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4th of July Parade Re-Envisioned

by Candace Kristensson

TIME: 10 A.M.–NOON (but ongoing all day!)

Like so many of our regular activities this summer, our traditional UPCC 4th of July Parade must take a new form. As we cannot all safely gather at Observatory Park, we plan to spread the parade throughout the neighborhood, as a community walking or biking experience. Please decorate yourselves and your wheels or a wagon float if you desire. We ask each of you to start where you live and go as wide as you are able. In the tradition of our parade, we invite all of you to decorate your yards for the 4th of July marchers. If you can, put up lights, flags and fun to thank and celebrate our essential workers, our neighbors, and life. The UPCC board will be looking for the most festive yard. (Email pictures and addresses to me of your nominations for best yard, best decorated bike and best wagon float at president@upcc.us! We will post the winner in our eNews: upcc.us/email).

With this larger, longer route, we are also changing the rules on you. Yes, the older kids (5-100+) are encouraged to ride their decorated bikes. Scooters (preferably non-motorized) are allowed. As per city law, bikes are vehicles. If you are traveling faster than walking speed, you should be on the road, not the sidewalks. We ask that everyone look out for each other and be respectful of wearing masks, socially distancing and helping everyone feel safe, whether they are on wheels or walking. We will not be closing streets as we have with Warren in the past, so please be aware of car traffic. For safety, we ask all neighbors to avoid driving between 10 a.m. and noon. Car travelers are asked to be aware that people will be enjoying the decorated yards throughout the weekend.

We have attached a suggested parade route. Don't feel obligated to stick to these streets only, but if you plan to travel throughout our neighborhood, we wanted to suggest some safe places to cross the busier streets (see map safety points). Please consider using the two lights across Evans at either Monroe or St. Paul. When on Monroe, be aware that the intersections at Iliff and Butchel have

neither a light nor a stop sign for the east/west traffic. We have also suggested crossing Iliff at Clayton, as it has a four-way stop. This "parade route" also nicely connects our four parks and gives a sense of the wonderful diversity of the UPCC neighborhood.

Unfortunately, the VFW Band will not be performing this year. If anyone wants to use their home speakers and play military marches and patriotic anthems, it will be most welcome, as it will remind me of the spinning classes at the YMCA that I miss so much!

At this time we are going to ask the Fire Department if they can park where they usually do along Warren, so we can all show gratitude and wave, but for safety reasons, they won't be able to spray the fire hoses this year; families will need to reenact that at home with the garden hose. We have invited them to be parked there around 11 a.m., emergencies permitting.

How to Enjoy the 2020 UPCC 4th of July Parade:

- Decorate your yard with all the red, white and blue you can! Light it up for essential workers!
- Decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons, and self.
- Enjoy a celebratory walk throughout the neighborhood (see map on page 4 for suggested safe crossings).

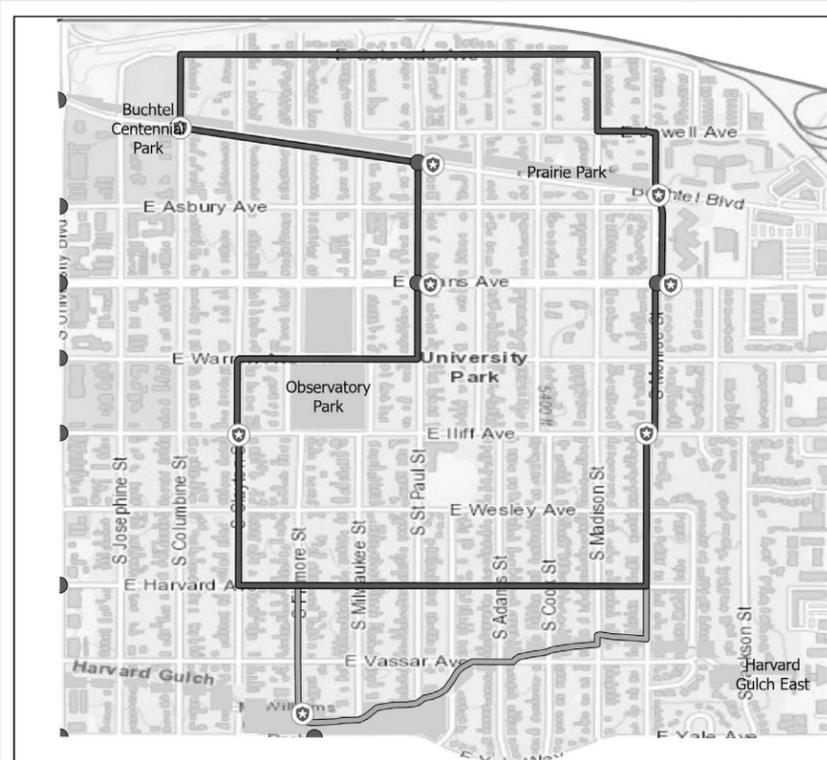
In Memoriam

June Morgan, a 70+-year resident of University Park, died peacefully in her sleep on May 16, 2020. June was an active and passionate neighborhood resident for decades, and graciously hosted our UPCC Board meetings for many years at her home. The Board is working with the City to plant a tree in June's memory in Observatory Park. Anyone who wishes to contribute in June's memory, please send a check payable to University Park Community Council (include June Morgan in the memo line) to:

Ryan Zorn
UPCC Treasurer
P.O. Box 102407
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Cards for June's family may be sent to:
The Morgan Family c/o Debbie Harrington
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University Park 4th of July Parade



- Safety Points
- Traffic Signals

Parade Route 2020

- Main Route
- Alternate Route
- Parks

Bike, walk, run...



Letter from the President

by Candace Kristensson

As we welcome summer and “new normal” at every juncture, I realize that University Park Community Council (UPCC) needs to welcome many of you who are new to our neighborhood, or maybe just provide a refresher on who we are and what UPCC does.

UPCC is your Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO). RNOs are intended to increase access to the city’s agencies and departments and improve the flow of information between neighborhoods and the city. We are a volunteer organization of residents living between I-25 and Yale, and between University Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard. Residency (not home ownership) within these boundaries affords you membership in UPCC. We are ever thankful for the voluntary dues paid by residents. These dues allow us to host general meetings for the neighborhood where we have the chance to meet with city representatives; to print our neighborhood newsletter, *UPWords*, without advertisements or bias; and to organize and host neighborhood gatherings (Sing and Sleigh, Summer Food Truck Rallies, and, typically, a 4th of July Parade).

UPCC also works to communicate with other neighborhood organizations in our area and throughout Denver, such as the Inter-Neighborhood Coalition, to ensure that our neighborhood voice is heard by our city organizations.

I wanted to outline more about our *UPWords* newsletter. It not only brings information to 2,300 households (including residents not regularly online) by presenting articles relevant to our neighborhood, but also brings the neighborhood together. We work to achieve this goal through our grass roots efforts of establishing block captains on each block of the neighborhood. These folks are your neighbors who have graciously volunteered to deliver *UPWords* to your home and to establish block communications. When my family moved to the neighborhood in 2012, our wonderful block captain came by and introduced herself. Carol hosts a blockwide potluck in her backyard to welcome those new to our

street and encourages us all to know each other. She is a superstar neighbor. We would love to have more of you volunteer to be a part of this stellar network. Especially now that we are all (by necessity) connecting more to the spaces and people around our homes, let’s work to make this time pleasurable. The volunteers who keep UPCC running would love to welcome you.

UPCC presently and historically is known for working with the city to enhance our enjoyment of space. The first-ever Denver bike routes were promoted by the women of this neighborhood (some of whom are still living here). Mapping our trees and historic buildings has been an undertaking of volunteers in this neighborhood for decades. Protecting our green spaces, advocating for our parks, and pushing for more parks is central to UPCC. Working with transit and safe sidewalks, school safe routes—all are passion points. What are yours? We would love to have you help us bring these to our council members, our agency leaders and our city developers.

UPCC Committees Tackle Preservation of Neighborhood Character

by Rosemary Stoffel

University Park’s leafy tree canopy and historic legacy continue to be reasons why new residents remain drawn to our neighborhood. These timeless attributes require stewardship, and we’re fortunate that residents continue to volunteer their time to ensure this happens via the Community Preservation Committee and the Tree Advocacy Committee.

Community Preservation Committee members focus on telling the story of our neighborhood and creating awareness of and protecting our important historic architecture. This committee formed after the ongoing loss of many of our historic homes, which triggered residents to make efforts to recognize and protect the remainder of our historic legacy. The group

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applied for and received \$9,000 in funding from Historic Denver, with neighborhood residents providing \$2,250 of that amount in matching funds. This enabled consultants to be hired to research our history, identify our important historic buildings, and put together an architectural stylebook.

The two-year project is nearly complete, and early results include a 163-page draft document which tells the story of our neighborhood since the late 1800s. Did you know that we’re located on a broad plain, which halted early development due to lack of water? Or that we were developed as a utopian, temperance-based residential enclave, with “membership offered to . . . men of good character”? Early lots sold for \$300 in 1886, and more than doubled in price by 1889. Our architecture includes not only Victorian, Queen Anne, Four Square (Denver Square), Bungalow, International Style, Federal, Ranch, Usonian, and Mid-Century Modern, but also a log cabin, as well as a home constructed with “clinker” brick. These are just a few tidbits that we’ll be sharing with all of you in the next few months.

One of our residents, Cate Humby-Hoff, has put together a historic walking tour for kids and families, which is accessible at <http://bit.ly/upcc-historic-walking-map>.

Neighborhood Chronicles

by Kate Akin

We used to call it cabin fever, that pent-up feeling of having to break free and get out of the house. Now, at more than eight weeks into the COVID-19 quarantine (now “safe at home”), it’s the same but different. Getting out of the house seems compulsory, if only to clear our heads and alleviate our anxiety.

But something happened on the way to relieving stress and regaining some semblance of sanity: a reawakening of what our neighborhoods hold that was never seen from the window of our cars as we drove through the streets on our way to all those errands that had to be done, friends to meet and appointments to be kept.

My friend and neighbor, Liz, and I had taken to early morning walks for the past five years, up and out at 6 a.m. to drive to Wash Park for our walk on the perimeter path before we went on to our respective jobs, me in my office downtown and Liz working from home.

Once the quarantine was announced, we took to what we knew best—walking. Instead of returning to Wash Park where there was a risk of breaking social distancing, we decided to begin neighborhood walks. First, we traversed UP and explored the DU campus, then strolled further afield into Cory Merrill, Bonnie Brae and Belcaro. We explored Southern Hills and Platt Park as well as other neighborhoods further south and east, the names of which we didn’t know.

Neighborhoods we thought we knew yielded new treasures. There was chalk art, of course, and all those teddy bears in windows and lots of signs thanking our healthcare professionals and first responders. But then we found a small home in Platt Park where the owners had carved out a space at the front of their

ly/upcc-historic-walking-map. We will be creating more walking tours and working on other ways to get the word out to everyone about why University Park remains one of Denver’s most important, historic treasures. Stay tuned! If you want to find out more or join this committee, contact Chair Rosemary Stoffel at rosemary.stoffel@gmail.com.

The Tree Advocacy Committee recently formed to help protect our abundant tree canopy. We have been losing mature trees due to new development and, like the loss of historic homes, this defining feature of our neighborhood is at risk. The committee aims to raise awareness about the importance of our trees, start a neighborhood-wide tree planting program, maintain oversight of trees at construction sites in partnership with the city, and work to encourage changes in existing city tree policies. Currently, Denver’s tree protection and oversight includes the right of way and front setback areas, but not other portions. In the meantime, we continue to lose mature and even “champion” trees in these other areas.

To find out more or join in these efforts, contact Co-Chairs Cate-Humby Hoff (catehumby@gmail.com) or Linda Hanselman (lhanselman@mac.com).

lot with a small bench and table under a vine-covered trellis. A sign invited “Please sit and relax.” On the corner of this same street, we delighted in the owners’ sense of humor with a masked skeleton, as well as an interesting rendering of “American Gothic” in wood and what looked like rebar and other metals. The Cory Merrill neighborhood surprised with a vintage log cabin. A box appeared in front of one home on South Gilpin with the sign “Free.” Inside, we found several bags of pancake mix, as well as a brand-new tote bag in which to carry them. Just south of Porter Hospital, we walked into a cul-de-sac to find two walkways that linked it to the adjacent streets, replete with wooden bridges that spanned the creek below. Architecture old and new won our praise or our raised eyebrows. There were many Free Little Libraries, some yielding a book or two that one of us had to have. We took to counting the number of houses which still had their Christmas wreaths on their doors, or other holiday décor in their yards. Spring was bursting forth with flowers and the first robin sightings. Wildlife was plentiful—a coyote, umpteen rabbits and a gorgeous hawk, resting high in a tree.

Liz and I are still walking daily and are likely to continue to do so for some time. But we’re not complaining because these walks have opened our eyes to not only UP but the other wonderful neighborhoods all around. The streets have been eerily quiet but those neighbors we see invariably acknowledge us with a smile, a wave and a “Good Morning.” One day, when the pandemic is over and we return to a new normal, our walking exploration of our neighborhoods will hold a special place in our hearts, done at a difficult time when we needed them to give us continuing hope.