



## Hi, Neighbors!

*John Hayden, CPN President*

June 2016

### Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting Thursday, June 2nd

United Way, 711 Park Ave. West

(Enter from parking lot at "CoBank" sign)

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

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

1. Candidate for CU Board of Regents - Lucky Vidmar
2. What makes a transit oriented neighborhood - John Hayden
3. 38th and Blake Station Area Zoning - Tim Watkins
4. 6250 mixed use lot moratorium - Paul Davidson
5. Arapahoe Square Zoning and Design Guidelines - Abe Barge
6. Juneteenth - Norman Harris

### Please Support CPN

Please consider a donation to support the Curtis Park Neighbors and this newsletter. You can make your tax deductible contribution online by visiting [squareup.com/store/CurtisParkNeighbors](http://squareup.com/store/CurtisParkNeighbors). Also you can mail or drop off a check to our treasurer Todd McGuire at 3162 Champa St.

### Next CPN General Meeting Thursday, August 4th, 2016

**CPN Board Meeting**  
Monday, June 20th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
2543 California St, Open to all

June is upon us and the neighborhood is looking wonderful with flower gardens and trees in full bloom. Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Denver Digs Trees program and planted new street trees this Spring and in past years. As you walk through the neighborhood notice how much of a difference it makes when you walk on blocks with big trees shading the sidewalk and shielding you from cars. It's a small investment with a huge return. If you have an Ash tree in your yard, now is the time to consider having it treated to protect it from the Emerald Ash Borer. We'd hate to lose our big stately trees to this little pest that is expected to arrive in Denver from Boulder sometime this year. More Information can be found at [www.BeASmartAsh.org](http://www.BeASmartAsh.org)

At this month's Curtis Park Neighbors meeting we will have several presentations on efforts to shape future buildings in and around Curtis Park. This is very important as Denver is now the fastest growing city in the United States. Our population grew to over 682,000 people last year and is expected to top 700,000 by the end of the summer. We are now among the top 20 largest cities in the nation. So it's not a question of whether we need new housing but what and where it will be placed.

Neighbors who organized to stop the D-Line development on 31st and Stout will present a proposed moratorium that will prevent other such buildings from being built while the city considers how to deal with these types of projects across the city.

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## D-Line Micro-Unit Update

*Mick Barnhardt*



The 56 micro-unit development originally pitched in January of this year met another obstacle with the Landmark Preservation Commission. This 56-micro-unit multi-family project capitalizes on a 2010 zoning loophole that allows for development of 6250 square-foot lots while providing zero off-street parking for its tenants. The first hurdle necessary for permit-

ting process is Landmark design review approval which considers mass, scale and architectural detail. Local neighbors organized a presentation in opposition to the project. The Commission voted unanimously to decline the applicant based on mass and overall height, citing that the CPN Design Guidelines include only one and two-story buildings.

## Hi Neighbors (cont.)

Neighbors along Glenarm will present on zoning which would eliminate the construction of “sideways” townhomes that do not have front doors addressing the street and city staff will be on hand to present proposed changes to the zoning around the new 38th and Blake Station that will allow buildings up to 16 stories. In the Arapahoe Square section of Five Points, new zoning and design guidelines will be presented. Finally we will hear from long time resident Norman Harris about plans for Juneteenth and from Curtis Park resident Lucky Vidmar who is running for C.U. Board of Regents. So lots to hear about and talk about.



**COFFEE, TEA & WINE LOUNGE**

- ✓ Meeting Space
- ✓ Free WiFi
- ✓ Free Covered Parking
- ✓ Coffee, Loose Leaf Tea, Gelato,
- ✓ Craft Beer & Wine, Gourmet
- ✓ Sandwiches & More

M-F: 6am 10pm  
Sat: 7am 10pm  
Sun: 7am 6pm

(Welton & 27<sup>th</sup> Street)  
710 East 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Denver, CO 80205

### Transforming Artwork at Coffee at The Point

Coffee at The Point will be featuring a new local artist in June. David Hernandez's pieces are often collages of various pop culture images, which often capture a moment or are the visual representation of bad puns.

David's pieces can be found in University of Iowa Main Library Art Collection. His showing at The Point is an exciting rarity. Come check it out throughout June. You'll have a chance to get to know David during the Artist Meet and Greet on Friday, June 10th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

## Moratorium on Some Micro-Unit Projects

### CPN Board and Councilman Brooks Endorse Moratorium on 6250 sf Parking Exemptions

*Paul Davidson*

Out of concern for developers taking advantage of a small-lot parking exemption to build large buildings that include more than 10 residential units, the CPN Board voted last month to support a city-wide moratorium regarding such developments while the parking requirements are revisited.

A coalition of neighborhoods then met with City Councilman Albus Brooks to discuss the moratorium, drafted by fellow neighbors and the Humboldt Street Neighbors Association. The Humboldt neighbors are currently opposing two adjacent developments totaling 108 units without required parking. Councilman Brooks agreed to support and sponsor the moratorium.



The moratorium would be limited to 9-months, during which time the Office of Community Planning & Development would establish a working group to draft an update to the parking exemption. The goal of the update is to strike the right balance to encourage use of existing buildings and encouraging mixed-use development infill, while also ensuring sufficient parking for large developments on small lots.

A petition has been drafted by local neighbors to support the limited moratorium. Volunteers are seeking signatures for the petition. If you are interested in signing, please contact Mick Barnhardt at [mickbarnhardt@hotmail.com](mailto:mickbarnhardt@hotmail.com) or call Pat Romero at (303)295-5010.



## Local Events

### Earthlinks Beer Tasting and Garden

Thursday, June 9th 6:00-8:00 p.m. 2746 W 13th Avenue, Denver. Join Earthlinks to sample a variety of tasty beers brewed by friends of EarthLinks. Once you've taken a few sips, you'll get the chance to cast your vote for your favorite brew. The suggested \$20 donation includes beer tastings, auction, food catered by Chipotle, Participants' Art Show and the Airplane Game. All proceeds to benefit Earthlinks.

### RedLine Monthly Brown Bag Lunch Program

Wednesday, June 8th 12:00-1:00 p.m., 2350 Arapahoe Street. Come discuss social responsibility, collective leadership, cultural responsiveness, and how art can instigate change. All you need is your lunch and your ideas!

### KatyBelle Summer Trunk Show

Thursday, June 23rd 5:00- 9:00 p.m. at KatyBelle 2453 Glenarm Place is hosting a Trunk Show. Join KatyBelle for an evening of sipping and shopping. For more information on the event go to [www.KatyBelle.com](http://www.KatyBelle.com). KatyBelle is a curated collection of responsibly priced women's fashions with a limited number of items so you won't be wearing the same thing as every girl in Denver and best of all, all items are \$60 or less.

### Green Spaces Events

Open House all day: Tuesday, June 7th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Green Spaces, 2590 Walnut Street.

“Love Thy Nature” film screening: Wednesday, June 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Green Spaces, 2590 Walnut Street.

## City Park Jazz Festival - 2016 Season

Call for Volunteers and Sponsors

City Park Jazz is celebrating its 30th anniversary season with a great lineup of FREE Sunday concerts in the park.

"In celebration of our Pearl Anniversary, we have booked many local fan favorites," says Bob Nelson, President of the non-profit City Park Jazz Board of Directors. "This season we have Lannie Garrett, Hazel Miller, Chris Daniels, among many other talented artists so don't miss out!

Visit [www.CityParkJazz.org](http://www.CityParkJazz.org) for more information regarding volunteer and sponsorship opportunities.



We are also announcing our call for concert volunteers! Many people are unaware that City Park Jazz is an all volunteer run event and we need YOU to make it happen. Space is limited.

The season spans ten Sunday evenings from 6:00–8:00 p.m. starting June 5th. The free concerts are staged at the City Park Pavilion.

### JUNE CALENDAR

June 5th	Euforquestra
June 12th	Lannie Garrett in Swing Sets - Benny Basie & Beyond
June 19th	Hazel Miller
June 26th	Otis Taylor

## Free Iris!

The iris outside the fence of the former community garden at Curtis and 29th will soon be in bloom. It will be a beautiful display of what are sometimes called the poor man's orchids. Please drive by and see if there are any among them that you would like for your own garden. If so, help yourself. Iris are easily dug and do well in almost any soil providing they get good sun. If you need advice, call Bill West, 303-295-6284.



## Thinking of Buying or Selling?

### Contact John Hayden!

*21 years experience in Curtis Park*  
*Because the health of our community is the life of my business*

*Five Points 2015 median home price increased 17% from \$341,500 to \$399,000. source: MLS data*



Your Curtis Park / Five Points Real Estate Expert.

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[www.CurtisParkHomes.com](http://www.CurtisParkHomes.com)

## SCFD Free Days

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- Sun. June 5th

Denver Art Museum

- Sat. June 4th

Denver Museum Miniatures, Dolls Toys

- Sun. June 5th

Denver Botanic Gardens

- Thurs. June 23rd

Museum of Outdoor Arts

- Wed. June 8th
- Sat. June 11th
- Sat. June 25th

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



## Neighborhood Internet Resources

Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook  
[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 assistance to new development and building modifications in Curtis Park, to help with 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 Transportation Committee

Improve mobility and safety for people getting around by all modes  
Write to: [cpn-transportation+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:cpn-transportation+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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### RTD

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### Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item pickup is June 5th-11th. For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

### Xcel Energy

**Electric Emergency/Power Outage**  
(800) 895-1999  
**Gas Emergency / Gas Odor**  
(800) 895-2999

## 2016 Youth One Book, One Denver summer reading program

Mayor Hancock unveiled the winning book selection, “Book Scavenger” for the 2016 Youth One Book, One Denver (YOBOD) program. “Book Scavenger” from local author, Jennifer Chambliss Bertman was selected by more than 1,500 youth voters and is currently on the New York Times’ bestseller list.

“Youth One Book, One Denver” provides our children a fun and interactive reading experience during the summer,” Mayor Hancock said. “It creates a deeper connection within our communities - thousands of young people reading the same book at the same time, discussing their thoughts, and having valuable learning experiences.” The 2016 YOBOD program launches Saturday, June 11th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Tattered Cover Book Store Colfax (2526 East Colfax).

## Summer Block Party

Make plans in August for the 4th Annual Curtis Park Neighbors Party at the 2700 block of Curtis Street. It will be August 6, 4:30 until dark. There will be music, grills for cooking and activities for the kids. Bring a side and dessert to share. Please remove your cars from 2700 block of Curtis Street by 11 a.m. on August 6th. Questions? contact J.R. at [LapierreJR@gmail.com](mailto:LapierreJR@gmail.com)

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 (720) 273-0623. The next newsletter deadlines are June 22nd for ads, and June 25th for articles.

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