Hi, Neighbor!
Joel Noble, CPN President

As I’m writing this, the evenings are hazy with the smoke from northwestern fires, giving us not only some spectacular sunsets but also real trouble for those with asthma. I hope by the time you’re reading this that we have our clear skies back, and that you’re out enjoying the cooler turn as we leave the heat of the summer. The cherries are gone from the supermarkets, and it won’t be too long before pumpkin spice makes its seasonal return!

Last Month’s Meeting
What a great, full meeting we had last month! Randy’s Recycled Cycles at 2301 Champa told us about their cycle repair and sales, while neighborhood business eTuk USA brought a demonstration of their electric Tuk Tuks, now providing street-hail service in the downtown area, and which will soon expand into a call/dispatch operation with a mobile app.

Denver Parks and Rec. provided an update on the Outdoor Downtown planning process for parks and open space — look for upcoming public meetings as that process continues. The group exploring bringing one of the incredible Manchester Bidwell schools to Denver provided a preview of their initial findings, and it looks promising that the program of visual arts for high school students after school and vocational training for adults 18+ will find support in Denver.

Finally, Amy Harmon with Urban Market Partners shared an early vision for the complex area where Lincoln Ave. meets 20th Ave. near Welton.

This Month’s Meeting
The major topic for this month’s meeting is the application for a Dance Cabaret license for the Savoy at 2700 Arapahoe Street. If issued, this license in conjunction with the existing “tavern” class liquor license, would effectively allow this location to become a nightclub, hosting public events with music and dancing beyond its existing regular use for private events and classes. We’ll hear from Katie Scotten and Christopher Jones, managers, and Irene Taras, business and property owner, and vote on CPN’s position for this license per our normal process.

Election season is coming up, and we’ve been contacted by several candidates already. Running for District Attorney, Michael Carrigan and Beth McCann will make brief introductions, and for Denver School Board District 5 we’ll meet Michael Kiley. As a reminder, CPN can’t and will not endorse candidates, but will welcome all whose sought offices or districts relate to our neighborhood to make introductions with equal time.

The former Deep Rock warehouse at 25th and Welton will finally see some activity, with Four Winds Interactive, headquartered at 1221 Broadway, using it for warehouse and support facilities. Cuyler Van De Carr will share with us what they do, and we can expect to see as we welcome them to our neighborhood.

The relatively new Denver Office of Special Events will be introduced by Grace Lopez Ramirez, Community Affairs Liaison.

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Finally, furthering the amazing collection of transportation options in central Denver that have arrived in just the past few years, we’ll meet Tim Prior, founder of eThos Electric Car Share, the nation’s first all-electric car share operator, based in Golden, CO. eThos will soon have an electric car available for members to use located in the parking garage behind Coffe at the Point.

More Concentrated Poverty?
Despite repeated assurances from the City and from the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) that no further concentration of homeless services would come to Arapahoe Square, CCH recently applied for and was awarded a grant to develop a 100-unit complex to serve the chronically homeless, on Stout Street directly across Broadway from their existing buildings, further increasing the concentration of poverty in that small area. We’re working with our Councilman and CCH to see if a better location for these services can be found. The land is valuable, and selling it would provide funds to pursue the project in a less-burdened site. Stay tuned.

I hope to see you on Thursday, September 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. for the police update or at 7 p.m. for the main agenda!

- Joel Noble

Information

Fall Activities at the Stout Street Children’s Park
This fall we will have our 6th Annual Great Pumpkin Party and Halloween Trick or Treat event at the Stout Street Children’s Park. Join us Sunday October 25th for pumpkin carving in the park at 1 p.m. We will carve 100 pumpkins to display in the park on Halloween night.

Join us Halloween night at the Stout Street Children’s Park for games and treats and a costume parade for children and pets at our 6th Annual Halloween Party, Saturday October 31st from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

The day after Halloween on Sunday November 1st, come back to the Children’s Park to celebrate Dia De Los Muertos from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Buy some spring flower bulbs and celebrate Dia De Los Muertos Curtis Park-style by helping neighbors plant flowers in our parks and remember those who have passed. In the spring the parks will bloom with the beauty of all the flowers we planted in their memory.

If you’d like to help organize any of the above events please contact John Hayden at (303) 297-3994 or at haydenpryor@msn.com.

San Rafael Home Tour!
On Saturday, October 3rd from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the historic Old San Rafael neighborhood is hosting its second annual home tour to raise funds for Gilpin Montessori Public School.

The 2015 Old San Rafael Home Tour will showcase a selection of beautiful and unique homes – each chosen based on its architectural and historical merits.

Come and tour some fantastic homes, enjoy live jazz music and complimentary wine and snacks!

Find more information and purchase tickets at www.osrhometour.org

17th Annual Mile High United Way “Women United” Luncheon
Join over 1,000 community and business leaders from the Metro Denver area for an inspirational luncheon hosted by Mile High United Way’s Women United.

Featuring the first Asian-American reporter to win a Pulitzer Prize, Sheryl WuDunn has journeyed through several industries, from banking to journalism and book writing, pulling together critical insights to bear upon her work. WuDunn has used her immense talent as a writer, speaker and thought leader to advocate for those without the resources to advocate for themselves.

Proceeds from the Women United Luncheon support Mile High United Way’s work in the community, providing opportunities by focusing on childhood literacy, student success and financial stability for families.

- Wednesday, October 7, 2015,
- 11:45 a.m – 1 p.m.
- Denver Marriott City Center,
- 1701 California St.

More info at:
www.unitedwaydenver.org/women-united-luncheon

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GreenLeaf Farm-Raiser & Harvest Celebration
The Sustainability Park growing area will be closed for a growing season as the site is rearranged and re-graded, so GreenLeaf has decided to relocate to a new farm, and they need your help!

On September 19th from 5-9 p.m., join them at Sustainability Park (2500 Lawrence) for an evening of fun, celebrating the 2015 harvest, and learning all about the new farm site! This is a family friendly event with farm tours and games, tasty local food and drinks, and an exciting silent auction. After the GreenLeaf Youth-Led program at 7 p.m., dance your plants off at the post-harvest dance party!

Tickets start at $15, but prices go up September 1st, so get yours now by visiting www.bit.ly/GLFarmRaiser

To learn more about GreenLeaf, visit www.GreenLeafDenver.org. For local businesses that would like to learn about sponsorship opportunities or donations of other goods or services for the silent auction, please contact Cody@GreenLeafDenver.org.

We’re in Council District 9
Just a reminder — following the latest Council redistricting, we’re in Council District 9 now. See the back page for updated contact information.

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Coffee at the Point Updates
Coffee at The Point has been nominated as America’s Best Coffeehouse. The coffee shop needs your help as voting ends on September 13th. You can vote by going to www.CoffeeAtThePoint.com.

On Tuesday, September 15th, Coffee at The Point is hosting a Free Wine Tasting, featuring seven excellent wines. There will be complimentary Cheese and Charcuterie plus Happy Hour pricing all night.

At Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, September 26, all day, the venue will feature live music, drink specials, beer tasting, and much more.

September is Library Month — flush your Denver Public Library Card and get 10% off your order (excluding alcohol). In addition, flush your library card on Tuesday, September 15th and get a free 12oz coffee.

Coffee at The Point features live music on Saturdays from 7 - 9 p.m., and Sundays from 2 - 4 pm.

New & Improved Recycling Directory
Denver Recycles’ new and improved Recycling Directory helps residents learn where all types of materials can be recycled, even if they can’t be recycled in the purple carts!

Simply enter an item into the directory to find out whether it belongs in a purple recycling cart, a green compost cart (where available) or whether there are other local options for drop-off recycling or reuse.

With recycling and reuse options for well over 100 different types of materials, this directory will help you find outlets for just about anything from old batteries, to used clothes, to scrap metal, to gasoline and much, much more! The directory is included in the Denver Trash and Recycling phone app and is also available at www.DenverGov.org/RecyclingDirectory.

Saturday Bike Riding Now Allowed on the 16th Street Mall
An ordinance change approved by Denver City Council now allows people to ride bikes on the 16th Street mall transit way on Saturdays and Sundays. Previously, bikes were only allowed on the mall on Sundays. Denver Public Works has installed signage on the mall to indicate the new rules.

People riding bikes on the mall on Saturday and Sunday should be aware that they are sharing the transit way with RTD shuttle buses. Cyclists are also urged to be mindful of all traffic laws and are prohibited from riding on the sidewalk unless they are mounting or dismounting to park.

The ordinance change to allow bikes on the mall was sponsored by Denver City Councilman Albus Brooks, with strong support from the Downtown Denver Partnership.

RiNo Park Survey
Denver Parks & Recreation, in partnership with the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative, is seeking input and ideas to help create an iconic, inspirational design for River North (RiNo) Park. RiNo Park is located at the intersection of 35th and Delgany streets, along the Platte River. Envisioned to be a center for culture and recreation, the park will highlight local arts, sustainability, and enhance the ecology of the river corridor.

Tell them what you’d like to see in River North Park by taking the survey at www.RiNoParkDenver.com/survey-2. The survey will close September 5th.

Learn more about this project at www.RiNoParkDenver.com. Contact brian.wethington@denvergov.org or nhorst@wenkl.com with questions.

SCFD Free Days

Denver Botanic Gardens
- Wed. September 9th

Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Sun. September 27th

Denver Art Museum
- Sat. September 5th & 12th

Children’s Museum
- Tues. Sept. 1st, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Clyfford Still Museum
- Fri. Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th 5-8 p.m.
- Fri. Sept. 25th, all day

Find out more at www.scdf.org

Metro Denver Health Care Job Fair to be held Aug. 26
Career opportunities within metro Denver’s growing health care sector will be the focus of an upcoming job fair offered by several regional workforce development agencies. The Metro Denver Health Care Job Fair will be held August 26, 2015, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec St. in Denver.

More than 40 health care firms will be recruiting at this free event, including Denver Health, Centura Health, Kaiser Permanente, Sunrise at Orchard Assisted Living, SOS Healthcare Staffing and others. Participating organizations have listed more than 1,200 open positions, ranging from medical directors and physicians to home health care providers and health care support.

Job seekers who have completed preparation activities through their local workforce center will have early access to the fair from 1 to 1:30 p.m., along with all veterans. The doors will open to the general public at 1:30 p.m.


The job fair is offered by the Denver, Jefferson, Arapahoe/Douglas, and Adams County workforce centers in collaboration with the Greater Denver Metro Denver Healthcare Partnership.
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 encourage participation in the 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 Sept. 16th for ads, and Sept. 19th for articles.

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

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