



February 2019

## Hi, Neighbors!

*Jeff Baker, CPN President*

I hope this finds everyone well as we trek into 2019! Is there a date that you are supposed to stop saying Happy New Year? I had this encounter last week exchanging Happy New Year with an acquaintance, and it seems long past to me. Anyway, as expected, the activity and pressures on the neighborhood keep coming at us rapidly. We encourage neighbors to get involved, to help represent the greater good for Curtis Park, and the entire Five Points Neighborhood. The next few months of CPN General meetings will have multiple opportunities to voice your thoughts to candidates. I encourage you to attend CPN General Meetings, and ask these candidates how they will be addressing issues affecting our neighborhood. As a reminder, CPN does not and cannot endorse candidates, but welcomes any

candidates for races relevant to our area to introduce themselves at our meetings. We will also be helping to promote candidate forums in the next couple of months.

### This Month's Meeting

Katie Van Scoyk and her team will be presenting on Denver Moves: Downtown. Denver Moves: Downtown is a planning effort that is re-envisioning the city's downtown transportation system. It will build upon years of study and analysis to create a roadmap for implementing tangible near-term improvements that the thousands of people who live, work, study, visit and play in downtown Denver will experience in the coming years, while also

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### Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, February 7th

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. Intros-5 minutes
2. Denver Moves: Downtown, Katie Van Scoyk-10 minute discussion/5 minute Q&A
3. Jaime Giellis, Candidate for Mayor-10 minute discussion/5 minute Q&A
4. Candi CdeBaca-Candidate for City Council District 9-10 minutes discussion/5 minutes Q&A
5. Clarence Burton-Senior Planet/O.A.T.S.-10 minutes discussion/5 minutes Q&A
6. Community Roundtable Forum-18 minutes

### 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).

### Next CPN General Meetings

February 7th, 2019  
March 7th, 2019  
April 4th, 2019

### CPN Board Meeting

Mon. Feb. 18th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
2543 California St, Open to all

## Curtis Park Historic Walking Tour Series

*John Hayden*

I would like to invite neighbors to join me on a series of historic walking tours of Curtis Park in 2019.

Our first tour of 2 will occur on Sunday, February 17th at 2:00 pm. The subject will be The Beat Generation. One of the most famous members of the Beat Generation, a group of artists, poets and social activists who helped define American Culture in 1950s and 1960s, was Neil Cassidy. Neil grew up here in Cur-

neighborhood was like in the 1930s to 1950s. Come learn about this unique history and see sites described by Neil. Explore how they have changed and what the future might hold for these historic treasures.

The tour will start at the 2560 Champa Street, at 2:00 pm on February 17th and will last about an hour and a half to two hours. Please RSVP to John Hayden at [haydenpryor@msn.com](mailto:haydenpryor@msn.com).

## Hi Neighbors (cont.)

identifying a long-term vision for the future of mobility in the city's center.

Jaime Giellis, candidate for Mayor, will be presenting her platform for mayor. Please come with questions for her. Candi CdeBaca, candidate for City Council District 9, will be presenting her plan if she is elected to city council. Clarence Burton Jr., will be introducing Senior Planet Colorado and O.A.T.S., Older Adult Technology Services, which provide services for older citizens.

### Last Month's Meeting

Heather Runkel and Anaclaudia Magalhães gave us an update on Mestizo-Curtis Park improvements and an introduction to the Stout Street Children's Park improvement. There is too much detail to share here, but if you would like to see the draft of ideas, please email the CPN board. Please take the survey to give your input on what you would like to see at Stout Street Children's Park: [surveymonkey.com/r/stoutstreetchildrens](https://surveymonkey.com/r/stoutstreetchildrens)

Brian Snow, Compliance Program Coordinator with the City of Denver, clearly described the details surrounding short-term rentals. See CPN Investigative Reporter, Nicolas Hernandez's write up in this newsletter.

Peg Perl, running for Denver Clerk and Recorder, discussed her plan if she were to be elected.

New Board Member, Lindsey Sullivan, gave an update on the flagstone sidewalk progress and reminded people to take the survey. She had hard copies of the survey available, and we can provide those if anyone needs by contacting the CPN board. Please help us collect data to help you with the process and to potentially save money before the city sidewalk inspector arrives and forces action on the sidewalk in front of your property. The survey period ended 1/31/19, but we will leave the link on the front page of Curtis Park Website here: [www.curtispark.org](http://www.curtispark.org).

## Dr. Renée Cousins-King Gifts Museum

*Sarah Adleman*

Located on 30th & California in a two story brick house with a white wooden porch, The Black American West Museum & Heritage Center, strives to honor the contribution of black cowboys, ranchers, farmers, miners, and buffalo soldiers who contributed to the development of the West. Founded in 1971, it moved to its current location, the former home of OBGYN Dr. Justina Ford, in 1988. Dr. Renée C. King was present when the museum opened that summer. "It is important to continue to celebrate and preserve the history and culture of the African American men and women whose contributions to the American West would have otherwise been overlooked," King wrote in a recent statement. In December she donated \$100,000 to the museum for restoration. Changes will begin taking place over the next year. Her ties to the Five Points area goes back generations. Her grandfather, Charles Cousins, relocated to Denver from Kansas in 1909. He worked as a Pullman porter for the railroad as well as contributed to the Five-Points neighborhood by restoring old homes and building new properties. He built Alta Cousins Terrace at 25th & Welton in 1924, naming it after his wife. And in 1930 built the Arcade where Rosenberg's and The Rolling Pin are currently located. The Arcade housed a barbershop, a beauty salon, a shoe shine business, and a soda fountain. Their fifth son was Dr. King's father, "Charley"



He worked as a ding-car waiter for the railroad before starting a business of his own selling jukeboxes. He then became the owner of several of the bars and restaurants where he'd sold his jukeboxes. Charley Cousins contributed greatly to the development of the Five-Points area and when he passed in 2009, he willed the Simpson Hotel (28th & Welton) to The Five Points Historical Association. The plaza next to the Blair-Caldwell Library is named after him and inside the museum is the Charles and Dorothy Cousins Gallery. The Black American West Museum & Heritage Center is open to students offering an educational and entertaining experience that meets the Colorado Model Content Standards. The space may also be reserved for social gatherings ensuring an exciting backdrop for any reception or meeting. The museum is open to the public Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. 720-242-7428.

## Annual Valentine's Neighborhood Tea Turns 25!

*Hugh & Lynn Brown*

A milestone is reached. Tea is 25! Our unique neighborhood is truly alive! Please join us for our annual St. Valentine's Day Tea (an informal neighborhood gathering, children welcome).

Sunday, February 10th  
2:00-5:00 pm  
2903 Champa Street  
Hugh & Lynne Brown



## Neighborhood Parking Plan Fully Implemented

*Paul Davidson*

The first few weeks of February will see almost 400 new parking signs installed along many blocks of the neighborhood, adding 2-hour time restrictions from Stout to Tremont and Park to Downing.

The purpose of the new 2-hour parking time limits, which will be effective Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, is to improve residential access and reduce the impacts of downtown commuters. In addition to the 2-hour restrictions, passenger loading areas will be added on several blocks of Welton to provide loading opportunities for ride-hailing providers (Uber, Lyft, etc.)

These changes were generated, discussed, and reviewed over the past 18-months by a large group of neighbors, city parking personnel, and the Five Points Business District, as well as feedback to a draft mailed to all residents and business owners in the area last May. This phase fully realizes a three-year project to review and plan parking management throughout the neighborhood. We're grateful to everyone that participated.

Eligible households will need to apply for a residential parking permit ASAP in order to exempt their vehicles from the time limits. Up to a maximum of one annual Residential Parking Permit per licensed driver and one Guest Permit per household may be granted.

Online parking permit applications and the Curtis Park/Welton Street parking plan can be found at [www.parksmartdenver.com](http://www.parksmartdenver.com). You can also apply for permits in person at the Parking Business Center, 201 W Colfax Ave. Hours of operation are from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Additional questions about parking or requests for enforcement can be answered by calling 311.

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## Airbnb/VRBO/Short Term Rentals

*Nicolas Hernandez*

As many of you know Airbnb, has been a worldwide sensation since its inception in 2008. Since then, Denver has experienced a rapid rise in Airbnb rentals in the last several years with little to no regulation by the city or state. This has made way for multiple safety and noise complaints filed by neighbors, neighborhood associations and HOAs in multiple communities across Denver. According to Brian Snow, a compliance officer for the Department of Excise and Licenses, "People renting out short term rentals need to be licensed. With so many people illegally renting out their space on Airbnb, it adds to an already difficult situation in the housing crisis that Denver is facing. If you are concerned about a property and see people who may be illegally using their home

as an unlicensed rental property, please notify me or call #311".

If you want to rent out your space on Airbnb or another short term rental property is and make sure it is legal, here are three steps to make sure you are in compliance. First, you'll need to get a Lodger's Tax ID for \$50. Second, obtain a Short - Term Rental business license for an annual fee of \$25. Third, if you are a renter, please provide a copy of your lease and documented permission from the owner of the property. Please note according to the new lodging rules of February 2019, the city has the right to revoke or deny your license if the rental property jeopardizes the public's health, safety, or welfare. So tell your guests to behave!

## Let's Make Curtis Park GREEN!

Curtis Park still has many areas of the neighborhood that need trees. Let's work to make our neighborhood cooler by planting trees to increase our leaf canopy.

Go to [theparkpeople.org](http://theparkpeople.org) for all the information you need and an application. Five Points is a targeted neighborhood which means we need to plant more trees. Trees planted in the tree lawn are FREE and those planted in your yard are \$10 each. Applications are due Friday, Feb. 15th. There are eight different varieties of large trees and two varieties of small trees to choose from. Distribution day for the new trees is Saturday, April 27th, when you pick up your tree and plant. If you have questions please call Lynne Brown, (303) 293.3750.

## Ice Festival



*John Hayden*

The 8th Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival has a new date - Sunday February 24th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Stout Street Children's Park, 2501 Stout Street. This year's Ice Festival will feature ice sculptures of animals from the sea, land and air! We will also have hot chocolate from Coffee at the Points, winter themed treats from the Rolling Pin, music and games. The event is free. Those wishing to volunteer contact John Hayden at [haydenpryor@msn.com](mailto:haydenpryor@msn.com).

## SCFD Free Days

Denver Art Museum

- Sat. Feb. 4th

Denver Zoo

- Sun. Feb. 3rd
- Mon. Feb. 4th

Denver Museum Nature & Science

- Mon. Feb. 11th

Denver Botanic Gardens

- Mon. Feb. 18th

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



## Resources

Denver City Government  
www.DenverGov.org, or call 3-1-1

### 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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(720) 337-7712

##### Councilwoman Debbie Ortega

Deborah.Ortega@denvergov.org  
(720) 337-7713

### 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 (North of 25th Street) RSO:

Hana Ruiz (720) 913.1089

hana.ruiz@denvergov.org

Dist. 6 (South of 25th Street) RSO:

Snow White (720) 913-2906.

snow.white@denvergov.org

### Elected RTD Representative

Shontel Lewis - (720) 935-8284

shontel.lewis@rtd-denver.com

### Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item pickup is Feb 15th

For free appliance collection, call

(303) 430-7142.

### Xcel Energy

Electric Emergency/Power Outage

(800) 895-1999

Gas Emergency / Gas Odor

(800) 895-2999

To report non-permitted exterior work

to Landmark email: Abigail.Christ-

man@denver.gov.org or call

(720) 865-2908.

### Short Term Rental Enforcement

Brian Snow

(720) 865.2750

## In Memory of James Vialpando

John Hayden

James Vialpando passed away on December 16th, 2018 at the age of 56. James and his dog Rusty have been a staple in the Curtis Park community for a number of years. James was a welder who built and restored many ornamental iron fences in the neighborhood including the decorative metal fencing around the flower beds at Sonny Lawson Park and a number of iron fences along Champa and Curtis streets. James always had a big smile and a friendly disposition that endeared him to neighbors and his work on ornamental iron fences in Curtis Park will last for many years as a testimony to his skill and artistic talent. James is survived by his wife Kimberly Vialpando and their dog Rusty Ray.

## Neighborhood OnLine 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](https://groups.google.com/forum/m/#forum/cpn-parks-group)

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### 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](mailto:cpn-drc-announcements+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

Questions about projects email Keith Pryor: [KPryor13@gmail.com](mailto:KPryor13@gmail.com) -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](mailto:CPN-DHA-CAC)

+[subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:subscribe@googlegroups.com)



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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 Feb. 20th for ads, and Feb 23rd for articles.

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