



NHS-MILWAUKEE

MARTIN DRIVE

NEIGHBORHOOD

NEWS

Dedicated to the Preservation and Growth of this Neighborhood

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MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD FUND UPDATE

This year the Martin Drive Neighborhood has been included as a Community Block Grant area, which will mean more funds for the improvement of our neighborhood.

In '93, 13 residents received rebates, 5 residents completed paint projects, 6 home improvement loans totaling \$50,000 were given and 1 home purchase loan was made available through Neighborhood Housing Services-Milwaukee. This year \$5,000 is allocated for improvements for the neighborhood, and it is possible more could be allocated if Martin Drive shows it's interested in improving the neighborhood. To date, 14 residents have signed up for '94 funds, so plan now to take advantage. Don't wait and miss out. If you were a recipient last year, you are eligible again this year.

See page 2 for services and benefits available. □ □ □ □

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS Mark your calendar for upcoming neighborhood events!

- ◆ May 16 -- 6:30 p.m. - Washington Park Senior Center.
- ◆ June 11 -- First Neighborhood Wide Rummage Sale.
- ◆ August 13 -- Second Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up.

"Sell it in June" or "Toss it in August." If you are planning on having a rummage sale this summer, plan on

June 11 for the date. The neighborhood will be placing ads in the Milwaukee Journal and Community Newspapers and will place signs to attract buyers. We would also like to organize residents with vans or trucks to take unwanted but useful items to Goodwill after the sale.



See p. 2 for information on how to get free paint, rebate\$ for improving your home or loan\$.

The Neighborhood clean-up last year was a huge success. Not only was a lot of hard work and improvement accomplished but after the event neighbors had a chance to meet

neighbors, share talk of their accomplishments and share food and beverage. After all that hard work the food was great and the company even better.

At this year's cleanup (planned for August 13) we will have four dumpsters placed throughout the neighborhood . . . 42nd, 44th, 46th and Juneau and 42nd & McKinley. (Yes, 42nd & McKinley we didn't forget you this year.) It will be run just like last year. We will meet at 9 a.m., arm ourselves with rakes, brooms and trash bags and start cleaning up. Volunteers will be needed to assist in moving heavy items and possibly the use of a pick-up to transport old tires to the city dump location. □ □ □ □

WARM WEATHER AHEAD - We will all agree that we are happy to see the end drawing near to one of the worst winters in many years. Warm weather brings more opportunity for crime and vandalism.

CPTED - All Milwaukee Police officers are trained in Crime Prevention through environmental design (CPTED). Call Crime Prevention Officer Frank Kleiman (935-7733) to have an officer walk through your property to advise you how to make your property safer. Maybe your block club wants to have an officer survey the entire block for ideas. Many solutions cost little.

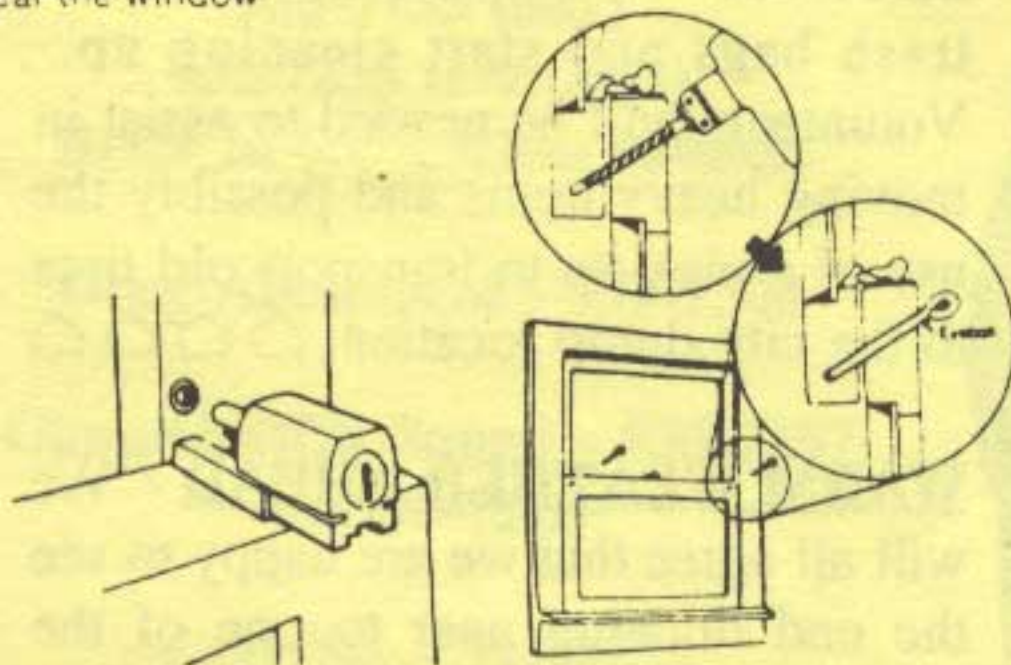
Spring Cleaning - Are you anxious to open windows and give your house a good airing out after the long



winter? First floor and basement windows are an easy target for burglars to enter your home. First floor windows should have locks so they cannot be opened more than 3-4". Basement windows should have some protection in the form of bars, plexiglass or glass block. Glass block windows for the basement are perfect for security, are attractive, allow more light in your basement and are eligible for a rebate from NHS.

Windows

Special key locks for double hung windows can be purchased at reasonable prices. These locks require keys and pose a hazard in case of emergency exit. Everyone in the household must know where the key is located, but it should not be kept near the window.

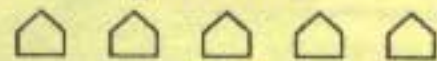


We recommend pinning the windows. This can be easily done by drilling an angled hole through the top frame of the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window. Eye bolts or nails can then be inserted into the holes.

Use Lighting To Its Best Advantage - Install photosensitive lighting over all entrances. Backyards should be well illuminated. Wisconsin Electric Power can install low pressure sodium lighting in your back yard. Cost runs about \$6.05 - \$6.65 per month depending on wattage of light installed. If it is necessary to install a pole there would be an additional monthly charge of \$2.05. Lighting could illuminate more than one backyard and cost could be shared with your neighbor. (Contact Steve Weslowski at Wisconsin Electric Power, 449-3015 to arrange.)

Landscape - Keep bushes around windows and doorways well trimmed and cut away from the ground to discourage a person hiding under or behind them.

Graffiti - Graffiti is a crime as well as an eyesore and a means for gangs to communicate. With warmer weather, we can expect to see more. Be responsible to clean graffiti from your own property. Not removing graffiti is an invitation for more. The Martin Drive Neighborhood has a graffiti squad that has a goal of ridding the graffiti in 24 hours. **If you need advice on products to use to remove graffiti, or if you are physically unable to remove the graffiti, contact Frank Kopenski at 933-3066.**



NHS REBATES AND SERVICES

Loans & Grants -- NHS offers purchase loans and assistance and home repair loans. If you're a renter and thinking about buying, inquire about NHS's home buyer seminars.

Rebate Program -- Are you thinking about: glass block windows, installing a fence, porch/step repairs, landscaping, grass planting, roof repairs, gutters, etc.? NHS may be able to help you with their rebate program.

If you are considering doing exterior painting, security or energy efficiency improvements to your property, please contact NHS-Milwaukee. **Couldn't you use a 50% rebate up to \$250 to make these improvements?**

Free Paint -- The NHS paint pro-

gram offers free Sherwin Williams paint for exterior painting of your home. You can even select the colors. **Painting your home can increase or decrease its value.**

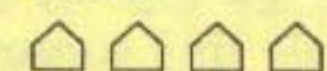
Construction Advice -- NHS construction specialist, Tom White, offers advice on reputable contractors and methods of improving your property. He has many years of experience which comes free to you. Contact him now to plan your 1994 project. He may offer low cost suggestions you may not have considered.

Tool Loan Center -- A wide variety of power tools, lawn and garden equipment, ladders, woodworking equipment, appliance dollies, etc. are available at the NHS Tool Loan Center at 2318 S. KK. Fees of \$25 for 8 visits or \$ 5 for a single visit will be charged. Tools can be borrowed for two day periods and more than one tool can be borrowed at a time. If you need a tool and don't want to go out and buy it, call **744-8080** to see if one is available for loan.

Before beginning any project, contact NHS to see if it qualifies for a rebate. Plan 1994 Home Improvements or Home Purchase NOW!!

For information on NHS programs, call or write:

**Mike Hogan
NHS-Milwaukee
405 E. Lincoln
Milwaukee, WI 53207
744-8080**





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Judy Dunlap, Bank Manager
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Eligible Properties: 1 and 2 family properties located within the immediate neighborhood of the borrower. (Immediate neighborhood is defined generally as within a four block radius)

Maximum Property Value: \$50,000 single family ☐, \$65,000 2 family ☐ ☐

Whether you're interested in making an investment into the Martin Drive Neighborhood as a first time homebuyer, or a further commitment to this neighborhood, Firststar can assist you in accomplishing your goal.

For information on the Firststar "First-Time Homebuyer" Program, the Firststar "Buy In Your Neighborhood Program" or the City of Milwaukee's Buy In Your Neighborhood Program, call **Firststar Home Mortgage Corporation at 454-6202 or Firststar Bank, 52nd and North Avenue at 444-9408.** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

LANDLORD TRAINING PROGRAM

- The City of Milwaukee has a Landlord Training Program for anyone interested in purchasing property for investment or currently owning investment property. The 5 hour seminar titled "Keeping illegal activity out of rental property. Learn to use a process that is legal, simple, and fair." includes a 100 page manual and is **free** of charge.

If you own rental property, or are considering an investment purchase in our neighborhood, this is a valuable tool for managing that investment.

The next session will be:

Sat. April 23 - 9:00 PM Sign-In
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Program
Milwaukee Police & Fire Academy
6680 N. Teutonia Avenue

While there is no charge, advance registration is required. Call **Karin Long, Department of Building Inspection, 286-2954** to register or inquire about other future dates. ☐



In the heart of Milwaukee neighborhoods are Houses of Prayer



Some good news for you ... God is our help in times of trouble. Feel free to call on your neighbor. Barb, 344-4735.



Are You Interested in Learning About:

NHS-Milwaukee's accomplishments in the Martin Drive Neighborhood in the past year?

NHS services and rebates and loans that are available to you as a resident?

Safety and other issues revolving around Washington Park?

Please attend an informational Neighborhood and Park Watch Meeting

Date: May 16, 1994

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Washington Park Senior Center

**INSURING
Your Future**

By Anne Landre

Community Insurance
Information Center
CIIC



WHEN TO FIND ANOTHER AGENT

Q: I moved from Green Bay to Milwaukee two years ago. My insurance agent in Green Bay is an old family friend and I have been reluctant to change to a new, local agent for that reason. However, living more than 100 miles away does make it hard to conduct business. Other than the inconvenience and expense of keeping up this long distance arrangement, are there any other reasons to switch to someone closer to my new home?

A: Inconvenience and expense are two good reasons to consider finding a local agent, but for reasons you may not have thought about.

Your insurance agent is a professional advisor, much like an accountant or a banker. If you only contact your agent to conduct actual business such as reporting a change in cars, you may be short-changing yourself. Do you find yourself hesitating to call your agent with a simple question

about your insurance just because it would mean a long distance phone call? If so, you are robbing yourself of valuable service and advice—advice that could save you money and frustration if you wait until after a loss to discover that your simple question should not have been put off.

With the price of insurance rising, it is more important than ever that you take full advantage of the services you're paying for. Your agent in Green Bay will certainly understand your desire to establish ties to your local community. In fact, your current agent may be able to help arrange a transfer of business to someone in Milwaukee. The Community Insurance Information Center also operates an Agency Referral Program that can provide you with names of local agents to contact.

Submit your question(s) in writing to CIIC, 744 N. 4th St., Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call the Consumer Helpline listed below (Mon.-Fri. 9 am-4:30 pm).

Can We Talk? You bet!



Community Insurance
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291-5360

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSETS This neighborhood has many assets. . . we have very affordable housing, a convenient location accessible to downtown and expressways and bus lines for quick transportation, a crime rate considerably lower than the rest of the City, strong neighborhood business partners like Miller Brewing Company and Harley Davidson, a committed and responsive Alderman, Michael Murphy, and an active and effective group of residents who are involved in block watch and NHS and communicating with each other. With these assets and continued dedication we should see '94 with even bigger accomplishments. ◻ ◻

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED Thanks to everyone who helped make '93 a success. This includes everyone who has spent time working on any of the committees, the newsletter, the clean-up, the graffiti committee and those who have taken their time to attend the NHS meetings. And also the companies and individuals who have advertised in the newsletter. ◻ ◻ ◻ ◻

COWSA MOBILE WATCH PROGRAM Cooperative West Side Association has a mobile watch program and is looking for volunteers. Being a volunteer requires approximately 4 hours per month (2 nights, 2 hour shifts). You can be a driver, rider, or based at home during that period. You can be paired with people in this neighborhood, so you will know the people you are with. And, you can patrol just this neighborhood if you like. Please call Ethyl Massey at 344-0454 COWSA for information on volunteering. ◻ ◻ ◻ ◻

MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDELINES

This is our neighborhood. The quality of life in our neighborhood depends on mutual respect and concern.

1. Keeping your own property up will encourage your neighbors to do the same.
2. Graffiti, drugs and gangs cannot be tolerated in our neighborhood.
3. Noise is an intrusion. Please use common sense and be especially aware after 10:00 p.m.
4. Please refrain from using car horns in non-emergencies, and ask your guests and visitors to do the same.
5. Remember the speed limit on residential streets is 25 MPH.
6. If your pet spends time outside, please be sure to clean up after it, whether in your yard or someone else's; dogs should be leashed, fenced or supervised.
7. Landlords who do not live in the area need to keep their property in a safe and presentable condition.
8. Children need to be supervised at all times to help them learn respect for adults, the law, and their property as well as the property of others.
9. Remember this is your neighborhood and it is made up of people. Get to know your neighbors. Do your part to watch out for them, and they in turn will watch out for you.

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Contact: Troy Bjorklund or Siri Johnston
4131 W. Martin Drive #301
342-5111



REDUCE CRIME IN THE MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD (Cut out these numbers and keep them on hand.)

Third District Police Station
4715 W. Vliet

Emergency phone: 911

Non-Emergency: 933-4444

Foot Patrol Officers
Kurt LeRoy/Jeff Micklitz
Best time to reach is 2-4 pm daily,
when they are in the station.
935-7733 (day)
935-7235 (evenings)
Refer to 633A when calling.

Drug Abatement - 931-7300

Gang/Graffiti Squad - 935-7257
or 935-7528

COWSA - 344-0454

Park Watch - 257-6100

ACTIVE BLOCK CLUBS CUT CRIME Let's keep our block watch clubs active. Plan a meeting. Keep the communication going. Participate in your block's meetings. Report suspicious activities or crime to your block watch captain, so they can keep others informed of activities to watch out for. We need to join together to fight crime and watch out for our neighbors. It sounds corny but it works.



Block Watch Captains

Martin Drive

Pat Mueller 933-5589

Highland Blvd.

Volunteer We need you.

42nd/McKinley

Steve Baumann 342-2994

Betty and Al Siemsen 344-3846

43rd Street

Volunteer We need you.

44th Street S of Juneau

Ellen Pizer Kupersmith 344-0990

44th Street N of Juneau

Pat Sieloff 933-3013

45th Street

Maggie Blaha 344-3584

Dave Johnson 344-6839

46th Street

Beth Milhans 344-9187



1994 Bicycle Rodeo at Washington Park
Saturday, June 11 - 10 AM - 2 PM (rain or shine)



For kids of all ages (even adults)!! Bicyclists may register their bikes, purchase a new bike license, practice riding on a specially designed bike course and enjoy refreshments and prizes. Learn bike safety and rules of the road. Assistance will be available to help adjust and repair bikes. This year bike licenses are up for renewal. Purchase your four year license at a cost of \$5 at this event sponsored by Milwaukee Police Department Crime Prevention. Call 933-7733 for more information.

