



## Hi, Neighbors!

*John Hayden, CPN President*

Thank you to all the neighbors who came out and helped plant trees on Earth Day at Agape Christian Church at 2501 California Street. This historic church houses a long-time congregation that has served families and people in need in Five Points for generations. A few years ago they had to cut down the stately elms in front of the church, so it was with great happiness that Curtis Park Neighbors was able to partner with Denver Digs Trees to plant new elms in front of the church that will one day grow as strong and mighty as those that came before them. Take a walk and visit the little guys. If you talk to a tree it grows faster. Yes, seriously!

If you are planning to plant your own trees this year, which I would highly encourage, remember to call before you dig to have underground utilities locat-

ed. The number to have underground utilities located before you dig is 811. You can also do this online at [www.CO811.org](http://www.CO811.org) that CO is for Colorado so it's an O not a zero. Happy planting!

At this month's Curtis Park Neighbors meeting we will hear about a big infrastructure project that will be coming through the neighborhood later this year. The 27th Street drainage project will entail digging up 27th Street through the length of Curtis Park to increase the capacity for storm water drainage and reduce the threat of street flooding. Neighbors should attend the meeting to find out schedule and plans for the project. Our neighbors on the north end of Curtis Park just went through a similar process with the rec-

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### **Curtis Park Neighbors Meet Thursday, May 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. 27th Street Drainage Project - Lisa Zoeller
2. RTD Board Candidate - Jamie Perkins
3. 25th and Curtis Street Scape Plan - Nancy James
4. Mestizo Curtis Park Master Plan Community Input - Liz Oertle
5. 5280 Loop Pedestrian and Bikeway around Downtown - 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 June 7th, 2018**

### **CPN Board Meeting**

**Monday, May 21st, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**2543 California St, Open to all**

## **Five Points Jazz Festival - Saturday May 19th**

May is the beginning of the Festival Season in Five Points / Curtis Park and this year will be full of wonderful things to do in the neighborhood. Kicking off the season is Five Points Jazz on May 19th from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Welton Street. This amazing festival of music and culture celebrates the jazz heritage of Five Points. Live music on multiple stages will occur throughout the day along with food and merchandise vendors.

People come from all over the city to experience this event that has become a Denver tradition. All you need to do is walk down the street so head on over and enjoy the show and support our local neighborhood businesses. People interested in volunteering for the event can do so at [Signupgenius.com](http://Signupgenius.com) Five Points Jazz Festival.



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710 East 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Denver, CO 80205

## Hi Neighbors (cont.)

construction of 33rd Street in 2017 and streets were closed for long periods of time.

We will also hear about plans for a new street scape at 25th and Curtis, the latest plans for the 5280 Cultural Loop around Downtown Denver and neighbors will have an opportunity to give input on the master plan for Mestizo Curtis Park. For the park's 150th Birthday it's getting an update. See you all Thursday at Mile High United Way. Police update at 6:30 pm and general meeting at 7:00 pm.



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## Slot Home Fate

On May 7th, Denver City Council will consider a zoning change to address the proliferation of "slot homes" — sideways-facing rowhomes. The proposed changes will ensure future multi-family infill projects engage the public realm, consider neighborhood character, address human scale, and minimize negative effects on pedestrians and neighboring properties.

The changes are the result of research and recommendations by city planners and a community task force. Together, the group sought to improve outcomes for neighborhoods while ensuring equity, flexibility and predictability for builders.

Attend the meeting on May 7th at the City and County Building, Room 450, 1437 Bannock St., Denver CO 80202. Learn more at [denvergov.org/slothomes](http://denvergov.org/slothomes).

## City Updating Group Living Zoning Code

The city of Denver has begun a process to update the group living portions of the zoning code. This includes everything from tiny houses and sober living group homes to shelters for the homeless and ADUs. This update will have a significant impact on Curtis Park because Five Points houses the largest concentration of homeless shelters and service providers in the city of Denver. The city had decided the code needs to be updated because things like tiny homes, micro units and ADUs were not nearly as prevalent when the zoning code was last updated in 2010 and the growing population of the city is quickly pushing up the cost of housing so that new and innovative housing solutions maybe needed to keep people from becoming homeless in a very expensive housing market.

The process got underway in March with a 42 member task force made of up service providers, business owners, neighborhood advocates and city staff and elected officials. From this larger group the city has

## Denver Recycles Annual Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale

One day only for Denver residents only! May 5th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (while supplies last). Free mulch! Dig-your-own & Loader Service Site: Havana Nursery at 10450 Smith Road. Bring your own pitchfork or shovel, and bags and containers for loading mulch. Bring a tarp to cover your truck or trailer. Other Dig-Your-Own sites include: Veterans Park @ Iowa Ave. & Vine St.; Bear Creek Park south of Dartmouth Ave. on Raleigh St.; Sloan's Lake Park @ Sheridan Blvd. & 17th Ave.; and Fred Thomas Park @ Quebec St. & 26th Ave.

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## Mow Down Pollution A Lawnmower Exchange Program

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## Group Living (Cont.)

created sub groups to work on different types of housing; Shelters for the homeless, DIY artist housing, emerging housing trends which includes Tiny Homes and ADU's, housing for the elderly, housing for people coming out of corrections and transitional / special care group homes. These sub-groups have been tasked with reviewing the current zoning code and identifying issues that are not working today. From this the city will begin a series of public meetings to get input from the larger population about what solutions Denverites would like to see. Look for meeting announcements in the June Curtis Park newsletter.

It's very important that people in Curtis Park / Five Points make their voices heard on this issue as we are in many ways ground zero for Denver's housing crisis and solutions. In addition to the shelters we have the only tiny home villages in Denver, one of the first micro unit buildings is currently under construction at 32nd and Stout and there are ADU's being built throughout the neighborhood. For more information on the task force visit [www.denvergov.org/groupliving](http://www.denvergov.org/groupliving).

## Transportation Action Plan update

Unfortunately there is little to report as we anticipate the start of the comprehensive Transportation Action Plan for Curtis Park and all of Five Points. The City had hoped to start by now but a few planning details still need to be completed. We still anticipate starting soon with community meetings to identify the numerous traffic concerns of neighbors. Any news will be passed along in the newsletter, emails and the CPN page on Facebook.

## Embark on a Zany Romp

### With Wonderbound and the Colorado Symphony

You may have walked down the street on Park Ave West and heard the sounds of music through the brick walls of an old postal service garage, peered curiously through our windows and seen, of all things, ballet dancing. You may have witnessed a gravity-defying leap, an elaborate madcap ensemble dance, or a carefully puzzled tower of chiavari chairs.

We are Wonderbound, your friendly neighborhood dance company, and we would like to invite you to Madness, Rack, and Honey, the daring and zany production featuring the magnificent musicians of the Colorado Symphony. Created for Smuin Contemporary American Ballet by Garrett Ammon, this irreverent work received glowing acclaim from San Francisco critics and audiences. The production will also boast a world premiere creation by Sarah Tallman, "I Didn't Hear You, I Was Away with the Fairies."

Madness, Rack, and Honey runs from April 27th - May 6th at two Denver Metro Area theaters. For tickets and information, visit [Wonderbound.com](http://Wonderbound.com).



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## Street Sweeping Season

Street Sweeping Street sweeping runs April through November. Denver's residential street sweeping season began Tuesday, April 3rd, and Denver Public Works wants to remind residents that moving their vehicle on street sweeping day is an important step in helping keep debris out of our air and water! When residents move their vehicles, crews can sweep all the way to the curb line and provide the best service possible.

Residents are urged to follow the red and white signs posted on the block for street sweeping parking restrictions to avoid getting a \$50 ticket. Even if it appears a sweeper has cleaned the street, it's still important to not park during the restricted times posted, as the sweeper may need to return to the area to make another pass.

Helpful ways to remember street sweeping day: Denver residents can sign up for reminders through Pocketgov, the City's mobile web application. After creating a simple user profile, residents can receive both email and text notifications. Call 311 to request "no parking" sticker reminders for a calendar.

For more information on Denver's street sweeping program, please visit [denvergov.org/streetsweeping](http://denvergov.org/streetsweeping).

## SCFD Free Days

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

Molly Brown House  
• Tues. May 1st

Denver Art Museum  
• Sat. May 5th  
• Sat. June 2nd

The Longmont Museum  
• Sat. May 12th

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

**Denver City Council**  
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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**  
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**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)

**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)



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 May 16th for ads, and May 19th for articles.

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