

Thanks to Recent UPCC Dues Payers!

The following residents paid voluntary dues from May 2020 through July 2020:

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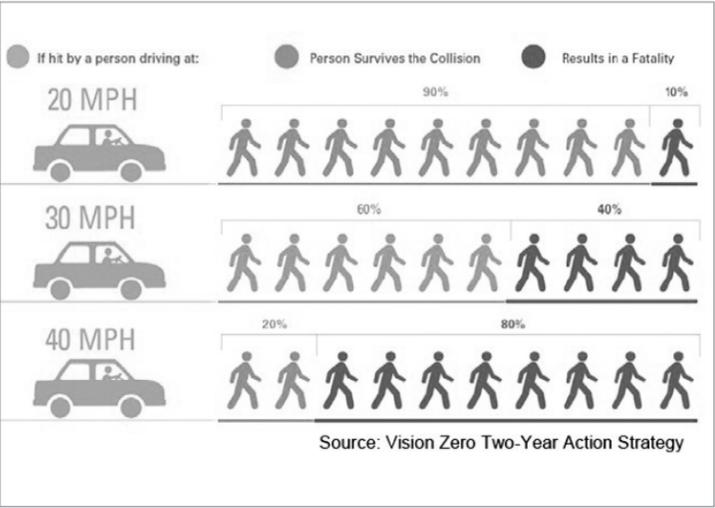
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Twenty is Plenty

by Mark Kristensson

As many of us have discovered during this pandemic, we need more space close to home to recreate. One of the obvious places that many UPark neighbors have found is the publicly owned land in front of their own home: the street! While our streets are a shared space, too many drivers treat them as their birthright and drive like no one else is using the street. Speed is one of the biggest factors in automobile violence, especially in the deaths of pedestrians killed by drivers.

As the chart to the right illustrates, a pedestrian struck by a driver going 30 mph is nearly four times more likely to die than by a driver going 20 mph. Our neighbors in Boulder voted in May to lower the residential speed limit there to 20 mph. Denver needs to do the same as part of its Vision Zero program to eliminate automobile-related deaths in the city. Twenty is Plenty! Learn more at: <https://denverstreetspartnership.org/5593-2>



Thank You, Accelerated Schools!

The UPCC would like to give a warm thank you to Accelerated Schools for the use of their property for our June and July Food Truck Nights.

UPCC — University Park Community Council Voluntary Dues 2020

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 2020. The suggested amount is \$30 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 # _____

Email _____

Street Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Denver Internet Initiative

by Mark Kristensson

The COVID pandemic has reminded many of us how important fast, reliable internet access is. It is not just for streaming movies, but essential infrastructure that enables many in our neighborhood to work, continue their schooling, attend public meetings, and meet with friends while staying socially distant. Unfortunately, there are many in Denver who cannot afford internet access. This means that thousands of children enrolled in Denver Public Schools have been unable to receive any instruction since classes moved online in March.

Internet providers such as Comcast have offered inexpensive bundles to assist families with children. However, the adoption rates for these bundles has been very low and demonstrate the limits of regulated monopolies. The internet, and universal access to it, is an essential piece of public infrastructure, akin to roads and the Postal Service.

The Denver Internet Initiative would opt Denver out of Senate Bill 152, something that 62.5% of Colorado's counties have already done. SB 152 was passed in 2005 at the behest of companies like CenturyLink, Comcast and Verizon, and prevents Colorado counties from doing anything that could cut into their profits, such as offering free internet service in public buildings or providing municipal broadband. Once Denver has opted out of SB 152, we can begin to have conversations about how we can make internet access more equitable across our city.

Learn more at: <https://dii2020.org>

University Park Community Council's Virtual Fall General Meeting

WED., OCTOBER 7TH @ 6:30 p.m.

We will be hosting the meeting via Zoom to ensure the safety of our fellow neighbors. Please email secretary@upcc.us if you would like a link to attend the meeting and invites will be sent out two days prior.

Letter from the President

by Candace Kristensson

As so many of us buttoned up our lives this last spring to protect our friends, family and neighbors from a raging pandemic, I don't think any of us anticipated still being in this mess come October. I would like to acknowledge and thank the many amazing neighbors who have reached out and stepped up to support UPCC and our neighborhood over the spring and summer. The 4th of July celebration was modified to meet our social distancing needs with terrific success. It was fun to see the kids young and old in their red, white and blue cruising through the neighborhood. The over-five crowd seems to be voting for a repeat of the large-scale parade for future years!

As we look toward fall, there is a mix of approaches being implemented to provide our children with schooling. Denver Public Schools will be remote through at least October, but please be aware we have multiple schools in the neighborhood,

with in-person learning for some students and buses continuing to run for some of the private schools. Accelerated School is planning a blended learning model and MPB started the fall in person. With the mixture of approaches being taken, we will need to be on the lookout for kids playing on the neighborhood blocks during all times of the day.

With DPS and specifically University Park Elementary School being closed, we will not be able to hold our October General Meeting in person this year. Our UPCC Secretary Chesney Johnson has put together a virtual meeting invitation (see page 1). As we have seen with the city community outreach meetings, there are pros and cons to the virtual meeting platforms. I will miss getting to greet you in person, but I think this provides an opportunity for more from the neighborhood to attend and become engaged with our neighborhood organization. No need to find a babysitter or leave the comfort of home; we are going to bring the meeting to you!

UPark Tree Advocacy Group Formed

A group of neighborhood volunteers has formed a new committee under the auspices of the UPCC named the Tree Advocacy Group (TAG). The mission of TAG is to protect and enhance the tree canopy within the University Park neighborhood. This active group, co-chaired by Linda Hanselman and Cate Humby, meets regularly. University Park neighbors are invited to join the committee. Some of the efforts of the committee include public education regarding the planting, care and preservation of trees; working with city

government and other neighborhood organizations to develop enhanced protections for trees on public and private lands; and the planting of new trees in the neighborhood. TAG is promoting the awareness and use of the City's "Be a Smart Ash" program. Residents can apply for free trees to be furnished and planted by City staff within available right-of-way space adjacent to neighborhood properties. Please refer to the inserted flyer regarding the Smart Ash program and assistance provided by the TAG committee.

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University Park's History Reveals Many Stories

by Rosemary Stoffel

The Community Preservation Committee is pleased to report that the first phase of our big project is done! We've been working with preservation consultants who compiled a detailed history of our neighborhood, put together an architectural stylebook, and came up with recommendations regarding our most significant buildings.

The \$9,000 project was funded by Historic Denver, with matching funds provided by neighborhood residents. Committee members provided input, materials, and guidance throughout the two-year project. Our next phase will include working with a graduate student in Historic Preservation to put together Story Maps about our history via walking tours and displaying the entire history document via virtual access. We'll feature different architectural styles and are planning other ways of using the information to help educate residents about our unique history. We will have a video available soon on the upcc.us website which will give a complete description of the project.

Every issue of UPWords will include a tidbit about our neighborhood's history. Following is what was discovered about affordability in University Park in the 1930s, when there were efforts to make middle-class homes available.

FHA and Fannie May loans helped jump start post-Depression housing development nationally and in University Park. The FHA goal was "providing maximum accommodation within a minimum of means," and design standards required "small uniformly sized lots to provide both views and privacy" and "integration of landscape features, such as lawns, fences, hedges, shrubbery, and specimen trees, to organize space and give the landscape a flowing, sculptural quality." (*Historic Residential Suburbs*, David Ames and Linda McClelland).

In 1938, the University Park Lumber Company distributed the "Low Cost Homes" plan books, two examples of which are likely still standing.



The "Holland House" at 2340 S. Josephine was designed by architect Eugene Groves in 1932 as a "low-mileage" and affordable home and was designated a Denver Historic Landmark in 2010.

Denver Water's Lead Reduction Program

by Chesney Johnson

Currently homes throughout the UPark neighborhood are receiving a free water pitcher and filter from Denver Water's Lead Reduction Program. All homes that have been identified as possibly having lead service lines will receive these items and continue to receive filters until 6 months after their line has been replaced.

Right now, it is estimated that 64,000-84,000 private homes may have lead lines. This estimate is based on investigations Denver Water is conducting to identify lead service lines. The goal is to replace all these lines over the next 15 years.

How do you know if your home has a lead service line? Go to denverwater.org. Use the Lead Service Line Replacement Map to research whether your address is included. Homes built prior to 1951 are assumed to contain lead pipes. Request a sample lead test. The website also includes a video about how lead gets into pipes, sign-ups for weekly updates, a map of where they are currently replacing lines, and recorded webinars by neighborhood that allowed residents to ask questions and address concerns.

Remembering June Morgan, by Nancy Graham

I have many memories of June, but probably my favorite is that of being a member of her painting group, Artists by Design. June started the group many years ago with the founding principle being that every member had studied under Edith Niblo, an outstanding art teacher for the Denver Public schools. I had asked June about joining her group, but she told me the requirement. At that time, I was teaching art at Place Middle School and one of my students had won the Edith Niblo Award for one of her paintings. But that wasn't enough. I grew up in Illinois and hadn't studied with Edith Niblo.

Some years later, as the members grew older and their number decreased, June decided that I could join. Several others were also allowed to join. Being a member of Artists by Design has meant a lot to me and my painting. Seeing what others were painting and participating in monthly critiques gave me direction and kept me concentrating on becoming a better painter. June had a similar effect on all of us in the group and I will always be grateful to her for finding a way for me to join the group.