



Martin Acres VOICE

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BREAKFAST IN THE PARK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

7:30 to 10:30 am

AT MARTIN PARK SHELTER



It's a great way to start the day, and to leisurely chat with your neighbors. The pancakes are delicious, the ham is a perfect accompaniment, and there's plenty of juice & coffee (or tea) to wash them down! It's MANA's only fund-raiser. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for seniors and kids — and you can save 25¢ per ticket by purchasing them in advance from your Block Captain. On Pancake Day, get your tickets at the booth at the corner of Dartmouth and 38th Street at the east entrance to the Park. **SO, GOOD NEIGHBORS, SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

GREEN THUMB & BUSY HANDS AWARDS

It gets more challenging each year to select the winners in our annual plant-up, build-up, spruce-up competition — and they all contribute to a neighborhood we can be proud of! Beautification chair, Mark Bailhache, thanks all those who made recommendations, and presents the following:



GARDEN/LAWN

- 195 S 32nd Street – Eric Redding & Gail Kenney. Lots of summer color, continual annual improvement.
- 150 S 35th Street – Linda Boley. Additional landscaping west of driveway. Always pretty.

XERISCAPE

- 4805 Moorhead – Chris & Terri Leshner. Complete front yard.
- 3684 Chase Court – Brad & Jeanette Walters. Complete front yard.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

- 345 South 40th Street – Duane & Dawn Hill. Front garden, rock walls, new paint.
- 2877 Moorhead – Matt & Barb Greenman. General cleanup, front planting, new fence.

Look for photos of these homes at the Pancake Breakfast, when the awards are given.

Handwritten notes: 50, 50, 250, 200, 1160, 1160, 50

AND SPEAKING OF AWARDS...

Here are the generous merchants who will provide gift certificates for the winners: Herb's Quality Meats, The Neighborhood Grill, McGuckin's Hardware, Flowers by Angie (2 prizes!) and Table Mesa Cards & Gifts. Let's all show our appreciation by patronizing these community-minded businesses!

DONATE YOUR OLD COMPUTER

Upgrading? Donate your old computer and printer to Martin Park Elementary School! They can use XT's, AT's, even PCjr's! They are particularly in need of CGA, EGA or VGA color monitors and video controller cards. All donated computers and parts will be refurbished at no cost to the school by Marshall Information Service, a neighborhood consulting firm. Contact Cam Marshall at 499-9842 for more information.

STREET MATTERS ON MARTIN DRIVE

The "new look" on Martin Drive in front of the school is the outcome of MANA's August Steering Committee meeting at which Phil Weisbach, Boulder's Transportation Commissioner, presented several options for addressing our concerns about traffic safety. The new configuration, with "neckdowns" (to provide visual and physical deterrents to speeding), a raised crosswalk, and appropriate striping and signage, will be reevaluated after a reasonable trial period.



At the meeting, Mr. Weisbach also pointed out, and community folks agreed, that we must assume certain responsibilities: children must be taught to cross at designated locations and cautioned not to run into the street from between parked cars. Parents and other drivers must observe parking regulations and designated dropoff points.

Efforts to reduce speeding on Moorhead were also discussed, and we were told that, although there are no immediate plans for addressing this problem, Martin Park is among 20 city neighborhoods vying for \$250,000/year in traffic mitigation funds.

OUR NEW LIASON, MOLLY DESSONVILLE

Recently appointed to fill the position of Neighborhood Liaison for the city of "Boulder, Molly Dessonville is a Martin Acres resident. The new slot was created to help build communications between the neighborhoods and city staff. We welcome Molly to her new job and to Martin Acres. You may reach her at 441-3155.

MARTIN PARK PLAYGROUND

Four MANA members addressed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at its July 25 meeting requesting important improvements in a preliminary design for augmenting the woefully inadequate children's play area in Martin Park. The Board thereupon directed Parks and Recreation staff to prepare an alternate design incorporating all the equipment. Such a playground should reasonably have to appeal to kids up to their early teens, and to come back with cost estimates for the unsatisfactory preliminary design and for the to-be-prepared adequate design. We had hoped that the alternative would be ready for the Board's August 22 meeting, but staff was unable to get it ready by then. We appeared at that meeting to urge the Board to direct staff to be ready for the next Board meeting on Monday evening, Sept. 26. We cannot afford to lose more time if, as promised the playground is to be ready for full use in spring of 1995. Interested citizens and parents should attend the Sept. 26 meeting of the Advisory Board to emphasize our needs. We hope there will be specific information at the Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 17, but in any event, look for the meeting agenda in the Today section of the Sunday Camera on Sept. 25 to confirm the time and place.

CLEAR THOSE SIDEWALKS!

We all know it, but sometimes we forget – that sidewalks are for pedestrians. They aren't obstacle courses! Please set a good example for your neighbors by putting your trash cans and recycling bins adjacent to, not on, your sidewalk and keep track of bushes and other planting that need trimming from time to time. It's come to our attention that not observing these simple rules makes it particularly hazardous for sightless people in the community. Thanks for your cooperation.

MANA'S NEW MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 3514, Boulder 80307. Looks like we're in business!

BEAR CREEK BIKE / PEDESTRIAN PATH



Latest word from Greenways Coordinator, Gary Lacey, is that those heavy rains, plus the last-minute decision to under ground utility wires, have only minimally delayed progress on the path from Martin to Moorhead along Bear Creek. Adjacent neighbors (including both of your VOICE staff) can tell you it has been one noisy, hectic, disruptive summer, with major earth-moving equipment and a full crew hard at work from dawn to dusk. The major portion of the path, plus the enlarged underpass at Martin Drive, are expected to be complete by mid-September. The last element in the system, the underpass at Moorhead, should begin immediately thereafter and be done before the snow flies (we hope!). There will be no complete closure of Moorhead at any time, we're told.

MARTIN PARK CLEANUP SCHEDULE

September: Steve Altermatt. October: Barb & Don McGregor.

MANA STEERING COMMITTEE

The next meeting is Mon. October 3, at 7:30 pm, at the Alvarado Village Community House. Take Moorhead to Ash, Ash west 1 block to Berkley Ct. - turn right and go to the far (north) end of Berkley Ct. All meetings are open to neighborhood residents.

MANA OFFICERS

President	Steve Altermatt	494-6224
Vice-President	Greg Clifton	499-8415
Secretary	Diane Aparisio	494-2837
Treasurer	Tom Denfeld	494-3506
Newsletter	Jean Nachman	499-5941
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Block Organization	Helen Childs	494-7081
Area 1A	Everett Childs	494-7081
Area 1B	Bill Kehres	494-7523
Area 2	Giles Schurman	494-9095
Area 3	Barbara & Don McGregor	499-9341
Area 4	Barb Timblin	494-9598
Zoning/Code	Zach Miller	494-5416
Demographics	Mike McAlpine	499-7737
Beautification	Mark Bailhache	499-6358
Transportation	Randy Flodine	499-6239

SHARING & MATCHING

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA • Call Laura Greenhalgh at 494-4767 before October 20 to place your ad for the November 1 VOICE..

IS YOUR STUFF SAFE? Effective, practical, and very affordable electronic security systems for \$300 for homes & small businesses (no monitoring fees), \$170 for cars & \$125 for motorcycles. Free no-cost, no obligation trials for Martin Acres residents. MCS Services, 494-2988.

NEIGHBORHOOD B-B-Q Sat., Sept. 10, 12-2pm, South Broadway Church of the Nazarene, Dartmouth & Broadway, will host a B-B-Q for our Martin Park neighbors. Featured will be "Joy" the clown for the children and the CU Buffoons. Free of charge. Please RSVP 494-8810.

WANTED: Baby-sitter for our 7-month old son. One or two evenings a week. Call Bonnie at 499-9278.

WANTED: Used pine kitchen cabinets from Martin Acres remodel, light brown, plain design. Dave or Michelle, 499-7813

THERAPEUTIC TOUCH / CHI KUNG HEALING: Relax and be more present in your body. Core body energy and chakra balancing for immune and nervous system health. 1st session 1/2 price. Catherine Dawson, MSW, Certified Body Energy Practitioner. 499-6702.