



## Hi Neighbors!

*CPN President*

Spring is springing! With all the moisture of late, the stage is set for the leafing out of trees and blossoming of flowers in our wonderful neighborhood gardens. Longer days and warmer temps equate to more people out and about taking in the beauty of our parks and the many front gardens, lovingly tended by our green thumbed neighbors.

In addition to nature, there are also new buildings and businesses on display. Construction continues on the triangle lot at Curtis & Downing, the Ava Apartments on the 2600 block of Arapahoe, the remodel of the Savoy,

and construction is wrapping up at the townhomes caddy corner to Sonny Lawson Park (welcome, new neighbors!) A new business to check out on a morning stroll is Lekker Coffee at 34th & Larimer. Read all about them in our business spotlight article.

There are also several projects in the works. Join us this Thursday, April 1st via the Zoom link in the sidebar to hear about progress on Evolve Towers, a 22-story condo project proposed for the corner of Champa & Park Ave. Look forward to seeing everyone there!



## Sonny Lawson Park Activation for April

We are planning to continue with First Friday Jazz through October from 5:00-7:00 pm. Neighbors have been meeting up at the Doggy Park in Sonny Lawson daily at 7:30 am and 6:00 pm. We are asking for volunteers to join us Sundays to help garden from 10:00-11:00 am. starting the second Sunday in April. Bring gardening tools and coffee. There will be yoga in the garden

which will be taught by instructors from Urban Sanctuary at 2745 Welton starting the first week of April on Saturdays from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. The classes are free. We are hosting a Mad Hatters Tea Party on April 25th from 2pm - 4pm. Costumes are encouraged! Happy April from the CPN Park Stewards! We look forward to seeing you in the park!

### Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, April 1st, 2021

CPN Members Meeting, April 1st, 7:00pm via Zoom Click [here](#)

Or enter in your browser: <https://bit.ly/3c70D7p>

Meeting ID: 357 239 6571

Password: CPN-2021

- Use your real first name as an attendee!
- Stay on mute unless you are speaking
- Post questions in the chat
- Be kind and patient with others

CPN Members Meeting  
April 1st, 7:00-8:30

Agenda:

- 6:30 Police Update/Q&A
- 7:00 Project Update - Evolve Towers @ Champa/Park Ave
- Neighborhood Business Spotlight
- Neighbors Roundtable

**Next CPN General Meeting**  
May 6th, 2021

**CPN Board Meeting**  
April 19th-6:00-7:00pm  
Location and Format T.B.D.

# Bats, Bees and Butterflies, Oh My!

Without pollinators, wildlife would have fewer nutritious berries and seeds to eat, and we would miss out on many fruits, vegetables, and nuts, like blueberries, squash, and almonds... not to mention chocolate and coffee... all of which depend on pollinators, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As you may have heard, Curtis Park Neighbors' Park Stewardship team is partnering with Denver Parks and Rec to install a Pollinator Garden at Sonny Lawson Park.

The Pollinator Garden is part of Denver Parks and Recreation Resiliency Program. Pollinator species have seen an immense decline over the last decade. The Resiliency Program seeks to relieve some of these stressors by increasing the amount of pollinator habitat throughout the City and County of Denver.

Please make a donation today to help us reach our goal through this link...<https://curtis-park.org/sonny-lawsonparkproject/> or this QR code:



A huge THANK YOU to those champions who have contributed more than \$11,000 to the project so far! We're 65% of our goal.

- Hugh and Lynne Brown \* Dr. Renee Cousins King \* Ryan Cox \* Sue Glassmacher \* Gerald Horner \* Mile High United Way \* Ryan Miller \* Carrie Noteboom \* Randy Raitz \* Bradley Joseph \* JR Lapierre \* Maggie Miller \* Moonstar Investments \* RiNo Art District \* Rose Community Foundation \* Randy Vetter \* Xcel Energy*

If you are interested in volunteering with Curtis Park Neighbor's Park Stewardship, please reach out to Gerald by email, [GeraldHorner@gmail.com](mailto:GeraldHorner@gmail.com).





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for more information or to get a tour.



## This Month's Local Business Highlight

### Lekker Coffee open at 3460 Larimer

We opened the doors of Lekker Coffee on October 1st of 2020 in the midst of the pandemic. With uncertainty being the only constant, we were nervous to move forward but decided to go with our gut and signed a 2 year lease (with options to extend if things went well). Being almost 6 months in, we're so happy we decided to open. We've met some amazing neighbors and friends and are extremely grateful for the support we've received thus far!

For those of you that don't know us, we're a mother-daughter team who love people and are focused on making coming to our shop a unique experience for

all. We designed the space to be a homey, yet eclectic, vibe and love seeing customer's faces light up when they see all of the color! We donate 10% of our profits to the largest rhino orphanage and sanctuary in the world, Care For Wild. 3 years ago, I volunteered at Care For Wild for 4 weeks and fell in love with their mission of preserving the rhino species. After moving back to Denver and to the RiNo Art District where rhinos were just about everywhere (even on the bikes in the bicycle lanes), we felt it was time people knew more about rhino poaching.

We are very excited to announce that we recently passed all of our inspections for



our liquor license to start serving boozy coffees and add a happy hour! Follow us on instagram ([lekkercoffee\\_rino](https://www.instagram.com/lekkercoffee_rino)) for updates on new hours once we roll out happy hour and please mention this article for 10% off of your coffee drinks for your first time visiting us. We look forward to meeting you!

## Important COVID Vaccine Information

Mile High United Way and Denver's Early Childhood Council is working on hosting a drive-thru COVID-19 vaccine clinic provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). This drive-thru clinic will be open to individuals residing in the neighboring communities of Curtis Park/Five Points who meet Colorado's current eligibility criteria.

The Pre-registration is not official registration and completion does not guarantee you will receive a COVID-19 vaccine at a CDPHE Vaccine drive-thru on these dates. If you complete this form and are eligible, you will receive a link for registration once the event is officially confirmed.

[pre-registration form](#) ← This is a link. Go to [CurtisPark.org](http://CurtisPark.org) and select "About", then select "Newsletter Archive" to find this newsletter online. Click on the link for pre-registration form. You must fill out this pre-registration form in order to indicate your interest in participating in this clinic. Please read the instructions carefully before filling it out to ensure your eligibility to receive a registration link. Tentative Dates and Times\*:

First Dose: Saturday, April 10,  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Second Dose: Saturday, May 8,  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - 2nd dose

Location: Clinics will be held as a drive-thru in the parking lot at Mile High United Way (711 Park Avenue West, Denver).

See List of those eligible

### Street Sweeping

Don't forget that street sweeping (and ticketing) starts in April! Move your vehicles by 8:00 AM on your designated day.

## Trees Are on the Move

### AND So Is the Curtis Park Tree Committee

As spring approaches, the days become longer, and temperatures begin to rise. In response, trees get down to business. They start moving water and nutrients through their roots. They start moving water and nutrients from the soil into the rest of the tree. Soon this water will mix with simple sugars and sap will begin to flow, and blossoms are soon to follow. Curtis Park Tree Committee has been busy too. The Curtis Park Tree Committee began in the summer of 2019. Our vision included our appreciation and love of trees, as well as the history of our trees in Curtis Park and a goal to increase the tree canopy. Over the last 20 months, we have met and planned, and worked to increase our tree canopy. We have blanketed the neighborhood with door hangers from Denver Digs, and in the fall of 2019, 10 trees were approved for spring 2020. These were postponed due to the pandemic. During Lynne Brown's walks through the neighborhood, she has counted 20 new trees that were planted by the city. We think there might be a few more. The city trees have all been planted in the rights of way.

This January, we distributed 1000 Denver Digs Tree door hangers. We distributed 500 Denver Digs Trees door hangers for yard trees. We have contact-

ed and worked to educate the businesses in the neighborhood, as well as the schools. We have written articles for our newsletter and have distributed a resource for families with titles of children's books on trees. Currently Maggie Miller has been working tirelessly to save the 100-year-old Hackberry tree that is in the parking lot of AFC Urgent Care. We may be calling on our fellow Curtis Park neighbors to advocate for the saving of this treasure. So, stay tuned... As we look to the future, we plan to continue to concentrate on our neighborhood tree canopy.

We plan to continue to educate and work with businesses. We hope to collaborate with our neighborhood schools and invite their students to become advocates for trees. We would love our neighborhood children and teens to also become involved. We would like to extend an invitation for additional members for our committee. Please contact Phyllis Lucas, [phlucp@netscape.net](mailto:phlucp@netscape.net), 201-819-7690, if you are interested.



Here is the list of people eligible for COVID vaccine beginning March 19th

- People age 50+.
- People with two or more high risk conditions.
- High and moderate risk health care workers and first responders.
- Correctional workers.
- Funeral services.
- PK-12 educators and staff.
- Child care workers in licensed child care facilities.
- Frontline essential workers in grocery and agriculture.
- People age 50 and older.
- Frontline essential workers.
- People with high risk conditions.
- Continuation of operations for state government and continuity of local government.\*

## Resources

**Denver City Government**  
www.DenverGov.org, or call 3-1-1

**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.

**Denver City Council**  
District 9  
**Candi CdeBaca**, (720) 337-7709  
candi.cdeBaca@denvergov.org  
Elbra M. Wedgeworth Municipal  
Building  
2855 Tremont Place, Suite 201

**At-Large**  
**Councilwoman Robin Kniech**  
Robin.Kniech@denvergov.org  
(720) 337-7712  
**Councilwoman Debbie Ortega**  
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(720) 337-7713

**Denver Public Schools**  
(720) 423-3200, www.DPSK12.org

**Homeless Outreach**  
Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

**Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison**  
Shawn Johanson, (720) 913-1311

**Police**  
**Emergencies:** Dial 911  
**Non-Emergency:** (720) 913-2000  
**Dist. 2 (north 25th Street) RSO:**  
**Hana Ruiz** (720) 913.1089  
hana.ruiz@denvergov.org  
**Dist. 6 (south 25th Street) RSO:**  
**Teresa Gillian** (720) 913-2908  
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**Austen Munson** (720) 913-2906  
austen.munson@denvergov.org  
**Elected RTD Representative**  
**Shontel Lewis**, (720) 935-8284  
shontel.lewis@rtd-denver.com

**Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup**  
The next Large Item pickup is  
May 17th to 21st  
For free appliance collection, call  
800-479-4159.

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

To report non-permitted exterior work  
to Landmark email: abigail.Christ-  
man@denver.gov or call  
(720) 865-2908.

Short Term Rental Enforcement  
Brian Snow (720) 865-2750

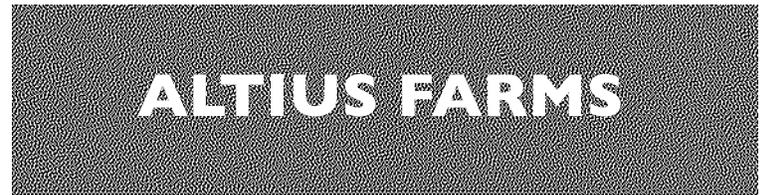


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## Neighborhood Internet Resources

### **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/](http://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](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. Zoning notices, liquor license applications, etc. all come through here. To join, send an email to: [CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto: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](mailto:cpn-drc-announcements+subscribe@googlegroups.com). Questions about projects, email Keith Pryor: [KPRyor13@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com) or (720)273-0623. The next newsletter deadlines are March 17th for ads, and March 20th for articles.

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