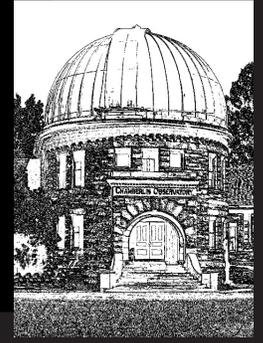


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Join Us For Our Favorite
Holiday Tradition

Sing And Sleigh Bells

At Observatory Park

Sunday, December 2, 2012
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.



On Sunday evening, December 2, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., Observatory Park will transform into a winter wonderland for our annual holiday **Sing and Sleigh Bells**. Bring your family and friends for this tradition of horse-drawn hayrides, holiday carols, warm drinks, and star gazing at the Chamberlin Observatory. This festive evening is a great way to celebrate the start of the holidays with our neighborhood friends. The UPCC, with the help of volunteers, will make sure that everyone can enjoy this annual winter tradition.



This year's featured sponsor, **La Bella Rosette**, a new neighborhood coffee shop at 2423 South University, will be providing hot cider and treats. However, we can always use a few more treats, so please bring some treats to share with our neighbors. **Just a weather caveat:** In the event of extreme cold or snow for that evening, check the University Park website for weather updates at: www.UPCC.us.

DU's Hosting Of The First Presidential Debate A Great Success

by Julie Reeves,

University of Denver, Associate
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The University of Denver wishes to thank the entire University Park community for its support and partnership regarding the first Presidential debate held on the campus of DU on October 3, 2012. Together, we made history! The debate was the most tweeted political event ever and it garnered over 67 million television viewers. It was definitely the City of

Denver's moment in the spotlight during this election.

As a gesture of thanks, the University of Denver is offering a free coupon good for two tickets to a men's or women's basketball game or gymnastics meet AND a free pass to either the Coors Fitness Center or the Joy Burns Arena. These free coupons are available for pickup at the Garlic Knot at 2553 S. Colorado Blvd., #107. Coupons are available while supplies last and please limit one per family.

Neighborhood Referrals For Show Shoveling

Shoveling your sidewalks and driveways is always a big chore, but shoveling is a neighborly thing to do and great exercise. Denver residents are

legally responsible for shoveling their sidewalks and can be ticketed if it is not done.

The UPCC understands that not all residents are physically capable of shoveling. Last winter we called out for a "Snow Removal Referral List," and the following are the neighborhood submissions we received for snow removal help. The vendors listed below will charge a fee for services. We suggest that you call and arrange service and quotes BEFORE a snowfall.

Please note: the UPCC is only facilitating this list as a courtesy to the neighborhood.

- **Neighborhood Helping Hand**
Cody Pool / Owner
303-698-0750 office
720-206-9680 cell
email: neighborhoodhelpinghand@gmail.com
- **Connor Chidley's University Park Lawn and Landscape**
Connor Chidley
303-319-5813
email: connorchidley@gmail.com
- **The Street Family (Dad and teenage sons)**
Live on 2300 S. block of Cook St.
email Mom, Susan at: slsthree@comcast.net
Dad, John 720-971-8675
Niko (19) 720-289-0456
Enzo (15) 720-207-7698
- **D & D Lawn Service**
(also provides shoveling services)
Doug Kreiling
c: 303-408-1178

Mystery Of The Mary McIntyre Granite Stone Solved

Thanks to the timely response by Mary McIntyre's sister Kyle, our call to unravel the mystery of the granite stone marker etched with flowers and the name Mary McIntyre, 1973, was recently solved. This stone marker resides in a small open "park" space just east of South Jackson Street where Harvard Gulch intersects, and is a dedication to Mary from her parents memorializing her tragic and untimely death at the age of 14, when she was hit by a truck as she walked along a mountain road one summer evening. With approval by the City of Denver Parks Department, the McIntyre family was granted permission to place the stone in this small open parks space, which at one time was a gathering place for Mary and her friends. Mary's father was an art professor at DU, and her mother helped run a bookstore on Old South Gaylord Street. The family lived in University Park for many years.

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One Observatory Park Lead Topic At Recent UPCC October General Meeting

Recent updates on major development projects in and around University Park led the discussion of the most recent October General Meeting, held October 10 at University Park Elementary School. If you missed the meeting, here is a recap and please save the date for our next general meeting on Wednesday, February 6.

One Observatory Park at the southeast corner of University and Evans:

David Elowe, developer, summarized the most recent updates on the project. The building, with 213 apartments and a fifth floor pool, is on schedule to open April 2013. Two-thirds of the available 25,000 square feet of retail space is spoken for with four “quick casual” restaurants, with space still available for a market. There are over 200 parking spaces for residents, with 100-plus underground parking spaces for retail customers. There will be about 10 full-time employees to help with snow removal and other related jobs. The developer added they might still attempt a “green” (LEED) designation.

University Park Elementary School:

The new playground, funded through a 2009 bond, includes a learning landscape with 40 new trees. Staff parking was also expanded.

I-25 and Buchtel near the University light rail:

A development at the southwest

corner of I-25 and Buchtel is under way that will be a lower-income “55 and older” six-floor apartment complex, with 60 apartments and retail space. Scheduled to open summer of 2013, the project is developed by Mile High Development, George Thorn. He also was the developer of a similar property at I-25 and Yale.

Colorado Center (Dave & Buster’s area):

Long Bar plans to open (sometime this fall or winter) a new restaurant with craft beers and wine as well as lunch and dinner. Plans for the pedestrian bridge from the Colorado Center to Mexico Ave. are still in the works for startup in the near future.

Schlessman YMCA on Yale and Colorado Blvd.:

Neil Alderson, Schlessman YMCA executive director, discussed expansion plans for the 1959 structure, which include adding on, changing traffic patterns, adding a soccer area, moving the main entrance, two new pool areas with warmer water, and a splash pad and play area, along with a lazy river, in the family pool. Improvements also include a play area inside and out for the kids, new locker rooms for all, more space for classes, 1000-plus square foot teen center, new gym, and new whirlpool. The second story will also be geared toward health and

wellness lifestyles. The project, projected to cost \$6.5 million, has raised \$2 million to date. They are still fundraising for this effort on the 10-acre property. Construction should take about six months, with hopes for a fall 2013-start date for construction. Building will be in phases as to not disrupt ongoing operations. The Harvard Gulch and Jackson walking path near the YMCA may also get a facelift to make it a true trailhead. The YMCA is currently working with the city on that matter.

Fitzroy Place, Accelerated Schools:

Jane Queen, executive director of Fitzroy Place, updated progress on the original 1890s “little house” on the property, which is nearing completion with lights, a new bathroom and plumbing after two and one-half years of work. A playground is still in planning stages.

Closing up the meeting, Michael Sapp from the Mayor’s office discussed Mayor Hancock and the upcoming election. The Mayor and Mr. Sapp expressed interest in more neighborhood involvement, and urged us to hold our elected officials responsible for three key issues: (1.) Educated Workforce and Quality Schools (2.) Jobs — Retain, Expand, Invest, and (3.) Safety Nets.

Highlights From The Observatory

Public viewings of the night sky through the Chamberlin Observatory’s 20-inch aperture classic refractor telescope are available **by reservation only** on Tuesdays and Thursday nights. To make reservations, visit: www.thedas.org, or www.du.edu/physastron, or call 303-871-5172. The centerpiece of our neighborhood, the historic Chamberlin Observatory was built in 1890, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a Denver city landmark. Chamberlin Observatory is also on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/Chamberlin_Obs.

PARKS & TRAIL NEWS

Prairie Park had a large gathering of interested residents meeting with three Denver Parks staff members and a DU Art professor about ideas for an informational historic sign, educational

UPCC Email Notification List

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plant walk, wildlife, safety, maintenance, possible art, and future development of the additional planned paths. There is little city or DU funding, although great support for the project, so UP will be responsible for this. There is a lot of enthusiasm, and your comments are most welcome!

Harvard Gulch Trail area is in the city’s “Master Plan,” and until this is done Denver Parks discourages neighbors from planting in “empty places,” as (1) planting may be removed by the Parks plan, and (2) if it should become unkempt or hazardous, Parks would be responsible for it.

UPCC Volunteer Opportunities

The following are volunteer areas where UPCC could use your help. If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact Jennifer Schmidt at: vp@upcc.us or call 720-273-0817.

- **Writing a human/local interest story about the neighborhood**
If you have interest in writing a human interest story, a profile about one of our neighbors, or a story of community interest, please submit your ideas to our UPWORDS editor at com@upcc.us.
- **Sponsoring a Band in the Park**
- **Organizing a UPCC Fund Raising Event**
In the past, residents have:
 - Hosted dinners
 - Organized progressive dinners
 - Organized a neighborhood "mulch day"
 - Any other ideas you have!
- **Sponsoring/Serving Refreshments at a General Meeting**
We are looking for refreshment

sponsors at the three General Meetings. This can be a family, business or organization that will be recognized at the meeting and other UPCC communications.

- **Keeping/Storing Neighborhood Graffiti Supplies**
 - Be the keeper of graffiti supplies in the neighborhood
 - Eradicate graffiti when you see it
 - Organize a neighborhood "Wipe Out Graffiti" day
- **Serving as a Committee Member and Voicing your Opinion**
- **Helping with Annual Sign and Sleight the first Sunday in December**
 - Organizing event prior (purchasing items, confirming all participants, etc.)
 - Setting up and serving refreshments and cookies on day of event
 - Monitoring horse line and star gazing line day of event
 - Helping get "Thank You" gift to

Santa

- **Helping with the July 4th Bike Parade and Fire Truck Spray**
 - Organizing event prior (purchasing items, getting permits, etc.)
 - Picking up and dropping off of cones for the event (need truck)
 - Setting up and taking down cones for parade route
 - Setting up and serving refreshments on July 4th
- **Advertising in our Neighborhood Directory (also known as the "Purple Pages")**
- **Serving as a Block Captain to deliver UPWORDS newsletters for the following blocks:**
 - 2300 South Josephine
 - 2600 South Josephine
 - 2400 South Milwaukee
 - 2600 South Milwaukee
 - 2300 South Adams
 - 2600 South Adams
- **Counting the UPWORDS Newsletters prior to distribution.**

So Thank You!! Recent Dues Payers!

The following residents paid UPCC dues in August and September of 2012.

Ola & Elin Lindblad
 Lyman & Susan Spaulding
 Laura Montoya
 Kristen Jackson
 Lee & Amy Middlekauff
 Mark & Audrey Kiszla
 Jim & Bette Hurlbut
 Stephen Pougnet & Christopher Green
 Gary and Mary Flansburg
 Matthew & Amie Cavarra
 Vern Berry & Jennifer Wood
 Megan & Dan Fearnow
 Jon & Janet Peterie
 Leticia Gallagher & Michael Stretchberry
 Harris & Lisa Marks
 Jennifer Gifford & Kathy Chaney
 Chris & Julie Hill
 Jane West

UPCC Voluntary Dues 2012

Please fill out the following form and send it with your check for UPCC dues (\$20, \$15 seniors) to UPCC co-treasurers June Morgan and Ryan Zorn, 2100 S. Monroe St., Denver, CO 80210. Another payment option: Use PayPal to pay your dues online by visiting www.upcc.us/support. To sign up for the UPCC e-mail list, go to: www.upcc.us/email. During the current economic downturn, the UPCC has received fewer contributions. We encourage those who are able to increase their donations to help us compensate for this shortfall. **Thank you!**

Date _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Street Address _____

Amount enclosed _____

Neighborhood interests or concerns _____
