

# :: Martin Acres VOICE ::

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## :: Annual MANA Meeting & Election Slate ::

The following positions and candidates will be presented to the neighborhood for voting at the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, March 5, 2007, 7:00pm, at the S. Broadway Church of the Nazarene [300 S. Broadway]:

- President: Mark Stangl
- Vice President: Bill Flinchbaugh
- Secretary: Osman Parvez
- Treasurer: Bennett Scharf
- Zoning/Code: Vacant
- VOICE Editor: Vacant
- VOICE Distribution Coordinator: Maureen Maloney
- Special Events: Vacant
- Beautification: Betty Schweikert

Any Martin Acres resident over the age of 18 may run for any position on the MANA Steering Committee. Just because someone has their name on the above election slate, doesn't mean you can't throw your name in to the hat! The current nominee's would welcome a change! MANA encourages and values involvement of our neighbors -- make this your year!

### CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Join us at the annual MANA meeting for a presentation and discussion about Boulder's Carbon Tax and Climate Action Plan. Last November we became the first city in the country to tax ourselves so that we could fund a program for reducing our contribution to climate change. That program is the "Climate Action Plan", the main strategies of which are to "increase energy efficiency, promote renewable energy and alternative vehicle fuels, and reduce vehicle miles traveled."



Ms. Yael Gichon from the Office of Environmental Affairs will join us at our annual meeting, to talk about the tax and the plan, what they mean to Boulder residents, and the benefits we expect to gain from their implementation. There will be time for questions and general discussion.

Ms. Gichon's presentation will follow the elections.

### One President Elect's Platform

Mark Stangl is running for the office of President of the Martin Acres Neighborhood Association at our upcoming MANA Annual Meeting on Monday, March 5 [7pm]. Mark provides some challenging and potentially fruitful campaign initiatives:

- " reduce MANA Steering Committee meetings from 9 to 6 per year
- " host 2-3 neighborhood events: pancake breakfast, special programs of general interest [home improvements, energy audits, solar energy, etc], events based on neighborhood interest such as elections, city council candidates, etc]
- " consider extending Martin Acres n'hood area in to current Majestic Heights [forming a South Boulder PAC?]
- " offer communications dept. at CU opportunities to participate in MANA as interns working on VOICE and operation of community organizations

### Neighborhood EcoPass Program Update

Two districts in Martin Acres qualified for RTD's EcoPass program this year. You can see the map of these districts on the EcoPass blog: <http://ecopass.blogspot.com/>

If you signed up for a pass and are in one of the qualified districts, you should have received a letter on your door with instructions about how to get your pass. If you're in one of the qualifying districts and did not sign up for a pass, it's not too late! Leave a message on the EcoPass Hotline: 303.496.0055, or email [ecopass@gmail.com](mailto:ecopass@gmail.com).

With your EcoPass you will receive an EcoPass extra sticker that entitles you to discounts at ~50 local businesses.

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### Annual MANA EggStravaganza

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
11am [rain/snow/shine]  
co-Sponsored by MANA  
& S. Broadway Church  
of the Nazarene

Join your neighbors for a fun-filled EggStravaganza at Martin Park! Egg hunt for kids up to age 12. Games and refreshments!

Interested in getting involved?

- 1) Donate goods
- 2) contact local businesses for donations, or
- 3) stuff plastic eggs on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12noon at the South Broadway Nazarene [300 S. Broadway].

More info: contact Christina Wineland at 303.494.8810 or [kidspastor18@msn.com](mailto:kidspastor18@msn.com).

## **Radon Update** :: submitted by Mark Stangl

Since obtaining the MANA radon detector, data has been obtained from about 25 Martin Acres residents. Of those reporting their readings (confidential) 9 had high readings, indicating that radon remediation is recommended. Of those not reporting readings (4) it is expected that they have high readings and want to remain private about their results. Based on these readings there appears to be higher concentrations of radon areas around Martin Park. We do not have enough data to know about other sections. Overall it appears that most Martin Acres residents should be concerned about measuring radon in their homes. In my home the radon level varies from about 7 ppm in dead winter to 2 in the summer. Yes, I am planning to install a system. The overall average should be 4 ppm or less.

The radon detector backlog is complete and it is available for neighborhood use: contact Mark Stangl 303-499-3163.

**Safety Tip** by Mark Stangl :: Many homes in Martin Acres are over 50 years old and have original forced air gas heaters in the crawl space and are not easy to service by the home owner. I have been doing Rental and Safety inspections for the Boulder Rental licensing program for 5 years and have found that some older 40+ year old gas furnaces can develop a Carbon Monoxide hazard if they are not burning well and have a defective heat exchanger. This is a small problem by percent, but can be very dangerous. CO can cause headaches at low levels, brain damage, and death at higher levels.

Homeowner CO detectors are recommended by the city and I suggest an annual service of your heater by an licensed HVAC contractor. In general, older systems often need cleaning, sensor replacement, and lubrication of motors. Newer systems need less maintenance, but still need filters changed regularly. If your heaters fan is slow to come on or fast to shut off you need service. All heaters should have filters changed as needed from once per month ranging to every 3 months during the heating season. There are a wide range of filter types all varying degrees of benefit. Although not common in Martin Acres, for gas hot water baseboard or electric heat, maintenance is simpler, but systems should be kept dust free and any gas burning appliance should be maintained by a licensed service company. I have also found several leaking gas meters and recommend that since meter reading is now automated by radio that homeowners report gas odors to Xcel Energy at 800-895-1999. Recently my own gas meter was replaced since it was not regulating pressure correctly and sometimes my burners on the stove would blow out due to high pressure.

## **EcoPass Program Update**

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You can see a list of participating retailers on the Go Boulder website, which can be accessed via the city's site: [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov). Beyond those discounts, Pettyjohn's Liquor & Wine and Baseline Liquor are offering 10% off any non-sale items to Martin Acres EcoPass holders. Pettyjohn's will honor any Martin Acres EcoPass, even if it doesn't have a valid 2007 sticker on it!

If you signed up for a pass and your check was returned that means that your district did not qualify. If you're disappointed about that, we encourage you to become a block leader next year. Hands down, the most important criteria for getting a block qualified is a motivated block leader.

We hope to see you on the bus!

Martin Acres EcoPass Coordinators

**Sharing & Matching:** Ads are \$10 for the first 3 lines, \$2.50 per line thereafter. Contact [steeringcommittee@martinacres.org](mailto:steeringcommittee@martinacres.org) by April 1 for the May 2007 edition of the VOICE.

**Research participants wanted:** Looking for committed unmarried heterosexual couples for dissertation research. Interview lasts about an hour, \$20 compensation. Ali: 720-771-9877

**DANCEOPHILE STUDIO/Tom Masterson.** Ballroom, swing, salsa, tango, ethnic. Group classes, private instruction, wedding dance choreography. 303 499-6363 [danceophile.com](http://danceophile.com)

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**Martin Acres Organic Veggies!** Limited memberships now available in **Community Roots Neighborhood CSA** (community supported agriculture). Join a movement toward localization and renewal. Call or email for details. Kipp Nash, 30 S. 31st St, 303-499-0866, [kippnash@hotmail.com](mailto:kippnash@hotmail.com)

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Want to get connected?**

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She'll deliver some outstanding  
community resources!**