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University Park Home Tour

All proceeds benefit the students at University Park Elementary School

The annual University Park Home Tour is on Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Please come see five fabulous homes plus The Chamberlin Observatory and special events at UPark Elementary:

- local home and garden market
- food trucks — tacos, pizza, Glacier Ice Cream, and more
- bake sale
- book fair
- student art auction

- Master Gardeners on site

The homes on the tour represent the diverse architecture in the neighborhood, including Craftsman, Mid-century Modern, French Country, Colonial Revival, and even an authentic log cabin.

All proceeds benefit the students at University Park Elementary. Buy tickets at www.uparkhometour.org or at the UPark office. \$20 in advance/\$25 day of the tour.

Presented by Pam Adams, Metro Brokers

Final Public Hearing On Rezoning Application Set For April 28

The final public hearing before City Council on the application for rezoning the large site in the 2400 block of So. University Blvd. will be **Monday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m.** The site includes the entire property south of 7-11. The developer is asking for a change from G-MX-3 (3 stories, 45 feet) to G-RX-5 (5 stories, 70 feet). The application has been approved by Denver's Community Planning and Development staff (CPD), Planning Board, and the Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure (LUTI) Committee of City Council.

UPCC has opposed the rezoning application for the following reasons:

- The current zoning was determined only 4 years ago, and should provide the predictability that everyone can rely on — neighbors, developers, realtors, and property owners. Rezoning would make that predictability tenuous.
- The resulting increase in density would add to already difficult traffic issues on So. University Blvd.
- Transit options are not in place to accommodate the increased density.
- The neighbors directly behind and across the alley from the proposed development are opposed, as are many other University Park residents.
- The current zoning already increases the development potential from the previous zoning under the old zoning code.
- UPCC maintains that the “justifying conditions” required in Denver’s zoning code for a rezoning have not been met.
UPCC board members have met with the developer’s representatives, and obtained a commitment that they will work with the neighborhood on issues related to the development if the rezoning is approved by City Council on April 28. The development team will

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Please Attend Our Next
**University Park Community
 Council's General Meeting**
Wednesday, May 7, 2014 • 6:30 p.m.
University Park Elementary Auditorium
It is open to all neighbors.

Thank you to Parkside Remodeling for providing refreshments.

- 6:30-7 p.m. — Social Time with Neighbors and time to talk with UPCC board members about volunteer opportunities and neighborhood questions.
- 7-7:10 p.m. — Welcome from the UPCC
Please visit our newly updated website www.upcc.us for announcements and important neighborhood information.
- 7:10-7:20 p.m. — Produce for Pantries — Donna Baker-Breningstall
- 7:20-7:30 p.m. — Alex Mehn — Trip Assistance Program (TAP)
- 7:30-7:40 p.m. — Stacy Nigon — Southwest District Park Ranger
- 7:40-7:50 p.m. — Voting on new slate of UPCC Officers.
- 7:50-8:15 p.m. — Presentation from Development Team for 2400 block of S. University Project.

Our meeting is supposed to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. per University Park Elementary School request. We are doing our best to adhere to this commitment, so some comments/questions may have to be postponed until after the meeting adjourns.

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work with UPCC and other interested stakeholders to identify issues raised by the development and to seek solutions.

Councilman Charlie Brown is also working with Public Works to address

neighborhood concerns about the traffic issues on So. University Blvd. related to the proposed project.

The April 28 public hearing will be held in Council Chambers in the City and County Building, 1437 Bannock St. Anyone wishing to speak should plan to be there at 5:30 p.m. in order to sign up ahead of time. Anyone wishing to write a letter to City Council members either in support or opposition to the rezoning may send them to dence@denvergov.org, with the note that the letter should be distributed to all 13 Council members.

If you see graffiti in your alley or other places in the neighborhood and would like some paint to clean it up, please email nograffiti@upcc.us.

UPCC Email Notification List

Stay connected and informed by signing up for the UPCC email notification list. We send monthly emails as well as emails when there is something time sensitive that needs to be communicated to our residents. To sign up for our notification list visit www.upcc.us/email.

Advertisers & Volunteers Wanted For *The Purple Pages*

The Purple Pages, University Park's neighborhood directory, is published each year. Do you want to advertise in *The Purple Pages*? It's a great community resource, packed with frequently needed municipal and neighborhood contacts, and is a great way to advertise your business to the community and support UPCC. We are also looking for volunteers interested in working on *The 2014-2015 Purple Pages — University Park's Neighborhood Directory*. If you are interested in working on or advertising in the *Pages*, please call Janet at 303-756-4212 or email her at pp@upcc.us.

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PARKS & TRAIL NEWS

The Year Of The Gardens

1. The **Veggie garden in Observatory Park** will be planted again this spring and your volunteer time is always needed for a schedule of weeding and harvesting, to go to our local Food Bank at University Church of Christ, 2000 So. Milwaukee.
2. **Produce for Pantries** is a new program for home gardeners, helping you get your extra produce (plant extra!) to our local Food Bank.
3. **Free Seeds** of all kinds are available from June Morgan, 2100 So. Monroe (303-757-2563) for you to use in your garden, and/or to help teach children about growing veggies.

4. **Prairie** work goes on by Denver Parks — planting, mowing, weeding both at Prairie Park and Buchtel Centennial Park. We can help by sweeping paths, misc. trash pick-up, keeping an eye on the Lazy Susan beds, filling the dog-bag dispensers, helping plan a Summer Soiree later on.
5. **UP School Garden** will be planting soon, too — contact Heidi Wester at UP School.
6. **Councilman Charlie Brown** will have many tomato plants to distribute in May!

*Diana Helper,
UPCC Open Space & Parks Chair*

UP BULLETIN BOARD

Do you live near Observatory Park, walk past the Bulletin Board, and wonder who puts notices on it (and takes old ones down)? You may wonder sometimes why it is not up-to-date — or neat, or the plexiglass is obscured. *Mea culpa*, as especially in the deep of winter I don't get over there as often. For years I've put items up and down, with help from Ellen Seymour and others, but it would be great if some reliable soul who lives nearby would take on this duty. You would receive extra copies of *UPwords* to post, and other info. A few people have the lock combination to put up their own notes, but you'd be keeping an eye on it.

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DU GOOD NEIGHBORS is a group that meets quarterly at DU to discuss town-gown matters. This is where you learn about DU's many and varied plans that likely impact the area, and bring concerns you have about DU-related goings-on in UP. UP's main concerns generally are parking, traffic, and behavior of students living in UP. DU says it values its neighbors, so please attend these meetings to voice your

thoughts. The next meeting is Tues., May 27, 6 p.m. at Sturm Hall (across East Asbury from the Tennis Courts), Room 286, park free in lot to west of Sturm, use "coupon" no. 14651 at the parking kiosk.

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ONE SATURDAY A MONTH something wonderful happens, and you are part of it. Neighborhood folks from every part of Denver gather to help make sure all areas are being recognized and supported by the City, to assure great neighborhoods, not only for us, but as an important value to the City itself. UPCC has been actively represented for many years at these meetings of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation. I'm glad to have Carleen Evanoff joining me as co-delegate to INC. It is terrific that she realizes the important work INC does. We will continue to do our best to represent YOU. For that matter, you are always invited to these meetings, 2nd Saturday morning of each month. City experts are guest speakers, with a lot of time for Q & A. Between meetings, INC's excellent Zoning, Parks, Transportation, Education, Safety, and other committees meet, also open to all, and report at the general meetings. For more info please visit www.denverINC.org.

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For more about any of the above items, or other park concerns, please contact Diana Helper, 303-733-4902 or parks@upcc.us.

The Story Behind The Magnificent Christmas Lights At 2612 South Saint Paul Street

During the Christmas season of 2012 my children and I were awed by the blue and white light on an enormous evergreen tree on south Saint Paul Street. We would change our route home in order to see the lights. One night we stopped the car and knocked on the front door to tell the person how great we thought the lights were. We found out they were put up as a memorial for the owner's son who loved Christmas. After Christmas the lights did not come on every night but occasionally you will see the tree light throughout the year.

This spring I stopped by to talk to the owner to get the details. The owner is Ron Wells who moved to the neighborhood in summer 2011. He had lost his son, Aron age 38, in the winter of 2009. He wanted a way to memorialize his son. It turns out his son was born on December 23, and loved Christmas. Ron felt that if he had a big enough tree with enough lights that his son could see them from heaven. He first had to pick out a color. After much searching he felt his son reached out to him with the colors of blue and white and specifically a ratio of 80/20. The colors and the ratio are symbolic of the heavens.

The tree is a 65 foot blue spruce believed to have been planted in 1948 when the house was built. There are 1,000 LED lights that required a crane to install. During the Christmas season the tree is lit every evening. Ron plans on designing and building a house on his property, breaking ground possibly in the fall. The magnificent blue spruce, with the lights memorializing his son Aron, will be here for years to come.

Vaughan Kendall

**The annual
University Park Yard Sale
will be held June 6 and 7.**

**For more information
email us at
yardsale@upcc.us.**

Thank You!! Recent Dues Payers!

The following residents paid voluntary UPCC dues in January and February this year. Thank you!

Nancy Adams	Kevin Timken & Susan Dugan	Lewis & JoAnn Hutchinson Craig & Helene Johnson	Donna Peterson Jim & Gwen Powers
Jerry & Pam Adams	Henk & Pamela Dykhouse	Steve & Alison Jones	William & Nancy Rector
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UPCC Voluntary Dues 2014

All residents of University Parks are members of the UPCC.

Voluntary dues are integral to the operation of the UPCC, neighborhood events and publications.

You are invited to pay your UPCC Voluntary Dues for 2014.

The suggested amount is \$20 or \$15 for seniors.

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Online: Use PayPal at www.upcc.us/support