

Times

Hi Neighbors,

Stephen Bennett, President

January 2025

Curtis Park Events

Annual Meeting & Neighborhood Potluck

8th Jan from 1700-2000
The Savoy
Food Assignment:
A-G - Entree
H-P -Appetizer
Q-Z - Dessert

CPN Board Meeting

20th Jan from 1800-1930
Redline Gallery

Curtis Park Connects

6th Feb from 1900-2030
The Armory
2565 Curtis

31st Tea at the Brown's

9th Feb from 1400-1700
2903 Champa

2024 was a record year for the number of CPN led events in the neighborhood, from movies to music and more. The year started off with the 1st Annual Pet Parade on St Patty's Day down Welton Street and finished with Winter Fest in Mestizo Curtis Park featuring Santa, carolers, an ice sculpture and "sleigh rides". This year also marked the 15th anniversary of The Great Pumpkin in Stout Street Children's Park.

New Years Resolutions

With the holidays over many of us look towards the new year for self-improvement: eating healthier, exercising more, drinking less, etc. While these are admirable goals here's an idea for a resolution: Make 2025 the year to get involved with Curtis Park. Volunteering is a fantastic way to meet people, learn new things, and make a difference.

- "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" - Margaret Mead
- "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in" - Unknown

In order for us to continue hosting free community events like First Friday Jazz in the Park, The Great Pumpkin, and

Movies in the Park we need volunteers, and money. Two of the focuses of the board this year will be growing our roster of volunteers, and fundraising, since we receive no direct support from the City.

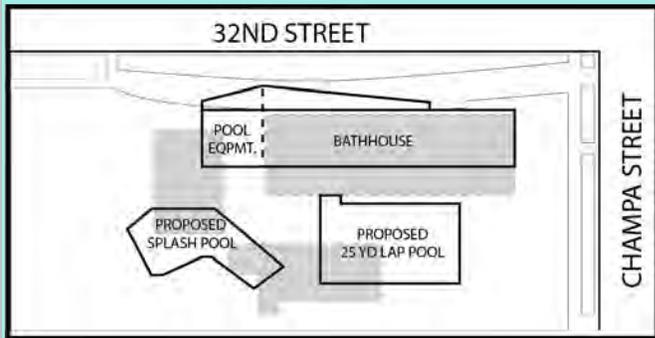
I would like to thank two departing board members, whose three-year term just ended, Randy Vetter and Rhianon Schuman. Events would not be possible without volunteers like Randy who books the bands for FFJitP, helps set up for jazz in Cousin's Plaza, Halloween, and the Ice Festival. And is our primary grant writer. While Randy is stepping down from the board, we look forward to him continuing to be an integral part of the community.

Rhi was the board's secretary and had the enviable task of taking notes while I talked. And I can be prolific. Rhi & her partner Sean started the "Movies at the Park" summer series in Mestizo Curtis Park two years ago. We are grateful for Rhi & Sean's service and look forward to enjoying movies again in 2025.

While two board members step down over the summer, and two more are not running for reelection, we are excited to welcome four new and one returning board members in January, pending election.

We look forward to seeing old friends, and meeting new neighbors, at the annual meeting and holiday potluck at The Savoy on the 8th. Look for food assignments on the left column.

New Mestizo-Curtis Park Pool Project Survey



The Winning Choice. A Schematic Sketch of Proposed Pools and Bathhouse

In September Parks & Recreation released a neighborhood survey regarding the reconstruction of the new Mestizo Curtis Park pool. We often take surveys and never know the results. These results determined the pool style with two pools and will guide the final design. There were 653 responses! That is excellent. Below are the results and a concept design shown at the Dec. 3rd meeting at Denver Language School-Gilpin. There will be Facebook posts for open discussion.

How often have you visited the Mestizo-Curtis Park Pool in the past summers?

40% responded: Often, several times a week.

42% responded: A few times a season.

Do you bring children to visit the pool?

60% responded: Frequently,

30% said: Never

Rate the following activities that you typically enjoy the most at the pool?

32% said, Open Swim,

24% said, Lap Swim

17% said for Aqua Fitness, while only

15% said, For Lessons, and

11% said they just go to relax in the sun.

Would you like to participate in scheduled activities/exercise classes at the pool?

29% said, Yes - a few times per month

14% said, Yes! A few times a week,

20% said, Maybe once a month,

14% said they'd be fine with once a summer.

23% said, Never!,

When visiting the pool, how long do you stay?

44% said between 1-2 hours,

37% said as long as 2-3 hours

Which of these activities are most and least important to you?

25% said, Casual swimming in Leisure pool,

21% liked the Water Playground,

20% said they favor a Lap Pool,

19% would love a Diving Board

15% were interested in Water basketball

Select your top choice of the three elements listed below:

38% of the respondents favored a 25 meter competitive lap pool and a separate leisure pool with more features

35% favored a Leisure pool that includes play structures, water activities, and kid play areas

27% favored a 50 meter Olympic-sized lap pool and leisure pool with fewer features

Demographics Race: White 67%, Hispanic/Latino 16%, Black 4%

Gender: Female 70%, Male 25%

Distance from home to pool: less than 1 mile 70% 1-3 miles 23%

ADU4U
YOUR MODERN CARRIAGE HOUSE BUILDER

Are you ready to build your accessory dwelling unit?
So are we.

youradu.com
970-759-4023

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.

We Fund Culture.
SCFD

SCFD Free Days

Denver Zoo

- Fri. January 10th
- Sun. January 26th

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

- Sun. January 12th
- Sun. February 2nd

Denver Art Museum

- Tue. January 14th

Denver Botanic Gardens

- Mon. January 20th

Welcome Kinship Ceramic Studio to the Neighborhood!

Kinship Studio is a pottery studio designed to bring people together through the art of ceramics, located at 2433 Curtis St.

Founded by Anna Clark and Carly Toppen, the studio offers a welcoming and inclusive space for artists of all skill levels. Kinship provides memberships with access to high-quality tools and equipment, beginner-friendly memberships for those just starting out, and group classes to help new ceramicists get hands-on experience. The studio also hosts private lessons and corporate



events, creating opportunities for creativity and connection. Whether you're a seasoned artist or a complete beginner, Kinship Studio is the perfect place to explore pottery and build community. Learn more at kinshipdenver.com.

Tree Talk

It's easy to forget about caring for our trees right now because, hey, it's winter. But our trees have been missing out on moisture: as of the writing of this article. It hasn't rained or snowed for two months! With that in mind: please water your trees. Water it every month during the winter, letting the hose trickle for about 20 minutes at each of three spots in a triangle around your trunk. (Choose a day that's above 40 degrees.) January is the time to think about getting a new tree. Do you want a tree in your very own yard, in the tree lawn?* If so, here are two good programs to get trees affordably.

	Denver Digs Trees: a program of The Park People,	Be a Smart Ash: a program of the Denver City Forester
Where to plant your tree?	Your yard or the tree lawn (right of way)	Only in the tree lawn (right of way)
How much does it cost?	\$10/tree as Five Points is a focus neighborhood.	Free
How does the tree get into the ground?	You will dig the hole and plant it. You will be given mulch for your new tree	The city forestry department will plant and mulch your tree.
When do I apply?	Jan 1-Feb 15	Anytime - Apply now!
When do I get my tree?	At the end of April	In the spring if you apply soon; otherwise fall.
What kind of tree do I get?	There are about 10 trees from which to choose.	The city makes a recommendation.
Website with application:	theparkpeople.org/What-We-Do/Denver-Digs-Trees	beasmartash.org/free-trees/

EVENTS AT THE SAVOY



MAS Presents: Grande Orquestra Navarre feat. Nadya Hill
January 9, cocktails at 7:00 PM, music at 8:00 PM

A powerhouse ensemble of Colorado musicians, blending tango, classical, and original compositions into a sound that's both delightfully nostalgic and refreshingly modern. The evening's performance will feature special guest Nadya Hill (violin and vocals), compositions by DeVotchKa's Tom Hagerman (also of GON), and beloved works from Piazzolla to Tchaikovsky.

For more information and tickets, visit www.maspresents.org

BETC Presents: Hope and Gravity
Jan 23-Feb 16, 7:30 PM

A play about nine lives that entangle in delightfully surprising and comical ways when an elevator crashes in a major American city. Michael Hollinger's comedy is a reminder that there are only a few degrees of separation between all of us.

For more information and tickets, visit betc.org/2024-2025-season/

MAS Presents: Jayme Stone's Folklife
February 27, cocktails at 7:00 PM, music at 8:00 PM

Canadian banjo virtuoso and two-time Juno Award-winner Jayme Stone will appear alongside his Colorado-based all-star band to perform works from Folklife, his groundbreaking project that transforms old field recordings into living, breathing works of art. From Sea Island spirituals to Creole calypsos and stomp-down Appalachian dance tunes, Stone will bring a kaleidoscope of global sounds to life.

For more information and tickets, visit www.maspresents.org

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
January 16th

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@den-
ver.gov or call (720) 865-2908

Short Term Rental Enforcement
Brian Snow (720) 865-2750

Donations: Support Your Neighborhood

Curtis Park Neighbors is funded by donations from foundations, grants, and the generous support of neighbors. If you enjoy all the wonderful activities in the neighborhood like First Friday Jazz, The Great Pumpkin, and the Winter Festival your support is greatly appreciated. CPN has a new mailing address, checks can be sent to:

757 E 20th Ave Suite 370
PMB 231
Denver, CO 80205



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/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

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 January 25th for ads, and articles.

Special Thanks To

Sue Glasmacher, Lynne Brown, Gerald Horner, and, Stephen Bennett, and for newsletter content. Thanks to Therese Rasmussen for coordinating newsletter distribution, and many thanks to neighbors assisting with newsletter deliveries.

CPN Board of Directors

Stephen Bennett (President), Gerald Horner (Vice President), Ryan Hutten (Treasurer), Rhianon Schuman (Secretary), Anne Barkis, Lynne Brown, Sarah Carpenter, John Hayden, Ryan Hutten, Joel Noble, Keith Pryor, Randy Vetter.

Contact the CPN President by writing to: stephen@curtisparke.org or Write the CPN Board at curtis-park-neighbors-board@googlegroups.com.