



Hi, Neighbors!

Jeff Baker, CPN President

The 10th annual Great Pumpkin Party was a success again this year, even with the event moving from the scheduled Sunday to Saturday due to the impending storm. Thanks to John Hayden and Keith Pryor for organizing this event for the 10th year in a row! Also, a thank you to the other volunteers and donors who made the event possible. I hope you and your family were able to make it out.

Save the Date

While we are on the topic of celebrations, I wanted to invite all neighbors to our annual Holiday Potluck and annual

meeting that will be on December 9th at the Posner Center located at 1031 33rd St (Arapahoe and 33rd). The event starts at 6:00 pm and there will be many giveaways, food, and socializing with neighbors. This is a really fun event and I hope you will attend! In order to get a great mix of food we have divided the selections alphabetically by last name:

A-M: Entrée

N-S: Appetizer or vegetable dish

T-Z: Dessert

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Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, November 7th

United Way, 711 Park Ave. West

(Enter from parking lot at "CoBank" sign)

6:30 p.m. Police Update & Snacks

7:00-8:30 p.m. Main Agenda

District 6 Police Homeless outreach officers will be attending the 6:30 meeting to answer any questions people may have.

1. Downtown Streets Alliance-Katie Etcheverry-20 Minutes
2. CPN Committee updates and 2019 accomplishments, next year goals-45 Minutes
3. Neighborhood Watch program-10 minutes
4. Community Roundtable-15 minutes

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.

No General meeting in December! Annual Holiday Potluck, December 9th, 6 pm, Posner Center 1031 33rd St

CPN Board Meeting

Mon. November 18th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2543 California St, Open to all



Posner Center at 33rd and Arapahoe. Join us for the annual Holiday Party December 9th

Neighbors (cont.)

Reserva

Celebración de vacaciones!

Quería invitar a todos los vecinos a nuestra reunión anual de vacaciones y la reunión anual que será el 9 de diciembre en el Centro Posner, ubicado en 1031 33rd St. (Arapahoe y 33rd). El evento comienza a las 6 PM y habrá muchos obsequios, comida y socialización con los vecinos. ¡Este es un evento muy divertido y espero que asistan! Para obtener una excelente mezcla de alimentos, hemos dividido las selecciones alfabéticamente por apellido:

A-M: Entrada

N-S: Aperitivo

T-Z: Postre



Posner Center: 33rd & Arapahoe

Bill West and Spirit of Mestizo Awards

We have some neighborhood awards that we present at our Holiday Potluck. The Bill West Award is a long-standing award that is presented to a neighbor who has made significant contributions to the neighborhood. Last year we created the Spirit of Mestizo award that is presented to a neighbor who has worked on building community in the spirit of Mestizo. Would you like to nominate someone? Please send nominations to Jeff: jeffbakercurtisparkdenver@gmail.com

Squirrel Poisoning

Dushan Amchin

It has come to my attention that some of our neighborhood squirrels have fallen victim to carelessness. I am aware that sometimes these critters can be annoying but please keep in mind that they have the right to live on our trees and in our neighborhood. Using poison causes an awful death and can cause other animals and pets to consume the poison.

Ticker of what Curtis Park Neighbors are working on:

- 2020 Home, Garden and ADU Tour. We are seeking volunteers to help with this special event next September. We need volunteers for the planning committee, the event itself, and we need Homes, Gardens and ADUs to show off! The last home tour was in 2014 and it was a huge success, thanks to all the great people who organized the event. Interested in participating in this community event? Please contact us at curtis-park-neighbors-board@googlegroups.com or call 970-759-4023.
- Tree Committee
- Homelessness solutions
- New Board member recruitment
- Holiday Community Potluck and member meeting-Save the Date! December 9th
- New website and increasing communication
- Wednesday morning park stewardship at Sonny Lawson Park - Every Wednesday at 9:30 am.



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Flagstone Repairs

As you may know the city Sidewalk Repair Program is in Phase One. We are scheduled for the second phase and that will be coming in the near future. It is our goal as a neighborhood to beat the inspector and repair all of our sidewalks before the inspectors arrive. Curtis Park Neighbors has some inventory of flagstone being sold at a discounted rate to assist and encourage homeowners with repairing their sidewalks. The city is mandating that all sidewalk repairs are made, so there is no option for opting out. Repairs will be made and billed to the property owner, so please get ahead and do it on your own accord. In order to capture additional savings for each homeowner, I encourage you to get your entire block involved at the same time to bring in a contractor to complete a larger project and create efficiencies. Please contact Lindsey Sullivan, Chair of the Flagstone Committee at: lindseysullivan77@gmail.com

Thanks!

Thanks to all the folks who help distribute this newsletter throughout our neighborhood!

Thanks to Todd McGuire for running our police meetings before our general meetings!



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- ✓ Meeting Space
- ✓ Free WiFi
- ✓ Free Covered Parking
- ✓ Coffee, Loose Leaf Tea, Gelato,
- ✓ Craft Beer & Wine, Gourmet
- ✓ Sandwiches & More



M-F: 6am 10pm
Sat: 7am 10pm
Sun: 7am 6pm

(Welton & 27th Street)
710 East 26th Avenue
Denver, CO 80205

Flagstone vs. Concrete

Mick Barnhardt

When I heard that the City of Denver was enforcing mandatory sidewalk repair throughout the city, I understood the issue. The problem not only faces people with disabilities, but also for me personally. I took up running with my dog a few years ago and had to stop because I tripped three times in two weeks and injured my shoulder. Shoveling snow is another tedious chore that's made worse with broken sidewalks. I decided to beat the city deadline and looked into having mine fixed. I debated on whether I needed to keep the flagstone or if concrete was acceptable. I toiled over this decision and decided that reusing the flagstone preserves the historic nature of our neighborhood, but it also saves resources and keeps all this beautiful stone from being thrown in a landfill.

I didn't do my homework to see whether keeping the flagstone was a cheaper option than concrete. I guess it depends on how much of the flagstone has to be replaced. If a stone is cracked

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Tree of the Month

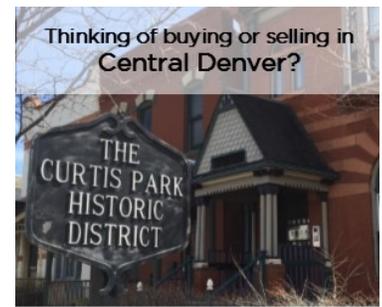
Maggie Miller

As many of you know from reading other articles in the Curtis Park Times, some of our neighbors have formed a Tree Committee! We are dedicated to help CPN neighbors plant trees (free or at low cost) and take care of them (easily), because, as Tom Lucas wrote in The Times last month, trees are beautiful, and they nurture, inspire and shade us and even clean our air.

Do you have a favorite tree? Many people do! To remind each other about how special trees are, the Tree Committee will promote a Tree of the Month. You can submit your Tree of the Month by emailing me at maggiemiller1@comcast.net, and we'll discuss and put "your" tree in The Times. (The tree doesn't have to belong to you for you to love it.)

To kick off the series, I'm nominating the redbud tree. There are many around our neighborhood thanks to long-time resident Bill West. He planted redbud trees years ago and there are now his "volunteer" (seeds that sprouted and have grown into trees) redbuds are in many yards in Curtis Park.

What makes these trees so special? Redbud trees bloom in early spring with tiny magenta-colored blossoms sprouting on their bare trunks and branches. Once the blossoms fade and the leaves come out they are heart-shaped. These trees grow to about 20-25 feet so are good to plant in smaller areas. They especially like to grow in locations that are a bit protected.



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jhayden@kentwoodcity.com
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Sonny Lawson Events

In an effort to activate Sonny Lawson Park, we are scheduling weekly events in the plaza. If you have an event that you would like to hold in Sonny Lawson, please contact curtis-park-neighbors-board@googlegroups.com



SCFD Free Days

Denver Art Museum

- Sat. November 2nd



Denver Botanic Gardens

- Mon. November 11th

Clyfford Still Museum

- Mon. November 4th

Denver Zoo

- Fri. November 8th
- Mon. November 4th

Denver Museum Nature & Science

- Sun. November 17th

Molly Brown House

- Tues. November 12th

Find out more at www.scfd.org

Resources

Denver City Government
www.DenverGov.org, or call 3-1-1

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.

Denver City Council
District 9
Candi CdeBaca, (720) 337-7709
candi.cdebaca@denvergov.org
Elbra M. Wedgeworth Municipal Building
2855 Tremont Place, Suite 201

At-Large
Councilwoman Robin Kniech
Robin.Kniech@denvergov.org
(720) 337-7712
Councilwoman Debbie Ortega
Deborah.Ortega@denvergov.org
(720) 337-7713

Denver Public Schools
(720) 423-3200, www.DPSK12.org

Homeless Outreach
Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison
Shawn Johanson, (720) 913-1311

Police
Emergencies: Dial 911
Non-Emergency: (720) 913-2000
Dist. 2 (north 25th Street) RSO:
Hana Ruiz (720) 913.1089
hana.ruiz@denvergov.org
Dist. 6 (south 25th Street) RSO:
Teresa Gillian (720) 913-2908.
teresa.gillian@denvergov.org

Elected RTD Representative
Shontel Lewis, (720) 935-8284
shontel.lewis@rtd-denver.com

Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup
The next Large Item pickup is
Wednesday, November 20th
For free appliance collection, call
800-479-4159.

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

To report non-permitted exterior work to
Landmark email: abigail.Christman@denver.gov or call
(720) 865-2908.

Short Term Rental Enforcement
Brian Snow
(720) 865-2750

Flagstone vs. Concrete (cont.)

into two pieces, it can still be saved as long as it is leveled. Stepping of the stones more than 3/4" have to be flattened. I went to curtisark.org and clicked on "Plans", then "Flagstone Sidewalks". From the website I was able to view a list of approved contractors. I asked around and found that Ruben Rivera, LLC has done a lot of work in our neighborhood, so I contacted him (720-300-3727) rubenriverallc79@yahoo.com. He did the work in less than two days and the results were amazing. I didn't realize how bad they were until I had them fixed and leveled.



Mick's newly leveled flagstone sidewalk

Neighborhood Internet Resources

Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook
www.facebook.com/groups/curtisark/

Curtis Park Neighbors "Announce" Group
Just the basics! We encourage everyone to join this e-mail group. Receive the Curtis Park Times & special announcements. To join, send an email to: Curtis-Park-Neighbors-Announce+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Neighbors "Notices" Group
Super-detailed! Receive all of the notices that the City and other organizations send to Curtis Park Neighbors. Zoning notices, liquor license applications, etc. all come through here. To join, send an email to: CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Design Review Committee
Receive updates on new development and building modifications under review by the Denver Landmark Commission. To join, send an email to: cpn-drc-announcements+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Questions about projects, email Keith Pryor: KPryor13@gmail.com.

DHA / Curtis Park Community Advisory Committee
Provide feedback and guide the Denver Housing Authority's plans for their property holdings in the Curtis Park area. Write to: CPN-DHA-CAC+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Transportation Committee
Improve mobility and safety for people getting around by all modes
Write to: cpn-transportation+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Safety and Security Group
Collaborate on finding solutions to current and long-term safety and security topics in the neighborhood.
Write to: cpn-security+subscribe@googlegroups.com



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 Nov. 20th for ads, and Nov. 23rd for articles.

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