

# MARTIN



# DRIVE

NEIGHBORHOOD

## TROLLEY NEWS

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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 an neighborhood that is beautiful, diverse, secure, and fun for everyone.

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### What do you think should be included in this newsletter?

Welcome to the Martin Drive Trolley! This newsletter is brought to you by the MDNA Coordinating Committee with the help of neighbor Dave

Johnson. There is a long tradition of a MDNA newsletter that we hope to revive with the goal of three issues per year.

Please consider replying with your ideas, suggestions and articles to the:

MDNA-CC  
@yahoogroups.com

### Our Neighborhood Red Bows

Each holiday season our neighborhood proudly displays red bows up and down our blocks. Dedicated



neighbors sort, replace, put up and take down the bows each year. Appreciated as a symbol of neigh-

borhood unity, these bows are noticed also by people who drive through our neighborhood. One Miller employee recently felt motivated to donate red bows to us that he found at his home when preparing to move. What a

nice gift to support the neighborhood red bow tradition !



Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Washington Park Senior Center at 10 am.

### THE BLOOM AND GROOM PLANT SALE IS COMING SOON !

Join us on May 19 at 10am in front of the Washington Park Senior Center to choose from a selection of reasonably priced plants. More info available at the April 28th MDNA Meeting



[ MDNA reminder ]

Martin Drive Block representatives are neighbors who connect with neighbors on individual blocks and are responsible for distributing printed MDNA information !

# MARTIN DRIVE BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
47TH - STATE STREET	NEED A REPRESENTATIVE	
46TH - VLIET TO JUNEAU AVE.	NEED A REPRESENTATIVE (2)	
46TH - JUNAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHRIS & KEVIN HOPPEL	(414-916-2465)
45TH - VLIET TO JUNEAU AVE.	SANDY/RODD WASHINGTON (402-250-4625)	
45TH - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	KATHY Mc CAULEY	(414-517-9797)
44TH ST - VLIET TO JUNEAU AVE.	NEED A REPRESENTATIVE (2)	
44TH ST - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	CHUCK LANDRY	(414-344-1331)
43RD ST - VLIET TO JUNEAU AVE.	RAYMOND DUNCAN	(414-294-3828)
43RD ST - JUNEAU AVE. TO MARTIN DRIVE	SHARON WILLIAMS	(414-933-6800)
43RD ST - MARTIN DRIVE TO HIGHWAY	CHARLOTTE JACKSON	charjackson@att.com
42ND ST - VLIET TO McKINLEY CT.	ABBY & ERIC ROSE	(920-207-2251)
McKINLEY CT. - TO HIGHLAND AVE.	MARY ANDRES	(414-526-2742)
MARTIN DR. APTS. TO HIGHLAND AVE.	SHARON WILLIAMS	(414-933-6800)
MARTIN DR. APTS WITH WHITE BENCHES	PAT MUELLER	(414-933-5589)

The new neighborhood restaurant "2 Mesa" opens at the corner of Martin Dr. and Highland on Sunday, March 18, with Brunch on the Menu.

### Neighborhood Morning Walkers



As this group walks through the neighborhood in the morning, they have picked up nearly ten large bags of debris. **Bravo!**

We need volunteers from the neighborhood to be block representatives for the highlighted block sections **above**. Please contact the MDNA Coordinating Committee at [MDNA-CC@yahoo.com](mailto:MDNA-CC@yahoo.com) with your questions and consider becoming a Block Representative!

## Police Calling Quick Guide

### All Emergencies-Dial 911

- All life threatening situations
- All suspected crimes in progress examples include, but not limited to:
  - Shots fired / Shootings
  - Robbery

### Non-Emergencies- Dial 933-4444

To speak to a tele-communicator and have the call recorded, press 9

When an officer is needed at the scene but the situation is **not life threatening**.

- Loud Music
- Neighbor Troubles
- To speak to a Communications Supervisor- 935-7472

## 2018 Election Dates

ELECTION DAY VOTING HOURS: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

**SPRING ELECTION** – Tuesday, **APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Last day to register to vote by mail

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – First day to vote In-Person Absentee Voting (City Hall room 501)

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Last day to request Absentee ballots by mail.

**FALL PRIMARY** – Tuesday, **Aug14<sup>th</sup>**

**FALL GENERAL ELECTION** – Tuesday, **Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**



## Land Lord Training

The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association partnered with the City of Milwaukee to present its award winning Landlord Training program in two sessions held at the Washington Park Senior Center. While there are number of apartment building in our area, there are many duplexes which can create a more personal relationship between landlords and tenants.

Mark Medrek, of the City's Property Management Department, led the training and emphasized the need for landlords to be positive and clear in their communication with tenants.

Each participant was given a 57 page "Guide for Landlords and Property Managers" that was filled with lists of resources and covered the processes of preparing your property for rental, meeting code requirements, screening prospective tenants, crisis resolution, and the legalities of eviction.

A City Property Inspector, a City Attorney, and the District 3 Liaison Officer also spoke to the twelve neighbors in attendance.

MDNA hopes to present more programs like this the future.

## How to Register to Vote

Wisconsin law requires every qualified voter to maintain a current voter registration before voting in an election. Therefore, you must complete a voter registration application if you are a new Wisconsin voter, your name and/or residential address has changed since you last registered to vote, or if you have not voted in the past four (4) years.

If you are uncertain of your voter registration name, address or status you can go to My Vote Wisconsin ([www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)) and select "Regular Voter" to look up your voter record.

### Online Voter Registration

If you have a Wisconsin driver's license or Wisconsin state Identification card, you may register to vote online and do not need to mail in any additional documentation. Registering to vote is a two-step process.

**First step**, your information must be current with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Have you updated your address with the DMV? If not, go to "WisconsinDot.gov", then "DMV Online Services", and finally "Change Address" to update your address for free on the DMV's website. Name changes cannot be completed online with the DMV; you must go to a DMV office in order to complete a name change.

**Second step**, once your address and name are up-to-date with the DMV, go to [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) in order to update your voter registration. Your voter registration information is not updated until you go to my vote and complete the second step of the registration process.

### MDNA Email contact and Website address

**Martin Drive Website** — [www.martin-drive.org](http://www.martin-drive.org)

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/MartinDrive>

**Martin Drive Listserv signup** — [martin-drive@yahoogroups.com](mailto:martin-drive@yahoogroups.com)

# How do we build our Neighborhood Community?

Building a neighborhood community requires time, energy and support. Using the theme of a harvest, neighbors gathered at the WPSC on Saturday, October 14, 2017 to build on the successful neighborhood “meet and greet” events of the summer, and to continue making connections with a delicious harvest food lunch. In the Martin Drive neighborhood there are many ways to develop community, the most common being in daily communications between neighbors on each block, and this meeting focused on **how we talk to each other.**

To encourage discussion, the MDNA Coordinating Committee designed situations that reflect typical everyday neighborhood challenges, like how to deal with annoying late night noise, and neighbors in small groups met to brainstorm solutions.

Acknowledging first that it is human to complain, the groups developed communication solutions with suggestions for locating resources. Guided with questions like “what can you say?” “what can you do?” and “who can help?” it became clear that it is not always easy to address an-

noying or unsafe behaviors. It can take patience and listening, and as one neighbor indicated, “it is important to talk to the neighbor first, explain how the problem effects you.”

Suggestions included asking another neighbor or your block rep to join in talking to the neighbor, and being ready with suggestions for solutions. For the annoying late night noise situation, it was recommended approaching the situation in the daytime, possibly with a reminder that to protect our well being there are city ordinances about noise.

As solutions were shared



by each group, comments included that getting to know neighbors prior to a problem can provide an easier conversation about problems and that it is easy to have misunderstandings. Neighbors followed up over lunch, “harvesting” ideas and connections about community and connections about community!

## 2018 MDNA Calendar

**April 3 — Spring Elections**

**April 21— Neighborhood Cleanup**

**April 28—Neighborhood Meeting at Washington Park Senior Center 10 am to Noon.**

**May 19 — Bloom and Groom Neighborhood Plant Sale in front of Washington Park Senior Center beginning at 10 am**

**June 9 — MDNA Neighborhood Meeting at Washington Park Senior Center 10 am to Noon.**

**July 21 —Neighborhood Wide Rummage Sale**

**July 28— Summer Sizzle Neighborhood Event at the Garden (46th and Vliet)**

**Sept. 28— Neighborhood Fund Raiser**

**Oct. 13— Harvest Lunch, Neighborhood Meeting and Halloween Registration at the Washington Park Senior Center**

**Oct. 26 — Neighborhood Night Time Trick or Treat**

**Dec. 10 — Holiday Caroling**



## Are you interested in having a Meet and Greet on your block?

Funds from last year's “meet and greet” grant were used to develop a “portable kit” for setting up block events. Included are portable tables, flags and banners, sidewalk chalk and resources to notify your block and to request a street closure. Please contact the MDNA Coordinating Committee at [mdna-cc@yahoo.com](mailto:mdna-cc@yahoo.com) for support in planning and to check out this kit

