

CURTIS Park

July 2019

Times

Hi, Neighbors!

Jeff Baker, CPN President

Happy summer! I hope everyone has been enjoying the cool start to our summer season, and that you have exciting adventures planned for you and your family.

We do not have our General CPN meeting the first Thursday of the month in July, as we take this month off due to the amount of people who are out of town. This year in particular, the meeting would fall on July 4th and I would be meeting with myself.

On that note, if you haven't hung your bunting flags, there is still time to add some festive feeling to the front of your home.

Other items to note:

Flagstone Contractor Mini Expo

As most neighbors know, the city is in the first phase of a city-wide Sidewalk Repair Program. Curtis Park is the second phase and inspectors will be in our neighborhood in about a year. Curtis Park Neighbors has put forth the effort to save and repair the flagstone on all of our sidewalks before the inspector arrives.

Homeowners will have to repair their sidewalk if there are issues no matter what, so we are hoping to be ahead of the program and proactively make these repairs.

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Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting-

**NO JULY MEETING-HAVE A
HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH!
Next CPN General Meeting, August
1st, 2019 7:00-8:30, Police update at
6:30**



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 Meetings

No meeting in July 4th
August 1st, 2019
Sept. 5th, 2019

CPN Board Meeting

Mon. July 15th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
2543 California St, Open to all

Thanks for the Help

Thanks to all the neighbors surrounding the 33rd St Outfall who got involved to help navigate the next steps and ultimately the protection and repairs for the homes affected. We can always use more help! See below a small list of some of topics the Curtis Park Neighbors Board and Committees are working on. Thank you to all board/committee members, and neighbors who help make Curtis Park better!

Ticker of what Curtis Park Neighbors are working on:

- 33rd Street Outfall
- Zabiti Circus
- Homelessness solutions
- 2600 block of Arapahoe/Lawrence
- Flagstone sidewalk repairs/City Sidewalk Repair Program
- Design review for Arapahoe Strip
- Curtis Park Website Revamp
- New Liquor License Requests

Neighbors (cont.)

Lindsey Sullivan, Chair of the Flagstone Committee, has organized some flagstone contractors and suppliers to come into our neighborhood for neighbors to come and speak with them. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and set appointments for quotes and repair work. It would be best if we can get all the neighbors on one block to order, and install one block at a time to increase efficiencies and decrease cost.

Want to attend? The event will be held at Liberati Osteria and Oenobeers located at 2403 Champa St. from 6-8 pm on July 11th.

33 rd St Outfall Project

If you don't live on the north side of the neighborhood, you may be unaffected by the enormous construction project that is currently active on 33rd St. You may have been affected by the street closures, but neighbors in the immediate vicinity have been feeling their homes shake from the pounding at the construction site. This is a major concern for our 125+ historic homes. Residents of these homes along with Curtis Park Neighbors, contacted the project coordinators and were able to stop work that was causing extreme vibration. The project will continue with a different method in order to

reduce these vibrations. The new method will take more time, but with less vibration. If you live near this site and are concerned about your home, please contact your neighbor Linda Ruiz at analecta@msn.com. Linda has volunteered to be the neighbor point of contact. Inspectors can be arranged to come visit your home and document the structural state of the building.

Denver Day Works

Have you noticed the workers in neon green vests combing the neighborhood and picking up trash? These workers are with Denver Day Works. Denver Day Works is a supported work program designed to provide a low- to no-barrier work experience for people throughout the city who are experiencing homelessness, while also connecting participants to supportive services such as food, shelter, and other necessities.

This is an excellent program and a starting point for many of these people to get back on their feet. If you see them around your house, please make an extra effort to head out to and say "Thank You!"



Volunteers Needed

Martha Toon-Anderson.

Denver Language School has applications for garden plots, as well as the background check (required by DPS Criminal background only not immigration--we don't need to be concerned about anyone's immigration status). We have 8-9 plots available for school families or neighborhood members. All are available for planting as soon as application fees are received, and background check complete. The background check fee is \$7. Plot rental is \$25 per season, and DUG membership also \$25 (suggested), but if there is a hardship, we can negotiate the rental and membership fees--we don't want to prevent anyone from growing healthy food! If school is not in session, Denver Urban Gardens has applications, and will forward them to me, as well.

If anyone in the Curtis Park Neighborhood community is interested in stepping into some of the roles available, and/or to be on committees, we would love to have that happen so that our garden is truly a group/community effort. We need people to handle Administration, Membership, Treasury, and Community Connections.

If you're interested or need more information, please email me at communitygarden@denverlanguageschool.org.

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M-F: 6am 10pm
 Sat: 7am 10pm
 Sun: 7am 6pm

(Welton & 27th Street)
 710 East 26th Avenue
 Denver, CO 80205

A Unique Experience

By Nick Hernandez

Undocumented immigrants, including asylum seekers, are arrested and processed from all over the country in various processing centers. Typically the detainees do not stay in the city or state they were arrested in. Someone arrested in New York could be transferred to Colorado and vice versa. The affected people could be people from a variety of backgrounds, such as someone who lived in the US from childhood or asylum seekers that just crossed over the border. Once these detainees are released, they are typically far from home, and without many resources. Organizations like Casa de Paz have strategically found a point in the process where they can help. On such a night, I volunteered to help escort a few people from the facility to the Casa, to help them get back to their families.

On an evening in late April, I waited outside the Aurora ICE Processing Center, known as GEO, during the start of a snowstorm. As I sat there waiting, I got a text from another volunteer, “should be there shortly”. As the final members of the volunteer group gathered, we slowly made our way into the facility. We approached the guard manning the security station and inquired, “is anyone being released from custody today”? The guard, who is cordial with our group, checked with his staff. After a few minutes, the guard informed us, “no one will be released today”. Skeptical about his answer, our group decided to check the back of the facility as we were informed by Sarah that multiple people should be released that day. Sarah Jackson is the Executive Director of Casa de Paz. The Casa is a home in the Green Valley Ranch neighborhood that provides immediate and temporary refuge for detainees recently released from the GEO facility.

Typically detainees are released almost every weekday from the facility. Sure enough, as we headed back to the cars there were a dozen men who were released from the back of the facility and were heading towards our cars. As we met

everyone, we quickly explained that we were with Casa de Paz and would take them back to the house for additional help they might need. The group agreed and we were on our way. As we arrived at the house, other Casa volunteers had already cooked dinner, cleaned the home, and were ready to help with travel arrangements for the detainees, as the main goal is to get them home as quickly as possible. Many have families that are eager to connect with them and can pay for their ticket home. After everyone ate and we decided who needs to go where, we were off. Many of the volunteers went to the airport to drop people off or help them through security to their gate. I was paired with taking two gentlemen from India and we headed to the Colorado Singh Sabha Temple just south of Barr Lake. This Sikh Temple also houses detainees from GEO and provides resources from them to get on their feet.

As I drove home from an interesting volunteer outing, one thing was evident: It was quite a rewarding experience.

Whether you help cook, clean or pick-up the detainees, the simple acts of being there have large rewards.

To volunteer go to this website:
www.casadepazcolorado.org/volunteer



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SCFD Free Days



Denver Art Museum
 • Sat. July 6th

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
 • Tues. July 2nd

Denver Botanic Gardens
 • Wed. July 10th

Clyfford Still Museum
 • Wed. July 12th

Find out more at 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.

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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

Non-Emergency: (720) 913-2000

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hana.ruiz@denvergov.org

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Teresa Gillian (720) 913-2908.

teresa.gillian@denvergov.org

Elected RTD Representative

Barbara Deadwyler, (720) 273-9520

Barbara.Deadwyler@rtd-denver.com

Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item pickup is

July 3rd and 31st.

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 Reinforcement

Brian Snow

(720) 865-2750

Zabiti Circus

by Toni Baca

Circus in Curtis Park OH MY! Rainbow Militia is partnering with Curtis Park Neighbors to bring a FREE circus celebration to the Curtis Park community! Join us on our Traveling Circus Wagon as we wow you with hula-hoopers, acrobats, aerial dancers, juggling and more! July 27, 2019 from 2:30-5:30 pm featuring:

- 2:30 FREE Circus Workshops

- 3:00 Neighborhood Talent Showcase

- 4:00 FREE Circus Performance to Live Music

Bienvenidos a un Circo Espectacular Para Todos! Los talleres de circo y el espectáculo traducirán en Español. ¡úñase!

We want to celebrate your community, and are partnering with local businesses, non-profits and community organizations to showcase what is already happening in your hood. Whether you are an artist that wants to share your work, a business owner, or just a lover of laughter and fun, we hope you will join us in our travels!

Find out more at zabiti.com/wagon and contact us at zabiticircus@gmail.com.

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. To join, send an email 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. Zoning notices, liquor license applications, etc. all come through here. To join, send an email to: CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Design Review Committee

Receive updates on new development and building modifications under review by the Denver Landmark Commission. To join, send an email to: cpn-drc-announcements+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Questions about projects, email Keith Pryor: KPRyor13@gmail.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 July 17th for ads, and July 20th for articles.

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