



## Hi, Neighbors!

*John Hayden, CPN President*

October is here and brings changing leaves, chilling temperatures and my favorite thing of all — Halloween and the 8th annual Curtis Park Great Pumpkin Festival. This year's festivities will start off with the carving of the great pumpkin on Sunday October 29th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Come watch as artist Jessie Parish transforms an 800 pound pumpkin into a work of art. There will be 100 free pumpkins for neighbors to carve, treats from the Rolling Pin and live blue grass music. Of course there will be prizes for the best carved pumpkins.

The freshly carved jack-o-lanterns will decorate and light up the park through Halloween night and there will be a trick-or-treat party on Oct 31st from 5:30pm to 7:30pm with games and treats and a Halloween themed piñata. Children from 0 to 110 are welcome.

Each year we emphasize Halloween in Curtis Park not just because it's fun and there's candy but also because it's a holiday that encourages people to do something we've been told not to do — talk to strangers. Not only do we talk to strangers and intentionally make ourselves look strange in all manner of fun and wild costumes but we dress up your children and encourage them to take candy from strangers.

Turning this norm on its head one night a year by encouraging people to say hi to people who are different from them is a wonderful way to celebrate in a community as diverse as Curtis Park. So please come out this Halloween for the Great Pumpkin and meet some strangers. Remember even our very best friends started off as strangers at some point.

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### **Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, October 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. GRID Alternatives - Alison Moe
2. DPS Strengthening Neighborhoods - Anne Barkus
3. School Board Candidates - Rachele Espiritu
4. School Board Candidate - Jennifer Bacon
5. Board update and Priorities - John Hayden
6. The Great Pumpkin 2017 - John Hayden

### **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 November 2nd, 2017**

**CPN Board Meeting**  
Monday, Oct. 16th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
2543 California St, Open to all

## **Winter is Coming -**

We often take trees for granted. We forget they are the most expensive part of our landscapes. And if we're not caring for them properly, we're not protecting our long-term investment.

Many mature trees are worth thousands of dollars. As trees grow, they increase property value and add curb appeal.

## **Prepare your**

If a large tree dies, you can't go out and replace it with one of the same size as it will take years to grow another one as large.

Plus, every tree helps keep us alive. The average tree removes 48 lbs. of carbon dioxide per year while creating enough

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## Hi Neighbors (cont.)

At this month's meeting we will hear from our neighbor Anne Barkis about the strengthening neighborhoods project of DPS which has as its primary goal the promotion of high performing integrated schools across the city. The creation of this effort was partially a response to the ground swell of activism and anger that resulted from the closing of our neighborhood school, Gilpin. We will also hear from additional school board candidates in advance of the November election and talk about goals for the upcoming 2018 year in Curtis Park. I hope to see you all there and at the Great Pumpkin at the end of the month.

## Garbage and Recycling

Recycling is good for the environment, unless you're recycling the wrong things — like pizza boxes. According to The Atlantic's City-Lab, that's one thing you're going to have to throw out. The truth is in the cheese.



## See Something? Say Something!

*Jeff Baker*

Every month at the General meeting the police go through their presentation and when neighbors start bringing up issues, the police respond by asking "Did you call it in, and if you did, did you ask to speak to an officer in person?" The answer from the inquiring neighbor is always "no", or "yes, but did not leave my info, or request to speak to an officer in person." The police request every meeting that these steps (below) are always followed. Since they are always telling us to do this to get better/more response from them in the neighborhood,

For emergencies - call 911. Always give your name, contact info and address. Request to speak to an officer in person. Do not ask to receive a call only. The officer will come to your house to discuss the situation For non-emergencies call 720-913-2000. Always give your name, contact info and address. Request to speak to an officer in person. Do not ask to receive a call. The officer will come to your house to discuss the situation.

## GRID Power Project

*Leslie Proudfoot*

GRID Alternatives Colorado is a non-profit organization that brings the benefits of solar technology to underserved communities around our state. We lead teams of volunteers to install solar electric systems that benefit low-income families, providing much needed savings for families struggling to make ends meet, preparing workers for jobs in the fast-growing solar industry, and providing a source of clean, renewable energy. Since we opened in 2012, GRID Colorado has installed over 1.4 megawatts of solar that will generate more than \$9 million worth of energy and offset 45,000 tons of greenhouse gases over the systems' lifetimes.

GRID Colorado will be presenting on our programs and how you can get involved at Curtis Park's October 5th general meeting. Go to [www.gridalternatives.org/colorado](http://www.gridalternatives.org/colorado) to learn more.

## Trees (cont.)

oxygen for 2 people to live an entire year.

To protect your investment in trees, make sure they are examined and pruned as needed. Many trees have put on substantial growth this summer, to the point of being overgrown.

If your trees have not had much attention since these weather events, now is the time to make sure they receive the TLC they need to face another winter. They may also need thinning so they can handle heavy snows without breaking. Starting in August, it's a good time to prune so your trees are set for the winter months ahead.

There are 4 main problems that should be addressed when pruning

#1 - Dead branches. They are generally the easiest to see because they have no leaves. It's dangerous to leave them in the tree because they are more easily broken in wind and from the extra weight of heavy snows.

#2 - Storm damage. After storms, there are often limbs that are completely detached, but still hanging in the tree. Falling limbs can injure people and create property damage and should be removed right away. Broken, but attached branches should also be removed.

#3 - Branches hitting structures. Branches that touch and rub against the house, gutters, windows, fences or hang over the street and sidewalk or are near powerlines, can cause damage and should be removed.

#4 - Where the tree is damaging itself. When branches are rubbing against one another, both will be damaged and the problem needs to be resolved via pruning. When there is too much interior growth within the tree blocking out the sun, the tree should also be thinned. On younger trees, pruning is often done to shape the tree as it grows.



**Coffee at The Point**

**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

## Events and Things to Explore in the Neighborhood

### Spanish Classes

Are you looking for a Spanish course light on grammar and heavy on conversation and culture? Are you looking to travel to Mexico as more than a tourist? Are you looking to better communicate with our Spanish-speaking friends in Denver? If so, join us for ten classes beginning Wednesday, October 18th through December 20th at Hope Communities (2543 California St) from 7:00-8:30 PM.

The cost is \$200. For more information and to sign up, call Stephan at 303-917-9010.

Quick bio: I am a native Spanish speaker who was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico. I am a certified middle-school and secondary-school teacher who lives in Curtis Park. I have twenty years of teaching experience and have worked with middle-school students in all subject areas, high-school students in math, chemistry and physics and adults in ESL (English as a Second Language).

### Hot Chocolate 15/5k Run

Oct. 1st, 6:00 am to noon. Road closures at Larimer and Walnut to 32nd Street. [www.hotchocolate15k.com](http://www.hotchocolate15k.com)



2716 Welton Street

Croissants  
Danish  
Baguettes  
Coffee  
Pastries

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

### Historic Denver's 47th Annual Dinner & Awards Program to honor Outstanding Preservation Leaders and Projects

November 1st, 2017 at the Brown Palace Hotel & Spa. The event will honor three individuals, four preservation projects and one "Remix" award to a project that successfully and dynamically incorporates an old building with new construction.

To become a sponsor or purchase tickets visit [www.historicdenver.org](http://www.historicdenver.org) or call 303-534-5288 ext. 7.

### Espresso Fundraiser

"Coffee at The Point, located at the five-point intersection of Five Points, will be launching a community-based crowdfunding campaign on October 25th through Indiegogo for a new espresso machine. They will be offering a variety of perks in exchange for your contributions. Their current espresso machine is in need of replacement and they are reaching out to the community for our support.

They'll be posting launch event and contribution page details on the Coffee at The Point Facebook page. You can also help by sharing this campaign via social media, email & word-of-mouth with your friends and family. We appreciate your support."

### Wonder(bound) of Curtis Park

Wonderbound, our friendly neighborhood rock ballet company, located at 1075 Park Avenue West invites you to drop by. Just about every Tuesday through Saturday they hold open rehearsals for upcoming show in their studio, and they would love to meet you! Drop by bearing your lunch, a sketchbook, a bottle of wine, your kids, or a friend at any time between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to watch rehearsals for Celestial Navigations from their (very comfy) couches.

### October Walking Tours of Five Points

Walk2Connect, an international non-profit headquartered here in Five Points, is hosting two neighborhood walking tours this October to promote the history and culture of Five Points. The walks cost \$25 and half the proceeds go to support Curtis Park Neighbors.

*Jack Was Here.* Sunday Oct 2nd at 2:00 pm. Departments from My Brother's Bar at 15th and Platte Street. This walk winds through LoDo, Downtown and Five Points as it tells the story of Jack Kerouac and Neil Cassidy, two poets who were responsible for the beat generations unique writing style. Learn the role Five Points played in creating this unique style of art and poetry.

*The Seedy Side of Five Points.* Sunday Oct 15th at 2pm. Departs from the Stout Street Children's Park at 25th and Stout. This walk will visit the sites of murders, madams, brothels and tell stories of love gone wrong in Five Points. From its earliest days Parts of Five Points hosted some of the most well know Brothels and wealthiest madams in the western United States. Come and learn the history of this colorful part of our neighborhoods past.

### SCFD Free Days

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



Denver Art Museum  
• Sat. Oct. 7th

Denver Museum of Nature & Science  
• Mon. Oct. 16th

Children's Museum of Denver  
• Tues. Oct. 3rd, 4:00-8:00 pm  
*Find out more at [www.scfcd.org](http://www.scfcd.org)*

## 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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**Albus Brooks**, (720) 337-7709  
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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  
**Dist. 2 (above 25th Street) RSO:**  
**Adriel Torres** (720) 913-1089,  
adriel.torres@denvergov.org  
**Reyes Trujillo** (720) 913-1094,  
reyes.trujillo@denvergov.org  
**Dist. 6 (below 25th Street) RSO:**  
**Snow White** (720) 641-1280,  
snow.white@denvergov.org

**RTD**  
(303) 299-6000  
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  
One Day! Wed. Oct. 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

## Electronics Collection Event on October 7th

If you have old televisions, computers or other electronics taking up space around your home, then you'll want to participate in Denver Recycles' Electronic Recycling Collection event on Saturday, October 7 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Participation is by appointment only and only a limited number of appointments are available. Visit <https://oct7-ecycle.eventbrite.com> and select your appointment time slot. The recycling fee at this event will be \$10 per television, \$10 per monitor, or a minimum of \$5 per vehicle.

## Neighborhood Internet Resources

**Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/curtisparke/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/curtisparke/)

**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)  
also: [Groups.google.com/forum/m/#forum/cpn-parks-group](http://Groups.google.com/forum/m/#forum/cpn-parks-group)

**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)



**RiNo's Affordable  
Homebrew Supply Shop**

**Ingredients  
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Classes  
Jockey Box Rentals**

**2801 Walnut St.  
303-292-BREW**

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 Oct. 20 for ads, and Oct. 23rd for articles.

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