Hi, Neighbor!

Joel Noble, CPN President

It's February, but as of this writing we wouldn't know it by the weather. I hope you're getting out and enjoying the neighborhood during the warm days – it's a great time for walking, biking, and visiting the parks!

This Month's Meeting
As a reminder, we have a "pre-meeting" with the District 2 and 6 police at 6:30 p.m., which is a great time to talk about any ongoing safety issues and to learn about what's happening in our area from the police who work in our area every day. Don't overlook this opportunity to share information each month!

We have a great line-up of local topics for our main agenda at 7 p.m., starting with an introduction by a candidate for Denver Auditor on the ballet this May, Timothy O'Brien. As a reminder, CPN does not and cannot endorse candidates, but welcomes any candidates for races relevant to our area to introduce themselves at our meetings. We will also be helping to promote candidate forums as they are scheduled in the next couple of months.

Lyz Riley, Healthy Communities Coordinator with Civic Canopy, will introduce us to the Share grant opportunity for Healthy Eating & Active Living, so we all can think about projects that we might want to pursue. We'll also hear from Stephanie Sanchez, 2-1-1 Statewide Director about 2-1-1, the number to call for a confidential community referral service connecting callers with resources which provide food, shelter, rent assistance, clothing, child care options, legal assistance and other services to meet basic needs. The 2-1-1 statewide call center is located right here in Curtis Park, in the new Mile High United Way building, and we'll hear about how they handle over 100,000 calls for assistance per year.

Three topics will be very local, starting with Stephenie Falcone presenting on the Gilpin School Winter Benefit, being held Friday, February 6th – see back page for more details. John Hayden will share ideas for and seek your input on public art for the Stout Street Children's Park. And Louise Martorano, Executive Director at RedLine, will share with us the exhibits and programs going on at this exciting art, education, and community space at 24th and Lawrence.

Last Month's Meeting
Many thanks to CPN Vice President Hugh Brown for running the January meeting!

After the police update, we welcomed Leslie Herod, a drop-in guest who is a candidate for Colorado House District 8 in 2016 – getting out in the community early in the run for this seat which will be vacant due to term limits.

The Mayor's Office of Community Affairs' new Director Shawn D. Johnson introduced her office and how it engages with the community. Shawn was very impressed with our turnout and positive approach to opportunities and issues!
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We received introductions to the Meadowlark Kitchen by owner Casey Karns, and to Café United and the wonderful Work Options for Women program that makes it possible by Catherine Henry. Piep van Heuven, CEO of Open World Learning, provided an overview of their educational program and upcoming technology summer camps being run in conjunction with the Montessori Academy of Colorado.

Neighborhood News
Over the course of 2015, a new study will examine how to update the zoning in the Arapahoe Square area based on the recommendations in the 2011 neighborhood plan. This is the area that includes the lower part of Curtis Park and most of the area between Curtis Park and downtown.

Two Scholarship Awards
The Denver Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is offering its annual scholarship awards to selected Denver Metro area African American female high school seniors.

An additional scholarship opportunity is being made available this year. The Colorado Technical University scholarship will be awarded to an African American female or male who has received a high school degree or a GED certificate and reside in the Denver Metro area. The award will pay 50% of the recipient’s tuition for an Associate or a Bachelor’s degree.

Applications for both scholarships are available at www.DenverDeltas.org. Specific information and criteria are included on the applications. The completed application packets must be postmarked no later than Wed. Apr 1st and mailed to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Denver Alumnae Chapter, Scholarship Committee, P O Box 7432, Denver, CO 80207.

To learn more, visit www.DenverGov.org/ArapahoeSquare. Curtis Park is represented on the task force, along with many property owners, business owners, other neighborhood organizations, and our Councilman Albus Brooks. Any changes to zoning that result from this process will likely occur in early 2016.

The renovation and activation of the Epperson Church at 31st and Lawrence appears to be proceeding rapidly. This recognized Denver Landmark, built in 1915, was featured as a Historic Denver preservation brief with a very nice review of its history in their Fall 2013 newsletter. Now, thanks to the skilled attention it’s receiving, it will soon be a part of the life of the community again.

See you on Thursday, February 5th for our monthly meeting, and on Friday Feb. 6th for the Gilpin Winter Benefit!

- Joel Noble

Denver Digs Trees
Over the past 30 years, the Denver Digs Trees program has provided more than 47,000 affordable and free trees to Denver residents, helping to enhance quality of life in our city. Trees beautify our neighborhoods, enhance property values, lower utility costs, improve air and water quality, and much more!

Denver Digs Trees focuses on providing medium and large sized shade trees for planting within the City of Denver. We invite you to apply for one or more low-cost trees.

For each tree that you request, you to identify whether it is a “Street Tree” or a “Yard Tree”. You may apply for Street Trees, Yard Trees, or both

A Street Tree is planted along the street in the Public Right-of-Way. It is planted either in the ‘tree lawn’ (the space between the sidewalk and the curb) or, in the absence of a tree lawn, at a distance 10 feet from the curb.

A Yard Tree is planted on private property. It may be planted in a front-, back-, or side-yard. At sites without a tree lawn, Yard Trees are planted 11 feet or more from the curb.

The sooner you submit your application and payment, the better chance you’ll have of getting your first choice of tree(s).

The per-tree fee is based on the neighborhood in which the tree will be planted. Typical costs are $35 per tree. Five Points is a designated target neighborhood. The cost per tree is $10.

The application deadline is Sun. Feb 15th, Availability is limited. The sooner you submit your application and payment, the better chance you’ll have of getting your first choice of tree(s).

In early April, you’ll receive a letter to confirm which tree(s) you’ve been approved for and where to pick up your tree(s) on Sat. Apr 18th between 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Please visit www.TheParkPeople.org for more information and to apply for your tree(s).
In Other News...

Community Emergency Response Training
Denver CERT and ARES Denver District is hosting its Feb 2015 “Face 2 Face” program on Tues. Feb 10th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Denver Police District #3, 1625 S University Blvd.

Animal Response 1 is the first of two modules that make up the Animal Response training. This program will teach emergency preparedness for animal owners and how to recognize specific animal behaviors.

Denver CERT and ARES will also host “Face 2 Face” presented by The National Weather Service (NOAA) on Tues, Mar 10th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The topic of discussion will be: SKYWARN® storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation’s first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time—seconds and minutes that can help save lives.

SKYWARN® is a volunteer program with nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

To RSVP or to obtain more information, visit www.Denvergov.org/DenverCert.

Get Ready for Gardening

Communitylinks Soil Prep Workshop
EarthLinks & CowTown Grangers present CommunityLinks Soil Prep Workshop on Sat. Feb 14th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

This workshop will provide important information on what you need to do to get your garden soil ready for spring planting. Proper soil preparation is important because the soil is a living organization and we need to help the soil to replenish lost nutrients for optimum soil health. We will talk about these basics of soil preparation and also some new ideas from Dan Kettering’s bionutrient methods to use produce, “optimum crop health and sustained yield.”

This workshop will include:
• Till or not to till, thoughts from both sides.
• Raised beds and how they can solve issues.
• Soil testing
• Mineral balancing
• How to increase the nutritional yield of crops with bionutrient practices
• Soil amendments: including compost, manure, and other organic matter.
• How and when to apply for best results.

Identifying Microclimates
With Colorado’s erratic weather patterns it’s a great time to record the microclimates in your yard and plan for planting season. Microclimates are areas in your yard with different sun exposures, rain and snow fall amounts, and wind patterns. It can be a few or many square feet. Locating them can increase vegetable and perennial garden success. While each season will tell you something different, winter is a great time to start.

Recording starts with hoping for a snow fall of at least 2 or 3 inches then photograph and note where snow lands around your property. Take special notes for how deep it is under the eaves of your house. If you have an evergreen in the yard, note the amount underneath the tree and from which direction it comes? As the sun melts the snow, record areas uncovered first and which ones are always covered. Through the winter, check where ground is frozen and not. Look for plants with color throughout the winter at their bases. Your records will help you understand why grass burns by June becoming a weed patch by September. It may suggest locations new native plantings!

To learn more, Contact Cheryl Bicknell at plant.plate.CREATE@gmail.com.

SCFD Free Days

Denver Art Museum
• Sat. Feb 7th

Denver Botanic Gardens
• Chatfield - Tues. Feb 3rd
• Denver - Mon. Feb 16th

Denver Zoo
• Fri. Feb 6th
• Sat. Feb 7th
• Thurs. Feb 19th

Children’s Museum
• Tues. Feb 3rd 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Clyfford Still Museum
• Fri. Feb 6th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
• Fri. Feb 13th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
• Fri. Feb 20th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
• Fri. Feb 27th

Find out more at www.scfd.org
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