Stay Healthy Neighbors!

Jeff Baker, CPN President

Hello, I hope that you and your family are staying healthy during these difficult and uncertain times. It seems the best action is to be proactive and drastically change the way we live, but as we do this try to see the light at the end of the tunnel. This too shall pass.

That does not mean that life will not be different, but we won't know what that looks like until we get there. This does show us how interconnected and similar we all are because we all are affected by this.

I encourage you to stay healthy, help your neighbors in need, and try to embrace this slower pace of life, as the world comes to a crawl compared to what we are accustomed to. Spend more time with your family, take on a project you have wanted to take on, learn something new, get out and garden as spring is upon us.

I know that the future is unknown, and I know it will be tough for most people but try not to stress too much. The additional stress does nothing good for your health. Take the time to think about what adjustments you may need to make, to establish more security in the near future.

If there are safe ways to support our local businesses, I encourage you to do that. Please see the write up below about the Curtis Park Meal Train, formed to help local restaurants and to get food delivered in the neighborhood. Thanks to Ben Reisler and Two Parts for getting this going! Gerald Horner, thanks for starting the brainstorming around this idea of helping the restaurants in our neighborhood.

We will be canceling our April 2nd General Neighborhood Meeting. Please sign up for our email communication to stay in the loop. The information to sign up for communication is on the back of this newsletter. We will be releasing a new website soon, so use curtispark.org as a go-to resource and look out for the new and improved site. We intend for this to be the place to find out all things about our neighborhood. Keep your head up Curtis Park and I hope to see you soon!

Denver Delivery Network

To help those who are unable to leave their homes, Robbie Hobein and David Millis started the Denver Delivery Network to help neighbors in need. Please see information about the Denver Delivery Network below if you need help or are interested in volunteering. Thanks Robbie and David!

Curtis Park Neighbors Meet
Thursday, May 7, 2020
United Way, 711 Park Ave. West
(Enter from parking lot at “CoBank” sign)
6:30 p.m. Police Update & Briefing
7:00-8:30 p.m. Main Agenda

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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.

Next CPN General Meetings
May 7th, 2020
7:00-8:30, Police update at 6:30

CPN Board Meeting
Mon. Apr. 20th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2543 California St, Open to all
Curtis Park’s March Tree of the Month

Maggie Miller

Greetings from the Curtis Park Tree Committee! Every few months we feature a Tree of the Month. January’s tree was a newly planted State Street Maple on Glenarm. This month, our Tree of the Month is on 24th Street, and it’s a Spring Snow Crabapple.

This tree is one of several planted in a tree lawn. In the spring, the white blossoms look lovely and delicate, and their scent is like a subtle perfume. In the summer, these trees provide a soft but thorough shade which keeps the lawn (and people sitting on the lawn) cool.

As I write this (in mid-March), the new leaves on the crabapple are just beginning to appear. Curtis Park Neighbors have been doing a lot of social distancing, but we’re also going on walks in the neighborhood. Seeing brand new leaves on the trees can make us feel hopeful and optimistic, which reduces our stress.

And that’s good for our immune systems. Thank you, Tree of the Month, for that boost!

During these difficult times, we urge you to take a minute to contemplate the new leaves, and soon to be flowers, on our beautiful neighborhood trees.

Be Aware - Street Sweeping Starts this Month

Remember to move your cars on the street this month. Fine is $50! Since we’re all at home these days, moving your car before 8:00 am may slip your mind. This continues through November. Help out your neighbors by reminding them if you see their vehicles on the street the morning of the scheduled sweeping.

Curtis Park Meal Train

Ben Reisler

And labor of love and a means of loving thy neighbor, the Curtis Park Meal Train provides weekly meals to residents while supporting our beloved food and beverage businesses during these times of uncertainty. Residents can sign up weekly, or can invest in a full month. Meals are delivered on Friday evenings from a different local restaurant each week. Sign up at curtispark.org. I think the city is not going to be fining for parking etc…maybe not for the street sweeping either, could ditch that picture of the street sweeper if needed.

[Caption] New leaves also bring more birds, and their songs are sweet. Pictured here: new leaves against a gray sky, and little birds among them.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS
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Do you need help getting essential items but shouldn’t go out? Let your neighbors help!

We’re all in this together.

How does it work?
- A volunteer will shop and deliver your items
- You reimburse the cost via Venmo/Zelle/Cash

How do I sign up?
Visit denverdeliverynetwork.org OR call 970-316-4036

What is the Denver Delivery Network?
- A network of neighbors helping neighbors
- Volunteers follow CDC contact protocols
- Your personally identifiable information is protected
House Tour Preview

The Anfenger House at 2900 Champa Street owned by Douglas and Pamela Adams will be one of the homes featured in this fall’s Historic Curtis Park Home Tour and Celebration. Built in 1884, this was the home of Louis and Louise Anfenger, German immigrants who met and married in the East, then moved to Denver. Anfenger was successful in real estate, insurance and other enterprises and served in the state legislature. He was instrumental in forming the Temple Emanuel Synagogue at Curtis and 24th, as well as National Jewish Hospital. Like many of the houses in Curtis Park, it has seen some hard times. In 1970s, its rooms painted black, it was a haven for prostitution, drug use, and voodoo rites. When it changed hands, it became a house of horrors whose new owner charged admission to those seeking thrills in a bad neighborhood. When approached by neighbors who were trying to revive the neighborhood, she threatened to “burn the place down” if they closed her down.

Fortunately, the house subsequently has been owned by several persons who have cared for it. Douglas and Pamela Adams have lived there for eight years. They made a discovery in the master bathroom that is a clue to the house’s origin. Etched in the wall behind glass, was a name and date—W.G.H. King 1884. King was an Englishman who settled in Breckenridge in 1860, then moved to Denver in 1870. He was a contractor and builder who lived in the 2800 block of Champa in 1884.
Reminder!

April is the month to unwrap the trunks of your new trees which you wrapped last Thanksgiving. Unwrap them mid-April. If you were approved for a tree through Denver Digs Trees check The Park People website for the status updates on how to proceed. Go to www.theparkpeople.org

Hey, Bikers!

Did you know that bicycles can now travel on Arapahoe Street toward downtown in the 2400 block? There is a protected bike lane on the west side of the street and a bicycle crossing signal at the Broadway/Park Avenue intersection making it now safe to cross.

Neighborhood Internet Resources

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

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. Questions about projects, permits do not necessarily reflect the views or 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 March 17th for ads, and March 21st for articles.

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