



Martin Acres VOICE

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Join the Neighborhood Celebration of the Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 4th, 11 am - 2pm

This year's theme will be "Ski Martin Acres". If you have any questions about the events on December 4th, please contact Catherine Weldon at (303) 543-8548 or send word to parade@martinacres.org. You may also check www.martinacres.org for details on exact time and meeting location if you plan to be in the parade. We encourage all Martin Acres residents to participate in the fun. The celebration includes the following three different activities, so participate as you like!

"Float" Decorating Party	Potluck Brunch	Spirit of Giving Donations
Come decorate the Martin Acres Parade Truck (any and all decorations welcome). Electricians especially encouraged to participate!	Bring a dish to share (if you would like to volunteer to visit local merchants for contributions, please call Catherine Weldon at 303-543-8548)	We invite neighbors to bring a new wrapped gift for a boy or girl (infant to teen) to the Winterfest Potluck. These gifts will be provided to families in need through local organizations.

The City continues to consider changes to **Boulder's occupancy regulations** that will surely impact Martin Acres. The tone of the debate changed considerably in April, when the ACLU published their proposal, which answered most of the objections raised by the neighborhood groups and made the debate much more constructive.

There are now two main objections to the proposed changes: 1. Some believe that because Coloradans are not protected against discrimination based on their sexual orientation, requiring a gay or lesbian couple to announce their commitment in a public record could open them to risk of reprisal from, for instance, employers. 2. Others believe that people, particularly students, would pretend to be part of a committed couple in order to increase the number of people who could legally share a dwelling and thereby lower their rent. Your participation would be welcome. Feel free to drop me a line or call if you'd like more information. Steve Clason www.clason.org 303-494-8285

New Editor sought for VOICE

MANA is looking for a new volunteer for the job of editing and publishing the Martin Acres VOICE. This commitment requires a knowledge of some sort of publishing software (Microsoft Publisher is currently used), and has a time requirement of some hours for each edition. The editor is also a member of the MANA steering committee, and is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. The lion's share of the time goes towards the bi-monthly editing and publishing of the VOICE. For more information, please contact Susan Holloway at VOICE@martinacres.org, or via phone at (303)499-8842.

Re: My Message for the Voice

Mark Stangle
Regarding my "Welcome Back Students:" on the last Voice. At least five people go back to me. I received two emails from long-term adult homeowners applauding my point of view. Another anonymous long term resident wrote an email critical of our "strong" language. One student wrote that she was very offended. And one unknown person screamed at me when I was getting coffee at Peaberrys. Where is everybody else? I offer no apology for my opinions only a challenge for those that care to get involved in our neighborhood by participating in MANA. I think most of our students neighbors are great. CU has gone a long way to make changes, Boulder City government has new laws on the books, and the CU students I know think everything has gone too far. I thank all of you for your thoughts. Our Steering Committee has made a goal of helping promote what is good about Martin Acres and hope to attract folks that will enjoy living here. This includes singles, couples, non-traditional families, students and everyone else. We are accepting ideas to meet these goals. Please feel free to email, write, or even attend a MANA meeting to express your ideas.

The Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring a Family Christmas Party on December 11th, 12:00-3:00 pm, which will include activities such as decorating cookies, crafts, games, face painting and food. At the church. The church is also collecting GOOD used clothing for the Navajo reservation.. Please drop off at the church.



Thinking of Pumpkins, by Cara Priem

My neighbor across the street just grew two 130 lb. plus pumpkins. He is going to give me some seeds. Let's have a neighborhood pumpkin growing contest for within the neighborhood. People have to get their seeds from me so we're all growing the same kind. Then at the Pancake breakfast, people can bring their pumpkins to be judged. We can have different categories for the winners... Biggest, heaviest, ugliest, best color, most comical, most organic. cara.p@comcast.net

The Creekside Elementary School Improvement Team (SIT) has an opening for a community member. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month. Come and volunteer to make Creekside an even better school! Please contact Kendall Miller at Creekside Elementary School.

VOICE Delivery Person needed to deliver the newsletters on 45th between Martin and Table Mesa as well as someone to deliver on Hamilton Ct. Please contact Katrina Doumbia for Jim Petri of area 1B at 303-494-1070.

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.

From the City of Boulder Public Works Department

Martin Park to get New Ditch Water Irrigation System. The Martin Park irrigation system is in the process of being converted to a system that will utilize the city's water shares of the Anderson Ditch. This project is driven by the city's commitment to decreasing the community's dependence on treated water for landscape irrigation.


Once the new irrigation system is online, the valve box covers in the park will be switched from green to purple to signify non-potable water. Using ditch water for irrigation will NOT affect the water level of Bear Creek as it runs through Martin Park.

You've probably noticed that a portion of the park has been affected by the construction associated with the installation of the pump and vault. It is expected to be restored and sod replaced once all of the construction is complete. For information concerning this project, please contact: Lisa Green at 303-441-3858.

Adopt-a-Park and Adopt-a-Flower Bed If you or anyone you know is interested in adopting a park, flower, or shrub bed, please contact Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator Mary Malley at 303-413-7245.

City of Boulder Fall Leaf Drop-off The city of Boulder Fall Leaf Drop-off Program will continue on Saturdays through November 20. Bring leaves to: 1360 Gillaspie Drive South parking lot next to Viele Lake, near the intersection of Gillaspie and Heidelberg drives or to Western Disposal Brickyard Site, 5880 Butte Mill Road.

For more information, please call the Recycle Boulder Hotline at (303) 441-4234. Leaves and pumpkins only. People wanting leaves to compost may take as many bags of leaves as they like.



NEWS about Martin Acres Neighborhood EcoPass (NECO). This year's flyers have gone out to the 225 homes in our RTD qualifying district. It's your ONLY opportunity to obtain the deepest discount on regional passes possible. Please call Camille or Rusty at 303-499-9020 if you would like to purchase an EcoPass. Additionally, thanks to the BaseMar and Table Mesa businesses listed below that are offering discounts when presenting a Martin Acres EcoPass at their stores: Egg & I, Fiascos, Baseline Liquors, Grease Monkey, Cutting Edge Sports, Starr Nails, Destination Travel, Subway, Noodles, Active Imprints, Hair Rage International, Mountain's Edge, Fitness Weaver's Dive Travel, Cafe Sole.

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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 **December 10th** to place your ad for the **January 2005 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.

Ollar and Son 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

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.

"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.

BUYING A HOME? Need to refinance? Eric Dec at Insight Financial - Extraordinary Energy and Exceptional Care for all your mortgage needs. (303)554-9165.

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.

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

Long time **RESIDENT** and **NEIGHBORHOOD REALTOR**, Steve Altermatt, has moved his business practice from Walnut Realty to RE/MAX of Boulder! I'm still a neighbor and always happy, enthusiastic and willing to lend my experienced and professional help for your real estate needs. You can reach me at 303-449-7000.

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.

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