



Martin Drive Neighborhood News



April, 1999

Newsletter #9



Revitalization of Washington Park Learn More April 20, 6:30 p.m

Martin Drive Annual Meeting Monday, May 10th

The first stages of planning for the revitalization of Washington Park have begun. This year the County set aside funds for a study of our park. In March, landscape architects were given details and asked to submit proposals for a revitalization of Washington Park. They were asked to review the existing programs and structures of the park and submit a plan by mid-April. This could be a phased project being completed over several years. Architects were asked to incorporate a means of working with the local neighborhood groups to develop a park and programs that would be used by the surrounding neighborhoods. Would you like to see the bandshell seats replaced and better programming, a small golf course, structured programs for children, the lagoon dredged and cleaned? Have some ideas of your own?

A first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th, at 6:30 at the Washington Park Senior Center.

All are welcome to attend and offer input.

The Martin Drive Annual Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on May 10th at the 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 which affect our neighborhood. There will be several exciting announcements about areas that concern our neighborhood. Michael Murphy and Lynn DeBruin will be present. Details of the revitalization of Washington Park will be announced and of an exciting improvement project which will happen in Martin Drive NeighborWorks Week, June 6-13. There will be free flowers for everyone attending the Annual Meeting.

Good Neighbor

We will continue the landscape beautification as well as the "good neighbor" theme in all of our events in 1999. We encourage everyone to beautify this neighborhood by planting flowers and landscaping, as well as ensuring the quality of life in

the neighborhood remains high by continued efforts to remind everyone of our Neighborhood Guidelines.



A revitalization of Washington Park is being planned.

Photographer Needed

Over the last years we have hosted a number of neighborhood events, most of which have not been captured in photographs. If you enjoy taking pictures, please let us know. We could use a Martin Drive Neighborhood photographer.

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 10th** so that they can be shared with the neighborhood. In return you may get a plant you have wanted. **Free flowering plants to everyone attending.** 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

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

West End Community Association (Paint & Rebate Information)

Dennis Barrish 933-2080

Other '98 Accomplishments -

The MDN also participated in the NSP process and the newly-formed United Neighborhoods group and worked closely with surrounding neighborhoods, especially the Cold Spring Park, Washington Heights and Vliet Street/Washington Park neighborhoods. We participated in the "Milwaukee Neighborhood Showcase" tour sponsored by Community Insurance Information and the MDN was featured in the video tape of the event.

In early December red holiday bows decorated the streets and planning for this year's events began.

1998 EVENTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1998 was a beautiful year in the Martin Drive Neighborhood. Neighborhood Beautification became our theme and was the subject and focus of our annual meeting held at the Washington Park Senior Center on May 11th. At least 80 people attended. In line with our theme, attendants were asked to bring perennial plants to share with neighbors. The first 40 people to arrive at the meeting received gift certificates to redeem for plants at Shady Lane Nursery, a local greenhouse.

The focus of our NeighborWorks® Week event was the small commercial strip on Vliet Street between 43rd and 44th. While the event took more than a week to accomplish, it resulted in two of the four store fronts

being repainted. Large concrete planters were planted and maintained with the help of business owners and residents. Improving this highly visible commercial strip did a lot to change the image of the neighborhood and create a new life and spirit as the business owners were complimented and everyone enjoyed the flowers. Also, two other landscaping projects were completed in the neighborhood during NeighborWorks® Week.

The fourth annual Night Time Trick or Treat was another success. 326 registered kids, 80 treating homes and a neighborhood of volunteers participated to make the event safe and spooktacular! A big thanks to "ALL" who participated in the event, especially to those who delivered packs, were safety monitors or donated candy. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the 28 teen volunteers. We are so pleased to have you take pride in your neighborhood and to get to know you better. Many thanks to the Jerome Wick family, Erin Sanchez and Sue Krueger for their help, and a special thank you to Katrina Knight and her entire family for coordinating this whole event from start to finish. Thanks to Sentry on 6700 W. State Street for their generous candy donation and to Olympia Grocery Store on 43rd and Vliet for their participation and donation. Without all your efforts, the MDN could not put together such a fun, old-fashioned event.

We hosted well-attended meetings every month of the year, completed a property survey of the entire neighborhood, and with the help of NHS-Milwaukee, followed up with letters to all property owners in need of repairs and alerted them of funds available to help.

\$5,000 Matching Rebate
Major repairs like a new roof, exterior siding, or new windows may be eligible for a matching rebate of up to \$5,000.
Contact Dennis Barrish at West End 933-2080.

New Third District Police Captain

Earnell Lucas was appointed the new 3rd District Police Captain in March. Formerly he worked in public relations for Chief Arthur Jones and the past police chief. The Martin Drive Neighborhood welcomed him to the district with "Milwaukee Coffee" and donuts.

After a long absence, foot patrol officers have again been returned to our streets, thanks to the continued efforts of Michael Murphy. We look forward to meeting our new foot/bike patrol officers.

Martin Drive Neighborhood Events to Remember

April 20	Washington Park Revitalization Meeting 6:30 p.m. Washington Park
May 10	MDN Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m. Washington Park Free flowering plants & perennials
June 5	NeighborWorks Week & Annual Clean-Up
June 14	Monthly Meeting

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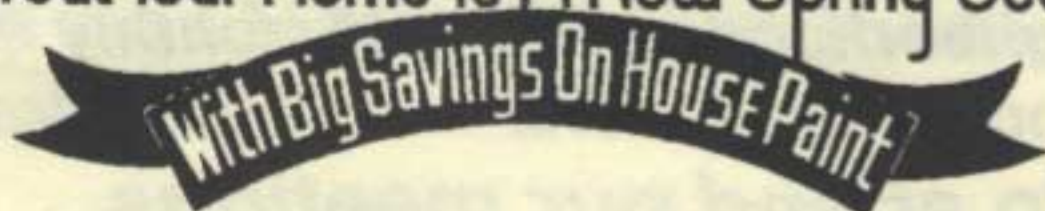


HOME IMPROVEMENT

Free Exterior Paint \$250 Rebate for Exterior Repairs

- ◆ This year property owners can take advantage of both! (free paint & up to a \$250 rebate)
- ◆ No income eligibility requirements. Everyone is eligible!
- ◆ Programs are available on a first come, first serve basis. Call now!
- ◆ We provide paint — You provide labor.
- ◆ \$250 rebate grant dollars are available for exterior repairs on a one-to-one matching basis for residents and on a two-to-one matching basis for investor owners.

Treat Your Home To A New Spring Coat



So Big of Savings, It's Free!!!

Call
West End Community Center
933-2080

Welcome to Our Quiet Neighborhood!

We hope you'll cooperate with our efforts to keep our neighborhood a safe and quiet place for everyone to live.

We'd like you to know that when we see a problem, we contact the Landlords, The Police Department and the Alderman.

Please take time to review our Neighborhood Guidelines



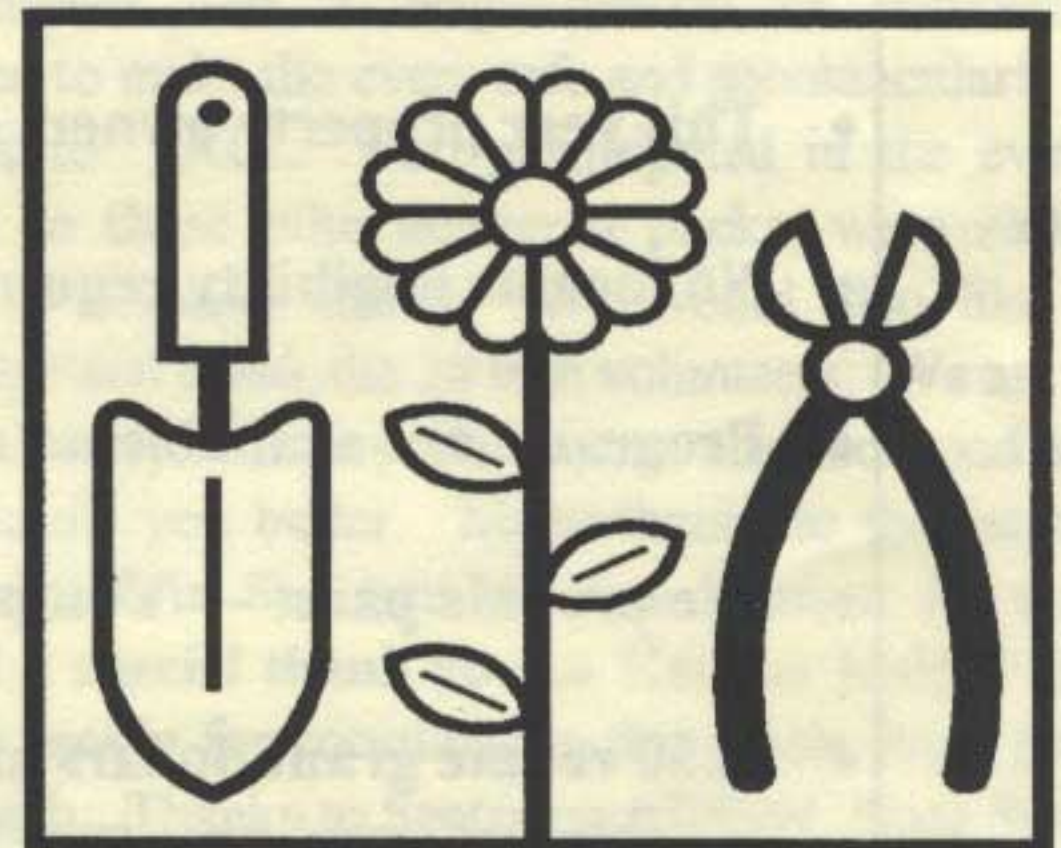
We Like It Like That!

- ◆ **Light Up the Night** - All residents are encouraged to turn on porch & yard lights at night to increase safety.
- ◆ **Home Sweet Home** - Car horns, loud music from cars & homes, loud parties and loud disagreements all disturb your neighbors' peaceful enjoyment of their home and yards. Let's keep the peace!
- ◆ **Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?** - Please inform your guests that doorbells and phones are to be used to pre-announce their presence. Car horns and yelling to announce arrival of a guest is not enjoyable to neighbors.
- ◆ **Kids R US** - Please observe the 11:00 p.m. curfew & remind your children not to cut through neighbors' yards.
- ◆ **Keep It Clean** - Garbage carts need to be removed promptly from the alley or street after pick-up. Picking up trash from your yard & alley whenever you see it will keep our neighborhood looking good.
- ◆ **Graffiti Busters** - Please report graffiti to your landlord right away so that it can be quickly removed. If you're a home owner, please remove it as soon as possible.
- ◆ **Park It** - Remember to observe the posted winter street parking regulations.
- ◆ **Tool Time** - Cut the grass! Rake the leaves! Shovel the snow!

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.



If you're new to the neighborhood, call West End Neighborhood Association at 933-2080 so you can plug into our Neighborhood Network of monthly meetings, information, resources and more!

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

Just call West End at 933-2080 or Pat Mueller at 933-5589 for details.