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The voice of Jefferson Park



Jefferson Park to host a District 1 City Council Candidates forum

Presidents matter, Senators and State Senators matter, but what really matters in Denver is who your city council member is.

Jefferson Park United Neighbors' April 6th General Membership meeting will have a good portion devoted to hosting a District 1 City Council Candidate forum. This forum will allow each candidate an opportunity to present their candidacy in their own words, while also providing the Jefferson Park community with particular insight on how they would specifically serve our neighborhood.

We will conduct an abbreviated session of our general business meeting, which the candidates have been invited to attend. At 7:20 PM we will introduce the City Council candidates in attendance. Beginning at 7:30 PM, we have allotted one hour, equally divided, for the candidates in attendance to present their candidacy.

We will conclude our meeting with a half hour devoted to a short Q & A session. We will ask the general membership to be concise in addressing their questions and for those candidates questioned to be equally brief in their responses. The meeting will adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Jefferson Park Day help needed

Your Jefferson Park neighbors are hard at work planning for our annual Jefferson Park Day on May 15th. We have lots of fun things on the agenda for the day including a petting zoo, live music, a great barbecue, and of course cleaning up our neighborhood so it will shine for all of us. We still need many volunteers to help with the clean up and the festival afterwards. If you or your organization is interested in volunteering or making a donation of some sort, please contact Brooke Bailey at 303-667-1710 to make arrangements as soon as possible.

Planning future Improvements to the 23rd Avenue Bridge

Just in time for spring, the Colorado Department of Transportation has replaced the railings on the 23rd Avenue Bridge over I-25. Jefferson Park United Neighbors worked for nearly two years to get this accomplished. Thanks go out to JPUN volunteers and neighborhood businesses who invested time and money to build the bridge path and to the City of Denver and CDOT which funded and built the handi-cap ramps and replaced the bridge railings.

The bridge structure will remain in place until the Central Valley Highway, I-25, is drastically improved... hopefully in less than another 20 years. In the meantime we need to make the bridge a safer place to travel and a more aesthetically pleasing gateway to Jefferson Park and the City. JPUN is advocating improved bicycle and pedestrian signage by working with Denver's Bike planning program in cooperation with BikeDenver. When exiting I-25 into Jefferson Park visitors should experience a gateway into a vital and entertaining community. Toward that end JPUN is now working with three volunteer landscape architects to develop improved landscape design and a monument which signifies Jefferson Park. As this design work continues, input will be sought from the major stakeholders and Jefferson Park neighbors. Plan to join us the first Tuesday of every month to find out what's happening.

Come one, come all--to JPUN's

JPHUN Happy Hour. The popular event is starting up again this month on Thursday, April 22.

Come meet friends and neighbors at Jack-N-Grill 2524 N. Federal Blvd. from 5pm to 8pm.

Lite appetizers as well as some phenomenal drink specials will be provided.

It's a great chance to celebrate the end of a day with people aren't going to complain about work and talk to neighbors about some of the great things JPUN neighbors have been doing in the community.



BOARD NEWS

Jefferson Park United Neighbors General Membership Meeting

April 6, 2010

6:30 pm, Riverside Baptist Church - Rear Chapel
24th Ave. and Bryant St.

- Meeting Call to Order and Announcements
 - o Members can stay informed via email by joining the JPUN Yahoo Group or sending an email to jpun-subscribe@yahoo.com
 - o TUCC - Blue Shoe Run — September 25th, 2010
- District One Police Report - Officer Jason Valdez & Officer Aaron Bloom

- New Business
 - o Denver Parks and Rec Tina Romero, recruiting volunteers Earth Day, South Platte River Restoration — Susan Fry, Park Stewardship Program
- Committee Reports
 - o Communications Chair — Joe Boven
 - o Land Use Chairs — David Solomon and Fred Lai
 - Update on Element 47 and Bryant Street Vacations
 - o Neighborhood Liaison — Kristen Couzens
 - Denver Urban Gardens – update on the status of a community garden in Jefferson Park
 - o Safety Chair (Nominee) — Katherine Meldrum
 - Update on 2nd Chance Residences — 2728 W. 26th Avenue
 - o Social Chairs — Brooke Bailey
 - JPUNCH Events
 - o Central Valley Improvement Chair — Jerry Olson
 - Jefferson Park Gateway Design Concepts
- o Special Projects Committee — Michael Guietz, Co-Vice President
 - Jefferson Park Day Planning
- District 1 City Council Candidate Forum
 - o Beginning at 7:30 PM, we have allotted one hour, equally divided for the candidates in attendance to present their candidacy.
 - o We will conclude the meeting with a half hour devoted to a short Q & A session.
 - o The general membership is asked to be concise in addressing their questions and for those candidates questioned to be equally brief in their responses.
 - o We are attempting to show the utmost respect to our host, Riverside Baptist Church, by concluding this meeting at 9:00 PM.
- Meeting Adjourned

Jefferson Park Community Garden Gaining Ground By Cristin Couzens

Support for a community garden is gaining ground in Jefferson Park after CEC recently offered to share a portion of their land to further help the dream flower.

“We’ve been wanting to start a community garden in Jefferson Park for awhile now,” said Michael Buchenau, Executive of Denver Urban Gardens (D.U.G), “but we needed strong community support.”

JPUN Community Garden Steering Committee members this month identified a potential garden site at the CEC Middle College campus after speaking with Language Arts Teacher Alex Corio. Ms. Corio received a grant last year to start a student garden and incorporated the project into her English class.

Jefferson Park neighbors Joan Bondy, Esther Meehan, and Cristin Couzens met with Ms. Corio, CEC Principal Dominic Martinez, Shane Wright from Groundwork Denver, and Michael Buchenau (D.U.G.) to discuss the feasibility of the CEC site for the first Jefferson Park community garden.

The idea taking shape is a garden with plots for Jefferson Park neighbors that would be supported by CEC students and Groundwork Denver volunteers. It will be located at the northeast corner of the CEC campus. Principal Martinez is excited about the educational opportunities for CEC students—with programs in construction and welding to help with tool sheds, compost bins, and fencing, together with the culinary arts program, and other possibilities for incorporating agriculture into classes.

Even more exciting, is with such a great site and strong support, there is a good chance neighborhood gardeners will be planting this growing season!

Are you interested in learning more about the Jefferson Park Community Garden? Our next step is to give input on a Master Site Garden Plan for the CEC site. The more voices we have, the better the garden will be!

Please join us on April 27th at 6:30pm in the Zocalo Condominiums Community Room (W. 22nd Ave and Decatur).

For more information about Denver Urban Gardens and Community Gardening, visit www.dug.org or contact Cristin Couzens (JPUN member and Community Garden Contact) at ckcouzens@gmail.com

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**Please be certain to include your mailing address or email address so that we can send you a tax receipt and acknowledgement letter. **

WHAT WE DO

I was recently at an event where one of our neighbors said they didn't care for JPUN because we were only working in the interests of developers. In an effort to show the neighborhood what we do, I am reprinting an excerpt from our last board meeting. I ask you to please take the time to partner with us so that we can expand our activities and represent your interests.

Excerpt:

Brent gave the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$2,174. Brent let us know we need the donation from Allied for Jefferson Park Day to begin funding costs.

Communications: Tom asked that we work on finding further resources to develop Spanish translation for the Newsletter.

Environmental – Kari will collect information to create a resource list for inclusion in the newsletter and the web site.

Land Use – new meeting time is second Tue. at 6:30. Allied is working on a new design and so is Spano. Fred will approach Lex at Spano about a second roll off for Jefferson Park Day. Because of Denver's new zoning code, what is the role of the Land Use committee? Michael, Jerry and Cristin attended the Downtown neighborhoods association and will be involved with that group.

Cristin – Neighborhood Liaison –

Cristin attended the Federal Blvd Partnership meeting and reported on several projects that they are working on. They would like to be involved in the cleanup of Jefferson Park on Federal Blvd.

There is discussion of a Chili cook off event by a group of Northwest Neighborhood Associations. Brent and Brooke volunteered to be involved in looking into that.

Denver Parks and Rec – April 24th River cleanup to work on the River.

Community Garden – A steering committee met. They talked to CEC about participating in a garden on their property. It looks like that will happen with the school participating by having gardening in the curriculum at CEC.

Brooke - Social

Brooke is looking into a Welcome package and/or visiting new neighbors. She wants to form a committee.

Brooke is planning a JPUNCH social event in the park, volleyballs, drinks, snacks. Frontview 40 wants to hold an event on their roof, and Jack'n Grill has been contacted to host an event.

Michael proposed an event on July 24th for a meet and greet event with the Outlaws. It was agreed to put it on the calendar.

Brooke has recruited about 15 people for Jefferson Park Day. She is looking into rental equipment for the event.

Petting Zoo is set up for Jefferson Park Day

Michael and Brooke are continuing to recruit booths and activities for the day.

We will provide 150 t-shirts.

Each board member will volunteer for specific jobs by emailing Brooke.

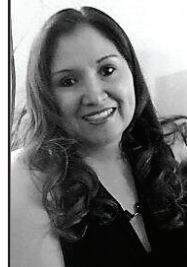
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Safety – Katherine - 2728 W. 26th. The house on 26th has been shut down as a boarding house for released prisoners.

Central Valley Improvement – Jerry

Jerry is trying to obtain some pro-bono planning for the 23rd St. exit area as a gateway to Jefferson Park.

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Resolution is reached on 2nd Chance Homes: Owner decides to change business plan

The monthly meetings of the Jefferson Park United Neighbors are held so that we can communicate in an open forum the happenings in our community. During the February General Membership meeting one of our neighbors brought to light a concern that she and other neighbors had regarding the intended use of a home in their block. A new owner had purchased the house located at 2728 W. 26th Avenue and intended to open a transitional home, named "2nd Chance Residences", for as many as 11 recently released felons from Colorado's prisons. The neighbors recognized this use as a potential hazard given the setting of the home. Located in a residential neighborhood, across the street from the CEC and its day care facility, the planned use of the home appeared to these neighbors to be a poor fit. The neighbors they asked the Jefferson Park United Neighbors to help them mitigate the concern presented by 2nd Chance Residences.

Over the past two months these neighbors and representatives from the JPUN Board of Directors have met on multiple occasions with the owner of 2nd Chance Residences, the District's City Councilman, Rita Contreras of the District's Council office, Denver Police Department's Lieutenant Paul Pazen, a city appointed mediator and representatives from Colorado's Department of Corrections. In addition to these personal meetings there have been countless conversations and correspondence with the various City agencies that have oversight responsibilities for a business or residence in our neighborhood. Throughout all of the meetings and communications JPUN has been insistent on the notion that the neighborhood welcomes responsible business owners and residents but cannot allow any use that would bring an unsafe or undesirable element into our community. This past week the neighbors met one last time with the owner of 2nd Chance Residences and reached an agreement that his intended use of the house was not appropriate and that he would change his business plan to one that fits in the existing context of the neighborhood. We wish the owner well as he develops that new business plan.

Recognizing, studying and acting to augment developments that may not conform to our neighborhood goals while promoting those changes that preserve a positive atmosphere is how we can help carve out a place that nurtures our lives.

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Run for your father, your brother, your husband, your friend. Run for you! Join Jefferson Park neighbor, The Urology Center of Colorado (TUCC), and TUCC Foundation for The Blue Shoe Run for Prostate Cancer. Team up with your family, friends and co-workers to raise money for prostate cancer screening, community education and research efforts and then try out a unique race course in the heart of the Jefferson Park neighborhood. Don't forget your blue shoes!

Additional race day activities will include live music, food, recognition of local prostate cancer survivors and their families, educational booths and a children's area. Saturday, September 25, 2010 8:00 a.m. Race Start at - The Urology Center of Colorado 2777 Mile High Stadium Circle Denver, CO 80211 \$35 Adults (Race Day - \$40), \$20 Youth (17 & under) and Seniors (65 & over) (Race Day \$25). All registration fees include a race shirt. For more information or to register for the race, please visit www.theblueshoerun.com



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