



## Hi, Neighbors!

*John Hayden, CPN President*

March 2016

Starting with month's Curtis Park Neighbors meeting, we will be at a **new location** as we have outgrown our long time home at Hope Communities. Our meetings will now be at **Mile High United Way, 711 Park Ave. West** at Stout and Park Avenue. Enter through the CoBank entrance on the parking lot side of the building.

auto traffic & pollution in the neighborhood. Coffee at the Points will be providing refreshments. So come out on March 3rd at 7 p.m. for a very interesting evening. The Public Safety meeting with police will start at 6:30 p.m. prior to the general meeting.

### **Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting Thursday, March 3rd**

Mile High United Way, 711 Park Ave. West  
(Enter from parking lot at "CoBank" sign)

**6:30 p.m.** Police Update & Snacks

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Main Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Councilman Albus Brooks Update
3. Mile High Fitness - Kim Farmer
4. Champa/Stout Bike Lane Upgrades Presentation & Discussion - Denver Public Works
5. Open Topics

### **Arapahoe Square Rezoning Community Open House**

Wed. March 9th, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Stout Street Health Center, 2130 Stout

### **Please Support CPN**

Please consider a donation to support the Curtis Park Neighbors and this newsletter. You can make your tax-deductible contribution by visiting [www.mkt.com/curtisparkeighbors](http://www.mkt.com/curtisparkeighbors) or mail or drop off a check to our treasurer Todd McGuire at 3162 Champa St.

### **Next CPN General Meeting Thursday, Apr. 7th, 2016**

### **CPN Board Meeting**

Monday, Mar. 21st, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
2543 California St, Open to all

### **March Meeting**

At this month's meeting we will have an update on **District 9 news from Councilman Albus Brooks** and then a presentation and open house on creating healthy transportation alternative for the neighborhood. **Public Works will present options for upgrades to the Champa and Stout Bike Lanes.** Neighbors can see the plans and give input at the meeting. We will also have surveys on general transportation safety concerns in the neighborhood for people to fill out. This survey can also be taken online — see below. The survey will be open till March 15th. Public Works will use this information to decide what kinds of improvements for multi-modal transportation safety the city will make in Curtis Park over the coming year. We will also be gathering information from neighbors on what would make them more interested in biking and walking as part of an effort to encourage healthy transportation and a reduction in

### **Catholic Workers Fire**

We had a sad event last month as the Catholic Workers house at 24th and Welton burned early in the morning of January 28th. Fortunately all residents escaped the fire. There is now a gofundme campaign to help them build a new home. We will also be trying to figure out a good fundraiser for them. Please consider donating at [www.gofundme.com/uzgyumzg](http://www.gofundme.com/uzgyumzg)

### **Sonny Lawson Park Changes**

Finally, I hope that neighbors will enjoy the new dog off leash area **Parks and Recreation has installed at Sonny Lawson Park.** The area has trees, views and hills. **The children's area has also been expanded** after the initial pilot succeeded in making a safer, clean place for families with young children. Our parks are our neighborhood's living rooms and I encourage neighbors to think of ways to use them and engage people they might not ordinarily get the know when they visit the parks.

### **Mobility Study Survey Extended to Mar. 15th**

The City has asked Curtis Park Neighbors to conduct a survey of area residents to find out what are their biggest mobility / transportation related concerns. In the coming year Public Works will be using this survey information along with the

*Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan,* to implement improvements the neighborhood says are most important.

Please take the survey by Mar. 15th at [surveymonkey.com/r/curtisparkeighbors](http://surveymonkey.com/r/curtisparkeighbors)

# Neighborhood News, Events and Information

## Books & Brews Fundraiser

### for Reading Partners

Please join Reading Partners Colorado on **Thursday, March 3rd from 4 to 7 p.m.** at Spangalang Brewery, 2736 Welton Street in the Five Points neighborhood for our quarterly Brooks & Brews event! In addition to delicious craft brews and wonderful conversation, we will be hosting a drawing for some exciting raffle prizes!

\$1 from each beer sold will go directly towards Reading Partners, so whether you come to share stories with fellow tutors and Reading Partners Colorado staff, or just to unwind after a long Thursday, wed love to see you. Invite your friends, family, coworkers - the more the merrier!

## New Neighborhood Dog Park

by Sue Glassmacher

Parks & Rec. has killed three birds with one stone. We all know Sonny Lawson Park at 24th St. and California and Welton has been a drug dealers' market. The action mostly took place close to the ball park fence and in those berms.

Our neighborhood needed more dog park space. The new booming apartments being built on Welton will definitely need some open space and dog space. And drug dealers do not like fences and dog poop in their sales area.

## SCFD Free Days

### Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- Mon. March 7th

### Denver Art Museum

- Sat. March 5th
- Sat. April 2nd

### Denver Botanic Gardens

- Sat. March 19th

### Hudson Gardens

- Mon. March 28th

### Museum of Miniatures, Dolls, and Toys

- Sun. March 6th

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



The area near the ball park fence and berms is now a dog park. And the whole park is very quiet now. The dog park has a straight area 125 feet long, perfect for the dog who likes to play ball! The berms as well as the trees are still in place. It will have beautiful shade in the summer which will be welcomed by dogs and owners alike.

Check it out — your dog will thank you!

## Rotary Club

### Back to the 80s Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Five Points will host *Back to the 80s* - an indoor food truck party **from 6-11 p.m. on Saturday, April 2nd at the Glitter Dome, 3600 Wynkoop St.**

This free event will feature food trucks, live music, local artists, and craft drinks. Proceeds from the event will sustain Rotary's community engagement programs including the Shots for Tots and Teens clinic, the Books for Nooks literacy program, RAFT teacher events and more.



Please join us to celebrate the incredible support of our local businesses and community these past 6 years!

<http://bit.ly/80sfoodtruckparty>

## D-Line Apartments Update

by Paul Davidson

Following the presentation at the January meeting, a number of residents joined together regarding parking concerns with the D-line Microhousing development at 32nd and Stout.

On Feb. 11th, residents were able to meet with Councilman Brooks to learn the latest status of the project, and voice their concerns about building 55 units with no parking.

The project is currently in the Concept Review stage with the City. It will remain in this stage until it has Mass, Form and Context approval from the Landmark Preservation Commission. The Curtis Park

## Found Tame Cat

Adult, very light orange with white, long-haired, with a fluffy tail, near Park Avenue West and Stout street.

It has been seen in the area for a few months and misses its owner.

Please call Mary Jane at (303) 903-1412

## Street Sweeping Reminders

The City has changed how street sweeping reminders



are being handled. Even if you were signed up before, you need to sign up again.

Use the new PocketGov web site to sign up for reminders — it works well from your browser and on your mobile device.

Sign in to [www.denvergov.org/pocketgov](http://www.denvergov.org/pocketgov) — after creating a free account, select "Street Sweeping" to enter your address and select the street segments you'd like to get street sweeping reminders for.

Don't get caught out this street sweeping season! Save money and help Denver reach its environmental goals by moving your car before the sweepers come by.

Design Review Committee met on February 3rd and sent a letter with design input to the commission. At this point, no formal application has been made to the LPC for approval.

Parking permits will be a consideration during the upcoming Area Management Plan for Five Points. The process for the plan should kickoff next month and last 9-12 months.

More information and updates about the D-line project can be found on a site put together by concerned neighbors at: <http://dlineapartments.wordpress.com>

## Five Points Among Highest in Bike Commuting

The Downtown Denver Partnership released its annual commuter survey of the downtown workforce in December. The survey showed that a substantial majority of Downtown workers now use alternative forms of transit to commute. Only 38.5% of workers drive their private vehicle to work Downtown. The majority of commuters are now choosing transit, walking, biking and carpools to get Downtown. The city's investments in multi-modal transit are starting to pay off.

Another bright spot in the survey for Curtis Park is that residents in the Five Points zip code, 80205, are among the most likely to commute on bicycle. Hopefully a trend that can continue to grow with the opening of enhanced bike lanes on

## Grounds Workday At Gilpin, Everyone Welcome!

Shake off the winter blues and join Gilpin Montessori Public School in their annual Grounds Workday on April 9, 2016 starting at 9 a.m.

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Coolers of lemonade and water will be set up for refilling your re-usable water bottle.

Community members, business owners, parents and friends are welcome to join us

## New Zoning and Design Review for Arapahoe Square - Public Open House

A new zoning and design review system is proposed for the Arapahoe Square neighborhood between Curtis Park and the Downtown Core. The system promotes the vision of the 2011 *Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan* for a densely populated, vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood.

Two new form-based zone districts provide the plans recommended height transition from the Downtown Core, with taller buildings possible from 20th to near 22nd and lower height limits closer to Park Avenue West and Curtis Park. In both proposed zone districts, height incentives promote buildings with limited visible structured parking. The tallest buildings would be slender Point Towers with reduced mass above the fifth floor. Zoning requirements would also ensure upper story setbacks below the sixth floor on most streets in Arapahoe Square.

Lawrence and Arapahoe and great facilities coming on 21st Street, Brighton Blvd and Blake Street in the coming years.

The most car-dependent zip code for commuters into Downtown Denver was the Stapleton neighborhood. Encouraging Stapleton residents to commute on bike, carpool or use the new A Line train, which opens April 22nd, could help reduce traffic on the streets of Curtis Park as Champa and Stout are important connecting streets between Stapleton and Downtown. So tell your friends in Stapleton to take the train or get that bike out of the garage!

Full results of the survey can be found at [www.DowntownDenver.com](http://www.DowntownDenver.com)

as we remove weeds and open the gardens.

There are two ways to participate. The morning session from 9 a.m. - noon includes weeding fence lines including removing weed trees and shrubs, building garden composting areas and opening the garden. An all-day session includes rebuilding the Gilpin Farm.

Bring your garden tools and gloves, re-usable water bottle and coffee cup, hat,

The proposed system also includes updated design standards and guidelines (DSG) to be administered by a new Design Advisory Board. The Board will use the DSG to ensure that new development incorporates human scale elements that promote a stronger sense of place in Arapahoe Square. The DSG include detailed guidance on pedestrian-oriented design, building massing and transitions to surrounding historic districts. They also address the unique character of specific corridors, such as 21st Street, which is envisioned to become the gathering place for Arapahoe Square.

After over a year of meetings and evaluation, the Arapahoe Square Technical Task Force (including Curtis Park Neighbors past-president Joel Noble) and City of Denver Community Planning and Development Department recently posted public review drafts of the proposed zoning



### COFFEE, TEA & WINE LOUNGE

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- ☑ Free WiFi
- ☑ Free Covered Parking
- ☑ Coffee, Loose Leaf Tea, Gelato,
- ☑ Craft Beer & Wine, Gourmet
- ☑ Sandwiches & More



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Sat: 7am 10pm  
Sun: 7am 6pm

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710 East 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Denver, CO 80205

closed-toe work shoes. Dress in layers depending on the weather. Meet on the playground.

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and design standards/guidelines, as well as an executive summary of all the new regulations, at [www.DenverGov.org/arapahoessquare](http://www.DenverGov.org/arapahoessquare).

Because existing Arapahoe Square zoning currently applies to some areas northeast of Park Avenue, the public review materials include a map showing proposed rezoning of a limited portion of Curtis Park.

The City will host an open house on March 9th. Curtis Park neighbors are encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposal and provide feedback.

### Community Open House

- Wed., March 9th, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- Stout Street Health Center, Education Room, 2130 Stout Street
- More info at: [www.DenverGov.org/arapahoessquare](http://www.DenverGov.org/arapahoessquare)

## Neighborhood Internet Resources

**Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/curtisparke/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/curtisparke/)

### 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 assistance to new development and building modifications in Curtis Park, to help with 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 Transportation Committee

Improve mobility and safety for people getting around by all modes  
Write to: [cpn-transportation+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:cpn-transportation+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.

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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

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### PocketGov

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### RTD

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### Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item pickup is Mar. 13th-19th. For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

### Xcel Energy

**Electric Emergency/Power Outage**  
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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!

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