



Hi Neighbors!

Ryan Cox, CPN President

Happy New Year and welcome to 2022! As we wrap up the holiday season and a year filled with ups and downs, we look forward to the hope and opportunity that a new year brings.

As we entered 2021 with the promise of vaccines, most would have envisaged COVID to be a distant memory by the time we turned the calendar to 2022. Although we grappled with it throughout the year and continue to do so, Curtis Park largely endured and maintained a semblance of normalcy. Thanks to our wonderful neighborhood volunteers, Curtis Park Neighbors hosted weekly gardening and yoga meet-ups as well as a weekly children's play date at Sonny Lawson Park and Cousins Plaza for the season. We also co-hosted First Friday Jazz in partnership with Norman Harris throughout 2021, which was a huge success! A Dia de los Muertos event brought Mariachi, Catrinas and tulip bulbs to the park.

Attention shifted to the Curtis Street Home, Garden and Walking Tour in September. Eight historic homes and two gardens were on display.

Over at Stout Street Children's Park, we saw ice sculptures and pony rides at the 11th annual Ice Festival in March, giant skeletons and stilted ghouls at the 12th annual Great Pumpkin in October, and Santa and his elf finished their horse carriage tour of the neighborhood at Stout St to hear the children's Christmas wishes and even let the kids take the sleigh for a spin.

We look forward to bringing these events to the neighborhood once again in 2022 (minus the Ice Festival, unfortunately. See the park update article for details). We also look forward to welcoming new neighbors to Curtis Park as projects are completed and others get underway. Several of the Platte Valley lots between Champa and Stout across from Mestizo Curtis Park have

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Curtis Park Neighbors

The next General Meeting will be Thursday, January 6th, 2022, at The Savoy, 2700 Arapahoe Street

6:30 p.m. Police Update & Briefing
7:00-8:30 p.m. General Meeting

ATTEND VIRTUALLY via Zoom Click [here](https://bit.ly/3c70D7p) or enter in your browser: <https://bit.ly/3c70D7p>

- Meeting ID: 357 239 6571

MEETING PROTOCOL:

- 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

Next CPN Neighbors Meeting
 February 3rd-6:00-7:00pm

CPN Board Meeting
 January 17th-6:00-7:00pm
 Location and Format T.B.D.

Trash and Recycling Pick-up Day has changed!

On January 3, 2022, about 70% of Denver's trash, recycling, and compost customers will experience a change in their collection day. Curtis Park's schedule has changed. The weekly trash pick-up formerly had trash pick-up on Wednesday, Starting January 3rd, our trash pick-up day is changed to **Thursday**. Please make a note of that!



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broken ground and others are on the way. The triangular mixed-use project at Downing between Curtis and Champa wraps up soon and Ava already has folks moving in. Corum hopes to close on the purchase and begin construction on the Greyhound parking lots, where they have three-story apartments planned.

Lastly, we look forward to welcoming new members to the Curtis Park Neighbors Board. There was a good deal of interest in board positions this year and we will elect five new members-- Garrett Brownlee Plantz, Stephen Bennett, Mark Dillen, Rhianon Schuman and Paul Attkisson. We also say THANK YOU to board members finishing their term, Paul Davidson and Robbie Hobein - both brought a ton of value to CPN. Among other things, Robbie ran the Denver Delivery Network that helped get critical services to at-risk neighbors during the height of COVID and Paul helped deliver a new expanded curtispark.org website, a neighborhood parking plan and Mestizo Fest in 2019. Thank you both!

We normally elect new board members at the Holiday Party, but since we opted to forego the party over COVID concerns, we will do the honors at the general meeting on Thursday, January 6th. Please join us at the Savoy, 2700 Arapahoe Street, for the meeting and stay for a drink afterward to catch up with neighbors at the Savoy's beautiful new bar. Happy New Year!

Park Improvements Finally Underway in Three Curtis Park Parks.

John Hayden

The year 2022 will be a year of construction in the neighborhood's three parks, Mestizo-Curtis, Stout Street Children's and Sonny Lawson. All are undergoing significant improvements in 2022. While access to the parks will be limited for much of the year due to construction, by the end of 2022 all three parks should be open with major new features for neighbors to enjoy.

Mestizo-Curtis Park saw the installation of construction fencing this past fall to begin the update to the irrigation system for the park. According to Denver Parks and Recreation, the construction fencing will remain up throughout the park until the fall of 2022. In addition to the new irrigation system the park will receive new perimeter sidewalks and a new path along the 31st street right of way replacing the social path used by so many people to cross the park. Additional improvements identified in the Mestizo-Curtis Park master plan such as park lighting, entry elements and gardens will not be part of this phase of construction but might be included in the budget for the new pool facility which was approved by Denver voters in the November 2021 election. Planning meetings for the new pool should begin in spring of 2022. Note that Mestizo-Curtis Park has one of only two 50 meter outdoor pools left in the city. If the community wants to keep this large pool format, it will be important for people to let parks and recreations know the larger pool is important for the community. Both the large volume of visitor and the

fact that the longer pool is better for swimming competitions are reasons the 50 meter format would be good to keep.

The Stout Street Children's Park will be closed sometime in February to undergo a complete reconstruction. As part of the new park design there will be more play elements for children of different ages and the entry for the park will be moved to the corner of 25th and Stout. The basketball court and the mature trees are all preserved in the new design. A proposed entry canopy topped by a playful bunny sculpture is in the plan but will require community fund raising due to budget constraints and the rising cost of construction. If you'd like to help with the fundraising effort contact John Hayden at the email address below. The construction of the park should be done by fall of 2022 in time for the 13th Annual Great Pumpkin at Halloween however the Ice Festival will be postponed this year due to the park being under construction.

Sonny Lawson Park has been under construction for many months and hopefully will reopen this spring with a new restroom facility and pollinator gardens at the corner of 24th and California. The restroom facilities will be staffed by city employees to ensure they are clean and safe. The pollinator gardens will be maintained by the Park Stewardship program of Curtis Park Neighbors that currently cares for the gardens on Cousin's Plaza and plans events in the parks like First Friday Jazz, the Great Pumpkin, The Ice Festival and Dia De Los Muertos. Anyone interested in helping with park stewardship can contact John Hayden at haydenpryor@msn.com.



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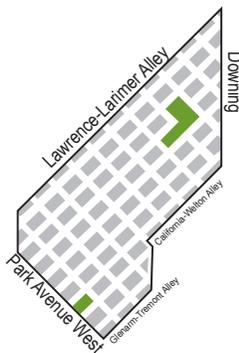
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Five Points Grew Faster and More Diverse in the First 20 Years of the Century

John Hayden

The Greater Five Points neighborhood, which goes from 20th Street to 38th Ave and Downing to the Platte River, saw a 33% increase in population between 2010 and 2020, making it one of the most populous and fastest growing neighborhoods in the city with a population of almost 19,000 according to the 2019 American Communities survey. Only Central Park which grew from an airport field into a large new urbanist neighborhood, Union Station, which grew from train yards into a dense urban center and Southmoor, which grew from parking lots and fields into a mixed-use transit hub had faster rates of growth than Five Points. Along with increased population, Five Points also became more diverse with an hispanic population that grew from 6% in 2000 to 16% in 2019 and an african-american population that grew from 5% in 2000 to 15% in 2019. These demographic shifts can be attributed to large redevelopment of previously vacant and warehouse land behind Coors Field, along Brighton Blvd and along Blake and the Welton corridors. This stands in stark contrast to almost exclusively single-family neighborhoods like Washington Park and Denver Country Club, both of which saw less than 2% increases in population between 2010 and 2020 and experienced decreases in their hispanic and african-american populations. The presence of affordable housing also has helped Five Points increase the diversity of its population, with over 3000 units of income-restricted units available in the neighborhood. The neighborhood population should continue to grow as development takes shape around 38th and Blake Station and in the Arapahoe Square section of Five Points on the neighborhood's downtown edge. Source: <https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Denver-City-Council/Redistricting-Denver-2022>



Love Your Tree This Winter... and Plant One Too!

Maggie Miller

Curtis Park may look kind of wintery at the moment, but it's greener than ever: you and your neighbors, and neighborly business owners, and Denver Forestry planted approximately 50 trees in Curtis Park in 2021. That's roughly 2½% more trees since last year. Should we try for another 2½% more for 2022? Would you like more shade and lower air-conditioning bills in the summers? Do you want to do your part to create a leafy street for your neighbors? If so, go to Denver Digs Trees (AKA "The Park People") immediately and follow the easy links to be awarded your very own tree. It's first-come, first-served (and the deadline is February 15) so don't hesitate. You can apply for your tree-lawn OR for your very own yard! Planting will occur at the end of April. Several varieties are available, both large and small trees when mature. If you happen to see a door-hanger about this on your door this month, it's because we, the members of the Curtis Park Tree Committee, think your house could use a tree! So don't be surprised if you see a little extra encouragement from us.

What about loving those trees you have? Remember: water your trees 10-15 gallons twice per month for trees 1-3 years old and at least once per month for established trees. This winter started out warm and dry, and your trees all need water!

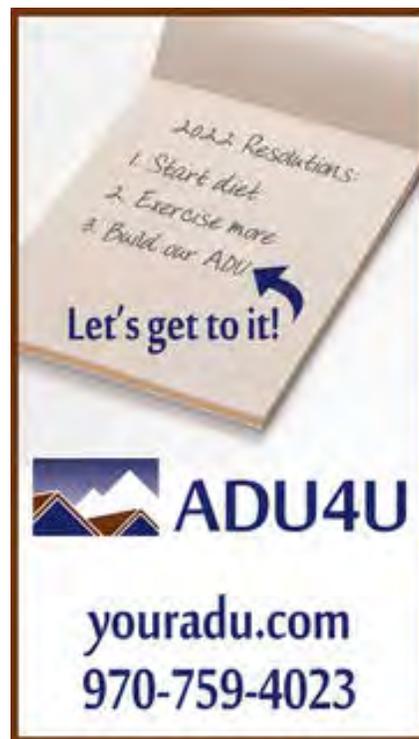
Parking Update

The CPN Transportation Committee has been working on a number of initiatives over the past several months.

Recognizing a general increase in parking demand in the neighborhood as RiNo and the Welton Corridor continue to grow, CPN has engaged with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to re-evaluate the Plan. Currently, the majority of Curtis Park is unrestricted street parking. 2-hr parking from 8am-6pm is present along much of California and Stout Streets and some blocks of Lawrence and Arapahoe. As DOTI is currently working on a RiNo parking plan that is likely to include metered parking, which will only increase the importance of more regulated parking throughout the neighborhood to keep it available for residents, we are in discussions with DOTI to broaden 2-hr parking to the majority of Curtis Park and expand the hours until 10pm for some blocks.

The CPN Transportation Committee also met recently with DOTI to discuss the Neighborhood Traffic

Management Plan. While many aspects and needs were discussed, the main highlight of the meeting was DOTI's consideration of converting Stout to a two-way street. They are currently studying the feasibility and design of the conversion, a process that will take approximately six months.



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
Deborah.Ortega@denvergov.org
(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
teresa.gillian@denvergov.org
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
TBD (in Feb)
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.Christman@denver.gov or call
(720) 865-2908.

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

Hidden in Plain Sight - Five Points to RiNo Walking Tour

Sunday, January 23, 3 PM - 5:00 PM

Join Gerald Horner and John Hayden on a walking tour from the heart of historic Five Points, through Curtis Park, and into RiNo.

The tour will start at the Five Points Plaza at 27th and Welton in front of Coffee at the Point. Along the way, learn about the music, art, and hidden history of the neighborhood, about buildings and places you might pass every day, and the stories they have to tell about our city and community. Please RSVP by January 19 to Gerald Horner at geraldhorner@gmail.com.



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/curtisparke

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 December 20th for ads, and December 22nd for articles.

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