



Martin Acres VOICE

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Table Mesa and Basemar

On December 6th, City of Boulder transportation and planning staff met with an unexpectedly large number of citizens to discuss the potential of redeveloping Basemar and Table Mesa shopping Centers as mixed-use zones, meaning residences would be added to what are now purely commercial areas.

Changing the land-use designations of those two centers was originally proposed for this years update to the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan, but was excluded from the plan because of citizen opposition. The City does intend, however, to continue investigation of the possible land-use changes separately from the Comprehensive Plan. The meeting the 6th was a first step in that continued investigation. Another similar meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February.

Both elected officials and staff believe mixed use development could both create affordable housing, in the form of apartments and town homes, and energize the commercial space, two goals that Council has adopted for 2000-2001. Opponents to the changes object to traffic effects and possible gentrification of the shopping centers, along with a number of lesser issues.

The planning department will be posting a Web page focused on this issue. Though it is not there yet, it will appear at <http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/planning/index.htm>. Steve Clason is following this issue, and will share whatever information he has, 303-494-8285, steve@clason.org.

Sharing & Matching

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA.
Contact Steve at 494-8285 or steve@clason.org by FEBRUARY 1ST to place your ad for the March 2001 VOICE.

A TOUCH OF WELLNESS

Charlene Thompson offers a variety of pet care services, including: doggie day care, boarding and massage, pet visits to your home, dog and cat home made, organic food. She also represents a number of health product lines: Multipure drinking water systems, Nikken magnetic and far infrared products, Melaluca supplements, house cleaning, body cleaning products with Tea Tree oil
Call 499-3660

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.

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

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 303.499.2324 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?

Pet Sitting/Dog Walking I will come to your home to care for dogs, cats, birds, and any other companion animals you have while you are away. I'm also available for mid-day dog walks. Bonded and insured. Janet McLachlan, 499-1384.

Join the **Boulder Cooperative Market**, a community-owned vegetarian grocery. Nutrition, ethics, and value! For membership information contact us at 447-2667 or bouldercoop@earthlink.net. Thanks. Boulder Cooperative Market, P.O. Box 2113, Boulder 80306

WinterFest Wrap-Up

MANA held its 4th annual WinterFest on Friday, December 8th at Creekside Elementary (formerly Martin Park Elementary). Around 200 people shared food, fellowship, hayrides and carols, and filled a wish list of 90 gifts to brighten the holidays for some of our less fortunate neighbors.

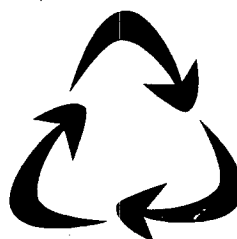
Event coordinator Jan Clason would like to thank the City of Boulder for the "\$400 fun-grant", John Ellis for the deal on the hayride, Blackjack Pizza for the discount on the pizza, King Soopers for contributing and John Dana of Marshall Information Services for being Santa. Thanks also to these volunteers: Alan Marshall, Anessa Pobrik, Cam Marshall, Carmen Ramirez (Counselor, Family Resource Schools), Carol Kampert, Catherine Weldon, Dave Kampert, Diane Bortles (Counselor, Family Resource Schools), Dianne Marshall, Hitesh Trivedi, JP Meyer (YMCA counselor), Leslie Scharf, Maureen O'Shea-Stone, Michael Tavarez, Noelle Clason, Samantha Clason, Sue Barcklow, Sue Kriegsman, Sue Mitrovic and all the others we may have neglected to mention.

Thanks also to the dozens of neighbors who contributed to the gift drive. We reserve, however, a special, awe-struck thanks to a single Martin Acres family, who asked that we not tell their name. This family has owned a house in Martin Acres since 1966 which many of the family members have lived in, at one time or another. The grandmother of the family recently passed away, and one of her granddaughters contributed a portion of her estate to purchasing 55 of the 90 gifts collected during the WinterFest gift drive. We give our heartfelt thanks to this family for their unparalleled generosity, and by reflection to the entire neighborhood, for creating the kind of community that elicited this outpouring of care and affection.

RECYCLING

CAREFUL RECYCLING CAN REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE YOU THROW AWAY BY OVER 50%!

And recycling is convenient and easy if you creatively organize and use your available space. Lee Hurwit, Chairman of the MANA Recycling Committee, will help you design your recycling system—just give him a call at 303-641-7172.



Recycling is an important part of preserving the planet, and we in Boulder may be leading the way.

And the Winners Are....

Sue Kriegsman and her stalwart posse of judges (Catlin, Diane, Hitesh, Noelle) having applied their secret formula considering creativity, brightness, seasonalness, elegance and tackiness announce these winners of the 2000 Martin Acres Holiday Lights Contest:

1st Place - 310 S. 41st

2nd Place Tie:

335 S. 42nd

4265 Moorhead

3775 Davidson

3305 Martin

100 33rd

Someone New to the Neighborhood?

Contact Jan Clason for a Welcome Packet.
494.8285 or jan@clason.org

Next MANA Steering Committee Meeting

Monday
January 8th
7-9 PM

Church of the Nazarene
Broadway/Dartmouth
Childcare
&
Refreshments
Provided



MANA EMAIL LIST

If you aren't subscribed to the MANA email list, you're missing out on a good thing. The list is one of the most efficient ways to keep in touch with what's going on, and to spread the word about any issues of your own. To join, send an email to majordomo@flatiron.com with the following in the body of the text: subscribe manalist

New Veep!

At the steering committee meeting November 6th, Ned Riedel was elected to the office of Vice President. Ned brings a long history of activism and experience in volunteer groups to this post, and will certainly be a tremendous asset. Thanks to Ned for volunteering to fill this long vacant position. You can contact Ned at 494-2475 or edwardriedel@yahoo.com.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

A number of volunteers were elected or appointed to chair committees in November. Many of these appointments simply validated de-facto chairmanships, but we would nevertheless like to thank all of them for their effort and energy:

Lee Hurwit, Recycling: 641-7172, leehurwit@aol.com
Mike Marsh, Citizens on Patrol: 499-3395, mgmarsh@hotmail.com
Jerry Wyss, Transportation: 494-1971, jcwyss@csti.com

Maureen O'Shea-Stone, Beautification (543-8715, mostone@pcsisys.net). Since our bylaws designate the beautification committee chair as a member of the steering committee, we would like to welcome Maureen to that august group, also.

Betty Schweikert, Area 2 Leader, whose willingness to volunteer also lands her on the MANA Steering Committee, so congratulations and welcome to her as well. Betty can be reached at 499-6909.

MINUTES

Minutes of the MANA Steering Committee meeting held November 6th can be had from Camille Hook, 499-9020, camrus7@netzero.net, or retrieved from the MANA Website at <http://bcn.boulder.co.us/community/mana>.

TREASURERS REPORT

Current bank balance is \$1444.39 with \$665 in liabilities, making \$779.39 in available funds. You can get a full report by contacting the MANA Treasurer, Cam Marshall at 499-2008 or cmarshall@marshallinfo.com.

VOICE SUBMISSIONS

We encourage submissions to the newsletter from all neighbors, so if you have a piece of information or a project you would like to share, please contact Steve Clason, 3305 Eastman Ave., Boulder, 80305 (steve@clason.org) or call 494-8285. We do try to keep these messages non-commercial, and we prefer to avoid political messages.

THANKS

Thanks to Pastor Hanna and the congregation of the Broadway Church of the Nazarene for inviting MANA to use their facilities for our meetings.

SEEKING EASTER EGG HUNT COORDINATOR

Congrats to Camille Hook and her family on the new addition of a baby girl coming in March. Due to this happy chain of events, Camille will not be able to run the Egg Hunt this year. She will be glad to assist, share ideas and resources, but needs a volunteer to run the show. Please give her a call...303-499-9020.

MEETING REMINDER

Just a reminder that the MANA steering committee will meet January 8 and February 5 at 7:00 PM at the Church of the Nazarene on Broadway between Dartmouth and Eastman Avenue.

Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, March 5** (also at 7:00 at the Church of the Nazarene) at which time we will elect officers, steering committee members and committee chairs. These positions will be coming before our membership for election: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VOICE Newsletter Writer/Editor, VOICE Newsletter Publisher, VOICE Distribution Coordinator, Area 1a, 1b, 2, 3, and 4 Leaders, as well as these committees: Beautification, Recycling, Citizens on Patrol, Transportation, MARS, Welcoming. As a Steering Committee member one of the responsibilities includes attending Steering Committee meetings throughout the year.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions, or if you know someone who is, please contact Jan Clason, and mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings – childcare is provided and refreshments will be served.

REMOTE VOTING

A motion was discussed as the November meeting which, if passed, would enable neighbors to vote via email on issues brought before MANA at its general meetings. As proposed, the system would work like this: the MANA secretary (or a designate) would record the wording of every motion voted on at a regular meeting, and would summarize the arguments made at the meeting for and against the motion. The motion and the arguments would be distributed via the MANA email list the next day, or as soon as possible, and people would then have two days in which to cast a vote. All votes received via email would be tallied along with votes cast at the meeting to decide whether or not the motion passed.

Proponents of this motion argue that allowing email voting would expand the number of people participating in the organization by enfranchising people who cannot attend the meetings.

Opponents argue that email voting is susceptible to abuse, including fraud, and that the impersonality of the medium defeats the building of personal relationships that is one of the reasons to have a neighborhood organization.

The motion was tabled so that it could be considered at length, and will be raised again and, hopefully, decided at the next regular meeting, January 8th. If you have an opinion, one way or another, about this, please come to the next meeting and voice it.

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