Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

I hope you all are having a good summer. As August approaches my mind turns to planning the upcoming Fall Festivals that have become a tradition in Curtis Park. In October we will have our annual Great Pumpkin Festival at the Stout Street Children’s Park and our Day of the Dead celebration during which neighbors plant spring bulbs in November to remember loved ones who have died. In the spring the bulbs will grow and bloom as a symbol of how we are connected to the past and the energy of our loved ones lives on through the work we do and the love we bring to the world. It’s a lovely way to celebrate and I hope neighbors will come out and participate this year.

If you’d like to help plan this year’s events please attend a one-hour planning meeting on August 8th at 6:30 pm at Hope Communities, 2543 California Street.

At this month’s meeting we will have the opportunity to hear about two community events coming up in August. First, we will hear from J.R. Lapierre about the Curtis Street Block Party that will take place on Saturday August 6th starting at 4:30 pm in the 2700 Block of Curtis. Then we will hear about a new event being put on by Civic activists Warm Cookies of the Revolution. The Five Points “Choose Your Own Adventure” scavenger hunt, on August 13th, will give neighbors the opportunity to learn the history of our community while searching for clues in an urban adventure style tour of Five Points.

Our main topics of the August meeting will include a discussion of Community Policing techniques in the wake of violence in other cities around the nation.

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Summer Block Party

Make plans in early August for the 4th Annual Curtis Park Neighbors Party at the 2700 block of Curtis Street. It will be August 6th, 4:30 p.m. until dark. There will be music, grills for cooking and activities for the kids. Bring a side and dessert to share. Please remove your cars from 2700 block of Curtis Street by 11 a.m. on August 6th. Questions? contact J.R. at LapierreJR@gmail.com

5 Points Brew & BBQ

The inaugural 5 Points Brew & BBQ is fast approaching on Aug. 6th, 2016 from noon to 8:30 p.m. Please join us on 26th & Welton St. in Five Points to experience the best craft beer and BBQ this state has to offer. Please help us get the word out about this amazing event by inviting friends and family through Facebook-type “5 Points Brew & BBQ in the search box, then click “Invite”; and click “Choose Friends”.

Please Support CPN

Please consider a donation to support the Curtis Park Neighbors and this newsletter. You can make your tax deductible contribution online by visiting squareup.com/store/CurtisParkNeighbors. Also you can mail or drop off a check to our treasurer Todd McGuire at 3162 Champa St.

Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting
Thursday, August 4th
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. Warm Cookies of the Revolution - Chris Getzan
2. Curtis Street Block Party - J.R. LaPierre
3. Community Policing
   - Dist. 6 Commander Ronald Saunier
4. RiNo Development Update
   - Andrew Feinstein
5. How to navigate the Landmark Process
   - Sue Glassmacher

Next CPN General Meeting
Thursday, September 1st, 2016

CPN Board Meeting
Monday, August 21st, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
2543 California St, Open to all
Hi Neighbors (cont.)

The new commander of District 6, Ronald Saunier, will share methods that DPD and neighbors can use to ensure strong relationships and trust between police and the community. Then we will have an update on all the development happening in the RiNo district of Five Points and finally a presentation on how to navigate the Landmark review process for neighbors living within the Curtis Park Landmark Districts.

So there are lots of interesting and fun topics at the August meeting and I hope to see you there and encourage you to get involved in making our community a welcoming, safe and beautiful place for all the residents of Curtis Park.

Call for House Stories in Historic Curtis Park

Mick Barnhardt and David Nygaard

We live in a unique diverse neighborhood. We are proud to have Historic Neighborhood Landmark designation. This designation protects our neighborhood from irresponsible development and haphazard razing of historic structures. We are stewards of our old homes preserving the integrity and nostalgic neighborhood fabric that we enjoy. Having this designation does present responsibilities and challenges.

We encourage stories from the neighbors about their home journeys.

“‘The Story of My House’ is a column we would like to initiate. As editor, I would like to solicit residents to write a story about their house. Is your home one you’ve rehabilitated yourself? Has it been in your family for years? Do you have ghosts? Does it have historical significance? When was it built? What were the challenges? Do you have a historic photo? I’m sure there are plenty of people in the neighborhood who would love to submit stories of these wonderful old (and new) homes! Please submit your stories including photos to mickbarnhardt@gmail.com

Dumping the Dumpsters

Have you noticed some of the neighborhoods in Denver are doing away with the large community dumpsters (bins) in the alleys? They are replacing them with the individual trash carts that are rolled out every trash day (similar to the purple recycling trash cans). Adjacent neighborhoods such as Cole and Globeville have made the switch. There are pros and cons to the community dumpsters. The pro argument is that it is central and if respected can provide a clean and neat alley. However, many times they are stuffed too full with large items that they cannot be removed. Dumpsters constantly need maintenance from abuse and vandalism.

Denver is getting rid of the large trash bins in alleys that have plagued residents, who have complained for more than a year about problems that include graffiti, illegal dumping and the associated clean-up costs.

The city’s trash collection service is phasing in a cart-based system for about 20,000 Denver residents this summer, with plans to expand next year. Curtis Park is not slated this year. See DenverGov.org/content/denvergov/en/trash-and-recycling/trash-collection/trash-cart-conversion.html for a map showing which neighbors are making the change this year.

EarthLinks’ Candles & Cocktails

Thursday, August 11th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
2746 W 13th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204
Cost: $45
RSVP: 303-389-0085

Please RSVP: Carolyn@earthlinks-colorado.org
Happenings at Coffee at the Point

Women Behaving Badly - Because Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History

August 13th to Sept. 30th. Seeing someone you can identify with do something incredible makes that thing seem possible. Boys know this well. Ask them about their heroes and they have a whole list of names. Not many girls can do the same. There are so many women who have shaped this world but they've been all but lost to history. Adri Norris hopes to change this disparity with her latest series of paintings, Women Behaving Badly.

On Saturday, August 13th, at Coffee at The Point, the public will have a chance to meet the artist and enjoy the opening night of Women Behaving Badly's two-month exhibition. Adri will host several panel discussions, inviting women from the local community to come share their insights and experiences as women in their chosen fields. Women Behaving Badly aims to show the world women's vital contributions to science, politics, athletics, the arts, and activism.

“I started learning about women who invented things I use every day or who enacted policies which benefit me and I asked myself, why have I never heard of them before?” says Norris. In this series of portraits, she uses a unique combination of watercolor and collage to tell each woman's story and answer three important questions: Who was she? What did she do? Why does that matter? Come see the exhibit to learn more and visit her website to see the events schedule for Women Behaving Badly in Denver.

Adri Norris, owner of Afro Triangle Designs is all about education and inspiration. “Artists have a responsibility to either record culture or to help create it,” she says, and Afro Triangle takes this seriously. Equality and empowerment are the keys to change. Learn more at www.AfroTriangleDesigns.com

Happenings at RedLine Art Center

RedLine Art Center at 23rd and Arapahoe will be hosting 48 Hours of Socially Engaged Art on August 10th and 11th. This will include Curtis Park composer Loretta Notareschi’s String Quartet OCD played by The Playground Ensemble at 6:30pm on August 10th, and

Arts & Venues seeking applicants for Denver County Cultural Council

Denver City Council is seeking applicants with active community involvement at the neighborhood level and professional, volunteer or advocacy experience in an art, cultural, scientific or historical organization. Applicants should have a citywide perspective and be willing to commit at least 15 to 20 hours per month to the cultural council during the annual grant application review period, from March through June.

Applications are due by Wednesday, Aug. 3rd. The application form and details are available at ArtsandVenues.com.

Job Opportunities for Youth

Mile High Youth Corps is now hiring for their Fall Forestry and YouthBuild programs! Both programs provide youth with pathways to advance their career and education while serving their local community.

The Fall Forestry program is for individuals 18-24 year olds that have received their HSD/HSE. Individuals serve with our parks systems doing trail building, invasive species removal, fire mitigation and any projects the parks need completed. The YouthBuild program is for out-of-school youth 17-24 that are looking to obtain their high school diploma (HSD) and are interested in the construction or health and wellness field. Students spend half the day with RiseUp Community School to attain their HSD and the second half with YouthBuild learning and growing their skills in their specific training program, leadership, career and college readiness, and social justice.

For more information, you can contact us by phone: 303-433-1206 ext. 221 or apply online at MileHighYouthCorps.org/apply-now.

SCFD Free Days

Clyfford Still Museum  •  Fri. Nights 5-8 p.m.
Denver Art Museum  •  Sat. Aug. 6th
Denver Museum Nature & Science  •  Mon. Aug. 29th
Denver Botanic Gardens  •  Tues. Aug. 2nd
Museum of Outdoor Arts  •  Wed. Aug. 10th, 17th  •  Sat. Aug. 13th, 27th  •  Fri. Aug. 19th

Find out more at www.scfd.org
Thinking of Buying or Selling?

Contact John Hayden!

21 years experience in Curtis Park
Because the health of our community is the life of my business

Five Points 2015 median home price increased 17% from
$341,500 to $399,000. source: MLS data

Your Curtis Park / Five Points Real Estate Expert.

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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 (720) 273-0623. The next newsletter deadlines are August 17th for ads, and August 15th for articles.

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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.

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Barbara.Deadwyler@rtd-denver.com

Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup
The next Large Item pickup is July 31st-Aug. 6th; and Aug. 28–Sept. 3rd.
For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

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

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 Transportation Committee
Improve mobility and safety for people getting around by all modes
Write to: 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

Neighborhood Internet Resources
Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook
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: Curtis-Park-Neighbors+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

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