Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

We are now in the full swing of the holidays and I hope the season brings time for each of you to spend with loved ones and focus on things that give joy to you and your family. For me baking blueberry muffins and coffee cakes that my grandmother and mother made each year for the Holidays and giving them to friends and neighbors makes me smile and feel connected to the past and the present.

I’ll make one of these treats for our annual Curtis Park Neighborhood Holiday potluck and meeting. Each year this event brings our community together to celebrate old and new friends in our ever growing and changing community. Please join me and the rest of the Curtis Park Neighbors board in celebrating this year. The Potluck will start at 6:00 pm on Monday December 17th at the Posner Center, 3300 Lawrence Street.

Feel free to arrive anytime after 5:30 pm to lay food out and socialize with neighbors. After dinner we will elect the incoming board for Curtis Park Neighbors, recognize neighbors who have helped create a wonderful community over the past year and give away lots and lots of prizes as part of the annual holiday drawing for gift certificates to local area businesses. I hope to see all of you at the Potluck.

This is the last article I will write as president of Curtis Park Neighbors. As I finish my sixth year serving on the board and third year serving as President of the board I am happy to be passing on the roll to a wonderful neighbor, Jeff Baker, who has served on the board for the past two years and has helped lead numerous efforts in our

Meet Our New Board Members

John Hayden

2019 will see significant changes to the board of Curtis Park Neighbors. Leaving the board after many years of service are board members Rob Price, John Hayden, Todd McGuire and Conor Farley. New board member Josh Becker is also stepping down because he has found a home outside the neighborhood. We thank all of these board members for their service to the community and wish them well in future endeavors.

Their work has helped make Curtis Park a vibrant and friendly place to live.

In 2019 we will welcome four new neighbors to the Curtis Park Neighbors Board; Ryan Cox, Lindsay Sullivan, Beth Bianchi and Lindsay Schneider have all been formally nominated to serve on the board. At
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community including the saving of our flagstone sidewalks, alley beautification and the organizing of Mestizo Fest. Please join me in welcoming Jeff to his new roll as President and wish him well. This is an entirely volunteer effort so the time and energy Jeff has agreed to give to our community are greatly appreciated.

As I reflect on my time on the board I wish to leave you with this thought. The people of our diverse neighborhood make it a unique and special place in Denver. We are lucky to have a community that is welcoming to so many different people and because of this diversity our lives have been enriched, our ability to empathize and enjoy other cultures enhanced, and the chance for our families, our friends, our children to thrive in a diverse world made stronger. At a time when much of the world seems to be struggling with nationalism and the urge to separate people from each other based on race, religious and other forms of identity what we have here is very special and worth working to preserve and foster for the future of our neighborhood. Happy holidays to all!

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As many of you know Parks and Recreation has been involved in a multi-year process of planning improvements to Mestizo Curtis Park. The first phase of these improvements was the new playground. Since the installation of the playground Parks and Rec. had been planning on a phased implementation of additional improvements, however that changed with the November election. In the last election voters approved a permanent fund to purchase and improve park land in the city in the amount of approximately 45 million per year.

This new funding source will allow Parks and Rec to implement the entire plan for Mestizo Curtis Park in the next year. The new funding will allow for more improvements than were previously planned. To determine the best improvements to be added to the park there will be a meeting at Mile High United Way at 711 Park Ave West, on Thursday December 11th at 6:00 pm.

In addition to the final plan for Mestizo Curtis Park, this meeting will also be a kick-off meeting for a new plan for the Stout Street Children’s Park. We’d love to make this little park a jewel for the neighborhood. Please come and give your input for both parks on December 6th.

Meet Our New Board Members (cont.)

Lindsay Sullivan has resided in Colorado for 13 years and nearly found “home” in Curtis Park. She's extremely passionate about fostering an accepting community as she's been so graciously welcomed in Five Points. Having worked in restaurant management and the travel industry, Lindsey is focused on making sure that everyone is respected, loved and encouraged to do what creates happiness.

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Meet Our New Board Members (cont.)

Lindsey Schneider has lived in Denver since 2008 and moved to Curtis Park 2 years ago in order to enjoy a historic, family friendly neighborhood in the heart of the city. She looks forward to becoming more involved in the community and working to ensure we continue to honor our past as we change and grow into the future.

Originally from upstate New York, Lindsey Sullivan has resided in Colorado for 13 years and finally found “home” in Curtis Park. She's extremely passionate about fostering an accepting community as she's been so graciously welcomed in Five Points. Having worked in restaurant management and the travel industry, Lindsey is focused on making sure that everyone is respected, loved and encouraged to do what creates happiness.

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**Got a Story to Tell?**

*Paul Karolyi*

House of Pod is a new podcast recording studio and incubator based right here in Curtis Park. Our mission is to amplify underrepresented voices and create world-class podcasts.

We want to get to know our neighbors, so we’re offering a special deal. Any Curtis Park resident interested in starting a podcast or recording any kind of stories can get 20% off their first month of membership at House of Pod. Just mention “Curtis Park Neighbors” in an email to our community manager Paul Karolyi (paul@houseofpod.org).”

**Meet Our New CPN Reporters**

*Nick Hernandez and Sarah Adelman*

Nick Hernandez and Sarah Adelman have volunteered to be investigative CPN reporters. Nick is paralegal with the U.S. Attorneys office, finishing up his degree in journalism and communications next year. Sarah, newer to the neighborhood and a new mother, wrote the article “A Note from a Neighbor” in last month’s newsletter. She will continue to contribute to upcoming newsletters focusing on getting to know our neighbors while Nick will assist covering issues affecting CPN. As editor I want to say “thank you” to both for offering to volunteer their time to CPN and hope we all can meet them at our holiday potluck.

**Parking Phase Three Update**

*Paul Davidson*

After a long wait, Denver Public Works confirmed an installation schedule for Phase Three of our Area Parking Management Plan. Installation is scheduled to begin the first week of February 2019 and will take a few weeks to complete.

Work orders have been finalized and approved and sign fabrication will begin this month.

In all, approximately 380 signs will be fabricated.

A final letter will be mailed to Phase Three residents by mid-December and will include the approved plan, implementation information, and instructions for how to obtain permits.

**SCFD Free Days**

*Clyfford Still Museum*

- **Fridays** 5-8 p.m.

**Denver Art Museum**

- **Sat. Dec. 1st**

**Denver Museum of Nature & Science**

- **Sun. Dec. 9th**

Find out more at www.scfd.org
Curtis Park Neighbors Holiday Potluck Party

Please join us on MONDAY, December 17th 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.

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

Thank you, and see you on the 17th!

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. 19th for ads, and Dec. 17th for articles.

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John Hayden and Paul Davidson for newsletter content. Thanks to Hope Communities and Mile High United Way for donating our meeting space, to Therese Rasmussen for coordinating newsletter distribution, and many thanks to neighbors assisting with newsletter deliveries.

Curtis Park Neighbors is an official name for a neighborhood association. It is part of Denver city government. It is a non-profit organization that works to improve mobility in the neighborhood. It also provides a platform for neighbors to connect and share information about local events and issues. The organization is led by volunteers who have a passion for their community. The organization has several committees, including the Curtis Park Design Review Committee, the Curtis Park Transportation Committee, and the Curtis Park Safety and Security Group. The organization is supported by local businesses and organizations who donate goods and services for the potluck party. The purpose of the organization is to bring the community together to share in preserving the past and future of Curtis Park.