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Platt Park neighborhood trash pickup event redux

by Greg Pulliam

Platt Park resident Sheri Mounteer stepped forward again to initiate a second trash pickup event in the neighborhood. The event was a collaborative effort between the Platt Park People's Association, neighbors, and local merchants. The City contributed safety vests, gloves, and trash bags. The neighborhood's [first trash pickup event](#) took place last November 6.

A beautiful, clear, spring Saturday morning greeted the nearly 25 neighbors who gathered at 9 a.m. June 4 in Platt Park for the event. Participants were rewarded at the beginning with coffee provided by Kaladi Coffee and mini Duffeyrolls provided by Duffeyroll Café. Apple juice and water were provided by 3PA.

Before everyone headed out to pick up trash, Nia, a young Platt Park neighbor, encouraged Platt Park residents to explore Denver's Sustainable Neighborhoods program and explained its objectives. We are hoping to have an article from Nia in a future Platt Park Post about the Sustainable Neighborhoods program and how we can support it.

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The Platt Park People's Association, a city of Denver Registered Neighborhood Organization, serves more than 3,000 homes and businesses in the neighborhood bounded by Broadway on the West, Downing on the East, I-25 on the North and Evans on the South. 3PA membership is open to all neighbors and business owners who live and own property within these boundaries. Have a voice in your neighborhood and with the city: Join 3PA.

Check out our website. Stay informed, learn about upcoming events, and more!

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3PA May 24 general meeting

3PA's General Meeting took place the evening of May 24. Thank you to the approximately 35 neighbors who participated, and to our presenters (see below)! And, thank you greatly to Highlands Church for again offering the use of your facilities for the meeting!

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Neighborhood Notes

A happy summer to you all. So nice to be heading into the season not having COVID-19 hanging over our heads as in the past two years. Fingers crossed it stays that way and we can get back to our normal Platt Park pace of life.

Things sure look to be back to normal. The Farmers Market is back better than ever with a great turn out each week. A casual stroll down South Pearl Street on any given evening finds the restaurants filled with happy patrons — the same holds for Broadway. It seems most of our local businesses survived the difficult times well and some even thrived. Great to see.

Making the biggest splash on South Pearl is the recent opening of **Jack's on Pearl**, located at 1532 S. Pearl St. next to Izakaya Den. Jack's bought out The Tavern that closed around the start of the pandemic.

The Tavern had invested big in creating the new building but the concept of a bustling sports bar never really caught on. The owners and creators of Jack's took on the project with a big vision and seemingly a bigger budget. No cosmetic remodel here, they essentially recreated the space into something entirely new. The only familiar feature of the new restaurant was the best part of the old Tavern — the large outdoor patio on the second floor. Everything else is pretty much new and redesigned.

The lower level of Jack's is now the primary dining room. The space feels open and bright and still retains some outdoor seating along the street. In the back are wood-fired ovens and a chef's table enabling patrons to watch a lot of the action and smell the pecan wood as it seasons the food. There is a full bar of course on the main level and then my personal favorite, an oyster bar serving up fresh shucked raw oysters or for the slightly intimidated you can have them cooked in various delectable ways.

Upstairs is a more casual setting with a different menu. There is seating both indoors, around the large central bar or, of course, on the large outdoor patio. There are outdoor fireplaces and a few TVs if you want to catch a game, but unlike the TVs at the Tavern, they are not ubiquitous so easy to tune out if they are not your thing.

The biggest test of any new restaurant is the food. Great surroundings with so-so food will not in the end win the day. I'm happy to report that I found the food amazing and

have been back now three times since it opened — don't think I've ever done that before at any new restaurant here or anywhere.

The one item you have to try are, of course, the oysters. But moving on from that, the grilled pecan shrimp is one of the best shrimp dishes I've ever tried. The shrimp capture the smoke from the pecan wood-fired oven and they are served with a chimichurri sauce — yum! I've had the shaved Wagyu beef French dip with gruyere cheese and horseradish aioli twice now. The chicken tenders are perfect and if you want a good splurge-meal opt for the 7-ounce Duke Reserve filet, which is a perfectly cooked 28-day, wet-aged filet topped with Calabrian peppers and seasoned butter. OMG, so good!

Upstairs Jack's offers a weekly happy hour Tuesday-Saturday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. with a great list of discounted drinks and food off the main evening menu. If you're into cocktails at all then try the Jack's Millionaire Martini that actually has gold flakes in it. Live like an Instagram influencer and for only \$12 — bling-bling.

Jack's also has a Sunday brunch starting at 10 a.m., so hit the farmers market then polish off the mornings with chicken and waffles or Captain Crunch French toast. Enough said...you get the idea. Get out and give it a try. I think you'll love it.

What happened to Ototo Den at 1501 S. Pearl St.? I'm still wondering as well. Last I spoke to the staff at Sushi Den, they were still having post-COVID staffing challenges. Simply not enough trained staff to get it up and running yet; same goes for lunch openings. I'm sure it's coming eventually. The empire will not be denied.

La Doña Mezcaleria, the sister restaurant to Adelitas, located at Louisiana Avenue and Broadway (13 E. Louisiana Ave. to be exact) has expanded seating now. The space where the short-lived ice cream shop was has been opened up to provide indoor seating but with large rollup garage doors openings — the perfect place to dine if the sun is too hot or the rains are coming. La Doña serves many of the same items from the Adelitas menu but in a fun patio environment and of course Mezcal-centric cocktails are the featured drinks.

If it seems the **fence of impending death** is popping up more and more around the neighborhood indicating the

Neighborhood Notes, *cont.*

soon-to-be destruction of yet another home, then you are not mistaken. Scraps and new construction homes have always been a part of our neighborhood and have always been greeted with mixed emotions.

Ten-plus years ago the new construction was dominated by new duplexes appearing anywhere there was a 6,000-square-foot lot. The zoning code rewrite of 2011 pretty much ended that. For the last ten years scraps have been mostly limited to homes that probably were needing to go anyway due to their overall condition. What seemed untouchable however were nice bungalows that had an inherent value in their charm and character. Those days appear to be gone as more and more of those succumb to the bulldozer. What is happening?

Economics is the answer simply put. In the past the value of a home with a bungalow was high enough that it did not make sense to scrape one and build a new home as the cost to do so made it unprofitable. Until 2015 no homes in Platt Park sold for more than \$1 million. That has dramatically changed, as we are now seeing sales of new construction homes approaching the \$3 million mark and almost half of all homes sold in the neighborhood are over \$1 million.

A builder purchasing a home for close to \$1 million can still turn a profit if in the end they can sell it for \$3 million. The numbers work. Add to that the incredible popularity of the neighborhood and you have an environment where this likely will continue.

It will however not happen fast and there will always be plenty of home buyers who want to preserve the charm of the old who will win out over the builders, but, it would seem, the gradual change is inevitable. The fence of death is here to stay.

Well, that seemed like a bummer way to end this version of Neighborhood Notes. Sorry. Scraps or no this is still the best place to be in Denver. Have a great start to your summer!

See you around the neighborhood,

Tom Snyder



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Save water to save ourselves: seven easy ways to drastically cut water use at home

by Jen Grauer

It's getting dry out there! It's time to cut our water consumption big time. Ready?!

Without air, water and food humans cannot survive. [We have entered a global water crisis](#) that we see directly in the western U.S. (even while some areas flood). We need to reduce the amount of water we use, by a lot and we need to start today!

First, let's take a look at our water statements. How much is your household using each month? Denver Water outlines gold star water use:

Household of 5 people = 6,100 gallons per month

Household of 4 people = 4,880 gallons per month

Household of 3 people = 3,660 gallons per month

Household of 2 people = 2,440 gallons per month

If you thought you were conserving water but now realize you aren't meeting these numbers (like me!), you can be a top performer by taking strategic and consistent actions in your home today.

Let's look at where residents use water at home to address the top water siphons directly.

OUTDOORS: 50% of total residential water use (during the summer)

1. **Water only after sunset** instead of when the sun quickly evaporates the water. Watering in the morning is better than at noon but also allows less time for water to soak before the sun rises to evaporate the water. To prevent mold on plants, which happens when water sits on leaves all night, use a drip line.
2. **Take this summer to kill all or some of your grass** ([learn why/how here](#)) instead of watering it all summer. This gift of time will make it easier to replace your lawn with low water/low maintenance [native flowers and plants](#), [dog tuff grass](#), or a [conversation area](#), saving money on your water bills and saving time/expense of grass cutting and weeding. Is a big perfectly green lawn more important than water for drinking, growing food, washing and fighting fires? [Water supplies almost ran dry while fighting the Marshall Fire this winter.](#)

TOILET: 12% total (24% of indoor use)

3. Flush less instead of using water to dispose of tissues,

hair, and floss (which can all clog pipes). Toss trash in the trash (hair and tissues in the compost). If you have an old toilet, replace it with a [WaterSense](#) single flush (1.28 gallons/flush) or a dual flush (1.6 gallons for solid waste and 0.8 gallons for liquid waste)! Toilets installed before 1982 can use up to 7 gallons of water per flush!

SHOWER AND BATH: 12% total (24% of indoor use)

4. Set a timer before you shower and shower fewer days instead of long, daily (twice daily) showers. If you have a standard newer showerhead, it is sending 2.5 gallons of water down the drain every minute, 25 gallons of water for a 10-minute shower! A 20-minute shower uses more water than the 42 gallons a standard tub takes to fill. Older, full-flow shower heads use up to 8 gallons per minute, compared with the best [low flow showerheads](#) that only use 1.5 gallons per minute. Try timing how long you usually shower (Whoa! That's more than some humans on earth use in one day!), and then start setting an alarm to go off 5 minutes sooner. With a population of 2,897,000, if everyone reduced their shower time by 5 minutes a day, we'd save **36,212,500 gallons of water daily** and a whopping 253,487,500 gallons a week in Denver alone! In a month we'd save the equivalent of 80,472 swimming pools full of water in Denver! Reducing the number of days/times you shower can help save even more water.

FAUCETS: 8% total (16% of indoor use)

5. **Store drinking water in a pitcher** instead of running the water until cold each time you want a drink. You will save time and an average of 2.2 gallons of water every minute. Keep the pitcher in the fridge if you like your water super cold.
6. **Scrape food into a compost container** instead of rinsing scraps of food down the drain, saving our precious water and reducing greenhouse gas methane that forms in landfills from rotting food (increasing our temps, sending us further into a drought). [Most newer dishwashers surprisingly work better if dishes are not pre-rinsed.](#)

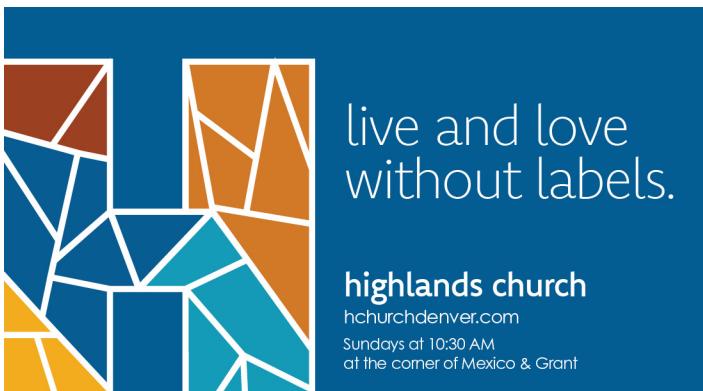
PRICE INCREASES

7. Support increasing the cost of water beyond basic needs and the conservation levels set by Denver Water

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Big THANK YOUS from 3PA

Highlands Church (1800 S. Grant St.) again generously offered its sanctuary as the venue for 3PA's General Meeting on May 24, as reported elsewhere in this issue of the Platt Park Post. 3PA held its first post-COVID-restrictions, in-person meeting at the church in November 2021. THANK YOU Highlands Church for being an integral part of what makes Platt Park wonderful!



The Ruffly Rose (1611 S. Pearl St.) has been graciously allowing 3PA to put up yard signs advertising 3PA events on its property at the corner of South Pearl Street and East Iowa Avenue. Most recently, signs for the May 24 general meeting and the June 4 trash pickup event were displayed at The Ruffly Rose. THANK YOU The Ruffly Rose for your neighborly contributions to 3PA and our community!



McKinley Thatcher Elementary School

For information <https://mckinleythatcher.dpsk12.org/get-involved/school-auction/>

Grant Beacon Middle School

For information: <https://www.bnsk12.org/gbms/>

Denver South High School update

by Alexa Schlechter

Our Denver South community celebrated our Class of 2022 graduates at the University of Denver's Magness Arena May 17. These amazing Ravens earned a combined total of \$15,733,054 (and still growing!) in scholarships and plan to enter careers and attend prestigious universities all over the country.

Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

- Alexandra Bernal: Denver Public Schools Retired Educator Scholarship
- Cole Buran: National Merit Scholarship
- Talia Cardin: Boettcher Scholarship
- Natalie Guerra: Greenhouse Scholar
- Jake Hodas: Denver Public Schools Retired Educator Scholarship
- Samir Monger: Sean Ranch Lough Foundation Scholarship; Greenhouse Scholar
- Kayla Morrison: Greenhouse Scholar
- Alyssa Robertson: National Merit Scholarship, Denver Public Schools Retired Educator Scholarship
- Sophie Wilshire: National Merit Scholarship
- Valantina Zeremariam: Sachs Foundation Scholar

In April, we held our athletic signing day event with staff, students, and families. We are proud and pleased to announce the following senior student-athletes of the Class of 2022 will take their academic and athletic talents to the collegiate level next year!

- Gage Anderson: University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, track
- Maddi Baldwin: Whittier College, lacrosse
- Alexandra Bernal: Oberlin College, lacrosse
- Xavier Cardinal: CSU Pueblo, football
- Quaid Hunt: Central Washington University, rugby
- Taeyonna Johnson: Western Colorado State University, cheerleading
- Mae Swenson: Flagler College, soccer
- Sara Wexler: Harvey Mudd College, cross country/track

Our inaugural career fair in April saw a great turnout and many students left with interviews or jobs. Employers had such positive feedback about our South community. They described students as being kind, articulate, and impressive. Our graduates plan to pursue careers in construction trades, computer programming, hospitality, health care, education, and many other exciting fields.

Please join us in wishing our Denver South graduates much success in their post-secondary journeys.

3PA Board of Directors

Joe opened the meeting by thanking retiring 3PA Vice-President/Acting President, Benda Holder for her years of service to 3PA and as a board member. Joe also gave a brief summary of needs that 3PA is facing and expressed appreciation for the number of neighbors who have offered to serve on 3PA's Board of Directors.

District 3 Community Resource Officer

Officer Kate Young is one of the CROs serving the Platt Park area of Denver Police District 3. She provided the following useful information:

- The next Citizen's Advisory Group (CAG) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5 at 6 p.m. District 3 Station, 1625 S. University Blvd. The CROs hold a question-and-answer session before the meeting.
- Coffee with Cops is another opportunity to ask police-related questions. Nixon's Coffee House, 695 E Louisiana Ave., hosts the sessions on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.
- District 3 Station loans kits to etch the Vehicle Identification Number of your car on the car's catalytic converter. Call the station at 720-913-1300 for specifics on obtaining a loaner kit.
- Don't leave your car's valet keys or portable garage door openers in your car.
- Theft-deterring license plate screws continue to be available at no charge at the District 3 Station. Screws may be obtained seven days a week, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Owners of older cars or high-theft cars (twitter.com/BroomfieldPD/status/151432489446451639) may qualify to receive a free anti-theft device — The Club — at the District 3 station.

A neighbor asked why there are not more stop signs, especially considering the increased traffic and speeding occurring on certain of our streets. Officer Young explained that federal regulations specify requirements for stop-sign installation and often constrain locations where stop signs can be installed. Councilmember Jolon Clark complemented Officer Young's explanation by providing more detail.

If neighbors want a specific intersection reviewed for stop sign placement, they may contact Councilmem-

ber Clark (jolon.clark@denvergov.org), and his office will connect you with Colorado Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI)

Treasurer's Report

3PA Treasurer Joe Beierl distributed copies of the 2022 3PA Financial Summary, which included annual budget versus actual through April 2022. Through April, receipts have been \$3,785 (dues and Platt Park Post advertising revenue) versus budget for the year of \$5,050; and disbursements have been \$2,595 versus budget for year of \$5,000. The largest disbursement is for publishing the Platt Park Post: \$2,023 expended through April versus budget for the year of \$3,650. In response to a question from the floor, Joe said 3PA has approximately 185 dues-paying members.

Events Report

Board member Greg Pulliam reported on two events:

- June 4 – Neighborhood Trash Pickup event (see separate article in this issue of the Platt Park Post).
- August – Combined Movie Night and Picnic. The event will occur on a Saturday in August, with date and time to be announced. "Babe" will again be the movie, since it was rained out in August 2021.

Councilmember Jolon Clark

Jolon began with a shout-out to the nearby neighbors for their organized active opposition to the proposed licensing of a cannabis consumption lounge at 1800 S. Broadway (see separate article in this issue). The proposed lounge, Cloud 9, retracted its license application shortly before a scheduled May 11 hearing date.

Next, he summarized some of the changes to development fees as a result of Denver's new Expanding Housing Affordability proposal, which includes provisions for mandatory affordable housing and an update to the existing linkage fees. New residential buildings of 10 or more units would have to dedicate a certain percentage of units as affordable in exchange for certain parking and permit fee reductions. Non-residential projects and residential projects of nine units and fewer would continue to pay linkage fees which support the city's Affordable Housing Fund. The linkage fees were increased to bring Denver more in line with other cities nationally. For more information, [GO HERE](#).

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Everything you need to know about planting a new tree

by Denver Office of the City Forester

So, you want to plant a tree?

It's June in the Mile High City, and spring has long sprung. The time is right for successful Denver tree planting. By choosing to plant a tree in Denver, you're choosing to contribute to the city's urban canopy.

Here is everything you need to know about planting a new tree.

What type of tree should you plant?

The first thing you might be thinking about is what you want to plant. There are so many trees available, it can get overwhelming. And it's important to plant a tree that will grow and thrive in its surroundings. Luckily, we've compiled a list of some of the [best trees to plant in Denver](#), based on our unique climate.

You've picked your tree. Now what?

There are a few ways you can go about planting your new tree:

- Choose a Denver landscape professional or [hire an arborist](#) to plant your new tree.
- Get your hands dirty and plant your tree yourself with these [step-by-step instructions](#) from Colorado State University.
- If you're interested in planting a tree in the public right-of-way adjacent to your Denver property, [apply for a free tree](#) through Denver's Office of the City Forester. If your request is approved, we'll deliver and plant the tree for you!

Keep in mind that regardless of which option you choose, it doesn't happen overnight – it takes about 2-3 years of ideal conditions for a 2-inch caliper tree to establish. Although it's a commitment, it's well worth it.

When to plant your new tree?

Now! 'Tis the season for tree planting in Denver. Know why? Milder temperatures are less harsh on young trees when they are first getting established. Another tip: planting trees that are currently dormant or "sleeping," like they are this time of year, also reduces the tree's stress when it's dug from the tree nursery to be transported and replanted in your yard.

Where to plant your tree?

Make sure there's room for a new tree in your public right-of-way, especially if you're [applying for a free tree](#). We recommend following the same spacing guidelines on private property.

Tree vitality tips to ensure your new tree survives

You did the research, you made a commitment and you planted a tree. Now, how can you ensure your tree continues to grow and thrive for many years to come? Here are Denver's Office of the City Forester's top tips for tree vitality:

1. Check soil moisture and [water more frequently](#) during periods of drought and prolonged heat, but be careful not to overwater.
2. Keep a mulch ring around young trees. This keeps the tree safe from mower and string trimmer damage, which can be an entry for pests and disease. It also holds moisture in and protects against temperature extremes. It decomposes and adds nutrients to the soil, too!
3. Staking is usually unnecessary unless the tree has a severe lean that needs to be corrected or is exposed to high winds, such as in Northeast Denver, where the winds blow a little harder.
4. Until your tree is established, you may not see much growth from the crown—that's normal!
5. Fertilizing is not recommended. If you want to improve soil conditions, try vertical mulching or adding compost to the entire area.
6. Healthy trees can fight off many pests and small wounds without intervention. Keep your tree healthy by making sure it gets enough [water all year round](#).
7. Suckers, or young stems sprouting from the base of your tree's trunk, indicate a stressed tree, so [prune them back](#) and make sure you're not over or under watering.
8. If you need additional help caring for your tree, you can [hire an experienced arborist](#) to help with pruning, tree removal, emergency tree care, planting and more.

They say the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time? Today. So, invest in your own future, your kids' and grandkids' future – and the future of the city, too – because when it comes to planting a tree or two in Denver, it benefits us all for generations to come.

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Help make Platt Park even more awesome

by Mark Newton

So, we've already established — many times! — that Platt Park is a wonderful place to live and work. Once again and with that in mind, your neighborhood newsletter is packed full of tips to make the neighborhood — our neighborhood — all the better. (All information is provided via the [City of Denver website](#).)

Neighborhood Inspections

In order to protect the safety, health, and welfare of all residents, city regulations require that property owners keep their properties safe and well-maintained. To accomplish this task, Denver has roughly two dozen “zoning and neighborhood inspectors” (Z/NIS), who handle public education and code enforcement throughout the city’s 155 square miles.

[denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Community-Planning-and-Development/Neighborhood-Inspections](#)

Zoning and Neighborhood Inspections (ZNIS)

Please email or call for an appointment to visit zoning and neighborhood inspections.

Email: Neighborhood.InspectionService@denvergov.org (preferred)

Phone: 720-865-2505, option 6. Inspectors are available by phone from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Jeff Evans, City Inspector Supervisor

720-865-2875 or Jeffrey.Evans@denvergov.org

Please use the [DevelopDENVER mapping tool](#) to find your specific Neighborhood and Zoning Inspector.

Neighborhood Sidewalk Repair

Denver paused inspections related to its Neighborhood Sidewalk Repair Program in 2020 amid the economic downturn created by the COVID-19 public health crisis. Changes to the program are forthcoming with the goal of streamlining processes. We'll provide additional information about program changes on this website as the information becomes available.

[denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Department-of-Transportation-and-Infrastructure/Programs-Services/Pedestrians/Sidewalks](#)

To report a property concern or neighborhood complaint, please visit [Denver's 311 Help center](#) or dial 3-1-1 by phone.

Traffic Enforcement and Safety

You have the right to be safe on streets and sidewalks no matter where you go or how you get there. Traffic crashes occur every year in the City and County of Denver, involving vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, motorized scooters, and pedestrians. Several have resulted in serious injuries and fatalities and, unfortunately, crashes may continue to result in the same outcomes due to risky behaviors such as speeding,

distracted driving, impaired driving, not wearing a helmet, or not following crosswalk signals.

[denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Police-Department/Traffic-Enforcement-and-Safety](#)

The speed limit in neighborhoods is 20 miles per hour. A speed trailer can be requested to help reduce speeding and motor vehicle crashes in our neighborhood. For more information, call the Neighborhood Enforcement Team at 720-337-1030.

Bike Parking in the Right of Way

Bicycle parking is an important element to Denver's mobility system. Providing parking for bicycles near employment, retail, and other destinations ensures equitable options for multimodal transportation. Adequate bicycle parking is good for business, increases ridership, offers an alternative to driving, and decreases the demand for automobile parking.

[denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Department-of-Transportation-and-Infrastructure/Programs-Services/Bicycles/Bike-Parking](#)

Suggest Locations for Bike Parking

Have you been biking around the city and wished you could find more bike parking? Tell us about it! Suggest locations within the public right of way that can enhance the city's bike parking network.

[denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/transportation-infrastructure/programs-services/bicycles/bike-parking/feedback.html](#)

Iowa Underpass Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Construction Update

In order to keep the project moving, the work has been split into two separate construction packages: South Platte Greenway Access Sidewalk Improvements and Iowa Underpass.

[denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Department-of-Transportation-and-Infrastructure/Programs-Services/Projects/Iowa-Underpass](#)

Louisiana and South Pearl Street Intersection Improvement

The City and County of Denver will alleviate frequent flooding at the intersection of Louisiana Avenue and South Pearl Street by making necessary surface and inlet improvements. The project also includes new crosswalk striping, ADA compliant curb ramps and maintained shared bicycle lanes to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety and comfort. Final design was expected by December 2021, with construction beginning in Spring 2022.

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District 7 update

Happy summer!

by Jolon Clark, Councilmember

In an unexpected and last-minute twist, an applicant for a Marijuana Sales and Hospitality License officially withdrew the application from Excise and Licenses and the application is not moving forward.

Many Platt Park neighbors worked on the Marijuana Sales and Hospitality License that was submitted for consideration at 1800 S. Broadway, called Cloud 9. The owner of Cloud 9 is the same landlord as the former business, Habibi Hookah, which concerned neighbors because Habibi was shut down through the city's Nuisance and Abatement program due to crime.

Neighbors complained to my office for years about out-crowd issues and safety concerns, finally prompting the city to escalate enforcement. Neighbors gathered petitions, collected statements, received letters of opposition from surrounding neighborhood associations and all four councilmembers that overlapped in the area, and prepared for the Needs and Desires hearing, which operates like an informal court.

This new hospitality license allows businesses to let people legally consume cannabis on site and Cloud 9 would have been one of the first establishments with this business model in the city.

The withdrawal of the Cloud 9 application doesn't preclude future applicants from applying, and should that happen, my office will continue to engage and communicate with neighbors.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your council member and represent Platt Park, the neighborhood I call home, for the past seven years. Last month, I announced that I will not be running for a third term in 2023. I am so proud of the work we were able to do together to secure \$40 million a year of new funding for parks and open space, to create and fund a brand new office in the city dedicated to tackling climate change head on, to install Denver's first rainbow crosswalk on Broadway to celebrate our amazing LGBTQ+ community, to require single-stall bathrooms to have gender neutral signage so that everyone feels safe and has access to the bathroom, to repeal the "tampon tax" and properly classify period products as essential items, to secure millions of dollars from the general fund and from two bond initiatives for bike, pedestrian, and other infrastructure projects in the district, and so much more!

I cannot thank you enough for electing me to be your voice

with my vote and to be in the room where it happens to represent you. The next election takes place in April 2023 and the new council person will be sworn in July 2023, so please continue to reach out to my office with your questions, concerns, and ideas!

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Sheri said she was again pleased with how the event turned out. "It is refreshing to live in a neighborhood where people want to do their part to keep it clean," she said. "It was a beautiful day, everyone had fun, every family received a gift certificate from one of our local merchants, and most importantly, we picked up a lot of trash!"

"The event really connected us even more to Platt Park," said Charlie Knight, who participated with his wife Suzanne. "People were very happy to see us in our yellow vests and told us how much they appreciated what we were doing. We also met a lot of very friendly dogs. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful neighborhood with so many engaged neighbors."

Sheri was relentless in obtaining the gift certificates that were raffled to participants at the end of the event.

Merchants generously contributing gift certificates were:

Adelita's	adelitasco.com
Bird	birddenver.com/menu
Chook Charcoal Chicken	chookchicken.com
Hazel Bar	hazel.bar
Hoja	hojadenver.com

La Chiva

lachivacolombian.com

Snarf's

eatsnarfs.com

The Whole Cat & Dogs, Too

facebook.com/TheWholeCatandDogsToo

The trash pickup covered all 3PA streets — east and west from Downing to Broadway, and north and south from Mississippi and Buchtel to Evans. Each team of volunteers came back with bags filled with trash. Thank you to all who participated!

Sheri said she is planning to work with 3PA to organize another neighborhood trash pickup event in the fall.

"I encourage everyone to try to keep the neighborhood clean by doing their part," Sheri said. "We are planning to make this a yearly event, so I hope to see you all (at the next event)!"

Until then, please remain vigilant to trash and litter along Platt Park's sidewalks and streets. Follow Sheri's example and take a small bag for trash with you on your walks.



Neighbors gathered at the recent neighborhood cleanup

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Clark briefly addressed proposals that are being considered to regulations for Denver's solid-waste management. Approximately 75 percent of Denver's solid waste could be recycled or composted, but at present only about 26 percent is being beneficially managed in these ways. The remaining 74 percent is going to solid-waste landfills.

To work toward reversing these percentages, Council is considering the following changes to solid-waste collection in Denver:

All households would get compost bins (green) as part of basic waste service, at no additional charge.

Recycling bins (purple) would be collected weekly (now biweekly).

Monthly fees would be assessed per household, based on the size of the standard trash bin (black) — the smaller the bin, the lower the fee.

Jolon said that Denver's climate action rebates cover more items than just e-bikes (rebates for which are presently on hold). The rebates cover things such as converting to electric water heaters or heat pumps, converting to solar and many others.

He also highlighted the \$350 million in federal funding that has been awarded this year for flood risk reduction and aquatic ecosystem restoration projects on the South Platte River.

Jolon's final remark was stating his previously announced decision not to run for re-election as District 7's Councilmember in 2023. He expressed his great appreciation for having had the privilege of serving Platt Park and the rest of District 7 for two terms. He said he looks forward to continue living in and supporting Platt Park when his council term expires. The members in attendance thanked Jolon for his work over the past seven years on behalf of Platt Park.

3PA Board Member Election

Joe Beierl noted that more neighbors had expressed interest in being nominated to the 3PA Board than he had seen in a long time. Expressions of interest were received from 17 neighbors.

Benda Holder, who has been a board member for more than four years and acting president for the preceding two years, decided not to run for re-election.

The 3PA bylaws provide that the Board may consist of up to 15 members. Charles Knight moved that a slate of 13 neighbors be elected as a group, rather than individual voting per nominee. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Subsequently, Cindy Parmenter moved that the slate of candidates standing for election as a group be expanded to 15 neighbors. This motion was seconded, and it also passed unanimously.

Each candidate then gave a brief statement of their Platt Park background and her or his interest in being a 3PA Board member. Joe then called for a vote for the full slate of 15 candidates, and the slate was approved unanimously by the attending members.

The members of the 3PA Board for the coming year will be the neighbors listed below.

- Ashley Arroyo* 1500 blk S. Corona
- Chris Klein 2000 blk S. Pearl
- Nora Baldwin 1800 blk S. Washington
- Charles Knight 1600 blk S. Pearl
- Jen Beason 1600 blk S. Emerson
- Listy Lehman 1500 blk S. Clarkson
- Joe Beierl* 1500 blk S. Logan
- Greg Pulliam* 1600 blk S. Logan
- Nick Bottinelli 1800 blk S. Pearl
- Julia Richman 1400 blk S. Pennsylvania
- Stasi Bottinelli 1800 blk S. Pearl
- Brian Voss 1800 blk S. Washington
- Terry Eschner 1500 blk S. Emerson
- Mary Zirkle 1800 blk S. Washington
- Dave Eyvazzadeh 1200 blk S. Pennsylvania

*Returning Board member

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to reflect the reality of decreasing water levels in our desert environment. Of course, we want everyone to be able to afford water for basic needs, but beyond that, we need to start charging significantly more for water. Recognizing that money is the primary driver of change in our country, increasing the cost of extraneous water use is the fastest way to change our habits and conserve water.

Saving water is not just nice but necessary for our survival. When it keeps coming out of our tap, and the price of water doesn't reflect just how limited the resource is in the west (and around the world), it doesn't feel real and we can more easily pretend it isn't happening.

To preserve enough water for drinking, growing food, washing, and fighting fires, let's start having conversations in our homes and challenge each other to drastically reduce water use to at least meet the Denver Water guides listed above.

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South Broadway & I-25 Improvement Projects

The City and County of Denver is redesigning the interchange of I-25 and Broadway. The improvements aim to create a safe and efficient area for all transportation modes pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and automobile.

<https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Department-of-Transportation-and-Infrastructure/Programs-Services/Projects/South-Broadway-I-25>

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