



## Hi, Neighbor!

*Joel Noble, CPN President*

July 2015

Summer has finally arrived, and we're into the bright warm days of events in our parks and around the city. I hope you're enjoying the beautiful season!

on the grills. There will be music and activities for kids.

### No General Meeting in July

As a reminder, we traditionally take July off from our monthly meeting schedule, as so many people are on vacation or otherwise taking advantage of the season. We'll be back in August on our normal first-Thursday schedule!

### July Reminder: Fireworks Are Illegal in Denver

Please remember that all fireworks are illegal in Denver, outside of approved professional events. Especially now that we're past the extended rainy season and the hot summer has begun, the fire danger posed by fireworks is very real. A violation can result in a fine of up to \$999 and/or up to one year in jail.

### Last Month's Meeting

At our June meeting, Tracy Weil, co-founder of the RiNo Art District gave a packed audience an overview of the history and goals of the district, and an update on the business improvement district and general improvement district formation which have been approved by City Council and will be on the ballots in November for people in those areas.

Larry Nelson shared an update on the renovation of the Epworth Church, which is looking for restaurant and office tenants as the space becomes ready over the next few months.

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### No Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting in July

*Happy Summer!*

### Third Annual Curtis Park Block Party

2700 Block of Curtis

Saturday, August 1st

4:30 p.m. - dark

Everyone Welcome!

see back page for more details

### Next CPN General Meeting

Thursday, August 6th

2543 California Street

6:30 p.m. Police Update

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting

### CPN Board Meeting

Monday, July 13th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

2543 California St

Open to all Neighbors

Earlier in the month, the official grand opening of the Mestizo-Curtis Park Playground was held on Saturday, June 6th, with Mayor Hancock, Councilman Brooks, and leaders from Denver Parks and Rec., The Trust for Public Land, and many other groups on hand for the celebration. Neighbors who were involved in pulling together the groups and resources needed for this work were recognized, most notably Geraldolyn Horton-Harris who was the neighborhood's driving force. Although she will soon be moving to another city, Geraldolyn has left a lasting legacy in Denver's first park, as you can see by the crowds of kids making use of the playground. Thank you, Geraldolyn!

In late June we had an incredible convergence of activity in the neighborhood, with Juneteenth, coordinated yard sales, a flea market, a rugby clinic the park, a RedLine-sponsored community art day in Eddie Maestas park, and more – all on the same day! Many thanks to Mimi Lee and all the neighbors who organized the yard sale event! Mimi tells me that this will become an annual event with coordinated advertising. What a great new neighborhood tradition!

Speaking of wonderful traditions, everyone is invited to the **Third Annual Curtis Park Block Party** on the 2700 block of Curtis Street on **Saturday, August 1st from 4:30 p.m. until dark.** Bring your

## Hi, Neighbor! (continued)

The owners of Cervantes Masterpiece Ballroom on Welton Street talked about lessons learned from the “4/20” event on Monday April 20th, and committed to no longer holding outdoor festivals on week-days.

Josiah Johnson introduced the Denver Street Flea Market, which held its first event on the corner of 25th and Larimer in June, and will be expanding to the parking garage at 27th and Blake with 200+ vendors, food trucks, rooftop music and games, and more on June 27th and 28th from noon-7:00 p.m. each day. Visit [www.denverflea.com](http://www.denverflea.com) to follow the success of this venture.

Although the Sooky Foo Honey Company was a no-show for the meeting, several neighbors are thrilled to have honeybee hives in their back yards, maintained by owner Reg Foo. Look them up online if you're interested in an easy way to support bees in your yard.

Have a fun July, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

-Joel Noble

## Fireworks Shows

**Independence Eve**, is a free community celebration featuring a concert, light show and fireworks display on Fri., July 3rd in Civic Center Park (Colfax & Broadway) beginning at 8:00 p.m. The concert will feature patriotic and contemporary favorites from local funk sensation Funkiphino and the 101st Army Concert Band from Buckley Air Force Base.

Fireworks shows on the 4th of July will be held at Sports Authority Field at Mile High after the Denver Outlaws game and at Elitch Gardens at dusk.

The Colorado Rockies will have a fireworks show after the game on July 10th.

## Important News and Information

### Downtown Denver

#### Meet in the Street

The Downtown Denver Partnership invites the public to visit the 16th Street Mall for five Sundays this summer, **June 28th, July 5th, July 19th, August 2nd and August 9th**, for Meet in the Street, an event connecting the 16th Street Mall as a shared public space activated through live music, kids' activities, extended patios and arts and culture. The program is funded by the Downtown Denver Business Improvement District.

Programming will take place between **11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on the Mall between Tremont and Lawrence Streets**, and will vary each week to include live music, games and spaces to relax and unwind. Restaurants, including Rialto, Willie G's, Marlowe's, Paramount Café, Tilted Kilt and Appaloosa are also offering specials or extended patio hours which may occur outside of this time and location.

For details about specific programming for each date, follow **#MeetintheStreet** on Twitter (@DowntownDenver), Instagram (@Downtown\_Denver) and Facebook.

### Read About Denver Development at DenverInfill

The web site [www.DenverInfill.com](http://www.DenverInfill.com) is celebrating its tenth anniversary in July. The site is the best online resource for tracking larger projects (typically row house size and larger) in the downtown

and near-downtown area, including Five Points-Curtis Park. Recently, updates on projects along Welton Street, in central downtown, in Lower Highland, and on the Auraria campus have kept readers informed about the projects we might otherwise see but not know about.

The sites were created and are maintained by Ken Schroepel, an urbanist, planner, and college instructor who lives and works in Downtown Denver. A network of contributors helps provide information on projects, photos, and articles. DenverInfill has become an indispensable source of information about our changing city. Check it out!

Want to know more about projects in and near Curtis Park specifically, and to participate in Denver Landmark design review input? Join the CPN Design Review committee -- see the back page for details.

### Council Considering Three Measures for November Ballot

(excerpted from an article by Councilwoman Robin Kniech)

#### 1. Measure to Revitalize the National Western Center

The proposed revitalization would feature a 10,000 seat arena to replace the existing Coliseum, new trade show and equestrian facilities, new conference, classroom, and community space - including a food and artisan market, as well as other business

and agricultural uses. Voters will be asked for permission to extend an existing lodger's tax to fund construction and improvements of the National Western Center, as well as improvements to the Convention Center to keep it competitive into the future.

#### 2. Measure to Ratify Airport Agreement Between Denver and Adams County

Denver and Adams County reached an agreement in June to amend the 1988 Inter-Governmental Agreement that paved the way for construction of Denver International Airport. The amendment expands development potential and creates revenue sharing near Denver's International Airport (DIA). The amended agreement would make possible a 1,500-acre "pilot program" on which DIA could locate a wider spectrum of commercial uses than currently allowed under the 1988 agreement, bringing new development opportunities and thousands of jobs to the area.

#### 3. Measure to Keep All Marijuana Revenue

In 2014, due to unprecedented growth in the overall economy, as well as strong performance by the retail marijuana industry, Denver collected more in retail marijuana taxes than expected, for a total of \$5.29 million. The Tax Payers Bill of Rights (TABOR) requires the city to refund the excess collected unless we get "later voter approval" to keep the full amount.

## Other Interesting and Important News

### Posner Poverty Hack

July 15th-17th, the Posner Center is partnering with the Biennial of the Americas to host the Posner Poverty Hack. We'll have folks from all backgrounds (tech, business, government) working together to competitively group problem solve solutions to challenges faced by three of our Tenant organizations in their work fighting poverty in communities around the world.

All neighbors are encouraged to join us for the opening happy hour kick off on **Wed., July 15th at 7:00 p.m.** We are very aware of parking issues in the neighborhood and the added stress that events like this can cause. Rest assured that we are strongly encouraging all participants to use alternative forms of transportation, and are offering discounts through Lyft and B-Cycle.

For event details and registration, visit [www.PovertyHack.PosnerCenter.org](http://www.PovertyHack.PosnerCenter.org). We hope you'll join us!

### Patio at The Point

As construction ends, Coffee at The Point is planning a celebration of Grand Opening of its patio, **Patio at The Point**.

In celebration of recent renovations, mimosas and all things summertime, Coffee at The Point will be throwing a two-day party to introduce the new and improved Patio at The Point!

Our Grand Opening of Patio at The Point will kick off with an all-night Happy Hour on Fri., July 10th and then continue with a family-friendly celebration on Sat., July 11th complete with the kick off of Mimosas and Bloody Marys, free appetizers, drink specials, \$1 Scoop Gelato, highlight of our unique Craft Beer & Wine selection, **live music** and much much more.

Patio at The Point is the coffee & wine lounge's 900 square feet space dressed with umbrellas and lighting. The patio space is one of the biggest in the revitalizing and thriving area.

### Gilpin Montessori

#### Summer Garden Program

On Tues., June 9th, The Gilpin Summer Garden Program started. This program, open to all elementary aged children in the greater Five Points community, is being held every Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Gilpin Gardens now through August 18th.

The Program consists of not only planting, maintaining and harvesting crops within 12 themed garden beds, but also incorporates lessons and activities in art, science, history, geography, cooking, and entrepreneurship.

The program will also be holding a Youth Farmer's Market at The Big Wonderful in August, with help from the Five Points Rotary Club as well as Denver Urban Gardens, where participating children will showcase their produce for sale to the community.

The Garden team has also applied for a \$15,000 Gardens for Good grant through Nature's Path. This grant will help the school with necessary funding to take over the Denver Middle/High School's farm which is being vacated at the end of this summer as they move to their new building at Smedley. It will also help us expand the garden programming at Gilpin as well as expand our Youth Farmer's Market for the entire 2016 season, benefiting the entire community.

## SCFD Free Days



### Denver Botanic Gardens

- Tues. July 7th - at Chatfield
- Tues. July 21st

### Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- Sun. July 26th

### Cherry Creek Arts Festival

- Fri. July 3rd & Sat. July 4th  
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Sun. July 5th 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Children's Museum

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

### Clyfford Still Museum

- Fri. July 3rd, July 17th & July 26th  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fri. July 31st
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### Colorado Dragon Boat Festival at Sloan's Lake Park

- Sat. July 18th and Sun. July 19th

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

A big thanks to those that have voted! If you haven't already done so, your vote and support is much appreciated by visiting:

[www.Facebook.com/NaturesPath](http://www.Facebook.com/NaturesPath) or [www.NaturesPath.com/GardensforGood](http://www.NaturesPath.com/GardensforGood).

Email [monica.lubbart@gmail.com](mailto:monica.lubbart@gmail.com) or [plant.plate.create@gmail.com](mailto:plant.plate.create@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

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

The next Large Item pickup is July 27-31. For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

### Xcel Energy

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



# SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 1, 2015 4:30pm ‘till dark

## Join us for the 3rd Annual Curtis Park Block Party 2700 Block of Curtis St.

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Saturday, August 1, 2015 4:30pm ‘till dark

Bring your friends and family. All are welcome!

We’ll have music, grills for cooking and activities for the kids.

Bring your own meat or vegetarian option to cook and a side to share.

If you live on the block, please make sure to move your car by 11am.

For questions: [LAPIERREJR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LAPIERREJR@GMAIL.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 Monica Lubbert at [cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com](mailto:cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com) or (303) 408-1649. The next newsletter deadlines are July 22nd for ads, and July 25th for articles.

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