



## Hi Neighbors,

*Jeff Baker, CPN President*

Last month Curtis Park lost a beloved neighbor, Josie Cosio. Josie was born in Curtis Park and lived her entire life in her family home. Josie was a dedicated neighbor who, through her involvement in the neighborhood helped make Curtis Park a better place. Curtis Park Neighbors sends our condolences to Josie's family and friends. Please see the other articles below by Bill West and Sue Glasmacher about Josie's life and contribution to our neighborhood.

Did you plant a garden during lockdown, and are reaping the fruits of your labor now that we have arrived on the down-side of summer? I am going to assume that you have settled into the new normal and I hope you have been able to have some quality family time. At this month's online General Meeting

on August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will hear from Kathy Benzel, Executive Director at Denver Language School at Gilpin. We will get an introduction to the concept for a small neighborhood grocer going into the S\*park property on 26th between Arapahoe and Lawrence. Meredith Latson and Amanda Dunham will present their concept for a new bodega. Five Points Housing Options Team, the boots on the ground for the Homelessness Solutions Committee, will give an update on the changes happening in the city and how that affects Curtis Park. I will be discussing Good Neighbor Agreements (GNA's), and what they are and why we use them. We will have time at the end for community questions. The link for the meeting is: [Click here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86735514700?pwd=MTZxTWtwRVlucW5mRUUpBcytQVks1dz09), or enter <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86735514700?pwd=MTZxTWtwRVlucW5mRUUpBcytQVks1dz09>

### Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, August 6th 2020

Our CPN General Meetings will be virtual for a while! Link for Zoom meeting click [here](#)

Or enter: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86735514700?pwd=MTZxTWtwRVlucW5mRUUpBcytQVks1dz09>

Meeting ID: 867 3551 4700  
Password: CPN-2020

Meeting protocol:

- Use your real first name as an attendee!
- Stay on mute unless you are speaking
- Post questions in the chat
- Be kind and patient with others

6:30 Police Update and Briefing

CPN General Meeting August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30

1. Gilpin-Kathy Benzel-20 minutes
2. Curtis Park Neighborhood Grocer -20 minutes
3. Five Points HOT-20 minutes
4. GNA's-What are they and why do we have them-10 minutes

**Next CPN General Meetings**  
September 3rd, 2020

**CPN Board Meeting**  
Mon. August 17th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Location and Format T.B.D.

### Looking for a volunteer for a newsletter route

The route is as follows, and takes about 30 minutes. If you can pick it up, please contact Therese at [tmrasm121@gmail.com](mailto:tmrasm121@gmail.com) Lawrence from 33-34th ; 34th Lawrence to Larimer; Lawrence from 34-35th ; 35th Lawrence to Larimer; and Downing Lawrence to Larimer (Curtis Park side).

Total newsletters 50.

### Did you know?

Did you know that you can contribute content to this newsletter? Or, better yet, do want to be a neighborhood reporter? Please reach out if you have something to say! Give me a call @ 970-759-4023.

### 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](https://squareup.com/store/CurtisParkNeighbors).



## Josie Cosio

November 14, 1936 -  
July 7, 2020

## Remembering Josie

Bill West

When Josie Cosio died on July 7, we lost one of our finest and most loyal neighbors. Born and raised in Curtis Park, she remained here for the rest of her long life to raise her own children and then became the beloved “Gonga” of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Josie’s parents owned a bar on Larimer Street where she worked as a young woman. The bar had a small area for dancing to the tunes on a jukebox, and it was already there that Josie showed her aptitude for tolerance; she danced to the beat of both Latin and American popular music.

An extension of Josie’s love of the children of her own family was her life-long commitment to the cause of early childhood education. She worked as a teacher’s aid at Gilpin Elementary, and as a tutor in the University of Denver’s after school program for children. Late in life, she worked hard with other Curtis Park residents to persuade DPS to reopen Gilpin as an elementary school to serve the children of the neighborhood, an effort unfortunately unsuccessful.

During the 1970s and beyond, Josie welcomed newcomers who began to move into the neighborhood, initially drawn here by the beauty of the old, often neglected houses of the area. It took them a while, though, to realize that, beyond the houses, Curtis Park was a true neighborhood in which to make their homes. Josie herself seemed to feel that the best way to create a good neighborhood was to be neighborly, both to the old and new residents. She was probably right.

Josie liked to say that whenever she was asked, when filling out an application or form of some kind, to indicate her ethnicity, she found the categories too confining. She wanted something broader, something harder to define, so she checked off “Other.” She was a true original, and think we can say, finally, that she lived her life with an open mind and open arms. We’ll miss you, Josie.

## The Loss of a Curtis Park Original

Sue Glasmacher

Josie Cosio, an important part of Curtis Park, died on July 7, 2020 at her home on 29th Street. She lived all her life on 1000 block of 29th Street. Her five siblings all moved from Curtis Park seeking nice neighborhoods to raise their families. Josie and her husband stayed in Curtis Park where they raised their two girls. They celebrated birthdays, holidays, graduations, and much more with family parties and home cooked food. She loved to dance whenever there was music.

A lot about Josie is untold. She didn't have much but she shared what she had. If someone came to the door and asked for food, he got some. If s/he needed money, that person was sent to the alley to clean up around the dumpsters. She got to know everyone on the block by doing things for them. Reminder notes were put on doors to move our cars for street sweeping. She would take the empty trash barrels in for the neighbors. A teenager hung out at her house for a few years; Josie's house was a place of refuge where she found normalcy and felt like a part of Josie's family.

A little girl who walked past her house on the way to school was crying one day. She had lost her glasses and her mother wouldn't buy her another pair. Josie took her to the optical shop and got her a new pair.

For Bill West, Lenin Alarcon, and Sue Glasmacher she was a very important part of our life stories. For Sue, Josie was a mother, friend and guardian angel. Josie's passing has left big holes in our hearts.

She has left her legacy in Curtis Park and on the lives who crossed her path.

To know her was to love her.

## Coffee at the Point turns 10!

Ten years...wow! Congrats to Coffee at the Point and Ryan Cobbins!

Although the pandemic has hurt business at Coffee at the Point, they have taken this time to develop deeper relationships with their staff and to analyze the business from top to bottom to better serve the community.

Exciting new additions are coming to Welton Street and Ryan is the new President of Operations for the Flyfisher Group’s new restaurant group. He is working on projects that will bring more people to the Culturally Historic Five Points along the Welton corridor. There are two restaurants that are opening any day now. Mimosas, a new vibrant brunch spot, and MBP, going in the former Dunbar location will feature contemporary American Cuisine. So, come over to Five Points and enjoy the day with coffee from Coffee at the Point, brunch at Mimosas, over to Spangalang for happy hour, check out the historical markers on Welton and then dinner at MBP.

Congrats to Ryan on the new position and for serving coffee and building the community for 10 years, and to the next 10!

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## Whoa That is too Fast!

We are seeing a resurgence of speeding throughout the neighborhood. People are passing cars in the bike lanes, racing each other on Stout Street and traveling way too fast. Curtis Park's Transportation Safety Committee is working on addressing this issue with the city, and we need your help by reporting to 311 for each occurrence you witness. Curtis Park is a very walkable neighborhood and there are many pedestrians, children, and cyclists that speeding cars put at risk.



Have you seen this sign? The city is asking for feedback on how to better suit the needs for the use of streets. This sign happens to be on Stout Street and you can scan the sign with your phone, click [here](https://denverstreetspartnership.org/what-we-do/community-networks/), or go here: <https://denverstreetspartnership.org/what-we-do/community-networks/>



## Left Hand Brewing Company expands to Curtis Park

Since 1993, the employee-owners at Left Hand Brewing Company have been building community, one pint at a time, in beautiful Longmont, Colorado. We're honored to have played a part in contributing to the incredible vibe of this town. Now, the time is right to take our independent spirit and people-driven attitude to the great city of Denver.

We are proud to be establishing ourselves here in this historic neighborhood of Curtis Park. So proud, we made sure it was a huge part of our business name & messaging! We can't wait to build relationships with you and place our roots firmly in Curtis Park, continuing our mission of building community around great beer.



Located at 2403 Champa St. our new Brewhouse & Eatery will be a place for you to gather, share, enjoy local music, play games and host private events for those special occasions among family & friends. Opening later this summer, we'll be featuring 42 taps of rotating beer with so much more. Year-round & seasonal favorite beers will match with the innovation & creativity of brewers allowed to let loose on a new system. That means lots of Curtis Park exclusives will be yours for the taking! Stay tuned for more details on food menus coming soon.

The official opening day announcement is getting close. As part of our cherished new community, we'll keep you updated and include a special offer just for you in the next edition of this newsletter.

Follow us @lhcurtispark on Instagram for more news and feel free to stop by and say hi as you see us busily working away to prepare this space for you.

From Our Hand to Yours, *The Employee-Owners of Left Hand*

## Flagstone Still Available for Sidewalk repair

*Jeff Baker*

Thank you to those of you who have purchased and repaired your sidewalks this summer. We have sold a significant amount of the stone we have stored in the neighborhood and we appreciate the conscientious effort by neighbors to replace the historic sidewalks. Curtis Park Neighbors still has flagstone available for purchase at 25% of retail cost. These are being sold first come first serve to replace broken sidewalks in front of your home. There are many contractors available to do the work, and I encourage you to take action before the city sidewalk inspector notifies you to do so. Please contact me directly, at 970-759-4023.



CJ Grey Construction replacing sidewalk with flagstone purchased from Curtis Park Neighbors. From left to right: Luis Quivas, Chris Grey, Eric Jones, Cory Fontenot, and Albert Jackson.

## Resources

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

**Blair-Caldwell Library**  
2401 Welton Street, (720) 865-2401  
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Sat.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

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**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**  
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Dist. 2 (north 25th Street) RSO:  
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Elected RTD Representative  
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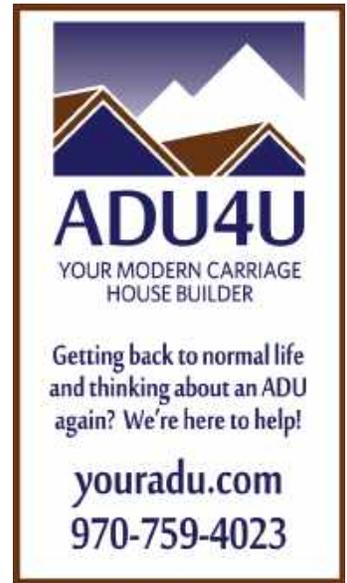
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**Curtis Park Neighbors "Announce" Group**  
Just the basics! We encourage everyone to join this e-mail group. Receive the Curtis Park Times & special announcements. To join, send an email to: [Curtis-Park-Neighbors-Announce+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:Curtis-Park-Neighbors-Announce+subscribe@googlegroups.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](mailto: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](mailto:cpn-drc-announcements+subscribe@googlegroups.com). Questions about projects, email Keith Pryor: [KPryor13@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:CPN-DHA-CAC+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](mailto: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](mailto:cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com) or (720)273-0623. The next newsletter deadlines are Aug. 19th for ads, and August 22nd for articles.

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