



## Hi, Neighbor!

*Joel Noble, CPN President*

It will soon be April, and spring is certainly here. The neighborhood is bursting with bulbs and other flowers eager to get the season started. And among the urban wildlife, for the first time I can recall we have a bunny living in our back yard. He or she probably figured out that our fence is good protection from predators – or found our flowers to be tasty. Smart bunny.

### April Meeting

This month we have presentations covering a wide range of important topics. Once again, we welcome candidates for the upcoming May 5th municipal election. **Michael Borcharding** and **Albus Brooks** are both candidates for **City Council in the new District 9**, which includes Curtis Park. They will each have five minutes for introductions. 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.

**State Senator Beth McCann**, a dedicated legislator who remains in regular contact with her constituents, will provide a legislative update on topics that matter to all Colorado citizens.

**Joshua Solis with Denver Transit Partners** – the group building and operating the RTD East Corridor line between Union Station and the airport – will share an update on progress as we count down the final year until the commuter rail opening.

**Denver Forestry** is joining us to talk about

what is probably the most significant threat to our tree canopy – the **Emerald Ash Borer**. Ash trees are some of the most common trees along our streets and in our yards, and the bug that has wiped them out is in Colorado and inevitably coming our way. We'll hear what Denver's plans are to limit the losses and diversify our trees, the implementation of which will require help from people in every neighborhood.

And finally, we'll meet **Matthew and Patricia Yarber**, owners of **East Denver Liquor**, who are looking to relocate their liquor store from **22nd Avenue at Humbolt to 2741 Welton Street**, while upgrading their concept and stock. As is our tradition in CPN, we invite applicants for liquor licenses in or affecting our neighborhood to our general meetings to hear from them and to hear from you prior to taking a position on the application.

### Last Month's Meeting

In March we had several guests joining us for one of the most information-packed fast-paced meetings I can recall. There's so much going on in and around Curtis Park, it's hard to keep up!

For topics "in" Curtis Park, our meeting was kicked off by the **Gilpin Montessori Ambassadors** – young scholars who gave us a presentation of some of their math skills, while also demonstrating public speaking talents that should make their parents and principal very proud.

We also welcomed **PlatteForum's Executive Director Jodi Pounds** and **Judy Anderson**. **PlatteForum** recently moved into most of

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### Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting Thursday, April 2nd

Hope Communities, 2543 California St.

6:30 p.m. Police Updates and Snacks

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

1. Introductions
2. Candidate for Council District 9 - Michael Borcharding
3. Candidate for Council District 9 - Albus Brooks
5. Legislative Update - State Senator Beth McCann
6. East Line Commuter Rail Update - Joshua Solis
7. Emerald Ash Borer Is Coming - Denver Forestry
8. East Denver Liquors Application for 2741 Welton - Matthew & Patricia Yarber
9. Open Topics

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### Next CPN General Meeting

Thursday, May 7th

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### CPN Board Meeting

Monday, April 20th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

2543 California St

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the ground floor of the temple space at 2400 Curtis Street. We were treated to an expertly produced video about their youth arts program, and a wonderful Q&A. They have regular arts programming open to the community – follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PlatteForum](http://www.facebook.com/PlatteForum) or on their web site at [www.PlatteForum.org](http://www.PlatteForum.org).

For topics “around” the neighborhood, we received an excellent briefing on a Business Improvement District (BID) and General Improvement District (GID) being planned for the RiNo neighborhood. The BID will start adjacent to Curtis Park, at the Lawrence/Larimer alley, going all the way northwest to the river. The GID will be overlaid on the BID, on and near Brighton Boulevard. Pending a vote of the property owners and tenants in that area, the BID and GID will help fund streetscape, arts initiatives, marketing, and more. They are also very interested in tackling the burgeoning parking issues as that area heats up, and are optimistic about finding a way for the area to

## News, Information and Announcements

### Historic New Playground Opens at Mestizo-Curtis Park

Excitement was in the air as the students from Montessori Academy of Colorado raced onto the community designed playground.

Much thanks to all who participated in design surveys and teams. Many thanks to Emily Patterson (The Trust for Public Land ) Denver Parks and Recreation and all our partners for what is truly a unique urban playspace.

Our playground reflects the history, cultural, architecture and environmental as-



use the nearly-always-vacant baseball field parking. Thanks to Jamie Licko, lead with the consultant group retained to help with all the process and paperwork for the BID and GID, for answering all of the group’s questions.

We received two updates on Welton Street development. The first was very exciting for preservationists, as Kellie Slater with Star Mesa Properties showed pictures of restoration in-progress at 2801 Welton Street, along with historic pictures and future rendering of this historic property. And what’s more, Kellie and the Five Points Business District, with support from Councilman Brooks, have succeeded in reclassifying this building and the Cousins Building (home to Wells Fargo) as “contributing” in the landmark district, so they are now protected from demolition and will continue to be a part of the character of the street long into the future.

The second Welton update was on the significant new development at 2560 Welton Street and on the Rossonian block.

### Save the Date

Please join us for the **official Mestizo-Curtis Park Playground Ribbon Cutting on June 6th.**

Park Cleanup begins @ 7:30 am followed by program and community fun.

For more information, please email [info@friendsofmestizocurtispark.org](mailto:info@friendsofmestizocurtispark.org).

### Scott Gordon Joins CPN Board

The CPN Board has voted to welcome Scott Gordon to the CPN Board. Scott will be Board Secretary, and is already diligently taking minutes and helping to examine the CPN Bylaws for possible updates and modernization.

By day, Scott is President of Business Development at Alpine Bank, located next to Union Station. He lives on Champa Street, and has been jumping in with both feet on Curtis Park topics, including attending police meetings, participating in Design Review discussions, and writing an upcoming article on financing options for

Paul Books with Palisade Partners along with representatives from Civil Technology and the architects for the projects provided a visually striking review of all of the projects they’re involved with on the southeast side of Welton and on Washington Street. The office space, hotel space, residences and restaurants being planned will completely transform how we think of Welton Street.

We ended the evening with another candidate introduction for the May 5th election. Ean Tafoya is a candidate for the new Council District 9, which includes Curtis Park.

I hope to see you on Thursday, April 2nd for another full monthly meeting!

*-Joel Noble*

building a garage or accessory dwelling unit. Welcome, Scott!

### Please Vote by Mail - May 5th Municipal Elections

The next Municipal General Election will be the May 5. Voting will be by mail. Mayor, Auditor, Clerk & Recorder, Council District 9 and Council At-Large seats will be on our ballots. **Your vote matters!**

More info at [www.DenverVotes.com](http://www.DenverVotes.com). Get to know the candidates. Watch replays of Council candidate forums by visiting [www.DenverGov.org/denver8online](http://www.DenverGov.org/denver8online) or check the schedule for replays on television.

Information about City Council District changes with both interactive and static boundary maps, key voter dates, voter service and polling centers as well as information about 24 hour ballot drop off boxes throughout the city are also available on the [www.DenverVotes.com](http://www.DenverVotes.com) website.

## Other Interesting and Important News

### Spring & Summer Pop-Up Shop

Project Style Denver, will be hosting a spring and summer Pop Up Shop at the Posner Center for International Development on April 10th - 12th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A fantastic selection of colorful, bright, lightweight, flirty, fun spring and summer accessories, hats, tops and dresses sizes 0-XL/plus have been curated. And by popular demand, we will feature a special rack of beautiful pieces for our mini-fashionistas (toddlers and girls).

Because the goal is to look good *and* do good, a percentage of the proceeds from the Spring & Summer Pop-Up Shop will benefit **Facing History and Ourselves**, a national organization dedicated to working with educators in Denver, and around the world to improve their effectiveness in the classroom, as well as their students' academic performance, historical understanding, and civic learning. Visit [www.facinghistory.org](http://www.facinghistory.org) to engage and learn more.

No need to RSVP, just show up ready to have fun. For event updates and a sneak peak, Like the Project Style Denver Facebook page, and join the Spring/Summer Pop-Up Shop Facebook event or visit our website [www.ProjectStyleDenver.com](http://www.ProjectStyleDenver.com).

### Street Sweeping Season Kicks Off April 1st. Sign up for Email and Text Reminders through Pocketgov!

Denver Public Works is making it even easier for residents to remember their street sweeping day. Residents can now sign up for reminders through **pocketgov**, the City's newest mobile web application.

Pocketgov provides user-friendly access to

city services via mobile device or a home computer. After creating a simple user profile, residents can receive both email and text notifications.

Signing up for street sweeping notifications is one simple way to avoid getting a citation this season and helps residents remember to show their pride by moving their ride! Street sweeping plays a critical role in keeping our community clean by preventing dirt and debris from ending up in Denver's water and air.

Pocketgov also connects citizens with access to other Denver Public Works services like recycling, large item pickup and trash pick-up schedules. Residents can also report potholes and graffiti by snapping a picture, tagging its location, then submitting the ticket. It's that simple!

The city of Denver expects to save more than \$250,000 per year by converting current call volume to less expensive "clicks."

To access pocketgov from your mobile device or home computer, please visit [PocketGov.com](http://PocketGov.com).

### Listening Session: Public Restrooms in Central Denver

Join Councilmembers Robin Kniech, Albus Brooks, Debbie Ortega, Susan Shepard and representatives of City Health and Safety Departments at a listening session on whether Central Denver needs more publicly accessible restrooms.

Members of the public, including residents, business owners and other impacted individuals are invited to share their experience with a shortage of public restrooms in Central Denver. The city will report on

next steps with regard to research on solutions.

The listening session will be on **Sat. April 11th** from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at **Denver Community Church, 1595 Pearl St.** Light sandwiches and refreshments will be served.

Please rsvp to Councilwoman Robin Kniech at [kneichatlarge@denvergov.org](mailto:kneichatlarge@denvergov.org) or calling (720) 337-7712.

Individuals unable to attend are invited to submit an online testimonial by visiting [bit.ly/publicrestroomstestimonial](http://bit.ly/publicrestroomstestimonial).

Sign language interpretation and Spanish translation can be provided if requested by April 4th by calling (720) 337-7712.

## SCFD Free Days



### Denver Art Museum

- Sat. Apr 4th

### Denver Botanic Gardens

- Tues. Apr 7th - Chatfield
- Wed. Apr 22nd

### Denver Center for the Performing Arts

- Family Fun Forum - Sun. Apr 26th 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

### Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- Sun. Apr 12th
- Sat. Apr 25th

### Children's Museum

- Tues. Apr 7th 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Clyfford Still Museum

- Fri. Apr 3rd 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fri. Apr 10th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fri. Apr 17th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fri. Apr 24th

### Molly Brown House

- Wed. Apr 15th

Find out more at [www.scfd.org](http://www.scfd.org)



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## 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/curtispark/](http://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. Write 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. The CPN Board receives this e-mail, and invites you to participate as well!  
Write to: [CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

## Resources

### Denver City Government

[www.DenverGov.org](http://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.

### Denver City Council District 8

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### Denver Public Schools

(720) 423-3200, [www.DPSK12.org](http://www.DPSK12.org)

### Homeless Outreach

Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

### Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison

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

### Police

**Emergencies:** Dial 911  
**Non-Emergency:** (720) 913-2000  
**Dist. 2 (above 25th Street) RSO:**  
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### RTD

(303) 299-6000  
[www.RTD-Denver.com](http://www.RTD-Denver.com)

### Elected Representative

Barbara Deadwyler, (720) 273-9520  
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### Trash Pickup - Large Items

The next Large Item pickup is May 4-8.  
For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

### Xcel Energy

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

## Gilpin Montessori Clothing Drive

Gilpin Montessori is running a clothing drive during the month of April, just in time for spring cleaning! Please bag and bring your used clothing and shoes to school and help us fill our Red Apple Recycling donation box, located right next to the main entrance on 29th and California St.

Gilpin Montessori will earn money for every pound we collect during the clothing drive to fund our school garden program. The top 3 schools to participate in a clothing drive during the year will receive a cash bonus of \$750 for first place, \$500 for second place or \$250 for third place. Please help us win extra money for our garden!

### What to donate:

- Any type of clean clothing
- Shoes
- All other household textiles
- Toys and stuffed animals
- Belts, purses and backpacks

### What not to donate:

- Computers, TVs and other large electronic devices
- Furniture, large appliances and fixtures
- Luggage, bicycles, skis or ski boots

Please do not leave items outside of the Red Apple Recycling box.

Thank you for your support!



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 [cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com](mailto:cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com) or (303) 408-1649. The next newsletter deadlines are April. 22nd for ads, and April. 25th for articles.

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