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JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF JEFFERSON PARK UNITED NEIGHBORS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Jefferson Park Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Riverside Church 2401 Alcott St. | Rear Chapel info@jpun.org All are welcome

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

CANINE GATHERING & COMMUNITY POTLUCK

JPUN's third annual "Dog Days of Summer" canine festivities and community potluck is Tues., Aug. 8 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Jefferson Park Pavilion (23rd Ave. & Clay St.).

Co-sponsored by **Urban Vet Care**, a full-service veterinary
hospital serving Northwest
Denver, this FREE event featuring dog-related vendors,
food and family fun, also
celebrates **National Night Out** and **Denver Days**.

Stock up on FREE schWAG and delicious treats for your fur-babies, enter to win a grand prize drawing, meet with staff from Urban Vet, and learn about services offered by Diggin' Doggies, Denver Animal Shelter, Republic of Paws, Mile High Pup Stop and more. FREE Little Man Ice Cream will be available for all the PAWrents.

Karri Smith, previous Jefferson Park business owner (Walter W Martin, LLC) and current owner of Mile High Pup Stop, will be selling the remainder of her inventory for HALF-PRICE, including sports-themed dog attire (go Broncos!), pet costumes and supplies (CASH ONLY). Smith will also be giving away FREE pieces of pupcake to four-legged friends courtesy of JPUN and Biscotti Hound Dog Biscuit Bakery.

All friendly dogs (leashed) and their families are welcome to attend this FREE event. Please bring a side dish, dessert or something to share with your neighbors for the potluck, and don't forget the poo bags.

SMILE! Look for our PUParazzi to take photographs of you and your pet. #xmascards?



Thank you to **Urban Vet Care**, **Araujo's**, **Sexy Pizza**, **Jimmy John's Highlands**, **Safeway**, **Hubert Lemonade**, **Little Man Ice Cream** and all our sponsors/vendors for making this year's event PAWSible!



















JPUN SUMMER CONCERTS HIT ALL THE RIGHT NOTES

Summertime in Denver is all about the outdoors and Jefferson Park residents take full advantage – from imbibing craft beers on Briar Common's rooftop to learning about urban farming at Jefferson Park Farm and Flea to watching fireworks at Mile High to rocking out at JPUN's Music @ Jefferson Park summer concerts.

Organized by JPUN, 2785 Speer, and neighborhood volunteers, the sixth annual concert series was just the ticket to family friendly fun and ongoing community building.

We've always focused on three core principles of activating our namesake park, building community and showcasing great music. We are lucky to

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COMMUNITY

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL TO SELL AT \$4M

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Original article by Lynn Yen: http://www.businessden.com/2017/07/06/highlands-school-listed-4m/



The school building fronting Federal Boulevard in the Highlands was listed for \$3.95 million. (Lynn Yen)

As Jefferson Park is growing more and more, the community can expect a variety of changes and turnovers of property to be seen within our neighborhood. Of note recently is the selling of local Highlands school, Escuela Tlatelolco, located at 2949 Federal Blvd. After two decades of serving dual-language K-12 students, Escuela Tlatelolco, will be closing its doors due to recently losing its contract with Denver Public Schools, effectively causing them to lose 75 percent of funding. The 21,000-square-foot building has been listed at a price of \$3.95 Million.

Sitting on a property zoned for mixed-use and a three-story maximum build, listing agent Dennis McLin with McLin Commercial said the schoolhouse can be used for many types of development.

Founded in 1971 by Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales, a social justice leader in Crusade for Justice, and then handed down to daughter Nita, Escuela Tlatelolco moved from its original location to Federal Blvd. in 1995. Buying their property from St. Dominic's Elementary School for \$610,000, the school relied on community support and private grants, which started to dwindle as DPS pulled their contract with the school as students' test scores failed to rise.

Jesse Ogas, a board member of the school for thirteen years stated, "DPS felt that the academic strides of our students weren't where they needed to be. Many of these students were students that failed in DPS, but were able to graduate from Escuela and go on to college and get their degrees."

JPUN SUMMER CONCERTS



have sponsors that believe in that simple vision, residents of Jefferson Park who are willing to achieve it, and North Denver neighbors who support it," said JPUN President Michael Guiietz.

This year, JPUN welcomed back local favorites the Highland Ramblers, who kicked off the series with an energetic, front porch boot-stomping bluegrass show that ended with an acoustic encore sing-along in the grass. The repeat performance from the Highland Ramblers, who played in 2015, brought out a record-sized crowd and delighted concertgoers young and old.

In July, The Max Mackey Band (TMMB) got the crowd on their dancing feet, performing originals as well as classic covers from the Grateful Dead, Van Morrison, The Band, Bob Marley, John Prine and more. With Max Mackey at the helm (guitar/vocals), TMMB's Jefferson Park debut featured Scott Schneider (bass), Dwight Muhlbradt (drums), Brittany Moylan (vocals) and Mark Florence (keys/vocals). Jefferson Park resident/former JPUN board member, Fred Blythe, rosined up his bow and sat in on fiddle for a few songs. TMMB ended the show with an interactive sing-along by the Denali Cooks that paid homage to Mackey's Alaskan roots and had all the kids smiling. (Read more about Max Mackey in this month's issue).



"It was great!" said Mackey. "Music doesn't always have to be in a bar or be alcohol-driven. I love when people embrace music and embrace community; it's the awesomeness of humanity."

Thanks to this year's sponsors and vendors, including 2785 Speer, Urban Vet Care, North Denver Tribune, Dublin Development, Doug Yetman – Live Urban Real Estate, The Boulevard at Jefferson Park, Kym Foster Design, Jefferson Park Pub, Adams Mystery Playhouse, Sarto's, Sexy Pizza, Jimmy John's, Denver Broncos, Little Man Ice Cream, Riverside Church, RedT Homes, Billy Sims and North End Sound.

JPUN would also like to thank our all-volunteer crew who helped put on these concerts: Brian and Donn Aggeler; Kendra Muecke; Kym Foster; Mark Crowder; Andy Chimicles; Louis Frank; Wyatt Barnett; Gage Barnett; Scott Shea; Kelly, Dane and Matt Ruhland; Justin and Maureen Potter; Kim Collie; Griffin and Michael Guiietz; Nicole DeJarnatt, Fred Blythe, Evan Hoffman, Susan Shorer, Amos Kenyon, and George Pilner.

Music @ Jefferson Park would not be possible without the tremendous support of local businesses, Jefferson Park residents and the Northwest Denver community. Thank you all for another great season!

THE EVOLUTION OF MAX MACKEY

by Nicole DeJarnatt

When Alaska native Max Mackey headed to college in the "Lower 48," it was only natural that he chose a school in one of the top five coldest cities in America. It was there, at Western State Colorado University in Gunnison, Colo., that Mackey's journey as a musician really took root.

Growing up, Mackey dabbled in bass and performed Danzig, Guns N' Roses and Tesla covers in his older brother Oscar's band, Bob's Funky Five. Following a Battle of the Bands loss in high school, the younger Mackey sold the bass to focus on motorcycles (one of his other passions), believing music just wasn't for him.

Fate stepped in during Mackey's first year in Colorado when his grandfather passed away, leaving behind a Custom Craft 'Kay'-style guitar that Mackey inherited. The self-described fledgling guitarist decided it was time to give music another chance.

With Oscar's help, Mackey learned a couple of major chords and mastered a major scale pattern. Not long after, Mackey met another novice guitar player, Mark Florence, and the two started jamming. Mackey says it was "the first time I created music out of nothing, from nothing, it was just spiritual." It was also the first time he tried singing, which brought "a whole new layer of vulnerability."

This time, Mackey was hooked. Music became a positive escape in his life, and jam sessions with Florence turned him on to creative and experimental music like the Grateful Dead. "I have always been exploratory in my music," said Mackey, who cites Jerry Garcia as a major influence on his musical style.

Following graduation, Mackey moved to the Front Range with his band, 100 Mile House. After that group dissolved, he spent the next 16 years playing in original Americana band, THUNK, at events like Oktoberfest, Left Hand Brewing's annual THUNKSGIVING, and Longmont's Downtown Summer Concerts. He dabbled in bluegrass with the Green Bean Boys

and crossed over to the country genre with Mad Cow Posse. A consummate learner, Mackey's latest group, The Max Mackey Band, is a culmination of all those experiences. "I like to observe and see what works and what doesn't work," he said.

Mackey officially left THUNK in 2015, and took a few years away from the music scene to focus on work and his family. By day, Mackey works for Coda Coffee, and was instrumental in opening the company's flagship store in Edgewater's historic business district two years ago. He is also a father to two teenaged daughters, Emma (piano/vocals) and Sofia (cello/hand drums), both of whom have inherited his musical genes. Mackey feels most fulfilled—as a father and a musician—when the three are playing and harmonizing together at home.

Twenty years after they first collaborated on campus, Mackey and Florence are giving music the old college try again. "Being able to play music with your best friend

is second to none," said Mackey.

"Mark and I have always loved playing music together." Florence, who now lives in Boulder, plays keyboards and sings vocals in The Max Mackey Band, as well as plays keys in Grateful Dead tribute band Peak2Peak.

As Mackey looks to the future, he's focused on playing more intimate, family friendly community gatherings, like JPUN's Music @ Jefferson Park Summer Concert Series. Mackey and Florence—along with Scott Schneider (bass), Dwight Muhlbradt (drums) and Brittany Moylan (vocals)—closed out the 2017 Music @ Jefferson Park series on July 23. (A review of this summer's Music @ Jefferson Park concerts is included in this month's newsletter).

"I love going to parks with out-door stages and people mulling about," said Mackey. "I like that so much better than going to Joe's bar from 9 to 1. Small, community-driven events tend to be more positive and people are there to enjoy music and enjoy life."





JEFFERSON PARK'S BASEBALL FIELD

By Phil Goodstein

With football season approaching, at least fans no longer descend on the neighborhood trash dump. In a sense, that is the origins of Mile High Stadium. Until after World War II, the section west of the Platte River to the north of Colfax Avenue was a shanty town, Petertown. The hill ascending to the west of Bryant Street, particularly to the north of 17th Avenue, was something of a dumping area.



Bears Stadium occupied the land north of the current Mile High Stadium. West 17th Avenue is on the upper left. West 20th Avenue is on the lower right. Photo by Otto Roach, Roach Photography.

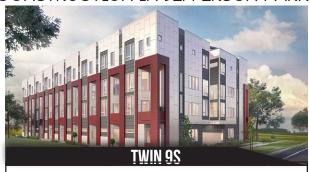
To clean up the section, in 1947–48, the city worked with the Denver Bears. This was the city's minor league baseball team that had awakened from hibernation in the spring of 1947. It immediately realized that its field, Merchants Park, along South Broadway at Exposition Avenue, was hopelessly dilapidated. In exchange for the promise of

cleaning up the hill, the city saw the Bears obtained the land at a low price. The team thereupon commissioned Burnham Hoyt, who had grown up in Jefferson Park at 2849 W. 23rd Avenue, to design the new baseball complex. Hoyt had previously been the architect of the Red Rocks Amphitheater. Like that facility, Bears Stadium was designed as something of an amphitheater with fans sitting on the hill overlooking over the playing field.

Bears Stadium was an immediate hit. The Bears were soon the most successful minor league franchise in the country. In 1959, in the hope of gaining a place in Major League Baseball, the Bears committed themselves to adding the South Stands, right field bleachers. When Major League Baseball rejected the Bears, the owner of the team, Rocky Mountain Empire Sports, rather arranged to launch the Denver Broncos, turning Bears Stadium into a joint baseball-football facility for the 1960 season. As the Broncos took hold, Empire Sports gave Bears Stadium to the city in February 1968. Contractors thereupon oversaw a massive expansion. To emphasize it as a football facility and advertise the Mile High atmosphere, in November of that year the administration renamed Bears Stadium "Mile High Stadium."

JPUN Newsletter is pleased to feature stories about North Denver neighborhoods from local historian and author Phil Goodstein. You can find out more about Mile High Stadium in his book *Denver in Our Time: Big Money in the Big City* (Denver: New Social Publications, 1999). More about origin and development of Jefferson Park in *North Side Story: Denver's Most Intriguing Neighborhood* (Denver: New Social Publications, 2011, 2017). Copies are available at West Side Books, (303)480-0220, the Book Bar, (720)443-2227, and capitolhillbooks. com. Information about his many walking tours of Denver is posted on LeonardLeonard.com.

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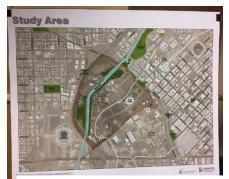


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CPD HOLDS PUBLIC VISIONING SESSION FOR CENTRAL PLATTE VALLEY AURARIA DISTRICT





On July 13, 2017, almost 70 Denver residents and staff of the Office of Community Development and Planning held a Visioning session for the Central Platte Valley Auraria District. The District is bounded by I-25, Speer Boulevard, and Auraria Parkway, and includes Elitch's, the Pepsi Center, the Aquarium, the Children's Museum, and the adjoining parks and river front. The goal of the session was to imagine and record what

the District could be like if redeveloped with higher density, engaging the river front, and including a mix of parks and developed property. Participants wrote postcards from the future, describing time spent in the redeveloped district, and identified potential development forms they did or did not like in order to craft the Vision.

CPD will hold two more sessions, the next identifying Strategies to implement the Vision expressed on the 13th, to be followed with a meeting to confirm the Strategies and review a draft of an Ammendment to the Downtown Area Denver Plan addressing the District. The dates of these sessions will be announced on the CPD website at www. denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/community-planning-and-development/planning-and-design/plans-in-progress/Downtown_Area_Plan_Amendments.html.

The Central Platte Valley Auraria District steering committee will also meet once per month through November of 2017. For questions contact:

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FAMILY STAR MONTESSORI ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNITY MURAL

Family Star Montessori announced that the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services (DYS) and local artist Bimmer Torrez have begun a 120-plus-foot long mural at Family Star's Northwest Center building at 2246 Federal Boulevard. Family Star provides Montessori education to children ages 0 to 6 in northeast and northwest Denver, regardless of their socio-economic status. Bimmer's latest creation is an RTD mural located at 60th and Federal Boulevard that depicts local, everyday people. He continues to work with at-risk youth, educating them on art skills and what it takes to be a muralist.



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Velorama Colorado will feature some of the world's best cyclists racing in the Denver stages of the

Colorado Classic; national music acts including Wilco and Death Cab for Cutie; and hundreds of vendors in a festival marketplace that includes a Bike Expo and is anchored by Denver Flea and the independent craft makers of beer, cider and wine in the RiNo Art District.



11TH ANNUAL CORKS & FORKS

Aug. 17, 5:00-9:00pm | DaVita, 2000 16th St | nscd.org/events/corks-forks

Lovers of gourmet food, fine wines, Colorado craft spirits and local beer will enjoy a wide array

of food and beverages at the 11th Annual Corks and Forks event; a benefit for the National Sports Center for the Disabled. Relish both the views and exquisite tastes from the Rooftop Terrace & Marketplace at DaVita.



TACOLANDIA!

Aug. 20, 3:00-7:00pm | Civic Center Park | westwordtacolandia.com

Tacolandia, Westword's annual celebration of street tacos, returns

on Sunday, August 20, in a new location: Civic Center Park. More than forty restaurants and tacquerias will be offering unlimited samples of their signature tacos.



BRUNCHFEST

Aug. 27, 11:00am-2:00pm | Civic Center Park | denverbrunchclub.com

BrunchFest 2017 is the ultimate Sunday Funday experience. Sample brunch dishes from dozens of restaurants along

with bottomless mimosas and bloody marys, and mingle with other Denver brunch lovers while enjoying live entertainment and the Colorado sunshine! BrunchFest is proud to support Kids' Compassion Project and Minds Matter of Denver.



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RIVERSIDE CHURCH **UPCOMING EVENTS**

YOUNG ADULTS: FAITH GAME AT ROCKIES

Sunday, August 6, 1:10pm

We have some great tickets this year for the Faith Game at the Rockies. The game starts at 1:10pm vs the Phillies featuring a concert by the Newsboy following the game. View website for details.

Friday, September 1 to Sunday, September 3

Save your Labor Day weekend as we will gather for a weekend of fun and worship at Camp Riverside near Rocky Mountain National Park and Grand Lake! Riverside is hosting its fourth annual Camp Riverside, CR17 – a family style camp at our camp property near Grand Lake. You can tent camp, lodge-style camping (think bunk beds), or choose condos (tents are the cheapest - and the coldest). View website for registration and details.



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SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD AT MILE HIGH UPCOMING EVENTS

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Guns N' Roses: Not In This **Lifetime Tour**

Wednesday, Aug 2, 6:00 PM

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Justin Bieber: Purpose Tour Saturday, Aug. 12, 7:30 PM

> *Broncos vs. **Green Bay Packers**

Saturday, Aug. 26, 7:00 PM (Preseason)

*Broncos vs. Arizona Cardinals Thursday, Aug. 31, 7:00 PM

(Preseason)

*Rocky Mountain Showdown Friday, Sept. 1, 6:00 PM

Broncos Fit 7K + Expo Sunday Sept.3, 8:00 AM

*Broncos vs. L.A. Chargers

Monday, Sept. 11, 8:20 PM *Broncos vs

Dallas Cowboys Sunday, Sept. 17, 2:25 PM

Broncos Block Party -Judah & The Lion Sunday, Sept. 24, 2:30 PM

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