

July 2024

Hi Neighbors

Hopefully you enjoyed all the happenings on Welton Street in June: First Friday Jazz, Five Points Jazz Fest, and the Juneteenth Festival. "Movies in the Park" returned to Mestizo Curtis Park in June for a showing of The Princess Bride. Join us on 20 July, near the corner of 31st & Arapahoe, and sundown for "Coco".

of all the activities in Curtis Park & Five Points this summer. Keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page so you don't miss out on events and activities in the neighborhood. And please join us on the 1st at The Savoy to celebrate CurtisPark, see old friends, and meet new neighbors at the Curtis Park Connects Summer Soiree.

*Stephen Bennett
President*

July Curtis Park Connects No Meeting



First Friday Jazz in Sonny Lawson Park Danette Hollowell

CPN Board Meeting July 15th-6:00-7:30pm RedLine Gallery

Movies in the Park Coco Saturday, July 20th @ Sundown

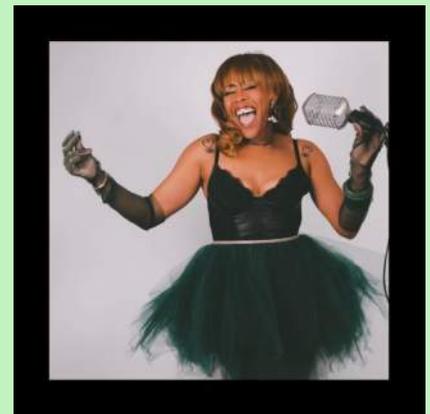
August Curtis Park Connects August 1st @ The Savoy Summer Party!

While Curtis Park Neighbors does not host Curtis Park Connects in July, we're excited to announce that the August CPC will be a Summer Party at The Savoy from 7-9. Bring your favorite dessert to share with neighbors (Cash bar available). In the interest of being good stewards of the environment, CPN is adopting the Leave No Trace (LNT) principle for its events in 2025. Once our Costco sized stash of paper plates & plastic utensils is gone, CPN will no longer be providing disposable cups or plates at events. You can start practicing LNT by bringing a reusable plate and fork to the Savoy on the 1st.

Unfortunately the Mestizo Curtis Park pool is not opening this summer. CPN is working with Councilman Watson and the Parks Dept regarding the status of the pool (it is cracked) and the design of the new pool. When we have a timeline of the construction of the new pool we will share that information with the neighborhood.

We hope that you're taking advantage

First Friday in the Park



Please welcome the incomparable Danette Hollowell and the Good Guys to our First Friday Jazz in the Park, 5:30-7:00 pm, July 5th, Cousins Plaza - Sonny Lawson Park, 2401 Welton Street. Bring a chair and some dancing shoes for a great show. Hollowell brings an edge, dynamism, and beautiful charisma to the Denver music scene. There will be food trucks and we will have hula hoops for the kids in the children's play area.

The Majesty of Trees

And Their Effect on our Health and Well-Being

Thomas Lucas

Do you have a favorite tree? Perhaps a tall, majestic oak or a hackberry or a gentle honey locust. A tree that lifts your spirits when you spend time with it or merely pass it by on a routine walk. Well, your favorite tree does so much more than offer comfort and joy, though that is no small thing. Here are a few benefits worth highlighting:

Trees reduce ambient temperature by providing shade and transpiring water. Studies have shown that one mature tree can produce the same cooling effect as 10 room-sized air conditioners (think about that when you pay your next Xcel bill!). Increasing the density of the tree canopy can produce up to 15 degrees of cooling in urban areas on hot summer days.

Trees work constantly to improve local air quality. Research shows that streets lined with trees produce a 60% reduction in particulates from car exhaust fumes. Scientists estimate that for every 10% increase in tree canopy, ozone is reduced by 3.7%.

(Ozone levels in Denver are unacceptably high and pose a serious threat to public health).

A single mature, leafy tree can absorb up to 450 liters of water through its roots every day as well as capturing rain water on the surface of its leaves. Tree roots reduce soil erosion, slow the filtration of water into city drainage networks, and prevent stormwater runoff from reaching rivers and streams with harmful chemicals that wash off our streets and sidewalks.

Trees capture and sequester carbon dioxide. On a grand scale, trees play a significant impact in reducing carbon dioxide world-wide, and each tree planted contributes to that effort.

Back to that favorite tree of yours, the one that lifts your spirits. Someone planted it 20, 30, 50 years ago or more. So, why not plant a tree today, water it, watch it grow and smile, knowing that it will do important work for the community, and in years to come it will be someone else's favorite tree.



Garden in a Box

Resource Central is now taking orders for Garden in a Box. This is a program that curates beautiful selections of plants, many native, for your garden. They offer these "boxes" twice a year. resourcecentral.org



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Five Points/RiNo
Rotary

For more information email:
frankie.i.reed@gmail.com

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SCFD Free Days

Molly Brown House Museum
• Tues. July 2nd

Denver Art Museum
• Tues. July 9th
• Sun. July 22nd

Denver Botanic Gardens
• Wed. July 3rd

Clifford Still Museum
• Sun. July 28th

Curtis Park
Work From
Home Club

Each week, we'll post the location on the Curtis Park Neighbors Facebook group and send out a reminder to anyone who wants an e-mail. Drop a note to joel@joelnoble.net and you'll be added to our Monday reminder mail.

Downtown Speakeasy Toastmasters Cele- brates 35 Years!

The Downtown Speakeasy is a fun and casual Toastmasters Club located at Venture X on Welton Street in Five Points. And this March marks the club's 35th Anniversary!

Our weekly lunch-hour meeting attracts a variety of professionals with unique backgrounds and goals. The club provides a comfortable, supportive and inclusive environment for our members to become better communicators and more effective leaders.

Join us in person on Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, at Venture X - Five Points, located at 2590 Welton Street, Suite 200. Or visit us virtually via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8563711800> Meeting ID 856 371 1800.

We welcome guests and new members of all skill levels, and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



EVENTS

AT THE

SAVOY

2700 Arapahoe



The Love Touch

Saturday, July 20th 7:00 - 9:00 PM

We invite you to join us at our 70s themed event! Where we'll look to explore, cultivate, and honor various forms of healthy relationships.

You can expect thrilling performances, live art, and roaming activities encouraging human connection throughout.

Whether single and looking for creative spaces, partnered and looking for a date night, or simply looking for a fun time out with friends, this night has something for everyone!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CURTIS PARK

Part One of Five: Bright Beginnings

Bill West

When it was finally definite that the Union Pacific Railroad had decided to run its main line through Cheyenne on its way westward, those living in Denver didn't take the news lying down. Instead, they rallied and in short order had raised enough money in-house to finance a spur line that would run due south from Cheyenne to Denver,

Those on the first train to arrive in Denver in 1870 can hardly have imagined that they were only the first installment of what was to turn into a population explosion that would turn Denver into what a recent historian has called "an instant city." It was also for a brief period the fastest growing city in the country.

Needless to say, the little gold rush city of Denver was going to need a building boom to match the housing needs of its rapidly growing population. Already in 1871, the city put in its first streetcar line. Commencing in Denver's small downtown, in and around lower Larimer Street, it made its way to Champa Street, still unpaved, onto which it turned at 16th Street, and down which it went all

the way out to 27th Street, just outside the city limits.

When a reporter for the Rocky Mountain News rode the line to its end in its horse-drawn street car soon after its completion, he reported that there was little to see but empty land. But when another reporter made the same trip eight years later in 1879, he noted that "substantial brick residences" were being built all along Champa. They were also being built along the streets parallel to it, Stout, California, and Welton on one side, and Curtis, Arapahoe, and Lawrence on the other.

The new streetscapes consisted of large, medium-sized, and small houses which showed how economically mixed the neighborhood originally was. The well-to-do who could afford them built the large houses, usually decorated with the embellishments dear to Victorian homeowners. But the neighborhood was also home to those of more modest means – blacksmiths, clerks, school teachers, to name only a few – who lived in the smaller houses, many of them with their share of exterior decorations as well. The mixture of large and smaller houses constituted a visual record of a unique period in Denver's early history when persons of widely different incomes apparently lived easily and comfortably together, providing a heritage of tolerance worth remembering.



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Resources

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Blair-Caldwell Library

2401 Welton Street, (720) 865-2401

Denver City Council D9

Darrell Watson, (720) 337-7709

district9@denvergov.org

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(720) 337-7712

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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

kayla.knabe@denvergov.org

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

July 11th

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

Support Curtis Park Neighbors

Did you know that Curtis Park Neighbors is a registered 501.(c)3non-profit? That means your donations are 100% tax deductible. CPN receives no direct funding from the City & County of Denver. It relies on donations and grants from our generous neighbors and foundations.

Your donations support events like First Friday's Jazz at Sonny Lawson Park and the Pumpkin Festival and Ice Festivals at Stout Street Children's Park. CPN also prints the Curtis Park Times which costs ~4k/year to print and is delivered by our neighbor volunteers. For a quick and easy way to reach the donation page of the website, scan the following QR Code.

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Neighborhood 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/curtisparnk/

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 City and other organizations send to Curtis Park Neighbors. Zoning notices, liquor license applications and Landmark Preservation Commission meetings come through here. To join, send an email to: CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com

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 July 20th for ads, and articles.

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