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Save the Date!!

# MANA'S ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 17th 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Martin Park Shelter

It's our once-a-year fund-raiser – a community get-together and great food. Your Block Captain will have advance tickets at a reduced price. See the September VOICE for more details.

## WE WERE ALL SHOCKED AND SADDENED

at the news of Vern Smith's death in a neighborhood automobile collision. And our thoughts and love are with his wife, Marjorie, who is recovering at home from injuries sustained in the accident.

It's hard to imagine a MANA Steering Committee meeting without Vern's quiet but important input — his good cheer and valuable contribution to a host of community causes. How we will miss you, Vern!

## ATTENTION, NEIGHBORHOOD ARTISTS!

Here's an artistic street sign idea! Our neighborhood is increasingly populated by children and senior citizens. At the same time the streets are becoming less safe. More pedestrians and bicyclists use our unsafe streets every day. Last month one of our dear neighbors, Vern Smith, was killed and his wife seriously injured in an automobile accident. As Vern turned his car onto Broadway from Dartmouth, a pickup truck hit the Smiths' car broadside. Earlier this year, as I turned onto 35th Street off of Moorhead, four cars were following too close, apparently impatient with my going the speed limit of 25 mph. The car immediately behind me didn't heed my turn signal and slammed into the rear end of my vehicle.

The MANA Steering Committee would like to hear from any neighborhood artists who would be interested in designing and producing colorful signs to encourage safer driving on our streets. MANA will supply materials and an additional nominal monetary token of appreciation to the artists. Also, we'd like to hear from any folks who would be willing to place one of these artistic signs in their yard. Please call Steve Altermatt at 494-2749 or Greg Clifton at 499-8415 to register your interest in this project.

# GREEN THUMB & BUSY HANDS AWARDS

Each year there are two awards in each of three categories: Garden/Lawn, Xeriscape and Home Improvement. These awards are given at the Pancake Breakfast in September. To be eligible, planting or improvements must be visible from the street. As you walk around the neighborhood in the next couple of months, keep your eyes open and call Mark Bailhache, 499-6358, Chair of MANA's Beautification Committee, with possible nominations. Mark will appreciate your assistance in helping him cover the territory.

# WED. JULY 20, 6:30pm AT MARTIN PARK SCHOOL!

That's the long-awaited date for neighborhood input into the design of greatly expanded children's play area in Martin Park, desperately needed for longer than we want to remember. A preliminary design has been prepared and presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on June 27, with MANA and other neighborhood representatives there to recommend augmentation of the city staff's preliminary design. After approval by the Board, the next step is neighborhood input at the vitally important July 20 meeting. That will help determine the final design, to be presented to the Board at their August 22 meeting. Interested citizens must be on hand then, too. With Board approval in August, the final plans will go out for bids, some construction can be done during autumn and winter, and if all goes well, we would have a decent play area in spring or early summer of 1995. If you are interested in this subject, PLEASE BE THERE JULY 20th!!!

#### BOB FARLEY, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

whose voice has often been heard at City Council, MANA and many other civic meetings, suffered serious health impairment consequent to an operation this past winter. He's improving steadily, and MANA extends every wish for a rapid and complete recovery.

### WHAT IS THAT STACK OF STRAW BALES?

What is that stack of straw bales doing at 3785 Moorhead? It's not for horses, sheep or a circus, says homeowner Tom Luecke. Those bales are the primary construction material for an accessory building and noise abatement fence/wall – a revival of a technique which originated about 100 years ago in the sandhills of Nebraska. Yes, a building permit was issued, and Mr. Luecke will offer tours of the construction after completion in August. He requests that neighbors not just "drop by" (slowing the work), but drop him a line at the above address to make an appointment. Advantages, he states, are fire-resistance, sound absorption, durability, low cost, non-toxicity – among others.

### A RENTAL HOUSING TASK FORCE

is meeting with City staff to hammer out a code for guidance of landlords, tenants, and City inspectors. Such a code will set frequency and cost of inspections, and attempt to solve enforcement problems, problems which sometimes beset the neighbors surrounding rental property. The Task Force will formulate recommendations to the City Council by summer's end. Martin Acres is represented by neighbors Jerry Frazier and Harry Nachman.

#### **WATER IN BEAR CREEK!**

It may be just a coincidence, but we'd like to think that a host of phonecalls to a variety of city agencies – and some particular attention by our new Vice President, Greg Clifton (a water-rights attorney) – may have produced quick results: WATER flowing downstream from Broadway and Table Mesa for the first time since April. At our request, Greg submitted an article to the VOICE, detailing the probable reasons for the drought and statements by local water officials regarding restoration of stream-flow. As we go to press, it looks like we don't need to include that piece – but you can bet we'll be keeping a close eye on the situation.

On a related subject, construction has begun on the Martin-to-Moorhead leg of the bike-pedestrian path along Bear Creek.

#### NEWS FROM MARTIN PARK SCHOOL

Registration for students new to Martin Park Elementary School will be held Thursday and Friday, August 11th & 12th, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record.

The Martin Park Parent Organization (MPPO) will hold an organizational meeting for the 1994-95 school year on Tuesday, August 16th, at 6:00 p.m. For location and more information, please contact the school office at 494-1069.

In addition, a Welcome Back, Brown Bag/Watermelon Dinner will be held on Thursday, August 25th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

to young actress, Lilly Creighton, one of two Boulder kids – and the only one from Martin Park School – to appear in the recent intergenerational musical "Rainbow Bridge", at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. We're proud of you, Lilly!

### **GATEWAY TO BOULDER**

A talented and eager cadre of Colorado State University (Fort Collins) students have fleshed out a detailed design of the long-sought-after Turnpike noise abatement project called Gateway to Boulder. Their work allows for valid cost computations so that the project, which everyone likes but nobody has volunteered to pay for yet, can be evaluated for realistic funding needs. Stand by for further developments.

#### MARTIN PARK CLEANUP SCHEDULE

For July; Diane Aparisio For August: Everett Childs By the way, who has the picker-upper? Please notify Steve.

#### MANA STEERING COMMITTEE

The next meeting is Mon. Aug.1 at 7:30pm, at the Alvarado Village Community House. Take Moorhead to Ash, Ash west 1 block to Berkley Ct. - turn right and go to the far (north) end of Berkley Ct. All meetings are open to neighborhood residents.

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	MANA OFFICERS	
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#### **SHARING & MATCHING**

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA • Call Laura Greenhalgh at 494-4767 before Aug. 20 to place your ad for the Sept. 1 VOICE.

LOST: GREY TABBY w/ SHORT TAIL! 5 year old neutered male cat, white paws, chin & bib. Tail is 1/2 normal length with 2 kinks. Last seen June 6 on Berkley Ave. Much missed. Was wearing purple & silver collar. Please call Marcia at 444-7397 (w), 499-6575 (h).

PET MENDERS ANIMAL HOSPITAL "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Heartworm disease is in Boulder! All dogs should be tested and put on preventative. Please call for appointments, 494-0840. Also, Low-cost vaccine clinics on the 2nd Sat. of each month (July 9th, August 13th), 12noon-2pm.

**PLANNING TO REMODEL** but don't know where to start? Call Paula Moseley of Archi-Texture, featured in Martin Park Home Tour. Save time and money and get quality results. Call for free initial consultation, 494-8635.

<u>CARTER PAINTING</u> Interior/Exterior, local references. Call Paul, at 494-5362.

**EXTRA INCOME!** \$19 investment, from your home a few hours a week. It's called Melaleuca, and is the BEST opportunity you'll ever have! I'll prove it to you. Call me at once. Tom Caldwell, 494-8631. 30-year resident of Martin Acres.

**ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEMS** Effective, practical and very affordable from \$300 for homes & small businesses, \$190 for cars & \$30 for personal alarms. Free no-cost, no obligation trials for Martin Acres residents. Also, free neighborhood crime prevention seminars. Call Mike at MCS Services, 494-2988.

CHEM-DRY OF BOULDER CARPET CLEANING Non-toxic, environmentally aware. Call about our special discount for July, 786-7661.

**FRUIT TREES NEED PICKING?** If you don't want the cherries, peaches, apples, etc. growing in your yard, please call Marcia at 444-7397 (w), 499-6575 (h). I'll come get them, and pick the windfalls from the ground, too.