



Martin Acres VOICE

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8th ANNUAL MARTIN ACRES HOME TOUR

The Eighth Annual Martin Acres Home Tour is **Sunday, May 20th** from noon until 5:00 pm. Join your neighbors on a tour of some creative remodels of our 1950's ranch-style homes. Tickets are \$5.00, and are available at Creekside Elementary School, Pettyjohns Liquor and Wine Store, Walnut Realty, and Herb's Meats. Tickets will also be available at the homes on the day of the tour. All proceedings will be donated to Creekside Elementary School, so come and spend a day enjoying our neighborhood for a good cause. Look for tickets to appear in outlets in early May.



The Beautification Committee Presents — The 1st Annual Garden Features Tour

This year, for the first time, we will have a "garden features" tour on Sunday, June 24th. The idea is to look at some of the successful garden themes in our neighborhood, keeping in mind tough, beautiful and waterwise plantings. Participants will walk through gardens from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on this self guided tour. From 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm, our local gardening guru, Jim Knopf will talk and take questions from the audience about the special challenges of gardening on small lots in a suburban setting. The tour will be limited to 100 participants, so pick up your tickets as soon as you can. Tickets will be available beginning May 20th at the Martin Acres Home Tour. Tickets will also be available at Shop II (Table Mesa in front of Savers), Palmer Gardens (The BaseMar Center), and from Diane Marshall (303-499-2008). In order to protect the featured gardens, no strollers or dogs will be allowed on the tour. Small children must be in backpacks.

Notes on MANA Meetings

Annual Meeting, March 5, 2001: Approximately 40 people attended a lively and informative discussion about increased housing density in Martin Acres which featured Councilman Thomas Eldridge and Earl McLaughlin, President, Boulder Tomorrow.

Next Meeting, May 7, 2001: Mark Ruzzin, the chair of the City of Boulder's Planning Board will share information and field questions about mixed use development and how it might impact Boulder's established residential neighborhoods. Mixed use is a development pattern that incorporates a mix of uses - retail, office and residential into one project. It is seen as a tool that can be used to meet multiple community goals, including providing a diversity of housing types, creating rich, pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented living areas, and enhancing our built environment. But will a mixed use redevelopment focus in Boulder's commercial areas impact existing residential neighborhoods? Come to the meeting on May 7 at the Church of the Nazarene (Broadway and Dartmouth), and find out.

Dates for the upcoming year's worth of MANA meetings; 5/7/01, 7/9/01, 8/6/01, 9/10/01, 10/1/01, 11/5/01, 1/7/02, 2/4/02, and 3/4/02 (the Annual Meeting).

by Camille Hook Zoning/Codes Committee Announcement: As newly elected coordinator, I would like to first thank all residents for their efforts to comply with city codes. Martin Acres continues to be a neighborly and friendly community as a result. With that in mind this notice is a friendly reminder that codes are essential for the safety, beauty and well-being of the city. Consequently, violations of our codes result in penalties ranging from warnings and fines to eviction in extreme cases. Beginning in this month, the Zoning/Codes committee will note code violations of Martin Acres properties. Reports to the city will be prioritized as follows: 1. safety (clear sidewalks of parked cars, clutter and snow) 2. beauty (trash, garbage, yard/tree debris in front & side yards, weeds, inoperable automobiles/trailers), 3. neighbor complaints (noise, pets, over-occupancy). Process will be as follows; call Camille Hook with MARS (Martin Acres Referral Service) 303-499-9020 if you have a code question. She or a representative will let you know who you can call to assist in addressing the violation. If a property is in code violation the City Environmental Enforcement agency will issue a warning of the violation. If the violation is not addressed a penalty in the form of a fine will be issued by the same agency. For a listing of updated codes check out the website www.ci.boulder.co.us/comm/codes

Boulder Spring Clean-up dates for Martin Acres are May 7 - 18th.

by Sue Seecof

A Community Garden For South Boulder Good News! The time has come to begin building Boulder's first South Boulder Community Garden, "Hickory Park." Now, residents of South Boulder can have a garden plot without driving all the way across town. The garden will be located on Hickory Avenue, a quiet street near Baseline and Foothills Pkwy. The site has a great view of the Flat Irons and room for about 40-50 garden plots. Eventually, there will also be an adjoining park and play area for children. Join us as we start to build the community, planning the garden layout and gathering the materials to prepare the beds. Come make new friends and share your knowledge of gardening or just pitch in and learn. Contact Ed Self at (303) 543-1411 (e-mail: ed-self@qwest.net) or Sue Seecof at 303-543-0009 (seecof@aol.com) for fur-

by Jan Clason

Welcoming New Neighbors: 100 Welcome Packets were delivered between March 1, 2000 and March 5, 2001. I've been heading up the Welcoming efforts in our neighborhood for a couple of years. I generally get new homeowner information from the *Daily Camera* each Monday (the data is usually 6-8 weeks old), and deliver the packets on the weekends. I don't often get the opportunity to speak to the new residents, but I leave a Welcome Packet and usually a homemade goodie (cookies, banana bread, pot holder, bouquet of flowers, etc.). I would like to encourage you to give me a call when new folks move in and I'll bring a welcome packet to you to deliver to your new neighbors. Taking a welcome packet to your new neighbors as soon as they move in gives you the opportunity to introduce yourselves and let's newcomers know there's an active neighborhood association and a cohesive community that's considerate and respectful of one another.

NEEDED - Area 1B needs someone to distribute the Voice. Call 494-2580

A Reminder— As spring weather draws us out of doors for a walk in the park, consider bringing along a garbage bag to collect trash. The late winter winds deposit refuse all over Martin Park, but especially in the creek bed and against the fences. The city gives us credit for cleanup hours in the form of use of the park shelter. Call Jan Clason at 303-494-8285, to record any time you spend cleaning up at the park.

An Idea — What is the consensus on a whole neighborhood yard sale? If Martin Acres were to take out a large ad in the classified section of the Daily Camera for a neighborhood yard sale, each household could simply pull out their "treasures" on the assigned day, and meet neighbors and others as we recycle our stuff. Late August or early September seem like good possibilities for dates because the weather is usually good and students will be back in town. More details will follow in the July VOICE. If you have any ideas or feedback, please contact Susan Holloway at 303-499-8842 or at wittmanholloway@yahoo.com

High Mar Swimming Pool will open for the season on May 27th. A clean up day will be held May 12th 10:00-2:00 pm to help get the pool ready for the summer. Call the YMCA at 303-442-2778 for information about the swim team, clean up day, or pool membership. Stay cool in the 'hood this summer.

By Anne Kaufmann

I'm a fellow Martin Acres resident and an employee of Boulder County Health Department. I would like to introduce a health department project called "Creating a Healthy Community" in which we'd like to involve interested Martin Acres community members. I would like to hold a one-hour discussion group with 8-12 interested residents to get your input on needs and expectations when purchasing household cleaning products and pesticides, and what barriers exist to using less hazardous products. The meeting time and place will be determined based on participants' availability. Refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please reply to amkhe@co.boulder.co.us, or call me at 303-441-1146 for more information. Please let me know your name, phone number, and meeting days and times preferences.

By Gary Wederspahn

The Flatirons Open Space Committee is a group of concerned citizens seeking to reverse a dad decision made by the University of Colorado Board of Regents in 1996 when they agreed to purchase the Flatirons Property. You may contact committee member-neighbor Sandy Hume at sandy-hume@excite.com, or committee public relations person Gary Wederspahn at gary@intercultural:help.com.

Sharing & Matching

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA.
Contact Susan at 499-8842 or wittmanholloway@yahoo.com by May 1st to place your ad for the June 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

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, egress windows, 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. Call Megan at 303.499.2324 for a free catalog.

Money Sense, Fee-only Financial Advising for Individuals and Small Business Owners, Specializing in working with women on reducing debt, controlling spending and taking control of your finances. I charge by the hour only and do not sell any products or investments. 12-year Martin Acres Resident, local references, discount for Martin Acres residents. Some low cost advising available for local low income women. "Money isn't everything, Managing it is". Amy E. Gibb, MBA, Certified Financial Planner. 303.494.5362.

Baby-sitter needed, now and in the summer for Martin Acres Family. Looking for responsible teenager, college student or "grandma" to care for our two easygoing boys (5 yrs and 9 mos) in our home. Occasional and regular care needed, up to 5-15 hours a week. Very flexible schedule, days, evenings and weekends but no guaranteed hours. Competitive pay comparable with experience. Will pay extra for light house work and/or cooking. Leave a message with name, phone, your interest and experience. Amy 303.494.5362

Pet Sitting/Dog Walking I will come to your home to care for dogs, cats, birds, and other companion animals while you are away. I'm also available for mid-day dog walks. Bonded and insured. Janet McLachlan, 303.499.1384.

FINALLY: a safe place in Boulder where you and your friends can go on Friday night to hang out and be yourself, a place where you can have a blast . . . The "Lighthouse" is a place where teenagers 12 and over can have fun, play games, listen to cool music...a place totally free from alcohol and drugs. Free pizza, soda, air hockey, ping pong and much more. Come to the Lighthouse Friday nights @ 7:07 PM at the South Broadway Church of the Nazarene..(Broadway/ Dartmouth) call 303.494.8810 to Get the Scoop.

Tired of busy signals and slow connections? Dedicated high speed internet access using megabit DSL is available in Martin Acres. For more info contact local ISP, Ariel Design Group: Jan @ 415.0266 x105 or email dsl@arieldesig.com.

No dialup - Always connected

Seeking house to buy in Martin Acres. We are a family with a 4 year old daughter and are community minded. If you are planning to sell your house or know someone in the neighborhood who is, please call Janet or Alan Streater at: 720-304-3831.

Environmental Enforcement — The EE office has recently implemented an email address for submitting complaints as well as getting information. EEO@ci.boulder.co.us They will respond to email or phone calls. The office is responsible for enforcing snow removal, noise (non-dog), and trash complaints. The office also sponsors the ICEBUSTERS program. More information on this and other city programs can be found at: <http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/comm/fyi/index.htm> The Environmental Enforcement phone is 303-441-3239

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