

# PLATT PARK **Post**

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## Merry Everything and Happy New Year!

by Jennifer Beason, 3PA President

**C**ue the music...it's the most wonderful time of the year! Platt Park has quickly transformed from a spooky playground into a winter wonderland. It is hard to believe that New Year's Eve is right around the corner.

The end of the year brings an opportunity to give thanks and reflect on another year gone by. For my last Platt Park Post update, I thought about creating a listicle à la "12 Days of Christmas" beginning with your 12 new board members. Alas, we are 15 altogether, and I couldn't find an 11, so that idea was short-lived.

Instead, please allow me to share three updates (sans creativity) as we close out the year and look ahead to 2023:

**Forward, Together.** October's General Neighborhood Meeting was a hit! With more than 50 neighbors in attendance, we heard updates on 3PA's vision for 2023, learned more about how the Parks and Recreation Department is keeping Platt Park safe from Ranger Matt Paul, South Denver Supervisor, and came together as a community to discuss issues in our neighborhood and those on the ballot. Click to see the [complete agenda](#) or if you would like to see a replay of the meeting, [click here](#). Save the date for the next general meeting. Check the [website](#) for details.

**Keeping Platt Park Awesome.** We [listened](#) to your feedback, and with support from neighbor Nora Weiser who guided us through strategic visioning and SMART goals, have created a plan for 2023. Our newly established vision: Building a vibrant and welcoming community for the future. 3PA has committed to focus on the following areas to help bring this vision and our [mission](#) to life in the near term: 1) We will continue to represent the voices of Platt Park within the neighborhood and the greater Denver community. 2) We will increase community engagement through a robust communications strategy to meet the needs of our dynamic neighborhood. 3) We will work with law enforcement, the park district, and city officials in support of solutions that address issues of crime and safety. We are a volunteer organization, but there is a lot we can do to keep Platt Park awesome — if we do it together!

**FAQs.** We get a lot of questions in the [3PA inbox](#), but this time of year, the most frequently asked question has been about snow removal. Some are in need of help to shovel sidewalks and others want to offer their volunteer services. We recommend [applying online to Denver's Snow Angels program](#) or with [Volunteers of America Colorado's Snow Buddies program](#). That said, if you

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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# Neighborhood Notes

**H**appy holidays to everyone out there in the neighborhood. Hard to believe we'll soon be putting the wraps on another year. Being finally set free of the grip of COVID has been a standout blessing of 2022 — not that we are totally out of the woods on that yet. It's been fun to see the neighborhood returning to some sense of normal with the buzz returning to local hangouts, the Farmers Market thriving, and just more of you out and about! You look good by-the-way.

Speaking of being out and about, don't miss the annual **Winterfest** coming December 2-3 on the 1500 block of South Pearl. Things start up Friday night at 5 p.m. and run until 8 p.m. There will be a tree-lighting ceremony, photos with Santa, hot adult beverages, as well as hot chocolate, cider, and a hay ride. (Trivia question, has there ever been enough snow to have a sleigh ride at Winterfest?). The festivities will continue Saturday afternoon and will include live music. There will be an open-air market and the local merchants will host open houses with great gift ideas for friends and loved ones. Come join the festivities!

Move over Sushi Den, there is a new Japanese restaurant coming to Pearl Street not owned by the Kizaki brothers. "What", you say? How could that be? Yep, it's true. **Sukiya Ramen** is taking over the home of the former Etc. Eatery, 1427 S. Pearl St., that closed earlier this year. This will mark the fourth location for the local chain that opened its first restaurant in Greenwood village. Got to admit it takes some courage to plant a flag across the street from such a Japanese food icon as Sushi Den but, hey, maybe they will just ride the local momentum to ramen gold. At this writing no word has been given on an opening date but undoubtedly sometime in 2023. Should be a fun story to follow. We'll keep you posted.

Before we leave the domain of Sushi Den, I noticed a construction company is moving the dirt again at the site of the rumored **Denshu Den** at 1551 S. Pearl St. No word of course from the notoriously tight lipped Kizaki brothers. Another project to watch in 2023.

Over on Broadway you may or may not have noticed a new chicken place slipping into the dining scene. **Cluck Chicken** opened its doors last summer at 1384 S. Broadway and is churning out delicious southern-style fried chicken wings, tenders, and some mouth-watering sandwiches. If you frequent The Dive Inn which is right next door then you know that Cluck is not really new as it formerly existed

inside the Dive Inn; and before that you might have seen the Cluck Truck food truck around town. Owner Rachel Hebel hails from Alabama where she learned her craft before relocating to Denver. The food truck was a big hit which led to her partnership with the Dive Inn. Cluck is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. until late in the evening. As their website says, "Do yourself a favor, get clucked." Enough said.

Ever heard of a cat café? Well, we have one now in Platt Park. **Teddy Cat Café** should be up and running by the time you read this. Located at 39 E. Florida Ave., next to Snarf's Sandwiches on the corner of Broadway and Florida. Owner Sarah Thomas was once a mortgage broker but during the pandemic she began volunteering at the Denver Animal Shelter. Sarah said of the experience: "It gave me more enjoyment doing this free work than the career I had for eight years." That led her eventually to the idea of opening a cat café. What goes on at a cat café you might ask? According to Sarah, when you go to a normal shelter to see cats, they are by necessity in a cage which obviously is not a normal environment for cats. The cat café creates a free roaming environment that is much more natural for cats and a much better place to interact with them. In this way you get a much better idea of what the cat would be like if you brought it home. The cat café is not, however, just for potential adopters. It's designed to be a great space to just come interact with cats, enjoy a beverage, and get a little furry therapy. To visit, you pay a fee at the door (\$13 for adults; \$11 for kids, seniors, and military personnel). If you want to adopt, they will help you with all the process. Adult cat adoption is \$95 and kittens are \$110.

If you love a little local controversy then the recent opening of **Elite Event Center** has served up a rich platter for you. Located at 1912 S. Broadway in the former home of Thrill-seekers Climbing Gym, Elite has become quite the hot bed for many to get worked up over. The building was sold three years ago to local businessmen Paul Yaft and Doug Norberg. After three years of renovations that restored the art deco theater it was leased to Latin Entertainment Group who then leased it for private events such as quinceaneras or to host private parties. The controversy stems from the latter as some events, according to nearby neighbors, have resulted in hard drinking, loud disturbances, and even gunshots that have spilled into the neighborhood. Yikes! If you missed it, check out the related story on page 7 of the September-October [Platt Park Post](#).

# Neighborhood Notes, *cont.*

City Councilman Jolon Clark’s involvement over the past few months has been instrumental in helping guide Latin Entertainment Group to the proper channels for securing a liquor license with the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses. Clark recently reported: “After a rough start, we have had some productive conversations, and I am thrilled that everyone has come to the table to work together to resolve this. There is still a lot of work ahead, but I feel like we are heading in the right direction.”

Latin Entertainment Group has agreed to stop seeking special event permits and to pursue a permanent liquor license and to work with neighbors and the Platt Park People’s Association to ensure that the center is providing adequate security and that events being held are legal and not a nuisance to the neighborhood. The Denver Community Planning and Development also is involved to address a number of permitting, use, and occupancy issues with the building and its owners. Stay tuned as this is an ongoing story.

That’s it for now from my desk. I, along with everyone here at the Platt Park People’s Association wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season. Hope everyone is and stays healthy and your days are filled with laughter and good times.

See you around the neighborhood,

*Tom Snyder*



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## Noise Ordinance Survey

Denver is reviewing and revising the local ordinance that governs noise, including construction & deliveries, music festivals, and other noise topics—and we need your help! [Please provide your input here.](#)

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# Green holiday gift guide 2022

by Jen Grauer

The spirit of winter holidays are wonderful reminders that peace, joy, and health are always in style!

Here to deliver more peace, joy and health with lots of green, out-of-the-box gift ideas are five Rs of regenerative living — REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, REIMAGINE, and REVISIT.

## REFUSE

Do you find yourself moving, tidying, sorting, and organizing all your things instead of doing all the purposeful and fun things that increase joy in the world and for yourself?

Refusing to take on more stuff than we want is an act of peace. It is more than okay to ask others to save their money and show their love by calling, going for a walk/hike/bike or other activity to connect instead of adding to our overwhelm with more stuff. Just let them know that you are trying to reduce your belongings so you have more time to create joy with them!

If they must spend their hard earned money — but you don't want more stuff — maybe ask that they donate to your favorite non-profit organization or buy wool socks that you can pass out to the homeless at stoplights.

## REDUCE

The holidays are HUGE waste makers. Holiday gifts create waste at every turn from the byproducts of making products, packaging, shipping, wrapping and eventual destiny in landfills.

Instead of increasing waste during the holiday, what if we could gift the *reducing* of waste? Here's a few ideas:

- Less Stuff, Less Stress, More Space, More Time: [Space Decluttering](#)
- Used batteries, plastic film, bubble wrap, plastic Amazon bags, and stained/damaged clothes picked up by [Ridwell](#) from the front door every two weeks, instead of it going into the landfill.
- Food scraps made into plant food — instead of creating planet warming methane in landfills — with [Lomi Counter Composter](#).
- Solar-powered electric lawn mowing to reduce air pollution, hand weeding to reduce chemical runoff into our water, and more free time with [Clean Air Lawn Care](#).

## REUSE

Have you ever purchased something used from Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Nextdoor, yard sale, thrift store or an antique store?

If you've ever purchased used items for yourself, why do we think we have to purchase new items as gifts?

Let's shop our home! All those "too nice to donate" items in our homes that we haven't actually used in ages — the ones taking up space and time and making us feel guilty — would love to be regifted.

Who on your gift list would love a lightly used juicer with recipe book, stand-mixer with bread/cake cookbook, serving bowls with salad fixings, mugs with tea/coffee/hot chocolate, cozy blankets with that book you finished, board games (especially vintage ones), garden tools with seeds, power tools, books with a homemade bookmark, a flower pot with a plant, a warm sweater with earrings, or some exercise equipment?

## REIMAGINE

Gift healthier, more eco-friendly versions of commonly used items.

**Gift consumables...**these are favorites in our home:

- [Foam soap](#)
- [Dish soap](#)
- [Shampoo](#)
- [Conditioner](#)
- [Shower soap](#)
- [Safety razor](#)
- [Shaving cream \(fragrance\)](#)
- [Toilet paper](#)
- [Tooth brush](#)
- [Trash bags](#)
- [Pet poop bags](#)
- [Candles](#)
- [Sandwich/snack bags](#)
- [Coffee](#) (Fast delivery!)
- [Parchment baking sheets](#)
- [Laundry detergent](#)
- [Bleach/OxiClean alternative](#)

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**Gift frequently used and reusable items...**we love these:

- [T-shirts](#)
- [Comfy clothes](#)
- [Fashion clothes](#)
- [Sheets](#)
- [Produce bags](#) (make great multi-purpose gift bags too!)
- [Storage containers](#) (okay, these we don't have but wish we did)

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# McKinley-Thatcher Elementary School

*McKinley-Thatcher Elementary preparing for school choice window and the holidays*

*by Ingrid Hoff*

McKinley-Thatcher Elementary is excited for Round One of the 2023-24 Denver Public Schools (DPS) SchoolChoice application window. SchoolChoice is DPS's one-application, one-deadline process designed to ensure equity, consistency, and simplicity in school enrollment. During the Round One application window, which runs from Jan. 13, 2023 to Feb. 14, 2023, current and prospective DPS families may rank their top school preferences and submit their Choice application for the 2023-24 school year. The DPS Office of Choice and Enrollment Services then matches students to schools based on those preferences, as well as school admission priorities and available space.

In preparation for Round One of SchoolChoice, McKinley-Thatcher is hosting virtual open houses and in-person tours with their building leaders from now through March 2023. Interested families can visit [mckinleythatcher.dpsk12.org/prospective-families/school-tours/](https://mckinleythatcher.dpsk12.org/prospective-families/school-tours/) to view available tour dates and RSVP, review the school's digital brochure, and check out their virtual tour. McKinley-Thatcher is a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School with growing enrollment, so families are encouraged to tour and apply as soon as possible!

McKinley-Thatcher is also preparing for the district's upcoming Winter Break by running its annual December food drive and Adopt-a-Family assistance program. Each December, school families and community members donate hundreds of shelf-stable food items, which are packed into boxes and distributed to McKinley-Thatcher students in need of food assistance over Winter Break.

The Adopt-a-Family assistance program allows families who need a little extra help to complete a wish list for household items, children's clothing, and toys. Wish lists are fulfilled by other members of the community. Last year, McKinley-Thatcher served over 20 families through the Adopt-a-Family program and are on track to help even more this year. Community members who would like to donate to the school's food drive or to fulfill an Adopt-a-Family wish list may contact McKinley-Thatcher's community liaison, Ms. Ingrid Hoff (she/her) at [Ingrid\\_Hoff@dpsk12.net](mailto:Ingrid_Hoff@dpsk12.net).

# Denver South High School update

*Denver South marks halfway point of school year with many successes*

*by Melina Hodzic*

We are almost to the halfway point of the school year! Time has been flying fast but we have had a lot to celebrate in the recent months. We are gearing up for finals and winter break!

When we return next semester, Denver South will host our winter spirit week January 16-20. Be sure to come out and support our winter sports and other school events this week!

Prior to COVID, Denver South hosted trick-or-treat street for the kids in the community. This year we were finally able to bring it back! It was a huge success having people from all over the city come in and trick-or-treat with us. If you were unable to make it, be sure to stop by next year!

Denver South students also had a very successful winter theater performance of "The King in Yellow." We will have another production coming up in the spring! You can follow us on our South Instagram ([denver\\_south\\_hs](https://www.instagram.com/denver_south_hs)) to keep up with all the happenings at South!

We have had a lot of success in the fall sports world at South! Our volleyball team was on a roll and undefeated in league 6-0. They became the league champions after sweeping East to win their first league championship since 2005! They moved on to regionals as a #21 seeded Volleyball team and upended #4 Legend High School to become a Regional Champion! This earned them a berth as one of the 12 teams in the 5A State Championships.

The boys tennis team wrapped up a banner year securing a league championship earlier in season and capping that off with a great run to the state championship where all seven lines qualified for the first time in many many

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## Grant Beacon Middle School

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

# Platt Park benefits from partnership between the Office of the City Forester and The Park People

*Courtesy of Ground Floor Media*

You may have noticed some new life at Platt Park. These residents have begun to put down roots and if they stay healthy, they'll continue to contribute to the community for years to come. In fact, as you read this, they might be out there [fighting crime, keeping us mentally well, and even cleaning our air](#).

As you may have already guessed, we're talking about the 21 new Platt Park trees. Denver's urban canopy – at its roots – is the result of a vocal community and long-standing public-private partnerships. So when [The Park People](#) reached out to longtime partner [Denver's Office of the City Forester](#) to work together to clean up the north side of Platt Park, including replacing some of the unhealthy trees, the answer was a resounding “Yes!”

This partnership targeted eight locations around the north side of the park, replacing some of the trees, and also planting new in areas where trees once stood. Through The Park People's [Tree Force](#) group, a pre-apprenticeship workforce development program that teaches urban forestry, we were able to accomplish this in a matter of days, and at no additional cost to our neighborhood.

Every “new” tree location is where a tree had previously grown, including several along the street, where they will provide much needed shade to the adjacent hardscape. Every tree was thoughtfully placed. For example, a Swamp White Oak was planted near the playground to replace a hackberry that died earlier this year. This tree will provide future shade for the basketball court and the parking lot.

You'll see a lot of variety in the new trees as well. That's because a diverse urban forest – in age and in species – matters. The health and viability of the urban forest depends on this diversity. As older trees lose vigor and health, it is important to have the next generation growing nearby to eventually take their place. The variety also protects the overall forest from invasive species, as [tree pests](#) generally target a particular species or genus.

The Tree Force group planted a wide array of trees in Platt Park – some tried-and-true species such as swamp white oak, bur oak, Schumard oak, English oak, Japanese tree lilac, Eastern redbud, and Tatarian maple. The Tree Force also planted more underutilized trees such as European beech, black tupelo, Turkish filbert, Persian parrotia, and three-flowered maple.

They say the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago – and the second-best time is now! It generally takes two to three years for new trees to become established and another 15-20 years before they fully mature. We encourage you to take a walking tour. Make a sketch. Take some notes. Snap a photo of your little ones next to the little trees now, and then go back every year to do the same. In other words, send the proverbial welcome wagon over to greet the new neighbors as they begin to take root.

So, please join us in extending a special thanks to the Platt Park People's Association, Denver's Office of the City Forester, and The Park People for making this all possible.



*The Park People and the City of Denver planted 21 trees this fall in Platt Park, including this English Oak, which was dedicated in the memory of Donald J. King.  
Photo by Greg Pulliam.*

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**Gift services instead of stuff...** these have personally brought me great joy:

- [Organic Maids](#)...a fresh clean house!
- [Space Decluttering](#)...support for letting go.
- [The Parlor Hair Salon](#)...looking good!
- [Massage](#)...feeling good!
- [Pilates](#)...bye-bye back pain!
- [Car Detail](#)...beautiful and calming.
- [Dog Training](#)...bonding and fun!

**REVISIT**

Grab your reusable bags and revisit South Pearl Street to support [local merchants](#).

**Revisit before purchasing gifts:**

- **Who** profits...an artist, a sustainably minded company, a corporation?
- **What** is it made of natural materials or plastics? (Soft and fuzzy is usually plastic in disguise.)
- **When** will the receiver use this item...often, only once, never?
- **Where** was the item made...near or far?
- **Why** am I buying this...will it create opportunities for joy for the receiver?

**Revisit gift presentation...**

- Does it actually need to be wrapped?
- Can I wrap it with something I already have...brown paper, tissue paper, birthday paper used inside out?
- Can I put it in a useful basket, kitchen towel, or reusable container?
- Can the wrapping paper later be recycled...that shiny, glossy paper cannot be recycled.
- Can I use paper tape or skip the tape instead of using clear plastic tape?
- Can I use wool/cotton yarn, twine, or cooking string instead of plastic curling ribbon?

**LAST TIP:** One thoughtful gift that will be appreciated and used is better than lots of little, “fun,” but not very useful gifts...better for the environment and better for the receiver.

May the gifts of peace, joy, and health be with you through the holidays and all year!

*Jen Grauer has been a Platt Park resident since 2015, a Colorado resident since 1988, and an advocate for the environment since 1990. Learn more about making healthy changes at home at [JenGrauer.com](#) & [TheDenverLonghouse.com](#).*

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years. The team finished sixth overall at state.

Our football team finished their season securing their third consecutive league championship! The football team earned an overall sixth seed and a bye in the first round of playoffs. Unfortunately, they fell short to Erie ending their season in the second round.

Last but not least, this year three of the biggest districts in Colorado decided to pilot the first ever girls flag football program. Cherry Creek, JeffCo, and DPS school districts started piloting a girls flag football program this past fall season. In celebration of Title IX and with the help of the Denver Broncos, the Broncos were able to sponsor all of the gear and equipment to get this thing rolling. Denver South’s girls flag football team finished out their inaugural season in the state playoffs! They fell short in the semifinals, but still made history as the last remaining DPS team in the final four! This team also secured the first ever DPS league championship for flag football!

Go Ravens!

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# District 7 update

*The fairy doors are back on South Pearl Street – and the snow angels are back in the neighborhood, too!*

by Jolon Clark, Lucky District 7 Councilmember

Hi Neighbors!

The fairy doors on South Pearl Street are back! Fairy Doors are tiny, exquisite and often-hidden doors that, legend says, are a portal to the magical world. Fairies first arrived in the neighborhood in 2017 as part of an art challenge by Mayor Hancock between City Council districts. Just like the fairies, the doors also are not a huge fan of harsh winter and some needed renovation and maintenance. Luckily, we connected with artists, Scott Hildebrandt of Meow Wolf and Ariel Elich, who repaired, created and even installed new dioramas (miniature worlds that light up at night time). Now, all the fairy doors are back in their place and ready for strollers to discover. While wandering down South Pearl Street is our favorite way to find them, you can also check the map at <https://www.southpearlstreet.com/fairy-doors/>.

Winter is almost here, which means snow is coming! It is everyone's responsibility and the law to keep sidewalks adjacent to your home or business clear and accessible. Shovel all sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, and bus stops around your home as soon as it's practical and safe. Businesses have four hours after the snow stops to shovel, and residents have 24 hours. Learn more at [www.denvergov.org/Snow](http://www.denvergov.org/Snow).

Show kindness and offer to help your neighbors if they aren't able to shovel! Neighbors helping neighbors is one of the things that makes Platt Park and Denver great. You can volunteer to be an official "snow angel" at [www.denvergov.org/snowangels](http://www.denvergov.org/snowangels). There are all sorts of reasons why people may need assistance, or they may just not know what the city's rules are for keeping sidewalks clear. A simple conversation with a neighbor or just lending that helping hand will almost always resolve a snowy sidewalk faster than the city can, and it will preserve resources for the rest of Denver's 3,000 miles of sidewalks.

Thanks for doing your part!

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# South Pearl Street Association knows how to celebrate the holidays!

by Aden Holt

Hello from the South Pearl Street Association! We represent the merchants from the 1200 to the 1800 blocks of South Pearl Street. And, we're ready for the holidays.

## The Banners are Coming

Two years ago, we started a program to give neighborhood kids the opportunity to showcase their inner-Picasso and submit holiday drawings to be featured on the light posts along South Pearl Street. This year we opened up the opportunity to artists of all ages. Come on out to the 1400-1500 blocks and browse all of the local talent on display the week after Thanksgiving!

## South Pearl Holiday Passport

With the gift-buying season in full effect, we have re-launched a program where shoppers on South Pearl can "Shop Local and Win Big!" The South Pearl Holiday Passport will be available at 30 participating South Pearl businesses. The program will launch on Small Business Saturday (Nov. 26) and run through Christmas. Stop in and grab one to play along and win one of 12 cash prizes — South Pearl cash, that is!).

Each passport contains shopping specials at all participating businesses. Stop in at least ten of those businesses and be entered into a drawing for up to \$300 in South Pearl Bucks (vouchers that can be spent at any participating merchant). There is no purchase necessary to participate. Simply grab a passport and start browsing our merchants to get your passport stamped. Ten stamps equal your chance to win. For more details on the program, visit our website at [southpearlstreet.com](http://southpearlstreet.com). We are hoping that all of you remember to shop local and dine-out local to support our merchants that keep the South Pearl Street Historic Shopping district vibrant and entertaining for all who visit.

## Winterfest is Approaching on South Pearl

It's the most magical time of the year on South Pearl Street! Come celebrate on Friday, Dec. 2 from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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# Winterfest on South Pearl Street

FRIDAY EVENING  
DEC. 2ND 5-8PM

SATURDAY  
DEC. 3RD 11-4PM

1500 BLOCK OF  
SOUTH PEARL ST.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
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COCOA, CIDER & TODDIES  
OLDE WORLD SANTA  
OPEN AIRE MARKET  
MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE  
LIVE MUSIC



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We’re establishing a new tradition this year! We invite everyone out to the street for a ceremonial Christmas tree lighting on Friday! From 4-5 p.m., bring all of your old tree ornaments and help decorate the five Christmas trees that will be lined up on the street. Once we get all of them filled with holiday cheer, we will do a countdown to light them all up at 5 p.m. to let the festivities begin. Then enjoy holiday hayrides, a holiday market with 42 gift and food vendors, local merchant open houses, Olde World Santa, kids story-time, live holiday music performances, outdoor bar, and tons of family fun! For more information and timing of events, please visit [southpearlstreet.com](http://southpearlstreet.com).

### Farmers Market Season Ends

Our Farmers Market season wrapped up this year on Nov. 13. We continued to have record-setting attendance and vendor sales throughout 2022 and it is all thanks to all of the shoppers who came out every Sunday to support the vendors and merchants on South Pearl Street.

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*“The very elderly Cooper Barnes.”  
Kit Eschner’s “Paws & Reflect” column is expected  
to return in the next issue of the Platt Park Post.*

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would like to spearhead an effort specifically for Platt Park, let us know and we can help spread the word.

On behalf of your Platt Park People’s Association Board of Directors, we are grateful for this incredible community we call home. We are a group of volunteers and there can never be enough. We invite you to join alongside us and volunteer in 2023 (all ages welcome!) to make our neighborhood vision a reality. Together, we will ensure that Platt Park remains an incredible place to work, live, and play. Until then, we wish you a very merry everything and a happy new year!

## PLATT PARK PEOPLE’S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Do you enjoy the neighborhood you live in?

Want to help maintain our neighborhood character?

Want to meet your neighbors through fun events  
and neighborhood forums?

Join your neighborhood association!

The Platt Park People’s Association is a Registered Neighborhood Organization with the City and County of Denver. The Platt Park People’s Association is notified directly by the city of various activities in the neighborhood.

Be involved. Be Informed.

Annual Membership is \$20 per household.

There are two ways to become a member.

Recommended: go to [www.3pa.org](http://www.3pa.org) and click the “Buy Now” button on our homepage and sign up via PayPal

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