



Martin Acres VOICE

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Happy New Year 2002

As you reflect on some possible new year's resolutions, please consider becoming involved in your neighborhood association. Upcoming MANA meetings are 1/7/02, 2/4/02, and 3/4/02 (the annual meeting). Meetings take place in the church of the Nazarene on Broadway, between Dartmouth and Eastman. Babysitting is available upon request (contact Jan Clason 2-3 days in advance to arrange). Think about running for a MANA Steering Committee position when the Annual Meeting rolls around. If you have attended some of the MANA bimonthly meetings, you know that our political effectiveness and our many activities depend on volunteers who regularly attend MANA meetings.

More Holiday Suggestions:

-Help Keep the Homeless Warm: Due to the overcrowding of the Boulder Homeless Shelter, outreach efforts have been arranged to provide additional shelter for homeless men at local area churches. Adult volunteers are needed to sleep at the churches. For more information please contact Rich Bledsoe 303-530-5715.

-The Ice Busters Program is looking for some Martin Acres neighbors to help their neighbors. Elderly or disabled residents who are unable to shovel their own walks are paired with volunteers who take a few minutes after each snowfall to keep Boulder's sidewalks safe. Volunteers and people that need help can call Alice Mastin at 303-441-3239 to get more information.

November's MANA meeting was attended by members of the Boulder Police, their director of dispatch, environmental enforcement officers and occupancy enforcement personnel. Their advice follows.

Late night and unreasonably loud noise should be directed immediately to the non-emergency police number at 303-441-3333 at the time of the incident. Give clear directions about the source of the noise. Ask specifically for officer contact if you wish to have feedback. You may request that a citation be issued.

For over-occupancy complaints, call Jay Dunlap at 303-441-3346. The complainant must leave a name and number in order for Jay's office to respond.

Martin Acres Zoning and Code Chair is Camille Hook (303)947-8481.

Resident Spotlight: Did you know that Martin Acres' eclectic group of neighbors includes several world-class climbers and mountaineers? This issue of "Resident Spotlight" introduces men and women in the hood who have made climbing their lifelong passions and way of life.

Gary Neptune, owner of Neptune Mountaineering in the Table Mesa Shopping Center, is somewhat of a local icon. He and his wife Bibi Gottschall have become international mentors for climbing and skiing enthusiasts, and love nothing more than to enable other enthusiasts to "live their dreams". Gary's list of summits in the Himalayas alone includes Ama Dablam, Mt. Everest, Makalu, and Gasherbrum II, while Bibi has trekked and climbed internationally, and has recently participated in Norwegian and Swiss ski marathons, as well completed a great deal of alpine touring in Central Europe.

Jack and Pam Roberts are another Martin Acres couple who have lived a life defined by their enthusiasm for climbing and mountaineering. While Pam is an avid recreational climber, Jack has made a profession of the mountains. He writes for various alpine journals such as "Rock and Ice", and "Climbing", and is the author of "Colorado Ice", the regional bible for ice climbers. He has also been a professional guide for 20 years, helping other people to put together trips to difficult and exotic locations.

Dan Stone is a geologist and glaciologist, but he counts climbing as one of his central passions. Dan recently returned from a trip to Antarctica's highest peak, Mt. Vinson, where he joined other mountain climbing celebrities filming a NOVA special on the highest peaks in the world. Dan did the education portion on what NOVA is tentatively calling "Vinson: Trapped in Ice", scheduled to air in early 2002. Dan shares his knowledge of mountaineering with more than the television viewing community. Because he volunteers time to teach climbing and lead climbing outings for neighborhood girl and boy scouts troops, a new generation of climbing enthusiasts is growing up right here in Martin Acres.



(Not so) Uncommon bird sightings

The Priems are reporting lots of activity at their backyard feeders. Copious red shafted flickers and flocks of goldfinches are eating shelled sunflower seeds (the absence of shells also keeps the mess down). Other recent winter visitors are the Dark Eyed Junco and the Slate Colored Junco, as well as the Mountain and Black-capped Chickadee.

- Recycling Reminders -

Boulder Christmas Tree Drop-off will be Monday-Friday 7am - 5 pm, and Saturday 7 am - 2 pm at the Western Disposal site (5800 Butte Mill Rd.)
Electronic Equipment Recycling - fee charged Monday-Saturday 9am - 4 pm
5030 Pearl Parkway

Thank you for responding to recent calls for block leaders to pass out the VOICE on a bi-monthly basis. One more person is need for the section of Berkley from Ash to 35th Street. Call Maureen Maloney at (303)494-2580.

A note to the occasional folks who contact the editor each month asking to forward a message on to the neighborhood at large; please feel free to email your thoughts on the MANA email list yourself (directions for first time users follow). If, however, you would like to include something for publication in the VOICE, please email your article or thoughts to the editor (contact information found on the back of this newsletter).

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

Tebo Development Co. is considering sponsoring the power to light up trees for the Holidays along Hwy 36 from Table Mesa north to the Baseline exit, as well as assuming the costs of lighting it each season. Tebo might ask for public adoption of trees to assume the task of decorating and tearing down at the seasons close. Tebo Development wants to find out if any of you in our community would care to participate (this is not a drive for a commitment, rather a survey) in making the adoption of lighting a tree part of our Holiday tradition. Based on public input, this project may be put in place for the 2002 Holiday season, however, Tebo wants to hear from the community to see if this is something the community deems worthwhile. Please complete the following survey and mail it to: Tebo Development, Attn: Stefani Bender 1301 Walnut, Boulder, CO 80302-5211.

HWY 36—Holiday Tree lighting Poll

If you choose to be anonymous, do not fill out the personal information section. We welcome your comments.

Your Name _____

Address _____

Boulder, CO 80305

Phone: _____

(Martin Acres Neighborhood Association)

Please circle one.

Do you think this is a positive event for the Boulder Community? YES NO

Would you possibly be interested in adopting a tree to decorate? YES NO

Please Write Comments on Back of Coupon!

By Steve Clason—Boulder City Council is scheduled to review the residential occupancy laws during the first quarter of next year. Currently, those laws restrict occupancy of any detached residence (that is, any single-family home) to a traditional family and two additional non-related persons, or to no more than three, sometimes four, unrelated persons. Council will be considering changes both to the definition of a family, perhaps to include more non-traditional, domestic-partner relationships in the definition, and the occupancy restrictions.

No specific proposals for change have been put forward yet, at least not formally, but both student organizations and landlord groups will almost certainly propose changes to increase the number of unrelated persons who can occupy a dwelling. Neighborhood organizations will most likely oppose any increases, and we can expect a contentious debate on this issue.

The issue is very complex: increasing occupancy results in increased residential density which has good effects (more efficient mass transit, reduced sprawl, increased affordable housing) and bad effects (more crime, reduced privacy, increase traffic congestion). Council will need to walk a tight line between the competing interests, and informed citizen input will be crucial to their deliberations.

The occupancy ordinance is in Title 9, "Land Use Regulation", Chapter 3.2, Section 8, "Occupancy of Units" of the Boulder Revised Code. This document is available at all Boulder Library branches, or on the Web at <http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/cao/brc/932.html> (scroll down to Section 8).

A memo to Council from the City Attorney's office that reviews some possible changes and gives some background information can be read at <http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/cao/m-residential%20occupancy.html>. Library branches also provide Web access.

If you would like a general explanation of the issues, contact Steve Clason, steve@clason.org or 303-494-8285, or attend an upcoming MANA meeting.

Sharing & Matching

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA.
Contact Susan at 499-8842 or wittmanholloway@yahoo.com.

Free Swing Set—It's old, but it still works, and can still provide joy! Contact Jan Clason at 303-494-8585, or at jan@clason.org for more information.

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Paul Carter Painting, Martin Acres Resident, Interior/Exterior, Neighborhood references available! 303-494-5362

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 303-494-5100.

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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 new year, South Boulder location. All ages—Call Lea Dayton (303)-494-7534. (Please note that a previous 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 equipped for winter—belts, hoses, antifreeze, and batteries. Stop by Nick's Auto Repair in Martin Acres, 2800 Moorehead, or call Dennis Nickerson at (303)499-4300.

Martin Acres residents get \$50 off the joining fee to Boulder Car-Share. Visit www.carshare.org or call 303-271-3510. **Be part of the solution.**

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

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