



Martin Acres VOICE

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Upcoming MANA Special Events:

Join your neighbors at **MANA's Annual Pancake Breakfast**, Saturday, 9/6/03, 7:30-10:30 AM under the shelter at Martin Park. Tickets will go on sale in early August: \$4-general admission, \$2-kids 1-10, \$2-seniors. Yes, we've raised the prices, but we've also increased the discount for advanced purchases to \$.50. If you would like to buy advanced tickets or if you would like to volunteer to help at the event, call Jan or Steve Clason, 303-494-8285, email pancakes@martinacres.org or visit www.martinacres.org/pancakes.

Planning for a **Saturday, August block party on Eastman Ave** is in the works to welcome new fall neighbors. All Martin Acres neighbors are welcome to attend a Potluck with BBQ and Games. There will be a BBQ available. Contact Clason's for more details [steve@clason.org or jan@clason.org]. Details will be posted on www.martinacres.org sometime in July.

NEW possibility: Is anyone interested in a Halloween event at Martin Park Shelter? We need a coordinator and volunteers [a possible FUN-grant opportunity].

WinterFest [December]: If we are going to do the Boulder Parade of Lights or a winter holiday party this year, we need a coordinator and volunteers. If you are a fan of this event, please consider stepping up as the organizer, as this event will not take place this year without a new coordinator.

For more information on these or other events, or to volunteer, contact MANA Special Events Coordinator, Jan Clason at events@martinacres.org.

Resource 2000 & The Boulder Energy Conservation Center (www.resource2K.org) are a local nonprofit org located in Boulder. As the faces of many neighborhoods change through remodeling and new building, many people wonder how they can better utilize the old material and ways to reduce costs in building/remodeling projects. Others are just looking for a good source of quality building materials for their home and garden projects. We provide deconstruction services such as soft stripping/skim removal (cabinets, doors, windows, floors, trim, siding, chimneys, kitchens, & decks), complete building deconstruction and environmentally responsible construction waste management and landfill diversion. Free bids in Boulder County. Please contact Matthew McKinney, Deconstruction Manager Resource 2000 with any questions; 303-419-8534

Subscribing to the MANA email list — Send an email to majordomo@flatiron.com with the following in the body of the text: subscribe manalist.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If you have been reading the police reports published on the MANA email list, you know that we are sometimes victims to burglaries and/or vandalism. Many could be prevented if we knew our neighbors a little better and watched out for each other.

The Neighborhood Watch program of the Boulder Police Department is designed to organize neighborhoods block-by-block to achieve exactly that. If you would like to know how to implement the program or would just like more information, contact Officer Sue Barcklow at 303-441-3460, or visit http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/police/community/neighborhood_watch.htm.

Martin Acres Play Group to Meet

To all parents of Martin Acres children: Please join us for an informal neighborhood Play Group. We will meet through the summer months at the Martin Park playground on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Come by as often or as seldom as you wish. All parents and children of any age (including babies and toddlers!) are welcome. Any questions, please contact Marykay Cicio (303-494-8642, email: louandmk@aol.com).

VOICE Distribution—Please volunteer for VOICE distribution. This is a bimonthly responsibility, and a great way to meet your neighbors. The vacancies are: Moorhead - from Nick's Auto to Martin * Ash from Lashley to Martin * 42nd. St.- from Moorhead to Martin * 30th St.- from Moorhead to Dahlia. Please contact Maureen Maloney at 303-494-2580, or at maurnote@ix.netcom.com



Residents are reminded to use the Yard Waste Drop-off Center

A heavy spring storm in early May left behind a trail of broken tree limbs and branches. The city assisted residents in removing these organic materials during its annual Spring Clean-up from April 14 to May 16. Since then, the city has received many calls requesting pickup of the branches. The city only performs this pick up service during Spring Clean-up. It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant to remove trash, including tree limbs, from their property or the adjacent right-of-way. The Environmental Enforcement Office is currently issuing notices to property owners and tenants who are in violation of the trash ordinance. Branches and other organic materials can be dropped off at the Yard Waste Drop-Off Center, at 5880 Butte Mill Road, located ½ mile east of 55th Street and Pearl Parkway. Hours of operation are 7a.m.-5p.m., Monday through Saturday. There is no charge to City of Boulder Residents.

Learn to dance!
FREE dance program
Tuesday evenings 7-10 p.m. (starting June 10 and continuing each Tuesday evening through the end of August)
OUTSIDE on the **Farmers' Market Plaza** (just north of the Dushanbe Teahouse, 13th St between Canyon & Arapahoe in Boulder). Folk dances from around the world + swing, waltz, polka... All the dances are taught. No partner or experience needed. Beginners welcomed and encouraged. Instruction by Martin Acres resident Tom Masterson. Sponsored by Boulder County SCFD and Postoley Dance Ensemble. More info: 303 499-6363.

The Welcoming committee is dissolving unless a new volunteer is enlisted. If you would like to volunteer to 1) check Daily Camera weekly for new property sales in Martin Acres, and take information from neighbors of new renters. 2) deliver welcome packets to new homeowners and rentals, or 3) gather materials to insert into welcome packets, then contact Jan Clason; events@martinacres.org or 303.494.8285 for more details.

A Reflection on Remodeled Homes in Martin Acres

By: Samuel Austin, Architect, Resident Martin Acres

A request from the city that we provide a list of properties in Martin Acres which detract from our general quality of life has been, rightfully so, causing some concern. First, some history. For the past several months, the City of Boulder has been fielding a series of complaints surrounding issues of residential development in various neighborhoods, primarily Newlands and the Hill.

The complaints generically revolve around the size and scale of additions in these neighborhoods. The city council has decided that this issue requires further investigation. To my knowledge, there has been no formal complaint about any development in our neighborhood, however, the city council felt we should be included in their research. And so, we are asked to produce a list of homes that we think are negatively impacting our quality of life.

To whom exactly this request was made is unclear to me at this time. But it makes a couple of assumptions. The first is that these negative properties are large scale additions. The second is that quality of life is somehow the same for all of us. The reality is that quality of life is defined in as many different ways as there are people defining it. For some, change is no good. They may see the Martin Acres charm contained in these quaint bungalows. Others are excited to see their neighbors investing in their properties and building additions rather than moving from the neighborhood to meet their changing life requirements.

Martin Acres is a non-covenanted community. This means, as homeowners, we are free to make improvements to our properties as long as we follow current city zoning laws. The current laws do restrict the overall size and height of an addition. They also preserve the solar access of neighboring properties. For example the maximum height of a residential home in Boulder is 35ft. However, because of lot size, setback requirements and solar access issues, I have never seen a lot where a roof line could exceed 26ft. Based on the average lot sizes in Martin Acres and required setbacks, including one off street parking space inside the setback, it is extremely difficult to design a jumbo addition.

What the city code does not address are the subjective issues of good and bad additions. We will never collectively agree on this issue. Over time this neighborhood has developed character through the process of individuals developing their own properties. This character is in its infancy. The best thing we can do for our quality of life is to allow time and our own free spirit to take its toll. Not all properties in our neighborhood are going to become pop-tops. There will always be a mixture of original Martin Acres homes and homes with additions.

This eclectic and architecturally diverse environment is unique in Boulder. I feel that Martin Acres, underneath the umbrella of our current city zoning laws, is properly regulated and on the right path. I would like to see our neighborhood maintain its creativity and continue to follow its natural course of development.

MANA officers and their contact information:

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Area 3: Martin Dr.-Martin Park/School-S. Broadway-Ash; Mark Fearer; 543-0987, boulder@fullpower.org.

Area 4: Martin Dr.-27th Way-Moorhead-Ash; Terry Snyder-494.9040, Area4@martinacres.org

Sharing & Matching

Ads are \$10.00 for the first three lines, \$2.50 per line thereafter. Contact Susan at 499-8842 or VOICE@martinacres.org by **February 5th** to place your ad for the **March 2003 VOICE**.

A Touch of Wellness

Charlene Thompson offers pet care services, including: doggie day care & boarding, home made, organic dog & cat food. She also represents healthcare products: Multipure, Nikken & Melaluca. Call 499-3660

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

Remodel & Repair- I do all Trades. Baths and Kitchens a specialty. I have lived in Martin Acres 24 years, and worked in the trades for 35 years. I also do design consulting. Please call 494-5100

Shop at your neighborhood toy store! **DISCOVERY TOYS** educational toys, books, games and software can be found right here in Martin Acres. Visit my 3rd Annual Tent Sale. Saturday, July 12, 7-11am, at 3115 Moorhead Ave. Claire Cherington 303-499-6457 or online at www.discoverytoyslink.com/toystolearn

Steve Yoder Construction Decks-Baths-Kitchens-Windows-Remodels-Home Repair. Remodeling in Boulder since 1987. Contact at 303-443-7513. Excellent references.

The Church of the Nazarene is a small Christian Community within walking distance of most of Martin Acres that would love to have more neighborhood families join us in worship. On Sundays, Sunday school begins at 9:15, service is at 10:30 am. For information, contact pastor Bob Franz at 303-494-8810.

Night & Day Window Coverings Major brand. Shop at home. Competitive pricing. Professional installation. Call Kathleen & Feith Freebern (303)494-4827.

Suburban Services Interior and exterior finishes and drywall installation and repair, carpentry, and concrete services. 30 years experience. Call Larry Hurley 469-7737.

Help wanted with gardening (edging, mulching, weeding, composting). \$5.00/hour Please call 303-499-7878 or email lsmith@ucar.edu.

Sunflower Preschool has been providing high quality care in the Martin Acres neighborhood since 1981. We are open Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 3:30 pm all year long including Summer Camp. Come visit us soon and see for yourself. We are accredited by NAEYC, are outdoor oriented and have a hands-on curriculum. **Now offering part time.** 3340 Dartmouth Ave. 303-494-2012. Also contact us at www.sunflowerpreschoolboulder.com

Dog walking and petsitting services. Please contact Janet McLachlan at 303-499-1384 or janet@bouldershelter.org.

TRAVEL: 20 years in the travel industry, working from home and affiliated with a large volume agency. Give me a call and allow me to beat the internet rates. All kinds of travel – Call Christiane at 303 358 9604. You can also email your request. Write in subject "Travel Request from a neighbor" at audisamm@hotmail.com

MOTHERS HELPER [soon to be babysitter]. I'm 11 yrs old and will be taking my babysitting certification at the YMCA this July. I like being around kids and can help mom out. I would like to gain some more experience. \$3/hr-contact Samantha Clason, 303.494.8285 or katzanddawgs@clason.org

NOTE for VOICE Sharing & Matching Section: Requests for VOICE ads are due the 10th of the Month preceding the issue publication. For example; for an ad to be placed in the next issue of the VOICE (September), requests for the Sharing & Matching section must be received by the 10th of August.

Join us for worship at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. Traditional worship Sunday at 9:00 AM. 1345 S. Broadway, across from Fairview High. For more info phone 303-499-9800.

Weeds are unattractive, accumulate trash, and harbor unwanted insects. Residents, property owners and managers are required to trim weeds to less than one foot high. (Boulder Revised Code 6-2-3) The maximum penalty is \$1,000 + 90 days in jail. **Environmental Enforcement, 303-441-3239**