



Martin Drive Neighborhood News



May 2004

Martin Drive Annual Meeting Monday, May 10th NEW LOCATION & TIME

The Martin Drive Annual Meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. on May 10th at 5050 W. Vliet Street. Please use the front door. The meeting location changed because the heating system at the Washington Park Senior Center is being replaced. Speakers for the annual meeting will be Alderman **Michael Murphy**, Supervisor **Lee Holloway**, Police Chief **Nannette Hagerty**, and **David Weber** from Community Partners. We are also hoping to welcome a surprise guest to our meeting. All residents of Martin Drive Neighborhood are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you are a renter, encourage your landlord to come to the annual meeting. As in past years, we are asking neighbors to bring perennial plants that they would like to share with neighbors. There will be door prizes from local vendors. Snacks and beverages will be provided. **Be sure to complete the registration form at the meeting to be eligible for DOOR PRIZES.**

Volunteer of the Year Martin Drive Neighborhood

Neighborhood Housing Services honored **Frank Kopenski** for his faithful attention to removing graffiti in the Martin Drive Neighborhood. Today it is uncommon for us to see any graffiti in our area. When someone is committed to helping themselves and their neighborhood, they are aware of many other needs in the neighborhood. So it is with Frank. We can depend on him to attend the monthly meetings, maintain his own property to high standards, and suggest appropriate responses to neighbors' concerns. Frank is also aware of speeders, and people who ignore the traffic signs. Not only is Frank aware of situations, but he does what he can to address the situations or problems. Frank is an asset to our Martin Drive Neighborhood.

We are grateful to Frank for his willingness to assist in making the Martin Drive Neighborhood a better place to live.

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.

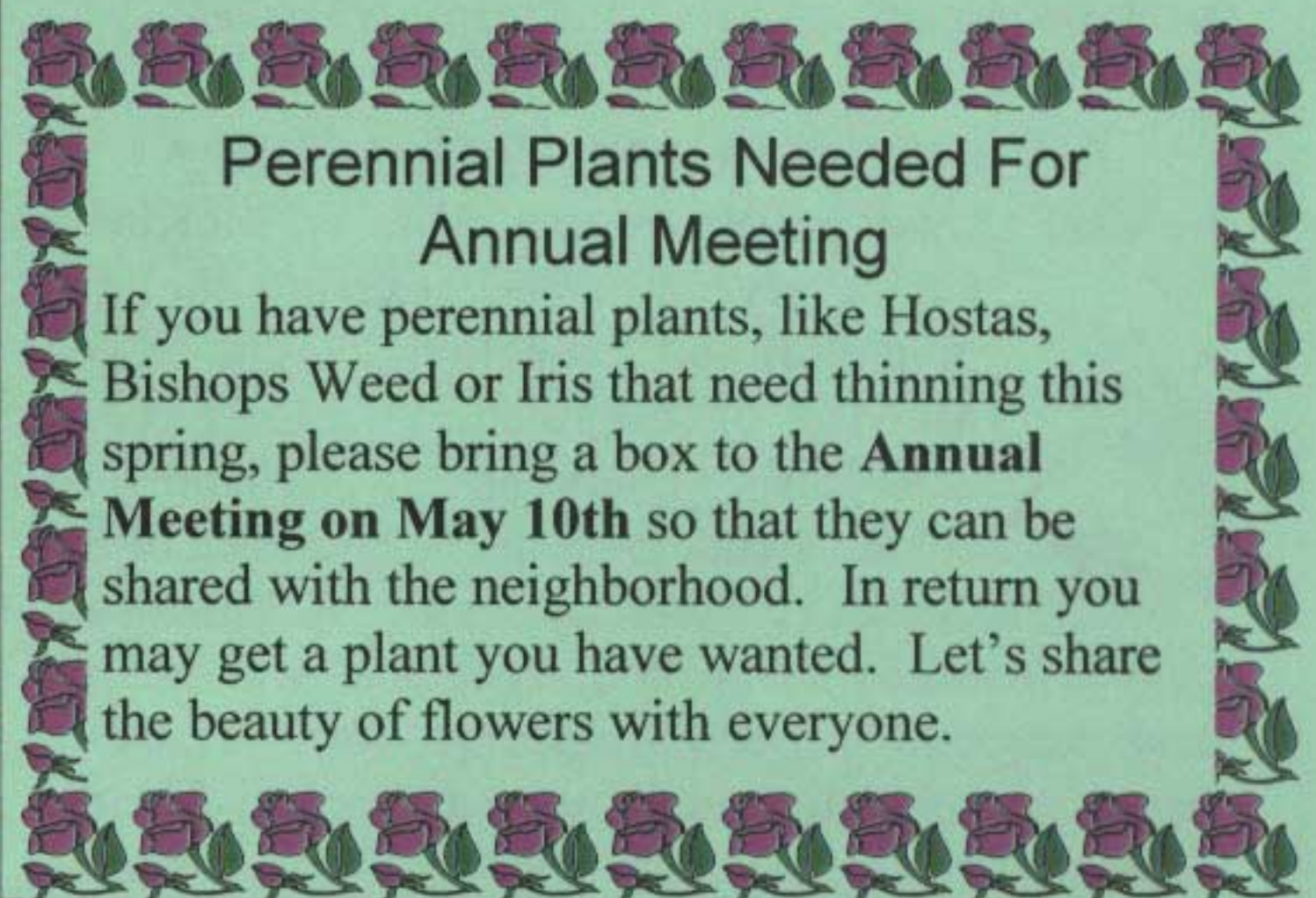
Martin Drive Neighborhood Assn. Members Attend Leadership School

Two Martin Drive Neighborhood Association members are attending the School for Resident Leaders (SRL). The SRL is sponsored by "Making Connections Milwaukee," a neighborhood and family-strengthening initiative funded by the Annie Casey Foundation. This foundation has made a 12-year commitment to this process. Milwaukee is one of ten nationwide sites chosen to receive Casey Foundation support in developing the economic opportunities, the services and the supports needed to mobilize community change efforts and to increase civic participation.

The SRL is a series of 15 four-hour classes that began on Friday, March 12. "Graduation" will take place on Saturday, October 30. Some of the topics to be studied are:

- Techniques for effective neighborhood outreach
- How to access information (Internet, etc.)
- Team building
- Multicultural learning
- Building effective relationships with neighbors
- Building pride in neighborhoods

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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. Let's share the beauty of flowers with everyone.

Our mission is to maintain or increase the

Martin Drive Neighborhood & Block Representatives

- Martin Drive**
Pat Mueller..... 933-5589
- Highland Boulevard(Volunteer Needed)**
- Vliet Street342-9595**
Ada Rouse
- 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)**
Linda & Pat Devitt..... 344-1019
- 45th Street (North of Juneau)**
Maggie & Tom Blaha344-3584
- 45th Street (South of Juneau)**
Mary Jo Runnoe344-2410
- 46th Street (North of Juneau)**
Beth & Dale Milhans 933-6777
- 46th Street (South of Juneau)**
Linda Hanig.....345-9754
- West End Community Association
(Paint & Rebate Information)**
Dennis Barrish933-2080

LOOKING FOR A PRAYER GROUP?

We have a small prayer group at 4145 W. McKinley Ct. every Monday, except for the neighborhood meeting night (2nd Monday of the month), 7:15 p.m. to 8:30/45ish. Everyone is welcome to come. A church on the post in front of the house is currently being reconstructed (help is needed) so another receptacle will be put there temporarily, also you may call 931-0434. Prayers are for the neighborhood, family, friends, Milwaukee, and requests. All request concerns remain confidential and within the group. We hope to see you and pray God touches your heart. God bless.



Making Connections Through Training



Making Connections Milwaukee is now holding their meetings at the Neighborhood House at 2819 W. Richardson Place. Currently, the Neighborhood House is promoting a '*Life Skills for Self-Sufficiency*' program geared to teach basic construction and remodeling technique to a limited number of teens. The program will include three ten-week sessions, taught by a construction professional. Each session will last four hours. Food and beverages will be served. Enrollment is limited to a dozen teens between the **ages of 15 and 18 years**. A stipend of \$100 will be issued to each program participant who meets the minimum participation requirements. The first session began April 17 and will run through June 19. Classes meet Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Life skills taught include: use of power tools, build a wall, install drywall, paint and finish, install a sink, a door, an outlet and much more. Pick up an application at the Neighborhood House NOW! Call 933-6161 for further information.

LITTER



Litter is the plight of an otherwise great neighborhoods and is very unattractive and unsightly.

We must do our individual parts to keep the liter removed from our streets and properties.

Litter comes in all shapes and sizes: Snack wrappers, soda bottles and cans, fast food wrappers, discarded tires, cigarette butts, any other debris left in the street or in our yards.

Now that spring is here, I encourage all who live in our wonderful neighborhood to be individually responsible. If we all cleaned our own surroundings, we could all take pride in our neighborhood.

**PLEASE: DO NOT LITTER,
PICK UP LITTER WHEN YOU SEE IT,
ADVISE THOSE LIVING IN YOUR HOUSE-
HOLD TO BE AWARE OF LITTER AND TO
NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM.**

Who to Call:

Crimes

911 - Emergencies: life threatening; crimes in progress like battery, robbery, gunshots.

933-444 - Non-emergencies: loud music, neighbor trouble.

935-7232 - 3rd District: to talk about ongoing problems, to talk with your squad officers, to request that a squad check your house occasionally while you are on vacation, for general information.

Other Problems:

286-2268 - Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS): garbage on private property or lot, nuisance vehicles on private property, disrepair of a building (Building Code Enforcement), rodents, animal feces, overfilled dumpsters or garbage carts, landscaping problems such as dirt eroding onto the public sidewalk.

286-8282 - Department of Public Works (DPW): snow and ice on the public sidewalk, the grass is longer than 9 inches, weeds, the garbage carts on the public sidewalk, clean up city-owned vacant lot, special garbage collection, missed garbage collection, street lights out, broken branches on city trees.

286-8350 - Parking Enforcement: abandoned vehicles on the streets or city property.

286-8715 - Graffiti Hotline

286-2557 - Department of Neighborhood Services: fire damage to structure to report, get permits, to find out the status, Zoning Enforcement.

286-3874 - Commercial Building Code Enforcement
For roaming or menacing pets, call the Milwaukee Police Department at 933-4444, or the DNS at 286-2268, or Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission at 649-8650.

You can also report neighbor problems to the city through their web site at www.milwaukee.gov under Report Problems.

Aldermen:

15th District - 286-2221 - Willie L. Hines
10th District - 286-2221 - Michael Murphy

Community Organizers:

221-8770 - Community Partners

Martin Drive Neighborhood Events to Remember

May 10 MDN Annual Meeting
6:15 p.m. 5050 W. Vliet Street
Free perennials

June 12 Annual Clean-Up

June 14 Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday of the month



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

A new business is coming to the Martin Drive Neighborhood. *DeJa Vu Consignments, LLC* has outgrown its present location and is scheduled to relocate to our neighborhood in August 2004. The shop will occupy the building located at 4311-15 W. Vliet Street, by *Eat Cake*. You can pick up interesting items for your home. Can't wait until August? Visit the shop at its current location at 1743 N. Martin Luther King Dr.

If you are shopping for a particular item, email them at dejavu_consign@hotmail.com.



Home Improvement Loans

The Home Improvement Loan Program at Neighborhood Housing Services is a program for homeowners who face challenges in maintaining or improving their homes. Loans are from one to 15 years and loan amounts from \$2,500 to a maximum of \$25,000. This loan program encompasses the entire County of Milwaukee. To get more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Neighborhood Housing Services of Milwaukee at (414) 344-3013.



Building Our Community's Future

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors will be holding an Educational Summit titled *Building Our Community's Future*.

Date: May 7, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Place: Washington Park Community Bldg.
1859 N. 40th Street

Board members will address such issues as MPS budget priorities, and the effects of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*. Public testimony is welcome.

Taylor Named to Interchange Panel

State Rep. Lena C. Taylor has been appointed chairwoman to the newly created Wisconsin Department of Transportation Labor Development Committee for the Marquette Interchange project.

"This committee is designed to develop a strong diverse transportation construction work force by ensuring workers receive the training they need to fill the construction jobs that will become available as this project progresses." Taylor said.

Source: The Daily Reporter

Martin Drive Neighborhood Guidelines

This is our neighborhood. The quality of life in our neighborhood depends on mutual respect and concern. If everyone helps, we can keep our neighborhood clean and attractive.

- 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. Please be aware there is an Ordinance prohibiting dogs in Washington Park; the fine for the first violation is \$121.
- 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.
- 10 Garbage carts are to be removed from the sidewalk and returned to storage areas by 10 pm on collection day. Visible garbage carts are unsightly, so please store them on the side or back of your building.



To aid you with Spring Cleaning, dumpsters will be placed in the areas listed below.

Date	Location
5/7, 6/11, 8/13	42nd & McKinley (1200 N. 42nd)
6/11	Juneau between 43 & 44
5/7, 8/13	Juneau between 44th & 45th
6/11	Juneau between 45th & 46th
5/7, 8/13	Juneau & 46th (4607 W. Juneau)

SCHOOL FOR RESIDENT LEADERS - (from page 1)

- Dealing with problem neighbors and businesses
- Mini grant writing
- Public speaking
- Communication Skills
- Dialogue and listening skills
- Art of organizing
- Locating and accessing community resources
 - Developing and maintaining open lines of communication with elected officials
 - How to conduct a meeting

The classes are designed to focus on building resident leadership on those issues that residents identify as critical for themselves and the families within their neighborhoods. The skills developed in the class will be immediately applied to creating

solutions to one or two of the issues identified. But this program has one component that is very different from others that are available in the city. When these issues are identified, we are then eligible to apply for mini-grants to implement them. To be blunt, the "Making Connections" organization is really "putting their money where their mouth is." This is not something that usually happens, and we are extremely excited about what these mini-grants can provide for our neighborhood association. **Please come to the annual meeting to help us identify the issues on which to focus.**

The two association members attending the School for Resident Leaders are Terry Bartlett and Sharon Williams. They will be at the annual meeting and will be glad to answer any additional questions or take suggestions on any of the above information.