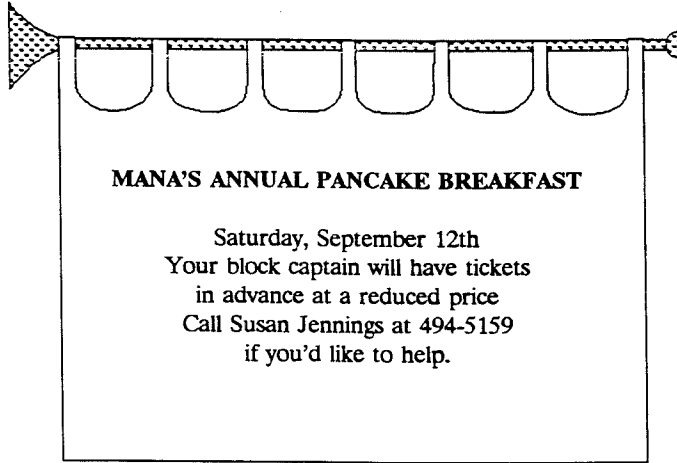


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GATEWAY TO BOULDER—CRSS Civil Engineers, Inc., the consultant hired by the City and the Gateway to Boulder volunteer committee, is now at work preparing a master plan for traffic noise mitigation and beautification of the Turnpike entrance into Boulder alongside our neighborhood. The consultant will be paid from funds pledged by the City Council and matched by the State Highway Department. The master plan is due for completion in late September.

A public meeting to discuss progress being made by CRSS is scheduled for 7:00 PM Wednesday, August 19, at Meadows Library meeting room. Check the *Boulder Camera* for other details to be published closer to the event. We hope for a large public turnout at this important meeting.



GREEN THUMB AND BUSY HANDS AWARDS—If you went to the very successful Martin Park Home Tour (or if your eyes are open as you walk or drive through the neighborhood), you know that exciting things are a-building and a-growing in Martin Acres. We predict that Beautification Chair, Mary Haan, and her committee will have some outstanding landscaping, remodeling and other special improvements to choose from for our annual awards, to be announced in the September *VOICE*. Prices will be donated by area merchants. Call Mary at 494-6396 by August 1st to give her your nominations.

GOODBYE, GRAFFITI! . . . thanks to Giles Schurman, who volunteered to repaint the walls of the Moorhead/Turnpike underpass on a continuing basis, using City-provided paint. You get the Good Citizen award, Giles!

CONFESSIONS OF A TRASH PICKER—You may recall that MANA has volunteered to help keep Martin Park tidy. One neighbor will "take" a month, using a gadget furnished by the City, to impound scraps of all kinds. Our month was May. It took about an hour and a half each week, and left us with a good feeling of accomplishment and a nice, clean park. The big item to pick up was cigarette butts.

Now, I don't happen to be a smoker, but still had compassion about the butts littering around the bus stop at Broadway and Table Mesa. You can just see the bus passenger taking that last drag as the bus door opens, and flipping the butt away. But when I found a dozen or so butts in the sand of the children's play area, that's different! Anybody who flips a cigarette butt (or, seeing it, permits it to stay there) where toddlers are romping just isn't playing with a full deck. Come on, you smokers!

NOTE: More volunteers are needed for this easy-to-do, satisfying job. Call 499-5941 to reserve your month!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS—If you know of a new homeowner or renter in Martin Acres, please help us extend a welcoming hand by letting Helen Childs know at 494-7081. She will see that they get a Welcome Packet.

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY COOPERATION—Barbara Chomko, Martin Park School Principal, spoke enthusiastically of this developing partnership when she attended MANA's June Steering Committee meeting. She cited community involvement in the spring landscaping project at the school and the Tour of Homes as examples. Ms. Chomko urged residents to be alert during the summer to any inappropriate or destructive activity on the school grounds. The number to call for Boulder Valley Schools Security is 447-5051. School will open again on Tuesday, September 1st.

MOORHEAD BIKE LANES—Sharon Harvey, City Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Coordinator, was unable to make her scheduled appearance at MANA's Steering Committee meeting on June 1 because her car broke down in Utah. She has rescheduled for our August 3rd meeting (see details elsewhere in this *VOICE*), when she will discuss possible establishment of bike lanes on Moorhead. This would eliminate parking on the southwest side of Moorhead.

Neighborhood reaction at previous meetings on the subject has been mixed. Ms. Harvey has asked us to seek a wider response, by printing the ballot below. Would you kindly mark your view (or lack of same), and send the marked ballot to MANA, 3664 Chase Court, Boulder 80303. Thanks!

(Cut along line)

BICYCLE LANES ON MOORHEAD AVENUE

- I favor the idea. I'm opposed to the idea. I'm neutral.

My address is: _____

Remarks: _____

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE—Some people have inquired about how to handle complaints about problems arising from lack of yard or property maintenance in the neighborhood. Certain common problems and conditions are specifically prohibited by City ordinances. For example, the following, from the City Code:

1. Weeds may not be allowed to grow over one foot high.
2. No hedge, bush or fence may be located closer than 18 inches to a public sidewalk without a permit.
3. Landlords must maintain public parts of rental dwellings in a "clean and sanitary condition".
4. No person may litter on public or private property.
5. Property owners must maintain public sidewalks in a safe and unobstructed condition.
6. Refuse may not be allowed to accumulate so as to create a health, safety or fire hazard.
7. All normal household refuse must be stored in a non-absorbent and fire-resistant container with a tight-fitting lid.
3. Plastic garbage bags may only be put out less than 12 hours prior to scheduled pickup.
2. Fences, structures, bushes or other landscaping may not obstruct cross-visibility at the intersection of a driveway or two public streets.

The City's Environmental Enforcement Division (441-3239) is responsible for enforcing these and other property management requirements.

MANA recommends that, before contacting the City, neighbors communicate their concerns to the owner or current occupant of the property. If you are reluctant to contact them yourself, call Zach Miller (494-5416), MANA's officer for zoning and code compliance. He or another MANA representative can then speak with your neighbor and informally request that the problem be addressed. The majority of complaints tend to be resolved amicably by this process. If this doesn't get results, MANA will generally contact the City and seek formal enforcement. The City seems to respond more quickly and aggressively to complaints by the Neighborhood Association, particularly where informal attempts to address a problem have been exhausted.

Finally, whether you are a long-time resident or just a summer tenant, both in caring for your property and in communicating with your fellow Martin Acres residents, please be as considerate as possible. That neighborly spirit and common concern is one of the things that makes Martin Acres a great and special place to live. Thanks!

B (Coloradans United for Bears)—is a coalition of concerned citizens and environmental organizations dedicated to promotion of responsible management of our state's black bears. A citizens' initiative which will eliminate the annual spring bear hunt will be on the ballot in November if CUB gets enough petition signatures. Call Alexa Kasper (786-8431) or neighbor Mike Golembeski (494-1141) for more information.

DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE—The drop-off facility at Western Disposal Services transfer station, 5800 Valmont Road, will be open from 8 AM to 5 PM on the third Friday and Saturday of each month, through October. Accepted for disposal are paints, solvents, pesticides, used motor oil and car batteries. The free service is available to Boulder County residents only. Call the Public Works Department, 441-3900, if you have questions.

IDEAL WORKING CONDITIONS! Fresh air, exercise, and only about one hour of your time every other month—and you can proudly state that you are a MANA Block Captain, delivering the *VOICE* to your neighbors. Call Barbara Timblin (494-9598) or Giles Schurman (494-9095).

LOCK YOUR CAR—Thefts from parked vehicles have been on the rise in Martin Acres. The Police Department recommends that you lock your car, that you not leave anything of value in a visible place. If you have expensive equipment, you may want to install an alarm system.

MANA STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET MONDAY, AUGUST 3, at 7:30 PM, at the Alvarado Village Community House. To reach the Community House, take Moorhead to Ash, Ash west 1 block to Berkley Court—turn right and go to the far (north) end of Berkley Court. All meetings are open to neighborhood residents.

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SHARING AND MATCHING

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA

Call Newsletter Editor Jean Nachman at 499-5941 before August 15 to place your ad for the September 1 *VOICE*

LOOKING FOR A 4- OR 5-BEDROOM HOME in Martin Park School District for a family moving to Boulder. They can spend up to \$140,000. If you have such a house and are thinking of selling, please call SALLY KING at 494-2924. I am an agent with Realty Group Professionals.

CARTER PAINTING: Interior and exterior. Call Paul Carter at 494-5362.

HOME MAINTENANCE: Plumbing, electrical, tile, drywall, carpentry, cabinets, and countertops. New projects or repairs; 20 years' experience, 11 years in Martin Acres. Dick Ollar, 494-5100.