

JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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VIRTUAL MEETINGS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID:
899 545 6713
Password: jefferson
Call-In: 312-626-6799

Tuesday, May 11,
6:30–8:00pm

Tuesday, June 8,
6:30–8:00pm

All are welcome

LAND-USE VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545
6713
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Thursday, May 6,
6:30–8:00pm

Thursday, June 3,
6:30–8:00pm

All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, March 7, 11:00am–1:00pm
Friday, March 14, 11:00am–1:00pm
Reserve a spot at:
bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS

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19th ANNUAL JEFFERSON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, MAY 15 / 9AM JEFFERSON PARK PLAYGROUND



It's been over a year since we've all stayed home, and our neighborhood is in need of a good Spring Cleaning! Join friends and neighbors as we pick up trash along the park, streets and sidewalks and help make Jefferson Park a more beautiful place to live.



Start the day off right with Free Burritos from Araujo's, juice and Coffee from Awake. Once fueled, you may pick an area of our neighborhood to help clean with friends, family or neighbors. It's a great way to get to know people in your community.

Members of Denver Park and Recreation will be on hand to help those who want to spread new mulch, weed and beautify our namesake park. We'll have various drop off points throughout the neighborhood to assist in hauling away trash.

Please bring your own gloves and water. Additional guidelines can be found on Page 5.



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." — **Margaret Mead**



**Concacaf Nations League Finals
June 3 & 6
Empower Field at Mile High**

The Concacaf Nations League Finals are coming to Denver! Featuring North American soccer national team powerhouses **Mexico, the United States, Costa Rica, and Honduras**, the finals will crown the first-ever champion of all 41 Concacaf Member Associations across the continent.

“A” STICKER PARKING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE ENFORCED FOR THIS EVENT

APPLY FOR PERMIT [HERE](#)

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Near Northwest Area Plan will be kicking off this summer, and we want to hear from you!

The planning area is made up of the Northwest Denver neighborhoods east of Federal Boulevard, including Jefferson Park, Highland, Sunnyside, and Chaffee Park. It includes a variety of housing types, commercial corridors, local shopping destinations, and industrial areas in the northeastern portion of the planning area. The Neighborhood Planning Initiative provides a great opportunity to establish the community's vision for maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in these neighborhoods for decades to come.

Learn more and sign up for email updates at denvergov.org/nearnorthwestplan.



JPUN Board Meeting will be held virtually on
Monday June 7, 2021 at 6pm.
All are welcome to attend.

2 Fast is 2 Dangerous

On any given Sunday night most people in Jefferson Park can hear the revving of engines in cars going a little faster than what posted speed signs state. According to Colorado State Patrol drag racing is happening at least every weekend and now with warmer weather, even during the week. It occurs on rural stretches of roadway and in the middle of downtown Denver. Groups of racers can consist of fewer than five people or hundreds with racers often meeting up in one location before driving to race in another.

Denver police are staging officers at locations they know racing groups are planning to meet and have deployed department helicopters to track races. With over 1,500 reports of racing since October 2020, police can only do so much.

Nearly 40 law enforcement groups are looking for your assistance in tackling this problem that often occurs in multiple jurisdictions. You can anonymously report street racing to the website reportstreetracing.com.

[SUBMIT AN ANONYMOUS TIP TO LAW ENFORCEMENT](#)



Results from a street racing accident

MORE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR DENVERITES

Denver City Council approved developers to partner with Denver’s [Mobility Action Plan](#) (MAP). The plan aims to improve choice of transportation, safety, climate and health impact, and accessibility. Through MAP, Denver is looking to give residents more [transportation choices](#), whether it be shared rides, walking, biking or public transit. The city’s goal is to get single occupant vehicle use down to 50%.

Additionally MAP will implement the [Zero Vision](#) program, and modify the designs of high risk intersections. Pedestrian deaths are up by 89% since 2008, according to a AAA study. The goal is to have zero fatalities by 2030. The city also plans to launch [GoDenver](#), an app that helps users find the cheapest, fastest and greenest ride options in the area. [MyDenverCard](#) is another transit program in which school age children will have access to a free RTD pass. A [Denver shuttle service](#) is also in development.

Strategic Goals



CHOICE
Providing more choices:
Walk, Bike, Drive, Transit
or Share



SAFETY
Improving
safety through
Vision Zero



CLIMATE & HEALTH
Expanding use of
electric vehicles and
charging stations



ACCESSIBILITY
Increasing technology
to make your trip
easier and faster



JEFFERSON PARK'S THAI TRIANGLE

Three Thai restaurants have been in the works for more than a year in Jefferson Park and West Highland neighborhoods — and they're finally all open, creating a delicious triangle on and near Federal Boulevard. The three eateries are close enough to each other that you could hit them all on a walk, grabbing a soup, an appetizer and an entree along the way. They're all worth a visit, with recognizable curries and stir-fries as well as a few surprises thrown in. And they all have easy-to-use online ordering in case you'd rather get your Thai lunch or dinner to go.

My Thai Cafe

2524 Federal Boulevard - 720-598-6798

My Thai Cafe is the newest of three, taking over the former home of Jack-N-Grill (which was once part of a triangle of breakfast burrito purveyors competing in a price war) on Federal Boulevard. With a modern interior, a full bar and a spacious patio, it's a great place to linger over drinks and plates ordered family-style for sharing. One dish you won't find at the other two: khao soy, the northern Thai dish comprising chicken braised in a yellow coconut curry, soft noodles and a nest of crunchy noodles on top. Like many of Asia's best noodle-soup dishes, khao soy comes with add-ins so you can customize your own bowl. The cafe also has an appetizer sampler platter in case you want to fill up on dumplings, chicken satay, egg rolls and crab wontons. My Thai Cafe is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day but Tuesday.

Ros Siam

2637 West 26th Avenue - 303-953-0291

Ros Siam is the choice if you're looking for ambience. The restaurant took over the former home of Sassafras (which moved to 3927 West 32nd Avenue), and its small but bright and airy dining room inside a Victorian mansion feels homey and welcoming. One dish you won't find at the other two: moo yang, a marinated grilled pork steak (called BBQ pork on the menu) served with sticky rice and a spicy-sweet Thai chili sauce. Ros Siam is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday and dinner on Sunday; see the restaurant's website for complete details.

Beau Thai

3464 West 32nd Avenue - 720-379-6040

The compact but inviting Beau Thai is a great option for a quick lunch for Highlands Square shoppers or a takeout feast for the whole family. This location is the newest of the family-owned Beau Thai trio (with locations in Evergreen and Castle Rock, as well) that has been in business for more than a decade. One dish you won't find at the other two: stir-fried duck with basil, a dinner-only option that comes in a garlicky sauce with green beans, mushrooms and other veggies. Beau Thai's menu is also clearly marked with vegan, gluten-free and kid-sized options. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day but Monday.

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MEOW WOLF OPENING FALL 2021

[Meow Wolf](#) has announced it plans to open its new 90,000-square-foot downtown Denver location sometime in fall 2021. "The shell has been built, and the gooey interior being filled with interactive art from more than 110 local artists, alongside partner artists, and artists from our own Meow Wolf team," said a Meow Wolf [statement](#). Meow Wolf is highly motivated to contribute to the revitalization of the Platte River and we chose the site because it's funky, bizarre and an opportunity for low impact urban infill. What better way to use the dynamic space between a bunch of viaducts (Colfax Avenue and Interstate 25) than to build an unbelievable Meow Wolf experience?"

You can [sign up](#) for Meow Wolf's e-mail newsletter to be notified of the opening date.



This Slugs new home will be in Denver

JPUN Cleanup | Continued from Page 1...

Here are some guidelines the City has put together to have a safe and successful event.

- ❖ Please stay home if you have a fever, cough or shortness of breath.
- ❖ We also recommend that those who are immunocompromised or otherwise at a higher health risk stay home.
- ❖ Maintain physical distancing of at least 6' from other workers when possible, unless you are from the same household.
- ❖ Practice good hygiene. Don't touch your face. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds if possible – or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.
- ❖ Avoid sharing tools if possible. If you must share tools, wear gloves.
- ❖ Bring your own hand sanitizer
- ❖ Bring your own water
- ❖ Wear sunscreen
- ❖ Dress appropriately for weather and wear Sturdy footwear (no open toe shoes) Hats are recommended
- ❖ Do not pick up needles. If volunteers come across any, inform the point contact so we can have park staff dispose of them safely

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS SOME SPRING CLEANING!

(especially after a year of staying home)

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