Hi, Neighbor!
Joel Noble, CPN President

Farewell to hot July, with the colorful bunting on houses around the neighborhood and the marvelous Independence Day children’s parade around the park. Hello to August, and welcome back our regular monthly schedule!

It’s a busy time in the neighborhood!

Larry Fullerton at Hope Communities has retired after six years as Executive Director, and friend to Curtis Park, and we wish him all the best.

Our community advisory committee in conjunction with the Denver Housing Authority is working on two significant projects at once — both the two-block for-sale, “net-zero energy use” housing above Sustainability Park, and now a new row home project on the 2300 block of Stout. DHA is also looking for proposals on 24th St. between Stout and California. The community gets lots of input into these developments, thanks to DHA — sign up for the “CAC” e-mail group (see back page) if you’d like to be involved.

The Urban Land Conservancy is selling the four-lot corner at 25th and Stout, so hopefully new neighbors will move to this long-vacant site sometime soon.

A coalition of neighbors, councilmembers, and former councilmembers have joined together to petition the city to name the new recreation center at Colfax and Josephine after our dear friend Councilwoman Carla Madison. CPN is sending a letter of support. You can learn more at www.NameItCarla.org.

The new owners of 2500 Arapahoe have been busily violating the law by operating a large residential care facility without a permit — they were given a “cease and desist” order just before we went to press, and we’ll see what happens next.

Congratulations and Thanks, Monica!
Monica Lubbert, former CPN Boardmember and editor of the Curtis Park Times for the past several years, and her husband Jeffrey, welcomed baby Leo Jameson Lubbert to the neighborhood on July 1st, and everyone is doing well. Congratulations, Monica and Jeffrey! With this new bundle of joy, Monica is stepping down from her diligent work with the newsletter. Please congratulate and thank her when you see her around the neighborhood!

This Month’s Meeting
We’ve got a great collection of local topics this month! Continuing on our theme of introducing local businesses, Randy’s Recycled Cycles has moved to 2301 Champa Street, co-located with Mile High Cycle Tours. A full-service bike store and repair shop, they’re well-located on one of the great bike routes in northeast Denver. We’ll hear about their store and what makes them unique.

Also on transportation, have you seen the Tuk Tuks around town? eTuk USA located right here in Five Points at 3860 Blake Street is the exclusive U.S. manufacturer and distributor of Amsterdam-based Tuk Tuk Factory designs, and in addition to their national sales, they’re starting to offer...
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in-town transportation in these all-electric eye-catching vehicles. Find out more more about Tuk Tuk’s plans for the Denver transportation scene!

Denver Parks and Rec. will join us, presenting the latest on The Outdoor Downtown, a plan for Denver’s downtown parks and public spaces. This study was on hold for a few months, but is now back and looking for public input.

Amy Harmon with Urban Market Partners — the folks behind turning Weisco Motors into JunctionBox, home of Wonderful at Park Avenue and Lawrence — wants to get our thoughts on a bold proposal for the area near Welton, 20th Street, and Lincoln.

Finally, we’ll hear from an exploration committee for the Denver Center for Arts and Technology, modeled after Bill Strickland’s Manchester Bidwell school, focused on visual arts for high school students after school and vocational training for adults 18+. Both programs are geared toward ending the cycle of poverty for families in the communities served by the center.

I hope to see you on Thursday, August 6th, at 6:30 p.m. for the police update or at 7 p.m. for the main agenda!  
- Joel Noble

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**Neighborhood News and Information**

**Farm Stand at Sustainability Park Opening Soon**

The farm stand at the Sustainability Park, 25th and Lawrence, will be opening soon. It’s a great place to get fresh veggies grown on site. For some veggies you can go right out to the field to select what you want. GreenLeaf’s market is on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon; Produce Denver and Granata Farms are on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As you can imagine it’s been a challenging year for growing food -- we’ve had hail, pounding rains, ruinous winds, but the plants are recovering and producing — later than usual, but producing. Watch for the announcement of our opening date on the Curtis Park e-mail group and Facebook group, and the Facebook pages for GreenLeaf and the Urban Farmers Collaborative.

In the mean time if Eric with Produce Denver, or Elaine, with Granata Farms, are at the farm they will harvest for you any day of the week.

Come support your neighborhood farm — unfortunately this is the last summer that this will be possible — next year the farm will be a construction site for new development.

**Artist Reception at Coffee at the Point**

The paintings of Abbas Khajeian will be on display and for sale at Coffee at the Point, one of Denver’s most up and coming coffee hot spots located in Five Points. An artist reception will be held on Saturday, August 15th from 6:30 - 9 p.m., with live music starting at 7 p.m.

Iranian-born Abbas Khajeian holds a PHD in education and had a career as professor when, at 56 years of age, he suffered a stroke causing him to lose the use of his right side. When a person suffers a health trauma it can force unwelcome and distressing life changes like giving up a career or other interests. Some turn to creative pursuits as a therapeutic outlet. As he looked for a new way to spend his time and prevail over his new physical limitations, Abbas turned to the art of mosaics, renovating his entire patio into a garden of colorful tiles. Abbas then opened a studio in the Art District on Santa Fe creating and teaching mosaics, finding solace in spending time in the company of other artists. Recently, the physicality of the craft became too much for him and he turned his attention to painting.

Khajeian’s abstracts are inspired by Persian poetry, east/west philosophy, Persian miniature paintings and the colors of Iranian life. He believes colors and textures are the ashes from which an artist is resurrected again and again and through them he seeks to “plumb the depth of the abyss we call life”. The daily struggles of his physical condition can still affect his outlook and he makes great efforts to create, stay social and appreciate the beauty of life’s imperfections.

**Story Time at Mestizo-Curtis Park Pool**

The Friends of Mestizo-Curtis Park group, in conjunction with the Denver Public Library and Denver Parks & Rec, is working to read to neighborhood children throughout the summer.

The pool has a break at 3 p.m. every day, at which time we are having community members come in to read to the kids for 30 minutes. A light snack is provided on most days. Story time will continue as long as the pool is open this year, which may be extended until August 23rd.

Donations to support the story time snacks are welcome — contact Erin Hackley at ehackley@gmail.com or bring a check by during story time. You can also help the pools restock their supply of swimsuits for children. Bring new, clean suits to either the Mestizo-Curtis Park or Glenarm Rec Center pools. Thank you!
Other Interesting and Important News

Public Meeting on Improvements to St. Charles Rec. Center
Denver Parks & Recreation invites feedback from the community regarding the building and site draft plans for potential future improvements to the St. Charles Recreation Center.

Please come to a public meeting on Tuesday, August 18th from 6:30-8 p.m. at the St. Charles Rec. Center (3777 Lafayette Street).

For more information, please contact Gordon Robertson, Park Planning Director at 720-913-0615 or gordon.robertson@denvergov.org.

eThos All-Electric Car Share Coming to Five Points

Through a grant funded by the Regional Air Quality Council, e’Thos plans to install a dual charging station and place two all-electric Coda Sedans in the Coffee at The Point garage. Community members will be able to use these cars on an hourly basis for their local and regional driving needs.

e’Thos’ rates range from $4.50 to $7 per hour depending on the hours logged by members. Members can choose from e’Thos’ fleet of electric vehicles, which includes the Coda Sedan, the Nissan LEAF, the Chevy Spark EV or even a Tesla Model S. For more information, visit www.ethoscarshare.com

Denver Museum of Nature & Science — Free Admission for MY Denver Card Holders all Summer

Mayor Michael B. Hancock has announced another expansion to the MY Denver Card program. Beginning June 2nd and extending through Aug. 23rd, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science will provide free admission to all MY Denver Card holders.

Launched in 2013, MY Denver Card offers free, year-round access to Denver’s 25 recreation centers and 29 pools, multiple arts, science and cultural venues, and serves as a library card for more than 100,000 Denver children ages 5 to 18.

MY Denver Card has become a national model for keeping children engaged in positive activities when school is not in session. The program was made possible by Denver voters’ overwhelming support in 2012 of Measure 2A to restore funding for a number of city programs.

Learn more about the MY Denver Card program and its benefits at www.denvergov.org/mydenvercard

Deals on Solar & on Electric Vehicles

The City has partnered with VoteSolar and a number of other counties in Colorado to offer a group discount for home solar installations and electric vehicles for a limited time! By having a large number of residents install solar at once, selected contractors will bring down the cost of these systems. They are also working with electric vehicle manufacturers to bring down the costs of an electric vehicle purchase for this offer.

This offer will be available mid-August through mid-October. Contact the Denver Energy Challenge at 720-865-5520 to have an energy advisor alert you when it officially launches.

Find out what else the Denver Energy Challenge can do for you, including free energy advice by neutral, trusted advisors. Visit www.denverenergy.org.

SCFD Free Days

Denver Botanic Gardens
- Tues. August 4th - at Chatfield
- Mon. August 31st

Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Mon. August 17th

Denver Art Museum
- Sat. August 1st

Children’s Museum
- Tues. August 4th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Clyfford Still Museum
- Fri. Aug. 7th, 14th, 21st, 5-8 p.m.
- Fri. Aug. 28th, all day

Find out more at www.scfd.org

Developing the Vision — River North Park at Arkins Court & 35th Ave

The City of Denver is launching a community engagement process for River North Park, working with the community to share ideas and a vision for what the park will become.

The site for the park is located at the corner of Arkins Court and 35th Ave., along the South Platte River. In addition to the park itself, the City staff will also work with the community to develop concepts for a pedestrian promenade from 29th to 38th Avenue along Arkins Court.

Our first open house will be held on Thursday, August 13, 5:30-7:30 pm, at the Summit Church, 3300 Larimer. This open house will be an opportunity to share ideas on what the community can imagine and envision for the park and promenade. Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations Mile High United Way on LEED Gold Certification!

The new Mile High United Way headquarters in Curtis Park, at Park Avenue & Stout, has received Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the US Green Building Council.

The project team was able to surpass the original goal of LEED Silver and obtain Gold while maintaining the project’s cost and schedule. Congratulations!
Curtis Park Neighbors 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: 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.

Denver City Council
District 8
Albus Brooks, (720) 337-8888
Albus.Brooks@denvergov.org
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Police
Emergencies: Dial 911
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RTD
(303) 299-6000
www.RTD-Denver.com

Elected Representative
Barbara Deadwyler, (720) 273-9520
Barbara.Deadwyler@denvergov.org

Trash Pickup - Large Items
The next Large Item pickup is Sept 7-11. For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

Xcel Energy
Electric Emergency/Power Outage
(800) 895-1999

Gas Emergency / Gas Odor
(800) 895-2999

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 us at cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com or (303) 332-8640. The next newsletter deadlines are Aug. 19th for ads, and Aug 22nd for articles.

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