

January 1, 1992 Vol. 13, No. 5 A Bimonthly Newsletter Next Issue: March 1, 1992

NIST/NOAA PROJECT. Two neighborhood people called to point out that the tone of our VOICE report in November was biased against the project, and thus unsuitable for a community in which there is a division of opinion. To address this objection, let us present two points of view on this matter. First, NIST/NOAA is a very large employer in Boulder, an agency which was urgently invited and enthusiastically welcomed decades ago. The nature of their work adds prestige to the city's reputation as a scientific and cultural center. It is of recognized importance that their facilities be designed for efficient and successful operation. Second, this is a government endeavor, meaning it is owned by all of us. Therefore the neighborhoods surrounding have a vested interest in influencing the project plan and design so that adverse impacts of appearance, traffic and pollution of any kind are kept to a minimum, and that the entire complex blends into its environment as pleasantly as possible. That's why our voices should be heard. We need and invite your input.

MANA ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION

The annual meeting of the Martin Acres Neighborhood Association will occur on the evening of March 9. Details as to time and place will appear in the March issue of the VOICE. Your presence is urgently requested.

Our By-laws require an election of officers at the annual meeting. New blood, new ideas, new officers are essential for every healthy organization. Please suggest the names of community-conscious neighbors or, better yet, volunteer yourself to serve your neighborhood association. It's an important and personally enriching experience.

The Nominating Committee which will present a slate to the annual meeting (and further nominations from the floor are welcomed) is composed of:

Rosemary McBride 3672 Chase Court tel. 494-9765 Angie-Luper-Inks 270 S. 38th Street tel. 494-7521 Gary LaCroix 2865 Elm Avenue tel. 494-9870

Please transmit your suggestions to any member of the Committee.

MANA SEEKS NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT—If you know of a local agency or project which might benefit from a modest financial contribution by MANA, please call Harry Nachman, at 499-5941.

BOULDER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Live wires from all over the city have banded together to form a blanket organization of neighborhood groups. MANA representatives have attended all twelve of the Saturday morning weekly meetings, first as observers and then as members, following positive action by the MANA Steering Committee at its December 2 meeting. The purpose of the BNA is to coordinate activities of member neighborhood organizations in order to strengthen each one. Members are not bound to support one another's causes, but where there is agreement, the umbrella association packs a lot of power. Indicative of this has been the presence at many BNA meetings of Council members, including the Mayor, candidates for City Council, heads of City departments and staff members.

Beginning January 4, meetings will be on alternate Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m., 2160 Spruce. MANA's representative is Rosemary McBride, 3672 Chase Court.

ENCOURAGE PEDESTRIANS: SHOVEL SNOW! More of us would be encouraged to leave the car at home and stretch our legs on local errands if it weren't for snowy, slippery sidewalks. Don't let the mild weather lull you: snow will be coming. We remind you that residents are responsible for having sidewalks cleared by noon of the day following a snowfall. This includes those tough corner-lot properties which are a special problem in Martin Acres, and the penalty for non-compliance could be a stiff one. To report a violation or for other information on the city's snow policies, call the Environmental Enforcement Office, 441-3239.

ONGOING ISSUES

- The New Year should see an early rebirth of the 27th and Moorhead housing project of some 144 units. Formalities for subdivision establishment have been undertaken by the developer, but there has not yet been an application of a building permit, which will entail careful study of the final plans.
- The Gateway to Boulder Committee, whose purpose is noise abatement along the Denver/boulder Turnpike between Table Mesa and Baseline Drives, is struggling gallantly with the bureaucratic mountains which must be scaled to achieve success. The effort hasn't slackened, but the hills are indeed high ones.
- Creation of bike lanes on Moorhead Avenue will probably be recommended to the City Council by Transportation staff.
 MANA sent in a commentary citing arguments pro and con, and reporting division among neighbors who have expressed opinions, with heavy negative reaction generally from those most affected, the people who live on Moorhead.
- Transportation department analysis of results of intensive police enforcement of the speed limit on East Table Mesa Drive
 will be forwarded to MANA in the near future. The department continues to work on recommendations which will be
 forwarded to the City Council, probably in the first quarter of 1992.
- Returns on our Alternative Transportation questionnaire, sent out with the September VOICE and also available at the
 Pancake Breakfast, were a rather disappointing 6%. That did, however, add up to over 75 survey sheets, which were sent
 to the Alternative Transportation subcommittee. We should have the compilation of results by the next VOICE publication.

TERRY KRUGER TO PRODUCE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM. New in 1992 will be a Channel 28 Boulder Police Department program emphasizing citizen participation in crime control. The show will focus on the department's <u>Crime Stoppers</u> and <u>Neighborhood Watch</u> efforts—and will air several times during the month on different days and at different hours, so that we'll all have an opportunity to see it.

Martin Acres resident, Terry Kruger, will produce the program, which replaces <u>The Watch</u>, a Department publication ably written for the past four years by Bob Whitson.

RECYCLE CARDBOARD — If you've read your latest eco-cycle times, you may have noticed that Boulder is sponsoring a pilot cardboard recycling project "for local businesses." That last might have turned you off, but the special containers in Table Mesa King Soopers' west parking lot <u>are</u> available to residents, too, and are much handier for most of us than the 28th and Spruce drop-off. Boxes must be flattened, of course, and packing material, etc., removed.

BUDDING JOURNALISTS. Hats off to Ms. Gerend's 6th graders at Martin Park School! The first issue of their <u>Boulder Bob's Gazette</u>, included with a December issue of the school administration's <u>Pegasus Press</u>, features sparkling articles on water quality, curriculum, sports, and a film review and advice column. Great job, kids!

ICEBUSTERS — Once again, senior citizens and physically disabled persons who are unable to remove snow from their sidewalks may obtain assistance by calling the city's Ice Busters program. To get assistance, or to volunteer t help, call 441-3239.

CAUTION!!! It has been reported to us by someone who found out the hard way that the bicycle tunnel under the Turnpike can be very slippery, even when the streets are clear. During the winter months, it is recommended that one dismounts before going through that section of the path, especially if riding with a child.

MANA's next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the Denfelds', 4165 Moorhead. All Martin Acres residents are welcome.

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SHARING AND MATCHING

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA

Call Newsletter Editor Jean Nachman at 499-5941 before February 15 to place your ad for the March 1 VOICE

HOME MAINTENANCE: Plumbing, electrical, tile, drywall, carpentry, cabinets, and countertops. New projects or repairs; 20 years' experience, 11 years in Martin Acres. Dick Ollar, 494-5100.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE TO REACH MORE THAN 1300 HOUSEHOLDS IN MARTIN ACRES.

WE CAN'T FIND A HOUSE! I have a qualified buyer who wants to purchase a house in the neighborhood. I'm contacting you via the VOICE because there has been a shortage of houses for sale in our area lately. If you're thinking of selling, please call Sally King, 494-2924, or Realty Group Professionals, 444-5665.



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