



Martin Acres VOICE

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome Back Students:

A Note from MANA President, Mark Stangl

Students are back, and we welcome most of them. Students bring a vitality to Martin Acres, and some problems. Most people have noticed increased activity within the neighborhood over the last few weeks. Usually, there will be a few loud parties for awhile in the fall and then things settle down as the semester goes on. We have prepared a handout that you can give to your new neighbors. It is printed in this issue of the VOICE as "A Guide to Being Neighborly in Martin Acres". I encourage all of you to meet your new student neighbors and make sure they read this handout.

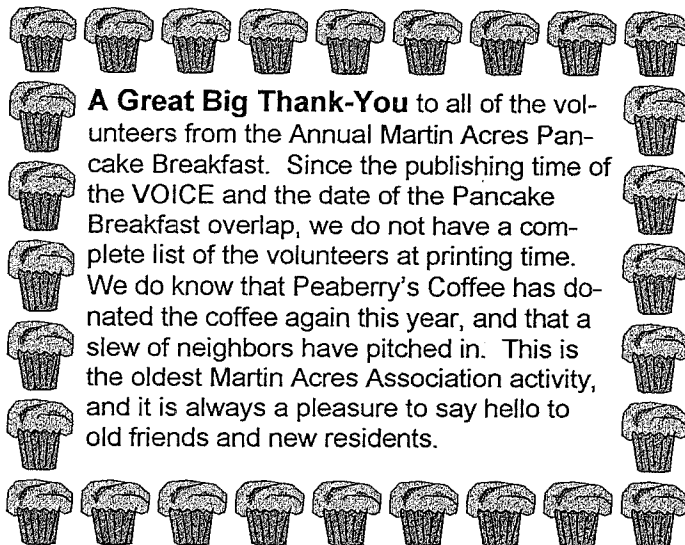
I have noticed that Martin Acres is changing. There is renewal and improvements to many homes, however, there is also an increase in the number of student rental houses. Many of the homes along Morehead, in the courts, along Lashley Lane, and all around Martin Acres have become over occupied with more than three students. City officials feel unable to address this issue by enforcing the "three unrelated" rule. Some on City Council feel that we are forcing people to live more densely in outlying areas like Gunbarrel and that we need to increase our "internal density".

What does this mean to you? If a landlord rents to 4-6 kids for \$600 each a month, the property is attractive to investors, the price of our homes goes up, and there are fewer families able to afford to live here. Many retirees and long term residents of Martin Acres have left for greener pastures. What can we in Martin Acres do? We can let Council know that Martin Acres does not want an increase in density. We want a pro-active enforcement of the 3 unrelated rule.

Volunteers sought for storm drain marking program

The city of Boulder is seeking volunteers for a storm drain marking program. Volunteers will apply storm drain markers with the message, "Dispose No Waste, Drains to Creek," near storm drains as a reminder that storm drains lead to the nearest creek. Rainwater washes down streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, roofs, and yards, carrying everything it picks up along the way into a storm drain. This polluted storm water goes into local waterways that serve as drinking water sources, aquatic habitats and recreation spots.

To sign up for a storm drain marking program, call the WASH Education Program at 303-413-7365. To learn about free education programs and other ways to protect local waters, visit www.basin.org/wash.



A Great Big Thank-You to all of the volunteers from the Annual Martin Acres Pancake Breakfast. Since the publishing time of the VOICE and the date of the Pancake Breakfast overlap, we do not have a complete list of the volunteers at printing time. We do know that Peaberry's Coffee has donated the coffee again this year, and that a slew of neighbors have pitched in. This is the oldest Martin Acres Association activity, and it is always a pleasure to say hello to old friends and new residents.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A NEIGHBORHOOD ECO (NECO) PASS WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 15, 5:30-8:00 P.M.

WEST BOULDER SENIOR CENTER (9TH & ARAPHOE)

Who: Neighbors, like yourself interested in starting and continuing NECO Pass programs

What: An opportunity to continue discussions on best NECO Pass practices for starting, maintaining, growing and marketing NECO Pass programs

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2003—5:30 – 8:00 P.M. (*Dinner available at 5:30, meeting begins at 6:00*)

Where: West Boulder Senior Center, 909 Arapahoe @ 9th & Arapahoe

RSVP: Please respond via e-mail to robbinsa@ci.boulder.co.us or by phone 303-441-4139 to Andrea Robbins, with an RSVP by September 6, so that we can have an accurate count for room set up etc.

At the last MANA meeting, Eric Cech spoke about his efforts to make 27th Way a safer street for pedestrians. Eric was the victim of an auto/pedestrian accident on 27th Way, and he is now seeking support to install signage or signaling for the pedestrian crossings on that street. Also present at that meeting was City of Boulder's Officer O'Toole who acknowledged that there had been 4 pedestrian cyclist injury accidents on that street within the last 12 months.

Please attend the next MANA meeting when the city's liaison for the new underpass at 27th Way will discuss the design of that project. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene at the corner of Broadway and Dartmouth on Monday, September 6th (yes, we know that this is the evening of Labor Day).

A volunteer clean up has been scheduled for September 11th along the Broadway median along the western edge of Martin Acres. This clean up has been rescheduled from the spring clean up that cancelled because of rain. Please contact Mark Stangl if you can help: 303-499-3163, mssystem.com



Welcoming New Neighbors: Contact Allison O'Neill at welcome@martinacres.org or (303)499-9933 to greet your new neighbors with a welcome packet. This is an easy way to break the ice and help new neighbors feel welcome in our community.

A Guide to Being Neighborly in Martin Acres

We are always striving to find ways to build on our community and have found that sharing ideals and goals with new folks helps us all to get along and builds a stronger foundation.

PARTIES: Great, we like parties too! Make sure your neighbors are aware of your plans. It is neighborly to invite them to call you if any concerns arise. New rules regarding parties are on the books. It is easy to get a ticket.

NOISE: Unreasonable noise that disrupts another person in their home causes problems...pets, stereo/TV, parties/gatherings, cars, fireworks.

PETS: Unattended pets and barking are not only annoying but violate city ordinances. Please clean up after your pets on other's property and remember the city leash law.

PARKING AND DRIVING: It is illegal to park on the sidewalk, the wrong direction, and within 5 feet of any driveway. Cars parked halfway into driveways block the sidewalk, impeding pedestrian traffic...CAUTION...this is also a city violation and you'll get ticketed.

SNOW REMOVAL: All snow and ice must be cleared from the full width of a public sidewalk next to home property by noon on the day following a snowfall. The owner and occupant are jointly responsible for this removal (even when out-of-town).

WEEDS AND TRASH: Weeds may not be allowed to grow more than one foot high. Consult the city for xeriscaped yards. Trash must be picked up and removed in a timely manner. Old appliances are a hazard and cannot be stored in your yard.

TREES/BUSHES: Cannot impede pedestrian traffic ... please keep them trimmed.

RESIDENTIAL OVER-OCCUPANCY: Only one family plus two non-related persons or no more than three non-related persons can live in a house.

We hope you find this information useful. Remember we have no covenants in this neighborhood, as diversity is welcome. We all live together and why not remember the "Golden Rule" and enjoy each other as neighbors. For more detailed info on City Codes visit: www.ci.boulder.co.us/comm/codes/. Or the MANA web site: www.martinacres.org.

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Sharing & Matching

Ads are \$10.00 for the first three lines, \$2.50 per line thereafter. Contact Susan at 303-499-8842 or VOICE@martinacres.org by **October 5th** to place your ad for the November 2004 VOICE.

A Touch of Wellness Charlene Thompson offers pet care services, including: doggie day care, boarding, and home made, organic food. She also represents healthcare products: Multipure, Nikken, & Melaluca. Call (303)499-3660.

Paul Carter Painting; Martin Acres Resident, Interior/Exterior, Neighborhood references available! **(303)494-5362.**

Home Repair & Remodel—Kitchens and Baths a specialty. Carpentry, painting, tile, drywall, plumbing, electrical. All trades. 24 years in Martin Acres. 35 years in the building trades. Call (303)494-5100. Ask for Dick or Josh.

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

Nick's Auto Repair is still your neighborhood garage. We service all makes and models of vehicles. Give us a call at 303-499-4300 for any of your vehicle's needs. Or you can just stop by and speak to us in person.

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.

Digital video productions of events. Commercials, web based streaming video, DVD disc & VHS tape mastering and conversion. Bennett Scharf @ Eye Candy Designs (303)499-7720.

"**Martian Acres**" the band has landed in your neighborhood! Actually it was spawned here! Get your original cd and poster by local musician Bob Story. Call (303)543-8251 or see and hear at www.cdbaby.com/martianacres.

Julie Kay M.S.O.M.,L.Ac., is an Oriental Medicine Practitioner offering services to adults and children in the community. Some common imbalances that can be effectively treated include; pain, colds, flus, digestive disorders, mental/emotional complaints, insomnia, autoimmune disorders and women's health issues. Julie can be reached at **720-304-2928**

BUYING A HOME? Need to refinance? Eric Dec at Insight Financial - Extraordinary Energy and Exceptional Care for all your mortgage needs. (303)554-9615.

How do you spell relief? M-A-S-S-A-G-E! Receive knowledgeable and skilled massage right near your home! Office near Wild Oats, minutes from anywhere in Martin Acres. Call Josh (303)618-2400.

5 Massages in 5 Weeks for \$125. BCMT graduate and nationally certified therapist interested in making the benefits of massage more accessible. Dave Stuckey (303)554-5321.

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. We are accredited by NAEYC, are outdoor oriented and have a hands-on curriculum. 3340 Dartmouth Ave. (303)494-2012. Also contact us at www.sunflowerpreschoolboulder.com

ARBOR VITAL TREE CARE

Certified Arborist 11 years experience. Insured. MA References available. Free estimates & consultations. MA home owner - David Schaldach - 303-919-8183. Trees and shrubs pruned, removals, storm damage, cabling, pruning instruction.

MA resident David Kovsky's first novel, **Some Novel Monkey**, is now on the market. It is the quirky, satirical product of enough monkeys at enough typewriters. Please see SomeNovelMonkey.com or call 303.554.1345.

Animal Lover?? So are we. PAW POWER is a home and pet care service right in your neighborhood. We offer single to multiple visits per day to walk, play with, and love your pets. Going away? We can provide house sitting services as well. Please call 303-946-3190 or email pawpower@fourleggedlove.com