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Been warm enough for you out there? Whew, I've spent most of my life in Denver and that was the hottest summer that I can remember. The good news is that by the time you are reading this, cooler fall days are on the horizon! There are tons of new things going on around the neighborhood, so let's get to it.

The Mothership has landed! On July 24th Urban Peak (1630 S. Acoma, just one block west of Broadway) officially opened its doors on the new \$37 million dollar campus dubbed The Mothership. For 30 years, Urban Peak has provided housing and various services for youth experiencing homelessness in the Denver area. The old facility that housed up to 40 youths at a time, was torn down to make way for the new building. Eight years ago, a plan was hatched to create a world class facility that could greatly expand what could be done to serve more youth. The Mothership is the first of its kind in the nation. It will provide shelter, education, employment, case management, social and emotional services, and medical and transitional living services to youth between the ages of 12 to 24 years old. The new facility can house three times what the old facility could handle. I, along with about 400 of my closest friends, toured the place on opening day, and it is indeed impressive! It provides a great variety of areas for teens to learn, grow and get the services they need to successfully integrate into society as adults. Every year, Urban Peak has helped hundreds of youths graduate from high school, get into college, find permanent housing, land jobs and go on to lead productive lives. With the Mothership up and running, expectations are even higher for what can be done to serve this special group of young people.



The Mothership was funded largely by voter approved funding. Urban Peak is always looking for community help. You can help by donating money, becoming a sponsor or volunteering your time. This is a great opportunity to make a difference. For more information, check them out at <u>urbanpeak.org</u>. Did you see a volleyball game on South Broadway? Yep, it's not your imagination. Broadway used to be home to mostly antique stores, used car lots, and auto part stores... but not so much anymore. These days, Broadway hosts a hot dining & bar scene and now you can drop in for, yes... a sand volleyball game. Taking over the used car lot at 1395 S. Broadway is **Club Volo**. It offers true regulation sand courts and opportunities to join the fun as an individual, with a few friends, or your own team. Volo is a national organization dedicated to team sports as a way to experience and build community. Want to get involved? Drop by or check them out at <u>Volosports.com/Denver</u>

Once you finish that volleyball game, stop and check out the just-opened **Joe Willy's** located at 1310 S. Broadway. Since the pandemic closed The Tavern on South Pearl, our neighborhood has not had what I'd call a classic sports bar (TV's, pub type food, full bar, etc.). Joe Willy's can fill that void to be your go-to place to watch a game with friends. Joe Willy's serves the classic burgers, pizza and wings as well as a host of other diverse menu items to satisfy most anyone's taste. Joe Willy's is open every day from 11am till midnight (1am weekends) and has a daily happy hour. joewillysonbroadway.com.

A South Broadway icon is no more. As of the first of July, **Herman's Hideaway** closed its doors for good. For over 65 years Herman's has hosted a staggering 40,000 bands. Performing bands have included Dave Matthews, Phish, Blues Traveler, Widespread Panic, Big Head Todd and the Monsters, and thousands of other local and national acts. The venue was founded by Herman Roth and it has stayed in the family ever since its opening in 1959. The most recent manager was Herman's grandson Mike Roth.

The venue has now been leased for three to five years to **Coco Bongo** which will open as a Latin dance club focused on local and national touring acts - just like its forerunner. Change is inevitable it seems. Herman's will be missed in the Denver music scene. Stay tuned for more on Coco Bongo.

Rumor Bin - The old Hansen's building at the other corner of S. Pearl & Louisiana has been sold again but no clue yet as to whom or what is planned. The Pearl Wine Company at 1886 S. Pearl is moving to the northwest corner of Pearl and Iowa (finally filling the old Boulangerie space). **Happy Gym**, with classes for youth gymnastics will open in the old Pearl Wine space. And finally, work on the Iowa to Santa Fe bike bath is supposed to start this fall. Stay tuned for more on all that!

Now that it is nearly fall, temperatures will be perfect to hit the Farmer's Market and taste the fresh fall harvest that will be coming in! Who knows, maybe the line for Rebel Bread will be shorter - probably not. The market runs through November 10th, and you can start bringing your dog again beginning in October (cooler pavement). Well, that's all I've got for this issue. May the inevitable fall frost stay away till November, and we get to enjoy nature's slow moving fireworks of fall colors.

See you around the neighborhood,

Tom Snyder



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Artist Robert Hamilton-Pennel has two open studio dates in October and December at 1460 S Grant St. in Platt Park. hpwatermedia.com

Happy Gym is a new preschool gymnastics studio opening in early September at 1886 S Pearl St. - <u>happygymdenver.com</u>

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The Platt Park Postcard is a series created by neighbors Barbara Lewis and Sharon Withers to highlight the colorful history of our community. What are you curious about? Email us at <u>catalystbel2@gmail.com</u>



Then – The Mission Theater Photo Credit: Rocky Mountain Photo Company

Then & Now The Mission Theater/Vogue Lofts

The Mission Theater and its successor, the Vogue Theater, were part of Denver's golden era of movie theaters. According to Ralph J. Batchelet, in his book The Flick and I, Denver once boasted as many as 66 movie theaters and competition was fierce. Owners tried to lure customers with "everything from giving away live cats to promote the Disney picture, 'That Darned Cat,' to handing out bags of groceries to customers during the hard times of the Great Depression." (DPL Brian K. Trembath, January 4, 2016) Phil Goodstein reports that In 1948, Alberta Pike Boyd, former Rocky Mountain News drama editor, purchased the building and turned it into The Vogue Art Theatre, one of only six specialty theatres in the country. Over the years, the theater changed hands several times and continued to serve the community as a movie theater, a repertory theater and a concert hall. It was closed by Landmark Theaters in 1987.

In 2001, the Vogue Theatre was converted to condominiums, now called the Vogue Lofts. While it has been repurposed, the original arched window wells and tiled roof remain.



Now – The Vogue Lofts Photo Credit: Sharon Withers





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BUSINESS PROFILE: KAOS PIZZERIA

By Walker Knight

With a mission and a vision: that's how operating partner Riley Dorway sees his job at Kaos Pizzeria on South Pearl Street. The founder of Kaos (and Gaia and Uno Mas), Patrick Mangold-White, created the vision. A wine expert and talented chef, Patrick imagined a restaurant for a date night or family visit with the quality, value, local focus, and history of Neapolitan pizza.

That tradition cooks in a wood-fired oven at a high temperature for a short time, resulting in a soft, chewy, thin crust. In 2009 Patrick imported an Italian egg-shaped brick oven with hearth stone. He carefully trundled it down the alley on a forklift to the carriage house at 1439 South Pearl Street. Riley says the oven burns only kiln-dried oak and fruit-bearing wood. "That distinctive flavor is expensive, but worth it" he says. Ingredients matter: San Marzano tomatoes, "00" Caputo Pizzeria Flour, and their own cheese blend. Cooked between 700 and 900 degrees, the Kaos dough produces perfect Neapolitan bread.



The oven demands constant care. The hearthstone takes time to heat, so the fire, or at least its embers overnight, must never go out. That's the bad news. The good news is we get pizza every day of the week. But it's not just pizza. The menu includes hearty salads, pastas, sandwiches, and some decadent desserts.

Shortly after opening, the cottage next door became available. It provides two cozy dining rooms and a covered back patio. It also houses kegs (about 40 craft beers, 8 on draft), and a wine cellar (30 selected to complement the food at best value). Happy hour wines are \$5 per glass and \$18 per bottle. New this year: cocktails, including the Paloma, a grapefruit margarita that is an early hit.

Riley points out classic pizzas that graduated from specials to permanent offerings. There's the Jalapeño Business (pesto, garlic, red onion, pickled jalapeños, cream cheese, fresh diced tomatoes). The Smokestack Pizza is a specialty best seller (San Marzano base, apple-wood smoked bacon, fire-roasted poblanos & goat cheese.) Soon with figs in season, the cult favorite Are You Figgin Kidding Me returns.

Riley says Patrick Mangold-White was his mentor and friend, a father-figure to the staff who opened people's eyes to their possibilities. Riley first worked at Kaos while in college studying biology and public health. Returning in 2017 after stints abroad, he became immersed in the business. Following the tragic passing of Patrick in 2021, Riley continues to execute the original vision of Kaos Pizzeria. He now has the support of the owners of Oblio's Pizza in Park Hill, who are committed to maintain the Kaos culture, provide help with infrastructure, and continue the role in the community that Kaos has built.

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NEW FAIRY DOORS HAVE ARRIVED! Have you noticed all the new fairies buzzing around our neighborhood? They've been building new homes up and down South Pearl Street and would love for you to stop by and say hi! Download your fairy door map at our website and let the adventure begin!

FIRST FRIDAYS ON SOUTH PEARL! The 1400 and 1500 blocks of South Pearl have been hosting First Fridays all summer and will continue into the fall! Expect to see 50-80 local artists displaying their art on the sidewalks along with live music, gallery showcases, and evening shopping from 5pm till dark!

SOUTH PEARL OKTOBERFEST IS BACK! Dust off your lederhosen and start lifting your steins! The South Pearl Oktoberfest is landing on the 1800 block on September 14th and the party starts at 2pm! If you were around last year, you know how much fun this event is! Live music all day mixed in with food trucks, family fun zone, giant pretzels and brats, raffles, face-painting, German costume contests, sausage eating contests, stein hoisting contsts, and of course BEER! We are featuring over 10 local breweries this year! Get your South Pearl Stein and raise it up for a day full of fun! The event is free to attend. Must be 21 to purchase drink tokens and steins. See you there!

FARMERS MARKET IS ASKING TO LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME UNTIL OCTOBER Help us preserve your puppy's paws!



DECKER BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATES

By Quetzalli Cortez

The dog days of summer are finally over!

As some of you may have noticed, we've had a few more changes at the library; specifically in our Youth area. At the beginning of June, we added baby toys to our Youth area. The baby toys were such a success, that we went on to add games for Pre-K, K-5, and teens! Some games will look familiar like Jenga and Uno, but we also have new games like Best Dressed Banana and Taco Goat Cheese Pizza. While you can't checkout any of these games to play at home, you are welcome to play them at the library–even if you don't have a library card!

To make space for all of our new games, we've had to shift around our collection a little in the Youth area. You'll notice that our Welcome to Reading Kits are now in the same area as our board books, and that our children's DVDs are now next to our children's CDs. It may take a minute to get used to the new layout; if you need help finding anything, we are always happy to help you at the desk.

At the time of writing, our Summer of Adventure is almost over. We've had a lot of fun this summer learning about animals, rockets, and pokemon! Although summer may be coming to an end, there is still plenty of fun stuff to look forward to this fall! Check out our Upcoming Events page on our website to learn more about Decker's fall programs. <u>denlib.org/decker</u>

We hope to see you all soon!



At the June 21 Rocket Academy in Platt Park, Ben shows the kids how adding weight and wings to a rocket will help it to fly farther.

WASH PARK Bowling green club Celebrates 100 years

By Mark Newton



Walking through the southeast side of Washington Park, you've probably noticed a pristine green with players rolling something round and trying to hit a little white ball. Or, perhaps you have seen activity inside the fence that reminds you of one playing backyard croquet with family.

These sports are lawn bowling and croquet, and they are being played on a historic 100-year old bowling green. The lawn bowlers are members of a historic 100-year-old club, one of the few parks and recreation entities in Denver that are a century old.

Denver's bowling green in Washington Park commemorated its 100th Anniversary with a two-day celebration in late June. Another celebration was held in August in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of Washington Park.

"The Lawn" — is home to the Washington Park Lawn Bowling Club, formed in 1924, and the Denver Croquet Club, formed in 1985. Both non-profit clubs are open to the public and guests are welcome.

The clubs' seasons run roughly from April to November, so while there is not a lot of time left to enjoy the sports at their epic location this year, why not give them a try? That way, you're ready to enjoy them next year!

The green, recently designated a historic park space in Denver, is in Washington Park, is located at the northeast corner of Grasmere Lake, near the intersection of East Mississippi Avenue and South Franklin Street. It is one of only a few bowling greens located in city parks in the United States. Central Park in New York City is one. Others are in San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, and Pittsburgh.

PLATT PARK Neighbors for Climate Action

By Paddy McClelland and Parry Burnap

The Platt Park Green Team is evolving into the Platt Park Neighbors for Climate Action.

We began earlier this summer with a series of CLIMATE CAFES on the second Tuesday of each month, and these will continue through October (9/11, 10/9). These meet-ups are informal open conversations to make new connections related to neighbors' local climate concerns and your ideas for how we can work together and support each other

Please join us and learn from each other on **October 26** at the **Platt Park Climate Action Forum**, which will be a professionally facilitated collaborative and joyous work session. The forum will feature a session about what the City and County of Denver is doing in the climate arena and what resources are available to support grass roots activities. The main event will be working together to create a grassroots vision and climate action plan for Platt Park. The plan is anticipated to include 4 to 6 strategies that will result in measurable reductions in household and neighborhood climate emissions. By the forum's end, committed neighbors will form teams united by shared interests in specific strategies. After the forum, the teams (collectively to be called **Platt Park Neighbors for Climate Action**) will implement, measure and improve their ideas.

As 1960s singer/songwriter and activist, Joan Baez, is often quoted – "Action is the antidote to despair."

Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action (ANCA) will facilitate the Forum. ANCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that uses Technology of Participation (ToP) facilitation methods to support local place-based climate action on a neighborhoodby-neighborhood level.

Please join us. Send us an email if you plan to participate, or if you just want to connect and share ideas. We are especially interested in recruiting volunteers who will help us organize and get the word out about the forum.

Stay cool and take care of each other!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

And join us at these upcoming events hosted by Platt Park Neighbors for Climate Action

Platt Park Climate Action Forum

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 9:00am - 3:30pm The Historic Fleming Mansion at Platt Park

Monthly Climate Cafes

Every 2nd Wednesday from 11:30am - 1:00pm The Back Room in Hoja (1284 S Pearl St.)



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- Saturday, October 12th 10 am – 4 pm
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PLATT PARK SCHOOL UPDATES
GRANT BEACON
MIDDLE SCHOOLASBURY ELEMENTARY

Welcome back to a new school year at our Grant Beacon Middle School! As we begin another academic year, it's important to guide and support your child through the unique journey of middle school, from 6th through 8th grade. Each grade level presents its own challenges and growth opportunities. Establishing a morning routine before school starts can ease the transition and reduce any first-day anxiety. We also advise keeping the lines of communication open to discuss any feelings or concerns about starting middle school.

For our 7th graders, this is a time to encourage independence in managing their homework (<u>bnsk12.org/summer-schooltutoring-homework</u>) and school responsibilities. Middle school is an excellent opportunity for them to explore new interests, so we suggest encouraging your child to participate in our enrichments. This not only helps build essential social skills but also fosters a sense of curiosity and belonging.

Our 8th graders are encouraged to take on leadership roles within the school, preparing them for the increased responsibilities they will face in high school. Time will go fast and we will begin discussing high school options as early as November. More importantly, they need to feel ready for the next step by maintaining good grades and demonstrating effective study habits.

Throughout middle school, we recommend staying actively involved in your child's education. Attending school events and maintaining regular communication with teachers will help you stay informed about your child's progress and school life. Encouraging daily reading can enhance literacy skills and overall academic performance, while a consistent study schedule can foster good academic habits and improve time management.





One of Asbury Elementary School's greatest strengths is its community, and that's been on full display this back-to-school season. Before our doors even opened officially for the new school year, the newest members of our community - the incoming kindergarteners - gathered on our playground to meet each other and test out our swing sets. And our school's annual Eagle's Nest Welcome event brought new and returning students and their families together for a fun evening of meeting teachers, exploring classrooms, and seeing friends.

On the first day of school, students posed in front of the "Welcome Back, Eagles" sign, courtesy of Card My Yard, and our Tears and Cheers station doled out generous amounts of tissues and coffee to parents and caregivers.

With the 2024-25 school year now well underway, our community is gearing up for everyone's favorite annual event, the Asbury Carnival, on September 20. We invite the entire neighborhood to this exciting, fun-filled evening. There will be games, prizes, food, student performances, face painting, balloon animals, and so much more. Don't miss it!

In the coming weeks, our community has many more opportunities to gather outside the classrooms. There's Walk to School Day in October; our Halloween parade; the annual Fun Run in November; and our Thanksgiving lunch, where families come together for a delicious feast, courtesy of our amazing cafeteria staff.

And, of course, the holidays are fast approaching, and that's when the Asbury community really shows its might. We'll be hosting a food drive to stock our school's pantry with healthy, shelf-stable food to send home with our families who need extra support. And our volunteer-led Giving Tree ensures all our students have their holiday wishes granted.

We're proud of our Asbury community and hope you'll continue to support our small but mighty neighborhood school!



Our annual Platt Park Pick Up was held this year on May 18th. More than 30 neighbors showed up in Platt Park to help pick up trash and litter around our neighborhood – We covered six different routes from Broadway to Downing and Evans to Mississippi. It was wonderful to see so many neighbors, friends, kids, and dogs show up to pitch in to keep our community clean.

Our Platt Park neighbor, Sheri Mounteer, volunteered to lead the pick up efforts and went around to merchants to gather gift cards as a thank you to those who helped out. Seventeen merchants in the neighborhood supported the effort by donating either refreshments or gift certificates that were awarded to trash pickup participants.

Please be sure to say **THANK YOU** when you visit these neighborhood merchants:





3PA hosted it's first ever Family Field Day in Platt Park on June 21st in partnership with Katrina Rogers and <u>Move With Ease Now</u>.



UPCOMING EVENT Yoga in platt park

Saturday, September 14th at 10am

Yoga in Platt Park offered by Sumits Yoga and April Feldman 60 minute class open to all levels.

Bring a mat, water bottle, and a block if you would like.

JOIN YOUR PLATT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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?

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.

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