

ABOVE THE FOLD



**YOUR
COMMUNITY'S
NEWSLETTER**

Jefferson Park United Neighbors

Santa to make special stop for photo opportunity at the JPUN/JPHUN Holiday Celebration

That's right, Santa has informed JPUN board members that he needs to test out a couple new reindeer this year and so has decided to conduct a practice run right here in Jefferson Park. And of course, Santa being Santa, he asked us if he could use the opportunity to find out what your girls and boys want for Christmas (or any other holiday), he even said we can take the pictures. So what is the plan? Well, who can turn down Santa Clause. So, Santa will be landing on the roof top of Araujo's Mexican Restaurant somewhere around 5 o'clock, though don't bother looking up, because he is going to be inside waiting for us and Jefferson Park children to join him for fun and holiday cheer!

Kids will be able to step right up and tell Santa what they really want this year, and JPUN will take a digital photo and print the picture right there for your scrapbook. We can also send the photo to directly to your email. A small donations will be accepted to cover the cost of photos.

Parents and non-parents alike, come down and enjoy the Araujo's great Mexican food, happy hour libations, and Holiday Cheer. So don't be a Grinch and walk, ski, or fly on your sleigh driven by Reindeer to Araujo's (located at 26th and Alcott across the street from Safeway) December 10th between 5 and 8 o'clock for your chance to get in good with the guy who loves milk and cookies and still stays slim enough to fit down your chimney, Santa Claus.

JPUN NEEDS LEADERSHIP: A letter from the Co-president

In my opinion, the very positive change this past decade in Jefferson Park didn't just happen....and is by no means irreversible. Especially in an urban environment like Jeff Park, I believe a neighborhood is largely influenced by a united neighborhood organization with good neighbors willing to be of service and organized together to promote the common good (including to promote the reputation, unity, and safety of a neighborhood). There is a need RIGHT NOW for neighbors to come fill the ranks of the Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) board of directors. JPUN volunteers have a minimal time commitment but enjoy that the JPUN board has also been a fun social group that is a great way to meet neighbors. Plus, health studies show that volunteers have better health and are more happy. Beyond these health and social benefits, you'll be making your neighborhood nicer. That's a great feeling and an added excellent benefit. This Thanksgiving weekend, please consider your ability of be of service (or to continue to be of service if that's the case!). At the Tuesday December 2nd general membership meeting at Riverclay Chapel at 6:30 PM we will meet to elect board members who will later get plugged into different committees based on the interests, skill sets, and the consensus of the group.. **THIS TUESDAY PLEASE OFFER TO BE OF SERVICE TO JPUN. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

- Tim

(Out-going JPUN Co-president)

p.s. Our current board positions our below and the website (<http://jpun.wordpress.com/>) has some committee descriptions. Please know that board functions are flexible and there is the ability for each year's BOD to tailor positions to meet the needs of the individuals and the neighborhood.

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Chair, Environmental Committee Chair, Land Use Committee Chair, Neighborhood Liaison Chair, Safety Committee Chair, Social/Membership Chair, Spanish Outreach Chair, Special Projects Chair



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BOARD NEWS

Jefferson Park United Neighbors
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Meeting Call to Order and announcements
District One Police report
Secretary's report
Treasurer's report
Committee Reports Annual Summary
Land Use Committee
Safety Committee
Environmental Committee
Social Committee
Special Projects
Neighborhood Liaison
Central Platte Valley Improvement
Old Business
Review of planning and fund raising suggestions
from Nov. meeting
New Business
Vote on vacation (closing) of Alcott Street from 27th
to Speer for a public plaza as part of the new Allied
Development project
Rafael Espinosa "JPUN Then and Now"
Election of 2009 Board of Directors
Meeting Adjourned



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
HAPPY NEW YEARS!

FUNDING NEEDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER

That's right unfortunately we are out of money for the newsletter. Next month we will most likely have to cut down to a one page version. Now while that is a lot less work for me, it also means a lot less information for you. Now, I'll be the first to admit that some the articles are there strictly for entertainment, but the response this year has been very positive overall and we would like to see it continue to exist in an expanding form as opposed to disappearing all together. So, we are calling some donors, but even with that money we still won't be able to keep running. What does that mean. It means that are going to beg for donations and advertisement. As you've already seen our advertising rates are dirt cheap and reach a wide market, secondly we are going to begin offering web ads on or site. Don't have anything to advertise, send us a couple bucks via the slip on the last page or simply come to the holiday party and donate. There will be a donation basket at Araujo's on Dec. 11th. If you appreciate the newsletter send donate, if you don't tell us why and help to make the changes.

THIS NEW YEARS REMEMBER NOT TO SHOOT FIREARMS IN THE AIR.

I know, I know, it sounds obvious and it's against the law, but seriously last year and every year people for some reason think they should shoot their guns for New Years. Well, last year people shot their guns in the air and other people, including an infant, never got a chance to see the new year because they were dead. And yes, while it is true that a bullet shot in the air is going to reach terminal velocity on its way back down well before it could kill someone, the wrong protectory can still kill someone over a mile away from your intended target. So don't do it.



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COUNCILMAN GARCIA SUPPORTS THE KEEPING OF DOMESTIC HONEY BEES

City Council Approves Change in 10-2 Vote

Councilman Garcia surveyed his constituency in the weeks preceding the vote and found that a great number of Northwest Denver residents supported the zoning change allowing hobbyist beekeeping. The amendment which allows keeping of domestic bees in Denver was a zoning amendment and was approved with the following conditions: Hives must be in the rear 1/3 of the zone lot with 5 foot set back from side and rear zone lot lines. Hives must be screened so bees have to fly over a 6 foot barrier, which may be vegetative, before leaving the property. No outdoor storage of any bee paraphernalia or hive materials not being use as part of the hive is permitted.

Councilman Garcia spoke in favor of the ordinance and felt that many beekeepers exist in Denver today and this zoning change would legalize the already established practice. The ordinance change allows a maximum of two (2) hives of "domestic honey bees" to the list of specific accessory uses allowed for residential land uses in the following zone districts. RS-4, R-2-A, R-4, MS-1R-O, R-2-B, R-4-X, MS-2, R-1, R-3, R-MU-20, MS-3

The approval of this zoning amendment now allows domestic beekeeping as a "use by right" in residential zone districts throughout the city. For further information, please consult my website www.denvergov.org/rickgarcia or contact my office at 303-458-4792.

Parking Around the Park

Over the years various situations have motivated an array of solutions to parking issues around our spacious park, Jefferson Park. At this point there appears to be signs restricting parking to residents only on two sides of the park. They include signs restricting overnight parking and signs prohibiting parking during stadium events and general no parking signs.

Within the last few months residents on two sides of the park have inquired about changing the resident only parking and restrictions on overnight parking. JPUN has taken some time to investigate these situations with the Denver Public Works and Denver Police Department. Both entities have expressed that signs should remain as they are currently. Public Works changed signs on the east side of the park from resident only to no parking during stadium events in response to a police department request that no cars be allowed to park on the east side of Clay Street during stadium events. This was a traffic management issue. Their Traffic Control department does not have record of when the signs were changed, but confirmed that it was for this purpose and needs to remain this way.

Denver Police Department stated that the restrictions on overnight parking between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm on the south and west sides of the park are utilized for crime prevention.

Do you want Jefferson Park to be an Urban Forest ?

Join the The Tree People in December for more neighborhood outreach as they promote trees in Denver's underserved communities. Volunteers will be paired up and assigned to a section of one of our 21 target neighborhoods. Volunteers will walk the streets looking for properties that appear to have room for a street tree and leave a doorhanger behind letting them know how to participate.

Spanish-speaking volunteers are greatly needed! Many of the target neighborhoods have a high percentage of Spanish-speaking residents. While outreach materials are printed in both English and Spanish, it's always helpful to have Spanish-speaking volunteers who can answer questions while volunteers are walking through the area. Plus, it's a great opportunity to practice your Spanish!

When: Saturday, December 13th -- 10 a.m. - noon.

Where: Jefferson Park, Lincoln Park, Baker, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, Sunnyside, Chaffee Park, Barnum, Barnum West, Westwood, Ruby Hill. Meeting Place: Rude Park Recreation Center parking lot at 2855 W. Holden Place - Email Robert Bond, Program Manager, at robert@theparkpeople.org to sign up. Or call him at 303-722-6262.

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Christmas in Colorado
2008

We invite you to join the Riverside Worship Choir, Orchestra, Kidz Choir and Technical Team as we present Christmas In Colorado 2008! This Christmas presentation celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ will be presented on Sat., Dec. 13, at 7PM and Sun. Dec. 14 at 3PM. Join us at this FREE event as we celebrate the Christmas season!

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Coconut Raisin Walnut Banana Bread

1 cup sugar
1/3 cup margarine or butter, softened 2 eggs
1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (3-4 medium bananas)
1/3 cup water
1 2/3 cup all-purpose flour (I use whole wheat flour)
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/3 cup coconut

For the glaze:

1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 Tbsp. fresh lemon or lime juice
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom only of loaf pans. Mix sugar and margarine/butter in a bowl. Stir in the eggs until blended. Add bananas and water; beat 30 seconds. Stir in remaining ingredients and stir until moistened (do not over-stir!). Pour into pans. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean - 40-45 minutes. Take out of the oven, and cool 5 minutes. Loosen sides from pan, and allow loaves to finish cooling on a wire rack. Meanwhile, stir together powdered sugar and lemon or lime juice until they reach a thinnish liquid consistency (no powdered sugar lumps). When loaves have cooled about 10 minutes, drizzle glaze over the tops. Allow loaves to cool completely before cutting/freezing.
Contributed by Amy Malcolm



CAPIROTADA (Mexican Bread Pudding)

1 small loaf of bread
1/2 - 1/3 cup butter, softened (plus some for greasing the pan)
1 cup of brown sugar (or piloncillo)
1 cinnamon (canela) stick
1 2/3 cup water
3 tablespoons dry sherry (optional)
3/4 cup sliced almonds or walnuts (plus a bit more for garnish)
1/2 cup raisins
1 cup grated Monterey Jack or mild Cheddar cheese (I prefer Mexican cheese)

Slice the bread about 1/2" thick. Lightly butter bread on both sides and fry as you would French toast browning on both sides. Set the cooked slices aside.

Place the sugar or piloncillo, canela (cinnamon stick) and water in a saucepan. Heat gently stirring until sugar is dissolved. Bring mixture to a boil then reduce heat and simmer for about 15 minutes without stirring. Remove

the canela stick and stir in the sherry. (again, the sherry is optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8" square baking dish with butter. Layer the bread, almonds or walnuts, raisins and cheese in the dish, pour on the syrup letting it soak into the bread. Bake pudding for about 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

Remove dish from oven and garnish with more sliced almonds or walnuts. Let stand at least 5 minutes before cutting into squares.

Contributed by Esther Meehan

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