



Hi, Neighbor!

Joel Noble, CPN President

Happy New Year!

The new year is already promising to look like it will bring continuing change in the neighborhood, with so many things happening it's hard to believe. Here are some highlights of what's coming up as we know it already:

There's credible news of Deep Rock Water moving, and the redevelopment of those properties consistent with our new zoning and with Landmark review is starting to look like a real possibility. The neighborhood parks stewardship groups are planning their work and activities for the coming year (starting with the Ice Festival at the Children's Park – see sidebar on the front page!) New restaurants are continuing to come to Welton and Larimer at a remarkable pace, with Dunbar's Kitchen and Tap having opened in December, and American Bonded just announced in the former catering space near 27th and Larimer. The pedestrian bridge near 36th and Blake will be going up soon, offering a much nicer way to connect our neighborhood to both sides of RiNo. The new owner of the tire store and associated buildings at Stout & Downing has contacted us for redevelopment design input. Guardian Storage will be building a new facility below Park Avenue at Champa, with ground-floor retail/office space on both sides. Developers on Welton are engaging with neighbors who have historic preservation expertise to relocate some unique houses from the corridor so they won't be lost as the corridor transforms and activates. Design sessions for mixed-

income for-sale housing on the DHA properties on Arapahoe between 25th and 27th will be starting in earnest in the coming weeks. We expect the official ground-breaking for the affordable apartments at Park Avenue and Welton to happen in January.

All of this and municipal elections coming up soon, too! It's an exciting time – please get involved in topics and activities that are of interest to you, meet your neighbors, and help shape our ever-changing neighborhood!

This Month's Meeting

Our January meeting will be one week later than normal due to the holidays, on **Thursday, January 8th**. We hope you can join us for a full agenda, light snacks, and warm company!

We'll greet **Casey Karns**, co-owner of the newly opened **Meadowlark Kitchen** at **2705 Larimer Street**, who will tell us about their simple, affordable, and approachable American classics dinner menu concept. Also on the food front, **Catherine Henry**, **Executive Director of Work Options for Women**, will introduce us to **Café United on the first floor of the Mile High United Way building at Park Avenue and California**. Work Options for Women is the acclaimed nonprofit that has been training impoverished women for employment in the food service industry since 1997, and we're happy to have their newest location on California St.

Piep van Heuven, **CEO of Open World Learning**, based right here in the neigh-

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Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting Thursday, Jan 8th

Hope Communities, 2543 California St.

6:30 p.m. Police Updates and Snacks

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

1. Introductions
2. Ice Festival - John Hayden
3. Meadowlark Kitchen - Casey Karns
4. Work Options for Women & Cafe United - Catherine Henry
5. Open World Learning - Piep van Heuven
6. Mayor's Office of Community Affairs - Shawn D. Johnson
7. Open Topics

Fourth Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival

Saturday, Jan. 31st

Stout St Children's Park, 2501 Stout St

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join neighbors and celebrate winter with ice sculptures, winter treats and ice games at the fourth annual Curtis Park Ice Festival. This year's event will feature an ice money tree, artists creating ice sculptures, gigantic snowflake cookies and of course, hot chocolate.

Sponsored by Curtis Park Neighbors, Councilman Albus Brooks, Stout Street Children's Park Stewards Matina Sousas and John Hayden.

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neighborhood will give us an overview of their after-school educational program centered on teaching advanced computer technology to Denver-area 3rd through 8th grade students from low-income families. Piep will also announce their technology summer camps which will run in conjunction with the Montessori Academy of Colorado, for which there are 48 scholarships available to Curtis Park area students.

The Mayor's office has recently announced a new **Director of Community Affairs, Shawn D. Johnson**, who is attending neighborhood meetings throughout the city in her first months. Shawn will give a brief update on what the Mayor's Office is working on, and how the Community Affairs group can help residents.

December Holiday Party & Annual Meeting

Wow, what an incredible turnout in a fantastic setting! Our December holiday party, which is also our annual meeting, was really something special. I've heard so many complements for the generosity of the Posner Center for International Development in letting us use their wonderful space, which seems almost designed for potluck parties!

News, Information and Announcements

A Big Thanks to our Holiday Party Drawing Donors!

Our holiday parties would not be what they are without the generous donations from our neighborhood businesses. We extend a huge thanks and a prosperous 2015 to you all!

- Amerigo
- The Barkway
- Billy's Hot Dogs
- Councilman Albus Brooks
- Cart & Driver
- Coffee at the Point
- Crema
- Curtis Park Deli
- Denver B-Cycle
- Denver Botanic Gardens
- Hi-Rise Bakery
- Huckleberry's
- Hutch and Spoon
- Jake's
- The Kirkland Museum

Special thanks for Jess Harig for all the assistance with setup and use of this wonderful "HorseBarn" facility. Jess has been a regular at our monthly meetings so please thank her when you see her.

As an annual tradition, the **William A. West Award** for outstanding service to the neighborhood was awarded, and this year Bill found it wonderfully necessary to recognize two neighbors – **Sue Glassmacher and Gerald Horner**. In addition to her many areas of community participation and long-time service on the CPN Board, Sue has very successfully organized our neighborhood's design review input to the Landmark Preservation Commission (and occasionally Planning Board, where applicable), in a way that is collaborative, effective and makes a real difference. Gerald Horner organized the team that worked for an entire year to organize and promote the Curtis Park Home Tour in 2014 – Denver's largest historic home tour! – which was a huge success. Congratulations to both of you – we all thank you!

We also officially voted in three new CPN Boardmembers starting their terms in 2015: **Ethan Hackley, Deb Jacobson, and**

- Matchbox
- Meadowlark Kitchen
- Novo
- The Pressery
- RedLine
- Rosenberg's
- Sugar Mill
- Jay Thomas
- Topo Designs
- Wonderbound
- Winter Session
- Work & Class

Coffee at the Point

Coffee at The Point adds to the local flavor in the community by introducing Live Music Saturdays and Game Night Thursdays, starting in Jan. Live Music Saturdays (7:00-9:00 p.m.) will feature talented local artists, starting Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Game Night Thursdays (6:00-9:00 p.m.) will feature an assortment of board & card games. Free, light appetizers will be pro-

vided on Jan. 8th. Coffee at The Point is located at **Welton Street and 27th Street**. Free covered parking is available adjacent to the building.

and **Therese Rasmussen**. Welcome! Hugh Brown will be stepping us as Vice President for the coming term, as Rob Price increases his scope as Electronic Communications Director managing our e-mail groups, Facebook group, and providing needed assistance with our new web site's content. Todd McGuire is continuing as Treasurer, and we will nominate a Board Secretary in January.

Thanks to the organizing prowess of **Julie Rubsam** and the generosity of neighborhood businesses, we had our largest drawing yet with so many prizes it was hard to believe. Please take a look at the list of contributors below, and thank them when you visit their establishments! The funds raised covered our increased expenses for this year's party and will help defray the cost of printing the *Curtis Park Times* in 2015.

I hope you'll join us on Thursday, January 8th for our first 2015 general meeting!

-Joel Noble

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Traditional Medicine for Sustaining the Health of our Community

This past April, Urban Herbs opened its doors on 27th and Welton with the guiding mission of spreading the use of Chinese Medicine in our community. The clinic offers sliding-scale herbal consultations and affordable acupuncture treatments in an effort to make the medicine affordable for all. An herbal consultation involves meeting with a licensed practitioner for about half an hour and discussing your health concerns. The practitioner will then create a customized herbal formula tailored specifically for you. To learn about how Urban Herbs provides affordable treatments to the low-income visit www.UrbanHerbsco.com or stop by the clinic at 2727 Welton St.

All About our Neighborhood Schools

Montessori Academy of Colorado Renovation and Elementary Expansion

MAC has successfully expanded its early childhood education program to include a unique-to-Denver elementary program. In January 2015, MAC will begin accepting kindergarten through 3rd grade applications for the 2015-16 school year. The school currently serves children 8 weeks through 2nd grade, with plans to extend to 5th grade by the start of the 2017-18 school year.

MAC is the only Montessori school in the downtown Denver area that enrolls children as young as 8 weeks into elementary, making it an ideal choice for families who work and/or live in the downtown area.

The multi-million-dollar renovation nearly doubles the size of the MAC campus. The completed phase one construction includes new elementary classrooms, a library, art room, music room, newly designed auditorium, practical life kitchen, staff lounge and conference space. Phase two of the development is slated to begin in 2015 and will add a gymnasium, rooftop garden, and state-of-the-art media center.

MAC Elementary students benefit from Montessori work cycles, extended special classes such as art, music/drama, and physical education, community experiences, and PM enrichment courses, which include science, art, teambuilding, culinary arts and skill-building activities. The environment is enriched by dual-language instruction, where one teacher in the classroom speaks primarily English and the other speaks primarily Spanish. Furthermore, MAC Elementary students travel throughout the Denver metro area both on foot and via public transportation to take advantage of educational destinations throughout the Denver metro area.

Applications for kindergarten through 3rd grade for the 2015-16 school year at MAC are due Jan.30th.

For questions about MAC Elementary enrollment or to schedule a tour, contact: jaclyn@tmaoc.com or (303) 623-2609.

Open World Learning and Montessori Academy of Colorado Summer Camp

Open World Learning and the Montessori Academy of Colorado (MAC), located at 2500 Curtis St., are joining forces for 6 weeks of summer camps for children 3rd through 6th grade at the MAC campus. The camps start the week of June 15th and end on the week of July 20th. Each camp will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The camps will include activities in computer coding, robotics, digital film making, reading, science, art, music, physical activity, gardening and cooking.

Enrollment begins this month (Jan. 2015). To sign up or learn more call (303) 623-2609 or visit www.MontessoriAcademyofColorado.org.

SCFD Free Days



Denver Art Museum

- Sat. Jan 3rd

Children's Museum

- Tues. Jan 6th 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Find out more at www.scfd.org

Cole Arts & Science Academy Open House

Are you looking for a quality school next fall? Come see what Cole Arts & Science Academy has to offer.

Open House Wed. January 7, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., 3240 Humboldt St.

Contact J.R. Lapierre at (720) 423-9179 or email j.r._lapierre@dpsk12.org

Gilpin Montessori Public School



Educating the Whole Child to be an Independent Learner

Come to our

Open House

for Prospective Parents and Community Members

Saturday, January 10, 2015

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Discover what's happening at Gilpin!

Academics:

- Montessori curriculum
- 1/2-day ECE for 3 yr olds
- Full-day ECE for 4 yr olds
- City Year support
- Math Fellows tutoring
- Summer Scholars

The Arts:

- Full-time art teacher
- Full-time music teacher
- Annual Talent Show
- Art club
- After school choir

Sports Activities:

- P.E. instruction
- Girls on the Run club
- Jump Rope club
- Soccer for Success club

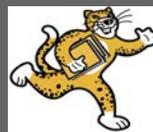
Other Clubs:

- Boy Scouts
- Garden Green Team
- Girl Scouts
- Student Council

Heart and Hand: Our After School Enrichment Program

- For students in K-5th grades
- 3:00-6:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
- Providing education enrichment, dance, yoga, gym time, arts & crafts, games, food and much more
- Very low cost

Denver Public Schools' newest Montessori school is located in the heart of Curtis Park and just minutes from Downtown Denver. Come meet our caring, Montessori-trained staff and tour our beautiful school!



Web: www.gilpin.dpsk12.org
Phone: 720.424.7140

Principal:
Ms. Kimberly Riggins

2949 California Street, Denver, CO, 80205

Neighborhood Internet Resources

Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook

Connect with your neighbors, stay informed of timely issues and post information about your event. Visit and “Like” us at www.facebook.com/groups/curtisparke

Curtis Park Neighbors “Announce” Group

Just the basics! We encourage everyone to join this e-mail group. Receive the *Curtis Park Times* & special announcements. Write 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. The CPN Board receives this e-mail, and invites you to participate as well! Write to: CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Design Review Committee

Provide feedback and assistance to new development and building modifications in Curtis Park, to help with successful Denver Landmark Commission review. Write to: cpn-designreview+subscribe@googlegroups.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 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

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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Denver Public Schools

(720) 423-3200, www.DPSK12.org

Homeless Outreach

Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison

Michael Sapp, Jr., (720) 865-9024

Police

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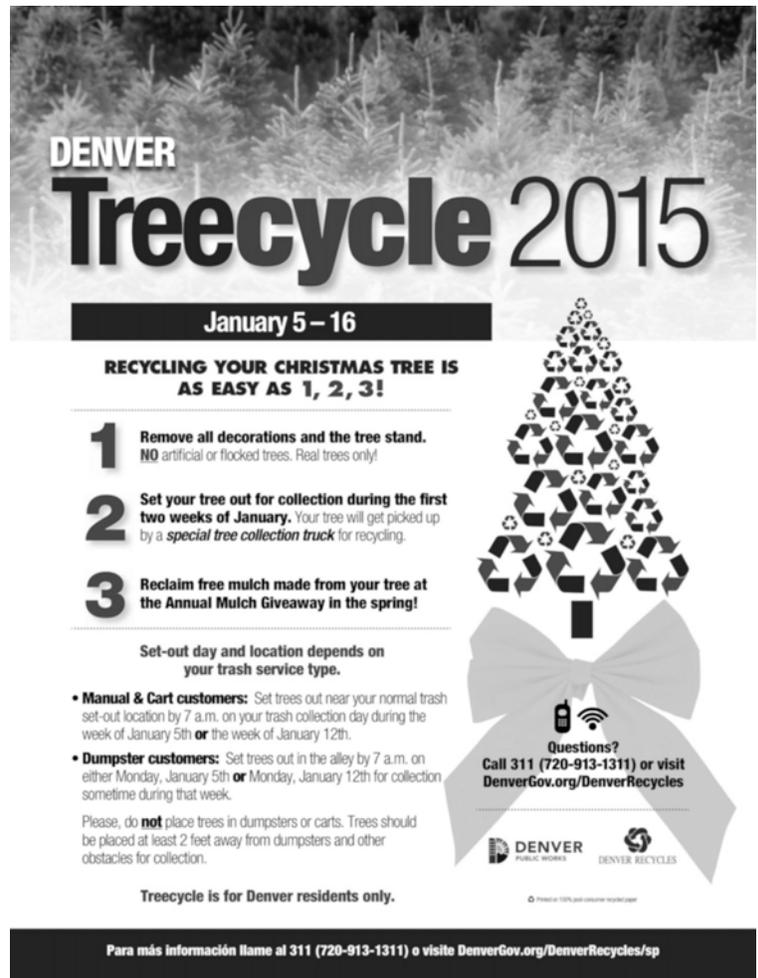
Barbara Deadwyler, (720) 273-9520
Barbara.Deadwyler@rtd-denver.com

Trash Pickup - Large Items

The next Large Item pickup is Feb 9-13.
For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

Xcel Energy

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



DENVER
Treecycle 2015
January 5 – 16

RECYCLING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

- 1 Remove all decorations and the tree stand.** NO artificial or flocked trees. Real trees only!
- 2 Set your tree out for collection during the first two weeks of January.** Your tree will get picked up by a special tree collection truck for recycling.
- 3 Reclaim free mulch made from your tree at the Annual Mulch Giveaway in the Spring!**

Set-out day and location depends on your trash service type.

- Manual & Cart customers:** Set trees out near your normal trash set-out location by 7 a.m. on your trash collection day during the week of January 5th or the week of January 12th.
- Dumpster customers:** Set trees out in the alley by 7 a.m. on either Monday, January 5th or Monday, January 12th for collection sometime during that week.

Please, do **not** place trees in dumpsters or carts. Trees should be placed at least 2 feet away from dumpsters and other obstacles for collection.

Questions? Call 311 (720-913-1311) or visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles

Denver Public Works Denver Recycles

Treecycle is for Denver residents only.

Para más información llame al 311 (720-913-1311) o visite DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles/sp

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 Monica Lubbert at Monica.Lubbert@gmail.com or (303) 408-1649. The next newsletter deadlines are Jan. 21st for ads, and Jan. 23rd for articles.

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