Hi Neighbors!

Ryan Cox, CPN President

June is in the books and it didn’t disappoint. We enjoyed mostly wonderful weather for the start of summer and all the events that it brought to the neighborhood, which included Juneteenth and Denver Fringe among others. Juneteenth and Denver Fringe both saw great crowds that brought a wonderful vibrancy and energy to the area. Add the opening of the Mestizo Curtis Park Pool (see details inside) and baseball games at Coors Field and there was no shortage of things to do.

Lucky for us, it doesn’t slow down in July. Fourth of July weekend is followed by MLB All-Star Weekend July 10th-13th. This promises to bring plenty more folks and bustle to the neighborhood. The Five Points BID has some great events planned along the Welton Corridor to coincide with the baseball festivities (again, see inside). Beverly Grant of Mo’ Betta Green will be hosting Random Gestures of Compassion at nearby Fuller Park the evening of Tuesday, July 20th.

Remember, no Curtis Park Neighbors General Meeting in July. Get out there and enjoy the summer!

Jazz on Welton for All-Star Weekend

Summer in Five Points is in full swing! Join us for a weekend of free live jazz music all along Welton Street. Each night (July 10-12), two jazz bands will play iconic tunes for you to enjoy as you dine, shop and explore the rich culture of Five Points. Performances will be at Cousins Plaza (24th & Welton) 4pm-7:30pm and The Center of Five Points (27th & Welton) 4:30pm-8pm. This family friendly event will also host a free electric vehicle showcase by Women Who Charge.

**Volunteers needed!** Help us make this event a success by giving 3 hours of your time to assist with setting up, tearing down or connecting with the public at our information booth. If you are interested in helping email fivepointsbid@gmail.com.

Parking in the Neighborhood

It’s street sweeping time in the neighborhood! Be sure to check the signage and schedule for your block. The city has begun enforcing the 2 hour time limit in some areas of Curtis Park as well. If you don’t have a residential permit, you may get a $25 ticket. Free Residential Permits and a guest pass are available at ParkSmartDenver.com. Be a courteous citizen and let your neighbors know when you see them parked out front on street-sweeping day!
Hot enough for you?

A well-placed tree or two can help.

Trees absorb water through their roots and evaporate it through leaf pores, which cools the air through a process known as evapotranspiration, and this can reduce ambient summer temperatures by 2° to 9°F. In addition, trees block the sun from the windows, exterior walls and roof of your house. Shaded walls can be cooler than unshaded surfaces by nearly 9° to 36°F. So, trees properly placed around your home can reduce your air conditioning needs by 30% and save 20% to 40% in heating costs, according to the USDA Forest Service.

The number of 90+ degree days in Denver increases every year, and the trend is likely to get worse in years to come. When is the best time to plant a tree? The answer is 20 years ago. When is the next best time to plant a tree? Today- well, not today; wait until the fall.

New Trees

Lynne Brown, Tree Committee

If you are on the city’s list to receive a street tree this spring you might consider contacting Forestry and ask if they can wait and plant it this fall. I am to receive a street tree and because the weather has been so hot and it doesn’t look like trees will be planted until mid-July, I asked Forestry if they could wait until fall to plant. They were happy to accommodate my request. Planting in July will make it difficult to keep the tree alive even if it is watered regularly.

Also, don’t forget your yard when considering tree planting! We have many side and back yards in Curtis Park that have room for a tree. All trees help in our effort to cool our neighborhood, make it a pleasant place to live, and help combat climate change.

Open House for EDENS/VOA Proposed Project

Please join us at a Community Open House on Wednesday, July 21 from 5pm – 8pm at 2660 Larimer St to learn more about EDENS’ new phase of redevelopment within the neighborhood in collaboration with the Volunteers of America. EDENS has owned a significant amount of retail along Larimer and Walnut Streets since 2018 with well-known retail brands like Patagonia, Burton and the Denver Central Market, and local favorites like Nocturne Jazz Club, Be A Good Person, Matthew Morris Salon, and Transform Colorado. The new development will provide a mix of retail, residential and office uses, as well as green space and activated streets. Please attend to learn more and provide feedback.

Women's Bean Project

Julie Rubsam

As many of you know, Women’s Bean Project (WBP) will be moving! The estimated move date is March of 2022. They have purchased a property at 1300 West Alameda. The exciting part of this purchase is that the WBP is working with DHA and the site will have the WBP as well as up to 130 units of affordable housing.

Everything seems to be going smoothly and they are excited to be able to think about expanding their program.

The WBP has been serving the community for more than 30 years, and CEO Tamra Ryan has great expectations and hopes for the new site. The current building at 3201 Curtis Street is under contract and due diligence is underway - so the new owner cannot be announced at this time. Please remember that the store for the WBP is open from 8-5 weekdays. AND, if you have a yen to volunteer, they would love to have you. Please contact: vcoordinator@womensbeanproject.com
Curtis Park Walking Tour

Highlights of the Socio-economic and Architectural Diversity of Curtis Park

Gerald Horner

Sunday, July 25 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Curtis Park is one of Denver’s most economically and architecturally diverse neighborhoods in the City. Join John Hayden and Gerald Horner as we take a look at how the mining booms and busts of the 1800s, Denver urban renewal starting in the 1960s, and pressures of today’s developments have and continue to shape the neighborhood.

This jewel of a neighborhood, an oasis in the City, owes a lot to residents who have worked for decades to preserve much of the good design we see in modern infill and hundreds of structures that have been saved from the wrecking ball.

On this tour, we’ll feature historic sites, and information about current and future changes for the neighborhood and the City.

We’ll meet in front of the Black American West Museum at California and 32nd. This former home of Dr. Justina L. Ford (1871-1952) was originally located at 23rd and Arapahoe but was moved to the current site to save it from demolition as part of Denver Urban Renewal in 1983.Capacity is limited to 15. RSVP via email to geraldhorner@gmail.com.

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MESTIZO-CURTIS PARK OUTDOOR POOL

JUNE 7 - AUGUST 14, 2021

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OPEN SWIM, LAP SWIM & AQUA AEROBICS GUIDELINES

- $2.00 per person, per activity/block
- Free for MY Denver, MY Denver PRIME, SliverSneakers & Renew Active Members
- Customers are encouraged to only attend one open swim block per day to provide equitable access
- No advanced reservations; first come, first served
- Lane sharing required for lap swim, including circle swim
- Re-entry not permitted
- No refunds for weather
- No camps, daycare groups or birthday parties
- All other DPR swimming pool rules remain in place

THERE’S STILL TIME TO JOIN THE FUN THIS SUMMER! SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT DENVERGOV.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT WHAT DPR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE HAPPENING NEAR YOU!
Farmer’s Market Coming to Sonny Lawson Park

Mo' Betta Green Marketplace was slated to open in Sonny Lawson Park at the Charles Cousins Plaza on June 26, but due to the rain, the opening event was postponed into July.

The market will operate at Sonny Lawson Park/Cousins Plaza every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, offering yoga at 11:00 am, tai chi at 1:00 pm and line dancing one time per month, the Smoothie Bus and fresh juice. Mo’ Betta Green also welcomes you to come to their Seeds of Power Unity Farm at 36th & Humboldt the 1st & 3rd Saturday from 4:00-7:00 pm. In addition to Saturdays in the park, MBG will operate a farmstand at Alchemy Ritual Goods (2536 Champa St) Sundays beginning in July from 12:00-4:00 pm.

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, historic homes, 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: Kp Pryor13@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 June 16th for ads, and June 19th for articles.

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