Hello, Neighbor!

Joel Noble, CPN President

When the days get shorter in the fall, it always surprises me how quickly the change occurs. The aspens in the mountains are turning, the nights are cooler, and the colors of the sunrise in the sky can be seen without getting up early. It’s good to be in Colorado in the fall!

Last Month’s Meeting

Our September meeting was packed with info, and full to overflowing with neighbors!

After hearing introductions from candidates for School Board and Denver District Attorney, we had a great orientation to an expanding Colorado business that will activate the former Deep Rock warehouse on 25th and Welton. Four Winds Interactive, makers of all kinds of interactive displays for indoor and outdoor use, will be moving in over the next couple of months, and bringing much-needed activity and stability to that corner. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Grace Lopez Ramirez with the Denver Office of Special Affairs provided a good overview of this new office, and the work being done to ensure that the growing number of events in our parks and on our streets are well-managed.

Perhaps the biggest draw of the evening was the management of the Savoy at 27th and Arapahoe. To the great relief of many nearby residents, they announced that they would no longer pursue a dance cabaret license for the location. We look forward to working with them on an agreement for how their operations and the neighborhood can coexist more successfully. As a reminder, the Savoy can apply for up to ten “special events” permits per year, so an agreement on how noise and security will be handled, among other things, remains a priority.

This Month’s Meeting

This month, we welcome two more candidates for elected office. Robert Speth is running for a Denver School Board’s at-large seat, and Kenneth Boyd is running for Denver District Attorney. Each will be given five minutes for introductions. As a reminder, CPN cannot and will not endorse candidates, but will welcome all whose sought offices or districts relate to our neighborhood to make introductions with equal time.

Also ballot-related, we’ll hear from Anthony Grimes with the “A Smart Deal for Denver” campaign, supporters of the 2C ballot measure to create the National Western Center by extending the current 1.75% visitors tax on hotel rooms and car rentals.

David Zucker, Principal with Zocalo Community Development, will give us an early look at a major new project in Arapahoe Square (between Curtis Park and downtown). Called A-Square, it will host the new headquarters of Rocky Mountain PBS. It will contain a 500-seat theatre, performance space, the new broadcast studios of jazz station KUVO; the Downtown Expeditionary School’s middle school; a mixed-income residential property and a food hall.

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The last half-hour of our meeting will be a presentation and in-depth review of significant bike facility improvements on Champa and Stout. This new design should increase biking safety and comfort, reduce speeding, make it easier for pedestrians to cross Stout, and finally address the very dangerous lane merge at the top of Champa.

Please bring your knowledge and experience of Champa and Stout as the Public Works team, led by Rachael Bronson, will be rolling out big maps of the two streets and asking us to highlight any special considerations we need them to pay attention to. Expect a highly-interactive session!

Could You Be Our Next Editor?
Do you have ideas for taking the Curtis Park Times to the “next level”? An inspiration to inform? A talent for typography? A love of layout? The rhythm of reportage? Or do you have dedication and an interest in gaining publishing experience?

If you're interested in finding out about becoming the editor of our monthly neighborhood newsletter, please contact Joel at (303) 332-8640. You'll be supported by our wonderful network of volunteers who deliver the newsletter on their blocks each month, and an active community and Board with regular ideas for important stories.

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

Neighborhood News and Information
Save the Iris! Save the Iris!
The land at the corner of Curtis and 29th Streets, that has served as a community garden for the past several years, will soon become the site for a residential development. Outside the current chain-link fence are numerous iris plants that need to be rescued if they are to survive. Iris — sometimes called “the poor man’s orchid” — are easily dug and moved. All they need to perform well is a good sunny spot and sufficient water.

If you need help digging the plants, or want information about them, call Bill West at (303) 295-6284.

Information
Curtis Park Walking Tour: Oct 11
The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF), a national non-profit organization, sponsors weekend tours in cities across the country, that highlight the importance and history of their parks and landscapes.

On the weekend of Oct. 10-11, the Foundation has organized a number of tours here in Denver, among them a walking tour of Curtis Park on Sunday, Oct. 11th, to be led by Bill West. The Curtis Park tour will begin at 11:00 am at the corner of Champa and 27th Streets.

For information on all the tours planned for the weekend, go to the TCLF’s website at www.TCLF.org. All tours are free.

Coffee at the Point is a Finalist
Coffee at The Point is a finalist for the America’s Best Coffeehouse Competition!

The competition was developed to determine and acknowledge the three best coffeehouses regionally in North America. All coffeehouses in the U.S. and Canada may apply to compete. The competition is broken into three regions that compete once per year. The competition includes an application process with three minute video, fan voting, and professional judges/secret shoppers. A three member team from Coffee at The Point will compete in Portland, Oregon, October 23-25. Stay tuned for the results!

Commuter Rail Testing at Full Speed
The Regional Transportation District (RTD) and its contractor Denver Transit Partners (DTP) will now be testing commuter rail trains along the East Rail (A) Line from the 40th & Airport Station to 40th Avenue and York Street at a maximum allowable speed of 79 m.p.h., which will continue through the rest of testing and into permanent operations.

Although trains have been testing at 79 m.p.h along the Peña Boulevard stretch of the A Line, the public can now expect to see the train traveling much faster through the crossings.

Speed limits for the trains vary depending on where it is traveling. No matter what the speed of the train, safety at the crossings and discouraging trespassing are RTD’s key priorities during testing.

The public is asked to be patient as RTD tests the trains through these crossings. The gate arms are scheduled to only be down 2-3 minutes, but for safety reasons the gate arms could stay down longer in order for RTD and DTP engineers to ensure that the intersections are safely cleared during this phase of the project.

For more information on this phase of testing commuter rail, contact Tara Bettable at tara.bettable@rtd-denver.com, (303) 299-2641. For more safety info, see www.rtd-fastracks.com/main_242
Fall Events at Stout Street Children’s Park

Celebrate Fall in Curtis Park with three annual events:

**Sunday October 25th, 3pm-5pm:**
The 6th Annual Great Pumpkin Carving Party
Join neighbors at the Stout Street Children’s Park to carve Jack-o-Lanterns for Halloween. We will have over 100 pumpkins in the patch this year to choose from.

Enjoy apple cider and Fall treats. Prizes will be given for the scariest, happiest and over all best Pumpkins.

The Jack-o-Lanterns will be used to light up the park on Halloween for the annual Curtis Park Halloween Party.

**Saturday October 31st, 4pm to 6pm:**
6th Annual Curtis Park Trick-or-Treat Party
Start Trick-or-Treating off right with the 6th Annual Curtis Park Halloween Party at the Stout Street Children’s Park.

There will be games and treats for Children of all ages and this year we will add the Costume Parade for Children and Pets. The parade will start at 5:15pm to get the Trick-or-Treating started.

For more information about any of these events, contact John Hayden at (303) 297-3994 or at haydenpryor@msn.com.

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**Save the Date**

**Ground Breaking Event**

Central Denver Recreation Center
Monday, November 2, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Please join Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Denver Parks & Recreation, and Denver Public Works for the groundbreaking of the highly anticipated Central Denver Recreation Center.

Located at the intersection of Colfax Avenue and Josephine Street.

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**SCFD Free Days**

Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Mon. October 19th

Denver Art Museum
- Sat. October 3rd

Denver Firefighters Museum
- Sat. October 10th

Clyfford Still Museum
- Fri. Oct. 2nd & 9th, 5-8 p.m.
- Fri. Oct. 30th, all day

Find out more at www.scfd.org

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**Outdoor Downtown Public Meeting**

Help shape the future of parks and outdoor spaces in Downtown Denver!

Thousands of people responded to The Outdoor Downtown survey. Let’s take the next step – come review the preliminary concept for the master plan and tell us what you think. This 20-year plan will focus on investment in Downtown parks and public spaces to enhance the quality of life and create a sustainable, vibrant, economically healthy and growing downtown.

- Tuesday, October 13th, 5-7 p.m.
- 1245 Champa Street
  (Commons on Champa)

For more information, visit www.TheOutdoorDowntown.com
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ATTENTION RESIDENTS!!

SPECIAL EVENT ROAD CLOSURES
OCTOBER 4, 2015

ROAD CLOSURES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 6AM - NOON

Road Closure Map and Times at www.hotchocolate15k.com/denver/road-closures

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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 us at cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com or (303) 332-8640. The next newsletter deadlines are Oct. 21st for ads, and Oct. 24th for articles.

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