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JANUARY MANA MEETING

The City of Boulder is considering changing how we designate historical districts and how we grant demolition permits (required for large-scale renovations) for buildings over 50 years old. Most of Martin Acres will have turned 50 by the end of 2007, and renovations come under very close scrutiny in a historic district so this might have a real impact on us.

Currently, staff recommends allowing the designation of a historic district without approval by the owners of properties within the district, though they also recommend requiring a non-binding survey, and they recommend staff review, rather than advisory board review, of demolition permits on houses between 50 and 75 years old.

We will devote most of MANA's **January 2nd** meeting to discussing this topic. Unfortunately, getting a knowledgeable city staff member to the meeting won't work because the 2nd is a holiday for them. A couple of us will gather what information we can and present it at the meeting and we can at least prepare for the January 11th public meeting.

We would like to present a sense of neighborhood opinion on this on January 11th, so please try to make it to the meeting or at least email Steve Clason and tell him what's on your mind.

MANA ELECTIONS

Every March, for 28 years, the Martin Acres Neighborhood Association has met to elect new officers and committee chairs, to consider changes to our bylaws and to discuss issues worthy of our attention on the next year.

We invite you to join us on March 6th at 7:00PM at the South Broadway Church of the Nazarene to continue that tradition. You're especially invited if you have an inkling that you would like to get a little involved in neighborhood activities. We have rarely had enough activists to take advantage of the opportunities for activism, and encourage you to be more engaged, even if just a little.

The MANA Steering Committee will present a slate of officers in the next issue of the Voice. Please contact Steve Clason if you are interested in filling one of the spots or if you would like more information.

FEBRUARY 28TH STUDY SESSION ON CODE ENFORCEMENT

As a sure sign that things have gotten better, the City of Boulder is having a study session on Zoning and Code enforcement Issues at the end of February (the 28th, 6:00PM, Council Chambers). Code enforcement issues are things like noise, trash, weeds, and unshoveled sidewalks. The study session signifies improvement because in years past a Council committee met monthly to discuss code enforcement issues.

Although some parts of town have reported this was the worst fall ever for nuisance issues, the general feeling around Martin Acres is that things have been a little better this year than in the past. MANA will be represented at the study session, and some of us are being interviewed by a consultant gathering information prior to the study session. So if you have something you would like Council (or staff) to consider, please pass it along to Mark Stangl or Steve Clason and they will make sure council hears about it.

Unfortunately, no public input is allowed at study sessions, so unless council changes it to a full meeting we won't be able to voice our own opinions.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. I will get more involved in my neighborhood —Martin Acres Resident
2. I will not tell the same story at every get together —Incorrigible bore
3. I'm going to learn cusswords in different languages —Expert Cusser in Own Language
4. I will never squat again with my spurs on —Cowboy
5. I will never again smack a man that's been chewing tobacco —Cowboy
6. I will do less laundry and use more deodorant —Lazy and Smart Fellow
7. I will stop considering other people's feelings when they so obviously don't consider mine - if that unwashed fellow sits next to me again, I'll TELL him he stinks! —Diffident classmate of Lazy and Smart Fellow
8. I don't need no STINKING resolutions! —Resolute Stinker
9. With that cloned cow having given birth and everything, I resolve to pay more attention to where my food comes from this next year —Organic Eater
10. I will take neither myself nor #2-9 above seriously

Amazing Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts in Martin Acres!

When the news first hit about the extent of the damage created by hurricane Katrina there were few people that didn't wonder how they could help. Coronado Apartments', 4977 Moorhead Ave, relief efforts began with the idea of their property owner. He was so moved by the destruction and devastation that he decided to donate five apartments for relocated victims to reside in free of rent and utilities through the end of the year.

Their intentions for relief efforts spread like wild fire throughout our community. They were inundated with hundreds of phone calls from people wanting to donate money, furniture, and time to this cause. It seemed as though they had undertaken too large a project for their staff to manage when several local religious organizations, particularly Boulder Valley Christian Church and Har HaShem Synagogue stepped forward to help.

From this point on there was a team of no less than ten people at Coronado volunteering to coordinate donations of furniture, food and clothes. They opened up an additional apartment, which temporarily acted as a "thrift store" to contain all the extra items donated for the families. Here the families could come and choose what additional items and special toys they might need for their new homes.

Volunteers worked together filling the apartments with everything these families could need. They were supplied with toiletries, electronics, and outfitted with all the furniture the family of each size would need. Gift cards for local establishments and shopping opportunities were supplied by donations from the community. Our local cable company donated cable television and Internet access. Local florists donated bouquets of fresh flowers for each apartment. Home baked casseroles filled each freezer, and age and gender appropriate toys filled each child's bedroom. For the final touch, each apartment was garnished with a banner that glistened "Welcome Home" upon the hallway entrance.

Cheryl Namowicz, Asst Mgr of Coronado, said, "So many people have helped in so many ways, taking on the responsibility for the well being of a few families who have suffered from such an unexpected and horrific disaster. In the end, we have been helped ourselves as much as we have been able to help these families. Together we are creating an atmosphere of compassion and community in our rental housing that touches everyone involved."

MARTIN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ECOPASS

By Camille Hook, NECO Coordinator

You may have noticed all the signs in November posting about our Neighborhood EcoPass (NECO) effort. At the time of this article, it was unknown as to whether or not any portion of our neighborhood met RTD's qualification criteria. However, I wanted to make sure that acknowledgement of this enormous effort was made regardless of the outcome. The NECO effort had 42 volunteers knocking door-to-door to inform neighbors about this opportunity. Our MANA steering committee met with us and approved support of our effort; effectively deepening the community consciousness of MA. MANA webmaster, Steve Clason, practically on the spot posted EcoPass information on the website, including a recent EcoPass Stakeholders proposal to RTD. Our NECO treasurer, Cam Marshall is the historical stability of this effort as he is the longest-time volunteer of NECO. Finally, the following Neighborhood Businesses have pledged their support by either a monetary donation or a discount to EcoPass card holders: Baseline Liquors, Fiascos, The Egg & I, Noodles & Co., Ace Hardware, Cutting Edge Sports, Destination Travel, Subway, Active Imprints, Play It Again Sports, Mountain's Edge Fitness, Weaver's Dive and Travel, Café Sole.

Thank you to each and every one of you!

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES!

If you missed the fun at Martin Park Shelter on 10/31, you can visit the website to see some of the little darlin's dressed up in their spooky attire: www.martinacres.org

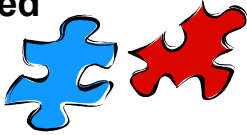
CREEKSIDE ELEMENTARY AT MARTIN PARK

invites you to their Kindergarten Information Meetings:

January 10, 2006—6:00 to 7:00 PM: Informational meeting, tour of school. Childcare will be available.

January 18, 2006—9:00 to 11 AM: Classroom observations, tour of school. Adults only, no childcare
3740 Martin Drive, 3/494.1069. Check out their new website <http://schools.bvsd.org/creekside>.

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Sharing & Matching

Ads are \$10.00 for the first 3 lines, \$2.50 per line thereafter.

Contact Jan at 494.8285 or VOICE@martinacres.org by **Feb. 1** to place your ad for the **Mar. 2006 VOICE**.

LAND WANTED -- Need land (preferably in Boulder County) to relocate between 10-30 prairie dogs. CASH INCENTIVE. Call 3/449.4422.

Considering a Pop-Top or a Remodel? Need basic repairs or small projects? Call a **neighborhood handyman, builder, designer**. Money-saving energy-efficiency design a specialty, but all trades expertise. Reasonable rates. 3/499.3395.

Editing/proofreading of your thesis, book, or article. MA in print journalism. Contact Hope Steffens-Nett, 3/494.8335.

Keep your skin healthy & young with Mary Kay skin products. It's not about high pressure & pink Cadillac's anymore. It's about taking care of your skin & feeling beautiful. Contact Camille 3/947.8481, camillehook@marykay.com

Paul Carter Painting Martin Acres Resident, Interior & Exterior, Neighborhood references available! 3/494.5362

Join us for worship at **Mt. Hope Lutheran Church**. Worship Sunday at 9:00 am and / or join us Wednesday evenings for "Church across the Dinner Table" [dinner at 6 pm]. 1345 South Broadway, across from Fairview High. For more info phone 3/499.9800.

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 3/499.3660.

Mark Stangl P.E., NACHI Member and D-9 contractor is offering **Real Estate Inspection services** for buyers, sellers, and agents. Call 3/499.3163.

Ballroom Dance classes w/Tom Masterson: Sundays, Jan 22-Feb 12: Waltz 5:30-6:45pm; Intro to Ballroom 6:50-8:10pm, Salsa 8:15-9:30pm. 3/ 499.6363/danceophile.com

Remodel & Repair. 30 yrs exp. Kitchens, bathrooms, basements, tile, electric, plumbing, carpentry, drywall. From \$25/hr 3/931.4330.

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. 3/946.3190 or pawpower@fourleggedlove.com.

ARBOR VITAL TREE CARE: Certified Arborist 12 yrs experience. Insured. MA References available. Free estimates, consultations. MA home owner - David Schaldach 3/919.8183. Trees & shrubs pruned, removals, storm damage, cabling, pruning instruction.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Contact Allison for a MANA Welcome Packet & learn about Martin Acres history, community resources and ways you can get involved in your neighborhood.

3/499.9933 or welcome@martinacres.org

Community Calendar

2005/2006 Fiscal Year

Visit www.martinacres.org/events or call any MANA Committee Member

JANUARY 2006

Monday, 2nd — 7pm MANA meeting, 300 S. Broadway

FEBRUARY

Monday, 6th — 7pm MANA meeting, 300 S. Broadway

MARCH

Monday, 6th — 7pm Annual MANA meeting, 300 S. Broadway