



Times

January 2019

Hi, Neighbors!

Jeff Baker, CPN President

Happy New Year Curtis Park! 2018 was a blur, as it went by so fast. I would like to say THANK YOU to John Hayden for his years of board service and tremendous amount of volunteer hours given to Curtis Park. Thanks John, we will miss you on the board, and I sure have big, correction, GIANT shoes to fill! John was awarded the "John Hayden, Spirit of Mestizo Award" at our Holiday Potluck as token of our appreciation for his endless dedication to the neighborhood. This *new* award will be available to recipients in the future who exemplify the spirit needed to be deserving of the award.

I would like to welcome the new board members, Beth Bianchi, Lindsey Sullivan, Ryan Cox, and Lindsey Schneider, thank you for joining!

We will be busy again this year as the pressures on the neighborhood continue, and we will be making sure that Curtis Park has a voice to steer the direction on all topics affecting us.

I would also like to express a HUGE thank you to the additional outgoing board members, Rob Price (12 years), Todd McGuire (7 years), Conor Farley (3 years), and Joshua Becker (1 year-he moved). Thank you all, for your combined 23 years of service to the neighborhood!

Ben Mendenhall will be the new Treasurer for the board, after a year apprenticeship with Todd McGuire.

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Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, January 3rd

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. Mestizo-Curtis Park update
2. Jamie for Mayor?-tentative
3. AirBnb Inspector-Brian Snow
4. Flagstone sidewalk update and info

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.

Next CPN General Meeting
February 7th, 2019

CPN Board Meeting
Mon. Jan. 14th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
2543 California St, Open to all

8th Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival February 3rd 2pm to 5pm.

John Hayden

Come celebrate winter with friends and neighbors at the 8th Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival. This small, neighborhood event features artists carving ice sculptures, music, winter themed games and treats. This year's event will occur at the Stout Street Children's Park at 2501 Stout Street on Saturday February 3rd from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

For more information or to volunteer to help please contact John Hayden @ haydenpryor@msn.com




Neighbors (cont.)

Todd, thanks for the extra year of service, and assisting Ben with the transition. Ben has been an asset to the board this last year extending beyond his associate treasurer duties.

It was great to see everyone who attended the Holiday Potluck last month, and thank you for attending the annual event that brings neighbors together. I anticipate an active and exciting 2019 in our vibrant neighborhood!

I am excited to meet all of you, and if we haven't met, here is a little about me. I was born in Colorado, grew up in south Denver, and spent 16 years in Durango, Colorado. I returned to Denver, with Kate, in 2010, moving into Five Points at that time. In 2012, we made Curtis Park our permanent home, and we are really happy to have landed in such a great neighborhood! I am thrilled and honored to be your new President, and I look forward to serving Curtis Park. John, I am still wondering, when do we get to move into the President's house?



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Angled Parking

and other changes coming to Curtis Park to improve neighborhood mobility.

The Neighborhood Transportation and Mobility Plan (NTMP) process has wrapped up for the Five Points neighborhood and over the coming year we will start to see many improvements implemented to address issues identified by neighbors. The NTMP is a new program of public works intended to bring quick easily implementable improvements to neighborhoods to address mobility concerns. Five Points was the first neighborhood in the city to receive a planning process because of the large amount of development and transportation related pressures facing the neighborhood. Here is a list of some of the changes we can expect to see in and around Curtis Park:

- Installation of painted bulb-outs at most intersections along Champa and Stout to make the street easier and safer to cross for pedestrians.
- Installation of back in angled parking along the park side of Curtis between 30th and 31st. This will provide more parking for visitors to the park and narrow the street to help slow traffic.



Thank You Norm Harris Jr!

The 2018 William A. West Award, for outstanding service to the neighborhood, was awarded to Norm Harris Jr. Norm continues his families dedication to bettering the Five Points community, and was an integral part in the 2018 Mestizo Festival held in Mestizo-Curtis Park in August. Norm, thank you for all you do to connect all of the neighborhoods that reside in Five Points!

- Installation of a signalized pedestrian crossing at 32nd to cross Champa to make it safer for people to access the pool and park.
- Installation of four-way stops along Larimer Street. The four-way stops will be located at every other block from 27th to 35th. This will make crossing Larimer street safer for pedestrians and automobiles.
- Installation of a new traffic circle at 29th and Curtis to help slow traffic along Curtis Street.
- Installation of additional all-way stops at intersections near the Commuter Rail Station on Blake to help accessing the 38th and Blake Station safely.
- Intersection improvements at 26th Ave, Washington Street, Welton and 27th Street intersection
- Daylighting of a number of intersection to improve visibility for traffic crossing one way streets like Champa and Stout. Daylighting means moving on street parking back from the intersection to provide greater visibility.
- In addition to these short-term projects plans are still in the design process for three projects: These include the installation of a new neighborhood bikeway along 25th Ave and 26th Street linking to the Brighton Blvd bicycle facilities and the Platte River. The study of possible conversion of Stout Street into a two-way street through Curtis Park and the possibility of narrowing Welton street to one lane of traffic to provide more parking and reduce traffic speeds.

Watch for additional updates in the newsletter as we learn when these projects will be implemented. Public Works expects improvements to begin in the Spring of 2019.

Adopt-a-Block

Ryan Cox

As a neighborhood, it is important that we create a safe and clean environment for everyone to enjoy. In an effort to beautify and maintain our community in a more organized and structured way, we invite you to Adopt-a-Block in Curtis Park. It could be a block where you live, work, or simply a block that you feel needs more attention. Ideally all blocks within Curtis Park can be adopted, although blocks with fewer residences tend to be most neglected and would especially benefit from regular maintenance. The primary goal is to ensure the space is litter-free by regularly collecting trash and debris as well as reporting any issues that arise. If interested, please contact Ryan Cox at ryan-curtispark@gmail.com.

Businesses and Volunteers that Support our Neighborhood

Jeff Baker

Thank you to our sponsors in alphabetical order: B-Cycle, Birdcall, Biju's, Billy's Hot Dogs, Botanic Gardens, Cart-Driver, Coffee at the Point, Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Crema, Culture, Curtis Park Book, Curtis Park Deli, Dio Mio, Dog Days of Denver, Dunbar Kitchen and Tap, Frango Mints, Haven; Hi Point Creamery, Izzio's, Kirkland Museum, Lunch with Albus Brooks, Levan, Liberati, Los Chigones, Matchbox, Nanno.com, Novo Coffee, Park Burger, Parisi Restaurant, The Preservery, Rolling Pin, Rye Society, 715 Club, Snooze, Spangalang Brewery, Temper Chocolates, Wood Boss, Work & Class, Yazoo BBQ,

Dawn Gordon Yoga, Whole Yoga. Thank you to the Posner Center for the event space.

Thank you to Paul Davidson, Deb Jacobson, Robbie Hobein and the rest of the party planners! Thank you Alex Liberati for the donation of Oeno beers and for your and Paul's attendance. Thanks to Rob Price, Sue Glassmacher, Julie Rubsam, Eileen Feltman, Nancy Welch, Gerald Horner, and John Hayden for collecting all of our donations. Thanks to Mick Barnhardt for putting together each and every newsletter. Thank you to anyone I missed and I apologize if I missed you!

STR Licensing and Regulation

Julie Rubsam

For the first meeting of 2019, we will be welcoming Brian Snow, Compliance Program Administrator, Department of Excise & Licenses, City and County of Denver OR one of his colleagues. Brian will explain the licensing process for Short Term Rentals (Airbnbs; VRBOs etc) and inform us on how to report fraudulent units, and other problems we may experience with short term rentals in our neighborhood.

The law regarding short term rentals was put into place so the fabric of the neighborhoods would remain intact. Most likely, at least 50% of the short term rentals in our neighborhood are operating outside of the law. Nuisance units include legitimate units. Owner occupancy is often difficult to prove so we must be diligent as responsible neighbors to help the city administrator and inspectors. This will be a very informative discussion and helpful to all of us.

Denver Tree-Cycle 2019

Recycling your Tree After the Holidays is as Simple as 1, 2, 3...

1. Remove all decorations, lights and the tree stand from your tree.
2. Set you tree out for collection on one of your scheduled trash collection days during the first two weeks of January.
3. Reclaim free mulch made from your tree at the annual Mulch Giveaway & Compost sale in May

- No artificial or flocked trees.
- Place tress out by 7:00 am on your scheduled trash day.
- Place trees at least 2' away from collection carts and other obstacles. Do not place trees in bags or in collection carts.
- Remember New Year's Day will delay trash collection by one day the first week of January.



SCFD Free Days

Museo de las Americas
• Fri. Jan 4th

Four Mile Historic Park
• Fri. Jan. 11th

The Longmont Museum
• Sun. Jan. 12th

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

Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison

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

Police

Emergencies: Dial 911
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Elected Representative

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Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item pickup is
January 16th
For free appliance collection, call
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Neighborhood Internet Resources

Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook
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

Receive updates on new development and building modifications under review by the Denver Landmark Commission.

Write to: cpn-drc-announcements+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 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 Jan. 23rd for ads, and Jan. 26th for articles.

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