



Martin Drive Trolley News

Mingle with Neighbors

Every Wednesday 5:30 to 8pm at the Washington Park Band Shell

By Pat Mueller

Come Celebrate Washington Park's 125th year anniversary of Fredrick Law Olmsted's design of Washington Park. Lots of fun activities including kids' art activities programmed by our own Artists Working in Education (AWE), several nights of free food from both the Brew City Bruisers and another night sponsored by Washington Park Partners, Urban Ecology and Community Pies. But most exciting is the fabulous free entertainment that ranges all styles and genres of music. What a selection! There is something for everyone. Every Wednesday July through August come out and enjoy the great outdoors set to music. Admission is Free

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| 7/20 | Nabori
Mad Hot Ballroom & Tap | 8/17 | Kelli and the Soulmates
Michael Sodnik
AWE Studio Truck with free kids art. |
| 7/27 | KT's Universal Love Band
w/ Express Yourself Milwaukee
AWE Studio Truck with free kids art. | 8/24 | Washington Park's
125 th Anniversary Celebration!
The Davis Family Band
Running Rebels
Picnic with Washington Park Partners,
Urban Ecology Center & Community Pie
AWE Studio Truck with free kids art. |
| 8/3 | Terry Sims (Urban Jazz)
The Zen Dragonfly | 08/31 | Peter Mulvey-
Brew City Fire Brigade
A.W.E. Truck Studio Art for Kids |
| 8/10 | Extra Crispy Brass Band
West End Conservatory
AWE Studio Truck with free kids art. | | |

Top 10 Housing Inspection Questions Answered

By Sharon Williams

1. What are the most common property violations in the City?

Property maintenance is the number one code violation—exterior problems, such as, peeling paint , loose or missing siding, porches in need of repair, landscaping and nuisances i.e. garbage not contained, barking dogs, autos parked on lawn, loud noise, which should actually be reported to the Milwaukee Police Dept.

2. How do I know if I have a property violation?

Use the E-Notify program on the City's website, Milwaukee.gov . While you can send in a written complaint, the quickest way to communicate is by using E Notify. You can immediately respond to any violation orders or letters you may receive. Go to www.milwaukee.gov . Once on the website search for E-Notify. NOTE: There is a video explaining how to enroll and to use E-Notify on You Tube.

3. What happens if I receive a property violation?

Be proactive and immediately contact the Inspector named on the violation order. You will be given a reasonable amount of time to comply., usually about a month to ninety days', especially if you are communicating with the Inspector. If you need more time, It will most often be granted. If the work is done and your property is back in compliance, there will be no charge for the re-inspection. However, if you miss the agreed upon date, there will be a \$60.84 re-inspection fee. If noncompliance continues the fees can go from \$75.00 up to \$120.00 per re-inspection. This amount goes can be found on your tax bill; however, you may be summoned to court before the fees get to high. **Remember:** If you have serious violations that are life threatening, you will have thirty days to fix them or more severe consequences will occur.

4. What if I don't understand my violation or want to contest it?

Again, immediately contact your inspector who, as a courtesy, will come to your property and explain the order. There is a \$25.00 fee to formally appeal a violation order.

5. What happens if the property doesn't come into compliance?

The owner may faced increased re-us inspection fees to a notice of appearance in court. You will be expected to pay any Court costs. The Court will issue adjudicated orders that require monthly inspections and more fees. If not paid, they go onto your tax bill and the City can eventually take over the property. Try to work with the Inspector. There are programs designed to help landlords with financial problems.

6. What if the property in question is a rental? Is there a difference in the way the violation will be processed?

When deciding to issue an order, everyone is treated the same., but there may be different enforcement processes depending upon the specifics of each case. An elderly occupant may be treated more "gently" than a landlord who has a history of receiving notification of non-compliance.

7. Can a tenant file a complaint? If so, what is the procedure? Could the landlord then evict the tenant?

Yes. Simply call or write the Department of Neighborhood Services. For quicker results use the City's E Report email. A tenant with an annual lease cannot be evicted for six months as long as they are living up to the terms of the lease. A tenant on a month to month lease is less protected because all that is required to vacate the property is a written thirty day notice from either party.

8. Can a neighbor or a neighborhood association file a complaint against a property?

Yes by using the same procedure explained in question 2. Inspectors will do Block Walks with neighborhood associations.

9. How is this type of complaint processed?

All complaints are processed the same, it does not matter if it is the tenant or the landowner.

10. Are complainants required to identify themselves?

Yes self identification is required on a complaint, BUT you can request confidentiality and your name won't be used. Other City Departments can also issue violation orders, especially the Sanitation Dept.

Annual Martin Drive Neighborhood

SATURDAY

July 23th

8:30 am-3:30 PM



The Martin Drive Neighborhood Association will be posting signs, running ads online and in newspapers and creating a map showing rummage sale participants.

- ✚ Get a banner for your yard and you will get published on the online map by registering on or before July 20th. Go to: http://www.martin-drive.org/rummage_sale.html
- ✚ Please donate a gently used (or new) item for the Annual Meeting raffle table. Someone will collect on the day of the sale.
- ✚ We hope to offer a place to sell or donate your left over items. More information coming later by newsletter, email or on the MD website martindrive.org.

**Be a seller or shopper,
just don't miss the fun!**

Also, don't miss the Summer Sizzle Picnic Sat. July 27th



Recycling Electronics



Many electronics are banned from Wisconsin landfills. City crews **will NOT** pick up, and **no one may put any of the banned items in the trash or on the curb**. Some stores may take your old electronics. For example, many cell phone stores offer recycling programs for old phones. Milwaukee residents may take electronics to either Drop Off Center for free recycling with proof of residency. There is a maximum of 3 TVs. Our closest drop off center is at **3879 W. Lincoln Avenue**.

Electronics Banned from the Landfill

- TVs
- Blue-Ray players, DVD players, VCRs, and DVRs
- Computers (desktop, laptop, netbook, tablets, and e-readers)
- Computer monitors
- Computer accessories (mice, external hard drives, speakers, flash drives, external modems and routers)
- Printers, scanners, fax machines (including desktop devices)
- Cell phones

Electronics are the fastest growing segment of municipal solid waste. These items have hazardous materials such as lead, chromium, and mercury. By keeping electronics out of landfills we are reducing land, air, and water pollution while also reducing the negative impact these materials can have on human health. Electronics also contain valuable materials that can be saved and recycled into new products. Reusing these materials helps conserve natural resources and reduces the pollution associated with the initial mining or extraction of those natural resources.

Quote: *Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.*

Jane Jacobs



Lisbon Avenue Outdoor market @Amranth

Come feed your soul with great music and stay for the food. Every Friday starting June 17 from 4 to 8pm. Vegetable vendors, crafts and surprises each week. Food including awesome pizza, freshly made egg rolls, salsa is available. Learn new techniques in cook with free cooking demonstrations using fresh farmers produce. Musical entertainment every week. Amaranth Bakery located at 3327 W. Lisbon Ave.

Recipe Corner

Grapes hanging from trellises, birds dancing in the olive trees, the hot sun emerges with an occasional breeze, fresh unprocessed food...fond memories of my travel to Turkey last year. Here is my variation of a recipe I learned to make during my culinary tour. More to come! Keyfini cikarin...enjoy. Arlene Chambers.

Turkish Zevk (pronounced zev-ch, it means delight)

- 1 - 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 lemon sliced in half
- 1/2 pound green or black grapes, rinsed and sliced in half
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, optional
- 1 package of whole grain wraps, see note below

Mix the cream cheese and sugar until blended in a medium sized bowl. I use a wooden spoon but you may prefer to use a hand mixer. Hold the half lemon in your hand and give it a good squeeze into the cream cheese mixture. Watch out for the lemon seeds! Blend the mixture again with your spoon. With a separate spoon, taste the mixture. You may choose to add a little more sugar or give it another squeeze of lemon. I am a firm believer in tasting as you are creating your meal.

Place one wrap onto a cutting board or plate and spread one side with the cream cheese mixture using a spreader or butter knife. You want to spread it all the way to the edge of wrap, applying a moderate amount. In other words, don't spread it too thin! Now sprinkle the sliced grapes onto the wrap followed by the sliced almonds. Think of this as making a pizza where you place the sausage or pepperoni (in this case the grapes) then sprinkle on the cheese (in this case the almonds). Lastly, start at one edge of the wrap and continually roll it over until you have a log. Repeat this process with the remaining wraps. I find it best to place the logs on a waxed paper lined tray or container. It is best to refrigerate them in a closed container for at least an hour before serving. When ready to serve, use a spatula with a sharp edge or a sharp knife (preferably not serrated) and cut the logs into bite sized portions. You should yield approximately 4 servings per wrap.

****Note:** I buy Angelic Bakehouse Premium Wraps, specifically the artisan seven-grain variety, 9 ounce size. There are larger ones as well. The larger wraps will yield approximately 8 servings per wrap. These wraps closely resemble the bulgar wheat recipes used in Turkey. Furthermore, they contain all natural ingredients and Angelic is a local company from Cudahy! I believe they also make gluten free wraps. The wraps can be purchased at most local grocery stores.

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