



Martin Acres VOICE

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EcoPass General Improvement District

A Dissenting Viewpoint

by Mike Sweeney

EcoPasses are already available to virtually anyone who wants one from a variety of sources—Student Programs, Senior Passes, Employee Passes (from downtown employers), Volunteer Neighborhood Program and Chamber of Commerce Member Program. Despite all these sources of low cost passes, the majority of Martin Acres residents choose not to have one—and that is for one very simple reason: The bus system does not support their transportation needs. Hence, forcing passes on those of us that don't want them and can't use them will do nothing to reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

We already support RTD through a massive .8% sales tax—approximately \$166 per year for every man, woman and child living in Boulder. (That's over \$600 for a family of four.) We should seek and support a program that insures anyone on a citywide basis who wants a low cost pass can buy one for a nominal fee—not a program that taxes those who can't take advantage of RTD and rebates those who can.

VOTE NO

An EcoPass District will Benefit Martin Acres

—by Jerry Wyss

It's inclusive. Every resident gets a Ecopass. Gives Martin Acres easy, convenient access to the best regional and local bus service in the entire metro area with direct Denver service, as well as DIA, and Eldora ski resort. Gives us the same sort of neighborhood benefit as schools and libraries, which are also funded with property taxes.

Typical cost first year — \$80/house per year vs \$85/person per MONTH if bought individually! It must be reviewed in five years. So if it doesn't work, out it goes!

Benefits Seniors who'll get a rebate AND an Ecopass. Cost (after rebate) to typical senior less than \$20 per year!

Rebates for CU Students are Included, too.

Benefits Children. Makes alternative transportation a HABIT when young. Kids love the pass — it's COOL. For teens it's a hassle-free SAFE ride home from a party that maybe went too far — without calling Mom or Dad. For more information, call Jerry 303 494-1971.

VOTE YES FOR MARTIN
ACRES ECOPASS DISTRICT

Sharing & Matching Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA.

Contact Steve at 494-8285 or steve@clason.org by
DECEMBER 1ST to place your ad for the *January 2001 VOICE*.

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 Reduction Workplace Massage. Relax in a special on-site massage chair. Multi-Pure Drinking Water Systems. Clean, clear, delicious. 499-3660

Bestway Insulation, family-owned in Colorado for 43 years stresses quality workmanship in your home. Services include wall insulation & soundproofing. Dept. of Energy recommends an R (insulation) rating of 38 for attics in Boulder; MA homes avg. about R8. For a free estimate call day/night at 469-0808. All work guaranteed.

Happy Birth Day Rosemary McBride

MA resident and activist since 1959, Rosemary celebrated her "more-than-3/4-of-a-century birthday" last month at a block party organized by her neighbors on Chase Court.

MANA adds its
best wishes

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

Better Beepers, Better Phones, Better Service. We offer pager service, voicemail and cell phones from AT&T and VoiceStream. We come to you. Call Mike and experience the difference a local provider makes over those other guys. Check out acspaging.com or call 494-2988.

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.

Tupperware making it all possible. Just in time for the holidays. Call Megan at 499.2324 for a free catalog. Phone orders welcome. Will the Welcome Packet Recipient/Finder of the 'Hot Pink Sock-Sorter' please call me for a very nice Tupperware gift and a free catalog?

SO. BOULDER POLICE ANNEX is up and mostly functional as of Sept. 12th at 4740 Table Mesa Dr., opposite the Amoco station in the South Creek Shopping Center.

Jeanne Gilbert, John Kozenski, and Bob Etzkorn will staff that location. They encourage residents to stop by and say "Hi", and (more importantly) to use them. 720-304-2577, Jeanne 720-304-2565 John & Bob

WANTED for Burglary: Call 720-304-2577 if you've seen



possibly a native american or hispanic female w/brown hair in ponytail, early 20's



white male w/brown hair & noticeable acne scars on cheeks



thin white male w/blonde spiked hair

ANTI-BURGLARY EFFORTS

by Mike Marsh

31 MA residents (19 present, 12 proxy email statements) voiced concerns about burglary issues at a Sept. 27 meeting. City Council members Dan Corson, Gordon Riggle, and Don Mock attended, along with several police officers. The Council members stated concern over some MA crime hot spots, particularly 31st St, where several individuals have been robbed twice. While MA has roughly average crime as a neighborhood, several blocks are exceptionally higher than average.

Mr. Mock asked the police to prepare a block-by-block crime map of the burglary statistics for MA over the past five years, color coded by 1) year, 2) season, and 3) time of day.

Proposed solutions/questions included: —Extra MA patrol officer(s) incl. car, bike, undercover. —Better lighting, possibly motion detector (to not stay on all night), in dark spots (Halcyon School). —Streamline rules for streets getting Neighborhood Watch (provide signs even with less than 70% of residents itemizing their possessions).

Does Community Policing, which puts sole emphasis on residents increasing their own security, actually result in decreased police patrols?

PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAM THRU WESTERN DISPOSAL

by Cara Priem

Western sells 35 orange trash bags for \$99.47. You purchase the bags up front and only place them out on the curb when they are full (on the day when Western comes through the neighborhood). That comes to \$2.84/bag. If you are an active recycler and put out 2 bags a month, your cost would be \$5.68 versus the minimum monthly trash charge of \$13.85. That equates to a \$98 savings/year. If you're interested in this program, call Western Disposal at (303) 444-2037 and order your bags today. You can pay by credit card or mail them a check and they will deliver the boxes to your front door. They have increased their rates for this offer every January so be sure to order your supply before year end to get the current rate.

New to the Neighborhood?
Contact Jan Clason
(494.8285) for a
Welcome Packet

SO. BOULDER COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS —Sue Secoff

The Boulder Parks and Rec. Board have agreed that city owned land on Hickory Ave. can be used for a pocket park and community garden. Hickory Ave., is a quiet street off of the north east corner of Baseline and Foothills Pkwy near Crescent. Our hope is to have a garden with ~40 plots by next year. If lucky, we could break ground this year, and start to prepare and enrich the beds with amendments like compost and leaves.

Community gardens offer land to residents who want to grow vegetables and flowers in their own garden plot. Gardeners say they enjoy gardening in a community where they can learn from their neighbors, make new friends and share tips of their own. For more info please contact Ed Self (543-1411 edself@sni.net) or Sue Secoff (543-0009 seecof@aol.com).



Martin Acres WinterFest

—Friday, December 8th—



CARING & SHARING GIFT DRIVE.....Family Resource Schools (FRS) has found some families in our community whose holidays we have a mind to make happier by giving them a few gifts. We've compiled "wish lists" for these families and they are duplicated below. We ask that, if you are able, you donate any of the items on this list (new or near-new). Contact Jan Clason to sign up for the gift(s) you'd like to provide. In order to preserve privacy bring the gifts to the holiday party wrapped and PLEASE include the item number on the gift card. FRS will handle gift distribution.

DECK THE HALLS OF MARTIN ACRES....This will award bragging rights to the inhabitants of one home judged to be the best decorated. The decorations can incorporate any theme consistent with a celebration of the winter holidays. Nominate yourself (which we encourage) or a neighbor (which we encourage even more) by **November 30th**. Contact Sue Kriegsman [303-499-4713 siouxak@yahoo.com] to nominate a home or volunteer to be a judge.

We're in need of a few volunteers (really need a Santa & use of a Santa suit) Contact Jan Clason

HOLIDAY PARTY.....The party will start at 6:30 PM, in the cafeteria of Creekside Elementary @ Martin Park campus, 3740 Martin Dr. Please bring the **Caring & Sharing** gifts, we'll have a **Potluck Dinner** (bring a dish to share—MANA will provide pizza/drinks/tableware), we'll have pictures w/ **Santa**, present awards for the **House Decorating Contest**, enjoy **Hayrides** in Farmer John Ellis' flatbed trailer, and have a great time visiting with folks in our neighborhood! Contact Jan Clason for more info.

Don't miss this one!
dress warm - bring flashlight
Let's celebrate WINTER!

GENERAL MANA NEWS:

Meeting date/new location Our bi-monthly MANA steering committee meetings will now be held on the first Monday of every month at the Church of the Nazarene at Broadway and Dartmouth. Our next meeting is **Nov. 6th, at 7:00 PM.** No meeting in Dec. due to the busy holidays. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thank you to the Church of the Nazarene for the generous use of their facilities...we appreciate their support!

11/6 Agenda:

—Proposal to **Expand Participation** in MANA via Electronic Technology: Mike Marsh

—Discussion on "CU housing shortages and effects on our community: **How can we prevent MA's becoming another U-hill?**" With guests councilman Dan Corson and Project Coordinator for CUs "A Matter of Degree", Robert Maust.

Minutes of the 10/2 MANA meeting can be gotten from Camille 303-499-9020, camrus7@netzero.net.

VOICE Submissions Please send any submissions to the Martin Acres VOICE to Editor Steve Clason, 3305 Eastman Ave., (steve@clason.org or 494-8285). The next VOICE will be delivered mid-December.

Bylaws Changed Revisions to the bylaws approved at the last general meeting, Oct. 2nd, changed the definition of a quorum from 20 members plus 6 steering committee members, to 10 members plus 4 steering committee members.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES MANA needs an Area 2 VOICE Leader (Martin Dr. to US-36, N&E side of S. 42nd). If you live in that area and could spend an hour every two months delivering this newsletter to block leaders, please contact our new VOICE Coordinator Maureen Maloney (434.7354 maurnote@ix.netcom.com).

The Vice-President slot is open on the MANA Steering Committee. If you would like to volunteer for that, or for a co-chair position, please contact Jan Clason, 494-8285.

Join the MANA email list by sending an email to majordomo@flatiron.com with the following in the body of the text: subscribe manalist

Thanks to...

.....all the volunteers who again made the Pancake Breakfast a roaring success. There were approx 350 folks in attendance resulting in a net profit of \$382 to the MANA treasury. Special thanks to our sponsors: Herbs Meats, Boulder Valley Dairy, Kinko's, Nick's Auto, and King Soopers

...Jenny Fowler, for organizing the Creekside Elem School @ Martin Park "Nat'l Walk Our Children to School Day" on October 4th.

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Caring & Sharing Gift Drive: Wish List

contact Jan Clason (evenings @ 494.8285 or email jan@clason.org)

with the item number you'd like to donate [code: —gender/favorite color/age —]

—F/black/age unknown—

- 1A coat size 14-16 miss
- 1B Gameboy

—F/black/age unknown—

- 1C coat size 16-18
- 1D Gameboy

—F/dark blue/age unknown—

- 1E coat size 9-10
- 1F Hot curlers

—M/black/10—

- 1G coat size 10
- 1H scooter

—F/pink/5—

- 2A Dress size 6-6 1/2
- 2B Baby doll

—F/pink/4—

- 2C Dress size 5-5 1/2
- 2D Barbie

—M/blue/11—

- 2E shirt/sweater size 12
- 2F Goosebumps books

—F/purple/9—

- 3A Coat size 10-12
- 3B Bike

—M/any color/6—

- 3C Pants size 7-8
- 3D Bike

—F/any color/5 1/2—

- 4A Gloves/mittens
- 4B Train/car

—M/any color/2—

- 4C Winter Scarf
- 4D Train/car

—F/purple/9—

- 5A Jeans/skirt outfit size 14
- 5B Chess game/mystery book

—F/pink/5—

- 5C Any outfit size 5
- 5D #'s/alphabet sound book

—M/black/9—

- 6A Coat size 14
- 6B Max Steal motorcycle & accessories

—M/blue/6—

- 6C Snowsuit size 6
- 6D Art supplies

—F/red/12—

- 6E Dress size 7 (women's)
- 6F Lotion/soap gift set

—M/blue/10—

- 7A Snowsuit/pants size 12
- 7B Book: Harry Potter & the Sorcerers Stone (Hardback)

—M/blue/5—

- 7C Snowsuit/pants size 7
- 7D Trains (not battery operated)

—F/denim/10—

- 8A Jeans size 10 jr
- 8B Book: Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire

—M/any color/7 mo—

- 8C Sleepers size 12-18 mo.
- 8D Infant toy/book

—M/any color/9—

- 9A Coat size 10-12
- 9B Pants 10-12

—M/red/12—

- 10A Warm sweater size 12
- 10B Remote control car/book

—F/white/age unknown—

- 10C Warm sweater size 14
- 10D CD player/book

—F/disabled elder—

- 11A Spring yard cleanup
- 11B Paint bedroom & touchup ext. trim

—M/blue/10—

- 12A Coat size 14-16
- 12B Game/book

—F/any color/9—

- 12C Coat size 10-12
- 12D Barbie doll/book

—F/no color/9—

- 13A Barbie doll
- 13B Barbie stuff

—F/no color/2—

- 13C Toy
- 13D Book

—F/any color/6—

- 14A Pants size 7-8
- 14B Sweater size 7-8

—M/any color/2—

- 14C Pants size 2T
- 14D Sweater size 2T

—M/blue or brown/7—

- 15A Pants size 8
- 15B Shirt size 8

If there's someone in our community who may not have made this wish list and you feel it appropriate, PLEASE contact Diane Bortles at FRS (303-441-4097) by November 15th.