



# Martin Acres VOICE

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## MANA's ANNUAL EGGZSTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday March 31st, 2018, 9am, Martin Park Shelter**

This year's neighborhood egg hunt will be the best yet! We are starting a bit later, at 9am. To prevent congestion, each age group's start will be separated. We'll have more eggs than ever, for the kids to hunt and enjoy!

There will be four age groups: Under 2, 2-4, 5-7, 8-10. This event is free to the neighborhood and sponsored by the Martin Acres Neighborhood Association, however, donations are welcome. Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of duties including stuffing eggs, hiding eggs and other day-of event duties.

Immediately following the eggs hunts there are a number of fun games planned: Sack Race, Egg-in-Spoon Race, and Water Balloon Launch (accuracy & distance, with a new adult competition bracket)!

PLEASE: Provide a basket for each of your egg hunters

RECYCLE all eggs for next year's hunt

DO NOT bring your pets

Want to help? Call Lois LaCroix 303.494.8411

SNOW DATE: Saturday, April 7, same time, same place

## Neighborhood Retail Spotlight: Sweet Ruckus, Table Mesa Shopping Center

It's the pleasure of the VOICE to be able to disseminate information on some of the interesting and unique businesses cropping up in our neck of the woods. In 2017 South Boulder gained a whimsical new gift shop in the Table Mesa shopping center, Sweet Ruckus. Owner Tania Petrulis grew up in Colorado and lived most of her life here, including—on and off—stints in South Boulder. Tania says she wanted to open a retail store because South Boulder hasn't had anything like this in quite a while. Petrulis said she didn't want to open "just anywhere—and certainly not downtown."

Previous to Sweet Ruckus, Petrulis ran a gift business for a couple of years. This unique bit of neighborhood-serving retail was, Petrulis says, what South Boulder was lacking and asking for—with no similar store anywhere south of Arapahoe. Sweet Ruckus features a wide variety of women's accessories, baby gifts, bed and bath items, jewelry, paper goods and a great selection of cards and chocolates.

So far, Petrulis says "business is going well." While the neighborhoods surrounding are still discovering Sweet Ruckus, Petrulis says "It's exciting to feel support and interest from the neighborhoods. People seem really happy to have a business like ours on this side of town."

When asked what the key to such a positive reception might be, Petrulis says, "The experience is the key. We have a shop that smells good, feels good, where the items are visually pleasing. We have special gifts from the heart. We want to be a part of the community, of the neighborhood. "

Sweet Ruckus is on the north side of the Table Mesa Shopping Center, below Shuttles, Spindles and Skeins.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BASEMAR?

First Whole Foods, then Beau Joe's, Everyone's Hair and most recently The Egg and I—four businesses have shuttered their Basemar locations in the past 12 months. With a strong dedication towards neighborhood-serving retail and a desire to support thriving, walk able, 15 minute neighborhoods, many Martin Acres residents, along with lower Chautauqua and other South Boulder neighbors are asking, "What is going on at Basemar?"

Local news coverage of the closings seemed to offer little information aside from the implication of steeply rising rents, and in the case of Whole Foods, (recently purchased by Amazon), and a move away from brick and mortar locations in support of e-commerce.

One thing is clear, however, the options to walk or bike to various services in South Boulder is suffering. If a walkable environment and neighborhood serving retail are important to you, we encourage you to put your money where your mouth is, as they say, and support the services and shops in the centers surrounding our neighborhood at Basemar, Table Mesa, and Tantra area, to name a few. Martin Acres residents are lucky enough to be near Baseline, Broadway and Table Mesa Drive – all streets that could host walkable and bike-able retail. However, if we don't support them this blessing will become a curse, forcing neighbors into increasingly difficult drives to central Boulder in search of retail and others services.

One unanswered question is: Is there a vision for Basemar?

The Basemar Center is owned by Swanson Properties of Denver. Martin Acres residents wishing to express concerns to, or contact, them may do so by phoning Swanson's office at (303) 623-0094, or through Swanson's website <http://www.swansonre.com/contact-us/>

## MANAlist Update

From time to time, it's important for MANA to clarify the guidelines for membership on the MANAlist.

The MANAlist is a private neighborhood email service that is paid for and operated by the Martin Acres Neighborhood Association (MANA). Per the MANA By-Laws and MANAlist guidelines of many years, the list is specifically for individuals who rent or own homes in Martin Acres.

We are now asking those who are on MANAlist, but don't reside in Martin Acres, to please unsubscribe in the weeks ahead as we go through an analysis of MANAlist membership. Thank you!

## REMINDER: Radon Testing Kits Available from MANA

MANA purchased two new Radon monitors to make them available to Martin Acres residents by loan on a rotating basis for one week at a time. A \$5 recommended donation is requested to defray the cost of the devices. To use the Radon detectors, please contact Ron DePugh, 303-494-5650, email: [communications@martinacres.org](mailto:communications@martinacres.org). For more Radon info: <http://martinacres.org/living-in-ma/radon/>

**MANA Annual Meeting is Monday, March 5, 7pm.** Church of the Nazarene, 300 S. Broadway. Food & Drink served.

## MANA STEERING COMMITTEE 2017-2018

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## 2018 MANA CALENDAR

**March 5, 2018 Annual Meeting**

**March 31, 2018 EGGStravaganza**

**April 2, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting**

**May 7, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting**

**June 4, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting**

**July 2, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting**

**August 6, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting**

**September 8, 2018 MANA Pancake Breakfast**

**Oct 1, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting**

**Nov 6, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting**

**December 3, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting**

\*\*The MANA Steering Committee meets the first Monday of most months at Church of the Nazarene, 300 S. Broadway. For info, visit <http://martinacres.org/>

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Ads are \$10.00 for the first 3 lines, \$2.50 per line thereafter. Contact [Voice@martinacres.org](mailto:Voice@martinacres.org) to place an ad. Payments: Treasurer, MANA, PO Box 3514, Boulder, CO 80307

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