



Martin Acres VOICE

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Newsletter

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Welcome to a new issue of the VOICE!

The VOICE is the newsletter of the Martin Acres Neighborhood Association (MANA) and has been published since 1977. It is the oldest neighborhood newsletter in the City of Boulder!

Martin Acres Neighborhood Association website

MANA is dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of life for all residents in the neighborhood, approximately 1,300 single-family homes and four apartment buildings. The MANA website has lots of fun, great photos and highly useful information and resources. Check it out at <https://martinacres.org>! Or just Google 'Martin Acres' and MANA's website will pop up. If you don't have internet access at home, the Boulder Public Library has free access computers, with the closest location at the George Reynolds Branch, 3595 Table Mesa Drive.

MANA email list

Martin Acres has a list serve! Join the MANA email list to connect with neighbors. Topics include requests for neighborly help, tool loans, event announcements, free-cycle items, recommendations for doctors, plumbers and other professionals. MANAlist is the best way to stay in touch with your nearest MA neighbors. (No commercial use.) To subscribe, go to: http://martinacres.org/mailman/listinfo/manalist_martinaacres.org or send an email message with the subject "subscribe" to manalist-request@martinacres.org. You can sign up for a once-a-day digest.

MANA Pancake Breakfast

The MANA annual pancake breakfast took place on Saturday, Sept 6, 2025, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Martin Park shelter. The event is MANA's biggest fundraiser of the year and was a great success. Thank you so much to everyone who gathered for food, fun, music, games and conversation! And special thank-you's to the many volunteers who made this event possible. In particular, thank you to the Bridge House and CU's Office of Outreach and Community Engagement! Everyone's participation was very appreciated.

Do you know about the **Bridge House Ready to Work** program? The Bridge House Ready to Work program in Boulder is a comprehensive, year-long transitional program designed to break the cycles of homelessness, joblessness, and incarceration through a combination of paid employment, stable housing, and supportive services. For more info, including ways to donate or participate, see <https://boulderbridgehouse.org/>

Are you familiar with **CU's Office of Outreach and Community Engagement (OCE)**? Their purpose is to coordinate the university's engagement efforts with external communities, strengthen relationships with partners across Colorado and beyond, and address societal challenges for the public good. See <https://www.colorado.edu/oce/>

Food Bank

Boulder has experienced many layoffs in the government, tech and science sectors. In addition, the government shutdowns are tough on many local families. If your household is experiencing food insecurity, Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) and Community Food Share have resources to help. Conversely, if your household can contribute, please consider doing so. For more info, see <https://www.efaa.org/> and <https://communityfoodshare.org>.

Northern Lights/Aurora Borealis

Martin Acres witnessed the northern lights this fall! They're caused when the sun expels a vast cloud of electrically charged particles and embedded magnetic fields into interplanetary space at high speeds. It takes days for a coronal mass ejection to hit Earth and the high-energy particles to enter our magnetic field. When these particles collide with the air in our atmosphere, they cause it to glow. The red and green lights are due to less- and more-energetic particles interacting with oxygen molecules in the atmosphere, respectively. Since the sun is currently at maximum activity in its cycle, we might see more aurora in Martin Acres within the next year! For future aurora forecasts, you can check the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center website <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

Fire Preparedness

A changing climate is contributing to extreme conditions, including extended droughts, record-low precipitation, and sustained hot, dry winds. We are approaching the tragic anniversary of the Marshall Fire, which started on Dec. 30, 2021. Prepare your household for future wildfire emergencies. Register for emergency alerts by signing up for www.bocoalert.org and/or downloading and using the ReachWell app. Create an evacuation plan that includes alternate routes and a household meet-up location outside the neighborhood. Consider creating a grab list of irreplaceable or critical items you need. For more info, see <https://boulderodm.gov/preparedness/>

Snow Removal

Property owners/landlords/tenants are required to clear snow and ice from all adjacent public sidewalks and pedestrian ramps within 24 hours of the end of snowfall. If you are a tenant and are unsure whether you are responsible for snow removal, please contact your landlord. A minimum five-foot-wide path must be cleared to allow safe, accessible travel for everyone. The initial fine for a first offense is \$100. Repeat offenses can lead to fines up to \$1,000 and potentially even 90 days in jail. If you are physically unable to remove your snow or have other issues, folks on the manalist might be able to help.

THE MARTIN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ECOPASS

Would you like an RTD Ecopass?

See if you are eligible at MARTINACRES-ECOPASS.org
The neighborhood EcoPass is an environmental alternative to single-occupancy vehicles, a cost-saving convenience for residents, and a great way to enhance community relations. The neighborhood EcoPass offers several possible benefits, including:

- Unlimited rides on bus, trains, and FlexRide for up to one year, including the Flatiron Flyer
- No additional fare for trips to and from the airport on either SkyRide or the University of Colorado A Line
- Reduced commuting costs and hassles
- Cost savings on parking

Contact Scott (MA2) – martinacresecopass@gmail.com or Jennifer (MA3) – ma3ecopass@gmail.com

BOULDER GOVERNMENT NEWS

Stay informed by visiting the official City of Boulder website and signing up for their e-newsletters.

Information for residents can be found here:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/guide/information-residents>

Topics include Education, Government, Housing, Human Services and Housing Support, Recreation, Safety, Taxes, Transportation, Well-being.

Steering Committee

The MANA Steering Committee meets at 7 pm on the first Monday of most months. MANA is currently meeting online. For info, concerns, or inquiries, please email steeringcommittee@martinacres.org. Do you have any ideas for 2026 events? Let us know!

2025 Steering Committee Members:

President: Jan Trussell 303-549-4409 president@martinacres.org
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Important Dates in 2026

MANA Annual Meeting: Mar 2, 2026.

MANA Eggstravaganza: Saturday, Apr 4, 2026, at Martin Park. Get ready for the most eggs-travagant event of the season! The park will be bursting with many candy-filled plastic eggs, just waiting to be discovered. This event requires a lot of volunteer help. Please consider volunteering! Stay tuned for more information.

Boulder Valley School District Calendar

Winter Break: Dec 22, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026 (No school). Semester ends Dec 19, 2025.
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Jan 19, 2026 (No school).
Presidents' Day: Feb 16, 2026 (No school; conference exchange day is Feb 17).
Spring Break: March 16–20, 2026 (No school).

CU has a new academic calendar.

For Spring 2026, this includes: Jan 8: Classes begin; Feb 26: Spring midsemester reading day (no classes; no exams); March 16–20: Spring break (no classes; university closed Mar 20); Apr 24: Last day of classes; April 25–26: Reading days; Apr 27May 1: Final exam period; Saturday, May 2: University commencement

RADON TESTING KITS AVAILABLE FROM MANA

MANA purchased two Radon monitors, available to Martin Acres residents by loan, on a rotating basis for one week at a time. A \$5 donation is requested to defray the cost of the devices. To borrow Radon detectors, please contact Ron DePugh at 303-494-5650 or email communications@martinacres.org.

MARTIN ACRES VOICE CLASSIFIED ADS

Ads are \$15.00 for the first 3 lines, \$3.00 per line thereafter. Contact Voice@martinacres.org to place an ad. Payments via check to Treasurer, MANA, PO Box 3514, Boulder, CO 80307

MCLEAN FORGE AND WELDING is your local metal shop. We specialize in railings, but also do repairs. Ray@mcleanforge.com, www.mcleanforge.com

DOG WALKING, PET CARE, HOUSE-SITTING since 2013! Reasonable rates. We love animals! Paula and Al, paulafmoseley@gmail.com

TINKER ART STUDIO

Join us at Tinker for art, creativity, and community! With more than 40 classes each week, there's something for every age and interest. In addition to weekly classes, School Day Off Camps provide both half- and full-day options filled with fun, art-making, and new friends. (Pro Tip: Sign up for our email newsletter to be the first to know when classes and camps open - like Summer Camps in January!) Tinker isn't just for kids — we also have a wide selection of adult classes. Located in the Table Mesa Shopping Center. Visit tinkertartstudio.com for more info and to register.

CLAY HUB

Clay Hub, by Tinker Art Studio, is a bright, welcoming pottery studio offering after-school wheel throwing classes for kids (ages 8+) and teens, as well as classes, workshops, and membership options for adults. For families who want to create side by side, we also host Make-Together Workshops for kids and their grown-ups on select Friday afternoons. And when school is out, kids can join our Clay Hub School Day Off Camps to explore both wheel throwing and handbuilding in a fun, focused environment. Whether you're brand new to clay or a seasoned ceramicist, Clay Hub provides a supportive space to learn and create in community. Located in the Table Mesa Shopping Center. Visit tinkertartstudio.com/clay-hub for more info and to register.

EVOLVE IN NATURE, In-person psychotherapy for adults struggling with anxiety, depression, relationship issues, grief, or trauma. We offer compassionate trauma-informed attachment, somatic, and nature-based therapy. Indoor and outdoor sessions available. We also offer adult nature-based quests and rite-of-passage programs. For more information or a free consultation: email info@evolveinnature.com, call (303) 993-7787, or visit www.evolveinnature.com.

COMMUNITY CYCLES is your local helper for Anything Bike!

- We accept your bicycle donations (we take anything and everything bicycle-related).
- We can help you fix up your bicycle in our DIY shop.
- And we sell refurbished bicycles in excellent condition at our Community Bicycle Center.

Come see us and support our work: **CommunityCycles.org**

John Gray, Ph.D., a Boulder musicologist, pianist and piano teacher, is currently teaching **PIANO LESSONS** in Martin Acres and has several available time slots in his studio. He teaches all ages, from beginners to advanced students. Text/Phone: (303) 356-4885; Email:John2009piano@gmail.com.

YOUR AD HERE

Do you have a business or other venture that would benefit from a classified ad? Consider placing an ad in the next issue of the VOICE.

Happy Holidays!

