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Canine Culture Clash

Drew Webster, CPDT-KA

Platt Park is a wonderful community and is very dog friendly. Walk down the street and notice how many businesses have water bowls out front, complimentary dog treats inside, leash hook up stations out front and even businesses that invite dogs to come inside. Yet, there is nowhere for dogs to run free without the confines of a leash. Some owners will admittedly let their dogs off leash at James H. Platt Park "when no one is around". There are two problems

with this. First it is illegal. It violates Denver city leash law policies and, second, these friendly dogs often don't discriminate and run up to dogs that are on leash and may not like to be bothered. The off leash owners often say "he's friendly" however, this may not be well received on the other end. Thus, creating our canine culture clash.

On the popular neighborhood web site www.nextdoor.com residents have posted both their strong desire to keep off leash dogs out of the park or an equal if not greater push from dog owners for a sanctioned off leash area. It seems with the current situation that there is indeed a need for a space to be allocated for off leash dogs. Did you know that off leash spaces for dogs is the fastest growing public land use since they are relatively inexpensive to create and maintain? We need to ask the question as a community: would adding an off leash area for dogs to play benefit our community?



I will tell you as a professional dog trainer I don't love dog parks. I treat many dogs with behavior issues that have started or become worse because of frequent visits to dog parks and dog daycare facilities with poor practices. Some of the cons to adding a dog park

would be that we will see increased risk of aggression incidents, increased probability of sharing and spreading dog related illnesses.

The potential pros are social bonds that can be created between dogs and neighbors who frequent the parks, better behaved dogs.

So what do you think dear reader? Does Platt Park need an off leash area for dogs to run? Would this help our community or be one more step in dogs imposing on the lives of non-dog owners? Should we find an appropriate space to build an off leash area? We should encourage both advocates and dissenters to come and share their hopes and concerns for the space so 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.

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Thank you from McKinley-Thatcher Elementary.

Canines

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is a communal decision that considers everyone's perspective. I propose we organize a community meeting time and talk hear some views because it is obvious that everyone has an opinion.

You can read more on Drew's blog on www.gooddogrule.com or follow **Good Dog Training** on Facebook or Twitter **@DoctrDrewlittle**.

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Neighborhood Notes

So there were actually a few of you dedicated readers who evidentially noticed and missed Neighborhood Notes in the last issue—thanks for that. Not quite sure where everyone else was as my inbox did not flood with concerned well-wishers. One can only assume everyone must have been too caught up with vastly more serious matters (like raking leaves) to notice such a historic event—historic in that this was the first issue I've missed in the past ten years. Sorry about that. No family crisis on my end just a case of the to-do list getting way longer than my reality. So enough excuse making lets get you caught up on what's happening around here.

Welcome back **Village Cork** (1300 S Pearl Street), which reopened its doors after a four month remodeling hiatus. Owners Lisa & Mike wanted to give a complete update to the space they opened a now distant 14 years ago—an eternity in the restaurant world. The space has been transformed to create a larger kitchen, a more traditional bar and a bit more space for patrons. It still retains some of its rustic charm but has a fresh modern feel. Aside from the changes to the space a full liquor license now enables full bar service. The focus is, to be sure still on wine but customers can now enjoy cocktails and spirits many of which are focused on Colorado producers. The Village Cork is now open for lunch as well as dinner opening each day at 11:00 am. The new kitchen enables the chef staff to provide a more expanded menu that, as before will be rotated seasonally and feature Colorado sourced meats and produce. Welcome back!

Ok, most asked question I seem to get of late is what is going on with **The Tavern Platt Park** (1475 S Pearl Street)? To anyone paying attention this would seem to be the slowest construction project of all time. To refresh your memory the Tavern group acquired the old India's Pearl building back in 2012 and had hoped to begin construction in August of that year—obviously that didn't happen. Delays that centered on the overall design and hours of operation pushed things back till finally construction could begin last January, which resulted in the presently observable hole and new foundation. Construction slowed to a crawl again when it was determined that specifically the Taverns plans to operate outdoor patios late into the night would be in violation of the zoning code. Over the summer that got hashed out with a conclusion of allowing the outdoor patios to stay open till 11:00 pm on weeknights and midnight on weekends. So why the current delay? Turns out there were unforeseen issues with the soil and the resultant type of foundation required to deal with it. If you've ever done a home improvement project you know it is always harder to fix a problem once you're way into whatever you are doing. Such has been the issue as the problem was discovered after the foundation was completed. Well after a few more months delay and of course a bunch more money things are now back on track. So probably about the time you are reading this construction should be back in full swing with a new completion target of next May. We'll look forward to soon being able to slip into one of the new booths with a cold beer just in time to start watching on some big screen TV the Rockies begin their annual May meltdown. Yay!

About this time of year we are all working to find those perfect gifts for the special someones in our lives. Good news is we are blessed with many wonderful shopping establishments

just a short stroll from our front door. Up and down Pearl Street you will find a wide variety of shops selling everything from clothes, jewelry, artwork, books...and so much more. This year just in time for the holidays there are a few new members to our shopping community. Sharing space at 1523 S Pearl Street are **Pamela's Decadent Jewelry** and **J.J. Cunningham's Gallery of Vintage Art**. Pamela describes her creations as jewelry that makes a bold fashion statement with looks from vintage to present. J.J. Cunningham's Gallery specializes in truly vintage artwork from post-Impressionist paintings from Europe, circa 1890-1920 along with Scandinavian Modern paintings from the 40's to 60's. Since their opening in late October hours have been Thursday through Saturday 11 am till 5:30 pm but look for new holiday hours in December.

Want to take a walk on the more wild side of fashion then you might want to head over to Broadway and check out **Fashionation** at 1594 S Broadway. Fashionation has been a Denver fixture for rock and roll-themed clothing for 27 years. This past summer they lost their lease in Capitol Hill and the closure of Packrat Antiques presented them the perfect new space to continue the business. Cool stuff, nice owners, check it out! Down the street just next to the Dive Inn is a little shop that slipped in a couple months ago called **Alternative Intelligence** (1384 S Broadway), which specializes in artist created hats. Didn't know such a thing existed but guess they ship worldwide and in certain circles are very well known. Drop in or check out their webpage at www.aiapparel.com.

Speaking of shopping local don't miss this years **WinterFest** December 5th and 6th on the 1500 block of South Pearl. Wagon rides, appearances by Santa himself, food vendors, merchant open houses, live music...just a good time so skip the crowds at the malls and have a wonderful time getting in the holiday spirit while supporting our local businesses!

Hard to believe yet another year will soon be drawing to a close. Hope it has been a good one for you and your loved ones. From all of us here at the Platt Park Peoples Association and the Platt Park Post we wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

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Johanna Jamison, Transportation Solutions

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City residents will now be allowed to sell from their homes fresh produce and “cottage foods” that they grow and make themselves, thanks to an amendment to the Denver Zoning Code adopted in July by Denver City Council.

Among the benefits of the new regulation are expanded access to affordable foods, particularly in those communities considered “food deserts,” and community-building through increased neighbor-to-neighbor interactions. The change will also help meet the city’s sustainability goals by reducing the distance that food travels from farm to table, and will help to create supplemental income opportunities for families seeking greater economic self-sufficiency.

Deb Neeley Running of the Sloans Lake neighborhood says of her experience selling produce from her home, “It has been such a rewarding experience getting to meet all different types of people in my neighborhood as a result of selling my produce and eggs. It has been the perfect avenue for creating community and spreading good will. Just about everyone I have met wants a tour of my growing operation and it is just a joy to share my passion and knowledge.”

Mya Bea from the Cole neighborhood is also thrilled with her experience on her first day of selling garden-grown produce from her home. “On our first market day we connected with a neighbor who had recently sworn off sugar in the face of an impending diabetes diagnosis. He took as many vegetables as he could carry, saying he was ready to make them a regular part of his life.” She adds “There were great conversations with people of all ages and color, with pets and children and skeptical teens - how does sidewalk-level community get better than this?”

The text amendment allows residents with a one-time \$20 permit to sell:

- Raw and uncut fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs, grown by the seller in an on-site or community garden;
- Whole eggs produced by chickens or ducks owned and kept by the seller at home;
- “Cottage foods,” which are low-risk, unrefrigerated food products made on-site such as spices, teas, honey, jams, and certain baked goods, as defined in the Colorado Cottage Food Act

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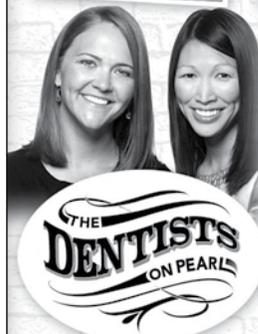
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Meet Platt Park Artist: Ira Sherman

Mariah Raymond

Most kids dream of having their own candy machine, but few end up making one for themselves. Artist and inventor Ira Sherman was born with an intuitive sense for how mechanical things work, as well as the curiosity and drive to bring his ideas to fruition. As a jeweler, metalsmith, and engineer with a keen sense of life forms and fluid design, his work extends beyond the traditional: from jewelry-inspired monumental sculptures, to interactive, wearable machines that tackle sociological issues such as vanity, bad-faith negotiations, over-verbosity, crime and moral and biological concerns.

At 21 years old, with a background in chemistry and biology, the native Chicagoan moved to Platt Park to live with his sister. "It [Platt Park] was Dutch, hippie and Hispanic back then... people have always been nice here." Blocked out of a too-full printmaking class, Sherman chose jewelry-making instead and thus began a lifelong career. He opened a gallery/jewelry store on Louisiana across from McKinley-Thatcher in the early 70's where he crafted turquoise jewelry, until someone asked if could make a ring out of gold. Though he had never worked in gold, Sherman said yes.

Saying yes to the unknown—the difficult, the outrageous—is the means by which Sherman developed and mastered his craft. No challenge was too big. In the late 70's he started exploring and developing "wearable conceptual jewelry" while making a living creating custom wedding rings for his most loyal customers. Spurred by a terrifying attempted robbery, Sherman closed the jewelry shop and bought the house in Platt Park in which he and his wife, textile artist Nancy Sherman, live today. He no longer keeps jewelry or precious metals in his house.

The Sherman home is filled with many of his pieces: The Pavlovian Trainer – a bizarre, yet beautiful apparatus designed to fit on a person's head and control—through pneumatically controlled positive and negative reinforcement—excessive talking; The Seed, a sleek and threatening device built to protect and preserve your most precious genetic material. Each piece is conceptually based on contemporary issues and actualized in a serendipitous yet meticulous pro-



cess involving pneumatics and electronics, as well as motion and sweat detecting elements. Keep in mind that although these sculptures are conceptual in nature, they actually work. In addition to these functional exoskeletons, Sherman creates ritual Judaic objects and monuments, many of which are located around Denver (see his 22-foot-tall bronze doors at the Hebrew Educational Alliance Synagogue at 3600 South Ivanhoe Street).

For Sherman and many professional artists, the work can be lonely. Our neighborhood provides him with a community and he often frequents Stella's for a dose of coffee and conversation, "Platt Park is a good place for artists to live. It's comfortable enough to make you stay, but there's enough going on to provide stimulation." Sherman likes the ever-evolving nature of the neighborhood, as transition and controversy fuel his creativity.

Lucky for you, a couple of Sherman's monumental sculptures are within walking distance from Platt Park. See The Stang Machine—a kinetic, interactive piece exploring movement and transportation—at the Louisiana Pearl Light Rail Station. Sherman's favorite monument, called The Path, resides in the lobby of the Denver office of the Multiple Sclerosis Society at 900 South Broadway. For more information, visit his web site at www.shermansculpture.com.

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