer is needed.

Pat Devitt made a motion to have a job description for each committee. After conversation, Sharon seconded that motion.

Small groups were unable to meet and encouraged to contact each other as needed for a planning.

Maggie called the meeting to an end at 8:00 p.m., with over 23 people in attendance. (continued on page 6)



Martin Drive Oral History and Documentary

The Martin Drive Neighborhood was selected by Urban Anthropology for inclusion in a cultural history project. You may be contacted for an interview to use in a documentary about the neighborhood. Some of the neighborhood documentaries have aired on PBS. Thanks to Terri Bartlett and Lynn Grages who worked on making this happen.



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July 13, 2009 - Marlo Hill started the meeting with an icebreaker, update of the neighborhood picnic.

Pat: reported on picnic fliers, a neighborhood police walk, the music series at the Washington Park Senior Center, photos for the neighborhood stimulus project and the Sunday green market,

Joseph Duncan, a police officer for the Milwaukee Police Department, reported on the following: MDN is a low crime area, safety procedures neighbors could take and the monthly Third District Community Networking Meeting at the Third District Station on Appleton and North Avenues.

Brad Bernard, artist, discussed a temporary working opportunity through the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative for an at-risk youth or student with special needs. The program will accept 25 applicants, one from each neighborhood from the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative. More information will be in the newsletter.

Raymond and Pat reported for the Planning Committee: Participation and inclusiveness. Communication methods for non-email folks about a possible new meeting structure.

Sharon reported: 30 participants for the Annual MD rummage sale.

Pat reported for Steve on the Community Gardens and the wood chips.

Amy stated there are three benches with two more coming. Bonnie Moscher volunteered to do a bench.

Terri reported for the Newsletter Committee: There will be three newsletters a year with informative fliers in between.

Lynne Grages reported on the Welcome Packet items and benefits. Neighborhood thoughts: "the neighborhood was peaceful."

Sylvia is looking for a garage on 44th Street. Twenty-five residents were present. <>

August 10, 2009 - Dave Weber, from the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative, which is sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, offered congratulations and spoke on the \$20,000 for a neighborhood project of our choosing. After much discussion, Pat Devitt made a motion, seconded by Al Siemsen, to spend the \$20,000 on a Dusk-to-Dawn Rudd light project for ceiling or wall fixture porch lights. Pat got an electrician quote. Terry offered to help Pat obtain two additional quotes

Jill Lackey from Urban Anthropology presented information about doing an oral history of Martin Drive residents. Jill produces a report that sometimes has culminated in a PBS documentary, which can be obtained from the Milwaukee Public Library.

Laura Sokol, the person who offered to redesign our website with the blessings of Dave Johnson, presented what she has accomplished to date and offered future plans. She has done a great job thus far!!

Marlo Hill reported on our successful First Annual Martin Drive Neighborhood Picnic. Discussion was offered on all aspects and picnics for the future.

Pat Mueller spoke: The Youth Arts Project, an eight-week after-school program, lead by Artist Brad Anthony Bernard, will run from October 5 – December 4, 2009. Twenty-four candidates will be interviewed and in order to align with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Milwaukee Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative, each of the eight hired apprentices will currently reside in one of each the designated neighborhoods.

Sharon Williams reported that the Planning Committee has a new structure and will have great things to report to us at the September 14 meeting.

Vicki Provencher and Kim Jackson have agreed to assume the shared responsibility of taking minutes at the monthly meetings effective immediately.

Other topics discussed: The need for block representatives, a neighborhood police walk, the Duncan Family Housewarming, and the Brew City Bruisers Appreciation night. <>

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACTS

42nd Street	Al & Betty Siemen	344-3846
43rd Street	Pat Mueller	933-5589
45th Street	Rod & Sandy Washington	444-9803
46th Street	Steve Falsetti	608-443-9337

Website: <http://www.martindrive.org>
 Blog: <http://martindrive.blogspot.com>
 Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Martin-Drive>



Martin Drive Neighborhood Presents
Spooktacular 2009
 Registration Form for Trick-or-Treat

16th Annual Night-time Trick-Or-Treat
 Friday October 30 – 7:30 to 8:30 pm

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

1. Contribute \$1 per child registered, and donate a bag of candy (150 to 200 pieces or more per family). If more than 4 children donate 2 bags of candy.
2. **Volunteer** your services if at all possible. (Safety Monitor, Deliver Treating Home Packs and 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	
Wednesday	Saturday
Oct 21 & 28	Oct. 24
6-8 pm	10 am to noon

Parent or Guardian name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Child's name:

1 _____	5 _____
2 _____	6 _____
3 _____	7 _____
4 _____	8 _____