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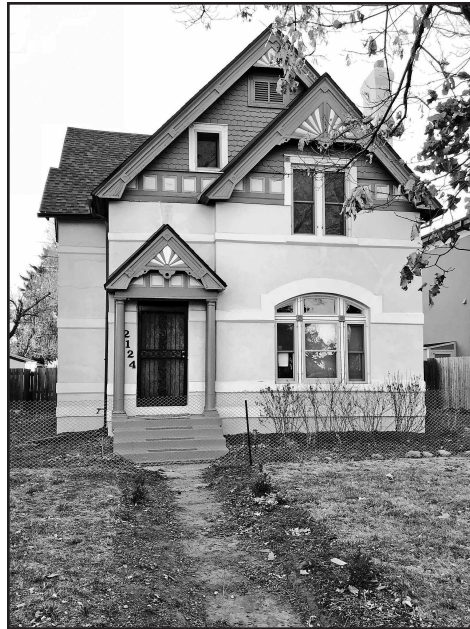
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Another Historic Loss For University Park

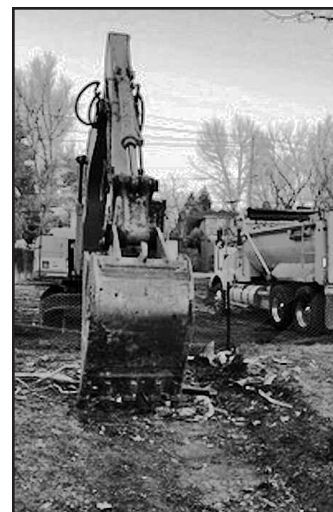
by Rosemary Stoffel

Our neighborhood has lost another significant piece of its history, after the award-winning 1898 Queen Anne house at 2124 S. Columbine was demolished in early January by the purchaser to make way for a new house. The home had been determined to be eligible for historic designation by Denver's Landmark staff, and won the Favorite Old House Award in 2009 from Denver's Old House Society.

This follows the loss of other significant homes in University Park, including the Miles House at 2266 S. Columbine, bulldozed last May, and the Hyde House, lost in 2009, at 2100 S. Milwaukee. All were deemed eligible for historic designation by the Landmark staff. Very few buildings in Denver qualify; there are only 336 individually landmarked structures in the entire city. It should be noted that it is possible to renovate and add on to designated buildings. In addition, tax credits are available to help with renovation costs on the original building.



The latest casualty, 2124 S. Columbine had strong connections to DU, and was



2124 S. Columbine
before and after demolition.

home to professor and student boarders from 1904-1934. Rev. Ezra M. Cox, who graduated from Iliff School of Theology, owned the house from 1920-1934, and "played an important role in growing and

sustaining Epworth Institutional Church and Goodwill Industries," according to Landmark staff research. During this period, he served as minister for the Epworth Church congregation and as director of Goodwill Industries.

Epworth Church founders established the Denver chapter of Goodwill Industries as a charity to gather and repair donations, and to distribute them to the needy. It also provided employment for mentally or physically disabled residents. According to Landmark staff research, the Epworth Church and Goodwill Industries "provided Denver with much-needed support, solidifying itself as a vital community center that helped to shape the surrounding community in a charitable and spiritual capacity."

The 2124 S. Columbine Queen Anne house qualified in the architecture category by Landmark staff as "an intact example of a Denver Queen Anne." According to Don Etter in his 1974 *University Park Denver Four Walking Tours* book, "although stucco now covers this house . . . much of the original charm is apparent . . . Arched windows in the south bay are pleasing decorative features, but most intriguing is the absence of the then very common sitting porch. The result is very much like an urban street house."

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Please Join Us For The UPCC Winter General Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2018

University Park Elementary School Auditorium

Refreshments 6:30 p.m. —

generously provided by CareNow Urgent Care,
now open at 1404 E. Evans Ave., 303-584-8133.

Meeting 7-8:15 p.m.

- **Kate Williams — Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council (DRMAC)** will introduce *The Getting There Guide*, featuring alternatives to driving.
- **Presentation — A Little Help**, which connects seniors to neighborhood volunteers.
- **Zoning update**
- **Update from City Councilman Paul Kashmann**

Letter From The President

by Debbie Harrington

Happy New Year from your University Park Community Council Board! We hope all our UPark residents had a wonderful holiday season and wish you a joy-filled 2018!

Our next General Meeting will be Wednesday, February 7. We'll begin at 6:30 p.m. with social time and refreshments. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and ends promptly at 8:15 p.m. We hope to see many of you there!

Want to become more involved? Please send an email to president@upcc.us and let me know

UPark Elementary School Auction

Save the date! University Park Elementary School (UPark) will hold its annual auction on **Saturday, April 21 from 6:30-10:30 p.m.** at the University of Denver. This is one of UPark's most important fundraisers and is key to its continued success and growth. The auction is also a fun way for parents and faculty to connect with the community. All proceeds will go toward additional homeroom teachers and keeping classroom sizes small. Their goal is to raise \$75,000 this year, but they cannot do it without your support. Here are a few ways you can help.

1. Donate a good or service
 - Any item(s) you can donate (a bottle of wine, a gift card/certificate, tickets to an event, vacation rentals, etc.) will be greatly appreciated.

your interests! We need volunteers who wish to become more active within the greater Denver community, representing University Park on various committees or initiatives or helping organize and volunteer at events. Are you interested in historic preservation? Sustainability? Parks? Safety issues? Other neighborhood passions? We are always looking for eager volunteers to learn about how we work within the network of the City of Denver and Interneighborhood Cooperation (aka INC).

Warm winter greetings!

2. Sponsor the 2018 Auction
 - Do you own your own business? Would you like to advertise your business while supporting a great cause? If so, there are several sponsorship packages you can choose from.
 3. Attend the 2018 Auction
 - Tickets will go on sale in February 2018.
 - There will also be an online auction that will go live a week prior to the event.
- To donate a good or service or learn more about the sponsorship packages, please email Katie Fitz-Gerald and/or Becky MacDonald at auction@upark.elementary.org. More information about the 2018 Auction and how to purchase tickets can be found at <http://upark.elementary.org/events/auction/>.

Drive 25 — It Won't Kill You

Have you seen these signs throughout our neighborhood? You have City Councilman Paul Kashmann to thank.

Paul Kashmann serves on the Denver City Council for District 6, which includes University Park.

His office hours are Thursdays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (no appointment needed) at Pete's University Park Café, 2345 E. Evans Ave. You are welcome to confirm (in case of illness, etc.) by calling the office, 720-337-6666.

Councilman Kashmann also offers an informative email newsletter. You can sign up by calling the office, emailing Brent.Fahrberger@denvergov.org or registering at Councilman Kashmann's website: <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-council-district-6.html>.



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OPEN SPACE & PARKS UPDATE

by Diana Helper, Chair

University Park's founders made it clear in 1886 that this was to be a place to thrive with "a healthy mind in a healthy body." They settled here for the peaceful and inspiring beauty of nature, the clear air, and the importance of education. We need to pay attention to the present scene as we uphold this legacy. As our UP population grows, adequate open space is not included in the new apartment sites. More than ever we must take care to preserve our

parks and be able to accommodate and welcome many new residents.

We recently lost one open space, a great little park at the north end of S. Clayton. It was not a surprise — DU owned the land and had every right to build, but it's a loss anyway.

Where could we find added open space? A pocket park? A respite of nature (as Denver's founders deemed necessary) from noise and rush and fumes that increase along with our population. A bit of sustainability for

the healthy mind and body. What are your concerns and suggestions?

And speaking of sustainability, want to help UPark be the first neighborhood in Councilman Kashmann's district to have a "green" project? Every other district seems to have them! Green space is one thought, and there are others, like recycling, composting, more sidewalk studies, etc. If you are interested in this effort, please contact me at parks@upcc.us or Debbie Harrington, president@upcc.us.

DU's Lamont School Of Music Upcoming Concerts

WINTER QUARTER at the Lamont School of Music will be in full swing soon. Need a break from a dreary winter day? Consider coming to the Newman Center for the Performing Arts on the DU campus at 2344 E. Iliff (at University Blvd.). Most performances are in Hamilton Hall and are FREE with FREE parking in the garage just south of the building. Most are at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

JANUARY

31 Lamont Wind Ensemble,
A World Premier with
Carol Jantsch, tuba, Gates Hall

FEBRUARY

2 Convocation – DU Solo Honors
Competition Winners, 2:30, Gates

- 2 Faculty Recital –
Steven Mayer, piano and
Matthew Zalkind, cello, \$10
- 7 Guest Artist –
Gottlieb Wallisch, piano, \$10
- 8 Lamont Symphony Orchestra
with Scott Bean, trombone,
free or \$5 reserved
- 13 The Spirituals Project Choir, Gates
- 15 Matthew Zalkind, Cello Studio,
Music of Beethoven
- 16 Convocation – DU Jazz Honors
Competition Winners, 2:30, Gates
- 19 Lamont Wind Chamber Ensembles
- 21 Lamont Jazz Small Groups
- 24 Nebula Ensemble
- 25 Modern Hue Student
New Music Ensemble, 4:30

- 26 Lamont Jazz Orchestra &
Lamont Jazz Ensemble
- 26 Leiderabend,
An Evening of French Song
- 27 Visiting Artist Recital & Master
Class – Paul Sharpe, double bass
- 27 Lamont Percussion Ensemble, Gates
- 27 Lamont Vocal Jazz Ensembles,
Williams

MARCH

- 1 Lamont Chorale, Women's Chorus,
Men's Choir, Gates
- 1 Lamont String Chamber Ensembles
- 2 DU Chamber Honors Competition
Winners, 2:30, Gates
- 2 Lamont Steel Drum Ensemble
- 4 Lamont Composers Series Concert
- 5 Music and Dance of India
and Indonesia, free tix
- 6 Lamont Symphony Orchestra,
featuring DU HONORS
COMPETITION WINNER,
free/tix \$5 reserved
- 7 Lamont Wind Ensemble,
Disney's "Fantasia," Gates
- 7 Lamont Guitar Ensembles

UPWords Distribution

by Phyllis Ward

Thanks to Peter Rockwood for his help with delivering *UPWords*. Thank you to the Holman family for volunteering to do the 2400 block of S. Steele. Welcome aboard! We still need someone new for the 1800 and 1900 blocks of S. Columbine. Thanks for considering being part of our team.

UPWords Distribution Team Members Needed

This job has been done by two people for a while. It works well and no one person is overworked by the tasks.

Person A Duties:

- Recruit and train new block captains and area coordinators.
- Write thank you notes to retiring block captains.
- Coordinate sending corrections to the data base manager.
- Contact person for block captains for

more newsletters, travel, etc.

- Write short article for *UPWords* to thank retiring block captains and welcome new ones (each issue, as needed) with an appeal for volunteers for specific blocks.
- Write a similar article for the monthly *E-News* (each month, as needed).

Person B Duties:

- Coordinate with *UPWords* editor and printer to receive the newsletter.
- Recruit volunteers for the "counting party."
- Oversee the labeling and counting of the newsletters for each block captain.
- Deliver newsletters to Area Coordinators.

If you are interested, please contact Janet at 303-756-4212 or jkbardwell@gmail.com.

Historic Loss

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As a significant piece of University Park's architectural legacy, it is an irreplaceable loss.

Would you like to join with other residents to help recognize and continue our historic legacy? Are you concerned about how to protect our historic character? We are forming a Historic Legacy Committee, and invite all interested University Park residents to join! Please contact: Rosemary Stoffel, rosemary.stoffel@gmail.com, 303-903-0613.

Good Neighbor Meeting

DU Good Neighbors' Quarterly Meeting is upcoming **Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018**, from **6 to 8 p.m.** in the Evelyn Chambers Philanthropy Room, RM 160, of the Chambers Center. Also known as the Colorado Women's College building, the Chambers Center is located at the northeast corner of S. High and E. Asbury (1901 East Asbury Avenue). Come receive updates on DU and learn more about upcoming building and development plans. All are welcome. More info will be published at the NextDoor University Park site as the time nears.

INC Meeting Notice

Interneighborhood Cooperation meets at our own Brookdale UP, 2020 S. Monroe, **Saturday, March 14**. Refreshments at **8:30 a.m.** (always terrific, courtesy of Brookdale!) and program runs from **9 to 11 a.m.** All welcome. INC website with meeting info, www.denverinc.org.

Thanks To Recent UPCC Dues Payers!

The following residents paid voluntary dues from October through December 2017.

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| David & Diana Adams | Guy & Laura Holman | Chris & Joy Murphy |
| Woods & Rita Allee | Tyrone & Mary Holt | Paul & Laurie Nowak |
| Craig & Michelle Austin | Kristin Janicek | Kathleen O'Donnell |
| Orvin & Donna Baker-Breningstall | Laurence Kandel | Matt & Elysabethe Olmstead |
| Barbara Boucher | Robyn & Steve Kanewske | Jim & Katy Park |
| Leslie & Charles Cavness | Elizabeth Kester | Ann Hovland & Kevin Patterson |
| Cynthia Daniels | Cora & Gary LaPlante | Brian & Becky Schaub |
| Mary Dunn | Adam & Katherine Loveland | Anthony Slavec |
| Nathan & Cally Evans | John Lowdermilk | Zach & Allison Stassen |
| Diane Fairclough | Charles & Janet MacLeod | Tom & Sheryl Stefaniak |
| Richard & Tam Frye | Barry & Anne Mahoney | Erik & Frances Taylor |
| Pam Gates | Harris & Lisa Marks | Emily Philpott & Chris Tetzeli |
| Buck & Sue Haddock | Moonstone Music Press | Glenn & Jeanne Tubb |
| Martin & Julie Harrington | Nancy Clare Morgan | Hank & Kate Van Schaack |
| Boyd & Mary May Hight | Elizabeth Izant & Kent Mueller | Joshua & Elizabeth Weigand |

UPCC — University Park Community Council Voluntary Dues 2018

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 2018. The suggested amount is \$25 or \$15 for seniors. Typically, about 10% of our households pay annual dues. Thank you for your support!

Mail your check with this form to:

UPCC, P.O. Box 102407, Denver, CO 80250

Or pay online:

with PayPal at www.upcc.us/support

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

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Street Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____