



January 2024

## Hi Neighbors!

*Ryan Cox, CPN President*

Pre-COVID, the neighborhood tradition was to hold an annual meeting/holiday party/potluck in December. Of course, we weren't able to get together in person in 2020 or 2021, and last year we gathered outside at the park with ice sculptures and Santa to stay safe. Thankfully, we're finally able to get back to our old way of doing things (albeit in January this go round).

No outside alcohol is allowed but there will be a cash bar.

- A-G Dessert
- H-P Entree
- Q-Z Appetizer or veggie dish

We want to invite all neighbors to our Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 11th at The Savoy (27th & Arapahoe) from 6:00-9:00pm. We are excited to announce the return of the neighborhood potluck and the Bill West Award. In order to get a mix of food items we have divided the selections alphabetically by last name.

At our Annual Meeting, we also hold our election for the Curtis Park Neighbors Board. Our nominating committee, led by Gerald Horner and Randy Vetter, have done a terrific job putting together a slate of candidates that we will vote on as neighbors. We thank the candidates for their willingness to bring their skills and serve the neighborhood!

### Curtis Park Neighbor's Annual Meeting & Holiday Party

Where: The Savoy  
When: January 11th from 6:00-9:00 pm



### Next CPN Neighbors Meeting

Annual Meeting January 11th  
February 1st

**CPN Board Meeting**  
January 15th-6:00-7:00pm  
RedLine Gallery.

Candidate	Area of Focus
Anne Barkis	Policy Advocacy, Diversity/Equity, Historic Preservation, Family Activities
Lynne Brown	Tree Committee Chair,
Sarah Carpenter	Social Media, Communication
Brad Dalton	Parks, Community-Building
John Hayden	Events Committee Chair, Parks, Trees, Land Use, Homelessness, Safety, Historic Preservation
Ryan Hutton	Dog Park, Safety/Livability
Joel Noble	Land Use, Transportation, Communication
Keith Pryor	Design Review Committee Chair, Parks, Trees, Events, Safety, Land Use, Homelessness



## SCFD Free Days

### Denver Zoo

- Fri. Jan. 5th

### Denver Museum of Science & Nature

- Mon. Jan. 8th

### Denver Art Museum

- Tues. Jan. 9th

### Denver Botanic Gardens

- Mon. Jan. 15th

### Denver Center for the Performing Arts

- Tues. Jan. 9th

DCPA Access Sale - \$10 tickets to "Cebollas", "Rubicon" and "Space Explorers: THE INFINITE" will go on sale at 12pm on January 9. Discounted tickets are first come, first served and subject to availability. Tickets will go fast!

Go to: [scfd.org](http://scfd.org) for more info.

## Do You Want a Tree for the New Year?

If you have space in your "treelawn" (AKA "hellstrip") or in your yard (where you may have more room), you can get a tree for \$10.

Just go to [www.TheParkPeople.org/what-we-do/Denver-Digs-Trees](http://www.TheParkPeople.org/what-we-do/Denver-Digs-Trees) (or scan the QR code below) to start the easy process NOW. (Applications will close February 15th, and trees will be distributed on April 27th.) Patriot Elms, Kentucky Cofeetrees, and "Exclamation! London Planetrees," oh my!

Be sure to read the FAQs which are full of good information, including details about how to purchase a fruit tree, if you want one. And if you find the process the least bit intimidating, just reach out to the Tree Committee for support or contact Lynne Brown, [lynnebrown001@gmail.com](mailto:lynnebrown001@gmail.com) or 303-845-2496.

ALSO - Treevia Question of the Month: What is the best ground-cover to put at the base of a tree? You can find the answer on page 3.



## Rezone Proposal for 3051 Lawrence St

The property owner at 3051 Lawrence St has submitted a rezone request to go from G-RH-3 to G-RX-3. The request is to accommodate a 5-6 unit B&B/Inn, a use for which G-RH-3 does not allow. The property owner has worked with CPN on a Good Neighbor Agreement and Deed Restriction to remove uses that are normally permitted in G-RX-3 zoning but we have agreed would not be suitable for this property.

Since we do not have a 'normal' general meeting in January, we have scheduled a special meeting to hear from the property owner and discuss via Zoom at 4:30pm on January 12, 2024.

<https://bit.ly/3051lawrencezoom>

Meeting ID 896 9724 5686 Passcode 915174

Relevant Docs: <https://bit.ly/3051lawrencedocs>



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## Welcome Seemore and Buttons

*John Hayden*

The Stout Street Children's Park has a new resident. A three foot tall bronze bunny and teddy named Seemore and Buttons. The sculpture is the work of Mark Dziejwior, a Minnesota based sculptor, whose work is produced at the Loveland Foundry, one of the largest creators of bronze sculptures in the United States. Seemore and Buttons are a gift to the Curtis Park community in honor of Barbara Furst and Nancy Welch. Before their passing, Barb and Nancy lived at 2801 Curtis and helped to care for the children's park. In addition to the beautiful roses that graced their gardens at 28th and Curtis, Barb and Nancy also loved and cared for their pet bunnies, so a bunny sculpture in the park seemed to be a fitting way to remember them. A small plaque commemorating Barb and Nancy will be added to the bench near the sculpture in early 2024. We hope that the bunny will bring joy and wonder to Curtis Park children for many years to come.



*Seemore and Buttons at the Stout Street Children's Park*



## House History #7: 2810 Arapahoe Street



*Bill West*

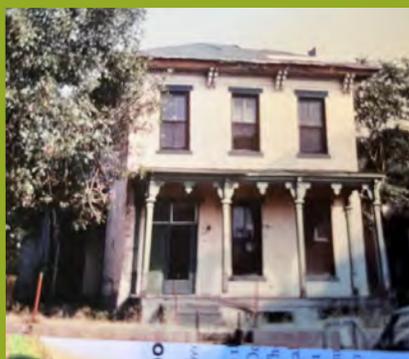
When, in 1870, Dr. John Elsner, born in Vienna, decided to buy land on which to build a home, he bought a full block on the very eastern edge of Denver within sight of the treeless plain that lay beyond. In 1872, the house was built where he and his wife only lived for three years before moving to a much grander house on 14th Street, then a tree-lined street on which Denver's finest homes were located. Elsner was a member of Denver's prosperous Jewish community which established the National Jewish Hospital among many other civic contributions.

The original Elsner house was part of the decline that the rest of Curtis Park experienced until, by the 1970s, it was an empty, neglected property. One day in 1975 when Martha Daniels, a well known ceramic sculptor, now living in California, was driving around the neighborhood, she happened serendipitously to notice a "For Sale" sign in front of the abandoned house. In short order, she stood with a realtor before the front door of the house to which was attached a "Notice to Vacate" sign. Once she got inside the house, nonetheless, she knew she had to have it, so she bought it for \$12,500, and moved right in. She only lived at 2810 Arapahoe for three years, and when it was listed again in 1978, it came into the perfect hands of Larry Sage and David Francis. Sage was a master craftsman with all the skills needed to restore the

remarkable interior of the house during the years that he lived there so that today those who walk into it are taken aback by its intact beauty. One particular space is worthy of special notice. There is a small porch on the left side of the house with a door that opened into Dr. Elsner's office. Anyone who came into that room then, or comes in now, is struck by its rare beauty and opulence, perfectly restored by Sage. Incidentally, Dr. Elsner saw Indian patients there among others, and to show their gratitude some of them even made him an honorary member of their tribes.

In 1979, Sage and Francis submitted an application to have 2810 Arapahoe listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Their application was successful. Tragically, that was also the time of the AIDS epidemic, and Denver, including Curtis Park, was hard hit. Among the good many in the neighborhood who succumbed to that dreadful disease was David Francis. Larry Sage lived on in the house for a time after his partner's death.

The current owners and residents of the house, Peter and Barbara Fahmy, consider themselves the beneficiaries of the beautiful work done on it by Sage and Francis. They have raised their family there, love the house, and intend to remain there for the rest of their lives.



1970s



Today

## Resources

### Denver City Government

www.DenverGov.org, or call 3-1-1

### Blair-Caldwell Library

2401 Welton Street, (720) 865-2401

### Denver City Council

#### District 9

**Darrell Watson**, (720) 337-7709  
district9@denvergov.org

#### At-Large

**Councilwoman Sarah Parady**  
ParadyAtLarge@denvergov.org  
(720) 337-7712

#### Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez

GonzalesGutierrezAtLarge@denvergov.org  
(720) 337-7713

### Denver Public Schools

(720) 423-3200, www.DPSK12.org

### Homeless Outreach

Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

### Police

**Emergencies:** Dial 911

**Non-Emergency:** (720) 913-2000

**Dist. 2 (north 25th Street) RSO:**

**Hana Ruiz** (720) 913.1089

hana.ruiz@denvergov.org

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**Teresa Gillian** (720) 913-2908

teresa.gillian@denvergov.org

**Austen Munson** (720) 913-2906

austen.munson@denvergov.org

**Elected RTD Representative**

**Michael Guzman**, (720) 252-4961

shontel.lewis@rtd-denver.com

### Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item Pickup is not yet posted on Denver website.

**Park Ranger** 303-331-4050

### 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.org or call (720) 865-2908.

### Short Term Rental Enforcement

**Brian Snow** (720) 865-2750

## Farm & Market

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## 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/](http://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](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 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 January 20th for ads, and articles.

### Special Thanks To

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### CPN Board of Directors

Ryan Cox (President), Stephen Bennett (Vice President), Guy Yandel (Treasurer), Rhianon Schuman (Secretary), Randy Vetter, Paul Attkinson, John Martin, Mark Dillen, and Gerald Horner.

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