Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

"Make a career of humanity... It will enrich your spirit as nothing else possibly can." This quote from Martin Luther King Jr. is a powerful message for our community at this time of growth and change. For it is the diverse humanity of our community that gives us the greatest opportunity to make long lasting and positive change. By and large we are drawn to Curtis Park because of its diversity. By choosing to live in a diverse community we have shown ourselves to be people who value diversity not just on MLK day but in how we live our lives every day.

Of course, living in a diverse community is not without its challenges. Doing the work of humanity, getting to know and care for your neighbors, learning from those who are different from you and allowing them to learn from you without harsh judgement is work but the rewards are great.

I invite all our neighbors to get involved this year, the 150th anniversary of Curtis Park, in doing the business of humanity. Get involved and I hope you find your spirit enriched.

At this month’s Curtis Park Neighbors meeting we will have several opportunities for input and involvement for neighbors on important issues. Public Works will announce the beginning of a neighborhood comprehensive transportation plan and seek input from neighbors. The committee working on the neighborhood parking plan will present on Phase Three implementation, which will include Welton Street. We will also talk about how the neighborhood should celebrate the 150th anniversary of the park this summer and look for volunteers to help in the effort. Hope to see you Thursday!

7th Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival
Save the Date!

Sunday, March 11th, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Stout Street Children’s Park, 25th and Stout

Ice sculptures, live music, winter games, hot chocolate and treats. Come enjoy this small super local event with friends family and neighbors.
It’s time to cheer, 
Valentine’s Tea is near. 
Visit with neighbors new & old. 
We hope you’ll come! 
The cookies are rolled.

Please join us for our annual 
St. Valentine’s Day Tea 
(an informal neighborhood gathering, 
children welcome) 
Sunday, February 11th 
2:00-5:00 pm

2903 Champa Street 
Hugh & Lynne Brown

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Denver Language School coming to Gilpin

John Hayden

Curtis Park Neighbors met with the principal and other school leaders from the Denver Language School in January to discuss how the new school at Gilpin can be an asset to the community.

By far the most meaningful way the school can help Curtis Park is by providing a quality education to our families. Parents interested in DLS for their children can visit the school’s current location at 6th and Monaco on Tuesday Mornings at 8:30 am. The school choice process starts Feb 1st and runs through the month of February.

While the Gilpin building will house the 5th to 8th grades, DLS will be running buses from Gilpin to their elementary campus so families can walk their children to Gilpin where a bus will take them to the elementary for the first years of elementary school and then in the 5th grade students can walk to Gilpin for school. A bilingual education can give children a big advantage in life so we are excited to have this option available to Curtis Park families.

Other ways the school can contribute to the community discussed at the meeting include participation in cultural festivals, use of libraries and playgrounds, providing after school activities, writing Spanish articles for our newsletter and working with Denver Urban Gardens to place a community garden for the neighborhood at Gilpin.

In March, Principal, Kathy Benzel, will come to our CPN meeting to share more information on the school and to get additional input on how they can be a part of the Curtis Park Community.
2018 Brings New Transportation Plan for Curtis Park / Five Points

Justin Schmidt

The City and County of Denver, Transportation and Mobility Division is launching a new Neighborhood Transportation Management Program (NTMP). The NTMP seeks to work collaboratively with neighborhoods to improve the movement of people within and between Denver’s neighborhoods. The Program’s inaugural neighborhood is Five Points which includes Curtis Park. The NTMP will produce a Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan that identifies transportation actions and projects that increase safety and improve connectivity, accessibility and livability. The planning process will begin in February.

A representative of Public Works will present at the Feb 1 Curtis Park Neighborhood meeting to kick-off this effort and to discuss details and answer questions

Topics include:

• Background of the Neighborhood Transportation Management Program

• The NTMP Plan outreach process and timeline

• How Curtis Park Neighbors and the public can engage and help establish the Plan

• Updates on other transportation improvements in Curtis Park

Updates on other Curtis Park transportation changes from the City (which will also be presented at the Feb meeting):

• Stout/26th – The parking changes to improve sight-lines at this intersection are designed and the work order has been submitted. You should expect implementation

• Curtis/27th – We are in process of reviewing this and will have updates at the meeting.

• Champa Street Speed Limit Changes – We have reviewed and approved the speed limit change request. The speed limit will be changed to 25 mph from Downing to Park. Design and work order is complete. Implementation is planned for the first week of February.

SCFD Free Days

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

Denver Botanic Gardens
• Sun. Feb. 18th
• Mon. Feb. 19th

Denver Art Museum
• Sat. Feb. 3rd

Denver Zoo
• Sun. Feb. 4th
• Mon. Feb. 5th

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
• Mon. Feb. 12th

Find out more at www.scfd.org
Resources

Denver City Government
www.DenverGov.org, or call 3-1-1
Alternately: (720) 913-1311

Blair-Caldwell Library
2401 Welton Street, (720) 865-2401
Mon./Wed.: Noon – 8 p.m.
Tue./Thu./Fri.: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Elected Representative
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Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup
The next Large Item pickup is
One Day! Thurs., Feb. 28th
For free appliance collection, call
(303) 430-7142.

Xcel Energy
Electric Emergency/Power Outage
(800) 895-1999
Gas Emergency / Gas Odor
(800) 895-2999

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