

Martin Acres VOICE

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A New Year's Resolution worth making: "Help create a Better Neighborhood"

- ✓ All Martin Acres Residents are invited and encouraged to participate in MANA's 26th consecutive Annual Meeting, to be held Monday, March 3rd 2003 at the South Broadway Church of the Nazarene, 300 South Broadway. Babysitting is available upon request (contact Jan Clason at least 2-3 days in advance to arrange).
- ✓ We will vote on Steering Committee members for 2003-2004, and will take this time to list issues facing the neighborhood and to discuss possible courses of action. Your opinions about the issues facing the neighborhood are very important—our neighborhood association is well regarded and influential within city politics, and our strength depends on our knowing what is important to the people in the neighborhood.
- ✓ Please plan on attending the annual meeting to listen to your neighbors opinions and to voice your own.

NO MORE POP-UPS?

Joining us at our January 6th meeting will be Susan Richstone, manager of a City of Boulder project to review the regulations surrounding major remodeling of houses—what are called "pop-ups and scrape-offs".

The city has undertaken this study largely to prevent "mansionization"—the removal of small houses on relatively large lots and their replacement with large houses, out of scale with the rest of the neighborhood. The project is not specifically targeted at Martin Acres, however ordinance changes will apply throughout the city.

Ordinances written to prevent plopping a 5,000 square foot house in Newlands might, unless carefully written, prevent popping up a 1,200 square foot Martin Acres home with an additional bedroom in a second story. We've asked Ms. Richstone to the meeting to describe the intentions of the project and to listen to our comments.

This project could seriously impact both the value of homes and the character of the neighborhood, and we encourage you to attend and make your opinion heard.

The meeting starts at 7:00 PM at the South Broadway Church of the Nazarene.

COUCH FIRE

On December 7th 2002 at about 11:45 PM a couch was soaked with gasoline and burned in the middle of the street at Moorhead and Hamilton Ct. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Boulder Police Department at (303) 441-3300.

UPDATE: Boundary Beautification Project

Due to drought, mini-grant was put on hold; we're shooting for the April 2003 cycle. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Jan@beautification@martinacres.org or call 303.494.8285. Thank you to Martin Acres landscape designers, Kerry and Greg White for their creative contributions.

Subscribing to the MANA email list — Send an email to majordomo@flatiron.com with the following in the body of the text: subscribe manalist. Join this forum for a lively exchange of commentary.

Please stop by our Community Sponsors (**Grease Monkey, Nick's Auto Repair, Pet Menders Animal Hospital**) to say thank you for their sponsorship of the MANA 25th Anniversary Magnets.

Number 39 in the **Boulder Lights of December** parade, MANA's 25th anniversary celebration entry, was the vehicle for 60+ neighbors to enthusiastically participate in making this event a huge success. From sign making to float decorating, everyone contributed their own special touches. Warm thanks to our float crew and all the families who participated, especially Farmer John Ellis who provided and drove the hay wagons full of laughing children and cheerful neighbors.

The After Party provided an opportunity to reflect on the events of the day and wish happy holidays to neighbors. MANA would like to extend an extra thank you to Mary Fulton, member of the Nazarene church, for managing the EFAA donation boxes through out the week! Thanks to Mary Fulton, Leslie Scharf, and Stephanie Franz [pastors wife] for setting/cleaning up of the party room. BlackJack Pizza came through with a sweet deal and we appreciate their sponsorship of our community. Last but not least: Mary Huron and the City of Boulder for granting the funds for this event and their continued support of Martin Acres. MANA is 25 years old and we had a grand time celebrating. Thank you, Jan Clason, for initiating this idea, applying for grants, organizing, decorating, and remaining cheerful the entire time.

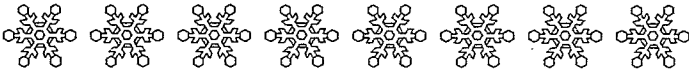
Thank you, 2002 MANA Volunteers

MANA would like to thank all of its wonderful team of volunteers who contributed wholeheartedly throughout 2002. Thanks to the MANA steering committee for its continued diligence in keeping Martin Acres a cohesive community, the 80+ neighbors who get the VOICE created and delivered, our MARS band of volunteers for continued dedication to Martin Acres, the enthusiastic creativity of the Easter Egg Hunt group, the energetic Pancake Breakfast crew for another delicious and community-building event. Thanks to the Martin Acres EcoPass folks for continued RTD bus pass opportunities, and to those who continue to work on the Martin Acres Boundary Beautification Project. Thank you contributors and designers of the MANA 25th Anniversary magnet, the Boulder Parade of Lights float workers for their great team effort. And finally, a warm thank you to the South Boulder Church of the Nazarene for community outreach by opening their doors and hearts to MANA in varying ways throughout the year.

VOICE Distribution—We need a few new volunteers for VOICE distribution. The vacancies are:

- * 30th - Moorehead to Dahlia
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- * 32nd - West side from Ash to Dartmouth
- * Moorhead - from Nick's Auto to Martin
- * Shopping Centers - Table Mesa and Basemar

This is only an every other month responsibility, and a great way to meet neighbors. Please contact Maureen Maloney at 494-2580, or at maurnote@ix.netcom.com



Here is a reminder of the city's ordinances about snow removal in case we get any more big snowfalls.

All owners or residents of private property must have the snow on their sidewalks cleared by noon the day after a snowfall. Shoveling sidewalks helps prevent accidents and increases accessibility for pedestrians.

Icebusters needed

The city-sponsored Icebusters program supports prompt sidewalk snow removal and encourages good 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.

To be an Icebuster or to receive information about the program, call Alice Mastin at the city's Environmental Enforcement Office at (303) 441-3239.

NEIGHBORHOOD ECO PASS

As of the deadline date for this article, we are pretty far along the way to collecting the money that we need for Ecopasses in 2003 and are waiting to hear from a few more neighbors. We will be able to get 2003 stickers as soon as we finish collecting the rest of the funds. If you are new in the district, we want you to join!

The neighborhood pass is purchased through the neighborhood for each of the participants. The passes are paid for by each member contributing an amount that matches their usage. The passes are good for all regularly scheduled RTD buses/light rail service from Jan 1, 2003 to Dec 31 2003. All members of a household are eligible including spouse, children and renters or boarders. Compared to the cash or per month RTD passes, the neighborhood Ecopass is a great bargain.

You must live within the district to be part of the program. If you would like to find out if your house is in the district, you can find a map at www.martinacres.com (go to "issues" and then "transportation"), or give me (Jerry Wyss) a call at 303 494-1971.

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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: Multi-pure, Nikken & Melaluca. **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**.

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Catch up, keep up, get ahead! Tutoring in Martin Acres in English, French, reading and writing skills for middle school through college age students. 8 years experience teaching students of all ages and ability levels. French lessons for adults, too! \$25/hr. in my home, \$30 in yours. Corinne McKay 303-499-3302

Steve Yoder Construction Decks-Baths-Kitchens-Windows-Remodels. Remodeling in Boulder since 1987. Contact at 303-443-77513. Excellent references.

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

Welcoming New Neighbors: Welcome new neighbors by contacting Jan Clason for a Martin Acres Welcome Packet. 303-494-8285, or beautification@martinacres.org

Joanne Kaufman, CMT, welcomes clients for therapeutic massage at her office in Martin Acres. \$45 per hour massage; discounts for holidays. Call 303-447-0564 or 720-317-5016 or email joannekaufman@yahoo.com to make an appointment!

BlackJack Pizza: sponsor of the After Parade of Lights party. Call for pickup or delivery -- 303.554.1001 -- 651 27th in Martin Acres.

Clothes too tight (or too loose) after the holidays? Martin Acres **SEW GODDESS** can help. 720-304-6110 Special projects, alterations, hems.

REAL ESTATE— Free market analysis on your property from your south Boulder neighbor Dan Estey with Coldwell Banker 303-913-2357.

Night & Day Window Coverings Major brand. Shop at home. Competitive pricing. Professional installation. Call Kathleen & Feith Freebern (303)469-7737.

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