



Hi Neighbors,

Stephen Bennett, President

Summertime in Curtis Park continues to sizzle, and I'm not just talking about the record-breaking heat in July. August kicks off with a Summer Soiree, in lieu of a meeting, for Curtis Park Connects at The Savoy. Bring your favorite dessert to share with old friends and new neighbors. (Cash bar available). The weekend activities continue with First Friday Jazz in SLP on the 2nd and Platte Forum's Arts and Community Fair in Mestizo Curtis Park on the 4th . Prior to Movies in the Park on the 17th the 1st Curtis Park Garden Fair will be held on the Curtis Street side of the park.

CPN is working on a few initiatives around the neighborhood including: a Good Neighborhood Agreement with Saint Francis Center; safety and traffic concerns on 32nd from Stout to Curtis; RiNo sound issues; and the Stout Street Two Way conversion. We are meeting with Councilman Watson and Denver Parks and Recreation at the end of July regarding the Mestizo Curtis Park pool. Information regarding the design and timeline of the new pool will be shared with the neighborhood as it becomes available.

CPN is always looking for volunteers to help the Park Stewards and the Tree Committee. Additionally, there is a Times' delivery route open on Champa St. One off volunteer opportunities are available too if you are unable to make a longer-term commitment. Ask any board member about how you can get

involved with the neighborhood. And if you do not have free time, monetary donations are welcome as well. Especially since the cost of printing the Times went up 40% this year. The board and Curtis Park's wonderful group of volunteers have been busy planning activities, maintaining the parks and gardens, and working with the city to keep Curtis Park safe, and vibrant. Please join us on the 1st to celebrate our amazing neighborhood.



PlatteForum's First of its Kind!

**Sunday, August 4, 2-6:00 pm,
Mestizo-Curtis Park**

Join us for our inaugural Arts & Community Fair to celebrate the incredible work we've done alongside our local communities! This event aims to unite artists, youth, and organizations in a joyful celebration of our shared presence in the arts. Bring a friend and connect with nearby organizations, talented artists, and the vibrant community of ArtLab youth interns. Most importantly, come ready to have fun!

August Curtis Park Events
<p>Curtis Park Connect 1st August, 7-9 pm Summer Soiree The Savoy</p>
<p>First Friday Jazz in SLP 2nd August, 5:30-7 pm Sonny Lawson Park</p>
<p>Arts & Community Fair 4th August, 2-6 pm Mestizo Curtis Park</p>
<p>Curtis Park Garden Fair 17th August, 4-7 pm Mestizo Curtis Park</p>
<p>Movies in the Park 17th August, Sundown Mestizo Curtis Park</p>
<p>CPN Board Meeting 19th August, 6-7:30 pm Redline Gallery</p>



Curtis Park Historic Walking Tour

Sunday August 18th.

Join us for a walking tour of the Curtis Park Landmark District on Sunday August 18th from 10 am to noon. The tour will focus on the past and future of the neighborhood, covering architectural styles, important historical events and people who have made Curtis Park the walkable, friendly neighborhood it is today. Tour will start at Mestizo-Curtis Park at 31st and Curtis Street and end at the Denver Central Market. Please RSVP to John Hayden via text or email at 303-297-3994, haydenpryor@msn.com.

Neighborhood Garden Fair: State Fair Vibes, Neighborhood Size



Mark your calendars for the Curtis Park Garden Fair on August 17, 2024, from 4 to 7 pm at Mestizo-Curtis Park.

This event will feature several friendly competitions: vegetables, cut flower arrangements, and homemade pie, as well as educational programming, refreshments, and lawn games. Don't miss the chance to showcase your gardening talents or baking skills. Sign up for the competitions and find more details about the event here: <https://tinyurl.com/yvsz7p2k> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Matt Hastings at mhasting1066@gmail.com Join us for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating community and gardening!

Be Kind to Your Trees

It's been a hot, dry summer so far. Remember to water your trees! Use a hose in a triangle or square around the tree and let the water run slowly for 15-20 minutes in each location. Free mulch is still available at 29th and Stout to help keep the soil cool and keep the weeds from growing around the base of the trunk.

Don't be surprised if you get a Note from Your Tree regarding its health. Members of the Tree Committee might be stopping by.

First Friday in the Park



Join us in welcoming Fedora Swing for First Friday Jazz in the Park, 5:30-7pm, August 2, Cousins Plaza - Sonny Lawson Park, 2401 Welton Street.

Fedora Swing is a 7 piece band rooted in Jazz. They put a spin on all kinds of tunes creating a great mix for dancing. There will be a food truck and we'll have entertainment for the kids in the children's play area.



SCFD Free Days

- Molly Brown House Museum
 - Tues. August 5th
- Denver Art Museum
 - Tues. August 13th
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science
 - Wed. August 21st
- Denver Botanic Gardens
 - Wed. August 28th




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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.



Magdalene Gloria Jamsay

January 17, 1937 — June 27, 2024

A dear neighbor, Maggie (Magdalene Jamsay) from 2924 Champa has passed away. She was 87 years old and has lived in that house since she was about 5 years old, so one of Curtis Park's "originals." She is well known in the neighborhood either as a friend, neighbor, or that lady who would sit with her husband, Jim, on the porch and say hi to everyone!



Maggie was a graduate of Annunciation Catholic High School in Denver. She began a very successful career after 30 years she retired as a high level manager at Mountain Bell Telephone Company & AT&T.

Maggie helped open the door for women joining the corporate world while encouraging females of all races to begin to break the glass ceiling. She taught catechism at Sacred Heart Church which made a positive impact on the youth as well as the various roles within the church.

Her volunteerism was extremely diverse; she helped the seniors, mentally challenged, single mothers and their children, the homeless, as well as people that needed a bit of help. Maggie was bilingual which came in handy on a daily basis to assist those in need. Her main goal was to make sure hundreds of people in need were fed a holiday meal and had gifts for their children during the holiday season and she succeeded!

Maggie held various positions with the American Cancer Society holding events to raise awareness and money for research. She was so passionate for the cause that Maggie went to a local car dealer asking the dealership to donate a car for two years in a row. She raffled off the cars and collected a great amount of money for Cancer research.

Maggie will be missed dearly by everyone she touched!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CURTIS PARK

Part Two of Five: Winds of Change

Bill West

The hey-day of what we now refer to as Curtis Park had hardly lasted twenty years when it was overtaken by two events that dramatically changed its prospects for the future.

The first had to do with the activities of a landowner named Henry C. Brown who owned a large piece of land just outside of Denver's southern border. His land rose slowly from the flat lands of the prairie until it reached a topographical eminence known locally as Brown's Bluff. To enhance the value of his real estate, Brown did two things: he offered to give the state of Colorado a commanding site on his bluff on which to build a capitol building; and he built the hotel nearby that still bears his name, the Brown Palace, originally known as the H. C. Brown Hotel. These buildings established a new center for the city.

His gamble paid off and when he had the streets of what was no longer Brown's Bluff but now Capitol Hill laid out, such as Lincoln, Sherman, Grant, and Logan streets, with lot sizes considerably larger than the 25' lots in Curtis Park, those streets saw the erection of large houses built for the city's well-to-do residents who preferred to live in an economically homogenous neighborhood rather than a mixed-income one. There ensued an out-migration from Curtis Park.

As a result of Brown's real estate activities, there came a shift in the city's traffic patterns. The shift moved traffic away from the named streets of the original town site, such as Larimer and parallel streets, and onto the numbered streets which now connected the old city center with the new one. The shift inadvertently saved what we now know as Curtis Park from being absorbed by a downtown that would almost surely have come this way without the traffic shift and its consequences.

The second major event that had a dramatic negative effect on the future of Curtis Park was the Silver Crash of 1893, an economic disaster for all of Colorado and the rest of the country as well. The period of growth and optimism came crashing down. Banks failed, many of the city's wealthiest men were ruined, and many more just up and left the city.

The combined effects of the development of Capitol Hill and the resulting departure of many of Curtis Park's most affluent members, combined with the Silver Crash of 1893, were the beginnings of the decline of the neighborhood. Its remaining residents, many hurt by the hard economic times, probably felt pretty sure that their part of Denver almost certainly faced an uncertain future.



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Denver City Council D9

Darrell Watson, (720) 337-7709

district9@denvergov.org

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Councilwoman Sarah Parady

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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

August 15th

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 August 24th for ads, and articles.

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