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# Martin Acres VOICE

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## LIBERTY, EQUALITY, FRATERNITY!

You're invited to a party. MANA is hosting a community gathering of all of the neighborhoods involved in the elementary school consolidation so we can meet and mingle, and get to know one another. The party is Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3:00 at the Martin Park shelter, and is for everyone in the neighborhoods—not just families with kids.

We've adopted a somewhat French theme, as this is the day after Bastille Day, and we are asking every family to bring a dish to share along those lines; a French salad or dessert, French fries, French toast, French dressing, French's mustard—that sort of thing. You also ought to bring a blanket to sit on. Deli sandwiches (on baguette's), drinks and all tableware will be provided. There will be volleyball, softball (bring your bat & glove!), water balloon toss and sack races. Bongo the Balloon Man will be making his famous creations and the Boulder Police and Fire Depts will be showcasing some of their equipment and activities.

This event is being made possible by generous donations from Ariel Design Group, the Boulder Valley School District, City of Boulder FUN Grant, and the Martin Park Advisory Team, and by the not quite tireless efforts of MANA President Jan Clason, who would really like some help. Please contact her at 303-494-8285, or email to [jan@clason.org](mailto:jan@clason.org), to volunteer.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Current checking account balance is \$920, down about \$300 from a year ago—that decrease in funds has been deliberate, the steering committee having decided the last few years to fund more events rather than let the money sit idle. You can get a thorough report by contacting Cam Marshall at 303-499-2008, ([cmarshall@marshallinfo.com](mailto:cmarshall@marshallinfo.com)) if you would like a full report.

**Secretary Found!** Camille Hook volunteered at the steering committee meeting June 5<sup>th</sup> to fill the Secretary position that has been vacant so long. The steering committee voted her into office unanimously, vigorously and quickly. Our thanks to Camille for stepping up. Minutes of the MANA Steering Committee meeting held June 5<sup>th</sup> can be gotten from Camille, 303-499.9020

**MARS** The brochure from the Martin Acres Referral Service (MARS) was not attached to the last issue of the VOICE, as you might have noticed. The cost of printing the brochure will keep us from distributing it throughout the neighborhood. We will be putting the brochure in the welcome packets given to new residents, and you can get a copy, if you are interested, by contacting Camille Hook.

## GRAFFITI

Vandals sprayed the Martin Park shelter with graffiti the first week in June, tagging it for the first time since MANA painted the shelter last summer. Thanks to Steve and Cara Priem and Don McGregor for leaping up to paint over the graffiti so quickly.

Quick removal discourages graffiti artists more than anything else we can do, so if you see graffiti anywhere in our neighborhood, please call one of the members of the steering committee so we can round up volunteers right away to clean it up.

## Adopt-A-Park Volunteers

This hot weather draws a lot of people to Martin Park, and lots of people leave lots of litter and coat the sidewalks with that really coarse sand that's so hard on the feet. For years, MANA has helped maintain the park, sweeping and picking up, and we are always looking for volunteers to put in an hour or two.

We've stashed all of the necessary equipment at the park, so you only need a little time and a key. You can call Jan or Steve Clason at 303-494-8285 for the latter, if you have the former.

Someone New to the Neighborhood?  
Contact Jan Clason for a Welcome Packet.

**ECOPASS PROGRAM** We are pursuing a plan to create a General Improvement District in the neighborhood that would expand the availability of the Neighborhood EcoPass and cement permanent funding for the program. This plan would put RTD photo-ID bus passes in the hands of every resident of Martin Acres, paid for with a property tax mill levy.

Formation of the General Improvement District will require collection of signatures on a District petition, approval of the petition by City Council (with review tentatively scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>) and then, if those two hurdles are passed, majority vote during a general election that would be held in November. The election would be restricted to registered voters living in the proposed district and registered voters owning property in the district but living elsewhere in the city. The election would be conducted by mail ballot.

Typical costs for the program would be around \$100 a year for each property in the neighborhood and would vary according to the assessed value of the property. That amount would be added to the property tax bill if the effort is successful. The City of Boulder proposes to subsidize 25% of the cost for the first year in an effort to promote the program.

Traffic congestion and the attendant noise, pollution and expense threaten our quality of life, and increasing our use of mass transit will help reduce that threat. Boulder has an exceptional transit system, with the Skip and the Hop among the most popular routes throughout RTD, and more high frequency routes are planned. Approving this General Improvement District would make riding the bus, besides fun, convenient and stress-free, extremely cheap for members of our neighborhood.

Contact Jerry Wyss for more info, 303-494-1971, evenings.

**US 36 NOISE** Two options recently discussed for reducing the noise along US36 are showing themselves to be poor options. A sound wall would have to be built outside the right of way, which would put it right at the property lines, where the utilities and all of those olive trees are now. Removal or relocation of those features makes that option prohibitively expensive.

Building an earthen berm avoids the issue of high cost, but would involve filling of wetlands and destruction of endangered species' habitat. Environmental sign-offs would be very difficult to get for this option, if they could be had at all.

The Regional Transportation District is reviewing the entire US36 corridor seeking to relieve congestion and to make room for the huge increases in traffic projected for the next few years, so this issue is going to be very active; MANA plans to stay involved. Please contact Jerry Wyss ([jcwyss@csti.com](mailto:jcwyss@csti.com)) if you have comments about this issue.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Don't schedule anything for the morning of September 9<sup>th</sup>—that is the date of MANA's pancake breakfast to be held, as usual, at the shelter at Martin Park from 7:30 to 10:30 AM. This is one of the best opportunities of the year to meet your neighbors and to socialize with old friends...and the food is good too.

Tickets will be \$2.75 for adults, \$1.25 for seniors and adults (\$3.00 and \$1.50 at the door). Contact Cam Marshall at 499-2008 ([cmarshall@marshallinfo.com](mailto:cmarshall@marshallinfo.com)) with questions/comments.

Contact Cam also if you would be willing to do some pre-sales for the event. This is the main fundraiser for MANA, and we have not been tapping local businesses the last couple of years because we've lacked a volunteer to make the contacts. A few hours work could make a big difference in our budget.

**VOLLEYBALL NET** Thanks to a donation a few years ago from Gart Brothers, MANA owns a terrific volleyball net. It sets up in minutes, makes a tight net and includes a rope court marker. Best of all, it is yours for the asking; please call Jan or Steve at 494-8285 if you would like to use it. It's not a bad idea to reserve it if you have a picnic planned for later in the year.

**MANA HUNTERS**

Squeals of delight rang through the park as nearly 100 children enjoyed MANA's third annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to Camille Hook for organizing the event this year, and to volunteers:

Margaret & Ned Riedel, Angie & Dan Luper-Inks, Holly and Paul Monkman, Ariel Haan, Sue Barcklow, Karen & Darius Hatami, Cindy Henzly, Megan Leben, Jen Rodenhaver

Many thanks to the following businesses for donating prizes:

- Allstate Insurance Company, Basemar
- Baseline Liquor
- Blockbusters Video, Meadows
- Broadway Wine and Spirits
- Dairy Queen
- Herb's Meats
- Ludwig Pharmacy
- Meadows Safeway
- Palmer Garden Florists
- Table Mesa King Soopers

**MANA Email list** If you have email, you can get on a mailing list of neighbors and other interested parties that is a good source of timely information about the goings-on in the area. Just send an email to [majordomo@flatiron.com](mailto:majordomo@flatiron.com) with the following single line in the body of the text:

subscribe manalist

**HOME TOUR** The Martin Acres Home Tour was a success again this year, thanks to gorgeous weather and the gracious owners of the six homes included on the tour. Nearly \$1,000 was raised for our neighborhood school, and will be used to purchase playground equipment. The Martin Acres Home Tour has become a time to meet neighbors you might not normally run into, as well as an opportunity to admire some of the beautifully remodeled homes in our neighborhood. **Special thanks to the tour's sponsors:** Walnut Realty, Steve Altermatt; Beer Store, You Brew It; Boulder Historical Society; The Cooking School of the Rockies; King Soopers; Marshall Information Services; Pettyjohn's Liquors; Shuttles, Spindles & Skeins; Kristine Smock;

**Also thanks to the ticket outlets:** Herb's Meats, Pettyjohn's Liquors and Walnut Realty. And finally, thanks to the homeowners:

- Suzie Conklin & Richard Taylor
- Kimmon Harmon & Connie Smith
- Wendy and Fred Hawkins
- Carol & Dave Kampert
- Leslie & Bennett Scharf
- Christina Schiebler

Many Thanks to the Volunteers, especially Susan Holloway, Steve Altermatt and Marcia Wiens

**BVCP Update** The City of Boulder is proposing land use changes in Martin Acres as part of the 2000 update to the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. Those changes affect properties along Lashley Lane between Ash and Dartmouth, and from Eastman south to the end of the street.

According to Susan Richstone, senior planner for the city who spoke at our last meeting, city staff will recommend to the Planning Board that the land use designation for those areas change from low density residential to high density residential, making them prime candidates for their eventual development into apartments. The areas are attractive for that sort of redevelopment because they are served well by mass transit (the Skip route), and because the presence of Lashley fronting Broadway would minimize traffic increase in the rest of the neighborhood.

Ms. Richstone emphasized that this is a proposal to change a long-term plan, and that no redevelopment is going to happen soon. Zoning tends to follow land use planning closely in Boulder, however, so it is possible those areas could be rezoned in the near future.

There will be plenty of opportunity for public input. The Planning Dept will host an open house to explain all of the proposed changes to the plan on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal building, 1777 Broadway, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, and will be conducted so participants can drop in any time. Ms. Richstone can be reached at 441-3271, ([richstones@ci.boulder.co.us](mailto:richstones@ci.boulder.co.us)).

**Bike Path Extension** Pedestrians and bike riders will soon have a new way to get on the Bear Creek Greenway. Contractors have almost finished a small spur connecting Lashley Lane south of Eastman with the corner of Martin Park at Table Mesa and Broadway. We'll now be able to get from the east side of the Broadway underpass (that's the Martin Acres side) to the entire west side of the neighborhood without going through the park playground.

**Sharing & Matching**

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA. Call VOICE editor Steve Clason, 494-8285 or [steve@clason.org](mailto:steve@clason.org) by AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> to place your ad for the September 2000 VOICE.

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**Handyman** Service professional with 30 years experience; 20 years in Martin Acres. I do carpentry, drywall, electrical, plumbing, paint, tile, 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.

**Sunflower Preschool** has been provided high quality care in the Martin Park neighborhood since 1981. Come take a look at our outdoor oriented, Montessori based, hands on, child directed center at 3340 Dartmouth, or call 494-2012 or 494-0174, M-F 8:30-3:30. Ages 2 1/2 to 6. Open all year. Summer camp.

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

**Bestway Insulation**, family-owned in Colorado for 43 years stresses quality workmanship in your home. Services include wall insulation, which can be done through outside brick as well as other types of walls, and soundproofing in your home. The U.S. Dept of Energy recommends an R (insulation) rating of 38 for attics in Boulder; Martin Acres homes average about R8. For a free estimate by phone or in your home, call Bestway Insulation day or night at 469-0808. All work guaranteed; rates discounted 5% in June and July.

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**Tiny Minders**, your neighborhood full-service child care center has openings for all ages 6 weeks-6 years. We offer full & part-time care. Enrolling now for our fall preschool program. Locally owned/operated since 1988. 3695 Martin Dr., 434-5116.

**Your invited to all MANA Steering Committee meetings! Next one scheduled for Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM Martin Park Elementary School library**

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