Curtis Park Neighbors will not be holding their monthly meeting in December. Instead we are having our Annual Holiday Party, Monday, December 4th. See details below.

Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

The holiday season is upon us and as is tradition in Curtis Park we will forgo our usual general Curtis Park Neighbors meeting and instead invite all our neighbors to join us at the Annual Curtis Park Neighbors Holiday Pot Luck Party. This year’s party will occur on Monday, December 4th at the Posner Center for International Development located at the corner of 33rd and Arapahoe Street. The party will start at 6:00 pm and will feature beer from a local brewery, a holiday prize drawing, music, food and festive cheer for all.

There will be childcare on-site so families with young children can attend. We will also have a brief meeting to bid farewell to outgoing board members and elect the incoming slate for the Curtis Park Board. Please plan to attend and invite friends and neighbors to join. Have a safe and joyous holiday season and we will resume our regular schedule of first Thursday Curtis Park Neighbors meetings on January 4th, 2018.

Curtis Park Neighbors Holiday Potluck Party

Please join us on MONDAY, December 4th for our annual holiday potluck party at the Posner Center (1031 33rd St, Denver, 80205). Plan on socializing and eating starting at 6:00 pm - other festivities begin after that. Free childcare will be provided.

A highlight of the evening will be a drawing of goods and services donated by awesome local businesses and organizations in our neighborhood! Don’t forget to bring your your cash and credit card. Craft beer will be provided by our friends at Ratio Beerworks (2920 Larimer St).

For the potluck, bring a dish to share according to your last name:

- A-M: Entrée
- N-S: Appetizer or vegetable dish
- T-Z: Dessert

Please Support CPN

Please consider a donation to support the Curtis Park Neighbors and this newsletter. You can make your tax deductible contribution online by visiting squareup.com/store/CurtisParkNeighbors. Also you can mail or drop off a check to our treasurer Todd McGuire at 3162 Champa St.

Next CPN General Meeting
January 4th, 2018

CPN Board Meeting
No Board Meeting in December
What’s Happenin’ at Coffee at the Point

Coffee at The Point is featuring the photography of Kari Espeland during the months of December and January! This year’s exhibit includes photos from her recent trip to Cuba, as well as some local Colorado work. The Meet the Artist open house will be the evening of Wednesday December 6 from 5:30 pm - 9 pm.

We would also like to thank everyone who has contributed towards our community crowdfunding campaign. With 75% of the cost of our new espresso machine raised, we’re feeling unbelievably grateful for the kindness of our community! To learn more or to make your contribution, please visit: www.communitycaffeine.com.

EarthLinks’ Holiday Open House & Sale

Handmade locally sourced gifts, made by people experiencing homelessness.

Friday, Dec 8th 12:30 - 6:30 pm
Saturday, Dec 9th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
2746 W 13th Avenue, Denver 80204

Alleys Need Lovin’ Too

Jeff Baker

Curtis Park Neighbors is requesting participation of anyone interested in joining the Alley Beautification Committee (ABC). We will kick-off after the first of the year and will start to take action in the spring of 2018. The purpose of the committee is to make our alleys clean, safe, inviting, and more usable. This will not be a large time requirement on anyone’s part, so please don’t be shy to come and join us! If you are interested in joining the ABC please contact Jeff Baker at 970-759-4023, by phone or text, or email bakerbaker19er@gmail.com.

New Liquor Store Application for Park Avenue and Champa

John Hayden

Curtis Park Neighbors has received notice that an application has been made to open a new liquor store at Park Avenue and Champa Street in the first floor of the new storage facility being built at that location. The address is 900 Park Ave. West and the application is being made by 900 Park Ave LLC doing business as Neighborhood Market.

A public hearing date for the applicant and those in support or opposition to present their case on December 20th, 2017 at 9:00 am. The location of the hearing is 201 W. Colfax. Curtis Park Neighbors has requested that the hearing be delayed and scheduled in the evening so that neighbors have an opportunity to hear from the applicant at our January Curtis Park Neighbors meeting and also so that neighbors who work during the day can attend the hearing without missing work.

Those interested in participating directly in gathering input from neighbors and businesses within the blocks around the proposed liquor store can contact John Hayden at haydenpryor@msn.com.

Celebrating Hannukah in RiNo

Amedeo Luttwak

Announcing the first public Hannukah Party in RiNo in 2155 years, December 16th starting at 8:00 pm, at Ken Wolfe’s event center behind the Central Market at 27th and Larimer, at 2660 Walnut Street, rooftop.

What School Do You Think Should Be Placed at the Gilpin Campus?

Katherine Murphy

Please come to Gilpin at 2949 California Street on Saturday December 2nd from 9:00-11:00am. Seven schools that have applied for long term placement at the Gilpin campus beginning in the 2018-2019 school year will be giving presentations to the community. You will be asked to give feedback on the schools according to priorities for placement that were developed by community members during a series of feedback sessions in October. These community priorities include wanting the school’s population to be diverse; to engage and involve the community as part of their operations; will not negatively impact traffic and parking in the neighborhood; will not require significant changes to the facility and will do a good job maintaining the school grounds so they will continue to benefit the community.

The seven schools are 5280 High School, The Boys School, Colorado High School Charter GES, Compassion Road, The Cube, Denver Language School Middle School, and the Downtown Denver Expeditionary Middle School. These schools have been identified by Denver Public Schools (DPS) as meeting district criteria for placement at the Gilpin campus because they are a currently operating or previously approved DPS authorized or managed school, they are a middle school or high school, they would draw students from across the city, that is, they are not a school that serves neighborhood families as a priority, and they would have an enrollment of 600 students or fewer.

DPS has put together a Facility Placement Committee, made up of 5 DPS staff and 4 people from the neighborhood and nearby community. The neighborhood/community members are Evelyn Barnes, John Hayden, Maggie Miller and Katherine Murphy. The committee is charged with making a recommendation for which of the seven schools, if any, should be placed at Gilpin to Superintendent Tom Boasberg by Dec. 11th. Superintendent Boasberg will then make a final recommendation to the DPS Board, who will then decide at the Dec. 21st DPS public board meeting.

In addition to attending the December 2nd meeting at Gilpin or if you are unable to attend, the community members of the committee ask that you respond to a survey we developed to gather our neighbors’ opinions on the Gilpin placement and share that feedback and any concerns or questions you may have with DPS staff. This short survey is located at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GilpinFacility.

If you would like to contact the neighborhood/community members directly, please feel welcome to contact me, katabushka@gmail.com, and I or the other community members on the committee will get back to you.


First Night Kwanza

Join us, Tuesday Dec 26th for XXIst (21st) Century Kwanzaa.

Kick off at 5:00 p.m. of the Kwanzaa Parade from Cousins Plaza to Cleo Parker Robinson’s Dance Theatre 119 Park Ave West.

7:00 p.m. Kwanzaa 101 and Libation. Introduction and Stole Presentation of new Circle of Wisdom Inductees. Refreshments provided by Bro Jeff’s Cultural Center and Kwanzaa Steering Committee.

Senior Luncheon Wednesday Dec 27th @ 10:00 a.m. at Zion Senior Center, 5151 East 33rd Ave. Denver 80207. Hosted by Ms. Gladys Jones Turnbough and Dr. Claudette Sweet.

The Big Dance Sat Dec 30th @ 4:00 p.m. at 3401 Eudora St Denver 80205. History of African and African American Dance from Slavery to the present.

SCFD Free Days

Clyfford Still Museum
• Fridays 5-8 p.m.

Denver Art Museum
• Sat. Dec. 2nd

Four Mile Historic Park
• Fri. Dec. 8th

Denver Museum of Miniatures
• Sun. Dec. 3rd

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
• Sun. Dec. 10th

Find out more at www.scfd.org

December 2017
Obituary

Norman, Harris, SR, The “Godfather of Five-Points” and Master Sergeant died November 3rd. He was a pillar of the community, pioneer, and a man of great principles. Born in Emporia, Virginia Oct. 21st, 1918. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, later becoming a computer programmer for the IRS in 1966. In 1948 he met his wife, Gladies Calhoun and together, they had five children. Norman had aspirations to be his own boss and became a partner in Welton Liquors, and later in Wise Harris Arms Ltd. Known as the Godfather of the Five Points, he went on to join many political organizations such as Five Points Planning Team, Concerned Citizens Congress and Downing Triangle Planning Team and a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Curtis Park Neighbors is an officially incorporated non-profit neighborhood organization bringing our neighborhood together to share in preserving the past and future of Curtis Park. We welcome all neighbors in Curtis Park and encourage participation in Curtis Park Neighbors and in the life of the community. Please pass along this newsletter and bring a neighbor to the meetings!

The spirit of the Curtis Park Times is to communicate information about topics and concerns of our neighborhood. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of Curtis Park Neighbors. To provide newsletter articles or place advertising, contact us at cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com or (720) 273-0623. The next newsletter deadlines are Dec. 20th for ads, and Dec. 23rd for articles.

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