

UPWORDS

UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(UPCC) NEWSLETTER

Your Neighborhood Voice



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Annual 4th Of July Parade

Monday, July 4
Observatory Park
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This festive Independence Day parade is custom-made for families! Everyone's invited to dress for the holiday and to decorate wagons, strollers, tricycles and scooters for the procession. Please, no bicycles or motorized vehicles, so the route remains safe for the little ones — and parents should plan to walk alongside their children. We hope to see you at this year's event!



- Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with separate parades for ages 3 and under and 4 and up
- Entertainment provided by the VFW Band
- Hot dogs and beverages will be available for purchase courtesy of the UP Moms Club (all proceeds are donated)
- Featuring fire truck and water spray

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Letter From The President

by Traci Samaras

Our May General Meeting at University Park Elementary School was lively as usual:

- Board members were elected for the 2016-2017 year. Officers are as follows: Traci Samaras, President (for a one-year term only); Debbie Harrington, VP; Ryan Zorn and June Morgan, Co-Treasurers; and Megan Bettinger, Secretary.
- Molly Mosenthal from Waste Management spoke about the city-wide initiative to replace dumpsters with trashcans.
- Ben Gerig from DU spoke about two

Join UPCC's New Mobility Issues Committee

As traffic and congestion continue to increase in our area, how do you usually choose to get from point A to point B? How do you reach the two light rail stations at the edges of our neighborhood, or get your children to school? How do you get to our parks, the Post Office, or just visit a neighbor? Do you drive, walk, bicycle, use transit, or use some other means of transportation? What reasons led you to choose one over the other?

Join the new UPCC committee formed to look at why we make these choices, based on conditions in our own neighborhood. Since traffic projections show inevitable gridlock throughout the city, what improvements could be made on our streets and sidewalks to compel us to leave our cars at home?

This is an opportunity to sit down with other residents and thoughtfully come up with a prioritized list of our concerns and possible solutions. We will meet monthly, beginning in June, and finalize our list within six months. The goal is to increase our chances for tangible solutions by providing credible input on citywide transportation plans, which are being updated this year. Our

upcoming projects: a multi-modal transportation study and a strategic plan.

- City Councilman Paul Kashmann presented issues currently being addressed by the Council and answered questions from the audience. If you'd like to join our fun team and impact our changing neighborhood, we have several open board positions, including Events Chair, Email Chair, INC Delegate, Purple Pages Chair, and Historic Preservation Chair. We'd love to have you join us. If interested, please contact me at president@upcc.us, 303-282-7281.



recommendations could also help to make us eligible for grant funding opportunities. Don't miss this chance to contribute your ideas!

Please contact Rosemary Stoffel at rosemary.stoffel@gmail.com, or at 303-692-9197.

Remembering UPCC's Role In The Chamberlin Observatory Restoration

by Rosemary Stoffel,
Historic Preservation Chair

University Park residents have worked hard over the years to help restore this iconic building owned by the University of Denver, which is responsible for its maintenance. In the early '90s the Observatory showed signs of serious deterioration, and University Park residents formed a committee to help fund initial restoration efforts. Through a series of fundraisers, they raised nearly \$20,000.

Then in 2006, a \$200,000 State Historical Grant was awarded to DU to help fund extensive repairs. Matching funds to make the grant possible were provided by DU, UPCC's Chamberlin Observatory Restoration Committee, and the Denver Astronomical Society. Restoration work was completed in 2008.

Newsletter Information

UPWords is published five times a year and is funded by the University Park Community Council. Articles, story ideas, and suggestions from readers are always welcome. Please contact Liz Netzel, Editor, at com@upcc.us.

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Volunteer Appreciation Party Held

Our loyal and dedicated neighborhood Block Captains were honored at a party held before the General Meeting on May 4, 2016. As University Park celebrates 130 years, this evening was a confluence of history, dedication and generosity. More than 45

people nestled into the hallway at University Park Elementary School. Boy Scout Troop 79 contributed service hours to help set up and support the evening. Scott Gilsdorf and his staff from La Belle Rosette donated their time to prepare a lovely meal for the attendees. The space was beautifully decorated with balloons provided by Above It All Balloonery, a business owned by longtime Block



The Boy Scouts helped make sure the evening ran smoothly, including handing out gift bags.



The Scouts enjoyed dinner along with Jennifer Engelby, Area B Coordinator, and Block Captain Janice Nelson, who has delivered for more than 20 years.

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All current and recently retired Area Coordinators received special thank you gifts. The UPCC also recognized the 20 individuals and families who have delivered UPWords for over 20 years. They are: Pam Adams, the Bardwell Family, Bill Berg, Tom Dietzorst, Paula Erickson, Carolyn Etter, Margaret Hamblin, Julie Harrington, John and Diana Helper, Sandra and Julian Huzyk, Nancy Iona,

Maureen Keller, Carol Mullins, the Myers Family, Janice Nelson, Tom and Julmary Regan, Barbara Riesenman, and Roger Rountree. In addition, all Block Captains received a gift bag. Last but not least, attendees had the opportunity to choose from an excellent selection of door prizes. Thank you to Phyllis Ward and Janet Bardwell for spearheading and organizing this event.



Neighbors and event organizers Phyllis Ward and Janet Bardwell stand in front of the banner of La Belle Rosette, which provided the meal.



Festive balloons graced the halls lined with neighbors.

We are grateful to the following individuals and businesses for their donations and time:

University Park Community Council
Thrivent Financial Action Grant
La Belle Rosette,
Espresso & Wine Bar
University Park Elementary School
Prizes, decorations and gifts donated by:

Accent Optics
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La Belle Rosette,
Espresso & Wine Bar
Janice Nelson –
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Phyllis Ward
Schlessman Family YMCA
Tulip
University of Denver
University Park Elementary School
University Park Family Dental

OPEN SPACE & PARKS UPDATE

by Diana Helper, Chair

Congratulations to Linda Steves, who received a Voluntary Community Service Award from Keep Denver Beautiful, for her long-time, diligent care of the Buchtel Trail area. Linda keeps the dog-bag dispensers filled and cleans up along the trail. She has long served as the Block Captain of two blocks, as well. At a dinner for Keep Denver Beautiful awardees, she received a plaque and the heartfelt thanks of the City. We thank Linda, too, and all the great UP volunteers who quietly go about doing the tasks that keep UP

such a wonderful place to live.

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) is working with DU, RTD and the City in “a longterm process to create a campus and community consensus about how DU and the adjacent areas should evolve over the next 20 years.” In interviews June 14, I represented UPCC and provided a brief history of the DU/UP connection, with suggestions for future collaborations, along with board member Rosemary Stoffel, who spoke to particular transportation issues in our shared community. We’ll update you in the next issue.

Thanks To Recent UPCC Dues Payers!

The following residents paid voluntary UPCC dues from March through May 2016.

David & Diana Adams
Mitch & Abby Allen
Greg & Beth Anderson
Janet Bardwell
Tom & Kelly Caccia
Richard & Gwen Chanzit
Larry & Carole Chisvin
Jana Cytrynbaum
Joe & Lori Davis
Susan Batterman & Edward Doody
James Drever
Mary Egleston
Ruth Falkenstein
Kim Norton & Andrew Folkert
Dave & Carolyn Gamba
Pam Gates
Maria & Cecilia Golan
Julie & Martin Harrington
Jimmy & Shannon Hasson
John & Diana Helper
Mike & Jane Herbert

Joyce Hewson
Boyd & Mary May Hight
Paul Hoff
Phil & Debbie Homburger
Elaine Hutchings
Julian & Sandra Huzyk
Carolyn Junod
Laurence & Jennifer Kandel
Catherine Lombardo
Joan & Ray Lucht
Jim & Kathy MacDonnell
Geri Maier
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Bob Goodyear & Suzanne Martin
Marie Johnson & Frederick Masoudi
Keely Downs & Luke McEvelly
Allison Perkins
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Desmond & Yvonne Sainsbury
Nancy Schotters
David & Heather Schutt

Ed & Beverly Shackelford
Don & Betty Shaw
Jason Shofnos
Kevin & Lorraine Shuba
Cecily Grant & Kurt Smitz
Jay Stapf
Terry Gaub & Linda Steves
Cathy Stroud
Jeter & Meagan Thomas
Jim & Jodi Tompkins
Patty Lynch & Clay Whitlow
James Willner
David & Bronwyn York

Mark Your Calendars

*The popular Bands in the Park
event will be reprised on
Sunday, August 7,
from 5 to 8 p.m.
at Observatory Park.*

UPCC Voluntary Dues 2016

All residents of University Park 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 2016.

The suggested amount is \$25 or \$15 for seniors.

Mail to: UPCC, 2100 S. Monroe St., Denver, CO 80210

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

Thank you!

Date _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

Street Address _____

Amount enclosed _____

Neighborhood interests or concerns _____

I am interested in volunteering: my area of interest is _____