



Martin Acres VOICE

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The Holiday Season is fast upon us, and we regret the loss of our own winter fest, but are hoping that a year off will lead to new ideas and new enthusiasm for next year. Happy holidays to all! Here is a quick review of recent neighborhood events.

The Pancake Breakfast transpired on a very chilly, very rainy September 8th. Attendance was down, but giddy hard core "Martians" attended and sat closer together than usual in order to conserve body heat while they slurped up Don McGregor's homemade peach syrup on their pancakes and caught up on each other's news. A big thank you to our generous sponsors; Peaberry Coffee, Wild Oats, Le Francais, Herbs Meats, Boulder Valley Dairy, and Nick's Auto. Cam Marshall is the master of ceremonies for this event, and deserves kudos.

The Martin Acres All Neighborhood Garage Sale took place as planned on September 15th. There was a significant amount of participation which we hope to build on for next year's sale. The suggestion was made by the experienced leaders of the 41st Street sale that we change the date to the weekend in August when students return to CU. If you have any other suggestions relating to this event, contact Susan Holloway (see MANA contact info).

One of our most important recent events was the 10/01/01 MANA meeting during which 13 of the 15 candidates for city counsel participated in a roundtable discussion wherein residents were able to discuss community concerns. A big thanks to the following attendee candidates: Ron Bain, Jeep Campbell, Tom Eldridge, Michael Hamann, Nabil Karkamaz, Don Mock, Gordon Riggle, Les Rosen, Mark Ruzzin, Lynn Segal Grateful Fred Smith, Mark Swanholm, and Will Toor. This was an unsurpassable opportunity to get a close-up-and-personal interaction with each of these candidates. For those of you who were unable to attend this meeting, the City of Boulder's Channel 8 is airing 5 minute statements by each candidate Mondays at 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through November 6th.

Please plan to attend our 11/5/01 MANA meeting where we will learn how to properly register a complaint with the appropriate city resource. On hand for this meeting will be several city officials; code enforcement personnel, the police watch commander, and police officers. If you have concerns about loud parties, over-occupancy, trash, unkempt yards, etc., then come out and be a part of the solution to the issues that arise out of living in a diverse community.

Resident Spotlight: As we continue to feature some of Martin Acres' outstanding residents, we are obliged to recognize the couple that have long been known as "Mr. and Mrs. Martin Acres", Harry and Jean Nachman. The Nachmans arrived in Martin Acres fifteen years ago from Chicago, already groomed for neighborhood activism. Harry had served for four years as president of the Rogers Park Community Council, Chicago's oldest and most effective neighborhood organization, and Jean had already put in years of volunteer work through PTA and election involvement.

Within MANA, Harry spent four years as the neighborhood president, while Jean spent those same years editing the VOICE. The projects which Harry and Jean spear-headed changed the face of our neighborhood in very positive ways. The civic highlights during those years include; the defeat of a City of Boulder plan to make Table Mesa into a 5-lane boulevard, the new and greatly improved playground facilities in Martin Park (Barbara McGregor co-led this effort), and bike lanes on Moorhead.

Another of Harry's contributions was the insight to anticipate the need for a "changing of the guard" in neighborhood leadership, and the diplomacy to steward the next generation of community members while they learned to take over the reins. Harry was instrumental in maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood association during its most transitional period.

The Nachmans have now moved to senior housing at Fraser Meadows Manor, but they say that their friends in Martin Acres will always be their best Boulder neighbors. Even though they have moved, we think of Harry and Jean frequently since some of the trees on the west side of the ball fields of Martin Park were planted as a tribute to them. The Nachmans had a significant hand in shaping the way our neighborhood looks and functions. Thank you, Harry and Jean.



Uncommon bird sightings

Harry and Jean Nachman report sighting a evening grossbeak earlier this year, while Inger and Alan Bell recently saw the first Stellar's Jay on their feeder since 1982. Please keep your eyes open, and share your sightings with the rest of us by e-mailing me at wittmanholloway@yahoo.com.

Thank you, pastor Hanna for providing our meeting location.

Subscribing to the MANA email list — If you are new to Martin Acres, or if you are newly interested in being on the MANA email list, simply send an email to majordomo@flatiron.com with the following in the body of the text: subscribe manalist. Please join the lively exchange of ideas, opinions, and commentary that is emailed back and forth.

Note: Log on to the improved MANA website for several new pages of information: <http://www.martinacres.org>

Three new block leaders are needed to pass out the VOICE on a bi-monthly basis. The blocks are; 31st Street from Moorhead to Ash, Moorhead from 38th to 42nd, and Berkley from Ash to 35th Street. Please call Maureen Maloney at (303)494-2580.

By Camille Hook — The Martin Acres Referral Service would like to recognize the many homes in the north west section of the neighborhood that have been recently painted, refashioned, or landscaped, and are cleaning up code violations. The neighborhood just keeps looking better! Residents who wish assistance and referral regarding alleged code violations, please feel free to contact MARS (see MANA contact information). It is important to note the property address and the specifics of the complaint. A representative should be able to get back to you within five days. Late night noise due to pets, parties, cars, and bonfires should be directed immediately to the non-emergency police number at (303)441-3333 at the time of the incident, or the city will take no action.



City of Boulder Leaf and Pumpkin Drop Off

The City of Boulder is sponsoring a leaf and pumpkin drop off program for residents of Boulder. Leaves and pumpkins will be tilled into the soil at local farms to increase the organic content of the soil. Leaves and pumpkins may be dropped off in any type of bag on Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. through November 17th at the following locations:

North Boulder Park located at 8th and Dellwood in the parking lot, and

Harlow Platts Park located at 1360 Gillaspie Drive (the south lot next to Viele Lake)

Western Disposal Station located at 5880 Butte Mill Road. Note that the Western Disposal site is the only drop off station with extended hours (Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until November 2nd, and 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. November 3rd, 10th, and 17th.)

No trash, tree limbs or grass, please. If you want leaves to compost, take as many as you want.

If you have branches, limbs and grass, they may be dropped off at Western Disposal Mondays through Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Drop off is free for Boulder residents.



One of our favorite things to do during the holiday season is to contribute to a giving tree. In the past, Martin Acres has sponsored a giving tree with the requests for gifts coming exclusively from our neighborhood. Since the Winter Fest is not going to take place this year, please contact either our neighborhood school, Creekside Elementary, or a local church to take part in an existing giving tree program. However, if you know of a family or individual within our neighborhood that has a pressing need, please contact the editor of this newsletter.

The most vociferous discussion that has recently engaged Boulder City Counsel is the debate between neighborhood groups and perceived code breakers (usually students). We Martin Acres residents value the diversity of our neighborhood (we could all live in more homogeneous areas), and so need to base interactions with neighbors on respect. Let's follow the example of Chase Ct. where an "Attention Home" for youth was given a warm welcome when it first arrived. Young clients of the Attention Home feel very much a part of their community, and have shoveled walks for elderly neighbors and performed many other neighborly acts.

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

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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.

Piano instruction: Openings for the Fall, South Boulder location. All ages—Call Lea Dayton (303)-494-7534. (Please note that the last VOICE posted Lea's number incorrectly. Use this number if you have been trying unsuccessfully to reach her)

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@arieldesign.com. No dialup - Always connected

Get your car ready for winter—belts, hoses, antifreeze, and batteries. Stop by Nick's Auto Repair in Martin Acres, 2800 Moorhead, or call Dennis Nickerson at (303)499-4300.

Please consider running for a MANA Steering Committee position when the Annual Meeting rolls around. If you have attended some of the MANA bimonthly meetings, and your community matters to you, this could be your venue. Think about it!

Welcoming New Neighbors: Do you have new neighbors? Be sure to contact Jan Clason for a Martin Acres Welcome Packet.

Upcoming MANA meetings; If you are the type that needs to plan well in advance, here are the dates for upcoming MANA meetings well into next year: 11/5/01, 1/7/02, 2/4/03, and 3/4/02 (the Annual Meeting) Come to ask questions, and to get questions answered. Call Jan Clason if you would like to place an item on the agenda.

The MANA Steering Committee meets at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of the month at the Church of the Nazarene on Broadway, between Dartmouth and Eastman. Everyone in the neighborhood is encouraged to attend. Babysitting is available upon request (contact Jan Clason 2-3 days in advance to arrange).