



Martin Drive Neighborhood News



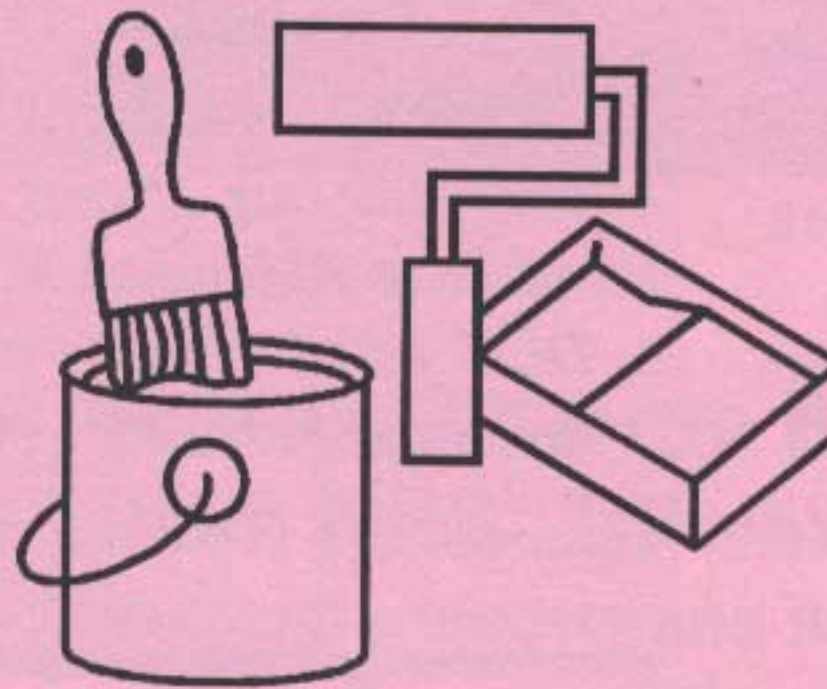
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Free Exterior Paint Rebates Up to \$250 Available

The Martin Drive Neighborhood will again be able to take advantage of the NHS Paint and Rebate Programs. Now is the time to plan your exterior paint project or summer home improvement project. Exact program details will be available soon. You can receive free, high quality exterior paint and primer. You can receive rebates of up to \$250 on projects like landscape, porch repairs, concrete work, gutter work, fences, insulation, glass block windows, etc. Improvements must be to the exterior of your home, for energy efficiency or increased security purposes. NHS's construction specialist must look at the project before you begin. He will estimate the amount of paint you will need and help you with details like providing a list of reputable contractors. Take advantage of this wonderful offer. There are more funds this year and are on a first come first serve basis. Applications will be accepted starting May 15th. Call NHS-Milwaukee at 449-9705.



Free paint for the exterior of your home is available through NHS Milwaukee. Repaint that porch or trim this summer. Call NHS-Milwaukee 449-9705

Landlord Compact

The Martin Drive and Washington Park Neighborhoods are forming a landlord compact. We are interested in keeping our neighborhood safe, clean, profitable and stable. We can help each other and share advice on how to handle difficult situations. Become part of a landlord network that offers support and helps make your job as a landlord easier. Landlords will learn about area resources to help them maintain and manage their property. We will discuss ongoing common issues and work to resolve problems such as crime, bad tenants and building repairs. Meetings are open to all landlords in our area to address the above problems and others. You may need to know how to screen applicants and attract good tenants. This is a chance to get together with other landlords of all experience levels. The next meeting will be **Monday, April 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m** at the **Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street. Refreshments will be served.** RSVP to Beverly Heineck at 933-2080.

Martin Drive Annual Meeting Monday, May 11th

The Martin Drive Annual Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on May 11th at Washington Park Senior Center. At this meeting you can learn of the details of the Paint and Rebate Program and other things that are happening and affect our neighborhood. **Our Alderman, Michael Murphy, and the newly-appointed Third District Police Captain, David Spenner will speak at this meeting.** We welcome Captain

Spenner as a good communicator and interested in community policing. He has reinstated a policy of working with the community towards crime prevention.

We will also announce details of an exciting **improvement project** which will happen in our neighborhood during NeighborhoodWorks Week, June 6-13.

We will be encouraging everyone to beautify this neighborhood by planting flowers and landscaping. **At the annual meeting we will distribute free flower seeds and perennial plants.** Please come to hear all the good things ahead for the neighborhood.

Perennial Plants Needed For Annual Meeting

If you have perennial plants, like Hostas, Bishops Weed or Iris that need thinning this spring, please bring a box to the Annual Meeting on May 11th so that they can be shared with the neighborhood. In return you may get a plant you have wanted. **Pick up your free flower seeds there, too.** Let's share the beauty of flowers with everyone.

Our mission is to maintain or increase the percentage of owner-occupied households, enhance crime prevention, beautify the neighborhood and bring the neighborhood together with people who can help us accomplish these goals.

Martin Drive Neighborhood & Block Representatives

- Martin Drive**
Pat Mueller 933-5589
- Highland Boulevard** (Volunteer Needed)
Vliet Street (Volunteer Needed)
- 42nd & McKinley**
Betty & Al Siemsen..... 344-3846
- 43rd Street (South of Juneau)**
Katrina Knight..... 933-0272
Jerry Wick 933-2556
- 44th Street (North of Juneau)**
Pat Sieloff 933-3013
Bill Ford 344-5627
- 44th Street (South of Juneau)**
Kim Terry..... 933-4612
- 45th Street (North of Juneau)**
Maggie & Tom Blaha 344-3584
- 45th Street (South of Juneau)**
Mary Jo Runnoe 344-2410
- 46th Street (North of Juneau)**
Beth & Dale Milhans 933-6777
- 46th Street (South of Juneau)**
Volunteer Needed
- NHS - Milwaukee (Paint & Rebate Information)**
Emil Jarreau 383-2272

Landscape Beautification

This year the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association encourages you to **beautify** the neighborhood by landscaping and planting flowers. **Prizes for landscape beautification will be awarded.** Think flowers. Read our next newsletter for details on how to enter and what you could win.



Look for Martin Drive Neighborhood Signs to be adorning our streets soon, thanks to Alderman Murphy, DCD, our NHS budget and the Neighborhood Council.

Neighborhood Improvement Project

Or, the **NIP Program**. This program offers **forgivable** loans to low income homeowners for home repair work.

Homeowners have a choice of contractors and will receive individualized assistance. A rehab specialist works with the homeowner throughout the process and insures the contractor performs the work satisfactorily.

If your home is in need of repairs and you are on a fixed or low income, call West End at 933-2080 to see if you could benefit from this program.

Westside Safety Coalition

Bill Ford of 44th Street represents the MD Neighborhood on the **Westside Safety Coalition**. This is a group of residents from the 3rd District who meet every six weeks with Captain David Spenner to communicate neighborhood crime prevention and awareness concerns.

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 considerate after 9 p.m.
- 4 Refrain from using car horns in non-emergencies, and ask your guests 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.

Crime Alert Recently there have been burglaries occurring in various areas of District Three in which ladders are being used to access the second story porch and then gain entry into the home. This might happen if ladders are left outside unattended. These are called crimes of opportunity or crimes of convenience. Keep ladders out of sight. Report any suspicious activities and persons to the police by calling 933-4444. *By Francis J. Kleiman, Crime Prevention Officer, District Three*

Don't make crime convenient!

Martin Drive Neighborhood Events to Remember

May 11	Annual Meeting at Washington Park
May 15	Paint & Rebate Program Begins
May 15	Neighborhood Clean-Up
June 6-13	NeighborhoodWorks Week — Details to be Announced
June 8	Monthly Meeting - Carey Meier, Enforcement Division of Health Department, to Speak

Free Paint, Free Rebate \$'s



How Do I Get Free Exterior Paint from NHS- Milwaukee, Inc.?

Everyone who owns property and lives in the neighborhood qualifies.

Important things to remember. You may choose your own contractor. Start getting bids now so you will be ready on May 15th. You must have your property inspected by NHS before your project begins. There are more funds available than in past years but don't wait to apply. Timing is important. Don't be left out. Plan now and be ready for May 15th. NHS' construction specialist can help you with suggestions. The rest is easy.

The program begins May 15th. You need to have a specific project in mind (i.e. paint the outside of your home, rebuild your porch, replace gutters, etc.) Then, you need to follow these steps:

- 1 Contact Emil Jarreau of NHS-Milwaukee, at 449-9705 and make arrangements to have an inspection of your property to determine the amount of the rebate (maximum amount of rebate for any project is \$250).
- 2 Complete a rebate contract and comply with the rules and regulations of the NHS program.
- 3 Complete the work as indicated on your contract (you have 45 days to complete the work).
- 4 Submit all receipts for the completed project and receive your rebate check in a matter of days.

Don't Worry — Be Happy!!

**For Additional Information on How to Receive Paint or Qualify for a Rebate,
Contact Emil Jarreau, 449-9705.**

Neighborhood Clean-Up May 15th is set for the weekend that dumpsters will be placed throughout the neighborhood in an effort to encourage people to spruce up their yards and do Springtime clean-up. It's a great time to clean your yard, porch, garage and basement of those unnecessary and unwanted items that tend to accumulate. Help your neighbor trim their bushes while you do yours. Pick up litter on your street. Dumpsters will be available throughout the neighborhood as listed below:

May 15	5 dumpsters throughout the neighborhood
June 5	43rd & Juneau
June 19	44th & Juneau
July 10	45th & Juneau
July 24	46th & Juneau



This schedule is printed here so that if you miss the big clean-up you can still have your own clean-up.

Night time Trick or Treat Was A Huge Success

Thanks to Katrina Knight and the many, many people who volunteered and participated again last October, Night Time Trick or Treat was a huge, spooktacular success. Children were out in droves to enjoy the spooky, dark, dry and warm evening. Adults enjoyed the evening too, escorting their children, watching others have fun and greeting neighbors. More children and adults participated this year than in the past. The event takes many volunteer hours and much planning, so thanks to all who volunteered to make the event a success. **Especially Katrina!**



Volunteer Recognition - Betty & Al Siemsen were recognized as outstanding block club captains of the year in our district. Frank Kopenski was recognized as an outstanding citizen for his graffiti removal efforts in our neighborhood. Maggie & Tom Blaha and Katrina Knight were honored at this year's NHS Annual Banquet as outstanding NHS volunteers for their contributions to crime prevention and neighborhood projects. Katrina did most of the work on Night Time Trick or Treat and Maggie & Tom have opened their home to host our monthly meetings. A complete list of their contributions are too many to mention in this newsletter. Thank you for making our neighborhood strong.

NeighborhoodWorks Week & NHS Community Organizing in the Martin Drive Neighborhood

The Martin Drive Neighborhood has been awarded \$500 towards a project which will take place during the week of June 6-13. Details will be announced at our Annual Meeting. We will be especially targeting the commercial strip on Vliet street with some landscape and other improvements.

The MDN also has a budget for other events or projects to plan for this year. They can be neighborhood improvement, an event for our youth, production of this newsletter and flyers you receive, or a multitude of other projects you might suggest. We welcome your input on neighborhood events to plan.

Come to our Monthly Meetings. Meetings are held the **second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.** All meetings, except the Annual Meeting, are held at Maggie & Tom Blaha's at 1219 N. 45th. Look for signs to remind you or mark your calendar now. At the **June 8th** meeting we will discuss ways to deal with intrusive noise, barking dogs and garbage problems. Carey Meier, Enforcement Division, Milwaukee Health Department will be our guest speaker.

