Hi Neighbors!
Ryan Cox, CPN President

Happy Holidays! Our CPN General Meeting in December usually comes in the form of a potluck Holiday Party at the Posner Center, but due to rising COVID cases, this year’s party will be with Santa Claus on Sunday, December 19th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm outside at Stout Street Children’s Park (25th and Stout). This will follow Santa’s tour of Curtis Park in his horse-drawn carriage from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, so be sure to keep an eye out for him and wave as he passes. Due to it being outside, we won’t be doing our traditional potluck dinner and raffle (see inside for other ways to give this year), but we’ll have a table out so you can bring goodies and snacks to share. We’ll provide some hot beverages.

The Holiday Party normally serves as our annual meeting where we welcome new board members. We will shift that function to January this year, so no general meeting in December. Our next General Meeting will be on Thursday, January 6th at 6:30pm at the Savoy at Curtis Park, 2700 Arapahoe Street. Come for the meeting and stay for a drink afterward to catch up with neighbors at the Savoy’s beautiful new bar. Hope to see you there!

Vaccination Pop-up Success at the Posner Center

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped get 91 children aged 5-11 vaccinated and 38 adults their boosters at the Posner Center on November 13th! Rachel Kaygi spearheaded the effort that was booked up almost immediately. Neighbors Meghan Quinlan, Bridget Farley, Mary Kate, April and Erin Lin supported logistics with the help of junior volunteers Holden, Oscar, John and Campbell. Chris Parisi provided sustenance with a big lasagna. And THANK YOU to Ezzie Dominguez, facilities manager of the Posner Center, and her son Jorge for being so gracious as to host the clinic at their building on a Saturday!
**Colder Months Bring Fitness Indoors**

Denver Parks and Recreation encourages residents to take advantage of fitness and educational activities at local recreation centers. As part of the Recreation Center Reopening Plan, recreation center memberships are now offered for sale in-person and online as of Mon., Nov. 1. All recreation centers have returned to (pre-COVID) full operating hours and offer a large variety of amenities, fitness classes and activities.

Three recreation center membership levels are available: Regional, Local and Neighborhood. These tiers are based on the amenities offered and the hours of operation at each location. All memberships include access to recreation centers, drop-in fitness and aqua fitness classes, plus access to all outdoor pools during the summer months.

Recreation Center Membership is free to Denver students, ages 5 - 18, through the MY Denver Card and MY Denver Prime for residents 60 and up. In addition, all residents within the 80216-zip code are eligible to receive a 90% discount on registrations and memberships. Residents can register for this discount at the Johnson, Swansea and 5090 Broadway Recreation Centers.

For more information on membership options, activities and programming, visit denvergov.org/Recreation.

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**Curtis Park Project**

The City has commenced on a nearly year-long project to replace the perimeter sidewalk, add a new walk at 31st Street to connect Champa Street to Curtis Street, and replacing the irrigation system. A considerable amount of fencing is required to protect the trees. The contractor will work in the current area that has been fenced off until the ground freezes and then demobilize until spring. The anticipated completion date is August 22, 2022. Please note once contractor resumes in 2022 significant portions of the park will be closed throughout the remainder of the project.

**Mobility & Safety Projects in 5-Points**

*Gerald Horner*

Several mobility and safety projects are coming to the Five Points neighborhood this winter! These projects are a result of the Neighborhood Transportation Management Program’s (NTMP) Five Points Action Plan and include traffic calming, pedestrian safety enhancements, bikeway improvements, and the pedestrian plaza expansion:

1. 29th Avenue & Chestnut Place – Pedestrian safety enhancements and bike lanes
2. Curtis Street from 30th to 31st Street – Traffic calming and back-in angled parking
3. 32nd Street & Champa Street – Pedestrian enhancements.
4. Champa Street and Stout Streets from 24th to 32nd Street – Intersection bikeway and pedestrian safety enhancements.

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**Board Members Wanted**

*Robbie Hobien*

I’m winding down my fourth year as CPN board secretary and I’d like to rotate off and give someone else the opportunity to serve. Basic responsibilities: 4-6 hours/month

- **IT Google Administrator for CPN.**
  - ***We’ll need a backup second person for this as well. (I’ll help you get started!)***

- Run Google Calendar from their curtispark.org account, which is embedded and shareable from our website.

- **Record Minutes and share Agendas in Drive and by email.***

- Run virtual meetings from Zoom.

- Run curtispark.org rosters (users, groups/email distro lists up to date).

- **Record who comes to our General Meetings and store in Google Drive.***

- Coordinate communication with website admin(s) as needed.

I’m happy to stay on for a smooth transition as a consultant through quarter 1 of 2022. After that, I can be the third Google Admin backup so it keeps going. If you’re interested in serving in this role, or on the CPN board in general, please let me or Ryan Cox know.

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December 2021
End-of-Year Giving to Curtis Park Neighbors

Julie Rubsam

Dear neighbors - Many of you give donations to Curtis Park Neighbors and for that we are very grateful. But, for those who do not, we want you to know that Curtis Park Neighbors is listed as a 501(c)3 non-profit with the federal government (IRS) and therefore, your donations are tax deductible. We hope you will consider a donation before the end of the year.

What do we do with that money? A great question! We put on the Ice Festival in January - thanks to John Hayden and Keith Pryor; we have a group of neighbors who clean up the parks and create "defensive gardens" - fencing that helps to keep campers out of the tree rows; we help support Jazz in the Park in the summer; we created and raised funds for a Pollinator Garden at Sonny Lawson Park; we sponsored the Curtis Street Home Tour; we put on probably the best Halloween Party in the city (thanks again to John Hayden and Keith Pryor); we had a wonderful Dia de Los Muertos thanks to Bruce McNroye and Randy Vetter; and let's not forget Santa Claus going up and down our streets in a beautiful sleigh. AND, we deliver close to 2000 newsletters EVERY month.

While we are so grateful to all our volunteers, everything else costs money. And our neighborhood is richer for all the events that bind us in these strange and uncertain times. So, as I started to say in the beginning, please consider a holiday donation to our fantastic neighborhood organization. Contributions for Curtis Park Neighbors can be mailed to: Ben Mendenhall, Treasurer, 2438 Tremont Place, Denver, CO 80205 and we thank you, in advance!

New Brewery Coming to 24th and Curtis

Mobcraft Beer & Dee Tacko Launch Joint Venture in Former Liberati Brewery

Henry Schwartz

MobCraft Beer and Dee Tacko will be opening a brewpub and taco restaurant in the former Liberati Brewery at 2403 Champa Street. MobCraft is an award-winning craft brewery. MobCraft's founder, Henry Schwartz, along with his cousin, Justin Weber, is partnering with Juan Herrera and Cesar Munoz, The Taco Brothers to bring Dee Tacko's Mexican cuisine and MobCraft's crowdsourcing beer approach to Denver. In true crowdsourcing fashion, Mobcraft is raising funds from equity crowdfunding on Wefunder, giving patrons a chance to invest in the future of the company. For more information, email: beer@mobcraftbeer.com

Herrera says, We are excited to bring our fun approach to the food and beverage industry together with MobCraft to offer a unique dining experience. MobCraft plans to brew new recipes unique to the Denver location. Renovations on the space began in September with hopes to be open by the end of 2021. The taproom will feature two spaces: one for traditional sit-down dining and one with a more casual taproom vibe with high tops, lounge furniture and games. The interior will showcase murals painted by local artists and barrel furniture and fixtures built by local wood and craftworkers. The property features a 5,000 square foot patio with lounge and dining seating, bocce courts, fire pits, plus a parking lot with 30 spaces for customer parking.

Advertise in the CPN Newsletter

Would you like to advertise in our monthly newsletter? 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 Frankland chris frankland@curtispark.org and the issue month you would like to start. We are currently taking ad space for January forward.

Please Support CPN

Please consider a donation to support the Curtis Park Neighbors and this newsletter. You can also make your contribution online by visiting squareup.com/store/CurtisParkNeighbors.
Caring for Newly Planted Trees During the Winter

Why is winter watering vital? In the fall and winter, trees drop their leaves and become dormant as they prepare for colder temperatures. However, newly planted trees experience the greatest growth in their root system during this time. Colorado often experiences dry periods during winter (two or more weeks without snow cover), which can leave roots susceptible to drying out, causing tree death or severe root damage. Not watering throughout the winter is the largest contributing factor to the mortality of newly planted trees. It is best to slowly give any newly planted trees 10-15 gallons of water before putting the hose away for the winter and to supplement with 10-15 gallons of water during dry periods and when temperatures are above 40 degrees. Do not water when temperatures are near or below freezing. Before winter: Continue to water your tree(s) until the ground freezes. Slowly (trickle over several hours) give your newly planted tree 10-15 gallons of water. Once complete, don’t forget to disconnect your hose so that it doesn’t freeze. During winter: Water your tree twice a month with 10-15 gallons of water if the ground isn’t frozen. This is best done when the temperature is around 40 degrees and at mid-day to allow water to soak in before the ground freezes at night. Continue to check the moisture level of the root ball (the main mass of roots directly beneath the trunk), especially during long periods without snow cover.

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 “Notice” 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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