

# Martin VOICE Acres

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# MANA ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Martin Park School SAVE THE DATE!

## ON THE AGENDA

Business at the MANA Annual Meeting will include year-end reports and the election of officers for the coming year. Speaker for the meeting will be announced in the March VOICE.

## **BLOCK CAPTAINS HONORED**

MANA ushered in the holiday season in early December, as about 40 community residents shared cookies and conversation at Martin park School. Neighborhood Block Captains were well represented at this gathering, which was geared especially to thank them for their loyal service. Among the topics focused on:

- Status of Martin Park playground improvement (see in-depth item on 2nd page)
- · Bear Creek Bike/pedestrian path progress
- Stepped-up regulations and enforcement of landlord/tenant responsibilities
- Traffic mitigation on Martin Drive and (possibly eventually) Moorhead

## SIGN ON!

Let Steve Altermatt know if you'd be willing to display in your yard a handsome, artistic sign urging slower, safer driving. These signs are in the works, being designed by neighborhood artists.

## ENCOURAGE PEDES RIANS SHOVEL SNOW!

More of us would be encouraged to leave the car at home and stretch our legs on local errands if it weren't for snowy, slippery sidewalks. We remind you that residents are responsible for having sidewalks cleared by noon of the day following a snowfall. This includes those tough corner-lot properties which are a special problem in Martin Acres, and the penalty for non-compliance could be a stiff one. To report a violation or for other information on the city's snow policies, call the Environmental Enforcement Office 441-3239.

## AND SPEAKING OF SNOW . . .

Jill Marce reports that Neighbors-Helping Neighbors is off to a start with several requests for occasional or regular snow-shoveling. But, so far, no volunteers to <u>do</u> the job! Is this a way that you can help someone less physically able? Call Jill at 494-3863. She is also talking up a house-painting service to be initiated in the spring. Stay tuned!

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

- Barbara Chomko, Martin Park School Principal, urges attendance at an important and informative meeting on content standards on Thursday evening, January 19, at 7 pm. The meeting serves all South Boulder schools, and will take place at Bear Creek Elementary School, 2500 Table Mesa Drive.
- Kindergarten Registration will be on Monday, February 13, at 6:30 pm. Please bring copies with you of your child's birth certificate, immunization record and/or physical examination report.
- Grade-level elementary registration for the 1995-96 school year will take place at the school from Feb. 21 to 24.

#### **SPEEDY BUSES?**

MANA President Steve Altermatt has written to RTD (Regional Transportation District) asking that all of their bus drivers on Route 204 observe the 25 mph speed limit on Moorhead for reasons of safety and noise control, as well as being the law. If you should spot a bus speeder, take the bus number and the approximate time and date. Send or call it in to Steve or any other listed MANA officer, and we will notify RTD. Incidentally, the time gained for the whole straight length of Moorhead if you average 35 mph instead of 25 mph is 62 seconds. Small gain for risky driving!

## "IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD"

OneNet Boulder, a local computer bulletin board system has created a community forum within its on-line service called "In the Neighborhood". The conference is moderated by Molly Dessenville, the City of Boulder's Neighborhood Liaison (441-3090). It allows neighborhoods to electronically disseminate items such as bulletins, zoning change applications, police response and City Council actions, among others. For info, call Carter Johnson (546-9188). To log on to ONB with your existing computer setup, dial 444-7569 and register as a new user. Then just follow instructions.

#### **MARTIN PARK PLAY AREA**

The scheduled completion of the greatly expanded and improved play area for children is Memorial Day, 1995. To meet that goal, construction should start about April 1, which means that completed design, drawings and specifications should be sent out for bidding no later than March 1. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the preliminary design on September 26. As of December 15, nothing had been done on the plans beyond the preliminary design. It was understood that the play area would be ready for use the entire summer of 1995. It looks like we had better keep watch on the progress of this urgently needed project. Call Harry Nachman, 499-5941, if you have questions.

## **WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS**

If you know of a new neighbor (either rental or homeowner), call Helen Childs, 494-7081, to receive our Welcome Packet.

#### STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT

Update, December 1994: Last March we reported that the city of Boulder plans to close the storm sever between Martin Drive and 32nd, from Ash to Moorhead, to eliminate flooding of back yards in this block. A new storm sewer will be installed along Ash, form 32nd to Moorhead. City Project Engineer, Terry Rogers (441-3244) reports that the project is on schedule, with letters being sent to residents along the route in January and a descriptive news article in February. Bids for construction will go out in March, and construction is scheduled to begin in April.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Michael Golembeski, a Neighborhood Watch Captain in Martin Acres, was commended in the Nov. newsletter for his alertness in reporting suspicious activity in his neighborhood to the police. Due to his observations and timely response by the police, three cases of vehicle trespass were cleared, with the arrests of three adults and one juvenile. On another occasion, his report of a suspicious solicitor resulted in an arrest. Good work, Mr. Golembeski! Thanks for being an alert resident.

On the less optimistic side, a recent report tells us that 71% of Boulder's neighborhoods are safer from burglaries that Martin Acres — and 67% have fewer incidents of vehicle trespass. Looks like we could use more such observant citizens!

#### BEAR CREEK BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PATH

The concrete path and stone retaining wall are mostly in place, but we're sure you're all aware that the underpasses at Martin and Moorhead are far from completed. Project supervisor, Casey Crow, tells us that we're close to his anticipated timetable, with the Martin end scheduled for completion in three weeks and the one at Moorhead some time this spring.

## HELP SUPPORT MARTIN PARK SCHOOL

Our school is the heart of our neighborhood. You can support it effortiessly—buy grocery coupons from the school. If you need delivery of coupon, just call the school at 494-1069 and leave your name & message.

# MANA STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting is Mon, Feb. 6, at 7:30 pm, at the Alvarado Village Community House. All meeting are open to neighborhood residents.

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#### SHARING & MATCHING

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

**ROSEMARY HEGARTY** PT, has opened a physical therapy practice at 375 28th St, specializing in manual therapy and exercise for orthopedic and sport injuries. Early and late appointments available, insurance accepted. Call 499-4602 for appointment or information.

**INTERIOR PAINTING** done during these winter months. Call JOLLY-MON Painting at 543-0402.

CRIME — WILL 1995 TOP 1994? '94 figures aren't in yet, but in 1993 Martin Acres had 101 vehicle & 78 property related crimes. Our systems provide an effective deterrent, cost less than most insurance deductibles, require no monitoring fees and can be easily installed or moved. You can try it before you buy it. Call Mike at ACS Services 494-2988.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTH** all year long. Multi-Pure Water Filters. Free in-home trial. 0% one-year financing. Charlene 499-3660.

WHOLE FAMILY PARENTING CLASSES \$35/week includes the whole family and parenting classes that improve self-esteem, increase family cooperation, and strengthen communication skills. Parents and their children between 4-12 years old are welcome. Linda Quigley has taught more than 550 classes. 440-9196 for more information.

