

Curtis Park Times

Hi Neighbors,

Stephen Bennett, President

April 2025

Curtis Park Events

Curtis Park Connects

3rd April from 7-8:30
El Sistema
2980 Curtis St

Easter Egg Hunt

19th April at 1030
Mestizo Curtis Park

CPN Board Meeting

21st April from 6-7:30
Redline Gallery

Curtis Park Connects

1st May from 7-8:30
Hope Communities
2543 California St

Jazz in the Park

2nd May from 5:30-7pm
Cousins' Plaza

Weed Tree Removal

3rd May at 9am
University Prep
2409 Arapahoe St

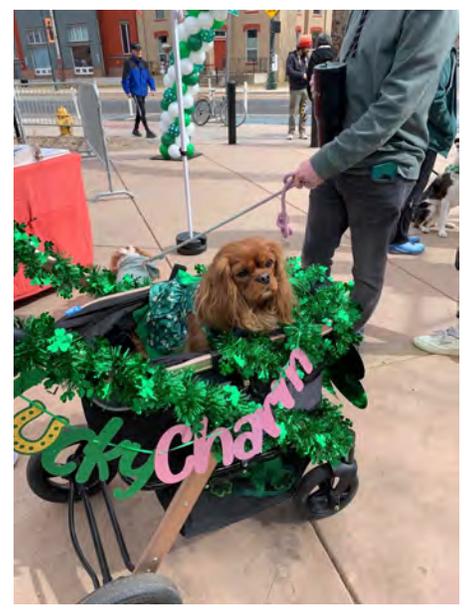
Seedling Swap

10th May from 10-12
Mestizo Curtis Park
31st & Curtis St

The 2nd annual Pet Parade was a barking success. The Denver Brass Band led a parade of around 70 dogs and 150 humans down Welton St to Cousins' Plaza. Thanks to everyone that dressed up their dogs and helped us celebrate springtime in Five Points. We look forward to hosting this annual St Patty's Day tradition next year.

There are many opportunities to get involved with the neighborhood this year. We are always in search of volunteers. If you cannot make a season long commitment one off opportunities exist.

After a 6 month closure Sonny Lawson Park is now open from dawn to dusk for everyone to enjoy. If you see evening inhabitants, please call the Park Rangers at 303-331-4050 or the police non-emergency line at 720- 913-2000. CPN has been working diligently with Denver Parks & Recreation, the Park Rangers, DPD, Central Baptist Church and the Blair-Caldwell Library on re-opening the park since it closed last fall and we hope that all the positive changes enacted will continue.



Curtis Park Neighbors Needs Your Help!

I have written many times that CPN receives no direct support from the city. We have been able to print the Times and host all our amazing events and activities due to the generosity of a small number of neighbors. However, this is not a sustainable business model so we are calling upon the whole neighborhood to chip in to help us operate.

Our proposed 2025 budget calls for about 45k of spending. Here are our top 4 largest expenses.

- Jazz in the Park \$14k
- Newsletters \$6k
- The Great Pumpkin \$4k
- Winter Festival \$3k

Donations can sent via Zelle directly to our bank account at (ryan@curtis-park.org), made via Square on our website, or checks mailed to:

Curtis Park Neighbors
757 E 20th St, Ste 370
PMB 231
Denver, CO 80205

Springtime for Trees!

In April, there are many tree-related things you can do for your yard, and the neighborhood, too!

Let's start with the neighborhood: Volunteer with your neighbors on Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, removing weed-trees from the garden at University Prep Elementary School, 24th & Arapahoe. Text Kris at 720-335-7430 to sign up, or use this QR code or link to sign up: signupge-nius.com/go/30E0A48ABAB2-FA0F94-55728789-removing#?

(1) If your trees have been wrapped for the winter, mid-April is the time to unwrap them.

(2) Mulch your trees and flower gardens*: get free mulch at The Mulch Lot, at 29th between Champa & Stout; just off the alley.



(3) Buy a tree for \$50* on Sunday, April 27, 10:30-noon, City Park Greenhouse, 2500 E 23rd Ave. (* Unless otherwise noted. First come, first served. Tree-types:



Plum, Sour Cherry (good for pies), Apple, Peach, and yes, Hot Wings Maple) theparkpeople.org/What-We-Do/Denver-Digs-Trees/Tree-Sale

(4) Buy a Garden in a Box: these include native and plants adapted to our climate; low water; planned landscape designs resourcecentral.org/gardens/?srsltid=Afm-BOoqz78KPIaaXzBgNovuTfP-Wg5LD-QfVNOWHxwU2R-Jw3G7pR03-0G



Garden Lovers

Matt Hastings

Last year, we held our first ever May Seedling Share and Fall Garden Fair, and are growing both events. We are looking for folks to help plan these events for the coming year. If you are interested in joining the planning committee for either of these events, please reach out to Matt Hastings at mhasting1066@gmail.com.

The Seedling Share is an event where neighborhood gardeners gather together in Curtis park to share/swap extra seedlings they have grown for the season. It's a fun way to get to know fellow gardeners, sharing tips. If you're new to gardening, it's a way to get some seedlings for yourself and learn from others.

The Garden Fair will happen in September this year. It's meant to mirror a state fair, but at the neighborhood size. Last year we had vegetable exhibitions, where gardeners got to show off their prize produce. We had a cut flower arrangement exhibition as well. Finally, we had an amazing pie competition, judged by a local bakery shop owner, and awarded our first blue ribbon.

May Seedling Swap -> May 10th, 10 am - 12 pm

September Garden Fair -> September 20th (Time TBD)

Large Trash Item pick-up



Next pick-up
May 22nd



April 3rd, 17th
and
May 1st

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SCFD Free Days

Denver Zoo

- Sun. April 6th

Denver Museum of Nature
& Science

- Mon. April 7th
- Sun. April 27th

Denver Art Museum

- Tues. April 8th
- Sun. April 27th

Forney Museum of Transportation

- Fri. April 18th

Denver Botanic Gardens

- Tue. April 22nd

Clyfford Still Museum

- Sun. April 27th

From Laundry to Learning

TJ Layne



For over a century, the Ideal Laundry building has been a landmark in Denver's Curtis Park neighborhood. Located on the 2500 block of Curtis Street, this historic structure has retained its distinctive character while witnessing generations of change. Today, it is home to The Montessori Academy of Colorado (MAC), a thriving independent Montessori school serving students from 8 weeks to 8th grade. MAC's mission is to engage each child through innovative academics, character exploration, and a fearless forward mindset.

Built in 1910 as a state-of-the-art commercial laundry facility, the Ideal Laundry building once featured artesian well water pumped on-site for washing services. Over the decades, it evolved alongside the neighborhood, housing various businesses—including Eric's Pub in the late 20th century—before MAC transformed it into a hub for education in 2005.

With support from the New Markets Tax Credit program and the Denver Office of Economic Development, MAC undertook an ambitious renovation, nearly doubling the building's usable space while preserving its industrial roots. The result is a thoughtfully restored, modern Montessori environment that honors the building's history.

MAC's presence in Curtis Park extends beyond its walls, contributing to the neighborhood's ongoing revitalization. Through continued growth, the school has implemented a Tuition Assistance program to increase financial accessibility, deepening its commitment to the community while ensuring future generations can learn in a space rich with history.



Mark your calendars for our Fifth annual Jazz in the Park Series at Cousins Plaza - Sonny Lawson Park 2401 Welton Street, sponsored by Curtis Park Neighbors and The Five Points BID 5:30 - 7:00pm. Our first concert is May 2 celebrating Cinco de Mayo with Nico Martinez and his band, culminating with Dia De Los Muertos on Friday November 7. We are planning vendors, jugglers, face painters and food trucks. Please look for performance dates in our Curtis Park Neighbors Facebook and Instagram pages. Looking forward to you joining us!



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.



Street Sweeping Starts in April

Avoid those \$50 fines. Be a good neighbor and let your neighbors know to move their cars. Curtis Park is usually the fourth week of the month



EVENTS

AT THE

SAVOY

2700 Arapahoe



Curtis Park Comedy 5:00 pm, show at 6:00 pm Saturday, April 6th, 13th, 20th., cocktails at 6:30, comedy at 7:30 pm

This weekly stand-up show brings together the best local and touring comedians for a night of laughs. Grab your friends, grab a drink, and get ready to laugh your face off—limited Sunday nights at The Savoy!

Joshua Emerson: Dead Man Talking Comedy Show

Friday, April 11, 2025

6:00 pm 9:00 pm

Comedians Elliot Weber (Dead Dad) and Joshua Emerson (Dead Mom) want to make you laugh with jokes about death and grief. Dead Man Talking.

Creating Acts for GIG Work

Monday, April 14, 2025

6:30 pm 9:00 pm

Have you been brainstorming an act that you want to bring to the wide world? Curious about how to get started in gigging? Join Starry Night Productions, Amber Blais for a three part workshop on creating acts for gig work. 6:30 pm 9:00 pm

MAS Presents: Alexis Cole

Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00 pm 10:00 pm

Jazz singer and pianist Alexis Cole will bring New York sophistication to Denver. With a voice as "deep, smooth, and dark as the richest espresso" and performing selections from her 14 critically acclaimed recordings and brand-new songs, the evening promises to be an elegant and unforgettable jazz experience.

For tickets and information visit:

www.savoydenver.com/events

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

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

May 22nd

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

Spring is Here!

Do you have a green thumb? The Park Stewards will soon start maintenance of the Pollinator Gardens in Sonny Lawson Park and the Serpentine Gardens in Mestizo-Curtis Park. Activities include: planting, pruning, weeding and mulching. Click on the QR code below to sign up for April Park Stewardship.



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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 April 19th for ads, and articles.

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CPN Board of Directors

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