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The following residents paid voluntary dues from October 2020 through November 2020:

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## How Your Dues Support Your Neighborhood

All residents of University Park are members of the University Park Community Council. Voluntary dues and donations are integral to the operation of the UPCC, neighborhood events, and publications. The following are available to residents and businesses in University Park:

- Five issues of UPWords delivered to your door.
- Three General Meetings held the first Wednesday of February, May, and October.
- Annual Events: Neighborhood Garage Sale, 4th of July Parade, and Sing and Sleigh Bells (temporarily suspended).
- UPCC's University Park Food Truck Rallies the third Thursdays of May–September (temporarily suspended).
- Monthly email newsletters, the UPCC website, and UPCC Facebook page.
- Special seasonal events and projects for the neighborhood.



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## What's the Story of That House?

by Rosemary Stoffel

Our University Park history project started over two years ago when residents sent up an alarm about the number of our older homes disappearing. The Community Preservation Committee formed as a result and determined that we needed tools to tell residents about our important history, architecture, and significant buildings. Thanks to funding from Historic Denver and neighborhood residents, we were able to hire consultants to research the long story of our neighborhood, explain different architectural styles, and identify our most important homes.

Following is the first of a series of articles about some of those homes, and how they're intertwined with our history. Many of these homes aren't big and grand, but fortunately they remain to tell one piece of our neighborhood story. The next issue of UPWords will feature another home in the "What's the Story of That House?" series.

## The Russell-Trout House, 2111 S. Fillmore St.

by Barb Pahl

My husband and I were looking for a historic home in an established neighborhood in 2008 and we were fortunate to find one directly across from Observatory Park. We were a good match for the seller—he didn't want to see the house torn down as so many others in our neighborhood have been, and we wanted to find a home that helped maintain the historic character of University Park. The house had a fascinating history, great bones, and had been tended to by the previous owner. We have continued to maintain our investment in the house by repairing and repointing our brick chimneys, repairing the original old growth wood windows, and installing custom storm windows, so tight and snug in the window frames that you can't even tell they are there. Right before Halloween, we replaced the louvers for the old attic fan with the original window.

homes for professors and their families. Mathematics Professor Herbert Russell lived in our house from 1892 until 1896 before he and his family moved down the street to 2167 S. Fillmore. Over the next ten years, this house was rented to different people, some of whom boarded university students. (cont. on page 3)

Another significant owner of this house was Owen Bertrum Trout. He was born in Springfield, Ohio and attended Ohio Wesleyan University, founded in 1842 by Methodist leaders. He moved to Denver in 1906 to teach math at Warren Academy, a preparatory high school affiliated with the University of Denver. He later became principal. In 1915, Trout served as DU's registrar. After Warren Academy closed in 1916, Mr. Trout became a math professor at DU in addition to his duties as registrar. Professor

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The history of the house is deeply connected to the University of Denver, as are many older homes in University Park. The house was built in 1892 by the Colorado Seminary, also known as the University of Denver. DU was still in the process of moving from its downtown location to its new home on 80 acres acquired from Rufus "Potato" Clark on a hilltop. It needed housing to attract students and professors to the new campus, so DU purchased an additional 320 acres east of the hilltop in 1886 and platted University Park. Many lots sold immediately to people associated with the university, but many were retained and used to build

**University Park Community Council's  
Virtual Winter General Meeting**  
**WED., FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**  
 Please email [secretary@upcc.us](mailto:secretary@upcc.us) if you would like a link to attend the meeting, and invites will be sent out two days prior. NOTE: a video record of the meeting will be posted on our website.

# Letter from the President

by Candace Kristensson

As we are still in the throes of winter, and the struggles and losses of 2020 are still upon us, the UPCC board continues to be committed to social distancing while working to support our neighborhood. As you receive your newsletter, I do hope that the vaccination of our essential workers is allowing all of us to view the longer days of spring ahead with renewed hope. I know that every member of our family is eagerly anticipating receiving vaccinations and again gathering safely with friends and family. Based on the herculean efforts of scientists and experts to understand and fight this terrible pandemic, I believe that as a nation we can renew our understanding of and passion for scientific discovery and exploration, and also our faith in public health and each other.

As I reflect closer to home on the work done by UPCC these past two years, I am amazed and thankful for the efforts of our committees, the resilience of the

community, and the opportunities, we hope, to see each other IN PERSON this summer. Unfortunately, our February General Meeting will again be online. But as we have learned through this almost full year of virtual meetings, not all of it is negative: it allows for some neighbors to attend who otherwise would be unavailable. I, for one, have been able to attend more city and Inter-Neighborhood Coalition meetings while taking care of kids, dishes, and bedtime routines. And just as we learned with our larger neighborhood-wide 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, including more people and a wider age range of participation is favorable.

This is my second-to-last president's letter, and I hope that next time I can announce that we will be meeting in person for our May General Meeting and board elections. Let me know if there is interest in virtual access as well as in-person attendance, and I will see how we can facilitate such. In the meantime, please plan to join us via Zoom on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Winter Tree Care

by Matt Wester

We all notice trees this time of year as we chase the last leaves out of gutters and hang lights and other ornaments to celebrate the seasons. But how should we care for our trees in the winter?

Winter can be a good time to get trees trimmed since wounds close faster before growth begins again with warmer weather. Winter watering helps ensure trees have consistent moisture to ward off pests, disease, and other ailments. Nobody looks forward to getting the hose out, but when you do, here are tips and best practices from our City Forester and Denver Water:

### How Often, How Much and How?

Aim to water one to two times per month during the winter. Use 10-20 gallons of water for every inch of diameter of tree. Water slowly. To ensure deep penetration, use a deep root needle, soaker hose on low setting, or soft spray wand to apply

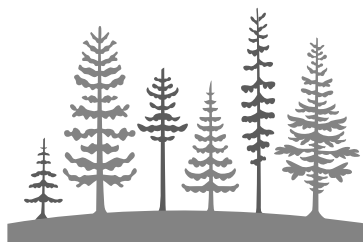
water to the full area within the drip line (the root zone directly underneath the full span of a tree's branches). Gallons/minute vary with these tools so calculate your watering times accordingly.

### Where?

Water a wide area. Tree root systems may spread two to three times wider than the height of the tree, with most absorbing roots in the top foot of soil. Apply water to many locations within the drip line.

### When?

Water mid-day during warm winter days (above 40 degrees) so that water soaks into the ground before freezing.



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Trout lived in a rented home at 1984 S. Columbine before purchasing this house in 1917 from the Colorado Seminary. He lived here with his wife Louise and son Owen Bertrum Trout, Jr. until his death in 1929 from influenza. Newspapers as far away as Havre, Montana recognized him as one of the leading college educators in the region. His widow continued to live in the home until 1962.

Many of the professors who lived in University Park around the turn of the 20th century had gardens and livestock. The Trout family purchased the two lots south of the home in 1920 and planted fruit trees on the property. These lots were sold in the 1950s for the construction of new homes. My husband Rob and I are now retired and have been working with the Community Preservation Committee to identify homes like ours that have early associations with the University of Denver. It has been gratifying to learn that while many of the houses built by or for professors have been demolished, many are still standing and have been lovingly preserved by their owners. In the next few months, we will present some of their stories to neighborhood residents.



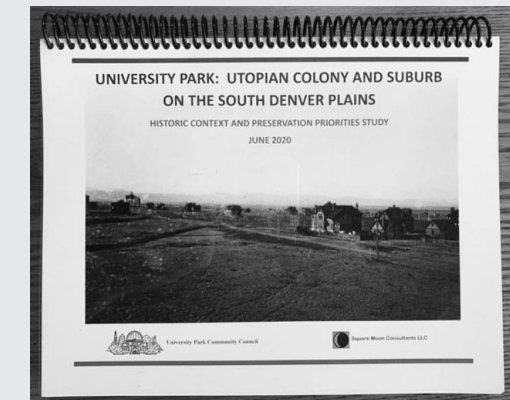
Owen Trout and the Russell-Trout House

## UPark History Book Available

We are offering pre-order sales of *University Park: Utopian Colony and Suburb on the South Denver Plains—Historic Context and Historic Preservation Priorities*. This publication is the result of extensive research by Square Moon Consultants (Barbara and Jim Steely), funded by the Historic Denver Action Grant and UPCC.

The 182 pages of this engaging, colorful book are filled with historic images, maps and a bibliography. It chronicles the establishment of University Park from the 1880s to 1969. It also includes an architectural style guide filled with photographs and accessible descriptions. It features colored dividers for each time frame and a spiral binding.

Pre-ordered copies are \$40. To pre-order your copy: Please include your name, address, email and phone number and send a check made out to UPCC to: Ryan Zorn (Attn: Pre-order Book) P.O. Box 102407, Denver, CO 80250



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