



Hi Neighbors!

Ryan Cox - President

Happy March! It's that time of year when the days begin to lengthen out, the sunshine feels just a little warmer and the late winter snow holds a bit more moisture. All of that adds up to crocuses, daffodils and tulips in our near future, the first signs of nature reawakening and the emergence of spring. With so many beautiful gardens and trees in the neighborhood, we are fortunate to experience the quickly changing landscape right from our doorsteps.

We have a couple of events in March that we hope will coax neighbors to re-emerge along with the flowers. First Friday Jazz continues this month in Sonny Lawson Park on March 5th from 5:00-7:00 pm. The February installation was a huge success as the community turned out despite the chilly weather. Bookending the first weekend in March is the 11th annual Ice Festival on Sunday, March 7th from 3:00-5:00 pm. It will be held at the Stout Street

Children's Park and will feature ice sculptures and fun for the whole family.

Speaking of parks and flowers, Curtis Park Neighbors has collaborated with Denver Parks & Rec to create a Pollinator Garden at the California St entrance to Sonny Lawson Park. What has been an eroded and trampled section of the park will become a water sensitive haven for plants and insects, but we need your help to make it a reality. Please see the insert or curtis-park.org/sonnylawsonparkproject/ and consider a donation.

Lastly, join us for the CPN general meeting on Thursday, March 4th. Police will provide information and be available for questions at 6:30 pm. We will have an update on the status of the request for a Certificate of Demolition Eligibility pertaining to the corner building of the Greyhound maintenance facility, among other presentations. Hope to see you there!

Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, March 4th, 2021

CPN Members Meeting, March 4th, 7:00pm via Zoom Click [here](#)

Or enter in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3572396571?pwd=WWdWd-VZQSXR6bGo2TmZcckxuL0NGZz09>

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
March 4th, 7:00-8:30

Agenda:

- Greyhound Maintenance Facility Update
- Sonny Lawson Park Pollinator Garden Fundraiser
- Neighborhood Business Spotlight

Next CPN General Meeting April 1st, 2021

CPN Board Meeting
March 15th-6:00-7:00pm
Location and Format T.B.D.

Hidden in Plain Site Walking Tour

Gerald Horner

Join Gerald Horner and John Hayden on a walking tour of Five Points / Curtis Park and RiNo. The tour will be on Sunday, March 28th, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The tour will start at the Five Points Plaza at 27th and Welton in front of Coffee at the Points and wind through Curtis Park to RiNo. Along the way learn about the hidden history

of the neighborhood. Hear stories about buildings you might pass every day but had no idea about the stories they have to tell. Space is limited to 10 people and social distancing and masks are required. The February tour filled up quickly so please RSVP soon to Gerald Horner at geraldhorner@gmail.com

Unassimilated

We are are spotlighting local businesses throughout the rest of the year. This month we are featuring Unassimilated owned by Michael Ritchie.

Unassimilated is an architectural salvage company located at the corner of 26th Street and California Street. The actual address is 2550 California Street. The property is identifiable by a large statue of a person bringing an amorphous mass into re-creation.



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Feel free to call us.

11th Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival

John Hayden

Join neighbors and friends to celebrate winter at the 11th Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival. This year the festivities will feature artists carving ice sculptures, pony rides and music at the Stout Street Children's Park, 2501 Stout Street, on Sunday March 7th from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm. Everyone over 3 years of age must wear a mask and please remember to stay at least 6ft apart from people not in your household. For more information or to volunteer please contact John Hayden at haydenpryor@msn.com.

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More Trees Please!

Lynne Brown

The Curtis Park Neighbors Tree Committee is distributing door hangers to alert neighbors to apply for trees for this spring. Denver Digs Trees will be distributing trees at the end of April but you must apply now to reserve one. The deadline for applications is March 1st. <https://theparkpeople.org/What-We-Do/Denver-Digs-Trees/Apply-for-Trees>

Trees are for yards only: front, back or side yards. They have several varieties of trees, some will be large, some will be small when they reach maturity. Denver Digs will be distributing just 500 this year so apply early if you want a tree.

If you want a tree for your tree lawn/ the public right-of-way (the area between the sidewalk and the street) go to Be A Smart Ash as the city is taking applications for those trees. <https://beasmartash.org/>

Graffiti Strikes Conversation

Mick Barnhardt

Reuben Zacharakis-Jutz and his wife Jess Ralston bought the old Champa Store two years ago. They've been working on the store and living space in the rear where they plan to reside. Their entrepreneurial dream is centered in the heart of the Curtis Park neighborhood. The goal is to provide a cafe and small grocery/floral shop. They commissioned a mural from three artists, Kirsty York, Destiny Humrich, and Christa Valdez from Blackbird Ink Tattoo Shop and Art Gallery, to paint a mural that both advertises the cafe and provides public art.

The paint from the mural was hardly dry when, in the middle of the night, someone painted four large black stripes across the mural obliterating the artwork completely. Later it was discovered via an Instagram post that the person who destroyed the mural took credit for it in a stance to oppose gentrification.

The owners were jolted and humbled by this act and posted an invitation to the neighborhood on the mural's black stripes asking neighbors to come and discuss what had happened. Zacharakis -Jutz and Ralston wanted to apologize and give the neighborhood and anyone else interested, a chance to

discuss the issues and the anger that they felt the mural represented

The meeting, led by local artists, born and raised in and near Curtis Park, James Roy and Anthony Grimes, began in front of the cafe on Sunday, February 21st at 2:00 pm. Many nearby neighbors lamented the closing and sale of the old Champa Store that had been there for years and catered to the local neighbors to purchase food and household goods. To some, the new business eradicates the ethnic diversity that this neighborhood has always stood for. The new owners were not aware that what seemed to be a simple mural could spark such controversy.

Zacharakis -Jutz and Ralston want to provide a space for all the neighbors. They want to provide art programs for kids and provide a safe place for everyone to come to and feel welcomed. They encourage and appreciate feedback from the neighborhood. If you have any ideas that can help, they ask that you email them to 2960Champa@gmail.com.

The cafe slated to be open this summer will be featured in a future edition highlighting it as a new business in Curtis Park.



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Sat.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Denver City Council
District 9
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Denver Public Schools
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Homeless Outreach
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Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison
Shawn Johanson, (720) 913-1311

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The next Large Item pickup is
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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 March 17th for ads, and March 20th for articles.

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