

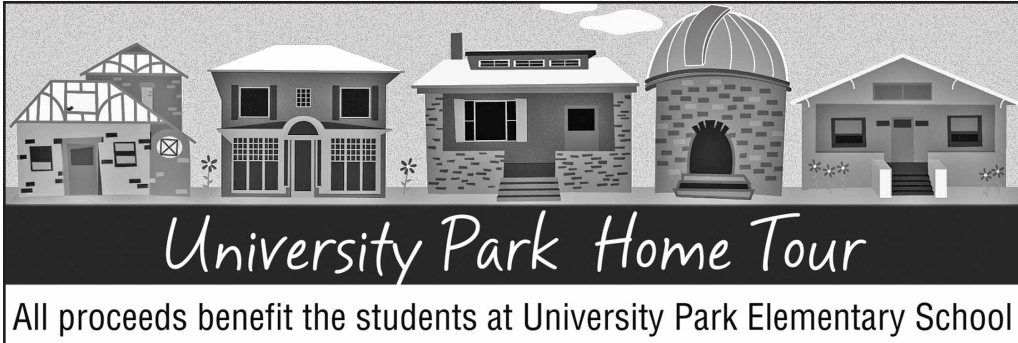
# UPWORDS

UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
(UPCC) NEWSLETTER

*Your Neighborhood Voice*



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We are proud to announce the University Park home tour on Sunday May 3, 2015. Please join us between 11 a.m.-5 p.m. to see some of the most varied and inspiring homes in the University Park neighborhood as well as the historic Fitzroy mansion. The tour offers architectural variety from

mid-century to new builds, and the interiors showcase unexpected and engaging design choices.

Additional festivities located at the school include a hands-on home and garden market with activities for kids and adults alike. A variety of food trucks will also be on hand for anyone

who wants to grab a bite to eat.

Advance tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the office at University Park Elementary School, 2300 South Saint Paul Street in Denver or at [www.uparkhometour.org](http://www.uparkhometour.org). Tickets are \$25 the day of the tour. Support from the home tour helps fund important programs at University Park Elementary school, including band, full-time library and technology teachers, classroom support staff, and teacher training.

**Please Attend Our Next  
University Park Community  
Council's General Meeting  
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.  
University Park Elementary • 2300 S. St. Paul  
It is open to all neighbors.**

- 6:30-7 p.m. — Social Hour and Refreshments  
Hosted By University Park Methodist Church.
- 7-8:15 p.m. — UPCC General Meeting

#### **Topics On The Agenda**

- UPCC President Updates and 4th of July Parade CHANGES
- Nominations and Voting for UPCC Positions
- Barbara Masoner with GROW LOCAL
- Taylor Turano with Hill Companies discussing the 110 Unit Development at University Blvd. & Iliff
- Bryant Smith with Tester Development discussing the 2400 S. University project

*Our meeting is supposed to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. per University Park Elementary School request. We are doing our best to adhere to this commitment, so some comments/questions may have to be postponed until after the meeting adjourns.*



## **UPark Community-Wide Yard Sale**

Register at:

[www.universityparkyardsale.com](http://www.universityparkyardsale.com)

Information available at:

[http://upcc.us/events/  
annual-events/garage-sale/](http://upcc.us/events/annual-events/garage-sale/)

**Get your items ready  
and mark your calendar —**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7!**

## Developments Within University Park

Many of you are visibly aware of the changes happening in our neighborhood. We are trying diligently to stay updated on these, but often cannot get exact information. Here are a few updates of what we do know.

### 2400 S. University Blvd.

Scheduled to demolish this site now in mid-April — Approximately 236 rental units and the entire first floor will be retail space.

### University Blvd. & Iliff

Scheduled to have asbestos abatement in March, and demolished approximately 30 days after. They will rebuild in April or May tentatively. This site will have 110 rental units, no retail and be five stories tall.

### Butchel & Columbine

A small space owned by DU is

currently testing soil. They want to see if this parcel of land could potentially be built on in the future. DU needs more space for their mail and shipping, so this space may be an option.

### Deadline For Advertising In The Purple Pages Is July 31, 2015.

For more information:  
[www.upcc.us/support/pp/](http://www.upcc.us/support/pp/)  
or email:  
[pp@upcc.us](mailto:pp@upcc.us).

## Plan Ahead For July 4th Parade!

Hello Neighbors, Yes, Spring is already here — but the UPCC is thinking about our next event — **The 4th of July PARADE**. We wanted to give you a sneak peek to our changes this year. We hope to see you at the event!

Our new details will be an actual parade with homemade non-motorized floats. There will no longer be a bike parade, unless you are three years and younger\*. Yes, there will still be music, mom's club hot dogs, and the fire truck!

### The parade float rules:

- Wagon frame and size recommended — no gas/electric powered vehicles. You can use anything you have, or even make your own frame.
- Decorate to your comfort level. Being green and using recycled items is suggested.
- You may also decorate yourselves and/or pets in patriotic wear for the parade. You aren't required to have a float to have fun.
- Kids/Families must be able to walk the parade route with their wagon.



\*Kids less than three years old may bring bikes for a quick ride around in the street as done in years past. No kids over three should bring bikes for riding in the street.

Can you help with this event? Email: [events@upcc.us](mailto:events@upcc.us).

## UPCC Open Volunteer Positions

- **UPWords Editor** — Five times a year, you collect articles from our neighborhood writers and submit them to the publisher. It's that easy — and we really need your help. [president@upcc.us](mailto:president@upcc.us)
- **Purple Pages Editor** — Once a year we publish a neighborhood directory that is supported by advertisements. Coordinate this project and meet some amazing business owners in our neighborhood. [president@upcc.us](mailto:president@upcc.us)
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# Urban Agriculture In Our Neighborhoods!

There are many opportunities for UP gardeners to get involved in the growing movement! It's easy to think of them in the following three ways:

## Plant. Grow. Eat.

There is no lack of resources out there to help you get started in growing a garden, expanding a garden, start composting or learning new growing techniques! Check out classes offered at Denver Botanic Gardens ([www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)), CSU Extension ([www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu)) and

## Vegetable Gardening In Colorado

As the temperatures begin to warm many of us are ready to get outside and get our hands in the soil. However, if you've lived along the Front Range for more than a year or two, you know that our weather can be a real rollercoaster ride. There are some vegetable plants that are able to survive the drastic spring temperature variations while others are very particular. So here is a quick guide of what to plant now and what to wait on planting:

### April and early May plantings:

asparagus crowns, beets, carrots, seed potatoes, onions, spinach, peas, chard, kale, lettuce.

**After Mother's Day:** beans, corn, cucumbers, melons, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant.

This is definitely the time of the year to add compost to your garden. The earlier the better as this allows more time for the nutrients to work their way into the soil. Also, by getting a head start on weeds you'll be saving yourself a lot of time later in the summer while giving your plants the advantage of having more space, moisture and nutrients. Try to dig up as much of the root of the weed as possible.

**Grow Local Colorado** will provide a presentation on vegetable gardening at the UPCC's May 6 meeting so bring

### UPCC EMAIL NOTIFICATION LIST

Stay connected and informed by signing up for the UPCC email notification list. We send monthly emails as well as emails when there is something time sensitive that needs to be communicated to our residents. To learn more about our list and read recent emails visit [www.upcc.us/email](http://www.upcc.us/email).

Denver Urban Gardens ([dug.org](http://dug.org)).

## Plant. Grow. Share.

There is increasing hunger in all Denver's neighborhoods. If you have extra produce from your garden and would like to donate it, join the growing movement of Produce for Pantries gardeners at [www.produceforpantries.org](http://www.produceforpantries.org) and call the Hunger Free at 855-855-4626 to find out the location and contact information of your nearest pantry. Over 50 Produce for Pantries gardeners

your questions with you.

**Grow Local Colorado** will once again plant a vegetable garden in the flower bed on the southwest corner of Warren and Fillmore streets. This will be the fourth year Denver Parks has provided us with this lovely garden site. Thanks to UPCC volunteers, this small garden provided over 150 pounds of fresh produce to the local food pantry last year. For the garden to be a success we need your help! If you're interested in helping please attend the May 9, 10 a.m. meeting at the garden site. Grow Local will even have some vegetable seeds to share for your personal garden. And if you can't attend, please contact Grow Local at: [GrowLocalColorado@gmail.com](mailto:GrowLocalColorado@gmail.com).

donated over 40,000 pounds of garden fresh produce in 2014 to over 30 organizations! The University Church of Christ at 3000 S. Milwaukee has a food pantry and would love your garden fresh produce. Give them a call at 303-758-8280.

## Plant. Grow. Sell.

Denver passed a zoning code change in July of 2014 that allows Denverites to grow food and sell it from their homes as a home-occupation business! This program also allows the production and sale of certain Cottage Foods. For more information visit [www.denvergov.org/homebusiness](http://www.denvergov.org/homebusiness), or call Dana Miller with the Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council at 720-837-6237.

## VOLUNTEER GARDENERS!

All interested in helping with the Observatory Park Vegetable Garden this summer! Meeting with **Grow Local Colorado** and UPCC coordinator Jennifer Engleby is Saturday, May 9 from 10-11 a.m. at the garden. Please try to be there. If you can't make the meeting, please contact Jennifer at [jbroderickengleby@gmail.com](mailto:jbroderickengleby@gmail.com) or 303-550-3907.

## How To Buy The Small House Next-Door And Keep The Beautiful Trees And Yard

A few years ago the small house next-door with the lovely lot was going to be sold. The owners planned on selling it to a developer. I did not have the money to buy the house, but wished I did. The short version of the story, is that in fact — I did!

This is my story. I discovered from a friend of mine that I could transfer money from my 401(k) account and roll it over into an investment IRA. The IRA could then buy the house in my name. So that is exactly what I did. My neighbor agreed to sell the property to me. The next thing I did was have the investment IRA buy the property from my neighbor. It was my responsibility however, to find a suitable renter. The property now generates enough income to cover the costs each year. Investment wise it's gone up about 40 percent in the last three years, much better than the rest of my portfolio. Now if and when I may need the cash from the property at that time I can instruct the IRA to sell it. In the meantime I'm going to enjoy living next to the trees and beautiful garden, not to mention the great people who live in the house.

— Vaughan Kendall



# Thank You!! Recent Dues Payers!

The following residents paid voluntary UPCC dues in January and February 2015.

Thank you for your overwhelming response to the Voluntary Dues insert.

Marc & Kristin Able	David & Mary Glaser	Brent & Janice Nelson
Laura Love & Greg Aden	Nancy Graham	Lance & Erin Nelson
Nick Edyvane & Kate Akin	Ed & Jen Guay	Dwight Newton
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## UPCC Voluntary Dues 2015

All residents of University Parks 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 2015. The suggested amount is \$25 or \$15 for seniors.

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