Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

Happy Fourth of July! Hope you all have a great holiday. As is our tradition we will not have a general meeting this month as it would fall so close to the holiday. Instead we encourage everyone to spend time with friends and family and enjoy the holiday. If you are looking for something to do for the 4th you might check out the annual concert and fireworks display at Civic Center Park on July 3rd at 8:00 pm. The concert is nice and the fireworks over the City and County Building are remarkable to the live music of the band.

Our next general meeting will be August 3rd and we are scheduled to hear from our Councilman Albus Brooks about the proposed 2017 Go Bond issue city voters will be asked to consider in November. The $900 million dollar bond issue will focus heavily on transportation infrastructure and will include things like bus rapid transit on Colfax, new sidewalks for neighborhoods that have none and the build-out of Phase 2 of DenverMoves bikes. New neighborhood playgrounds and park improvements are on the list as well as renovation work to the Central Library and Greek Pavilion in Civic Center. There also is a recreation center for the Westwood neighborhood and a park in Sun

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Valley both neighborhoods that have been underserved by the city for decades. A complete list of what is being considered can be found at Denvergov.org. Search for 2017 Go Bond. The final list of projects won’t be fully determined until August - so come to the August meeting and let Councilman Brooks know what is most important to you for infrastructure improvements in the city.

It’s Bunting Season

Curtis Park neighbors have started a tradition a few years ago to display American flag bunting around the neighborhood during the July 4th Holiday. You’ve probably seen them around as you stroll the neighborhood. The cost of the bunting ranges between around $8 to $22 depending on the size and type of fabric. You can order them at unitedstates-flag.com/pleatedfans2.html or other on-line outlets.

Saving our Flagstone and the Historic Fabric of our neighborhood

Keith Pryor

The City has been in our neighborhood this past month updating our street corners and sidewalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. As a result of the improvements the City removed the existing flagstone sidewalks at the corners and replaced them with concrete ramps. The Curtis Park Design Review Committee, chaired by Sue Glassmacher, recognized the historic and monetary value of the flagstone. With the forklift operation and muscle provided by Keith Pryor, John Hayden and Scott Baker they worked diligently to secure the flagstone for the neighborhood. It was a challenge and they were successful in securing about 50% of the flagstone for use in the public realm of Curtis Park.

We would like to thank Michael Richie for storing the flagstone at his Business, Unassimilated, and Hugh and Lynn Brown, Nancy Welch and Julie Rubinson for their contributions for the Forklift. The flagstone sidewalks are part of the unique character of Historic Curtis Park.

There are many components that make up the fabric of our great neighborhood; the architecture, the flagstone sidewalks, our parks, our trees and tree lawns, the wide streets, the original street grid for Denver, our commercial districts and of course the diverse people and history and culture.

The committee will now find the best use for the flagstone and will update the neighborhood soon...Stay tuned.

Facebook Families Connect

Ashley Tharp

It’s time to generate new life into the "Curtis Park Families" FB page! It was created to be a place for neighborhood families of all combinations (single mom, two dads, mom/dad, two moms, grandma/grandpa, single dad, aunts, uncles, etc) to communicate regarding kid stuff: simple last-minute meet-ups, local school functions/fundraisers, local family-friendly event marketing, connecting place for playdates, a place to sell kids stuff, caregiving (in search of, nanny-share, etc) or general kidtalk/humor/parent venting space. It is also open to surrounding neighborhoods. Current moderators are residents Erica Garcia, Heidi Cox, Mimi Lee & Chris Parisi. Come on board and start adding to the conversation today!
HeartBeat Music Block Party

July 1st, 4:00-9:00 pm

This event is a festival celebrating positivity in the local music scene including fashion, art, food, games, live music & performances. Alcoholic beverages will be served on the premises. Public parking will be available on Larimer Street as crowd size is expected to be between 100-300 people.

Updated information about this event can be found at Ygamsterdam.com

For information about this event or sponsorship/booth opportunities you may contact Maria Loreto at heartbeatblockparty@gmail.com

Street Closure: 31st Street will be closed north of Larimer Street July 1st at 12:00 pm and reopened July 1st at 10:00 pm

Annual Curtis Park Block Party

Do you have your calendars marked for the 5th Annual Curtis Park Block Party? It’s happening this year on Saturday, August 5th. The block party is put on through individual contributions by neighbors as well as donations from area businesses. A surprising expense is the port-a-potty which has been generously donated both last year and this year by Two Parts. You can learn more at twoparts.com but in short, the Two Parts mission is to create community through discovery, consumption, and discussion of local experiences, craft products, and to cheer those behind it all. They are involved in some of the best events and promotions in Denver, including the Denver Only Beer Festivus, Collaboration Fest, Denver Flea, The Denver Passport, The Big Eat, and many, many more.

Earthlinks GardenFest

2746 W. 13th Ave., July 8th between 3:00 and 7:00 pm. Tickets $11 resale; $15 at the door: $20 VIP.


RiNo 5k

On Saturday July 29th RiNo will hold an inaugural 5K run benefitting the Denver Rescue Mission. The race organizer anticipates around 500 participants will run the 3.2 mile course that starts at 28th and Larimer streets and winds its way through RiNo and Curtis Park.

The route will come down Champa Street and turn on 27th before heading back to RiNo. There will be a water station at 28th and Champa. There will be traffic delays as runners move through the neighborhood from about 9:00 to 10:00 am. Anyone wishing to help with the race can contact the organizer John Gonzalez at JohnG@GTSevents.org. We’d love to have Curtis Park staff the water station at 28th and Champa streets.

SCFD Free Days

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

Denver Art Museum
• Sat. July 1st

Four Mile Historic Park
• Fri. July 14th

Colorado Botanic Gardens
• Mon. July 17th

Denver Museum of Miniatures
• Sun. July 2nd
Find out more at www.scfd.org
Welton Corridor Development looks to The Lydian at 26th and Welton

The Lydian, named after a jazz scale, is the latest major project to commence on the Welton Corridor.

The Lydian will feature 129 apartments, 15,000 square feet of office space, and close to 10,000 square feet of retail; it is truly a place to live, work, and play.

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 July 19th for ads, and July 21st for articles.

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