



June 2024

Hi Neighbors,

Spring may have sprung a little chilly, but that didn't stop over 100 of you awesome folks from grooving at the first "Jazz in the Park"! Huge thanks to our volunteers for curating a great line up of amazing musicians and the Park Stewards for making Cousin's Plaza at Sonny Lawson Park so inviting.

Summer's just around the corner, and it's going to be sizzling with fun events:

- Five Points Jazz Fest: Mark your calendars for June 8th because that jazzy goodness is back on Welton St.!
- Juneteenth Festival: Celebrate freedom and community on June 15th & 16th!
- Mo' Betta Green Market: Score locally made goodies every Saturday at Cousin's Plaza starting June 22nd (9 AM - 3 PM)!
- Movies in the Park: Grab a blanket and popcorn for an epic outdoor screening of "The Princess Bride" at Mestizo-Curtis Park (June 22nd, near 31st & Arapahoe, sunset).
- El Sistema End-of-Summer Celebration: Show some love and enjoy a performance by talented students (many from Curtis Park!) on June 28th.

Curtis Park Connects, our monthly general neighborhood meeting, is moving to 7pm in June. Here's what we have on the agenda in this month:

- District 2 & 6 officers neighborhood safety update
- Enjoy delicious cookies from The Flour Shop, in the old Temple Emanuel.
- Get the scoop on Denver Walls and the RINO Art Park with Sarah Crawse (RINO Art District).
- Hear the latest on affordable housing with Jeff Shanahan, developer of the RTD lot on 29th & Welton.

Finally, a big shout-out to our gardening enthusiasts! Your flowers are a delight. If you haven't been out lately, take a stroll and soak up all the beauty!

Cheers,

Stephen Bennett

CPN President

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Curtis Park Events

Curtis Park Connects
Thursday, June 6th.
Location: MAC's Garage
@ 816 25th Street

7:00-8:30

DPD Public Safety
The Flour Shop
Jeff Shanahan- 29th & Welton St
Sarah Crawse- RiNo Art District

July Curtis Park Connects
No Meeting

August Curtis Park Connects
August 1st @ The Savoy

CPN Board Meeting
June 17th-6:00-7:00pm
RedLine Gallery

Movies in the Park
The Princess Bride
Saturday, June 22nd @ Sundown

Neighborhood History - The Armory 26th/Curtis

Sarah Adleman

What do the Colorado State Militia, mobsters, neon signs, musicians, riots, environmental protection, and boxing all have in common? The large white building on the corner of 26th & Curtis. During the 1870s and '80s, when fortunes were being amassed in the railroad, farming, coal, and steel industries, prosperous Denverites built their homes in Curtis Park. Meanwhile, an upheaval of urban riots in Russia, Europe, and in particular Chicago's 1886 Haymarket Square Massacre prompted many of the affluent in Curtis Park to fear riots and Indian attacks closer to home. In 1889 the Colorado State Armory was completed to quell the worry.

Designed by the famed William Quayle the original red brick exterior was ornate with stone, medallions, and small statues. Though the exterior was stuccoed in the 1930s to preserve the soft brick from erosion, the expansive interior remains. It is the largest single room in Denver built before 1890: maple floors, old-growth heavy timber post-and-beams, and a 35-foot barrel roof with skylights. It's almost instinctual to take a deep breath when entering.

Though neighborhood riots never occurred, the Colorado State Militia occupied the building and was deployed from its premises on several occasions. Look into the Denver City Hall War of 1894 (mobsters), or better yet, visit the current building owner, Kyle Hier, for an extensive history. The safe rooms for the Curtis Park families are still found under the building and used today as gallery and event space. The rooms are adjacent to the numerous music studios used by some of Denver's most notable musicians over the past 30 years.

The building was sold in 1913 and over the next 25 years would incarnate as a dance hall, a roller rink, a social club, and most notably as The Olympic Auditorium to site some of Denver's biggest boxing matches in history. Later, long after the boxing matches of the 1920s & 30s, Sonny Liston trained in the building for the 1968 Heavy Weight World Championship against Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali).

From 1938-1991 the building was home to various sign companies, the most notable being Art Neon, the largest sign plant in all of the Western U.S. and where nearly all of Denver's early large neon signs and artisan-painted highway billboards were created.

Kyle Hier took ownership in 1991 after the building had fallen into disrepair and when the neighborhood was plagued with crime and violence. Kyle spearheaded the restoration and transformation of the building from its dilapidated state into the current creative hub found today. Early on, his business of designing containments for nuclear and hazardous waste operated out of the building along with the music studios. Kyle is a long-time musician and supporter of artists. Today, the building hosts an award-winning podcast production studio and has full AV capabilities for photo/video shoots and events. Recently, the building has hosted exhibitions, parties, and fundraisers, and will host Urban Sanctuary's Farmers Market in June. Kyle refers to the past 30 years as "a labor of love." When asked what he hopes the next 30 years to hold, he hopes the building to be relevant as a vibrant hub that encourages health and growth. He believes art to have always been the salvation of society. Watch Kyle on Creative Mornings to go deeper. www.theoacdenver.com



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MOVIE IN THE PARK
22 JUNE, 2024 | 6:30PM
MESTIZO-CURTIS PARK
SCREENING THE PRINCESS BRIDE

EVENTS

AT THE

SAVOY

2700 Arapahoe



MAS Presents: Robert Mirabal

June 13, the evening begins at 7:00 PM

Grammy-award winning, Native American artist, Robert Mirabal will perform with members of his band The Rare Tribal Mob. A resident of Taos Pueblo, Mirabal is a multi-instrumentalist and master flute craftsman who weaves powerful stories into his art, offering his music “as a healing for the human spirit and a remembrance of why we are all here together”. Mirabal is a recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts award and the New York Dance and Performer’s “Bessie” Award for composition.

MAS Presents: Curtis Stewart

June 27, the evening begins at 7:00 PM

Four-time Grammy award-nominee, Curtis Stewart, is praised for “combining omnivory and brilliance” (The New York Times), translating stories of self-determination to the concert stage. Stewart holds the role of Artistic Director of the American Composers Orchestra, is a professor at The Juilliard School, and a member of award-winning ensemble PUBLIQuartet.

Denver Fringe Festival!

June 6-9, 2024

Twelve performances at the Savoy Denver - for adults and families - as part of The Denver Fringe Festival! Grab a single ticket or buy a festival pass at www.denverfringe.org. The four-day festival supports bold, progressive performances with 60+ performances in venues in RiNo/Five Points and beyond. Awarded “Best Performance Arts Festival” in Westword’s Best of Denver 2023 and “Best New Festival” in 2021. For families: Sickly Victorian Rat Circus, Big Bug Adventure, puppet making, and more! For adults: Theatre Artibus’ The Bluebird, The King Penny Radio Show, Safety First, Things I Hide from Dad, Dreams of a Clown, blood(line), The Cult of Gender, San Juan Tales, 20 Nothing, and The Kids Might Die.



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Holiday Bunting

Julie Rubsam



It’s time to dust off and freshen up your holiday bunting flags with the 4th of July right around the corner. Again, this year we are asking neighbors to participate in decorating of their homes with the bunting flags, as this lifts the energy of the neighborhood by adding a festive feeling in the air. These really fit into the historic character of the neighborhood, as they date way back to 17th century shipping flags and have been used ever since. If you do not have yours yet, a simple Google search will bring up many affordable options with a variety of styles. Please decorate your home to help create a fun, cohesive and festive vibe in Curtis Park this summer.



SCFD Free Days

Molly Brown House Museum

- Tues. June 4th

Historic Elitch Gardens Theatre

- Fri. June. 7th (Elemental)
- Sat.. June. 15th (Wong Foo Pride)

Denver Art Museum

- Tues. June 11th

Denver Botanic Gardens

- Wed. June 5th

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- Tues. June 4th
- Wed. June 19th



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Resources

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Denver City Council D9
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Denver Public Schools
(720) 423-3200, www.DPSK12.org

Community Advisory Board Mtgs.
District 2 Community Advisory Board
1st Wed. of the month 6pm
3921 N Holly Street

D6 Community Advisory Board
3rd Thursday of the month @ Noon
1566 N Washington Street

DOTI ROW
(720) 913-1720

Abandoned Vehicles
(720) 865-0471

Police Non-Emergency:
(720) 913-2000

Dist. 2 (north 25th Street) CRO:
Hana Ruiz (720) 913-1089
hana.ruiz@denvergov.org
Dist. 6 (south 25th Street) CRO:
Kayla Knabe (720) 913-2908
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Park Ranger 303-331-4050
Elected RTD Representative
Michael Guzman, (720) 252-4961
michael.guzman@rtd-denver.com

Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup
The next Large Item Pickup is
June 21st

Xcel Energy
Electric Emergency/Power Outage
(800) 895-1999
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(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

El Sistema Neighborhood Celebration June 28th - All Are Welcome!

El Sistema Colorado invites Curtis Park Neighbors to their End of Summer Camp Celebration on Friday, June 28th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at 2980 Curtis St.

Our younger students, ages 6-10, will have been rehearsing, learning, and playing music all week at our 100% free music camp for strings. This little Show & Tell will be their way of sharing what they learned this week with their families and YOU!

Many of El Sistema's students and families live in Curtis Park. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and join us for some light refreshments, joyful music and an opportunity for our communities to mingle! <https://www.elsistemacolorado.org/>



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
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Curtis Park Design Review Committee
Thinking about building an ADU? Does your home need new windows or are you considering exterior modifications? Most buildings within Curtis Park are subject to Design Review. Please email: cpn-design-review@googlegroups.com with questions about the design review process.

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 June 22nd for ads, and articles.

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