Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

The Holidays are here once again and I am reminded of how perfect it is to be in Curtis Park for the holidays. Something about the old Victorian homes makes for the prefect holiday setting.

As is tradition we will not have a regular December meeting but instead I invite everyone to join us for the annual Curtis Park Holiday Party and Potluck on December 5th at the Posner Center at 33rd and Arapahoe. Bring a dish and enjoy an evening with neighbors. We will also have the annual raffle with lots of goodies donated from local businesses.

We are very lucky to have two growing commercial corridors on either side of Curtis Park in RiNo and Welton. Remember to shop local and support our neighboring businesses this holiday season. Welton street will see continued improvements as the owners and residents along the strip approved a Business Improvement District in this election so there will now be funds to make improvements along the street.

Have a safe and happy holiday season and hope to see you all at the party December 5th.

Colorado Gives Day - 24 hours to Give where you Live!

Colorado Gives Day, presented by the Community First Foundation and FirstBank, asks you to give to your favorite charities and non-profit organizations on December 6th through Colorado Gives, an online giving platform. On this platform, you can view the accomplishments, goals, financial information, and more for each non-profit.

Please consider donation to our neighborhood non-profits who make Curtis Park a better place: St. Francis Center, Hope Communities, Redline Gallery, Wonderbound Dance, Work Options for Woman (WOW), Historic Denver, Mile Hi United Way.

100% of your donation will go directly to the organization, and while you are welcome to give any day of the year, If you donate on Colorado Gives Day (December 6th), your donation could be increased by the FirstBank Incentive Fund.

The great news is you don’t have to remember to donate on December 6th - you can schedule your donation today. Go to ColoradoGives.org - it’s safe, fast, and easy.

Colorado Gives is more than just a day - It is a movement!
2017 Curtis Park Neighbors Board Slate

For the CPN membership review and vote, the current board of Curtis Park Neighbors presents the following slate of candidates for the Board beginning in 2017. Our December holiday party is traditionally the official member meeting for the year where we vote on the proposed board members.

Join us December 5th for our annual meeting and holiday party.

Officers
- President - John Hayden
- Vice President - Scott Gordon
- Secretary - Deb Jacobson
- Treasurer - Todd McGuire

Renewing Board Member
- Eric Ross

New Board Members
- Paul Davidson
- Robbie Hobein
- Wendy Reischl

Rolling Pin Bakeshop

Our local French Bakery has finally opened its doors! The shop's co-owners live in Five Points. Bakeshop's founder cake-maker and barista, Michael Martinez has a family history in the neighborhood that goes as far back as 1920. Jay Thomas is co-owner and executive pastry chef with experience at the Brown Palace, Denver Country Club and most recently at Rosenberg's Bagels and Deli which resides right next door.

Currently, hours are Tuesday-Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., but they expect their hours will expand along with demand. Try their ham & gruyere croissants and bon appetit!

Housing Assistance Programs

Does your house have a cracked ceiling or wall? What about a working furnace or hot water heater? Are plumbing failures causing your family a headache?

Good news! Denver Urban Renewal Authority’s (DURA) housing assistance programs might be able to help.

Emergency Home Repair: A 0% interest loan of up to $6,000, designed to address emergency or immediate repair needs for homeowners.

Single Family Rehabilitation: A 0%-to 1% interest loan of up to $24,999 designed to address home improvements.

Wastewater Loan Program: A 1%-3% interest loan to help repair or replace sewer lines.

Call 303-534-3872 or go to www.RenewDenver.org today

Are You an Airbnb or Vrbo Host?

Sue Glassmacher

All Airbnb and VRBO must be licensed and collect lodging tax beginning Jan 1, 2017. Online listings must contain the license number. The City and County of Denver is accepting online applications for the city’s new short-term rental (STR) license.

Denver now permits hosts with valid licenses to offer STRs in their primary residences. STRs are rentals of residential property for fewer than 30 days at a time. A pre-licensing checklist and application portal are available at Denver.gov/STR.

The STR license is offered exclusively online, saving hosts a trip downtown to the city's business licensing counter. It's the city's first online business license and Denver is the first in the nation to offer an online STR license. The goal has always been to create a licensing structure that is easy to understand and reflects the tech-savvy nature of STR users. This new online application offers a simple and effective way for hosts to get licensed and be in compliance with the city's new STR ordinance. All STR hosts in Denver must be licensed by the city by Dec. 31st. Hosts may now begin the licensing process at Denver.gov/STR, which also includes helpful recommendations for ensuring compliance once licensed.
Curtis Park Times

December 2016

Curtis Park Design Review Committee Wins Award

The Historic Denver Action Fund has awarded matching funds to upgrade the CPN website with information for those owning property in the Curtis Park Historic District. The goal is gather the information and have links to it in one spot. There is so much information online but you have to know what you are looking for and where to look. Curtis Park Neighbors will be contributing 25% of the cost.

We will significantly expand content on the existing Curtis Park Neighbors, Inc. website. This will include reorganizing existing information and creating additional web pages for residents on planning additions, ADUs, improvement projects and caring for historic buildings unique to the Curtis Park Historic District as well as non-contributing homes in the historic district. The information will be geared toward helping new and existing property owners and residents obtain useful historic preservation information customized for the Curtis Park Historic Districts. This information will be presented in a user friendly, easy to navigate, and highly visual format.

The web-site will contain such things as a brief history, what it means to own a building (new and old) in the historic district, some general principles of building in a historic district (subordination, using the historic forms, no exact duplication on new construction) explain why “like for like replacement” is not always correct, provide links to available online resources, list permits which only are necessary in a historic district, provide photos to support the material, examples for correct styles for such things as doors, railings, shingles etc. and show unacceptable styles and why, explain the Denver Landmark approval process and the Curtis Park Design Review Committee, saving old windows, saving original heart pine floors, ADUs and explain the Curtis Park overlay, encourage using historic tax credits.

Contact Sue Glassmacher with suggestions uptownSue@aol.com

Curtis Park Neighbors Holiday Party and Potluck

J.R. Lapierre

Join us December 5th at the Posner Center for International Development (the historic Horse Barn) at 33rd and Arapahoe starting at 6 p.m. to celebrate all things great about Curtis Park. Free childcare will be provided.

A highlight of the evening will be a drawing of goods and services donated by awesome businesses and organizations like Rosenberg’s, Redline, Work & Class, Haven Nail Salon, Wonderbound, Denver Botanic Gardens, Whole Yoga and many, many more!

Don’t forget to bring cash. Craft beer will be provided by our friends at Ratio Beerworks (2920 Larimer St).

For the Potluck, bring a dish to share according to your last name:

A-M: Dessert
N-S: Entrée
T-Z: Appetizer or vegetable dish

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces on December 5th!

SCFD Free Days

Clyfford Still Museum
• Fridays 5-8 p.m.

Denver Art Museum
• Sat. Dec. 3rd

Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls
• Sun. Dec. 4th

Denver Museum Nature & Science
• Mon. Dec. 12th

Museum of Outdoor Arts
• Sat. Dec. 10th
• Wed. Dec. 14th & 21st
• Fri. Dec. 16th
• Sun Dec. 31st

Find out more at www.scfd.org

Earthlinks 5th Annual Holiday Open House & Sale.

Friday, Dec. 9th 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 10th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 2746 W. 13th Avenue, Denver 80204. www.earthlinks-colorado.org

A community holiday celebration and “buy local” gift market.
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

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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:
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

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

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 November 21st for ads, and December 24th for articles.

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