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YMCA LEASES HIGH MAR POOL

The Boulder Valley YMCA recently signed a five year lease with City of Boulder on the High Mar pool, assuring the pool will be open in the summer for at least that time. They have been operating the pool for the last two years, but the length of this lease will enable the "Y" to invest in improvements, and \$20,000 has been budgeted for upgrading the facility this year, with most of the funds going to resurfacing the tennis courts and the decking around the pool.

The land is owned by the Boulder Housing Authority, and is still earmarked for "affordable housing" in the long term. A MANA committee is investigating ways to keep the pool open permanently, including purchase and exchange of the land with a Parks and Rec. parcel. Contact Susan Holloway (303.499.8842) for more information.

GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE

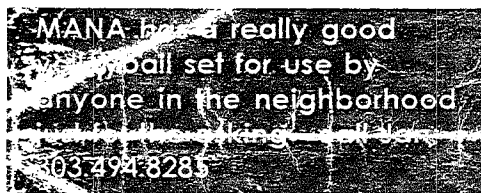
The City of Boulder Neighborhood Liaison Office has funds available for small grants (up to \$3,000) for neighborhood scale projects targeting either environmental concerns or alternative transportation methods. Applications or further information can be had from Molly Tayer at 303.441.3155, or tayerm@ci.boulder.co.us. The first grant awarded through this program incidentally went to MANA, for the purchase and installation of benches along the Bear Creek path.

MARTIN ACRES HOME TOUR

Every year, MANA tries to sponsor a tour of recently remodeled or other wise notable homes in the neighborhood. This is an opportunity to see the variety of improvements possible for our homes, to meet some of the neighbors, and to check out their stuff. The home tour will be from **12 noon to 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 23**. Tickets are \$5.00 (children under twelve are free), all proceeds are given to the Martin Park Advisory Team at Martin Park Elementary School to use at their discretion. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Shilola Malholm 303.492.5933. You can get tickets at these sponsors starting **May 1st**: **Steve Afermati**, Walnut Realty, 1911 11th St.; **Herb's Meats**, High Mar Shopping Center (Broadway & Baseline); **Pettyjohn's Liquor Store**, Table Mesa Shopping Center (Broadway & Table Mesa); and **Martin Park Elementary School**.

NEW NEIGHBORS?

We would like to deliver a MANA welcome packet to any new arrivals in the neighborhood, to help them feel welcome and to introduce our neighborhood association. The packet has some information about the neighborhood, a few maps (bus routes, bike paths), some information about city services, and a copy of the most recent VOICE. If you'd like, we can drop the packets off to you, so you can deliver them in person, and we can often include a homemade treat. Call Jan Clason, 303.494.8285 (clason@creek.net)



FRONT RANGERS CYCLING

If you are looking for a riding partner or would like to lend a hand to at-risk youth, the Front Rangers cycling club would love to have you join them. For the last six years (the Boulder Chapter 5 years), the club has taught bicycle safety and maintenance, allowed the members to form positive relationships with law enforcement officers, and sponsored rides and promoted racing entries for the 20 adult and 30 young members. The club has rides twice weekly, starting Wednesday night at 5:30, and Saturday morning at 10:00, leaving from the Boulder Police Station at 1805 33rd St., in Boulder. For more information, contact Jenny Fowler (Martin Acres neighbor) at Schwinn Cycling and Fitness, 303-545-1608, or Officer John Trujillo, Boulder Police Department, 303-441-4488, ext. 2744.

EASTER EGG HUNT

It was cool and slushy, and a few of us wondered if it was going to come off at all, but the 2nd Annual MANA Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd was a rousing, though chilly, success. About 35 kids sloshed through the wet sand after 500 eggs, then build a huge Snow Bunny—so big it took a full week to finally melt away.

MANA would like to thank Jan Clason for organizing the event, and these stalwart volunteers: Mary Wolfe (and son), Brian Rush, Sue Barcklow, Mark De Vere, Maureen O'Shea-Stone, Chris Holloway, Megan Leben. These generous local merchants contributed to purchasing treats: Dairy Queen, Gateway Park Fun Center, King Soopers, and Wild Oats. Neighbors Jen Rodehaver, Mary Schroeder, and Barbara McGregor also donated treats to fill the eggs—THANKS!

NIST BUILDING TRAFFIC STUDY

Chris Holloway has been participating in a study of how the new NIST building might effect traffic in Martin Acres. The building was designed with 300 fewer parking places than employees, nevertheless, study determined that at least that many of the employees already commute by bicycle or bus, so the neighborhood is unlikely to turn into an overflow parking lot.

The building will host many more conferences and workshops than the old one, so out of town visitors arriving after the morning commute and not finding a place to park in the lots (which are designed to be full) might go looking through the neighborhood. We would appreciate anyone living near Broadway who starts seeing parking problems to call one of the MANA officers or steering committee members, starting with Frank Hage.

GOT MAIL?

MANA has an active and informative Email network, which can keep you right up to date on events, meetings, crises and conversation (no gossip, no advertising.) If you would like to get on the distribution list, send a message to mana@marshallinfo.com, and your address will be added. If you want to send a message TO the distribution list, address it to manalist@marshallinfo.com. (Thanks to Cam and Dianne Marshall for hosting this service.)

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the MANA Annual Meeting on March 1 and the steering committee meeting held April 5 are available from Steve Clason, 303.494.8285, clason@creek.net.

Our next MANA meeting will be held on June 7, 7:00 PM @ Martin Park Elementary School—all neighbors are encouraged to attend!

GRAFFITI

Three times in the last six months or so, Martin Acres neighbors have volunteered to clean graffiti from the shelter at Martin Park. The prompt removal of graffiti is a big step in preventing recurrence, and the neighbors who have helped out deserve our **hearty thanks**. We could all help out by calling the police if we witness any acts of vandalism on the park or the school. The best way to report graffiti needing removal is by addressing an Email to manalist@marshallinfo.com, or you can call any member of the steering committee.

And, speaking of the park, we've now had two clean up days, and it really shows. The walkways are clean around the playground equipment, and the concrete under the shelter is staying cleaner. We only spend about an hour a month, on the **first Sunday at 1:00** in the after noon—the next clean up will be May 2. Please plan on joining us; you can contact Steve Clason at 303.494.8285, clason@creek.net if you have any questions, or would like to be reminded when the day gets closer.

END OF SCHOOL POTLUCK

MANA is having a potluck **Friday, June 11th (5 PM - ??)** at the Martin Park shelter to celebrate the end of the school year. We'll have the grills fired up, so bring something to throw on them, and a dish to share. You'll also need eating utensils, and plates, drinks, etc. (We said it was a potluck). There will be plenty of good company provided; we'll have the volleyball set ready to go, too!

SCHOOL NEWS.....submitted by Karen Daly, Principal

The students at Martin Park Elementary School just finished their annual Read-A-Thon, with 96 young readers reading for an incredible 68,910 minutes, raising over \$1,400 in pledges. Thanks to all the parents and students who participated in this fun and educational event.

As many of you know, our building received a significant portion of the bond money that was approved by the voters last fall. These monies are going to improve our building's American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility issues. We will also be receiving a larger gym space, expanded and re-designed parking and drop off areas, as well as upgraded heating and ventilation systems throughout the whole building. All of these changes are much needed and will enhance our general learning environment.

Recently, the school district asked me to put together a representative Design Team from both our school communities to work alongside the architects and engineers in developing a building design for construction. After working with MPAT and ED team members, I decided that the Shared Building Committee was an appropriate place to do this Design Team work. Currently, the members of this team are: Paula Vaughn-Miller (parent MP), Chris Moe (parent HP), Shirley Reed (teacher MP), Lesa White (teacher HP), Patty Gillespie (lead secretary) and Marjorie Wruck (head custodian). We have added a few community members to the Team for their specific input into the process. They are: Frank Hage (MP parent and technology rep), Barb Shore (PE teacher), Kim Sapority (student teacher). If you have specific comments or ideas, please contact me, or one of the Team members or attend our meetings.

Thank you for your wonderful community support of our school.

MPAT and MANA are Pleased to Announce:

The (Almost) Second Annual Martin Park End of School Year Picnic

When: Friday, June 4

Where: Martin Park Shelter

Time: 6-8 pm

Who: Families, faculty, staff & neighbors are invited!!!

This will be a potluck event. Please bring a dish to share and your own dinnerware and utensils. Drinks will be provided.

Sharing & Matching: Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA. Call VOICE editor/writer Steve Clason, 303.494.8285 or e-mail clason@creek.net by JUNE 1 to place your ad for the July VOICE.

Real Estate Broker and neighbor, Phillip Berley, would like to show you why his company, Walter and Samuals/West is the new choice to make when selling your S. Boulder home. Call Phil at the office, 303/448-8832, or at home, 303/494-4797, and give him a chance to meet or beat the competition while lending a fresh approach to helping you meet your Real Estate needs.

PRIVATE COLLEGE COUNSELING. Carrie Besnette recently moved to the neighborhood. She consults with high school students and their families about the college search process. Carrie was a college admissions officer for 7 years, holds advanced degrees in Higher Education, and has visited schools all across the country. She offers free consultations and discounted rates to Martin Acres Residents who need help choosing the right college, applications, essays, scholarships and financial aid, and pursuing sports or special talents. Carrie will also consider trading services for "handyman" work, or yard/lawn care. Call 303/554-6466, or Email cbesnette@yahoo.com.

CARTER PAINTING—Paul Carter, Martin Acres Resident—Interior/Exterior—Neighborhood references available! 303-494-5362

Bestway Insulation Services, in business since 1976, will insulate your walls from the outside, drilling through the mortar between the bricks, for 65¢ a foot. Average 1,200 square foot home would run \$790. Offer ends June 30th.

A TOUCH OF WELLNESS

Charlene Thompson offers a variety of services, including: Customized Pet Caring Services. Mid-day walks and visits and in-home vacation care. Stress Resuction Work, Face Massage. Relax in a special on-site massage chair. Multi-Pure Drinking Water Systems. Clean, clear, delicious. Call 303/499-3660

Windows for Sale, 50 cents on the dollar! We made a mistake! We ordered a full house of windows the wrong color. Windows are White Amerimax Vinyl sliders with high performance Low E glass. Fits many houses in Martin Acres. —New custom windows available too! Call for info! Scott Halvorsen, (303) 520-3552.

Thinking about selling your home? Save thousands of dollars in commissions selling "For Sale by Owner", with low cost marketing, advertising, loan assistance and legal support available through the new company "HouseMarket". Eighteen homes have now been sold using this alternative plan! Also available is our mortgage consulting operation, which can save you or your buyer even more on financing! Call **303-444-4475** today for our free brochure and more information. Look for our ads in the Sunday real estate section of the Daily Camera newspaper, featuring "Homes Sole Exclusively by Owner".

MANA CALENDAR

Don't miss out on these community gatherings!

MAY

- 2 Park Cleanup
- 23 Home Tour, noon - 5PM

JUNE

- 4 MPAT/MANA picnic, 6-8 PM
- 7 MANA Meeting, 7PM, MPES

- 11 MANA potluck, 5 PM

AUGUST

- 2 MANA Meeting, 7PM, MPES

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Pancake Breakfast

OCTOBER

- 4 MANA Meeting, 7PM, MPES

DECEMBER

- 4 Date tentative WinterFest
- 6 MANA Meeting, 7PM, MPES

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