



## Hi, Neighbor!

*Joel Noble, CPN President*

When the days get shorter in the fall, it always surprises me how quickly the change occurs. The aspens in the mountains are turning, the nights are cooler, and the colors of the sunrise in the sky can be seen without getting up early. It's good to be in Colorado in the fall!

### Last Month's Meeting

Our September meeting was packed with info, and full to overflowing with neighbors!

After hearing introductions from candidates for School Board and Denver District Attorney, we had a great orientation to an expanding Colorado business that will activate the former Deep Rock warehouse on 25th and Welton. Four Winds Interactive, makers of all kinds of interactive displays for indoor and outdoor use, will be moving in over the next couple of months, and bringing much-needed activity and stability to that corner. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Grace Lopez Ramirez with the Denver Office of Special Affairs provided a good overview of this new office, and the work being done to ensure that the growing number of events in our parks and on our streets are well-managed.

Perhaps the biggest draw of the evening was the management of the Savoy at 27th and Arapahoe. To the great relief of many nearby residents, they announced that they would no longer pursue a dance cabaret license for the location. We look forward to working with them on an agreement for how their operations and

the neighborhood can coexist more successfully. As a reminder, the Savoy can apply for up to ten "special events" permits per year, so an agreement on how noise and security will be handled, among other things, remains a priority.

### This Month's Meeting

This month, we welcome two more candidates for elected office. **Robert Speth is running for a Denver School Board's at-large seat**, and **Kenneth Boyd is running for Denver District Attorney**. Each will be given five minutes for introductions. As a reminder, CPN cannot and will not endorse candidates, but will welcome all whose sought offices or districts relate to our neighborhood to make introductions with equal time.

Also ballot-related, we'll hear from **Anthony Grimes with the "A Smart Deal for Denver" campaign**, supporters of the 2C ballot measure to create the National Western Center by extending the current 1.75% visitors tax on hotel rooms and car rentals.

**David Zucker, Principal with Zocalo Community Development**, will give us an early look at a major new project in Arapahoe Square (between Curtis Park and downtown). Called **A-Square**, it will host the new headquarters of Rocky Mountain PBS. It will contain a 500-seat theatre, performance space, the new broadcast studios of jazz station KUVU; the Downtown Expeditionary School's middle school; a mixed-income residential property and a food hall.

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### Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting Thursday, October 1st

Hope Communities, 2543 California St.

**6:30 p.m.** Police Update & Snacks

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Main Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Robert Speth - Candidate for DPS School Board At-Large Seat
3. Kenneth Boyd - Candidate for Denver District Attorney
4. New Arapahoe Square Project "A-Square" - David Zucker, Zocalo
5. Smart Deal for Denver - Anthony Grimes
6. Presentation & Detailed Review of Champa/Stout Upgrades - Public Works

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### Children's Park Events

Three great events - see page 3

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### San Rafael Home Tour

Sat. Oct. 3rd, 1-4pm. (see page 2)

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### Save the Date! CPN Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

Monday December 7th, 6pm

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### Next CPN General Meeting

Thursday, November 5th

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### CPN Board Meeting

Monday, Oct. 19th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

2543 California St, Open to all

## Hi, Neighbor! (continued)

The last half-hour of our meeting will be a presentation and in-depth review of **significant bike facility improvements on Champa and Stout**. This new design should **increase biking safety and comfort, reduce speeding, make it easier for pedestrians to cross Stout, and finally address the very dangerous lane merge at the top of Champa.**

Please bring your knowledge and experience of Champa and Stout as the **Public Works team, led by Rachael Bronson**, will be rolling out big maps of the two streets and asking us to highlight any special considerations we need them to pay attention to. Expect a highly-interactive session!

## Neighborhood News and Information

### Save the Iris! Save the Iris!

The land at the corner of Curtis and 29th Streets, that has served as a community garden for the past several years, will soon become the site for a residential development. **Outside the current chain-link fence are numerous iris plants that need to be rescued if they are to survive.** Iris — sometimes called “the poor man’s orchid” — are easily dug and moved. All they need to perform well is a good sunny spot and sufficient water.

If you need help digging the plants, or want information about them, call **Bill West** at (303) 295-6284.



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### Could You Be Our Next Editor?

Do you have ideas for taking the *Curtis Park Times* to the “next level”? An inspiration to inform? A talent for typography? A love of layout? The rhythm of reportage? Or do you have dedication and an interest in gaining publishing experience?

If you’re interested in finding out about becoming the editor of our monthly neighborhood newsletter, **please contact Joel** at (303) 332-8640. You’ll be supported by our wonderful network of volunteers who deliver the newsletter on their blocks each month, and an active community and Board with regular ideas for important stories.

### Curtis Park Walking Tour: Oct 11

The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF), a national non-profit organization, sponsors weekend tours in cities across the country, that highlight the importance and history of their parks and landscapes.

On the weekend of Oct. 10-11, the Foundation has organized a number of tours here in Denver, among them a walking tour of Curtis Park on Sunday, Oct. 11th, to be led by Bill West. The Curtis Park tour will begin at 11:00 am at the corner of Champa and 27th Streets.

For information on all the tours planned for the weekend, go to the TCLF’s website at [www.TCLF.org](http://www.TCLF.org). All tours are free.

### Coffee at the Point is a Finalist

Coffee at The Point is a finalist for the America’s Best Coffeehouse Competition!

The competition was developed to determine and acknowledge the three best coffeehouses regionally in North America. All coffeehouses in the U.S. and Canada may apply to compete. The competition is broken into three regions that compete once per year. The competition includes an application process with three minute video, fan voting, and professional judges/secret shoppers. A three member team from Coffee at The Point will compete in Portland, Oregon, October 23-25. Stay tuned for the results!

## San Rafael Home Tour!

On Saturday, October 3rd from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the historic Old San Rafael neighborhood is hosting its **second annual home tour to raise funds for Gilpin Montessori Public School.**

The 2015 Old San Rafael Home Tour will showcase a selection of beautiful and unique homes – each chosen based on its architectural and historical merits.

Come and tour some fantastic homes, enjoy live jazz music and complimentary wine and snacks!

Find more information and purchase tickets at [www.osrhometour.org](http://www.osrhometour.org)

### Commuter Rail Testing at Full Speed

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) and its contractor Denver Transit Partners (DTP) will now be testing commuter rail trains along the East Rail (A) Line from the 40th & Airport Station to 40th Avenue and York Street at a maximum allowable speed of 79 m.p.h., which will continue through the rest of testing and into permanent operations.

Although trains have been testing at 79 m.p.h along the Peña Boulevard stretch of the A Line, the public can now expect to see the train traveling much faster through the crossings.

Speed limits for the trains vary depending on where it is traveling. No matter what the speed of the train, safety at the crossings and discouraging trespassing are RTD’s key priorities during testing.

The public is asked to be patient as RTD tests the trains through these crossings. The gate arms are scheduled to only be down 2-3 minutes, but for safety reasons the gate arms could stay down longer in order for RTD and DTP engineers to ensure that the intersections are safely cleared during this phase of the project.

For more information on this phase of testing commuter rail, contact Tara Bettale at [tara.bettale@rtd-denver.com](mailto:tara.bettale@rtd-denver.com), (303) 299-2641. For more safety info, see [www.rtd-fastracks.com/main\\_242](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/main_242)

## Fall Events at Stout Street Children's Park

Celebrate Fall in Curtis Park with three annual events:

### Sunday October 25th, 3pm-5pm: The 6th Annual Great Pumpkin Carving Party

Join neighbors at the Stout Street Children's Park to carve Jack-o-Lanterns for Halloween. We will have over 100 pumpkin in the patch this year to choose from.

Enjoy apple cider and Fall treats. Prizes will be given for the scariest, happiest and over all best Pumpkins.

The Jack-o-Lanterns will be used to light up the park on Halloween for the annual Curtis Park Halloween Party.

### Saturday October 31st, 4pm to 6pm: 6th Annual Curtis Park Trick-or-Treat Party

Start Trick-or-Treating off right with the 6th Annual Curtis Park Halloween Party at the Stout Street Children's Park.

There will be games and treats for Children of all ages and this year we will add the Costume Parade for Children and Pets. The parade will start at 5:15pm to get the Trick-or-Treating started.

### Sunday November 1st, 3pm to 5pm: Dia De Los Muertos Curtis Park Style

Dia De Los Muertos is a unique event celebrating and honoring the lives of our loved ones who have passed.

Bring a photo and a favorite food of a deceased loved one for a pot-luck and join neighbors as we plant Tulip bulbs in parks across the neighborhood. Then in the Spring remember your loved ones as the tulips you planted bloom to make our neighborhood beautiful.

As our loved ones live on in the beautiful things they have inspired in our lives, the tulip bulbs, planted on Dia De Los Muertos, will bring future beauty to our neighborhood when they bloom in the Spring.

For more information about any of these events, contact **John Hayden** at (303) 297-3994 or at [haydenpryor@msn.com](mailto:haydenpryor@msn.com).

## SCFD Free Days



Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- Mon. October 19th

Denver Art Museum

- Sat. October 3rd

Denver Firefighters Museum

- Sat. October 10th

Clyfford Still Museum

- Fri. Oct. 2nd & 9th, 5-8 p.m.
- Fri. Oct. 30th, all day

Find out more at [www.scfd.org](http://www.scfd.org)

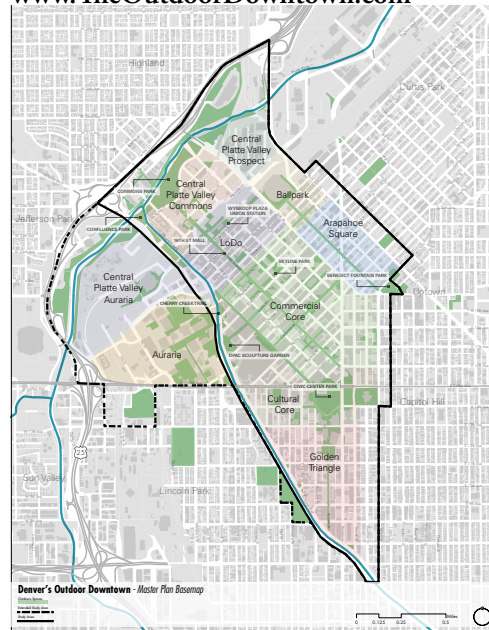
## Outdoor Downtown Public Meeting

Help shape the future of parks and outdoor spaces in Downtown Denver!

Thousands of people responded to The Outdoor Downtown survey. Let's take the next step – come review the preliminary concept for the master plan and tell us what you think. This 20-year plan will focus on investment in Downtown parks and public spaces to enhance the quality of life and create a sustainable, vibrant, economically healthy and growing downtown.

- Tuesday, October 13th, 5-7 p.m.
- 1245 Champa Street (Commons on Champa)

For more information, visit [www.TheOutdoorDowntown.com](http://www.TheOutdoorDowntown.com)



# Save the Date



## GROUND BREAKING EVENT

Central Denver Recreation Center  
Monday, November 2, 2015  
Time: 9:30 a.m.



Please join Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Denver Parks & Recreation, and Denver Public Works for the groundbreaking of the highly anticipated

## Central Denver Recreation Center

Located at the intersection of Colfax Avenue and Josephine Street.

## Neighborhood Internet Resources

### Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook

Connect with your neighbors, stay informed of timely issues and post information about your event. Visit and “Like” us at [www.facebook.com/groups/curtispark/](http://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. Write to: [Curtis-Park-Neighbors-Announce+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:Curtis-Park-Neighbors-Announce+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

### Curtis Park Neighbors “Notices” Group

Super-detailed! Receive all of the notices that the City and other organizations send to Curtis Park Neighbors. The CPN Board receives this e-mail, and invites you to participate as well!

Write to: [CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

### Curtis Park Design Review Committee

Provide feedback and assistance to new development and building modifications in Curtis Park, to help with successful Denver Landmark Commission review.

Write to: [cpn-designreview+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:cpn-designreview+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

### DHA / Curtis Park Community Advisory Committee

Provide feedback and guide the Denver Housing Authority’s plans for their property holdings in the Curtis Park area.

Write to: [CPN-DHA-CAC+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:CPN-DHA-CAC+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

### Curtis Park Safety and Security Group

Collaborate on finding solutions to current and long-term safety and security topics in the neighborhood.

Write to: [cpn-security+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:cpn-security+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

## Resources

### Denver City Government

[www.DenverGov.org](http://www.DenverGov.org), or call 3-1-1  
Alternately: (720) 913-1311

### Blair-Caldwell Library

2401 Welton Street, (720) 865-2401  
Mon./Wed.: Noon – 8 p.m.  
Tue./Thu./Fri.: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Denver City Council District 9

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### Denver Public Schools

(720) 423-3200, [www.DPSK12.org](http://www.DPSK12.org)

### Homeless Outreach

Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

### Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison

Michael Sapp, Jr., (720) 865-9024

### Police

**Emergencies:** Dial 911  
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**Dist. 2 (above 25th Street) RSO:**  
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[Barbara.Deadwyler@rtd-denver.com](mailto:Barbara.Deadwyler@rtd-denver.com)

### Trash Pickup - Large Items

The next Large Item pickup is Oct. 19-23. For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

### Xcel Energy

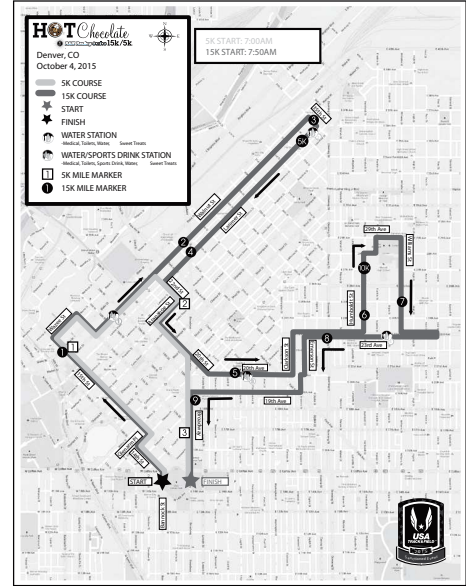
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**Gas Emergency / Gas Odor**  
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## SPECIAL EVENT ROAD CLOSURES OCTOBER 4, 2015

ROAD CLOSURES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 6AM - NOON

Road Closure Map and Times at [www.hotchocolate15k.com/denver/road-closures/](http://www.hotchocolate15k.com/denver/road-closures/)



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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](mailto:cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com) or (303) 332-8640. The next newsletter deadlines are Oct. 21st for ads, and Oct. 24th for articles.

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