



August 2018

Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

Happy August! Hopefully there is some cooler weather ahead. Thanks to everyone who got out and celebrated the Fourth of July with holiday bunting this year. The neighborhood looked great and the more than 100 people who toured carriage houses via Historic Denver's ADU tour on July 17th were very impressed with the beauty and spirit of our community. Thanks to Joel Noble for helping to organize this wonderful event. Joel and other community members continue to work on expanding ADUs in our community and across the city as a way to help address the short supply of housing without negatively impacting the character of our historic neighborhoods. Our historic character is worth preserving and takes a great deal of work.

I was struck by an article in the Denver Post last week that reported more than 1200 structures have been demolished in Denver just since 2016. Neighborhoods such as Sunnyside, Sloan's Lake and East Washington Park have seen drastic reduction in their stock of the brick bungalows that once were Denver's predominant housing style. Most replaced by larger, often very expensive stucco and cement board boxes. One developer in the article posted that there would be no brick bungalows left in East Washington Park in 5 years. I think this is an unfortunate loss of a valuable city asset especially when there is so much vacant land where new structures could be built without demolishing old structures.

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Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, August 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. Savoy Liquor License
2. MestizoFest
3. TempleTantrum

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 September 6th, 2018

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



Mestizo Festival Celebrate Denver's First Park on its 150th Anniversary



Mestizo Fest marks the birthday of Denver's amazingly beautiful and diverse parks system, established in 1868. It also marks the beginning of Denver's Five Points/Curtis Park neighborhood where the park is located. Wherever you look in Five Points, you will see large houses for those that could afford them, and much smaller ones for those of more modest means. The mixture of houses constitutes a record of a unique period in Denver's history when persons of widely different incomes lived easily and comfortably together.

This August 11th Curtis Park Neighbors along with the rest of Five Points and the city will celebrate the heritage of the park with a festival called Mestizo. Mestizo is a Spanish word that means of mixed blood.

The park was renamed Mestizo Curtis Park in the 1990s to honor the unique cultural diversity that makes up the Five Points community.

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Curtis Park was noticeable on the map of demolition for it's lack thereof. Our hard work to landmark parts of our neighborhood and rezone others to prevent the wholesale demolition of our original housing stock has paid off and we remain among a striking list of neighborhoods with our old brick houses still intact. Thanks to the hard work of many neighbors we can manage how we grow without losing the uniqueness of our architecture that makes Curtis Park special.

At our August meeting we will hear from the new owners of the Savoy at 2700 Arapahoe. The family who has purchased the building intends to turn it into a children's theater and event space. They have applied for a cabaret license to make the space work for theater and events and will be seeking the support of our community in this endeavor as they apply for the license. Please come and hear their plans and make your voice heard as we take a vote of neighbors on this important subject. We will then hear about two festivals coming up in the neighborhood. On August 11th MestizoFest will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Mestizo Curtis Park and as Denver's oldest park, the anniversary of a great park system and really the birth of our neighborhood. Please plan to come out and celebrate. If you'd like to help out we have volunteer needs for the day. Visit www.mestizofest.org. Then in September our neighbors at The Temple at 24th and Curtis will be holding an event called TempleTantrum. It's an art, music, community gathering experience born of the widely varied artists who occupy and work in The Temple. Come hear about their plans August 2nd at 7:00pm at Mile High United Way, 711 Park Ave West, at Stout Street. Enter from the parking lot side of the building.



Agape Christian Church new Landscaping

Last week our neighbors at Agape Christian Church at 25th and California received new landscaping around the building through the generous donations of neighbors who live nearby. Old overgrown bushes were replaced with roses and grasses that are low in water needs and don't threaten the foundation of the old historic church building. About a dozen neighbors got together and donated to make this possible for the church. Thanks to Bradley Joseph for leading this charge. It's a wonderful example of neighbors working together to make our community better for everyone.



More Than a Festival

Join us September 1st-2nd as we transform the block around the Temple Arts Center into an audacious smorgasbord of full sensory experiences. The Temple Tantrum Festival is a festival celebrating all manner of alternative creative cultures for our Denver friends 21+. Featuring crazy fun DIY Funhouse, musical performances, hilarious comedy, and puppetry, this is a festival of alternative artists.

Our crowdfunding campaign is raising \$10,000 for the Temple Tantrum Festival through pre-sale tickets with sweet incentives! Your contribution will enable us to give back to our artists, our neighborhoods, local businesses and our art. The funds raised by this campaign will allow the festival to maintain its creative integrity by allowing us to curate our sponsors and maintain our artistic integrity while allowing ticket prices to be low.



Summer is coming to a close but the growing season isn't over! Many of the same early spring crop choices can be planted for a fall harvest. Join DUG for our Fall Plant Sale to enjoy a selection of our favorite fall seedlings & bulbs to keep your season growing! Join us, Saturday, August 25th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm at DUG Headquarters, 1031 33rd Street, Denver.

Proceeds support DUG's Grow a Garden, an annual program that provides seeds, seedlings and know-how to in-need individuals, families & groups.

Liberati Opening Soon

*Alessandro "Alex" Liberati,
Liberati Brewery & Restaurant*

Firstly, thank you for your enduring patience as we complete our construction on Champa Street. I am thrilled and humbled to be a part of this historic, vibrant neighborhood and I look forward to the opportunity to welcome all of you to Liberati Brewery & Restaurant. As many of you know, we will be offering authentic, provincial Italian cuisine along with Oenobeer, which is essentially a hybrid of beer and wine. We will be baking bread in-house, making our own mozzarella with a special machine from Italy, our pasta will be made in-house and we will be curing our own salamis and other specialty meats in the Italian tradition with great respect for our ancient methods. All of our beer will be brewed with grapes giving you a new world of flavors to explore.

I feel especially fortunate to be located here, to offer you a taste of my homeland and become a part of this wonderful community. I can't wait to share this with you.

Group Living Zoning Amendment Public Meeting

The City of Denver is working on revisions to the zoning code concerning group living facilities. These include shelters, artist housing, tiny home villages, housing for the elderly, group homes and communal living. Currently the Denver Zoning code has some outdated and problematic ways of defining what group living facilities are and where they can be located. For instance there are provisions that limit the number of shelter beds by council district even though council districts shift every 10 years and the use of the word beds as a measurement has lead some providers to simply skirt the issue by making people sleep on the floor. There are other provisions that have lead the majority of shelter facilities to be located in certain parts of town that either have no resources for the people they are serving or are concentrating poverty in a way that is harmful to the neighbors around the facilities.

Denver wants your input on what the solutions should be in this zoning code update and are holding an open house to get public input. We are a neighborhood very much impacted by city policies around group living facilities and it's very important that our voice is heard as the city considers solutions to these problems. Please plan to attend Tuesday, August 14, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at McNichols Civic Center Building, 144 W. Colfax Ave.



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your neighbor and Curtis Park expert!
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Mestizo Festival (cont.)

All residents of Denver are invited to celebrate the diversity of our city at this event. To learn about our past and talk about our future. How do we ensure that Denver stays a diverse, welcoming and beautiful city for the next 150 years?

Curtis Park Neighbors believes that our diverse future is as important as our diverse past and we can look to our past for ideas on how to maintain the diversity of our future. Diversity is important because it's essential for a city to thrive. Where different cultures come together, strength and beauty thrive, innovation grows from diverse environments as people bring their own strengths to meld with those of others and create something stronger than either of them or their cultures could have created alone.

For this reason we believe having a celebration and conversation about how we promote diversity in our community and our city long term is important; there is no better place to hold this conversation than in the city's very first public gathering space, its first Park, Mestizo Curtis Park.

For more information visit www.mestifest.org
Contact John Hayden 303-297-3994/
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SCFD Free Days



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

Denver Museum Nature & Science
• Mon. August 13th

Denver Art Museum
• Sat. August 4th

Denver Botanic Gardens
• Wed. August 29th

Molly Brown House
• Wed. August 1st

Find out more at www.scfd.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.

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Denver Public Schools
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Homeless Outreach
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Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison
Michael Sapp, Jr., (720) 865-9024

Police
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Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup
The next Large Item pickup is
August 15th
For free appliance collection, call
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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

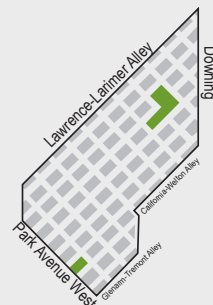
Curtis Park Neighbors "Notices" Group
Super-detailed! Receive all of the notices that the City and other organizations send to Curtis Park Neighbors. The CPN Board receives this e-mail, and invites you to participate as well!
Write to: CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com
also: [Groups.google.com/forum/m/#forum/cpn-parks-group](https://groups.google.com/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

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 August 15th for ads, and August 18th for articles.

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