

# UPWORDS

UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
(UPCC) NEWSLETTER

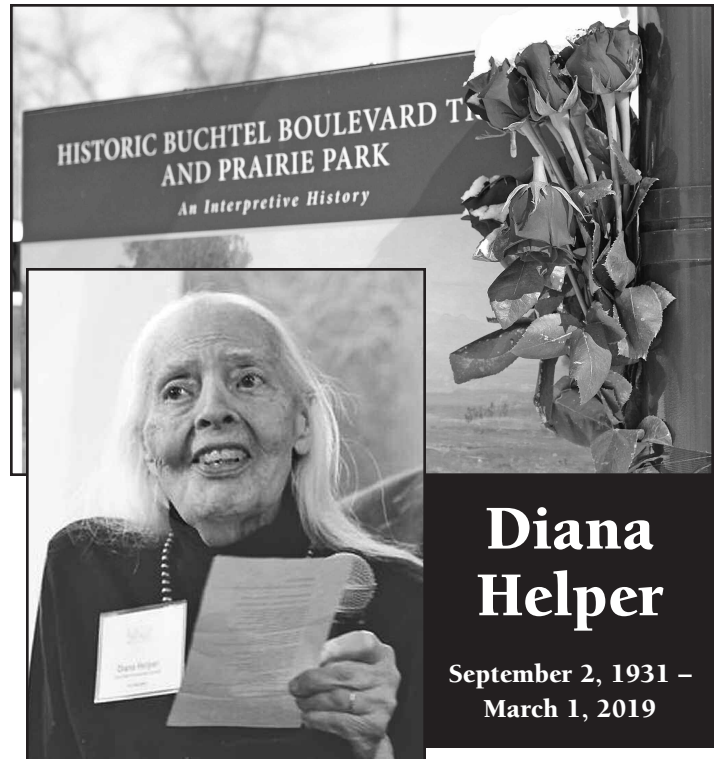
*Your Neighborhood Voice*



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## *In Memoriam – Diana Chapin Helper*

Denver and the University Park neighborhood have lost an incredible voice in our community. Diana Chapin Helper was an indefatigable spokeswoman for parks and open space. She single-handedly championed a 20+ year effort to get the grasslands and prairie along the north side of Buchtel Boulevard designated as a Denver Park (formally “Prairie Park”), and once she accomplished that, to undertake fundraising to get an interpretive sign installed just east of St. Paul St. in the park. Friends and colleagues remember Diana as a passionate historian, an incredible wit, an insatiable lifelong learner, an accomplished musician, and in many other roles. She wrote poems and song parodies that regaled her audiences. The loss to our Board and neighborhood is great. She is remembered with great fondness and we will miss her. Condolences may be sent to her family at: **Helper Family, c/o UPCC, P.O. Box 102407, Denver, CO 80250.**



### *Please Join Us For The University Park Community Council's General Meeting*

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019  
6:30-8:15 p.m.**

**University Park Elementary School  
2300 S. St. Paul Street**

6:30 p.m. — Gathering & Social Time  
7-8:15 p.m. — Meeting

#### **Tentative Agenda Topics:**

- Upcoming Neighborhood Improvements (Buchtel project and Iliff/Colorado crosswalk)
- News from District 6 Councilman Paul Kashmann
- Community Preservation Committee Update — Rosemary Stoffel
- “Long House” update — Pat Cashen
- Officer Elections

### **Food Trucks Are Back!**

Mark your calendars for our 2019 Food Truck Nights to be held once again on the Accelerated Schools campus at Fitzroy Place. Dates for our 2019 Food Truck Rallies are the third Thursdays of the month, May through September:

**May 16  
June 20  
July 18  
August 15  
September 19**

This is a great way to decompress from a busy week, visit with your neighbors, and enjoy a picnic with family and friends. We hope to see you there!

**SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE:** UPCC encourages you to bring your own reusable flatware, tableware and straws to these events to reduce landfill waste. **THANK YOU!**

# Letter From The President

by Debbie Harrington

Ah, spring! After the snowiest winter in several years and a couple of bone-chilling cold snaps, we welcome the season of budding trees and flowering bulbs. My favorite part of the season is daily dog walks during which the emerging landscape is constantly changing!

We are excited to once again sponsor the wildly popular Food Truck Rallies which will be held the third Thursday nights of the month, May through September, on the grounds of Accelerated Schools at Fitzroy Place (S. Cook St. at Warren.) HUGE thanks to Jane Queen and Accelerated Schools for generously allowing the neighborhood to congregate on their beautiful grounds for these events. (For dates,

see related article in this issue.)

Your UPCC Board has a few important vacancies which we are looking to fill. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and active Board that represents you within the City of Denver on issues such as zonings, licensing requests, historic preservation initiatives, and parks, to name just a few. Want to make a difference in your neighborhood? Look for the article about open positions and consider volunteering with us! Or come to our next General Meeting on May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at University Park Elementary School to learn more (tentative agenda can be found on the front page of this edition).

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful spring full of joy and renewal.

## We Want You!

**INC (Interneighborhood Cooperation) delegate(s)** — Interneighborhood Cooperation meets monthly on Saturday mornings at various sites around Denver. This organization functions as a collaborative and collegial body representing all RNOs (Registered Neighborhood Organizations) in Denver. INC is very active in responding to local neighborhood and city issues. Delegate(s) will represent UPark when studying issues and in all votes after consultation with the UPCC Board. This position can be shared by more than one delegate. Qualifications: available to attend monthly meetings, held generally on the second Saturday of the month, and interested in city governance, Denver City Council, neighborhood and city-wide issues. For more info or to volunteer: [inc@upcc.us](mailto:inc@upcc.us).

**Board Secretary** — The Secretary is responsible for taking meeting minutes at Board and General meetings (10 times a year), circulating the draft minutes for corrections/approvals, and providing approved minutes to the webmaster for inclusion on our [upcc.us](http://upcc.us) website. The Secretary also schedules our General meeting space with Denver Public Schools and handles Board correspondence when requested by the President or the Board. Qualifications include excellent writing ability, knowledge of Google Docs, MS Word

(or similar word processing program) and computer/email literacy. For more info: [secretary@upcc.us](mailto:secretary@upcc.us).

**Open Space & Parks Representative** — Do you have a passion for Denver Parks and all things recreational? We are looking for an energetic and engaged person to represent parks and open space on our UPCC Board and within the city. As a voting member of our UPCC Board, the holder of the position attends monthly Board meetings, as well as monthly meetings of the INC (Interneighborhood Cooperation) Parks & Recreation Committee. For more information or to express your interest, email [president@upcc.us](mailto:president@upcc.us).

**Board Vice President** — In May 2019 we expect our current Vice President to be voted in to assume the position of Board President. We are looking for possible candidates to serve in the capacity of Vice President, which is a two-year term leading to a two-year term as President. ***This position requires a dedicated and objective resident with a willingness to learn about issues affecting our neighborhood.*** Do you know someone who might be a good fit for this position? Or are you interested in being considered for this position? We would love to hear your recommendations. Email [president@upcc.us](mailto:president@upcc.us).

### UPCC EXECUTIVE BOARD

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OPEN

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#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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OPEN

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# Gardening For Good

It is time to start thinking about getting back outside, enjoying our yards and gardens, and hopefully creating a surplus of fresh fruits and vegetables. Unfortunately, access to fresh produce isn't a possibility for many, as 1 in 6 Coloradans lack food security, and the number is even worse for youth at 1 in 5. This year the UPCC Sustainability Committee would like to encourage you to utilize your space and sunlight to provide for others. Remove some of that water- and nutrient-hungry grass and plant an extra veggie row or contact a local organization to help you harvest the surplus from your fruit trees and yards. In these ways, we can increase food security for others. Our own Observatory Park Vegetable Garden partners with Grow Local Colorado (<http://www.growlocalcolorado.org>) to help supply fresh, nutritious produce

for our community. If interested in volunteering at the Observatory Park garden, please contact Jennifer Engleby at [jbroderickengleby@gmail.com](mailto:jbroderickengleby@gmail.com).

For those of you with fruit trees, please consider contacting Foraged Feast (<https://www.foragedfeast.org>). This organization has teams of volunteers for harvesting and cleaning up extra fruit, but we need at least five trees registered to participate. The collected fruit is donated to those in need throughout the Front Range.

Fresh Food Connect through Denver Food Rescue is another terrific resource that links those in need and those with surplus and they are active in our neighborhood (<https://denverfoodrescue.org/fresh-food-connect/>).

Denver Food Rescue is a direct distribution food rescue program, where fresh healthy food is provided directly to those in need and not via a

large warehouse — and delivered via bikes no less!

If yours is not a green thumb but you believe that access to fresh healthy food should be a possibility for everyone, please reach out to any of the organizations listed above or their affiliates to see how you too can support a sustainable food system in Denver.

## You May Have Heard...

UPark toddler Max Freed has recently been featured in *5280* and *9News*. The youngster has a rare genetic disorder known by its gene marker, SLC6A1. His parents are working tirelessly to raise funds for gene therapy before his condition worsens (around his third birthday). We wanted to bring attention to the fact that this family (parents Mark and Amber Freed, along with Max's twin sister, Riley) lives in our University Park neighborhood. Please look for the Freed family and these adorable twins at the park and on your walks around the 'hood. To find out more or to learn how you can help, google SLC6A1.

## University Park 'Treasures'

In the past several issues of *UPWords* we have featured "UPark Treasures" — residents of our neighborhood who have made a lasting difference in University Park due to their individual efforts, passions, volunteer work, etc. Do you know of such a treasure whom we should feature in an upcoming issue? If so, email [president@upcc.us](mailto:president@upcc.us) with your suggestion, including a brief description of the nominee's contribution to our neighborhood.



## UPCC — University Park Community Council Voluntary Dues 2019

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 2019. 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](http://www.upcc.us/support)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Thanks To Recent UPCC Dues Payers!

The following residents paid voluntary dues from January through March 2019:

Andy & Marcella Abramowicz	Nancy Gardner	David Peck
Roger & Hillary Adams	Joseph Gates	Paul Pendleton
Melody Akaraskul	Pam Gates	Rose Williams & Kurt Petersen
Nick Edyvane & Kate Akin	Teresa Gibbons	Donna Peterson
Maureen & Michael Allen	K. Sue Giovanini	Derek & Erin Pimm
Greg & Beth Anderson	Andy & Connie Graham	Michael & Andrea Prentiss
Richard & Mary Lee Anderson	Ed & Jen Guay	Greg Price
Jean Andrews	Joe & Jennifer Guthrie	Lyn Rales
Larry & Sue Apple	Joyce Haen	Aaron & Chesney Randolph
Carol Atkins	Steve & Kate Hamilton	Bob & Sandy Righter
Craig & Michelle Austin	Eldridge & Ann Hardie	Sarah Riopelle
Geoff & Stephanie Babbitt	Lyn & David Hills	Fred & Kathy Ritsema
Orvin & Donna Baker-Breningstall	Paul Hoff	Tim & Beverly Roble
Judy Barlow	Tyrone & Mary Holt	Michael & Page Rollert
Lucy Coluccy & Wayne Barnes	Phil & Debbie Homburger	Tom & Gail Rowe
Pat & Ginya Barron	Ann Hovland	Yvonne Sainsbury
Francis & Tamara Barron	Paul & Suellen Howard	Tom & Jill Schafer
Lee & Betsy Barrow	Janet Hubbell	Cissy Kraft & Robin Schmachtenberger
Bob & Mary Bearman	Chris & Heidi Humber	Erinn Schorsch
John & Peggy Bender	Steve Hunt	Marcia Scofield
Andrea Taylor & Michael Berger	William & Melba Inmon	Florence (Puddy) Seccombe
Jane & Jim Berger	Nancy Iona	Lorie Lifrieri & Bruce Seelenfreund
Kerri Lombardi & Troy Bisgard	Kristin Janicek	Carolyn Shaak
James Black	Roger & Kathi Jensen	Kevin & Lorraine Shuba
Dan & Marilyn Bredar	Beth Johnson	George "Skip" & Noranne Siemers
Beverly Bridges	Steve & Alison Jones	Hugo & Sheila Sillau
Michael & Rebecca Brown	Laurence & Kandel	Matt & Lisa Smith
Robert & Jayne Brown	Lauren Kanouse	Keene Smith II
Michael & Krista Buchenau	Terry & Mary Keithley	Cecily Grant & Kurt Smitz
Bob & Seal Burrell	Bob & Maureen Keller	Bill & Edie Sonn
Jay & Nancy Carlson	Nathan Kinkade	Tom & Sheryl Stefaniak
Todd & Maggie Carlson	Tom & Carmen Kirkpatrick	Lisa Hartman & Ed Stein
Steve & Lin Carlson	Kristin Kleimann	Andrea & Scott Steuer
Marc & Vicki Carpenter	Mark & Candace Kristensson	Alison Tweedie & Pete Syre
Leslie & Charles Cavness	John & Carlee Kruep	Debbie Lininger & Ross Taylor
Brooke Cheley-Klebe	Richard & Mary Krugman	Ron Winsor & Tina Taylor
Ken & Jane Christoffersen	Dorothy Lagger	Emily Philpott & Chris Tetzeli
Josh Wells & Tommy Craig	Scott & Jolie Lehman	Larry & Margaret Tezak
Tom & Claudia Cygnar	Kathryn Mueller & Rex Logemann	Courtney Toomey
Denny & LuAnn Dahl	Charles & Janet MacLeod	Susan Walter & Javier Torre
Keith & Nicki Dangelis	Barry & Anne Mahoney	Jill Boice & Bob Trout
Matt & Ginny Depetro	Scott & Tanya Maierhoffer	Darrel Turner
Craig & Jennifer Dethmers	Bob & Janet Manning	Calvin & Shirley Van Heukelem
Virginia Berkeley & Tom Dietvorst	George & Mary Mansfield	Hank & Kate Van Schaack
Susan Batterman & Edward Doody	Earl & Marsha McCall	Jim & Linda Veldkamp
Ed Drummond	Ryan & Sarah McCaw	Kathy Kennedy & Ben Vernon
Don & Carolyn Etter	Peter McKown	Robert Dwyer & Michelle Vogt
Ruth Falkenstein	Joyce Meyers	Alex & Carin Wagner
John Fefley	Peter & Carol Mirabito	Karen Toth & Mike Warren
Timothy Flower	Lynnette Morrison	Clint & Michelle Wasson
Mary Fowler	Pat & Arlene Myles	Debbie Harrington & Mark Westland
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