



# TROLLEY

**Don't miss the MDNA Harvest Lunch and Meeting on Saturday, October 12 beginning at 10 am.**



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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.

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## Neighborhood Night Time Trick or Treat

Halloween is fast approaching with the neighborhood special tradition of night time trick-or-treating, on Friday, October 25, 2019. This Martin Drive tradition rotates treating "host" blocks each year, allowing host neighbors to choose to participate, or to allow a volunteer to stand in front of their

home to greet children and pass out candy. Any resident of the neighborhood can register



children and grandchildren in their family for a fee of \$1.00 per child and a bag of candy. See the MDNA neighborhood October 25th Night Time Trick or Treat insert in this issue. **Volunteers are needed!** Please contact Terri Bartlett at 414-377-2645 or at [terribartlett007@gmail.com](mailto:terribartlett007@gmail.com)

## The New Wow! Lower Vliet St.

There is so much to tell you about, I hardly know where to start. Let's start with **Sanders Super Bowl**. Newly opened to the public, Sanders Super Bowl is at 3827 W Vliet. Prior owner, Freddie Sanders, was the first African American in the Greater Milwaukee Bowling Hall of Fame. His love of bowling transferred to wanting everyone to bowl, especially youth. He kept his property in pristine condition making it an attractive purchase for the new owner, Stephan LeSure. Stephan has been fine

tuning the operation with updated amenities creating a welcoming atmosphere for all. In the coming year, Stephan will invest in a renewed façade with a welcoming front entrance, illuminated signage and the first mural that is part of the Vliet Street Multicultural Mural Tour. The mural project is the brainchild of Brad Bernard, Martin Drive resident, artist and professor at MIAD. Brad is a seasoned muralist with murals at the Hope House, Mount Mary University and other locations. If all goes well, he will create a series of murals along Vliet that are multicultural, educational and inspired by some of the history of the street, area, and our diverse

neighborhood. Check the concept out at <https://youtu.be/dGJzgT6KmeY> That is the tip of the iceberg, or should I say tip of the empanada when it comes to emerging businesses on that block. As soon as October, there will be a new restaurant, **Triciclo Peru MKE**, an empanada and pisco bar. They will join, **Pete's Pops**, **Mr Home Improvement**, **PWD Computers** and **Color-wheel Painting**. Isn't that an amazing array of new businesses? Please remember to support these local businesses. Share this information with your friends by talking them up, or on social media. And don't forget to stop in, shop, eat, dine, and bowl. They can only make it with your support.

## MDNA Email Connections

Martin Drive neighborhood reaches out through social media because we realize that neighbors use different forms of communication. The benefit of these online connections is in addition to valued face-to-face conversations.

Our email listserv is **[martin-drive@yahoo.com](mailto:martin-drive@yahoo.com)**. By being on this email listserv, you

are connected to the neighborhood — most communication starts here. It is email that goes to your home email address and is directed to Martin Drive neighbors. Neighbors are encouraged to sign up to be connected to MDNA communications. To sign up on the listserv please register at [martin-drive@yahoo.org](mailto:martin-drive@yahoo.org).

There is a different listserv called **nextdoor.com** that is used by the residents of 17 westside neigh-

borhoods to use as "community email board" where comments and opinions between neighborhoods can be shared. Although a good resource, the next door listserv is not the focused communications for martin drive.

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# New Thrift Store Open

The Washington Park Senior Center now has a wonderful little thrift store that is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm. On a recent visit, the store was running a \$1.00 sale on a wide selection of yarn and a sale on all earrings and

had a shiny brand new "grill on wheels set" complete with barbecue tools and charcoal. The shop is well organized and the stock includes a large selection of new t-shirts, used books and records, beautiful pottery, craft supplies and dishes. Come on over and check it out! Donations are also very welcome.

# Nut Company Building Update

Built in an Art Deco style in 1933, the building at 4227 W. Vliet was originally a corner grocery store at the end of the street car line, and across from the Washington Park Zoo. Tiled in terrazzo floors with striking glossy black tile above the windows, the building later housed the Milwaukee Nut Company, providing roasted nuts, especially seasonal holiday favorites, with a comforting aroma for the neighborhood. Standing vacant with the

shortened name "the Nut Company" neighbors have appreciated the changes since the building was purchased in 2018 by Tom Schuler. Plantings along the 43rd Street side of the building along with painting spruced up the façade, and the property to the west has been cleared of debris. Tom has experience restoring buildings in Milwaukee, and has a vision to restore the beauty of the windows. He would like to create a small production site, including a retail space. We are eager to watch this treasure emerge.

# "Hello" a New Habit

When we recognize the neighbors who live on our block we develop an awareness of our community. Greeting neighbors is the 1st step in connecting & it can be a very **small** habit that brings **big** rewards. It could be a wave as they drive past you, a quick "hi" as you go into your house or a longer greeting when it's time to take out

# Important Numbers

- Emergency Police - 911
- Non-Emergency - 933-4444
- Alderman Murphy - 286-3763

the garbage cart. It can be any way that works for you!! A neighbor who has a habit of greeting each person they see and has learned how much this means when they are now greeted in turn. You have nothing to lose & so much to gain!!"

# Students! Need a Job??

Check out the jobs available through the Contract Compliance Services program at MPS. These are real jobs paid for by the various companies that have contracts with MPS to provide goods and services. These businesses are required to hire a junior or senior high school student. These jobs will not interfere with your school schedule.

You will be treated as a potential employee. You will be expected to write up a brief resume, fill out an application, and be interviewed by the employer. You will be assisted through this procedure by the Contract Compliance staff. Many of these jobs are available now, not just over the summer. Two young men from the Martin Drive neighborhood were employed last year, but we want more of our local students to benefit from this unique program.

There are no special requirements. Contact Regina Flores at 414-438-3622 to get more details and "how-to's". This is one call that could really get you some serious financial help. **MAKE THE CALL!**



Summer Sizzle Photos



## MARTIN DRIVE BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

BLOCK	REPRESENTATIVE NAME	PHONE
47TH - STATE STREET	CINDY COBB	414-331-3085
46TH - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE.	NEED A REPRESENTATIVE	
46TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHRISTINE HAPPEL & KEVIN SCHULTZ	414-916-2465
45TH - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE	JEFF MITCHELL	mitchelljefferyr@gmail.com
45TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	KATHY Mc CAULEY	414-517-9797
44TH - VLIET ST TO JUNEAU AVE	VERONICA MANCHENO	414-315-1898
44TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHUCK LANDRY	414-344-1331
43RD - VLIET ST. TO JUNEAU AVE.	RAYMOND DUNCAN	414-294-3828
43RD - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	SHARON WILLIAMS	414-933-6800
43RD - MARTIN DRIVE TO HIWAY RAMP	CHARLOTTE JACKSON	charjackson@att.com
42ND - VLIET TO Mc KINLEY CT.	ABBY & ERIC ROSE	920-207-2251
Mc KINLEY CT. - HIGHLAND AVE..	MARY ANDRES	414-526-2742
MARTIN DR. APTS. TO HIGHLAND AVE.	SHARON WILLIAMS	414-933-6800

## Activities in the Community Garden

This is a shout out to a newer landlord in the neighborhood who saw the need for the replacement of the rotted picnic tables at the community garden. He provided information about purchasing handmade tables and donated \$300 dollars to pay for them. A gift from another neighbor completed the funding for two new tables which were stained by a team of three neighbors to help

preserve them. That's what I call good neighborly spirit and teamwork. A thank you has been sent to the donors. Thank you also to



the two neighbors mowing in the background of the photo!

We have a new garden coordinator, Jerry Burns — Bravo

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## "Hot" Rummage Sale

Saturday, July 20th was one of the hottest days of the summer...and half way thru the day it began to rain.. BUT 29 hardy Martin Drive neighbors still came out to participate in the MDNA Annual Rummage Sale. Many thanks to all

who participated, but especially to Raymond Duncan, David Keith, Charlotte Jackson who helped with the organizational tasks, and to the Block Representatives for distributing the fliers.

Because of the rain, the Coordinator Sharon Williams was not able to visit each sale site, so if you still

have one of the flag strings, just drop them at her house at 4320 West Martin Dr.

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## Walking with the Alderman & Mayor

Over 50 neighbors joined the neighborhood walk on Tues., August 20, as Alderman Murphy's annual walk was combined with Mayor Barrett's "100 Miles in 100 Days" neighborhood walking program. Neighbors provided ideas for the walk, and the MDNA Coordinating Committee designed a one hour walk route that showcased concerns, improvements, and homes full of pride. Beginning at 2 Mesa restaurant the Alderman and the Mayor warmly greeted neighbors, commending the dedication and inspiration that keeps Martin Drive flourishing as a community. Joining the walk were City of Milwaukee staff from the departments of Forestry, Building Inspection, Public Works and Plan-

ning, and Police who recorded neighbor concerns and ideas for solutions. A diverse group of neighbors warmly greeted each other.

The intersection of Martin Drive and Highland, with no, or rolling stops by drivers; and the intersection of Ju-neau and Martin Drive, with the recessed and not always used stop sign, were both noted as needing clearer signage to reduce the safety concerns of pedestrians and traffic. A new section of fencing and stone-work repairs on the west side of Martin Drive were commended, with neighbors indicating that broken down structures really sent the wrong message to both residents and visitors to the neighborhood.

Numerous gardens and well kept homes were noted on the west side of Martin Drive, and visible down 43<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> streets, as the walk headed to 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> and Martin. Both corners are known for speedy traffic off and onto the expressway. A concern all along the walk were needed sidewalk repairs. It was noted that

sides of the street. This illegal practice does not allow enough space for the access of crucial emergency vehicles and has been and will continue to be monitored by neighbors and MPD.

The previously named "Nut Company" building on the southeast corner was noted for improved maintenance and plantings that enrich the corner (please see the adjacent article on the Nut Company.)

The walk headed back to 2 Mesa



sidewalks are scheduled for repair in the City Plan for the entire neighborhood in 2020. The final stop on the walk was the corner of N 43 and Vliet Streets where looking south, visibly the most narrow street of Martin Drive, there are grave safety concerns when vehicles park on both

passing both apartment buildings and homes that were examples of careful maintenance. Walkers also noted the numerous scooters scattered around the neighborhood with lots of opinions on this new phenomena.

## Fall 2019 MDNA Calendar

Mark your calendar!

**Oct. 6 — West Vliet Fall Festival**

**Oct 12 — Harvest Lunch & Meeting, Halloween Registration at Washington Park Senior Center beginning at 10 AM**

**Oct. 17 — Halloween Registration at Eat Cake 6pm - 8pm**

**Oct. 19 — Halloween Registration at Eat Cake 12pm - 4pm**

**Oct. 22 — Halloween Registration at Eat Cake 10am - 12pm and 6pm - 8pm**

**Oct. 25 — Night Time Trick or Treat 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Nov. 16-17 — Vliet Street Holiday Happenings**

**Dec. 1 — Put Up Neighborhood Holiday Red Bows**

**Dec. 9 — Holiday caroling and party**

## What It Takes to Be a Healthy Neighborhood

The Martin Drive Neighborhood tries very hard to be a healthy and safe neighborhood. We take care of our property appearance by doing required repairs like roof and window upgrades, painting and siding upgrades, and simple things like painting the porch and steps, picking up litter, and putting our recycling and garbage carts back. We celebrate our neighborhood by attending events and meetings like the walk with Michael Murphy our

Alderman, planting flowers on our property, mowing our lawns, parking on correct side of street, not speeding on our roads, or traveling down the street the wrong way—even when we are rushed. All these things we do help us be healthy and safe. Talking to neighbors, using email listserv, and reporting crime, or suspicious activity to police is also helpful. Keep doing this and more. Great Job.

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## **It's the Spooktacular's 26<sup>th</sup> Year!!**

**It's time for MDNA's Neighborhood Night Time Trick or Treat!**

**The 26th Annual "Spooktacular" is on Friday, October 25th –  
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

### **Here Is What You Need to Know:**

1. Each year designated blocks are selected as the treating home area. Promptly at 7:15 pm, security monitors put up barricades so that everyone is free to roam the area, crossing streets safely. To create this safe environment, we enlist the volunteer help of teen and adult neighbors.
2. This event is for neighborhood children and grandchildren under the age of 13 only. Teens in costume are welcome to help in monitoring streets. All children must be accompanied by an adult both at registration and the night of trick-or-treating.
3. All children must be registered to participate, and families are asked to contribute \$1 per registered child, and a bag of candy (200 pieces or more). If more than 4 children are registered, families are asked to contribute 2 bags of candy. Registered children will receive a special trick or treat bag which identifies children as being registered. Families are notified at registration time of the treating area.

### **Registration Dates and Times:**

**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center, at the Harvest Lunch & Meeting 11:00 am.- 1:30 pm.**

**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm - 8:00pm at 4303 W. Vliet St. in the "Eat Cake" Building**

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> noon - 4:00 pm, at 4303 W. Vliet St. in the "Eat Cake" Building**

### **FINAL REGISTRATION DAY**

**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am - noon & 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm, in the "Eat Cake" Building**

4. Neighbors in the designated treating area are asked to be host trick or treat homes, decorating as desired, and are provided with candy by the MDNA for distribution if needed.

**Volunteers are needed to make this a great event! Please contact Terri Bartlett at:**

**[terribartlett007@gmail.com](mailto:terribartlett007@gmail.com) or, 414-377-2645 to offer your help. Please leave a message so she can return your call. Volunteer opportunities include: Registration, decorating trick or treat cars, passing out Halloween notices, candy sorting, distribution and more.**

Our Night time Trick - or - Treating is always fun, as neighbors often come out in force, in costumes and in the spirit of making this a memorable experience for all.

**All skateboards, bikes, and dogs are not allowed for the sake of everyone's safety. Thank you.**

# **Come Out to the MDNA Harvest Lunch & Meeting**



Join us on Saturday, October 12 for the neighborhood meeting at the Washington Park Senior Center at 10:00 am, followed by the Second Annual Harvest Lunch at 12:00 pm. The Harvest Lunch and Meeting includes celebrating the Martin Drive Neighborhood successes, highlighting involvement in our community, and enjoying a delicious harvest menu with neighbors!

If you have a dish you would like to share, please contact the Coordinating Committee at [mdna-cc@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mdna-cc@yahoogroups.com)

