



# Martin Drive

# News

# Neighborhood

Dedicated to the Preservation and Growth of this Neighborhood

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**ANNUAL SURVEY SCHEDULED FOR SAT. MAY 6** For the last three years, neighborhood residents have met early in spring to survey our neighborhood in an effort to identify deteriorating properties and ensure the standards we have set in our neighborhood are maintained. The neighborhood is surveyed and each property is reviewed for paint, general repair, landscape, and building code violations. This year we will be working with Dennis Barrish, NHS's Building Inspection Liaison. Poor properties will be noted. Friendly letters will go out to the property owners requesting that repairs be made and providing information on where to go for help and resources available. Please keep your property in a safe and presentable condition. Keep up the good work.



**NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS** Mark your calendar for upcoming events!

- ◆ **May 8 -- 6:30 p.m. Washington Park Senior Center.** Town Hall Meeting. Representative **Antonio Riley**, Alderman **Michael Murphy**, County Supervisor **Lynne DeBruin**, CPO **Frank Kleiman** and **Tony Brenza** Department of City Development - Graffiti Task Force will be available to answer questions and hear resident concerns.
- ◆ **June 3 -- Third Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up.**

**MARTIN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD OUTSTANDING DISTRICT BLOCK CLUB OF THE YEAR** Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1995 the Martin Drive Block Club was honored at a reception at the Milwaukee Police Academy. Neighborhood residents accepted an award from Mayor John



**Keeping your own property up will encourage others to do the same. Get free paint, rebate\$ for improving your home or loan\$ through NHS-Milwaukee.**

Norquist and Chief of Police Philip Arreola for outstanding community service in crime prevention.

When we started the Martin Drive Council in 1993 we identified a major goal to establish block watch captains on every block in the Martin Drive

Neighborhood . . . by late 1994 we reached that goal. The Martin Drive Council made up of block captains and interested neighbors meet monthly on the third Monday of each month. Neighborhood concerns and resolutions are discussed and frequently our NHS representative, Mike Hogan, and public officials attend and respond to our concerns. While we are serious and dedicated we do have a little fun at the meetings too and some friendships and respect have been gained in the last two years. Anyone is welcome to attend. Contact your Block Captain or a Council Member for details.

**NHS HELPS RESIDENTS FUND HOME IMPROVEMENT** NHS-Milwaukee has been involved in our neighborhood since '93. NHS has made a commitment to stabilize and improve our neighborhood. As a resident in the Martin Drive Neighborhood you may be eligible for:

- ✓ Grants and low interest loans for downpayment assistance to help you own your own home.
- ✓ Rebates of 50%, up to \$250 on home repairs.
- ✓ Free exterior paint.
- ✓ Grants for home improvements.
- ✓ Free expert construction advice.
- ✓ Low interest energy conservation loans. NHS-Milwaukee also has a tool loan program and tools for home improvement and landscape are available for use. Contact our neighborhood director, **Mike Hogan**, at the south side NHS office **744-8080**. △

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**Graffiti** - You may not realize it but several very dedicated volunteers from our neighborhood are making it a mission to remove graffiti in our neighborhood. Thank you to **Frank Kopinski, Beth & Dale Milhans, Eileen Harms** and all others for your efforts. Thank you to Alderman Murphy who had the graffiti removed from the Milwaukee Nut Company on Vliet Street. Why don't you take the time to stop in at the Nut Company, and let him know we appreciate that the neighborhood looks better.

While our graffiti is not gang-related but simply "taggers" (kids leaving their mark), and while it may seem like a harmless prank, it is a devastating invasion to those whose property is violated in this way. **Parents, please talk to your children**, explain to them how this prank hurts innocent people and costs the City, businesses, and property owners millions of dollars annually. Parents, explain that graffiti is a **crime punishable by fines ranging from \$500 to \$5,000**. The State holds parents accountable for damage done by their minor children. Remember you may be required to **pay** their fine.

**If you have been victimized by graffiti or need to report graffiti for removal please call the Graffiti Hotline 286-8715.**



**NOISE IS AN INTRUSION** -- *By Bill Ford, who has been successful in resolving noise problems on his street.* Noise from home stereos, car stereos and car horns are the three most common problems. When noise from a home stereo or party is an issue, use your discretion and determine whether the individuals are approachable or not. Don't take any chances and don't try to be reasonable more than once.

Noise in itself is not a probable cause for searching a residence. However, if a complaint is issued, the residents must be interviewed by the responding officer. If, while speaking to the residents, the officer can see, hear, or smell evidence of illegal activity, a search can be made. This often results in more serious charges being filed against the offending party.

In the case of horn-honking or car stereos, keep a written record of license plate numbers and/or models, makes and colors of cars. Include dates and times of activities. Document what residences are involved with the cars and get physical descriptions of the people. Cars without plates present identification problems; however, not having plates is a probable cause for search. Depending on the seriousness or recurrence of the problem, an officer can confiscate the sound system from a car as evidence in court proceedings.

In all types of noise complaints, the offending parties are often found to have outstanding warrants. This causes offenders additional problems including probable cause for search and incarceration.

You have to be willing to work with the police and especially your foot patrolman. Giving your name and address when calling is important. Anonymous calls do nothing to build a case. Every time a call is made a computer record is kept which can be used in court as evidence. When several pages of these are presented it is very helpful.

You can request that a squad not come to your door, and your foot patrolman will do his best to keep your identity unknown to the offenders.

All of this being said, you may have to sign a complaint and face the noisemakers in court. The alternative is to send the message that they can do whatever they want.



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Real Estate Broker  
**MIKE POSNANSKI**  
(414) 342-6442

MARTIN DR. NEIGHBORHOOD  
REPRESENTATIVE





**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.

The success of this group depends on the collaborative efforts of the residents working with the police department and our elected official. Please keep these phone numbers on hand.

**Martin Drive Council**

**Martin Drive**

Pat Mueller - 933-5589

**42nd Street**

Betty & Al Siemsen - 344-3846

**43rd Street**

Katrina Knight - 933-0272

Barb Roos - 342-1856

**44th N. of Juneau**

Pat Sieloff - 933-3013

Bill Ford - 344-5627

**44th Street S. of Juneau**

Jackie Jones - 933-0355

Linda & Pat Devitt - 344-1019

**45th Street**

Maggie & Tom Blaha - 344-3584

**46th Street**

Beth Milhans - 933-6777

Bonnie Kuenning - 933-3776



**Government Officials**

**Alderman - 16th Aldermanic District**

**Michael Murphy**  
 (City Hall) 286-3763  
 Night 286-2150  
 (Home Office) 774-5440

**Milwaukee County Supervisor**

**Lynne D. De Bruin - (Court-house)** 278-4223  
 (Home Office) 778-0515

**Mayor of Milwaukee**

**John O. Norquist** 278-2200

**Congressman - 5th Congressional District**

**Tom Barrett** 297-1331

**State Senator**

**Gary R. George** (608) 266-2500

**State Representative**

**Antonio Riley**  
 (State Capitol) (608)266-0645  
 (Home Office) 933-0530

**School Board Director** 475-8393

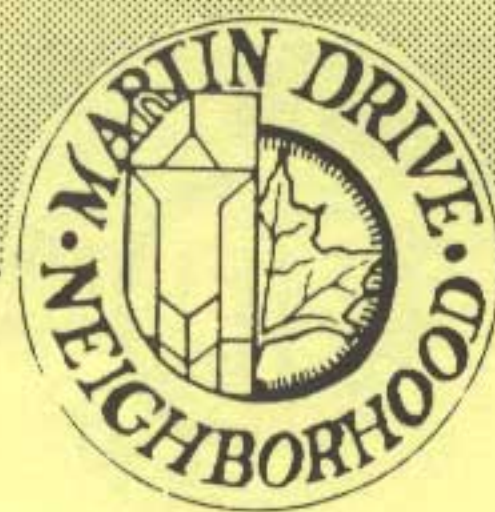
**David DeBruin** 778-0515

**Other Important Numbers**

**Crime Prevention District #3** 935-7733

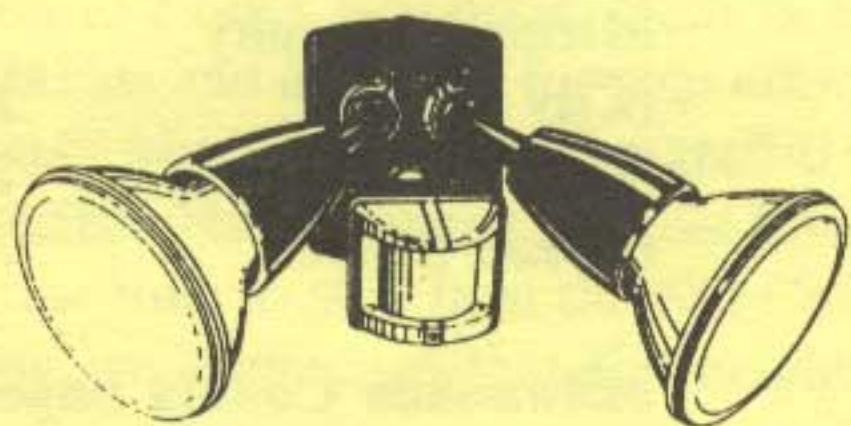
**NHS Office/ Tool Loan Center** 744-8080



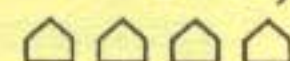


## Outdoor Lighting

Lighting is one of the best, and most cost-effective, deterrents to burglary. Indoor lighting gives the impression a home or business is occupied and outdoor lighting eliminates hiding places. According to many crime prevention officers, about nine out of ten burglars will choose not to enter a building that is well lit.



**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.)**



**HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLEAN-UP NOTICES** - Have you ever been disturbed by a neighborhood property because the property owner or tenant failed to keep the property clean? The Martin Drive Council now has the ability to issue exterior Health Department clean-up notices. If you feel there is a property on your block that is in violation, work with your block watch captain to report the property and have the matter brought to the monthly council meeting. We will look at the property, make sure it is in violation and work with the property owner. Letters and notices will go out from the Martin Drive Neighborhood Council, your name will not be mentioned.

Exterior Health Department Clean-up Notices can be issued requesting: *✓Removal of garbage/rubbish from yard* *✓Removal of tires to Self-Help Station* *✓Removal of yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, branches) to Self-Help Station* *✓Request special garbage pickup for old furniture, mattresses etc* *✓Removal of junk vehicle(s) or place in fully enclosed garage.*

**Self-Help** stations are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7am to 3pm; Tuesday and Thursday 7am to 7pm; Saturday 8am to 4pm and Sunday 10am to 2pm. Proof of city residence (a driver's license) is required. For further info call 286-2341. Locations include: 3811 W. Lincoln Ave. and 6723 N. Industrial Road.



**WASHINGTON PARK EVENTS: United Tennis Club Summer Program** - A program for children ages 4-6 and 7-17 will run June 19 - August 11th at Washington Park. Lessons will be give Mon-Thurs and tennis matches will be held on Friday. Fee \$12. Loaner equipment is available. Registration: Saturday June 10th & 19th, 9:30 am to noon at tennis courts.

**Playground 2000 - Summer Day Camp Program** will run June 19 - July 28, 10am to 4pm for children ages 8-12. The fee is \$15. Register through Milwaukee Public Schools, Lunch provided by Social Development Committee. The program includes tutoring (reading & math) swimming lessons, games. etc.

**LIGHT RAIL** - Currently the Department of Transportation is conducting a Transportation Study to determine the future of our transportation system. They are studying the feasibility of a light rail transit system, modernizing our freeways (built in 1957), expanding bus service, maintaining our existing system, adding special lanes for vehicles with multi-passengers. Interestingly, the proposed map for the light rail goes right through this neighborhood. . . along Highland Boulevard and down the Miller Valley by State Street. What do you think? The consulting group preparing this study is interested in meeting with neighborhood groups.

