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How are you coping with

The Worst drought in over 100 years?

The snowpack that normally supplies Boulder with up to 95% of its water is lower that it has ever been at this time of year. Snowpack measurements taken on May 1 showed that snowpack at the lower mountain elevations had completely evaporated, a condition never seen in the many decades of record keeping at this site. The city's upper elevation snowpack is less that 25 percent of the average reading for May 1 over the past several decades and is the lowest ever recorded. Demand on city water has been higher this year because of an extremely dry winter and unseasonably warm temperatures throughout the year and into spring. (from City of Boulder's drought website www.boulderdrought.net)

Here is some information that can help us cope with a long, dry summer.

1. First know that the city has enacted mandatory water restrictions for all water users, residential or business. Watering of lawns, gardens, or other landscapes may only occur on the following days:
   Street addresses ending in 00-30 may water on Thursday and Sunday.
   Street addresses ending in 31-60 may water on Wednesday and Saturday.
   Street addresses ending in 61-99 may water on Tuesday and Friday.
   No outdoor watering is allowed on Monday.
   Watering is allowed before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. on the designated watering day.
   Water violation are $50 for first-time, $100 for second time, and $300 for third time violations.
2. If you see watering on the wrong day, consider politely reminding your neighbor of the watering days for his/her address. Please be neighborly, and give them the benefit of the doubt, "Did you know . . .?"
3. Keep sprinklers from watering pavement. Position them so that water lands on the lawn and shrubs.
4. Offer to help neighbors water when they plan to go out of town. They just might return the favor to you!
5. Offer to help elderly or disabled neighbors move their sprinklers and/or adjust their sprinkler system timers.
6. Spread the news: the city of Boulder drought web site www.boulderdrought.net features updated information on drought conditions, and offers great tips on ways to conserve water both indoors and out. You may also call 303-441-4H20 to ask questions and/or to provide comments.

Also: Attend the next MANA meeting at The Church of the Nazarene (on the corner of Dartmouth and Broadway) on Monday, July 1st beginning at 7:00 p.m. Paul Lander of Boulder's Water Conservation Office will make a short presentation describing where we get our drinking water, why there's so little this year, what might happen in the future and what we can do to conserve water now so we don't get real thirsty next April. Mr Lander will speak around 8:00 p.m.; the business meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. You're welcome to attend both, or either.

FOLKDANCING for EVERYONE outside on the Farmers' Market Plaza beside the Dushanbe Teahouse (13th Street between Canyon and Arapahoe) every Tuesday evening in June, July & August, 7-10 p.m. FREE! No partner or experience needed. All dances will be taught. Instruction by Martin Acres' own Tom Masterson & other renowned teachers from around the country. Also FREE CHILDREN's DANCE programs Tuesdays, June 25, July 9, 23; 6:30-7:00 p.m. outside on the same Plaza. Information: 303-499-6363

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The Flatiron Open Space Committee (FOSC) is a grass roots organization of citizens opposing ANY development on the Flatiron Property in south Boulder. FOSC supports the preservation of the Flatiron Property as Open Space and undeveloped flood plain, in its entirety. If you would like more information, or if you would like to help FOSC with contributions of time, money, or organization skills, please contact Sandy Hume, 303-499-4139.

Boulder CarShare
The Boulder CarShare has lowered its joining fee to $90.00. People interested in more information should visit www.carshare.org, or call Jamie at 303-245-4886.

Upcoming MANA meetings are as follows: 5/6, 7/1, 8/5, 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 1/6 and 2/3. Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly steering committee meetings. Babysitting is available upon request, please contact Steve Clason to request.

Neighborhood Transportation Mitigation Program
The City of Boulder has initiated a new traffic mitigation program which will allow neighborhoods to create traffic mitigation plans for their particular situations. Martin Acres resident Rob Ober has volunteered to head up the effort for our neighborhood. The deadline for participating neighborhoods to apply for city assistance in developing engineering solutions for 2003 is approaching quickly, and Rob would like to hear from anyone who is interested in helping or receiving further information. Call Rob at (303)554-5665, or email at rob@robober.com

Subscribing to the MANA email list — Simply send an email to majordomo@flatiron.com with the following in the body of the text: subscribe manalist. Please join the lively exchange of ideas, opinions, and commentary that is emailed back and forth.

By Leland Rucker

It's early in the season, but black bears are already being seen in the Foothills. I'd like to take a moment to introduce Billie Gutgsell and myself, Leland Rucker, the volunteer Bear Aware team for the South Boulder area.

Specifically, working with the Division of Wildlife, we serve as contacts for citizens with questions and concerns or who have direct contact with black bears or lions. Every year south Boulder residents come in contact with black bears and mountain lions along the trails in the foothills west of town and sometimes in our neighborhood.

We're mostly about information. We can provide you with facts and data about how predators and people can co-exist, including two helpful pamphlets, "Guide to Living with Wildlife in Boulder County" and "Guide to Wildlife Watching," both prepared by the Department of Wildlife to answer basic questions about living in close proximity to predators. We also have copies of "Be Bear Aware," tips for kids presented by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

One thing to be aware of is that the state of Colorado has a two-strike policy against problem bears. The second time a bear gets caught in garbage or interfering with human activity, it is killed. We don't know anybody from the Division of Wildlife who wants to kill bears, but they must follow the law.

Remember: If a bear gets into the trash, it's just an inconvenience for you. For the bear, it's tantamount to a death sentence.

If you have any questions about bears or lions, please call us. If you come in contact with a bear or lion, please call us. If you see evidence of a bear or lion in your yard or neighborhood, please call us. I'll keep people informed of sightings via the MANA email list.

Bears are incredible opportunists, and very intelligent, especially when it comes to food. The biggest problem for bears during any season, and perhaps especially this season, is finding food. If food is scarce, they will look for something else. Elilminating garbage sources will end many bear problems before they begin.

One last thing: The drought we face doesn't mean that bears and lions will be in our neighborhoods, but anything that contributes to a food shortage increases the chance.

Questions, comments, concerns, we're at your service. Billie or Leland at (303)494-6672 or email bgutgsell@qwest.net or lrucker@earthlink.net

Sharing & Matching

Ads are free with a $10 donation to MANA. Contact Susan at 499-8842 or wittmanhalloway@yahoo.com by **August 5th** to place your ad for the **September 2001 VOICE**.

A Touch of Wellness
Charlene Thompson offers a variety of pet care services, including: doggie day care, boarding and massage, pet visits to your home, dog and cat home made, organic food. She also represents a number of health product lines: Multipure drinking water systems, Nikken magnetic and far infrared products, Melaluca supplements, house cleaning, body cleaning products with Tea Tree oil. **Call 499-3660**

Paul Carter Painting, Martin Acres Resident, Interior/Exterior, Neighborhood references available! **494-5362**

Handyman Service professional with 30 years experience; 20 years in Martin Acres. I do carpentry, drywall, electrical, plumbing, paint, tile, egress windows, and most maintenance, repair and small remodel services. I also act as a consultant when you are designing your remodel. Call Dick Ollar at **494-5100**.

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Pet Sitting/Dog Walking I will come to your home to care for dogs, cats, birds, and other companion animals while you are away. I'm also available for mid-day dog walks. Bonded and insured. Janet McLachlan, 303.499.1384.

Get your car ready for winter—belts, hoses, antifreeze, and batteries. Stop by Nick's Auto Repair in Martin Acres, 2800 Morhead, or call Dennis Nickerson at (303)499-4300.

Personal assistant available: Responsible, friendly and dependable; domestic and professional services; including business, organizational, computer, finance, marketing, household and personal care skills. Contact: Sue Seecof 303-543-0009.

Photography. I am a professional photographer who has lived in Martin Acres for just over a year now. I specialize in weddings and portraits but can handle just about any photography job. Please check out my website at www.davidwoodphoto.com or call me at 303-543-2276. My email address is david@davidwoodphoto.com. I have a degree in photojournalism from the University of Missouri School of Journalism and over nine years of experience as a professional photographer. Prior to specializing in wedding and protrait photography, I enjoyed a career creating storytelling photographs for newspapers in Colorado, South Carolina, Oregon and Utah.

Mark Stangl, P.E. is now providing City of Boulder Rental Housing Inspection Services; 303-499-3163