



## Hi Neighbors!

*Ryan Cox, CPN President*

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far! July started with a bang as the Rockies put on a pretty spectacular fireworks show, making many in the stands wonder if they ended up with double the inventory since there was no show last year. Coors Field remained the center of attention through the middle of the month, hosting the MLB All-Star Weekend. The events brought plenty of patrons and much needed economic activity to many area businesses.

August slows down a bit in the special events department, although regularly scheduled events such as First Friday Jazz continue (Cousins Plaza next to Sonny Lawson Park, August 6th at 5:30pm). Things will pick back up in

September with the Curtis Park Home Tour the weekend of the 18th & 19th. We have a wonderful lineup of historic homes and gardens along Curtis Street slated for the tour.

Please join us for our first in-person Curtis Park Neighbors General Meeting on Thursday, August 5th at 6:30pm at Redline Gallery at 2350 Arapahoe St. We will also have a Zoom option, however it may be hard to follow questions and comments from those in attendance, so we encourage you to come see your neighbors in-person. Gerald Horner will be presenting on mobility and other neighborhood issues. We will also have a Denver District Attorney to present and listen to our concerns. Hope to see you there!

### Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, August 5th, 2021

Redline Gallery  
2350 Arapahoe Street

**6:30 p.m.** Police Update & Briefing

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Main Agenda

1. Mobility and Neighborhood Issues
2. Denver District Attorney- Update and Conversation
3. Neighborhood Roundtable

ATTEND VIRTUALLY 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 Board Meeting**  
August 16th-6:00-7:00pm  
Location and Format T.B.D.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Interested in helping those experiencing homelessness in Denver? The St. Francis Center is looking for volunteers in the neighborhood! Join the Day Center on Curtis Street and help individuals transition out of homelessness.

Whether it's working behind the scenes or directly with guests in the shelter, opportunities are available every day of the week between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm. Most volunteer positions are designed for individuals 18 and older. However, there are options for those in

high school (if they are able to volunteer with a legal guardian).

Want to learn more? Contact the Director of Volunteers, Ellie Benjamin at [ellie@sfcdenver.org](mailto:ellie@sfcdenver.org) or by calling (303)244-0761. You can also visit [sfc-denver.org/volunteer](https://sfc-denver.org/volunteer) to learn more and apply!



## 39th Ave Greenway Bike Tour August 22

Gerald Horner

Join John Hayden and Gerald Horner on Sunday, August 22 from 10:30 AM to Noon for a bicycle tour of the fantastic new 39th Avenue Greenway through nearby Cole and Clayton neighborhoods. The tour will start in Curtis Park along a section of 30th Street where new bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is going into the Curtis Park neighborhood.

The 39th Avenue Greenway is a major stormwater improvement project built to mitigate recurrent flooding issues in this area of town, fulfills community desires for new outdoor recreational space, water quality and improved connections for traveling.

Curtis Park resident John Hayden has worked for years to advocate for bicycle and pedestrian amenities in our neighborhood and has served on the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee. Resident Gerald Horner serves on the Downtown Denver Partnership's Mobility Committee. They'll share more detail about the infrastructure of the project, important culture landmarks and the connectivity to Five Points that makes the Greenway such an asset.

Please RSVP via email to Gerald-Horner@gmail.com



39th Avenue Greenway Rendering: [denvergov.org](http://denvergov.org)

## Tour Denver's Home History This Fall



In 1870, the year the railroad arrived in Denver, the population of the city was 4,759. Twenty years later, its population was 106,713, a growth rate that one historian says was "faster than that of any other city in the country." Needless to say, as sure as thunder follows lightning, there was a building boom following the population explosion needed to provide the city's burgeoning population with places to live. Along the streets of the original townsite that had been pushed out onto the treeless prairie that surrounded the city - notably California, Stout, Champa, Curtis, and Arapahoe - there arose hundreds of houses built in the colorful styles of the late Nineteenth Century.

The heyday of what we now think of as Curtis Park had hardly lasted twenty five years when there were early signs that its future might be troubled; but despite the negative forces working against it over the years - too many to enumerate here - the neighborhood managed to preserve its residential character. Against the odds, most of its old houses, many in need of serious repair, remained standing, ready for new attitudes of appreciation coming their way.

Today, the Curtis Park Historic District contains more than 500 houses

from Denver's early history which are now protected under the provisions of the city's Landmark Ordinance. The 6-8 houses that will be open for the house tour on September 18 and 19 - all of them within easy walking distance of each other - obviously represent only a modest sampling of Curtis Park's riches, but we think our visitors will be pleased with the experience the tour will offer them. We look forward to welcoming them. -Bill West

Join us this fall for the Curtis Street Home Garden and Walking Tour September 18th-19th. Additionally, there will be two gardens to stroll through and two walking tours provided during this tour. Please contact Julie Rubsam at 303-921-1194 or [jrubsam@aol.com](mailto:jrubsam@aol.com) for more information as well as volunteer opportunities.



## Bring More Happiness into your Life

*Robbie Hobein*

A couple years ago, I sold the pickup truck I'd planned on having for life in order to buy an electric cargo bike for grocery store trips and errands around town. I've never looked back. It's SO FUN! A quick and cheap way to taste the fun of e-bicycling is to try one of the black or neon orange rentables you see all around our neighborhood, or ask a local shop for a test ride.

Here's a list of reasons you should consider joining the many of us who have moved to a car-lite lifestyle:

- It's SO fun! (There's a reason this is #1!) You'll make excuses to ride instead of drive.
- Zero emissions! Combats climate change.
- No traffic in the bike lane or on the trail!
- Less stressful than driving. Avoid just sitting and enjoy moving.
- Save money on gas, insurance and maintenance.
- Connect with community and nature.
- Wave to your neighbors and smell the flowers.
- Park just about anywhere.
- Good for your health - you'll get as much exercise as you want depending on how hard you pedal.
- Great way to include your kids and family involved in something to do together.
- Make friends! You'll join a community of people who dig bicycling, too.
- Less chained to time and clock-watching. Shifting your priorities can be life-changing!

### 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](https://squareup.com/store/CurtisParkNeighbors).



*Trees cool the city by up to 10°F by shading our homes and streets and releasing water vapor into the air through their leaves. U.S. EPA*

I highly recommend two more great resources with videos, interviews and all kinds of bike options:

Why You Should Be On A Cargo Bike:  
[gizmodo.com/why-you-should-be-on-a-cargo-bike-5903798](https://gizmodo.com/why-you-should-be-on-a-cargo-bike-5903798)

The Best Cargo Bikes of 2021:  
[gearjunkie.com/biking/best-electric-cargo-bikes](https://gearjunkie.com/biking/best-electric-cargo-bikes)

Please let me know if you have questions, want to brainstorm how to get started or just make a new friend in the neighborhood. See you out and about,

Robbie Hobein  
[robbie.hobein@curtispark.org](mailto:robbie.hobein@curtispark.org)



## SURVEY: Denver Moves Everyone

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) is seeking your feedback on a city-wide transportation plan, Denver Moves Everyone. Denver Moves Everyone 2050 is a citywide plan for the future of transportation in our city and we want to ensure that your values are reflected. Learn more about the project, time travel through Denver's history, and help us build Denver's transportation future. More information is available at: [denvermoveseveryone.com](https://denvermoveseveryone.com)

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## 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  
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2855 Tremont Place, Suite 201

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#### Councilwoman Debbie Ortega

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### 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

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Teresa Gillian (720) 913-2908

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### Elected RTD Representative

Shontel Lewis, (720) 935-8284

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### Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item pickup is  
Sept. 6th-10th  
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

## New to the Neighborhood? Welcome!



Curtis Park's President, Ryan Cox welcomes new neighbors! Please attend our monthly neighborhood meeting to start to get to know your neighbors and neighborhood! The meeting is always the first Thursday of the month, except for July, and December. We would love to meet you at this month's meeting on May 6th.

On a friendly note, if you are planning to renovate your new home, contact the Curtis Park Design Review Committee to work through your project. Curtis Park is a registered Historic District, and any exterior changes need to be approved by Denver Landmark Commission. Please save yourself the headache of having to re-work your design, by starting with the Curtis Park Design Review Committee.

## 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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