

Summer 2010

Community Pie

By Amy Peterson



Dear Neighbors,

Community Pie: Where Everyone Gets a Piece of the Pie, a grassroots movement and creative effort to bring together youth, nature's bounty (fruit from trees in the Washington Park/Martin Dr. neighborhoods), and pie making as community building.

The core idea of Community Pies is to engage youth in harvesting unused/wasted fruit from the neighborhood and making fruit pies for community celebrations or to sell at the farmer's market. The project has great potential to connect different community assets.

We are asking for your help. Do you have a fruit tree that isn't harvested or rhubarb that goes unpicked? If the answer is yes, would you consider letting us know about it?

There will be a group of children, led by adult volunteers, doing a fruit tree assessment in Martin Drive and Washington Park neighborhoods. Those in the group will be wearing T-shirts that identify them. Please contact Amy Peterson at 414-750-1005, or at apetersonwi@gmail.com if you have the following: trees, bushes, or plants or if you simply love pie and want to help in any other way.

Apple, Peach, Mulberry, Pear, Raspberry, Blueberry, Rhubarb, Plums, Strawberry

It would be great to know what fruit lives in the neighborhood, regardless of whether or not it is used for Community Pie. Thank you and we invite you to share a piece of the pie! <>

7th Annual Martin Drive Neighborhood

RUMMAGE



SATURDAY

July 10, 2010

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Association will be posting signs and running advertising about the neighborhood sale. Be a seller/be a shopper, but don't miss out on the fun! Sign up by calling 933-6800 so you can get flags or balloons to advertise



How About A Picnic?

July 31 is the Second Annual Summer Sizzle, MDN Picnic. Want to help in the planning or on the day of the event? Contact Shirley 313-9476.

The Martin Drive Neighborhood is grateful to have been selected to participate in the Milwaukee Healthy Neighborhood Initiative and to receive funding through the City of Milwaukee, NIDC and Greater Milwaukee Foundation to support our projects and activities.



Greater Milwaukee
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July MDN Neighborhood Meeting

At Urban Ecology Center at Washington Park
July 12, 2010—6:30 p.m.
1859 N. 40th Street

Need a ride over, contact Pat at 933-5589

On the northeast side of Washington Park, there is a jewel located between the baseball field and the lagoon. The Urban Ecology Center (UEC) offers programs and activities for kids and adults six days a week. Come and see this amazing facility.

The remarkable center features a native Wisconsin Animal Room, home to native frogs, turtles and snakes. You can enjoy canoeing, fishing, hiking programs and a tree trek and nature guides. Tools, equipment like snow shoes, skates, fishing poles, and canoes can be borrowed by members of the UEC. Each year the UEC works to restore the lagoon by a process of modifying its banks to stop erosion of the shores. They have planted thousands of naturalized plants in the park and are planting fruit, vegetable, herb and edible landscapes. The continuing improvements added by UEC staff and volunteers is breathtaking.

This would be your chance to see this wonderful facility in our neighborhood and enjoy a beautiful park setting.

Simple Wish List for UEC@ Washington Park (Things you might have to donate)

- Adult & youth plain t-shirts and sweatshirts for silk-screening
- Bicycles, helmets & locks
- Gardening tools
- Globe
- Outdoor Paint (any color)
- Plastic storage bins with lids
- Stopwatches
- Trash grabber
- Yoga mats

MISSION STATEMENT

The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association, through programs and projects, will embrace and foster a sense of belonging and common purpose, resulting in a neighborhood that is beautiful, diverse, secure, and fun for everyone!

Wednesdays At The Shell

By Pat Mueller

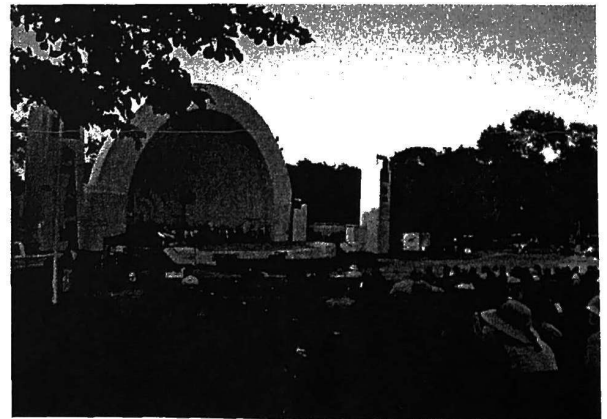
Milwaukee County Park and Neighborhoods United for Washington Park, with a little help from their friends (Washington Heights Neighborhood Association) has again raised enough support to sponsor two full months of musical Wednesdays at the Bandshell.

As you return home from a hectic day, grab your cooler and picnic basket, bring your lawn chairs and blankets, throw in a Frisbee and head over to the Shell. Do not forget to pick a week to invite your family, book club, that committee you chair, and friends to show off the best and most under-rated outdoor musical venue in Milwaukee. The more the merrier.

If your day is running late, do not fret because there will be room for you to spread out in the spacious park. If you do not have picnic paraphernalia, bring yourself and sit on the park benches or dance, dance, dance the night away.

The lineup of bands is as diverse as the neighborhoods surrounding Washington Park. Genres range from Jazz, Classical Chamber Music, Indie, Pop, Rock, Soul, Rhythm & Blues and Reggae.

On July 28th, the Brew City Bruisers will treat you and your family to grilled Clements hot dogs and picnic fare. They will also sponsor family activities such as roller skating, canoeing and fishing. Yes, they will have all the equipment for all those activities. On the last evening, August 25, Washington Park Partners will celebrate positive change and will provide storyboards from the planning session held earlier in the year. And, WPP will provide picnic fare while supplies last. Let me remind you, all this is FREE. <>

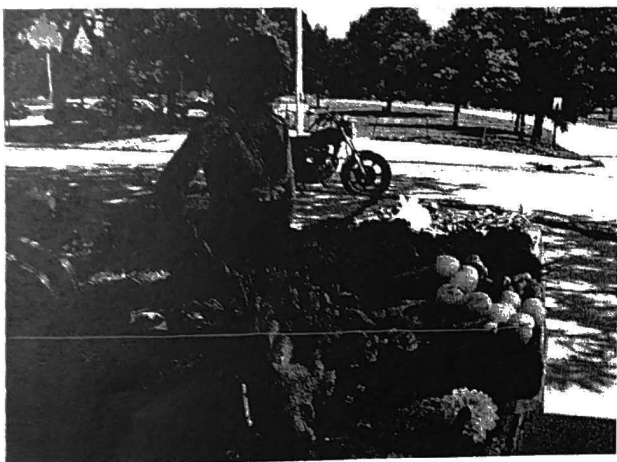


Sixth Annual Washington Bark Dog Day

By Pat Mueller

One thing I know for sure, my little pooch never ceases to put a smile on my face and lightness in my heart, no matter how hard the day. Now multiply that by 275 to 300 well-behaved pooches strutting their stuff, dressed to the nines, showing off tricks, flirting, marking their turf, and being blessed. Even the "dog-less" should come, for in knowing man's best friend, one can learn true unconditional love –something often in short supply. **Sunday, September 12**, Washington Park will ooze joy as doggie tails wag, painting a picture of total enjoyment and the moment. Pure doggie Zen, guaranteed to make you smile. There will be a blessing of the dogs, food, refreshments, lure coursing and more. The ever-famous doggie psychic, Jan Geldon, who performs only at Washington Bark Dog Day, will be present to give you insights into your dog's most inner consciousness.

September 12- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: the Washington Dog Day will take over the Bandshell. Remember humans are free but there is a charge of \$6 per dog, which includes a doggie goodie bag. Questions or want to volunteer? Call Pat at 933-5589. More information at milwaukeedogparks.org. This is a benefit for and staged by Neighbors United for Washington Park, ROMP, and the Urban Ecology Center. <>



Fresh, Flavorful Food, Crafts and Locally Grown Products Just Around the Corner

By Pat Mueller

Living green, living healthy and supporting the local economy all go hand-in-hand at this year's Vliet Street Community Green Market, each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 13 through mid-October. It is located in front of the Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W. Vliet Street, and ample parking is available.

The market features fresh, flavorful produce, unique artisan crafts, and entertainment – all from within a few miles of home. Scope out the market's produce vendors this year. Unlike area grocery stores that import produce from across the country and around the world, all of the market's produce vendors come from the area and bring the freshest, most flavorful produce for Westsiders. By purchasing your produce at the market, you will be supporting your neighbors and the community, and ensuring healthy, delicious meals for you and your family without paying for grocery store packaging and shipping. In addition to fresh produce, the Senior Center will host vendors like Milwaukee Pie



Sprout puts his soul into singing the Oldies and takes a prize at last year's Washington Bark Dog Day.



Madam Geldon, doggy psychic knows all and tells all. Photo by Pat Mueller

Kitchen, whose proprietor, Kathleen Utschig, will bring fresh mini pies and other baked goods for shoppers to enjoy.

Each week there will also be local entertainment. If this isn't enough to get you to the Vliet Street Community Green Market, consider your neighbors as incentive. Since moving to this neighborhood quite a few years ago, I have been impressed by the sense of support for the community and the bond and connection that it brings to our neighborhoods. I encourage you to get to know your neighbors, who are also the vendors at the Market. Please follow the Vliet Street Community Green Market's blog, (<http://vlietstreetfarmersmarket.blogspot.com/>), which will feature articles about each vendor throughout the season. Be our friend on Facebook and encourage your friends to be our friends. That will help spread the good word about the Market and will ensure more community support.

Small farmers markets struggle with the same problems of all small local businesses. This spring I attended a conference on organizing farmers markets presented by the organizer of the State Fair Winter Market. I learned many things that will improve the market and make it a vital part of our neighborhood's summer economy. Vliet Street Green Market has a dynamic location and amazing local vendors who are passionate about their products, art and entertainment, and are begging for your business and support.

LITTLE BITS OF INFO:

By Pat Mueller

- July 31 is the Second Annual Summer Sizzle, MDN Picnic. Want to help in the planning or on the day of the event? Contact Shirley 313-9476.
- Mary Mussel of Martin Drive has successfully completed a 6-week course with the MPD Citizens Academy. She graduated with honors on June 3.
- Martin Drive Apartment and Block Watch Rep Extraordinaire, Eric Pennebaker, has been walking the neighborhood on a daily basis watching out for our security and safety.
- Twenty-five neighbors had their porch lights replaced to light up the night in the Martin Drive Neighborhood, thanks to the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative.
- Video filming has begun on a neighborhood video. Maybe we can pull off a movie night at the community garden soon.
- Keep your sights on 46th & Juneau as the corner house receives major renovations and the landscape on the dead-end is revitalized.
- August 22 will be the first MD Neighborhood Open House Tour. Housing Resources Inc. and MD residents will help sell the neighborhood to potential homeowners by helping with the tour. Interested in helping? Call Pat at 933-5589.
- Are you trying to stretch your food budget? We are working with Pick-N-Save and a Food Pantry and have access to P-N-S bakery. Let me know if you want to be on a list to receive bakery. Call Pat at 933-5589.

MARTIN DRIVE COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Steven Falsetti

As many neighbors may have already noticed, things are happening at the Martin Drive Community Garden on 46th Street. Many of the perennial flowers from last year are reestablished. Tulips brightened up the garden bed near the fence and most of the vegetables have been planted (kale, broccoli, eggplant, collards, peas, beets, lettuce, etc.).

Some great additions were constructed early this spring with the aid of helpful neighbors and friends. Two trellises were added to existing raised beds so that flowering vines and sugar snap peas are able to climb, spread out and add a vertical "wow" factor to our garden. Additionally, a bed of asparagus and a raspberry patch were put in along the fence at the back of the garden.

On Saturday May 22nd a group of family and friends came together to construct two more raised beds in the garden. After completing the project, volunteers held a BBQ at the garden and we projected a movie on screen. Look for more outdoor movie nights this summer.

A BIG shout out to Dave, Sharon and John on the 1300 block of 46th Street for cutting the lawn at the garden location - it is a hefty job and we appreciate your years of pitching in to ensure that our neighborhood looks great.

The next garden day will be Saturday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. Any amount of time volunteering helps the site remain beautiful and bountiful. Just stop by to do a little weeding, watering and upkeep. Make sure to look out for chalkboard signs on 46th and 45th Street this summer indicating upcoming garden events. Also feel free to stop by and chat if you ever see "The Garden Guy" working or strolling through the garden. Look forward to seeing you all this summer and meeting many of you!

THERE IS SAFETY IN NUMBERS.

It is always better to go out in a group of trusted friends than it is to walk alone. Whenever possible, have at least one other person walk with. If it is just not possible to have a "buddy" then stick to well populated, busy areas. Avoid hidden trails and short cuts through secluded areas or lanes that are not well traveled. Stay in well lit areas where there is traffic and other people on foot.

Walk with the light.

Stay in well lit areas. Do not walk in dark parking lots, dark alleys, dark lanes, dark trails. A well lit path in a well populated area is your safest route, even if it takes a bit longer. Is your personal safety worth risking for a few saved minutes?

Night visibility for Safety Keep your head up and look confident.

Your posture makes all the difference in how you are perceived by a potential attacker. If looking down, seeming distracted or afraid you are more likely to become a target. An attacker sees you as an easy mark when your body language tells him/her that you are fearful. Keep your head up, be aware of your surroundings and keep your gaze fixed at nose level.

Do not shut yourself off from the rest of the world.

A long walk can be boring and it is tempting to ease the yawn factor by wearing a headset and listening to music. This is just not a good idea because headphones cut you off from your surroundings and make it very easy for an attacker to sneak up on you. When walking alone keep your headset off - save the tunes for when you are safely on well populated public transportation.

Check-Out Martin-Drive on the Internet

By Raymond Duncan

Do you use Facebook? Do you want to be connected with neighbors and friends online? On Facebook, we have a page for Martin Drive. www.facebook.com You can submit pictures, hear about coming events, and talk to neighbors anytime.

Are you on the list to receive e-mail? You should be receiving e-mail from your neighbors which has [Martin-Drive] in the subject. **If you are not on the e-mail list just give your e-mail to raymond.duncan@gmail.com to sign up.** You will get e-mail updates this summer on events in Martin Drive such as farmer's market, picnic, dumpster in the neighborhood, concerts in Washington Park, and more. All these events and important links are at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Martin-Drive/>

If you want to send an e-mail out to a particular group:

Projects and Programming:
MDNAPandP@yahoogroups.com (Projects & Monthly Meeting)

Block Representatives:
MDNAREps@yahoogroups.com (Block Representatives)

Summer Picnic Event:
MDNAPicnic@yahoogroups.com (Summer Picnic)

We are also on Wikipedia. Search for "Martin Drive, Milwaukee" <>

Martin Drive Neighborhood Block Reps

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 Sharon Williams 933-6800
- Martin Drive Apartments**
 Eric Pennebaker 313-9861
- McKinley Court**
 Mary Andres..... 344-3970
- 42nd Street**
 Betty & Al Siemsen 344-3846v
- 43rd Street (Juneau to Vliet)**
 Raymond Duncan 294-3828
 Vicki Provencher 828-8250
- 43rd Street (Martin to Juneau)**
 Amy Peterson 750-1005
- 44th Street (Juneau to Vliet)**
 Volunteer Needed
- 44th Street (Martin to Juneau)**
 Linda & Pat Devitt 344-1019
- 45th Street (Juneau to Vliet)**
 Rod & Sandy Washington 763-8848
 Maggie & Tom Blaha..... 344-0688
- 45th Street (Martin to Juneau)**
 Kathy McCauley 517-9797
 Tom Gillard 688-3185
- 46th Street (Juneau to Vliet)**
 Steve Falsetti 608-443-9337
- 46th Street (Martin to Juneau)**
 Terry McCauley..... 588-5551
 Volunteer Needed
- 46th Street (Martin to State)**
 Bonnie Morscher 339-0731
- Vliet Street & Business Rep**
 Pat Mueller 933-5589

June 2010

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- 12 - Blooming Blocks Curb Appeal Project—Plant treelawns
- 12—Dumpster Clean Up Day
- 13 - Vliet Street Farmers Market Every Sunday 11-3
- 14 - Martin Drive Monthly Meeting

- 7 — Wed's Music At the Shell—Terry Simms Band
- 12 - MDN Monthly Meeting @ Urban Ecology Center
- 14 Concord Chamber Orchestra
- 21 Christopher's Project
- 28 Barettes, et al, free picnic food at Bandshell
- 31 Summer Sizzle Picnic Party at Community Garden

- 4 AhVantsoul Concert @ Bandshell
- 7 Dumpster Clean Up Day
- 9- Monthly meeting at WPSC
- 11 Paul Spencer Band
- 18 King Solomon
- 22 MDN Home Tour
- 25—Johnny Rawls—free picnic food at bandshell

Vliet Street Green Market runs from 11am to 3pm every Sunday, June 13 to October 10.