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Community-Based Policing Comes to Martin Acres: Welcome, Officer Eric Talley!

Once upon a time, police officers lived and worked among their neighbors, walking a “beat” and spending their lives in the area they served. But then police cars came along and changed the way police work happens. The Police department became a somewhat faceless entity to many citizens, and likewise, neighborhoods became more mysterious to the police.

On June 1, Commander Jack Walker, Sergeant D. Spraggs and Officer Eric Talley presented at the MANA Steering Committee meeting to announce their new “community-based” policing initiative. Under the new initiative, the City is divided into 35 districts, with each district being assigned a primary officer. While active crime reports, complaints and emergencies should still be called into the main police dispatch (303-441-3333) as usual, a community-based officer is assigned to monitor the area, to be a familiar face and to get to know the specific details of the neighborhood in general.

As part of district 5, Martin Acres is under the watchful eye of Officer Eric Talley, Saturday - Tuesday, from 3pm-1am. If you see him around say hello! Officer Talley is working on getting to know our neighborhood, what’s normal, what is out of place, tracking trends, suspicious activity and hopefully, enabling a safer environment.

For example, if you see something suspicious, and you send him an email with the details, it might help serve as clue to an individual crime or a crime trend. Another good use of Officer Talley would be if you have questions or need information but don’t know where to start—things like how to get a block party permit, or other questions.

Officer Talley says he hopes to empower us to be more vigilant neighbors, with direct access to the police department, and to give the police department a clearer picture of our community and our needs.

Email is the fastest way to reach Officer Talley. His contact info is: talleeye@bouldercolorado.gov. His cell phone - far less reliable, given his hours - is 303-656-3750. Again, to report a crime in progress or file a complaint or police report, please contact dispatch directly either at 303-441-3333 or 911 for emergencies. Officer Talley may or may not be assigned to the call—so don’t risk your safety by calling him directly.

The Boulder Police Department is also conducting a city-wide survey. To participate in the the survey, visit their website and look on the right hand sidebar for “community policing survey”: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/police>.

New! Radon Testing Kits Available from MANA

Recently, MANA purchased two new Digital Radon monitors to make them available to Martin Acres residents by loan on a rotating basis for one week at a time. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S, and many homes in Boulder, including Martin Acres, register radon levels higher than EPA recommendations.

Since the September 2013 floods, there has been an increase in reports of increased levels of Radon in our neighborhood, and throughout the city. Running a radon test is your first step in knowing how to proceed. A \$5 recommended donation is requested to defray the cost of the devices. However, sliding scale arrangements can be made if necessary. To use the Radon detectors, please contact Ron DePugh, 303-494-5650, email: communications@martinacres.org.

For more Radon info:

<http://www.bouldercounty.org/env/healthyhome/pages/radon.aspx>.

<http://martinacres.org/living-in-ma/radon/>

SAVE THE DATE: September 12, 2015 for the Martin Acres Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast is almost here. DON'T MISS IT!

Every year about this time, we start gathering fruit for homemade syrups, dusting off the grill and getting ready for this legendary event. Save the date for this year’s annual MANA Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, September 12, 8am – noon in Martin Park.

For just \$5 per person, you can come and enjoy some of the city’s best pancakes, gourmet toppings and delicious sausages. And the best part: you get to meet your neighbors! This is one of those only-in-Martin-Acres events. Come join the fun, see some old friends and make some new ones. For the second year in a row, we will have volunteer cooking help from our newest neighbors at Ready-to-Work House, the new Bridge House Facility.

(Editor’s Note: Due to the high volume of requests, the below item is being re-published to coincide with the new rental cycle, August 1 2015 - July 31, 2015. The VOICE is also being included in welcome bags for off-campus students later this month. The article originally ran in November 2014.)

Welcome to the Neighborhood! (Subtitle: how to be a good neighbor)

One of the wonderful things about Martin Acres is the great mix of residents: owners, renters, families, students, non-students, and professionals of all varieties.

Part of what makes such a great cross-section of society is work that we strive to be neighborly. This encompasses everything from basic, common sense courtesy to following actual City statutes and ordinances.

Under common courtesy, we try to help each other. If our neighbors go out of town, we offer to shovel their walk and roll out (and in) their trash/recycling containers. If you have a party, warn (and invite) your neighbors. Keep the volume down and end early, out of respect to neighbors. And give them your phone number so they can call you if there’s an issue.

Under City ordinances, here’s a roundup of some:

*Sidewalks must be shoveled with 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm.

*Tree branches and bushes must be kept trimmed back from sidewalks.

*Lawns must be maintained and neither grass nor weeds can exceed 12” in height.

*All residences are required to hire trash removal service and bring in containers by the end of trash day. Trash containers cannot be overflowing. Dumping of couches and mattresses is illegal.

*City code dictates that no more than three people unrelated by blood or marriage can occupy a dwelling in our zoning. Generally guests staying longer than 2 weeks are considered residents.

*Part of Boulder’s noise ordinance states that “disturbing a person’s quiet enjoyment of their home” is illegal. This applies to stereos, TVs, musical instruments, parties, loud talking, and anything that disturbs your neighbors. It’s a common misconception that it’s only in effect after certain evening hours, or that there’s an absolute decibel threshold. Neither are true under this part of the ordinance. Exceptions exist, such as construction noise, but even that is required to end by 7 p.m.

*Boulder’s “nuisance dog barking” ordinance says your dog’s barking can’t disturb neighbors. (Lots of exercise and quality time/attention is a good way to reduce barking.)

*Parking. Please encourage guests to park in front of your house. It is illegal to park on the sidewalk or across your

neighbor's driveway. And, vehicles parked on the street must be moved every 72 hours or they're considered abandoned by the City.

*All rentals are required to be licensed with the City. If you're a renter, a current rental license should be displayed somewhere on the premises. If not, or to report any unlicensed rentals, call the City at (303) 441-4239. Rental licenses must be updated every four years, with a safety inspection. Rentals are required to meet SmartRegs energy standards by 2019. These are just a few of many items related to tenant comfort and safety resulting from rental licensing. Please report deadbeat landlords, as unlicensed rentals aren't fair to tenants. It's actually incredibly easy for neighbors to live in harmony if people exercise common courtesy and abide by local ordinances.

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2015 MANA CALENDAR

August 14-15 Martin Acres Neighborhood Garage Sale
August 31, 2015 MANA Steering Committee Meeting
September 12, Annual Pancake Breakfast
October 5, 2015 MANA Steering Committee Meeting
November 2, 2015 MANA 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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