



Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

Happy 2017 neighbors! As the new year begins we have a lot happening in the neighborhood. With new buildings on Welton, Larimer/Blake and California under construction there are more than 2,700 new residences coming over the next couple years to Five Points. Big challenges lay ahead as we figure out how to welcome new residents and keep the culture and character of the community we love. If this sounds impossible you might be surprised to hear that even with 2,700 new homes, Five Points will only just be approaching the population size it had in the 1940s and 1950s, the heyday of the businesses along the Welton strip.

At this month's meeting we have a number of interesting topics including plans

for parks and events in 2017, bond issue for new infrastructure projects; the redevelopment of Platte Valley Homes and the old Golden Bell Press building; and an update on the parking plan, homeless outreach and tiny houses possibly coming to the RiNo District of Five Points.

Please come and make your voice heard so we can be sure the diverse perspectives of our neighborhood are represented at the meeting. It's important that different views come to light in public forums so new and better ideas can be created from the blending of perspectives. That's what makes communities grow stronger over time and why the diversity of Five Points/Curtis Park is an asset we should cherish and preserve.

Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, January 5th

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. Beverly Grant - Mo'Better Greens
2. Douglas Edwards - Camping and the Homeless
3. Paul Davidson - Parking Plan Update
4. Jason Back - LiveWell Colorado
5. John Hayden - Tulips in the Parks
6. Homelessness in the neighborhood update - Douglas
7. Gilpin School Closure - Paul Davidson
8. 2017 Bond Issue projects - John Hayden
9. Liberati at the Old Golden Bell Press Building - Scott Gordon

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.

Also you can mail or drop off a check to our treasurer Todd McGuire at 3162 Champa St.

Next CPN General Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2017

CPN Board Meeting

Monday, Jan. 16th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
2543 California St, Open to all

WalkScope for Curtis Park

Robbie Hobein

As part of my work with the Denver Moves Peds and Trails committee, I've found a spiffy tool that we can all use to inform the city about the conditions and quality of our local sidewalks and intersections, some of which aren't as pedestrian-friendly as we'd like them to be: www.WalkScope.org.

As we report sidewalk and intersections into the website, it maps the inventory of pedestrian infrastructure in Denver to help build the case for improvements. It also advances the Denver Moves goal to

"establish a network that enables pedestrians to move comfortably between places and destinations."

Looking at the map on the website, you can see huge gaps in our Curtis Park neighborhood that are incomplete! If we all spent 15 minutes each over the next month, we could 'fill in the blanks' in our neighborhood. It's easy to do from your phone, tablet or computer – just go to www.WalkScope.org and click on "Add Data" to get started. It takes about 15 minutes to read the instructions, then walk and complete a block.

Parking Plan Update

Keith Pryor

The Curtis Park Parking plan for the study area is moving forward with a draft that will be reviewed at the Monthly CPN Meeting in February. We have increased the area of the study to include the area from Broadway to 28th from Larimer to Champa streets. It made sense to expand the study area to include the small triangle area towards the city to capture a full section of the neighborhood. The working group will meet in January to review an early draft which will then be brought to the larger CPN group for further input and refinement with a final a parking plan for the sub area to be reviewed in March/April. Please feel free to contact Paul Davidson, Keith Pryor or Eric Ross for further details.



Liberate Coming to Golden Bell Press Bldg.

John Hayden

The old Golden Bell Press building at 2401 Champa has been vacant for close to a year after long-time owner Larry Bell shut down the printing presses that once occupied not just the building at 2401 Champa but also the old Temple Emanuel building at 24th and Curtis. Now a new operator hopes to turn the printing press building into an Italian brewery and restaurant. Alessandro Liberati's family has brewed Italian beer and wine in Rome and he hopes to bring this specialty to Denver here in Curtis Park in 2017. There will be a great deal of work to remodel the old building which will include exterior improvements, a totally remodeled first floor, a patio and parking lot. Alessandro would like to invite nearby neighbors two open houses Tues. Jan. 3rd 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and Tues. Jan. 10th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. At 2401 Champa Street. Enter on 24th Street.

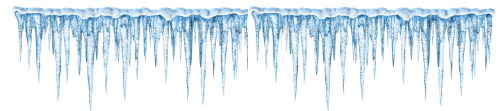
8th Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival

John Hayden

Save the date and plan to attend this year's Ice Party at the Stout Street Children's Park on Sunday February 26th between 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a small neighborhood focused event that features local treats, winter games and of course, ice sculptures being carved on site.

The same artist that carved the giant T-rex pumpkin for Halloween will return to the Stout Street Children's Park to carve works of art in ice for the neighborhood to enjoy.

Want to volunteer to help with this year's party? Contact John Hayden at haydenpryor@msn.com.



Red Line Gallery Events

Art of War Project - Community Art Classes (Block Printing)

January 11, 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Free classes for Veterans, \$20 donations for civilians.

www.RedLineArt.org/UpComingEvents/2017/1/11/art-of-war-project-community-art-class-block-printing

Brown Bag Lunch Series

January 11th, 2016, 12:00-1:00 pm

RedLine hosts a Brown Bag Lunch to discuss social responsibility, collective leadership, cultural responsiveness, and how art can instigate change. All you need is your lunch and your ideas!

Please join us for on Wednesday, January 11th, 12:00-1:00 pm. Feel free to bring a friend or invite others.

Black Cube & ArtPlant panel discussion - DIY MFA

January 11th - 6:30 pm-10:00 pm

In the midst of a higher educational atmosphere, characterized by cycles of often insurmountable debt for both students and professors, as well as an increasingly homogenized system of professionalization, developing alternative approaches to arts education becomes all the more relevant...

In this light, Black Cube and ArtPlant are collaborating to host a four-day symposium, DIY MFA in Denver focused on the topic of higher educational models generated by artists. The series will begin with a formal panel discussion at RedLine on Wednesday, January 11th from (6:00-8:00 pm) featuring the institutional representatives and

continue with community engagements including regular "office hours", held at a local bar during happy hour from 4:00-6:00 pm on Thursday January 12th, and Friday January 13th open to anyone interested in informal and vital dialog. The symposium will close with a participatory gathering and performance event on January 14th from 7:00-10:00 pm at a Dateline Gallery www.BlackCubeArt.org/event/diy-mfa-alternatives-in-higher-arts-education.

Nice Work If You Can Get It

Opening Reception: January 20th, 6:00PM-9:00PM

Nice Work If You Can Get It is a group exhibition that features twenty-nine current and recent alumni resident artists from RedLine. The show will be on view at RedLine Contemporary Art Center from January 20th through February 26th, 2017.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree with Denver's Treecycle Program

This year Treecycle collections will occur on the weekends of January 7th & January 14th, and there will be no weekday collections.

Recycling your Christmas tree is as easy as 1, 2, 3 with Denver Recycles/Solid Waste Management's annual Treecycle program. By recycling your tree through Denver's Treecycle program, you can help keep trees out of the landfill, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help create mulch that is available to Denver residents for free at the Annual Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & Leafdrop Compost Sale in the spring.

Here's how easy it is to recycle your Christmas tree:

1. Remove all decorations, lights and tree stands. Only natural (real) trees are collected for recycling during Treecycle.
2. No artificial or flocked trees are accepted. Set your tree out for collection no later than 7 a.m. on Saturday, January 7th or January 14th.
3. Reclaim free mulch made from your tree at the annual Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale in May!

Remember:

1. All Christmas trees must be set out at your regular trash collection location by 7 a.m. on Saturday, January 7th or January 14th. Trees may be collected on Saturday or Sunday.
2. Do NOT place trees inside bags, carts or dumpsters.
3. Be sure to set trees at least 2 feet away from trash or recycling containers carts, and all other obstacles.
4. Trees will not be collected by Extra Trash crews during the first two weeks of January.
5. After January 15th, trees can be dropped off for recycling at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off.

Last year, Denver residents recycled nearly 20,000 trees. Participate in this year's Treecycle program and help us recycle even more!

For more information about Treecycle, the Annual Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and LeafDrop Compost Sale or other Denver Recycles programs, visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles call 311 (720-913-1311).

Urgent Information for Gilpin Families

Paul Davidson

At their December meeting, the Denver Board of Education voted to close Gilpin Montessori at the end of the school year. Neither an elementary nor an ECE program will be offered at Gilpin in the Fall of 2017. ALL parents of Gilpin Elementary and ECE students will need to work through the DPS Choice program to find new schools for their children. The deadline for submitting forms for the first round of choice is January 31st.

To help with the transition, expos will be held at Gilpin on Thursday, January 12th, where neighboring schools will present their academic programs and meet with parents to discuss which program best fits the needs of their child. The Elementary Expo is scheduled for 3:30 pm. The ECE and Middle School Expos are scheduled from 10:30 am. Please save the date and double check times for the scheduled expos when your child returns to school after the holiday break.

2716 Welton Street

Croissants
Danish
Baguettes
Coffee
Pastries

Hours are 6:00am to 3:00pm
Closed Mondays

SCFD Free Days

Clyfford Still Museum
• Fridays 5-8 p.m.



Denver Art Museum
• Sat. Jan. 7th

Denver Botanic Gardens
• Tues. Jan. 3rd
• Mon. Jan. 16th

Denver Museum Nature & Science
• Sun. Jan. 22nd

Denver Zoo
• Thurs Jan. 12th
• Fri. Jan. 20th

Find out more at www.scfid.org

In addition to the expos, DPS staff will be available in January and will be at Gilpin during pick-up and drop-off throughout the week of January 23rd. Forms, videos, and additional information are available at <http://school-choice.dpsk12.org> or by calling 720-423-3493. For questions regarding programs or curriculum for ECE and Kindergarten, please call the Early Education Department at 720-423-2678.

Resources

Denver City Government

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

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Denver Public Schools

(720) 423-3200, 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

Non-Emergency: (720) 913-2000

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RTD

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www.RTD-Denver.com

Elected Representative

Barbara Deadwyler, (720) 273-9520
Barbara.Deadwyler@rtd-denver.com

Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item pickup is
Jan. 17th - 21st. For free appliance
collection, call
(303) 430-7142.

Xcel Energy

Electric Emergency/Power Outage
(800) 895-1999

Gas Emergency / Gas Odor
(800) 895-2999

Holiday Party Gratitude

We are home to many amazing restaurants, shops, cafes, events, studios and spas and so many of them have graciously donated to our annual raffle at the Annual Holiday Party held on December 5th.

We would like to recognize the following businesses and ask that you support them with your patronage!

B-Cycle, Beauty Baskets by Sheli Harris, Biju's, Billy's Hot Dogs, Botanic Gardens, Cart+Driver, Coffee at the Points, Crema, Curtis Park Deli, Dunbar's, The Haven, Hutch and Spoon, Jake's, Matchbox, Meadowlark Kitchen, Novo

Coffee, Parisi's, Pressery, Preservery, Purple Door, Rollerskating at Exdo, Rolling Pin, Rosenberg's, Samana Float, 715 Club, Voicebox, Work&Class, Yazoo BBQ, Yoga with Dawn Gordon, Yoga with Susan Bhat, Yoga with Satya Larrea

Thanks to Rob Price, Eileen Feltmane and Julie Rubsam for gathering all the prizes.

Thanks to Todd McGuire and Sue Glassmaker for their great help at the raffle and to JR LaPierre for organizing the whole shebang!

Neighborhood Internet Resources

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. Write to:

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

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

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

Curtis Park Transportation Committee

Improve mobility and safety for people getting around by all modes

Write to: 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



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 18th for ads, and January 20th for articles.

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