Hi Neighbors!

Ryan Cox, CPN President

October began and ended with a bang (and provided a lot of gorgeous weather and stunning leaf displays in between). We ushered the month in with our final Jazz in the Plaza of 2021 and saw it out with the 12th Annual Great Pumpkin at the Stout Street Children’s Park. Depending when this newsletter hits your door, there may still be time to join us for Dia de los Muertos after you drop off your ballot at Blair-Caldwell Library (details inside).

In the spirit of the upcoming season, I want to thank all of the volunteers and neighbors that help to put on our wonderful neighborhood events. John Hayden, Keith Pryor, Randy Vetter, Bruce McInroy, Gerald Horner and Guy Yandel take on the lion’s share of nearly all of our regularly scheduled events, including the aforementioned Great Pumpkin, Ice Festival, Dia de los Muertos, the Kwanzaa display and the Mad Hatter Tea Party. Speaking of tea, Hugh & Lynne Brown have hosted Valentine’s Day Tea at their home for more than 30 years. Julie Rubsam has played a huge role in Holiday Parties and almost single handedly brought the Curtis Street Home & Garden Tour to life this year. Along with many others who volunteer their time, money and supplies, they put on these events year in and year out that bring the community together, which is a big part of what makes living in Curtis Park so special.

We are all fortunate to live and share in this place where so many caring and thoughtful people have chosen to reside. Thanks to all of those who have shaped it and to those that continue to shape it. Happy Thanksgiving!

Please join us for our Curtis Park Neighbors General Meeting on Thursday, November 4th. Come see the newly renovated space at the Savoy with many thanks to the Franks for restoring a wonderful building and allowing us to meet there.

Holiday Party Update

In light of COVID and CDC guidance still recommending we not gather in large groups indoors, we are MOVING our holiday party OUTDOORS! We are still working out logistics for party date and location, but it’s likely to stay on Monday, December 6th or the weekend before (December 4th or 5th). Please stay tuned to the website calendar for details: https://curtispark.org/events/
Mick Barnhardt

Let’s help make recycling easier and more effective. Plastic bags are not recyclable. If you collect your recyclables in a plastic bag, please empty the contents into your recycle bin and put the plastic bag in the regular trash. This helps sorters at the recycle plant.

Aerosol cans are recyclable! Just be sure they’re empty and the plastic caps are removed.

Alas, pizza boxes are not recyclable.

November Tree News

Lynne Brown

Great news! Thanks to all your requests for a new tree, Denver Forestry has planted more than 15 trees in Curtis Park so far this year. Kudos, too, to the owners of the former Epworth Church—the building which now houses Wenk Associates and Little White Dress Bridal Shop—620 Corp. They planted three ornamental (Chanticleer) pear trees along Lawrence at 31st.

Remember: all trees still need to be watered. Until it freezes in mid-November you should water new trees once a week with about 10 gallons of water. Make sure you have mulch 3 inches deep and 3 feet wide around the base to protect them; that will help the soil maintain its moisture. Keep the mulch 3 inches away from the trunk for breathing room and to prevent disease.

Also be sure to wrap all young trees (1-5 years old) with commercial tree wrap (white) from Thanksgiving until the last frost in the spring. This protects the tree’s tender bark and prevents sun scald! Tree wrap is inexpensive and available at Home Depot.

Pizza Boxes, Aerosol Cans and Plastic Bags Oh My!

Mick Barnhardt

However, pizza boxes are compostable which is another reason to order a green container from the City. It’s only $100 for the whole year! Contact 3-1-1 to order your bin!

Denver Composts is a weekly collection service for all food scraps, yard debris, and non-recyclable paper. By signing up for compost collection you can reduce the amount of waste you throw away by as much as 50 to 75 percent!
Winter Bike Commuting Tips

November 21, 3 - 5 pm
2523 California Street

Have you thought about biking to work during the winter but the threat of icy streets and frozen fingers has made you cautious? I’ve biked year-round for nearly 30 years and want to share my experience.

Come by our garage at 2523 California on November 21st, 3:00-5:00 pm. We’ll be hanging out, talking about the gear you may need, clothing tips, bike maintenance, and riding safety. Join us for this informal gathering to gain advice in a judgment-free environment. All experience levels welcome! Feel free to bring a beer or other beverage and spend an autumn afternoon meeting new neighbors.

No need to RSVP; but contact Rob Price at robertwprice@gmail.com with questions.

Why Do I Fear for My Life
(and My Family’s life) Crossing the Street in Curtis Park?

Unsafe vehicle traffic through our residential neighborhood is a real threat to our lives and our well-being. Curtis Park Neighbors’ Transportation-Safety Committee recently re-convened with a focus on developing a comprehensive transportation and mobility plan focused on safety, convenience, and connectivity.

Our first priority will be to focus on the greatest culprit to our safety, particularly the high vehicle speeds, and poor sight-lines at intersections, along Champa and Stout streets. Secondly, we are re-visiting the neighborhood’s parking plan (implemented 3 years ago) to see what next steps might be taken to further protect residential parking in Curtis Park.

For over a century, our transportation systems have prioritized cars, trucks, and goods movement. We believe our neighborhood streets should prioritize people over cars — pedestrians, bicyclists, scooters, parents pushing strollers, people in wheelchairs, seniors getting to the store, children learning to walk, ride, or skate.

Additionally, we want to advocate for public transit that is more convenient, affordable, and easier to use.

At our next meeting, Monday, November 1st at 6:00 pm, we’ll be joined by Denver’s Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) Brett Boncore, Senior Engineer for Transportation Design.

Curtis Park Neighbors Transportation Committee meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Gerald Horner by email to GeraldHorner@gmail.com

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Business card sized ads are $50/issue and quarter page sized ads are $150/issue. If you place ads with us for three or more consecutive months, we provide a 10% discount. We look forward to supporting your needs and advertise your services or business! Please send clip art or ad content to Mick Barnhardt (mickbarnhardt@gmail.com) and Chris Franklin (franklinc@hotmail.com) and the issue month you would like to start. We are currently taking ad space for December forward.

With our bright sunshine, Denver has abundant solar resources! Going solar is more affordable than ever, a great way to save money on your energy bills, reduces air pollution, and helps Denver reach its climate goals. Join the City and County of Denver and Solar United Neighbors (SUN) on Tuesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. for an online panel discussion featuring homeowners, non-profit organizations, and government representatives who will discuss what going solar means to them. The discussion will center on personal experiences of going solar, the benefits of going solar, and the unique opportunities available through the Denver Solar Co-op. RSVP today.

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 November 17th for ads, and November 20th for articles.

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