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## How to Reduce Traffic Noise from US36?

The 70 mph speed of cars on 36 from Baseline to Table Mesa is the culprit. Many MA residents find life on Moorhead and in MA is unpleasant due to this continuous din. For years there has been **NO** action to slow traffic and minimize this noise. We will ask the new Council to **address this issue at a TBD Council Meeting** to at least work with the CDOT to lower speed limits to 55 from Table Mesa to Baseline. Contact Osman Parvez for more info. We are looking for volunteers to spearhead this effort.

**EggStravganza Martin Park March 22 10am-noon** is being organized by Pastor Bob Franz and the Church of Nazarene. To volunteer call Bob at 303-817-1382

## Martin Acres History by William Arndt

As a Boulder native who was always interested in architecture, here are my memories: BTW, I was born in 1947, so I vaguely remember the opening of the Turnpike in 1951. It was the start of big change in the City. I was also at the dedication of what's now the NIST Building by Pres. Eisenhower in 1953. My parents didn't move to MA until I was grown and out of the house, in 1972, but we had friends in MA long before that, like my neighbor Louise Adams who is an original owner (ca. 1955). In the 1950s, Sunday afternoons often consisted of visiting model homes all over town.

The first section of MA, to the northwest, was called Highland Park. MA 1 was when they started using brick, and extended to Martin Drive. I remember that for a long time Moorhead ended at Martin Drive. Martin Drive ended near Bear Creek (by the school). So all the cul-de-sacs east of Martin came later. This was also when split levels were introduced. The last to be built were the (still kind of strange) story-and-a-half salt boxes near Table Mesa Drive.

I have never considered Majestic Heights to be part of Martin Acres. For one thing, they always had their own school. I'm never sure what to call Dartmouth west of Broadway. Certainly not MA nor Table Mesa.

It was not until the early '60s that South Boulder Road was renamed Table Mesa Drive. I think it was about '63 or '64 that an exit/entrance to the Turnpike was added at Table Mesa. Before then, MA residents had to drive all the way back to Baseline to get on the Turnpike. You couldn't get off until Broomfield, then Federal. Broadway south of Baseline was Marshall Road. Hence "Base-Mar." Broadway has been widened many times. You used to be able to access Columbine, Bluebell, and Mariposa from Broadway.

I could go on (the original IHOP, the trampoline pits at Base-Mar, the back entrances to the NIST property) but I tend to bore people.

Please send us your memories about Martin Acres!

**Snow Removal** Each season with so many new residents we like to remind everyone to shovel their sidewalks by noon the day after the storm. Call EZEO 303-441-3239 for help if you encounter snowed over walkways and want them shoveled. They will send a friendly note to them.

Senior citizens and physically disabled persons who are unable to clear snow from their sidewalks may receive assistance through the city's ICEBUSTERS Program. For more information, or to be a volunteer, call Housing and Human

From the **New Voice Editor**, Maureen Maloney will start with the next issue. Mark Stangl will contribute content and support. Please send your articles, ads, and concerns to [maurnotes@comcast.net](mailto:maurnotes@comcast.net) or call her at 303-494-2580. We welcome your news! The Voice is published 6 issues per year on even months.

## Notices of local events and interest:

**Single Stream Recycling:** This has been sent back for further review by Council. Some of use participated in a trial last year. Please send your comments or questions to: Kelle Karp, Office of Environmental Affairs, Administrative Specialist 303-441-1940 [Karpk@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:Karpk@bouldercolorado.gov)

**Construction Noise** The city is considering adding restrictions in the noise ordinance is to limit construction noise on weekends for residential construction. They have been receiving complaints all around Boulder from all around Boulder not necessarily from MA.

**Mac Mansion Debate:** We are discussing this sonar e-mail server in last week. It has been one of the most exciting and well attended e-mail events thus far. Some argue that increasing the size of houses in Martin acres makes it less affordable. Others see that the value of their homes will increase. I think noise from adjacent highways will be reduced with more two-story homes. Look for more discussion in the public domain about restrictions on the size of a home additions citywide I think this will be a very hot topic for years to come.

The city of Boulder has adopted **more stringent environmental conscious building codes**. Additions greater than 500 ft.<sup>2</sup> well require meeting new HERS building standards. More on these new rules later.

**Rats in Martin acres?** This fall Rats have been seen crossing Broadway near Dartmouth Drive. We understand that a local homeowner who has been feeding birds for many years has attracted rats that have taken up residence in brush piles on the NIST property along Broadway. We consider this a public health hazard and the folks at NIST have been asked to address this problem. There is no action plan in place now.

**At our Feb/08 meeting Xcel Energy** sent Dennis Brachfeld, an Energy Star rater, talk about **low-cost methods on saving heat and reducing your energy bills**.

The Front Range of Colorado has had low natural gas prices because pipelines were not available to export natural gas to other parts of the country. Because of this building, codes not require wall insulation until about 1979. 45% of your of your energy bill is HVAC costs, 11% is hot water. The rest is electricity. Older refrigerators use a lot of power. Significant cost savings can be made converting all of your incandescent light bulb stew complex CFL or compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Drafty first story windows can significantly increase the draft in your home since heat rises. Recessed lighting in ceilings can be a cause for significant air leaks as heat rises up through them. The current building code require R38 in the attic but a R50 is recommended by building professionals.

Radiant reflective paint can be used on the inside walls of your house to keep energy and these paints can also act as a vapor barrier. Older furnaces draw cold air in through leaking windows in some homes. Homes with heaters in crawl spaces can draw their air from outside.

One of the most important things you can do with your crawspace is to add a vapor barrier over the dirt floor. If you do so you can seal the venting off in your crawspace if you have a vent to supply air to your basement heater. Sometimes this can be combined with a radon remediation system.

**Energy Audits** for \$100 are available from the Center for Resource Conservation. They are subsidized by the City and are normally much \$more. Call Allie Marshall 303-441-3278 ex.24 [amarsall@conservationcenter.org](mailto:amarsall@conservationcenter.org)

**Radon Testing Equipment** is available for MA residents use. Contact Mark Stangl. My experience is that radon varies quit a bit due to season and local barometric conditions. I recommend two tests. One in the not heating and one in the closed house heating season. Each test should last a week with at least 2 days in outside air or crawl space.



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Always wear a helmet.  
Get a bright head light and flashing rear blinker.

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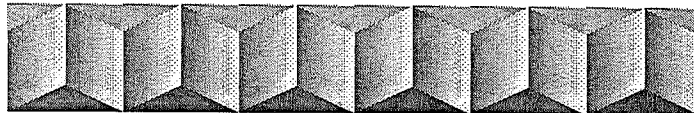
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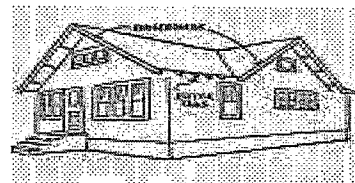
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**MANA Home Tour is Back for 08**  
on Saturday May 3rd. Volunteers needed. Call Osman Osman Parvez for more info: [secretary@martinacres.org](mailto:secretary@martinacres.org) 303-746.6896



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**Block Leader Openings. Block leaders distribute the Voice to their neighbors on their block.**

30th Street - from Moorhead to Dahlia  
44th Street - from Martin to Table Mesa  
Lashley - from Ash to 31st Street

**MANA Calendar** ALL "residents", renters, students, and home owners are encouraged to participate in all events! Meeting held in the downstairs fellowship hall at 300 S. Broadway at the Church of the Nazarene on the First Monday at 7 p.m. of each month except as listed.

**Our 2008 Calendar (subject to change) is:**

**March 3** 2008 MANA Elections  
**April 7** MANA Meeting  
**May 3, 2008** Home Tour  
**May 5th** MANA Meeting  
No June and July Meetings  
**Aug 4th & 25th** for PB Planning  
Pancake Breakfast **Sept 6**  
**Oct 6** MANA Meeting  
**Nov 3** MANA Meeting  
No Meeting in December