



March 2025

Curtis Park Events

Cocktails in Cool Places

4th March @ 1745

Blair-Caldwell Library

*Historic Denver program

Curtis Park Connects

6th March from 1900-2030

El Sistema

2980 Curtis St

HEYDAY

8 Mar from 1000-1800

Asterisk

St Patty's Day Pet Parade

15th March @ 1400

530 29th Street

Between Welton & Glenarm

St Patty's Day Bar Crawl

15th March from 1300-1800

Venues on Welton Street

Movie at The Savoy

16th March @ 1600

G rated movie TBD

CPN Board Meeting

17th March from 1800-1930

Redline Gallery

Times

Hi Neighbors,

Stephen Bennett, President

A special thanks goes out to Hugh & Lynne Brown for hosting the 31st annual "Tea at the Browns" in Feb. I look forward to this event every year and am grateful to the Browns for opening their home to the whole neighborhood. Do we live in Curtis Park, or Mayberry?

Five Points celebrated Black History Month with the 2nd installment of Jazz Roots in venues along Welton Street. Jameka Lewis gave tours of the Blair-Caldwell Library and legendary jazz artist Purnell Steen performed at Spangalang Brewery, amongst many other performances.

Activities in Curtis Park & Five Points

The Park Stewards will start maintenance at the Pollinator Gardens at Cousin's Plaza in March. If you have a green thumb, or don't, and want to help, please reach out to any board

member for more information.

The deadline for Denver Digs has passed but if you are interested in planting a tree in the public-right of way Denver Parks & Recreation's "Be a Smart Ash" is still accepting applications. Check their website to see if your property qualifies.

beasmartash.org.

2025 events kick off with the 2nd annual St Patty's Day Pet Parade on Welton Street followed by a Welton Street Bar Crawl. Curtis Park Neighbors and the Five Points Business Improvement District are pleased to announce the return of First Fridays on Welton Street starting in April and Jazz in the Park in May.

If you would like to get involved we are always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising, events and garden maintenance in Sonny Lawson Park and Mestizo-Curtis Park.

Explore Denver's Historic Five Points with Cocktails in Cool Places

March 4th, 5:45 to 7:45 pm, \$35-\$45

Historic Denver's *Cocktails in Cool Places* program moves into its second year starting in Five Points, historically called the "Harlem of the West." The program begins at the Blair Caldwell Library where we will revisit redlining practices in early Denver, which shaped the neighborhood and continues to impact it now. After the conversation there, we will walk down Welton Street to Urban Sanctuary yoga and wellness studio, whose business is focused on remaining accessible to the community. The building was originally constructed for Douglass Mortuary, owned by Lewis and Frederick Douglass Jr., sons of abolitionist Frederick Douglass. For more information, visit historicdenver.org.

March is Tree Pruning Month!

March is an excellent time to prune: before the weather heats up and the sap begins to run.

If you have a young tree (5-7 years old), do* a “structural pruning.” This will give the tree a good “branching structure” which will keep it strong as it matures. If your tree is already large: remove dead branches, and shape it for the long-term health of the tree.

*Tree-pruning is both art and science! If you want to prune it yourself (instead of hiring an arborist), Lynne Brown can answer your questions, and even review your tree’s structure before you get out your saw and clippers. Call or text her at 303-845-2496.

Two more reminders:

- (1) Keep your tree mulched to help protect its roots; and to keep the ground around it moist, and at an even temperature.
- (2) Don't forget to water your tree in March. Pick a day when the temperature is above 40 degrees and water at noon or early afternoon.



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Make a Difference in Our Neighborhood

Come to a Dessert Open House to find out how you can volunteer
Thursday, March 20th
7:30-8:30 pm,
2418 Champa Street



Please RSVP

For more info. 303-297-3994
kathleenleedom@gmail.com

Dana Crawford

We say goodbye to Dana Crawford of Denver who died in January of this year. She was an American architectural conservation developer and preservationist. She was involved in almost every renovation project in downtown Denver, from the initial designation of the LoDo District and creation of Larimer Square to the Union Station. In 2013 the hotel at the restoration project of Union Station was renamed as the Crawford Hotel in honor.



She once resided at 2900 Champa Street. The grand mansion, built in 1884, was originally home to Louis Anfenger who died in the home in 1900. Anfenger was instrumental in establishing National Jewish Hospital. nationaljewish.org/about-us/our-history.



March 5th and
March 20th

St. Patrick's Pet Parade

Join us Saturday March 15th at 2:00 pm for a St. Paddy's Day Celebration in Five Points featuring a Pet Parade and Bar Crawl.

The Pet Parade will start at 2:00 pm led by the Denver Brass Band. Registration begins at 1:30 pm at 29th and Welton Street culminating at Cousins Plaza - Sonny Lawson Park 2401 Welton Street. There will be prizes for the best dressed doggy. Wearing of the green is encouraged as we march down the sidewalk.

THE FIVE POINTS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT & CURTIS PARK NEIGHBORS WELCOME ALL!

GREEN
St. Paddy's Day on the Points

SATURDAY MAR 15 2PM

PARADE START: 530 29TH ST
BETWEEN WELTON & GLENARM
PARADE END: SONNY LAWSON PARK
LIVE BAND & PET PRIZES

"PARADE, PAWS & PRIZES"
"DRESS YOUR FAVORITE 4 LEGGED FRIENDS IN GREEN TO PARTICIPATE IN A PET PARADE ON WELTON STREET"

Furrell DISTRICT 9 FIVE POINTS VIBESCO FALLS LAKE WHEELER PARK

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SCFD Free Days

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

- Fri. March 7th

Denver Botanic Gardens

- Mon. March 10th

Denver Art Museum

- Tues. March 11th

Forney Museum of Transportation

- Sun. March 30th

Historic House Journey: 275 I Champa

Restoring and Revitalizing Curtis Park

Patricia Romero

Twenty-three years ago in September 2001, I got text with a photo of a dilapidated Victorian house with the caption from my son Mick Barnhardt reading "I've made an offer on this house, keep your fingers crossed." The house had remnant reminders of its past. Numbers on doors, a stove in a bedroom and a sink in the living room divulged it had once been divided into five apartments. Layers of painted woodwork could not hide the evidence of a significant fire. In the backyard a tree was growing through the spokes of a rusted bicycle. The house at 2751 Champa Street was uninhabitable and had been vacant for two years. My son loved it!

Mick has a passion for restoring old homes in his spare time. He had worked with other investors on previous projects and had been frustrated by the compromises required. He looked forward to working solo on this house, but I had fallen in love with the house and wanted to buy it from him. He balked. He did not want a partner. After much pleading and assurance that he would have a free hand in restoring the house, he agreed. For the next 2-1/2 years, it was a mother-son effort without outside architect, designer or general contractor. Mick even did all the plumbing and electrical distribution himself.

He began with gutting the house to its studs, salvaging woodwork and hardware. While stripping the fireplace of layers of paint and dirt, European-styled mural tiles were discovered and salvaged along with the original mantel. An old table found in the crawl space now supports the basin in the upstairs bathroom. The original gable hangs in the downstairs bedroom. A bedroom wall is covered with metal shingles stamped 1882. The original pine flooring covers the first floor. HGTV was interested in our mother-son story and wanted to feature us on one of their programs. You can see our portion of the episode at www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFjIcIBAc88

In 2004 Mick received Historic Denver's Restoration for Living Award for his restoration of the house. In 2006, he received the same award from Historic Denver when he bought and restored his own home at 3117 Stout. Mick and his sister Lisa Kelly have since rescued three other homes on Stout Street.

Aside from the advantage of having your son design an award-winning home for you, Mick designed it knowing I would live here for the rest of my life. He relocated the kitchen and back door to create space for a bedroom and bathroom on the first floor. I moved to this downstairs bedroom after my second hip replacement.

I have now lived in this house for 21 years and love it as much as I did when I first saw it.



Before (2001) >

< After (Today)



EVENTS

AT THE

SAVOY

2700 Arapahoe



Denver Fringe Festival Presents:
Fringe Voices, cocktails at 5:00 pm,
show at 6:00 pm Saturday, March 8th

For more information visit denver-fringe.org

MAS Presents: Jovino Santos Neto &
Martin Kuuskmann, cocktails at 7:00
pm, Music at 8:00 pm, Thursday,
March 13th



Brazilian pianist and three-time Latin Grammy-nominee Jovino Santos Neto and Estonian bassoonist and two-time Grammy-nominee, Martin Kuuskmann, celebrate the release of their new album, Retratos, mixed by David Chesky, Audiences can expect an evening of musical synergy that transcends borders and genres, showcasing the artists' technical prowess and passion for storytelling through sound. For more information visit maspresents.org

Curtis Park Neighbors presents:
Movie Night. Doors at 4:15 pm,
Movie at 5:00 pm, Sunday, March
16th

Meet up with neighbors for this free event!
Bring the kids - G-Rated Movie TBD

No Love Music & Art Presents -
Gwapmizzle x 500GG Massacre Tour,
6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 25th.

Hip-hop/RAP artist from Dallas. For more
information, visit: eventbrite.com

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

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ParadyAtLarge@denvergov.org

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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

March 20th

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@denvergov.org or call (720) 865-2908

Short Term Rental Enforcement

Brian Snow (720) 865-2750

HEYDAY Event

Join City Cast Denver on March 8 at Asterisk for HEYDAY: a family-friendly indoor event offering a curated urban twist on the classic state fair experience. Expect a celebration of all things Denver, with a delightful variety of food and drink, fringe entertainment, classic carnival games with Denver-themed prizes, tarot readings, face paintings, a vintage VW bus photo booth, and more! Get

yours tickets today at heydaydenver.com.



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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/curtispar/

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 March 22nd for ads, and articles.

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