



Martin Acres VOICE

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MANA HOME TOUR, MAY 14 , 2016: Shifted Focus

On Saturday, May 14, we're reviving the Martin Acres Home Tour, historically hosted by MANA. We previously announced – and intended to have – a sustainability theme, but for various reasons we need to delay the sustainability focus until the May 2017 tour.

So this year, we're opening up the focus to be anything! If you have done interesting things, of any nature, with your house, let us know! We're talking kitchens, bathrooms, pop-tops, sunrooms, gardens! Share your good ideas with Martin Acres neighbors! We're accepting applications beginning February 1, 2016.

If you've done significant sustainability work with your home – fantastic! Just hold your application until next year. Everyone else who'd like to share their remodel ideas with the 'hood, please email steeringcommittee@martinacres.org. Save the date for this fun way to meet neighbors and see what they have done with their Martin Acres homes. To volunteer, ask questions or submit your home for consideration, email: steeringincommittee@martinacres.org.

Outstanding Neighbor Jan 2016: John Ortega, S. 34th

John always shows kindness and helpfulness to me and his other neighbors that extend throughout Martin Acres (since he is a dog owner, he meets many). He is extremely generous with offering his assistance and skills whenever I've had home maintenance projects; he can fix just about anything around the home.

Also, he loves flowers, especially bulbs, and every spring grows seedlings from seeds he has collected in the fall from his garden. He always shares those seedlings with me and other neighbors. Having him as a neighbor contributes to my sense of well being since he offers such neighborly support.

John was nominated by his neighbor Wendy. If you know someone in Martin Acres who goes above and beyond? Maybe someone who shovels your walk, mows your lawn, checks on an older neighbor or looks out for the kids? Our neighborhood is full of caring, energetic people who do acts of kindness, big and small, everyday. The VOICE is looking to do a spotlight series on people like this throughout the 'hood. If you know someone like this, please send us their name and a bit about what makes them such a great neighbor. Please include your contact info, so we can get in touch. Send to: VOICE@MartinAcres.org.

Creekside Elementary School December Meeting Update

On December 7, public meetings were held to discuss plans for the new Creekside Elementary. BVSD is moving toward Option B1, which places the two-story part of the building closer to 38th St.

A significant development is that they updated exterior renderings, showing how the school will look from four outside vantage points. Pages 52-55 show the four exteriors <http://www.bvsd.org/CapitalImprovements/Documents/Creekside/CreeksideCommMtg2.pdf>

Encouraging comments addressed the small abandoned playground just northwest of Creekside, clobbered by the Sept. 2013 flood. The land might be conveyed to the city for proper stewardship. Attendees talked about possible things the City could do with the lot, including a dog park and another playground.

MANA List Survey Information & Temporary Changes

During summer 2015, MANA conducted an official survey of MANAlist users for feedback regarding list guidelines. The most interesting data from the survey is that 63.96% of the respondents wanted the rules that prevent marketing and self-promotion to remain the same, yet 77.48% were okay with posts that include personalized or professional/business signatures. Additionally, 84.68% said excessive self-promotion/commercialism should be moderated. These responses seem to reflect that list participants are interested in knowing more about their neighbors, so a signature that includes some information is okay, but they do not want marketing on the list.

In response to this data, the MANA Steering Committee has decided to make a temporary change in the MANAlist guidelines to allow personal and professional signatures. We'd like to experiment with a trial period of people using their personal or professional signature on their posts. At the March MANA meeting, the change will be reviewed to see if allowing business signatures has created any problems or issues, especially for our volunteer list moderator.

Personal signatures: Some neighbors expressed a desire to know more about their neighbors and felt it would help build a sense of community if personal signatures were encouraged. This type of signature, always allowable, could include what activities you enjoy, what street you live on, what you do for a living or something clever or witty? This could be a cool way to connect with others who share your interests. For instance, "John Doe, hiker, stamp collector, dog lover, 45th St." Lots of comments wished people would include the street they live on for reference.

Business signatures: Let's try people using their business signature. If your signature is long, please be mindful that list users expressed a concern that this would add too much length to individual and email threads. If you have a long detailed signature that automatically attaches to your email please consider using another email account with a shorter signature. Also, avoid excessive posting or responding to posts to take advantage of the name recognition benefit.

Additional input was received from respondents in their comments. Many requested that a refresher on proper list usage and etiquette be sent out. The Steering Committee is working on an easy and automatic way to post these reminders. However, here are a few requests from the commenters on our survey:

*Don't always use "Reply all" – when responding to an email please consider if your reply is of value to the entire list or if you could reply personally to the sender only. When one replies on the MANAlist, the "default" mode is that the whole list is copied. But, it's very easy to use your mouse to hover over the original sender's email address, copy it, and then paste it into your reply email, while deleting MANAlist as a recipient. That way, only the person you're meeting for coffee will read your email, rather than all 715 list users.

*Breaking up threads – please trim your posts. No need to include the rest of the comments on a given topic—simply reference the topic you are addressing in the subject line. If you have a question, complaint or comment about the MANAlist— please contact steeringcommittee@MartinAcres.org Remember this list is provided by neighborhood volunteers. Occasionally things will slip through. You may be contacted

if it seems like you're marketing on the list. To receive a full copy of the survey results, please email:

VOICE@MartinAcres.org

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2016 MANA CALENDAR

February 1, 2016 MANA Steering Committee Meeting

March 7, 2016 MANA Annual Meeting

April 4, 2016 MANA Steering Committee Meeting

April 26, 2016 EGGstravaganza

May 2, 2016 MANA Steering Committee Meeting

May 14, 2016 MANA Home Tour

****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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Friends of Martin Acres - Visit our site at www.friendsofmartinacres.org for more information or contact David Lorraine at 303-502-7823 to get involved. Friends of Martin Acres (FMA) was founded to bring about neighborly cohesion through collaborative efforts that improve the quality of life in Martin Acres.

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NANNY - I'm a nurse who needs grandkids, so I'm working as a nanny! I have 2 families, but I would like a few more days. I have lots of good references. I'd love to have a new family in Martin Acres where I have lived for 35 years. I do baby sign language, and baby massage, and enjoy exploring older children's interests. nanthetank@gmail.com, 303-494-0941.

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