

UPWORDS

UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(UPCC) NEWSLETTER

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Chamberlin Observatory

by DU Prof. Robert Stencel

The University of Denver's historic Chamberlin Observatory is a rarity on earth for being a still-functional 19th century scientific facility that conducts both university classes and public outreach events. Completed in 1894, and a Denver Landmark (#220), it features a 26-foot long, classic refractor-style telescope atop a German Equatorial mount, housed inside the 40-foot diameter dome. Observatory Park itself came into being as the result of a 1952 land transfer agreement between DU and the city of Denver. Said agreement actually limits the night lighting of Observatory Park.

The origin story for the observatory features two individuals in 1880s Denver: Humphrey Chamberlin, a British ex-pat seeking his fortune in Colorado, and Dr. Herbert Howe, DU professor of astronomy, designer and the first director of the observatory. Chamberlin was a real estate investor working in south Denver who, as a natural scientist himself, wanted to provide the newly relocated University an amenity that would help put it on the map (and help move land sales). To this end, he pledged \$50,000 toward the construction and equipping of an observatory.

Prof. Howe, the DU astronomer,

gladly assumed the role of prime contractor, to work on the design and procurement aspects of the project, and supplied a lot of his own sweat equity and cash. When the Silver Crash of 1893 wiped out Chamberlin financially, with the building built but the telescope still being completed by East coast vendors, it fell to Howe to pull the project through to completion, in 1894. All this is documented in our guidebook, *Denver's Great Telescope* — available online at <http://portfolio.du.edu/downloadItem/167325> and in printed form on sale during monthly Open House events — see www.twitter.com/Chamberlin_Obs.

Fast forward 120+ years, and the telescope is still functional (with endless maintenance), providing wonderful views of planets and stars, and the building still hosts DU astronomy classes and "Public Nights." The latter are provided in a partnership between DU and the Denver Astronomical Society (formed during the 1950s), who provide volunteer help plus portable telescopes for the public nights and monthly Open House events (upcoming ones include May 14 and June 11, from dusk until park curfew).

We welcome your interest and participation in these activities. As you can imagine, a century-plus old building and telescope have many issues. We seek contributors at all levels, from volunteering and sponsoring small supplies, to patrons for building improvements. Contact Prof. Stencel, robert.stencel@du.edu or call the Observatory hotline at 303-871-5172. To paraphrase Traci Samaras, UPCC President, "The neighborhood loves the historic Observatory, and we need to raise more awareness for the sustainability of this wonderful gem!"

Please Join Us For The University Park Community Council's General Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 • 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Open To All Neighbors

2300 S. St. Paul St.

University Park Elementary School

AGENDA

6:30-7 p.m. Social Hour —

refreshments sponsored by the Silicon STEM Academy

7-8:15 p.m. General Meeting

- UPCC President Traci Samaras with Updates
- Bill Winn — Election of UPCC Board
- Molly Mosenthal with Waste Management
- Paul Kashmann — City Council Representative
- Ben Gerig — Denver University

Letter From The President

by Traci Samaras

Hello Neighbors/Friends,

After serving on the UPCC board for many years, I have truly enjoyed being UPCC's President. There are so many things that make this neighborhood wonderful and I have to say that without all of the board members who care and dedicate their time, this job would have been much harder. I plan to

stay dedicated to the neighborhood in many ways going forward. As University Park turns 130 this year, I wish it the happiest of birthdays. Thank you for having me as your president for the last two years.

P.S. I will continue to handle the UPCC e-newsletter and our new Facebook page, so feel free to send me news items!

SAVE THE DATES

- Please attend the **April 27** meeting on plans for changes to the High Line Canal, 5:30 p.m. at the Wellshire Inn. The meeting will feature representatives from Public Works, Denver Parks and Recreation, and the High Line Canal Conservancy.
- The UP Yard Sale will take place this year on **Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4**. The dumpsters are going away and it's tough to remember those "large item pick-up" days. By participating in the UPark Yard Sale you can meet your neighbors AND clear your home of unwanted clutter. All UPark residents are invited to participate. By registering for the yard sale, you'll benefit from advertising for the sale as well as be able to schedule a pick-up for any unsold items on Saturday afternoon. More details and online registration coming soon. Check your next UPCC e-newsletter for more information.
- Also on **Saturday, June 4**, there will be a second round of classroom painting at UPark Elementary. On February 27, about 60 neighbors helped paint classrooms, and the UPCC donated \$50 for supplies. Stay tuned for details, and thanks in advance for your participation and support.

UPCC Withholds Support On Short-Term Rental Amendment

The UPCC Board voted not to support the proposal to approve short-term rentals in all residential zone districts, and officially submitted our objections to the Planning Board and City Council members. However, the Planning Board approved the proposal on Mar. 16, and City Council members will vote to approve or deny the proposal sometime this spring. Contact Councilman Paul Kashmann (paul.kashmann@denvergov.org) with your questions or concerns.

Why Isn't UPWords Delivered In My Mailbox?

Postal regulations stipulate that these newsletters can't be delivered in mailboxes, so UPCC's innovative block captains have to figure out other places to safely secure your newsletter. That's why you might find them under your doormat, squeezed between the door and the weather stripping, under a flower pot, in your milk box, or inside your screen door.

UPWords is delivered to you five times a year, even if you have a "no solicitors" sign. If you do not want to receive the newsletter, please call Phyllis at 303-756-6146. Thanks to all the Block Captains and Area Coordinators!

Speaking of which, we still need Block Captains to deliver UPWords to

these blocks:

2600 S. Adams
2500 S. Monroe
2600 S. Garfield Way

We also need an Area E Coordinator to replace Greg Myers, who wants to retire from this spot. Thank you to Jan Parsons and Charlene Salzmann for their past participation. If interested, please contact Phyllis Ward at 303-756-6146 or phyllis_wrd@yahoo.com. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and get to know some of the folks in our 'hood!

ATTENTION Block Captains And Area Coordinators

Watch for your invitation to a special Appreciation Dinner, complete with gifts and door prizes!

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UPark's Amazing Fabric

by Don and Carolyn Etter,
long-time residents who are firmly
committed to the stewardship of historic
buildings and cultural landscapes in UP,
Metro Denver and beyond

UPWords has asked neighbors to “tell about a UP house that you like.” First of all, remember that you can’t really “see” the fabric of your neighborhood unless you slow down and pay attention. So take a walk; it’s also healthier than a drive-by or a fly-over!

Start by looking for the details — that’s where both the angels and the devils are — beautiful or ugly, dull or interesting, colorful or drab, neighborly or ill-fitting, smart or not, novel or old-fashioned. As you walk along, of course, you’ll look at whole houses too, so start asking yourself whether the whole “stacks up.” From there you can explore rows of houses, parks and trees, fences, streets, gardens, churches, schools... all pieces of UP’s fabric.

Don’t worry about the teaching of “experts,” the wise words in books, or the preferences of neighbors. Whatever you like is yours to like. Go with your intuition, your gut reactions. Later on, you can study if you wish and perhaps see whether other opinions influence you.



For a homework starter, a few examples of UP housing details are printed above, a tiny sampling of our wonderful architectural tapestry. Which do you like? Why? Can you locate them as your walk in the neighborhood?

South High News

by Karen Duell,
Community/Family Liaison

The interest in South High from neighborhood families continues to grow; we had a record number of visitors in our building this year and an increase in our neighborhood enrollment.

Interim Principal Deborah Blair-Minter has taken the reins at Denver South High, bringing both a warm, supportive presence and a wealth of experience. She and our current administrative team have taken over where Dr. Kristin Waters left off, allowing for a seamless start to 2016.

After a series of input sessions from staff and community, a new principal has been selected to continue the momentum at Denver South beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The new principal, Jennifer Hanson, will assume

her duties at Denver South High School in July 2016. Please join the Denver South community in giving her a big welcome!

Coming this summer, Denver South Athletics is excited to announce our new summer sports camp, 241Sports Denver South. We have partnered with 241 Sports, a national leader in sport sampling to bring our community the BEST multi-sport summer camp experience in Denver. Our head and assistant high school coaches will offer top-notch instruction along with our high school athlete counselors, who will bring the FUN and enthusiasm that make summer sports camp a great experience! This is for children who will be in grades 3 through 9 by the fall. They’ll love it! Please visit our website: www.241denversouth.com.

Free (And Nearly Free) DU Concerts

All performances are at 7:30 p.m. in Hamilton Hall, are FREE (unless otherwise noted) and have complimentary parking. Information: www.du.edu/lamont, concert line 303-871-6412, tickets 303-871-7720.

MAY

- 1 Faculty Recital – Joseph Galema, organ, 4:30, \$10
- 1 Nebula New Music Ensemble
- 2 Lamont Horn Choir
- 4 Lamont Wind Ensemble, Gates
- 6 Flo’s Underground, jazz, 5 p.m., Williams
- 6 Guest Artist – Brian Lewis, violin, and Heidi Leathwood, piano, \$10
- 8 Guest Artist – Kimberly Patterson, cello, and Patrick Sutton, guitar, \$10
- 11 Guest Artist Kathy Kosins, jazz vocals, with two student jazz groups, \$10
- 12 Lamont Chorale, Lamont Women’s Chorus, Lamont Men’s Choir, Gates
- 13 Flo’s Underground, jazz vocal groups, 5 p.m., Williams
- 13 Lamont Steel Drum Ensemble, Gates, free ticket at box office
- 14 Lamont FLEX Ensemble
- 15 Jennie’s Concert, brass, 1:30 p.m.
- 15 Lamont Composer’s Series Concert
- 16 Lamont Jazz Orchestra, Gates
- 17 Lamont Percussion Ensemble
- 18 Modern Hue Student New Music Ensemble
- 19, 20 Lamont Opera Theatre presents BRAVO! Bernstein
- 20 Flo’s Underground, jazz, 5 p.m., Williams
- 24 Lamont Guitar Ensembles
- 26 Lamont Wind Ensemble, 4 p.m., Campus Green
- 26 Lamont Symphony Orchestra and Choirs, Poulenc: Gloria, Gates, free ticket from box office, \$5 reserved
- 27 World Music at DU, music and dance from West Africa and North India

History Tidbits

Hospitality, hoops, honey, horses, hooch and Davy Crockett. Looking back in time, all of these things could be found in a single block of our UPark neighborhood. Do you know which block? Find the answer in the next issue of UPWords.

Thanks To Recent UPCC Dues Payers!

The following residents paid voluntary UPCC dues from January through February 2016.

Roger & Hillary Adams	John & Diana Helper	Regina Padilla
Jerry & Pam Adams	Noel & Karen Hermele	Lina Patel
Lana Albitar	Lyn & David Hills	Michelle Smith & Paul Pendleton
David & Carrie Alleman	Elizabeth Rife & Ed Holub	Rose Williams & Kurt Petersen
Jim & Jean Anderson	Dave & Shawn Horvath	Donna Peterson
Stanley & Jean Andrews	Kristen Howland	Jim & Gwen Powers
Hugh & Jean Armstrong	Linda Hudson	Greg Price
Carol Atkins	Drew & Margaret Hunter	William & Nancy Rector
Scott & Joan Barker	Elaine Hutchings	Adam & Julie Reeves
Lucy Coluccy & Wayne Barnes	Lewis & JoAnn Hutchinson	Chris Sprouse & David Renda
Francis & Tamara Barron	Nancy Iona	Simon & Donna Rendell
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UPCC Voluntary Dues 2016

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 2016.

The suggested amount is \$25 or \$15 for seniors.

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