



Hi, Neighbors!

By Jeff Baker, CPN President

Spring is in the air and March definitely hit us with heavy precipitation as expected. If the bulbs have not started popping up in your yard yet, they definitely will be very soon. These little bulbs sure are persistent. They will start coming out when the weather starts to look like spring, then the weather turns cold again, and they just stand there and take it until the warm air returns. They do this every year.

They remind me of Curtis Park Neighbors. We, as a neighborhood, are constantly facing turbulent weather and we continue to stand and face it just like the bulbs face the frigid storms. We refuse to allow the destiny of our neighborhood to be shaped by outside forces, and we do not sit on the sidelines. We only can do that because of the wonderful people who truly care about this neighborhood and volunteer their time to make it a better place. Did you know that we have 14 committees that report to the board of directors, and are the watchdogs for all the different activities happening around us everyday?

Thank you so much to the many volunteers that make this happen. I have heard countless people around the city comment on how Curtis Park is the most active neighborhood in the city. Be proud and grateful of the neighborhood you live in as your neighbors are constantly striving to make it the best place to live in Denver. There are so many opportunities to be a part of the

neighborhood, and if you are interested in joining the good fight, please reach out to me, or any of your neighbors who are board members, I know we can find a place for you.

This Month's Meeting

Paul Lopez will be attending and will be discussing his run for Clerk and Recorder. We will also have an update from **Robin Kniech**, Candidate for City Council At-Large.

The majority of this meeting will be focused on the plans for the **Rossonian Hotel**. This was scheduled last month, but had to be re-scheduled. This is exciting news. The Rossonian has had several attempts in the long history at returning to the grandeur it once held. The Rossonian was built as the Baxter Hotel in 1912, and renamed the Rossonian Hotel in 1929. It is the most distinguished building at the Five Points intersection, and was the preeminent jazz club between the Midwest and the West Coast, from 1929 until the late 1950's. Since the 1980's many attempts have been made to resurrect this National Historic Landmark, and it will be exciting to see the current project plans being presented.

To wrap up the meeting, we will have the Community Roundtable which is becoming an active session for

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Curtis Park Neighbors Meet

Thursday, April 4th

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. Paul Lopez, Clerk & Recorder: 15 minutes
3. Robin Kniech Community Update: 10 minutes
4. Rossonian Update: 30 minutes
5. Community Roundtable Forum: 30 Minutes

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Next CPN General Meeting

May 2nd, 2019

Nexts CPN Board Meeting

Mon. April 15th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

2543 California St, Open to all

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neighbors sharing news with other neighbors. See you at our regular meeting on April 4th!

Other items of Interest

1) We are still looking for volunteers to pass out newsletters on Lawrence between, 24th-30th, and 30th-35th. If you would like to help with distribution please contact me by email at jeffbakercurtisparkdenver@gmail.com

2) We are looking for more Sidewalk Block Captains who would like to help with saving our flagstone and making their block's sidewalk walkable and in compliance *before* the city inspector shows up next year. Thank you to the neighbors who have already stepped up to help with this! We have compiled data from 160 homes interested in repairing their sidewalk ahead of the inspector. If you would like to help audit sidewalks on your block, place flyers on homes that you audited, letting them know their options, and enter that data through the online survey please contact Lindsey Sullivan, Chair of Sidewalk Committee at lindseysullivan77@gmail.com. You can find a link to the online survey on the homepage of curtispark.org.

3) We have added a Community Roundtable Forum to the end of the CPN General Meetings for neighbors to give input and share news. Please attend and participate in a positive way!

Below is a small list of some of the active topics the Curtis Park Neighbors Board and Committees are working on.

- 2600 block of Arapahoe/Lawrence
- Flagstone sidewalk repairs/City Sidewalk Repair Program
- Homelessness solutions
- Mestizo-Curtis Park renovations
- 2020 Home and ADU Tour
- Alley Beautification
- Design Review of the Arapahoe Strip
- Communications/website upgrade

Theatre Artibus

By Meghan Frank

Theatre Artibus is a theatre company located at the Savoy at Curtis Park on 27th and Arapahoe Street and they are seeking stories from the community for RECIPE, an original performance and story sharing project developed within the Historic Curtis Park neighborhood. Through neighborhood meals and public story circles, stories will be collected from residents and business owners—historical and contemporary—about food and how food shapes our lives, relationships, and experiences of home.

The project is a collaboration of Artibus, Jeff Campbell of Emancipation Theater Company and Grapefruit Lab and is produced with support from a Denver Arts & Venues IMAGINE 2020 grant.

You're invited to join the RECIPE for a Neighborhood & Public Story Circle on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 at 5pm at the Savoy at Curtis Park (2700 Arapahoe St). The stories shared will be the foundation for an original theatre performance at the Savoy in early 2020.

An online RSVP for the April Story Circle can be found at eventbrite.com. Light refreshments will be served.

A story circle is a method for creating and developing original plays and for telling and listening to stories in communities. It is simply a group of people, sitting in a circle, telling stories, led by a facilitator. For RECIPE, the theme for the story circle will be food, memory, home and belonging.

In addition to story circles, the team is interested in conducting individual interviews with community members. Please contact Theatre Artibus at theartibus@gmail.com if you are interested.

Theatre Artibus is a theatre company dedicated to creating original theatre through community collaboration. Artibus' plans are to transform the historic Savoy in to a culture hub for original performance production and offer affordable rehearsal, performance, and event space to the community.



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Meet Your Neighbor: Artist, Jeremy Burns

By Sarah Adleman

If you've taken a stroll on Larimer, you've probably noticed, among the multitudes of incredible art, the girl/boy mural. Local artist and Five Points resident, Jeremy Burns, says of his work, "I anticipated that the sense of wonder the optical illusion creates when people see it for the first time is sort of childlike, so I feel the subject being kids works well." Jeremy has lived in Five Points since 2004. When he first moved to the area he was in a live/work studio at 31st & Larimer for fourteen years. He says of the experience, "It was very different back then. It kind of had a small town feel after 5pm. It was just one-way towards downtown, so after rush hour it was very quiet and calm until morning. My neighbors were all mostly artists and musicians looking for as much space for the least rent. A lot has changed!"

A third generation Colorado native who grew up in Colorado Springs and Crested Butte, Jeremy has been drawing since he could hold a crayon. His aunt was a successful folk artist who encouraged him by making sure he had constant access to supplies. He attended Western State College in Gunnison where he majored in art and says of this time, "I start-

ed taking [art] more seriously and envisioned a full time career as a painter. I still envision that today haha." In addition to selling art, his main income is an art installation and transport business he started in 2007.

Other than girl/boy, Burns painted the entire exterior of Our Mutual Friend Brewery and has a new mural at 38th & Arkins on the Pepsi bottling plant, entitled, against all odds. He is in full support of beautifying our neighborhood alleys with art he says, "Our city has been very supportive of street art and has realized all the positives it brings to the community." He recommends any individual who wants to hire an artist to paint their property (a garage door, fence, wall, etc.) to check out the RINO arts district directory of artists as well as "hitting the bricks and looking for street art that you like in person. Mostly, artists sign their work with instagram handles or websites you can reach them through...Also following Instagram pages that feature local street art is always a good way to expose yourself to good art in your area. And there are a ton of them. You can find them through Instagram hashtag searches like #denverstreetart." He advises to trust the artist's vision. "I think the client should find an artist who's work appeals to them



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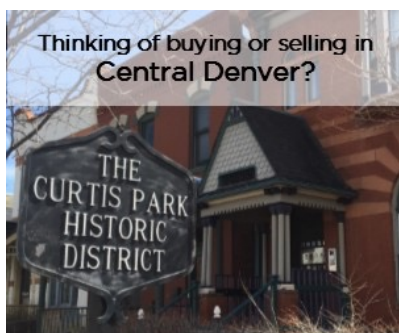
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and trust them to create something without constraint. As an artist, you rarely do your best work painting someone else's idea."

We closed our interview with the question, if you could tell your ten-year old self something, what would it be? His response, "Try the asparagus. It's delicious."

Jeremy Burns can be reached at jcbART@gmail.com



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Walking Tour!

By John Hayden

Curtis Park History and architecture walk. Sunday, April 7th. 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

Join us on Sunday, April 7th for a historic walking tour of Curtis Park. We will visit significant historic sites in Denver's oldest neighborhood and also learn about the architectural features that make the Curtis Park Historic District unique.

The tour will start from the Stout Street Children's Park at 2501 Stout Street. RSVP at (303)297-3994.

SCFD Free Days

Chatfield Farms Free Day
• Tuesday, April 2nd

Denver Art Museum
• Saturday, April 6th

Denver Botanic Gardens
• Sunday, April 14th

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
• Sunday, April 18th



Find out more at www.scfd.org

Resources

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Curtis Park Neighbors "Notices" 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. 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 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 April 17th for ads and the 20th for articles.

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