



Curtis Park Times

Hi Neighbors,

Stephen Bennett, President

December 2024

<p>Curtis Park Events</p> <p>Curtis Park Connects Board candidate Meet & Greet Neighborhood Social 5th from 6-7 Duets Tap 'n Grill 2403 Champa</p> <hr/> <p>Holiday Bazaar 6th-8th 3147 Stout Street (see insert)</p> <hr/> <p>Holiday Market 6th -8th and 13th -15th 3339 Downing St (see insert)</p> <hr/> <p>Winter Fest 14th from 2-4 Mestizo Curtis Park</p> <hr/> <p>Holiday Movie 15th from 1-4 The Savoy</p> <hr/> <p>CPN Board Meeting 16th from 6-7:30 Redline Gallery</p> <hr/> <p>Annual Meeting and Holiday Party 8th January from 5-8 The Savoy</p>
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Recently I have become intrigued by the concept of the Third Room and am currently reading Robert Putnam's book Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community. Curtis Park Neighbors is one of my "Third Rooms". Without passionate neighbors and volunteers Curtis Park might simply be a collection of old homes. YOU are what makes Curtis Park such a unique neighborhood. There are many opportunities to connect with neighbors and build community in December. Whether you have been in the neighborhood for 50 years, or 5 months, there is a plethora of opportunities in December to engage with fellow Curtis Park neighbors.

Are you curious who is interested in joining the CPN board next year? Join us on the 5th at Duets for a candidate meet & greet. Not curious? Come out anyway for a frosty beverage and network with neighbors. Maybe you'll meet your next cat sitter or dog walker. Or a neighborhood teen to shovel your walk.

The neighborhood will be alive with holiday cheer the weekend of the 14th-15th. Join us in Mestizo Curtis Park on Saturday afternoon for a Christmas celebration and on Sunday at The Savoy for a screening of a Christmas themed movie. Christmas cookies to share with neighbors are encouraged at both events. Support Local Businesses

If you read the recent article about Taco Up-rising, you know that many small businesses are suffering due to inflation. What can we do as Park residents? Dining and shopping locally are ways we can help.

Curtis Park residents are hosting a Holiday

Bazaar and Market the weekend of the 6th (see insert) and a ceramic pop up in RiNo through mid-January. Do you have a sweet tooth? Check out locally owned Thick's Gelato & Chocolate Shop at 3339 Downing St. Welton Street Café is open, finally! It is a soft opening until 2025, so reservations are required.

Save the date for our annual meeting/holiday party/neighborhood potluck on 8th January at The Savoy.

Old St. Nick in CP

You better not cry -you better not pout, Santa is coming to Mestizo - Curtis Park December 14th from 2- 4pm. Enjoy the Christmas Carols and share Christmas Cookies, Apple Cider and Hot Chocolate. There will be a sleigh ride through the neighborhood on Santa's Sleigh. Enjoy a beautiful Ice Sculpture and have fun with your neighbors! Please bring Christmas Cookies to share.

Season for Giving



Colorado Gives Day on December 10th, 2024, is an important fundraising event for all Colorado nonprofits (501 (c)3) who register with First Bank who sponsors it. Over the years, they have raised millions of dollars. Curtis Park Neighbors may participate this year - as the newsletter goes to press, we are working hard on the application!!! Either way, we honor and recommend not only Curtis Park Neighbors but also several non-profits in our neighborhood - El Sistema, St. Francis, RedLine, and Cleo Parker Robinson. All these organizations have been moving the needle for social equity for years and we join with them for many events that Curtis Park Neighbors support.

All you need to do is go onto the Colorado Gives Day website and choose your organizations! And please check for Curtis Park Neighbors - we may just have made it under the wire! If we didn't, we hope you will still consider a year end gift to our terrific organization whose volunteers provide endless energy and imagination for the wonderful quality of life we enjoy in Curtis Park. Our post office address is: 757 East 20th Avenue, Suite 370, PMB 231, Denver, CO 80205

Did you know?

Mick Barnhardt

Living in an historically landmarked neighborhood such as ours certainly has its challenges. If you've ever tried to make changes to the exterior of your home such as additions and ADU, you know what I mean. The approval process can be daunting. The frustration of all the bureaucracy nearly made me abort my efforts. However, I am aware of its benefits to our neighborhood in preserving the historic feel of the neighborhood and preventing horrible "remuddling" projects and careless changes that really have a negative impact.

One major advantage of owning an historic home are the tax benefits. This fall I replaced my gas furnace with an all electric heat pump. Federal, State and utility providers such as Xcel provide huge tax credits and rebates that make installing this new equipment much more affordable. Many HVAC contractors (such as Sensible Heating) are aware of the tax and rebate advantages and will do most of the legwork in applying for these benefits for you. The tax credit provided by Landmark is unique to neighborhoods like ours. I wish I had taken advantage of it when I installed my solar panels. Unfortunately, the Historic tax credits have to be approved before you start work, but after you've received a contractor's bid so it cannot be done retroactively.

If you're planning a major project to your home such as upgrades to your house's electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems, exterior rehabilitation work such as foundation repairs, re-roofing, brick masonry repointing, repairs of historic woodwork, and rehabilitation of historic windows, you need to check out the historic tax advantages that really offset the cost of the work. Go to curtispark.org to get more information.



What Amazing Neighbors We Have!

This year 105 trees have been planted in Curtis Park, making the total number of trees planted in the neighborhood a whopping 475 in the last five years! Homeowners are planting and taking good care of their new trees; as a result, almost every one of those trees are alive and well. They add to the beauty of our neighborhood, increase shade, and make walking much more enjoyable.

We also had great support from neighbors who volunteered for tree activities in 2024: over 65 people helped with mulching 92 trees; wrapping 200 trees for winter; and planting 19 new trees at University Prep Elementary School. We also developed new partnerships for tree planting with Denver Public Schools and Denver Water.

Thanks to everyone for making it such a good tree year in Curtis Park! Enjoy the winter months and we will be back at it in 2025, continuing to enhance the neighborhood we all call home.



SCFD Free Days

- Molly Brown House Museum**
 - Thurs. December 5th
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science**
 - Sun. December 8th
- Denver Art Museum**
 - Tues. December 10th
- Denver Center for Performing Arts**
 - Wed. December 11th

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2025 Board Curtis Park Neighbors Candidates



Stephen Bennett, CFA

Stephen is currently the CPN Board president. Stephen and his partner, Brooke, moved to Curtis Park in 2019. After initially volunteering to deliver Curtis Park Times' route in 2021, he joined the board in 2022 and has become deeply engaged in most of the neighborhood's events and initiatives since then.

Eileen Feltman

40+ years in the neighborhood, past board member. Brings an understanding of nuances to updates to zoning codes and Denver Landmark ordinance relevant to Curtis Park. Wants to help organize educational/informational workshops for zoning, planning, licensing, or other areas identified by CPN.



Josh Pauletic

Josh is a long-time resident and has participated in a number of neighborhood initiatives over the years and looks forward to helping improve the livability of the neighborhood through calmer, safer streets.



Andrew Warshauer

Andrew purchased a home in the Curtis Park neighborhood in late 2021. He loves the historic nature of the area, along with the large green space of Mestizo-Curtis Park and has participated in community events including First Friday Jazz, Welton St festivals, and Denver Digs Trees. He also serves as a community organizer for the Denver chapter of 1 Million Cups at Enterprise Coworking.



Scott Filiczowski

Scott and his wife purchased their home in Curtis Park this year, and both want to become more involved especially to a community that has given so much. Scott is interested in preserving the historic character of Curtis park, advocating for community objectives, and stewarding responsible development and mobility initiatives.



Jessica Tamulski

Originally from Buffalo, NY, Jessica relocated to Denver in 2016, and purchased a home in Curtis Park in 2019. Jessica is a management accountant by trade and looking to contribute to our community through service. Jessica can often be found enjoying Curtis Park, supporting our local businesses, bars, and restaurants with her husband, Alex, and her golden retriever, Hank.

EVENTS

AT THE

SAVOY

2700 Arapahoe



Theater Artibus Presents: GloWing:
Nov. 21- Dec. 8 cocktails at 7:00 PM,
show at 7:30 PM theatreartibus.com

Fusing circus and theatre, audiences of all ages will be charmed by a story of flight, light, and dreams. The Savoy's resident company's seasonal show!

MAS Presents Sponsored by KGNU:
Chris Thomas King
Dec. 12 at 7:00 PM maspresents.org

Sip craft cocktails and join fellow music lovers for an extraordinary night with Grammy-winning, Louisiana bluesman, Chris Thomas King, 12/12, at our fave location Savoy Denver!

Five Points Live Presents: Jill Sobule
December 13, cocktails at 7:00 PM,
music at 8:00 PM fivepointslive.com

Jill Sobule returns to her hometown for a very special concert at The Savoy. Please help celebrate the return of this hometown hero on December 13, and enjoy a night of tunes you love, stories and songs from her recent New York theatrical run, and a few surprises. Spread the word and make your reservations at fivepointslive.com.

Sphere Ensemble Presents:
Snowflakes & Sleigh Bells
Dec 14: 2:00 PM sphereensemble.org

A unique holiday concert including music from *The Nutcracker*, Joni Mitchell's *River*, a Christmas sing-along, a Hanukkah medley, and other seasonal favorites performed by Sphere string ensemble, plus voice.

The 5 Points Nutcracker,
Dec 20, 21, 22 7:00 PM luneaseas.org

Enjoy a captivating blend of dance, music, and storytelling that honors the culture and legacy of this historic neighborhood. Prepare for an unforgettable night celebrating community, tradition, and jazz.

Resources

Denver City Government
www.DenverGov.org, or call 3-1-1

Blair-Caldwell Library
2401 Welton Street, (720) 865-2401

Denver City Council D9
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

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
December 12th

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

NEW POTTERY HOLIDAY POP-UP IN RiNo

Shop a variety of unique, handmade
ceramics for every budget.

GALERIE LOCALE is now open at Green Spaces RiNo

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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/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
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 December 21st for ads, and articles.

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