Hi, Neighbor!

Joel Noble, CPN President

After what seems like a month of rain, the neighborhood is looking green and the reservoirs are full, ready to start the summer. Please make visiting our parks part of your plans this season -- the more we use them, the better they get!

June Meeting

This month we've arranged another great collection of topics for our monthly meeting, following the pre-meeting with the police at 6:30pm. Starting at 7 p.m., we'll meet Tracy Weil, co-founder and Board Chair of the RiNo Arts District, and hear about the goals that are guiding the district as they make progress towards their business improvement district.

We'll also get an update from Larry Nelson on the Epworth Church renovation at 31st and Lawrence -- with such significant progress rehabilitating this important landmark, what’s coming next?

I'm sure you've heard the news stories about the continuing honeybee die-offs. This is a serious matter for the pollinators of so much of our food supply. Reg Foo with Sooky Foo Honey Company LLC & Urban Farms tends many hives throughout Denver, and is looking to establish more hives here in our neighborhood in order to strengthen the bee population. Might your back yard be a good place?

Joining us with short local-business introduction will be Ratio Beerworks (rescheduled from last month).

Cervantes Masterpiece Ballroom will also talk with us about better neighborhood coordination with their future events, following the Monday 4/20 event this year.

Finally, Curtis Park neighbor Josiah Johnson will introduce the Denver Street Flea Market, the only exclusively second-hand and used (think garage-sale style) Flea Market in Denver, with low cost table and booth rental space. It will be at 2500 Larimer, running on the third Saturday of each month from 9am-2pm starting June 20th and ending Oct. 17th.

Last Month's Meeting

Many thanks to Hugh Brown for leading last month’s meeting, where our guests covered diverse topics from 16th Street Mall events, on-street bike corrals for commercial corridors, and a marijuana center licensing change.

The police, Mayor’s office, Parks & Rec., and our Councilman’s office were all present for a discussion of the challenges at Sonny Lawson Park, which are being addressed in the short-term with on-site police presence and the expansion of HALO cameras. To make the improvement last, the community has to use the park, as unused parks are an invitation for trouble. Please see the special insert in the newsletter for upcoming events and how to get involved.

See you Thursday, June 4th for a big meeting packed into just 90 minutes!

Joel Noble
Important News and Information

Fourth of July Bunting Flags
This year we are once again asking and hoping that all of Curtis Park be “fancied up” with bunting, flags, and appropriate decorations for the Fourth of July. Our houses are just made for being decorated ladies!

Please visit United States Flag Store at www.United-States-Flag.com to order your flag. There is a $75 free shipping minimum so if you are interested, a group order will be placed. Please print and bring the order, a check made out to Julie Rubsam and drop it off at 2800 Curtis Street by June 7th. If you have questions, feel free to call (303) 292-3188. And, there are usually some choice items at the Dollar Store if you are looking for a better bargain!

Traffic Safety Projects This Summer
Several significant traffic safety projects in Curtis Park are planned by the city for this summer.

First is the neighborhood’s most frequent accident location - the merge of traffic from MLK to Champa at Downing. Part of the anticipated change is to reduce traffic to one lane on MLK with a right turn only lane to Downing.

Second, the Champa and Stout bike lanes will be improved to add protection for bikers and further encourage the use of these bike lanes to and from downtown.

Third, many increasingly dangerous intersections throughout the neighborhood are being studied. This is in response to neighbor concerns over the last year as development and more residents add to the volume of traffic. A long list of dangerous intersections was submitted to the city. Stout and Champa have long been a concern but now California, Curtis, Arapahoe, Lawrence and Larimer join the list.

Please contact Hugh Brown for more information at hughbrown4@gmail.com.

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Are you passionate about youth leadership, food justice and urban agriculture? Are you a N.E. Denver resident or native? Are you looking to roll up your sleeves, dig in, and make a meaningful contribution while learning alongside powerful youth leaders? If you said yes to any or all of these questions, GreenLeaf is looking for you!

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- Youth Development/social work experience
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- Financial management experience
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- N.E. Denver residents and natives
- Fundraising experience
- Diversity that aligns with the youth crew
- Youth/immigration/labor law expertise
- Understanding of and/or experience with food and social justice framework
- High-energy, self-directed go-getter
- Social connector
- Connecting across multiple oppressions

Please email lauramcgarry8@gmail.com if you are interested. Applications accepted through June 2015.

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Curtis Park Neighbors Donations
Please consider a donation to support the Curtis Park Neighbors. Please visit www.mkt.com/curtisparkneighbors to make your donation online, or drop off a check at 3162 Champa St. Thank You!

Property Valuations Jump
The Denver County assessor has mailed property tax valuations. The valuations reflect the cost of property during the period July 2012 through June 2014. Values have jumped more than 40% for many owners; the citywide average is nearly 30%. The valuations will be used to calculate 2016 property taxes.

Teen Curfew in Force
Enforcement of the teen curfew was stepped up starting April 3. Denver’s Curfew Ordinance prohibits youth from being in a public place or on public property from 11:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m., Sun. - Thurs., and 12:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m Fri. and Sat. Remind the young people under 18 in your life to follow the curfew.

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To purchase tickets online, please visit www.UnitedWayDenver.org/News/Colorado-United-Ways-Day-Rockies.

**Posner Center for International Development June Events**

Come eat a free lunch on us and learn about the work of one of our Tenants, Grassroots Global Development Foundation, at our Block Party Lunch, Wed., June 3rd 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Free and open to the Public. RSVP at www.PosnerCenter.org/Events

Please join us for the third and final installment of the Posner Center’s Biennial of the Americas Panel Series. Community NOW! will feature panelists from grassroots organizations Global Greengrants Fund, Trees, Water & People, Street Fraternity, Grassroots Global Development Foundation, and Village Earth, who will share their experiences directly engaging communities in their own development, here in Colorado and across the Americas. The event will take place on Tues., June 16th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public. RSVP at bit.ly/Community_NOW

**Curtis Park Block Party - Save the Date**

Join us for the 3rd Annual Curtis Park Block Party, Saturday, Aug. 1st from 4:30 p.m. till dark on the 2700 block of Curtis St.

Bring your own meat or vegetarian option to cook. There will be music, grills for cooking and activities for kids. All are welcome!

**Gilpin Montessori News**

Six students from Gilpin Montessori have received STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) Summer Camp Scholarships from Open World Learning (OWL) and the Montessori Academy of Colorado (MAC). Gilpin Montessori is most appreciative of this neighborhood partnership and the students are very excited about this opportunity.

Gilpin Montessori Public School is now accepting applications for our Primary Program (ages 3 -5) for the 2015-16 school year. Our Montessori Primary program honors each child’s unique development, fosters independent learners, emphasizes the whole child. Highly trained Montessori teachers, specific age-appropriate Montessori materials, and a consistent and supportive learning environment will help your child make the most of this important time of childhood.

Please contact the office by email at gilpinmontessori@gmail.com or call (720) 424-7140 for more information about our program and the application process.

**Make a double play this Father’s Day!**

Watch the Colorado Rockies take on the Milwaukee Brewers on Father’s Day weekend – and help support United Way on Sat. June 20th at Coors Field. First pitch at 2:10 p.m.

This annual event brings together family, friends and supporters of the entire Colorado United Way network to sit together in the LIVE UNITED section.

**SCFD Free Days**

**Denver Art Museum**
- Sat. June 6th

**Denver Botanic Gardens**
- Tues. June 2nd - Hatfield

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science**
- Mon. June 29th

**Children’s Museum**
- Tues. June 2nd 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Clyfford Still Museum**
- Fri. June 5th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fri. June 12th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fri. June 19th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fri. June 26th

Find out more at www.scfd.org
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/

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: CurtisParkNeighbors-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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Homeless Outreach
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Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison
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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 or (303) 408-1649. The next newsletter deadlines are June 17th for ads, and June 20th for articles.

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