Hi Neighbors,

Jeff Baker, CPN President

As I write this, it looks like the weather will be changing soon and we will start the slide into winter. This potential storm is good news for Colorado as a whole, as we are in a severe drought and have devastating fires statewide.

At this month's General Neighborhood meeting on November 5th at 7:00 pm we will learn about Curtis 33, the development going in at 33rd and Curtis. We will have a representative from the Denver District Attorney’s office and get an update on Stout Street Children’s Park Plan. Please join the meeting on November 5th by clicking here and see the agenda and full link below.

Our Annual Holiday Potluck and Members meeting will not be held in person this year, but we will still have a virtual members meeting. That meeting will take place on December 7th, at 7:00 pm, and can be accessed virtually here.

Thanks to the Volunteers for 11th Annual Curtis Park Great Pumpkin

Thanks for everyone who donated their time and money to this year’s Great Pumpkin. These events are great community builders and we give thanks to John Hayden and Keith Pryor for organizing!

Bill West and Spirit of Mestizo Awards

We have some neighborhood awards that we present at the annual meeting in December. The Bill West Award is a long-standing award that is presented to a neighbor who has made significant contributions to the neighborhood. Last year we created the Spirit of Mestizo award that is presented to a neighbor who has worked on building community in the spirit of Mestizo. Would you like to nominate someone? Please send nominations to Jeff: jeffbakercurtisparkdenver@gmail.com
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.

Beautiful New Trees for Welton Street!

Gerald Horner

Street trees make a community healthier and happier. We’re thrilled to see the addition of six new Locust trees planted along Welton between 25th and 26th to replace the trees that died years ago.

Special thanks to neighbor Bradley Joseph, Tracy Winchester, and the Five Points Business Improvement District (BID) including Paul Books and the entire board of director’s vision to improve the Welton Street corridor.

Initiated about two years ago when Winchester was president of the BID, this project required repairs to the irrigation system, removing and replacing the heavy steel grates from the tree wells, extracting the original decayed tree balls and the purchase of new Locust trees.

Additional thanks to Palisade Partners, and Mike Griego from Four Winds Interactive who assisted with this effort. Steve Smith Designs (Landscaping) was the contractor for the project and was terrific. The trees were purchased nearly two years ago and kept healthy at the nursery where they were purchased. Please take a stroll and admire this welcome addition to the neighborhood!

The Denver Solar Co-op is Now Open for Free Member Sign-ups!

Hugh Brown

With our bright sunshine, Denver has excellent solar resources! Going solar is more affordable than ever, being a great way to save money on your energy bills, reduce air pollution, and help Denver’s climate goals.

If you do not own your home, don’t have a well-suited location or don’t want solar on your property, you can take advantage of the Renewable Denver Community Solar Program. Starting in 2021, this program will support up to 1,000 households in which participating, income-qualified residents will save 10 percent or more on their monthly electric bills. Lynne and I were fortunate last year to be part of the first round of membership in the Denver Solar Co-op, part of the national organization Solar United Neighbors. We were very pleased with this nonprofit organization, its mission and the installation process. We highly recommend this to anyone interested in solar for their home or business.

The program is strongly endorsed by the City and County of Denver and numerous environmental organizations. Very successful solar co-ops are also operating in Grand Junction and Fort Collins.

The Denver Solar Co-op is made up of residents and business owners who want to enjoy a streamlined process of going solar and save money by going together as a group. The solar co-op is free to join and this only indicates an interest in receiving more information and a bid with no obligation to install. 2021 is the last year to claim a 22% federal solar tax credit, so now is the last chance to take advantage of it!

The second round is now open to new members. Over 30 have already joined with a goal of 150. Learn more and/or sign up at: solarunitedneighbors.org/denver.

What's Your Sign

Robbie Hobein

Denver Streets Partnership has "20 is Plenty" or “Slow the Funk Down” yard signs for FREE!

denverstreetspartnership.org/get-involved/stand-up-show-up/

All kinds of other micro-mobility advocacy information on their website as well. Great folks there to help support you walking, bicycling and scooting more — for fun, for exercise, or for helping the planet by reducing your carbon emissions.

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Winter Reminder
CPN Tree Committee

For those of you who have new trees 1-3 years old be sure to wrap the trunks up to the lowest branch with tree wrap, available at hardware stores. Wrap should go on at Thanksgiving and taken off at Easter. The wrap protects the tender trunks from sun scald.

Also, be sure to water all your trees during the winter especially since it is so dry. Once per month is a good rule of thumb.

Want to help?

I encourage you to get involved and to take action. Please contact me if you would like to help and get involved in the neighborhood. We have board positions open and are seeking nominations and interested parties for the 2021 board. We also have a variety of committees that may be of interest to you. Jeff-970-759-4023.

Mercury Cafe News (Op-ed)

Marilyn Megenity

The new Colorado Coalition For The Homeless building could severely affect the Mercury Cafe. My concerns, including the concentration of such facilities in our neighborhood are explained on the Mercury website mercurycafe.com/homeless-housing-issues.

Support Local Small Businesses for the Holidays

With the holidays right around the corner, please support the many small businesses in our neighborhood for your gift giving and holiday events. This has been an extremely difficult year for everyone and many of our local businesses are suffering. Many of these have become staples in our daily lives and we want them to stay in the neighborhood.

Thank you to all the neighborhood volunteers! We couldn’t do this without you!
**Neighborhood Internet Resources**

**CurtisPark.org**
Provides a wealth of information: History of CP info in Curtis Park Neighbors, info for ALL homeowners in the historic district, home alterations, ADUs, home styles, tax credits, and a very comprehensive resource list of special products, services, links, and so much more!

**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. To join, send an email 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. Zoning notices, liquor license applications, etc. all come through here. To join, send an email to: CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com

**Curtis Park Design Review Committee**
Receive updates on new development and building modifications under review by the Denver Landmark Commission. To join, send an email to: cpn-drc-announcements+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Questions about projects, email Keith Pryor: KPryor13@gmail.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 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 Nov. 18th for ads, and Nov. 21st for articles.

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