

# Martin Drive Trolley News



## 20th Annual Night Time Trick or Treat Friday, October 25



Boo! Are you ready for this frighteningly Spooktacular family friendly Martin Drive Neighborhood event? This year's Night Time Trick or Treat is on **Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Don't come out early because it will not start till it's sufficiently dark or at **7:30pm**. Barricaded streets, the Explorers, Auxiliary Police and neighborhood volunteers make the event safe and not scary.

You can register your kids and grandkids at Heritage West Properties, side door at 4303 W. Vliet Street at the times listed. Registration costs \$1 per child and a bag of candy. Kids who register get a Trick or Treat bag with prizes. The bag identifies your child as being registered.

Treating homes must register too. If your block is a treating block you have a special page inserted in this newsletter to register your home to handout candy. We try to keep this a surprise to encourage everyone to register their kids. If you won't be home that night or would like a volunteer to hand out candy in front of your house, raise your hand and let us know. <>

### Trick or Treat Registration

**Wednesday—October 16 & 23: 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday—October 19: 10:00 a.m.-Noon**

### **Teen Volunteers Needed.** -

Teens, please register to help at the regular registration times above.

## Help make the 20th Anniversary Trick or Treat the Best Ever

See inside sheet for details on how you can help.

### **Celebrate 20 Years of Trick or Treat!**

#### **Fri. October 25th**

By Pat Mueller

In honor of the big 20th anniversary of trick or treat, expect some extra special tricks and treats this year. This newsletter includes an insert if you are in the treating home area. Please think about special decorating or special ways to enhance the night.

There are a few things I can tell you about now but expect some surprises. The treating area will be larger. I am looking for people to come and be Trunk-Or-Treats at the intersections instead of the usual barricade. What that means is to pick a theme and decorate your car, truck or motorcycle and hand out candy from your assigned intersection. For instance, in honor of Harley's 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we could go with a motorcycle theme and have several bikes at one corner with people dressed in motor cycle garb handing out candy. Other themes might be Pirates, Superhero, Zombies or Wizard of Oz theme. May be there could be some way we could honor the summer movie series. Use your imagination. Enlarging the area means we need more volunteers and more candy so please donate and volunteer. <>



**Welcome Packs Available**— Welcome new neighbors to Martin Drive Neighborhood with a welcome pack. Maggie Blaha and Lynn Grages assemble and make available Welcome Pack for new neighbors. The pack is very informative and includes information about the Neighborhood Association and the general area.

Neighborhood success is not just the removal of bad things, but the initiation of good things.

## Landlord Alliance

By Pat Mueller

Like most Milwaukee neighborhoods, Martin Drive Neighborhood is made up of a large percentage of rental property because of all the duplexes. In September, several meetings were held with landlords and investors. The goal is to create a network of support and resources to one another and improve their investment while creating a stronger quality of life within the neighborhood. Owning and living in a duplex is a great way to get into homeownership. The landlord alliance will be there to support you.

Since there is a large percentage of rental property in the neighborhood and since many of our problems revolve around rental property this could have a huge positive impact for the neighborhood. We have started an e-mail group to share best practices, resources and connections to quality tenants and reasonable reliable contractors. We will also host learning sessions on topics that the landlords are interested in. We learned that many landlords are interested in learning how to better screen tenants and that they would be interested in attending a City of Milwaukee Landlord Training Session on this side of town. If you are interested in being part of this group, contact Pat Mueller at 414.933.5589 or [pmueller4502@gmail.com](mailto:pmueller4502@gmail.com) <>



## Red Bows Mean Christmas has Come to Martin Drive

By Lois Nugent

Each December, the Martin Drive Neighborhood shows its holiday spirit by trimming all the neighborhood's lovely street trees with bright red bows. This tradition is just one of many that the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association spearheads that make our neighborhood special. Volunteers attach the bows in time for the MDNA annual Christmas Caroling event and they remain in place until the end of the holiday season, when another group of volunteers removes the bows from the trees and returns them to storage until next year. Residents and visitors alike can't help but get into the holiday mood when they drive down the streets of the neighborhood and see each tree decked out for the season. <>

## Targeted Investment Neighborhood or TIN

Martin Drive is applying to be a TIN neighborhood. A TIN is a City of Milwaukee program set up to stabilize and improve neighborhoods. TINs use strategies to strengthen property values, stabilize and increase owner-occupancy, improve overall physical appearance and enhance quality of life. There are many advantages including that homeowners are eligible for \$15,000 forgivable loans. The program priorities include, exterior code-related repairs such as roofing, siding, porch repairs, lead abatement including replacement windows, energy conservation, plumbing, electrical, heating. There would also be money available for Community Improvement Projects in the neighborhood. <>

## Summer Traditions at the Garden

We had glorious weather and a great turnout for the Summer Sizzle Potluck Picnic on July 27th. Raymond also

organized three Movies Under the Stars which were well attended. The 2013 summer garden activities went well. All beds were adopted. A regular schedule of watering was established making tasks easier for garden guy Steve Falsetti. As usual, Steve was a skilled garden mentor teaching the less experienced his knowledge of growing. A community sign board was installed at the garden and hand painted "adopted" signs to acknowledge ownership of the beds was implemented. Also the Community Garden sign itself was refinished and a new Plexiglas cover was installed to replace the broken plexi. <>



## Welcome to Our Quiet Neighborhood! Martin Drive Likes 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 and continuous barking of dogs, loud music from cars & homes, loud parties and loud disagreements all disturb your neighbors' peaceful enjoyment of their home and yard. 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 is not enjoyable to neighbors.

**Kids R US** - Please observe the 11 pm summer and 10 pm school year curfew & remind your children not to cut through neighbors' yards.

**Keep It Clean** - Garbage carts need to be removed promptly from the curb after pick-up. Picking up trash from your yard 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 removed quickly. If you're a homeowner, please remove it as soon as possible.

**Wrong Way on a One-Way** - Going the wrong way on a one-way street is dangerous and unnecessary. Cars pulling out and kids playing don't expect it.

**Park It** - Remember to observe the posted street parking regulations. Parking on unpaved areas (grass) is not permitted by code.

**Tool Time** - Cut the grass! Rake the leaves! Shovel the snow!

Wouldn't it be nice if we could all abide by these suggestions. <>

### Our Best Safety and Block Watch Advice

Be extremely aware of your surroundings. Put your porch lights on. If you are out and about at night, take an extra circle around a block or two and report suspicious activity. Don't be a hero but keep your eyes open and report, report, report all suspicious activity. The police department asks us to do this.

For **emergency or crime in progress call 911**. For **suspicious activity call 934-444, option 9**.

### Special Thanks to Eric Penebaker

Eric has lived on Martin Drive for quite a few years. He is an MPD Auxiliary Police Officer and he is always up for walking and patrolling the neighborhood.

## Things to Look Forward To:

### Important Notice Special Meeting of the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association

**Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**  
Washington Park Senior Center,  
4420 W. Vliet Street.

We want to share with you the positive updates on crime and safety since our last meeting.

Learn about tips and project ideas.

Help us set project priorities and plans for implementation.

Your voice counts.  
Be a part of an active neighborhood.



### Fifth Annual Martin Drive Neighborhood Association Holiday Caroling and Pot- luck Party.

By Raymond Duncan  
Save the date, (always second Monday  
in) December 9th, 2013 6:30 p.m. at  
1260 North 43rd Street.

We meet at the Duncan/Brunner House for caroling and a party. We do not have a neighborhood meeting in December and instead meet as a neighborhood for fun!

We'll decide how far to go in the neighborhood and enjoy the holiday decorations based on the weather. Do not worry if you don't have the best voice, trust me I don't! As a popular event, I encourage you to meet your neighbors and enjoy an evening to relax before the busy holiday season. <>

### Westside Guide 2014

The second edition of the full-color Westside Guide is hot off the press thanks to donations from Uptown Crossing Bid, Washington Heights and Froedert and ad sales. This is a comprehensive resource to area businesses, organizations, schools, churches, parks as well as important government contacts. Copies are available at local businesses. It can also be accessed online on the neighborhood website.

**Website & Other Social Media-** Martin Drive has a beautiful website designed and maintained by Raymond Duncan. Check it out at [www.martin-drive.org/](http://www.martin-drive.org/) He also maintains a Facebook page and "tweets" on Twitter and has followers from as far away as Malaysia.

**Email List Serves -** Martin Drive is great at communicating with all neighbors. Residents are informed and communication is accomplished by newsletters, signage and fliers delivered to your door. Most committees have listservs. By using these e-mail addresses you can send a message to an entire committee.

[Martin-drive@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Martin-drive@yahoogroups.com) – This address will send your message to neighbors who have attended meetings or events and signed up for the listserv. Currently there are 274 members of this group which includes neighbors and our elected government leaders.

[MDNAPandP@yahoogroups.com](mailto:MDNAPandP@yahoogroups.com) – This committee plans for the agenda of the bi-monthly meetings and plans events and programs for the association.

[MDNAREps@yahoogroups.com](mailto:MDNAREps@yahoogroups.com) -- Martin Drive has a Block Rep for almost every block in the neighborhood. Block Reps attend meetings as needed, see to the distribution of newsletters and fliers on their block and are the liaison between the Association and individuals on each block.

[MDNABandF@yahoogroups.com](mailto:MDNABandF@yahoogroups.com) -- This committee reviews neighborhood financial information, approves neighborhood expenditures with proper receipts, maintains neighborhood checking account, accounts for neighborhood expenditures, retains receipts of expenditures and prepares proper financial reports for grant purposes.

**Martin Drive Neighborhood Block Reps**

<b>Martin Drive</b>	
Sharon Williams.....	933-6800
<b>Martin Drive Apartments</b>	
Eric Penebaker.....	313-9861
<b>McKinley Court</b>	
Mary Andres.....	344-3970
<b>42<sup>nd</sup> Street</b>	
Betty & Al Siemsen.....	344-3846
<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)</b>	
Raymond Duncan.....	294-3828
Vicki Provencher.....	828-8250
<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)</b>	
Amy Peterson.....	750-1005
<b>44<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)</b>	
Tim Singbeil.....	708-7176
<b>44<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)</b>	
Linda & Pat Devitt.....	344-1019
<b>45<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)</b>	
Rod & Sandy Washington.....	763-8848
Maggie Blaha.....	344-0688
<b>45<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)</b>	
Kathy McCauley.....	517-9797
Tom Gillard.....	688-3185
<b>46<sup>th</sup> Street (Juneau to Vliet)</b>	
Steve Falsetti.....	608-443-9337
<b>46<sup>th</sup> Street (Martin to Juneau)</b>	
Christine Happel.....	916-2465
<b>46th Street (Martin to State)</b>	
Bonnie Morscher.....	339-0731
<b>Vliet Street &amp; Business Rep</b>	
Pat Mueller.....	933-5589



**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!<>*