

Martin Drive Trolley News

FALL 2010

17th Annual Night Time Trick or Treat Friday, October 29



For 17 years Martin Drive Neighborhood families have been delighted by this “spooktacular” family event. Each year a block or two are selected as the treating home area. Promptly at 7:15pm security monitors, in preparation for a start at 7:30pm, put up barricades so that everyone is free to roam the area crossing the streets safely. The darkness enhances the atmosphere and the many neighbors make the scariness fun as most set out in costume. We enlist the Community Liaison Officers and the Explorers to help too. This year’s event is on **Friday, October 29th from 7:30 to 8:30pm**. All children must be registered to attend. Registration costs \$1 per child and a bag of candy. Those who register will get a Trick or Treat bag with a few goodies. The bag identifies your child as being registered. Treating Homes must register too and will receive candy to supplement their purchase of candy and a luminary to identify they are a treating home. See the flyer in this newsletter.



- **Door to Door Registration of Treating Homes** - Would you be willing to go door to door to sign up treating homes?
- **Teen Volunteers** – Is your child 13 or older? We are seeking teens to volunteer during the event. Each teen will be paired with another volunteer and given an address of a home or a location where they will be posted to hand out candy. The volunteer will also receive a bag of candy.
- **Security Monitors** on Friday, October 29. If you would like to help, call Pat at 414-933-5589. <>

We Need Your Help Too!

Trick or Treat Registration

Wednesday—October 20 & 27: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday—October 23: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Want to help make this safe and fun for everyone? Here is our wish list:

- **Donate candy early** - not the last day. Donations of unopened candy will be accepted at Heritage West at 4303 W. Vliet Street. Please drop some by prior to the first registration session on Oct. 20.
- **Help with registration** - This involves registering the Trick or Treat kids, Treating Homes, packing treating bags. Delivering candy and luminaries on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 28th & 29th.

How Martin Drive Communicates

We have 228 members on the Martin Drive list serve. This one e-mail address to reach everyone is very effective for getting information out to neighbors, Alderman Murphy, and the Community Liaison Officers in the Milwaukee Police Department. It is martindrive@yahoogroups.com

There is also a way to contact a committee for specific information related to their volunteer roles. They are listed below.

Projects and Programming:
MDNAPandP@yahoogroups.com

Block Representatives:
MDNAREps@yahoogroups.com

Newsletter Committee:
MDNANews@yahoogroups.com

Summer Picnic Event:
MDNAPicnic@yahoogroups.com

In addition to the newsletter, it is the consistent communication that we have face-to-face and online that makes this neighborhood special. Feel free to e-mail us something that is important for the neighborhood that you want everyone to know. <>

The Martin Drive Neighborhood is grateful to have been selected to participate in the Milwaukee Healthy Neighborhood Initiative and to receive funding through the City of Milwaukee, NIDC and Greater Milwaukee Foundation to support our projects and activities.



Greater Milwaukee Foundation



6th Annual Washington Bark Dog Day

By Pat Mueller



The sixth annual Washington Bark Dog Day was everything a dog could dream of and more. There were all sorts of vendors with products to pamper and spoil your pooch. For energetic dogs there was lure coursing and agility coursing for over-achiever dogs. The day was filled with demonstrations including dog first aid, exotic animals and the sheriff's dogs showed us their work routines. If you have ever wondered what your dog is thinking, the fabulous Madam Geldon, doggie psychic could help with that too. Contests ranged from best trick, best dressed, dog and owner look alike, and best K-9 vocalist. MC, Pat Evans kept the day fun and on pace.

Even though prices on various components of Dog Day were scaled back for affordability and to match the economy, the 6th annual Dog Day was a huge success, raising over \$3,000, after expenses, for the Urban Ecology Center and ROMP (Residents for Off-Leash Milwaukee Parks). It was a fun, affordable family event.

MADAC (Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control) handled the food tent. Combined with money earned the prior day at Wag Fest, Bark Day brought their total proceeds to \$1,500 for the weekend. That is enough to install outdoor kennel runs for the dogs and do the required landscaping around the runs. So you can see the event was fun and benefited many groups. What a nice weekend for dogs. <>

Cold Spring Barns - A Brief History Lesson

by George Drury

This history is about the very large building that is across Highland Boulevard from Birdie's Café. Take a good look at the building from the bridge and you will see large two story garage doors and electric tracks leading to the building. By 1907, TM (The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co.) had outgrown its shop facilities, and the company began planning a new, larger headquarters for the Rolling Stock Department. TM acquired 10 acres at 40th Street and Cold Spring (McKinley) Avenue, pretty much at the center of TM's network of car lines. Planning, engineering, and construction took four years. In 1911, TM moved in and proceeded to rebuild or build much of its own rolling stock.

The new buildings, which occupied about four acres, had about 250,000 square feet of floor space. There were two groups of buildings separated by a transfer table (basically a turntable that moves sideways). West of the transfer table were the forge, steel, motor, electrical, and machine shops. To the east were the paint, erecting, and woodworking shops, the drafting rooms, and the engineering office in earlier years. At the north end of the transfer table along Cold Spring Avenue was the administration building, which connected the two groups of buildings; beneath it was a tunnel for streetcars. West of Highland Boulevard on land now used by Miller Brewing for pallet and keg storage were a power plant, several storage sheds, and a track connection to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. In 1928, The Milwaukee Road added "Pacific" to its name.

In the 1950s Cold Spring Shops was grossly underutilized and company management sought outside work. In late 1955, that consisted of building golf carts.

The Milwaukee County Historical Society constructed and maintains a transit history exhibit on the second floor of the MCTS downtown transit center. The exhibit follows Milwaukee's transit history from horse cars to modern buses, but it is one of Milwaukee's best-kept secrets, as hardly anyone uses the transit center, and even fewer know there is an exhibit on the second floor. <>

Martin Drive Neighborhood Block Reps

Martin Drive

Sharon Williams.....933-6800

Martin Drive Apartments

Eric Pennebaker.....313-9861

McKinley Court

Mary Andres.....344-3970

42nd Street

Betty & Al Siemsen.....344-3846

43rd Street (Juneau to Vliet)

Raymond Duncan.....294-3828

Vicki Provencher.....828-8250

43rd Street (Martin to Juneau)

Amy Peterson.....750-1005

44th Street (Juneau to Vliet)

..... Volunteer Needed

44th Street (Martin to Juneau)

Linda & Pat Devitt.....344-1019

45th Street (Juneau to Vliet)

Rod & Sandy Washington.....763-8848

Maggie & Tom Blaha.....344-0688

45th Street (Martin to Juneau)

Kathy McCauley.....517-9797

Tom Gillard.....688-3185

46th Street (Juneau to Vliet)

Steve Falsetti.....608-443-9337

46th Street (Martin to Juneau)

Terry McCauley.....588-5551

46th Street (Martin to State)

Bonnie Morscher.....339-0731

Vliet Street & Business Rep

Pat Mueller.....933-5589

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 : People who try to do something :
 : and fail are infinitely better than :
 : those who try to do nothing and :
 : succeed. :
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Wednesday Music at the Shell

By Terri Bartlett

From the comfort of one's home in the Washington Park neighborhood, one could drift with the waves of music carried by the breeze on summer Wednesday evenings. "One didn't have to enter the Washington Park Band Shell to hear the concerts during July and August," commented Martin Drive neighbor, Nelda. Everyone around the discussion table agreed. "It's a wonderful opportunity," offered George, another neighbor.

Even though the weather was sometimes steamy, neighbors from the immediate neighborhood, as well as from all over the Milwaukee area, came to relax, share conversations, and make new acquaintances, while listening to the featured musical talents. The venue of music was varied, and there was something for everyone. People of every size, shape, age, color, and culture came together to enjoy the music.



If you didn't have a chance to reap the blessings of the Washington Park concerts or the free picnic fares sponsored by the Brew City Bruisers and the Washington Park Partners this year, mark your calendar for the 2011 concerts, turn off the TV, step back in time, sit on your front porch or step, lift up your window and come together in community. <>



The Thao Family is at the Market!

By Mary Andres

There is not a day of rest from the marketplace for the neighborhood Thao family (mom, dad, two daughters) who sell vegetables, herbs, and flowers at our Vliet Street Sunday Market. Beginning in June with lettuce and greens, mellowing through July and August with eggplant, tomatoes, beans, and onions, the bountiful variety includes beautiful flowers.

At the September 12 Dog Day market, I had the opportunity to observe a daughter explain the fine tuning of preparing patty pan squash to customers who then left with the squash, eggplant, onions and a recipe for dinner! Another customer embraced one of the colorful bouquets, commenting that she had to have her weekly flowers. I have been particularly graced with a warm welcome and rich juicy tomatoes.

The connection of neighbors and the Sunday market is part of this Hmong family's story. Immigrating from Thailand, both parents had limited English but extensive agricultural expertise. In their native country it is customary for young people to be sent away from the family to stake our land and begin growing crops. These agricultural skills are now the mainstay for the family. Land was rented in the Mequon area and developed into the growing plot that produces vegetables and flowers. The regular post for the family business during the work week for the past ten plus years is the Fondy Market at North and Fond du Lac Avenues. When Vliet Street Sunday Market opened, the Thaos added Sunday to their schedule. Often it is the younger generation staffing the stall. When I asked a daughter if this meant her parents had a day of rest, she smiled and let me know that her folks were, as they are most days of the week, tending to the land and crops.

Don't miss the Thao family booth at the Vliet Street Sunday Market which continues until Oct. 10th.<>



GATHER THE FAMILY, performed a concert for generations at the Vliet Street Green Market one Sunday. This is a sing-along that presents a strong family message that feeds us to our roots. David performs familiar and easily learned songs, poems, and stories on many different instruments including banjo, dulcimer, concertina, Native American Flute, and of course, guitar. Folks of all ages are welcome to sing along with a patchwork quilt of songs that are as warm as the back porch on a summer night.

DAVID HB DRAKE has been called a "gentle troubadour" and an "elemental folksinger". He is one of Wisconsin's busiest family entertainers, presenting over 150 programs a year at fairs and festivals, in schools, libraries, and parks for folks of all ages!

Martin Drive Neighborhood Picnic

By Shirley Drake

The 2010 Martin Drive Neighborhood Picnic was a blast for all! We all had a great opportunity to meet our neighbors. We even had an approximate 30% increase in attendance over last year. Kudos to the Picnic Committee (Shirley Drake, Raymond Duncan, Lois Nugent, and Pat Mueller) for helping to execute such a successful event.

Thanks also to those who provided the fantastic entertainment and a special thank you to those who helped with registration, set-up and tear down. We couldn't have made it without you! Thanks to everyone who brought food.

Mark your calendars for next year, July 30, 2011. We will start recruiting for the 2011 committee in May or you can call me at (414) 313-9476 to add your name. <>



Ahnnika Mays has her face painted by Megan Ray



Adekola sharing her singing at the MD Picnic



Alexya from Martin Drive

Rummage Sale! Rummage Sale!

By: Sharon Williams

A big "thank you" to all who participated and volunteered to make the MDNA Annual Rummage Sale on July 10 both fun and profitable. Twenty six neighbors dug their "stuff" out to their front lawns or garages. This year 46th Street had the most participants, but every street was involved.

If you like rummage sales, you may want to know that we will be planning next summer's event sometime in March or April. I could use some help making next year's sale even larger, so come out to one of the regular meetings or contact me at (414) 933-6800

Rummage sales are a great incentive to get rid of your old "stuff", make a little cash, and meet your neighbors. See you next year...and don't forget to have change on sale day. <>

New Martin Drive Website

By: Raymond Duncan

The website is up and running for Martin Drive Neighborhood. You can find it on Google or by typing www.martin-drive.org. It was a project that I took on over the summer. I work with a web hosting company that the neighborhood association pays about six dollars a month to maintain on their server. We were able to lock in this price for the next five years.

When someone advertises an apartment on Craig's List and uses "Martin Drive" in the listing, it will be featured on the Martin Drive website. Also, if there is a property for sale in the neighborhood it will automatically be listed on the website. If you want to be more involved in the neighborhood, there is a link to get more information. You can see updated pictures of the summer events in the neighborhood and stay up to date with the calendar highlighting future events. There are also important links to get information about elected officials and city services. Please come back to this website often. I will continue to update it with pictures and coming events. E-mail me at raymond.duncan@gmail.com if you have an ideas.

I would also like to thank Dave Johnson. He worked on the first Martin Drive website for many years, keeping the server at his home in the neighborhood. Much of this new website content comes from his hard work. <>

Report on Community Networking

By: Raymond Duncan

There are some good things to share that I learned from the last Community Networking Meeting at the District 3 Police Station.

There were sixteen burglaries in our neighborhood in 2009, and nine so far this year; no real percentage increase. The numbers from this year include a recent burglary with no forced entry. We are experiencing a lower crime rate than other nearby areas which have had up to a 26% increase. The Police Captain explained that the increase occurred after the networks switched to HDTV and many people purchased new TVs. And the bad economy doesn't help the situation.

Shirley Drake, Eric Pennebaker, Pat Mueller and I attended the Community Networking meetings regularly and our participation is much greater than nearby neighborhoods with more residents than we have. You are welcome to join us for this monthly meeting on the last Thursday of the month (which changes in November and December because of the holidays). I feel you are safer because of this participation.

The Milwaukee Police Department has many items which cannot be returned to the rightful owner because there is no identification. I suggest you use a cell phone camera to take a picture of the serial numbers on the back of your electronics and then e-mail the pictures to yourself for safe storage. If you need help, e-mail me at raymond.duncan@gmail.com or phone me at 414-294-3828, and we can work together.

Neighbors can also get a free home security inspection by contacting:

PO Derrick LEMMIE
Community Liaison Officer
District Three Police Station
2333 N 49th St
Milwaukee, WI 53210
ph: 414-935-7238
djlemm@milwaukee.gov



OPERATION CRIME WATCH

New Meeting Schedule

By Raymond Duncan



We have a new schedule for our Martin Drive Neighborhood meetings—every other month. Neighbors will still meet at the Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street, at 6:30 p.m. on the second Mondays in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The Projects and Planning Committee will give advance notice if any additional meetings become necessary. The hard work neighbors have done over many years has brought us to the point of not needing a monthly meeting. The various committees within our Association will continue to meet as needed.

I remember the growth of this organization from meeting in Tom and Maggie Blaha's basement for nearly 20 years to having monthly meetings at the Washington Park Senior Center. Come to a regular meeting and become involved in your neighborhood. I started active participation in 2006, and I am glad that I did

Check out our new website at www.martin-drive.org. See pictures, video, links, and event updates.

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MARTIN DRIVE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association, through programs and projects, is to embrace and foster a sense of belonging and common purpose, resulting in a neighborhood that is beautiful, diverse, secure, and fun for everyone! <>



Christmas Caroling

By: Raymond Duncan



On **December 13**, neighbors in the Martin Drive Neighborhood will join our neighbor Jerry Burns and go caroling. We will meet at my place (1260 N 43 St.) at 6:30 p.m. and go around the neighborhood in song. Afterwards we will warm up with some hot food and drink. I do not know how to sing well, but it was still a lot of fun when I went last year. Please mark your calendars. <>

Martin Drive Community Garden

By: Steve Falsetti

For years the green space at the intersection of 46th Street and Vliet sat vacant and unused. In the fall of 2008 a group of neighbors united to clean up and landscape the area. At this time, a unique landmark, created by children and an artist from the neighborhood, was installed at the location.

The Martin Drive Community Garden was established in the spring of 2009 when a new resident with a green thumb presented the idea during a neighborhood meeting. Shortly thereafter a group of neighbors and friends converged at the green space and built six raised flower/vegetable beds. After the garden was created, residents of the Martin Drive Neighborhood began to hang out, relax, and use the formerly vacant green space.

Originally, finding a water source was a concern, but we were able to obtain a permit for a hydrant near our garden. Initially we had to carry buckets to water the garden, but recently a number of hoses were donated, which has helped immensely with watering. With talk of the City eliminating hydrant permits next year, we are concerned about a water source.

The garden initiative has spurred a number of other creative neighborhood projects. There are five Aldo Leopold benches at the garden, which were decorated by five different Martin Drive residents. There are also plans to paint a large chessboard and hopscotch on a vacant driveway at the garden location. Additionally, the neighborhood association has held the annual Martin Drive Summer Sizzle Picnic at the green space for the past two years.

This year the garden expanded – two new vegetable beds were added and the area along the fence line has slowly been landscaped. The project has connected neighbors and created opportunities for young residents to learn about and taste a cornucopia of fresh fruits and vegetables. It has also established a pretty, peaceful meeting place in the Martin Drive Neighborhood.



Raymond Duncan and Pat Mueller at the Garden

Calendar of Martin Drive Events

10/28/2010 6:00 pm
 Monthly Milwaukee Police Third District Community Networking Meeting (Nov. & Dec date TBA)

10/29/2010 7:30—8:30 pm
 Night-time Trick & Treat

11/8/2010 6:30 pm
 Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Meeting - Washington Park Senior Center

11/19&20/2010 Holiday Heights — Kick-off of the Holiday shop local season.

12/13/2010 6:30 pm Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Caroling and Fun

“Bake It and They Will Come”

By Amy Peterson



Community Pie celebrated its first event on August 25 at the Washington Park **W e d n e s d a y**

evening concert. Volunteers served pies made from the fruit of Martin Drive; the fruit from the garden and the fruit of our neighbors' labor. Making the pies was truly a labor of love. Everyone who ate a piece or two, got a taste of the love that went into making it.

First volunteers gathered at the Urban Ecology Center to make pie crusts. Then, we spent the summer collecting fruit, mostly from neighbors. Then we (kids and adults) assembled the pies at the Urban Ecology Center. Finally, we baked them at Eat Cake!

It was my first serving ever of mulberry pie. The mulberries were picked from the park and from neighbors' trees. The kids had fun climbing the trees and shaking the mulberries loose.



We create community through developing relationships with one another where anyone with the love of pie can participate. We hope to have another Pie Celebration in February at the Urban Ecology's Winter Festival. Thanks to everyone who donated fruit, time or money. We look forward to growing more fruit and making pie!

If you'd like more information about Community Pie or would like to help, call me 414-750-1005 or email at apetersonwi@gmail.com . <>