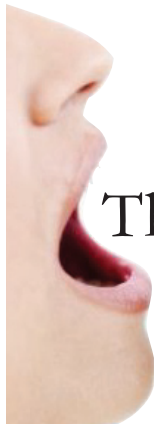


# ABOVE THE FOLD



## The voice of Jefferson Park



## Improving Jeff Park

### Jefferson Park

The Board of Directors for Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) has worked closely with Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) in the design of improvements to the park. The improvements will be funded and installed in 2009 and 2010. In November concrete pads for five new park benches and three new picnic tables were installed. To remind visitors of the historic nature of Jefferson Park, flagstone squares were embedded in the concrete slabs.

In cooperation with the Denver Transit Amenity Program, one of the DPR benches will be installed on the new slab at the 23rd Avenue and Eliot bus stop. Also a new ADA compliant picnic table will be placed adjacent to the concrete sidewalk on the hill near 26th Avenue and Decatur. An eight foot wide concrete sidewalk just replaced the asphalt walkway from 26th Avenue to the playground.

Other planned improvements include additional sidewalk replacements, park usage signage, trash receptacles and possibly the installation of more lighting at the west end of the park. The restrooms at the east end of the park were rehabilitated in October and will be open for use again in the spring.

### Bus Stop Benches

Also when the weather cooperates, the City of Denver Transit Amenity Program will install concrete pads for benches at two west bound locations of RTD Bus #28. The new standard bus benches will be installed at 23rd Avenue and Clay and at 26th and Clay.

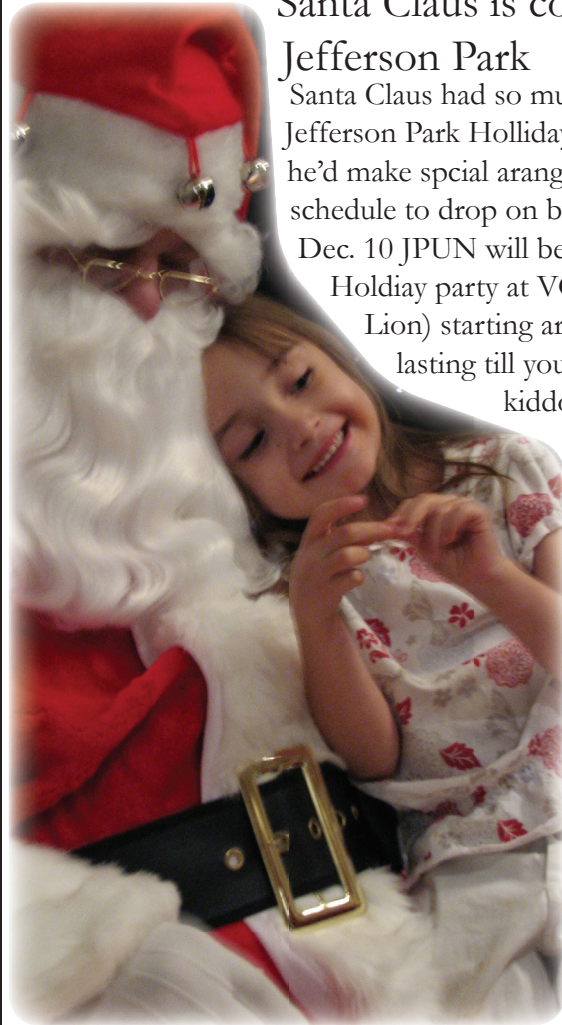
### 23rd Avenue Bridge Railings

Construction to replace the railings on the 23rd

## Santa Claus is comming to Jefferson Park

Santa Claus had so much fun at last years Jefferson Park Holliday Party that he decide he'd make spcial arangments, despite a busy schedule to drop on by again this year. On Dec. 10 JPUN will be hosting its annual Holdiay party at VQ Hotel (the old Red Lion) starting around 6 o'clock and lasting till you feel like getting the

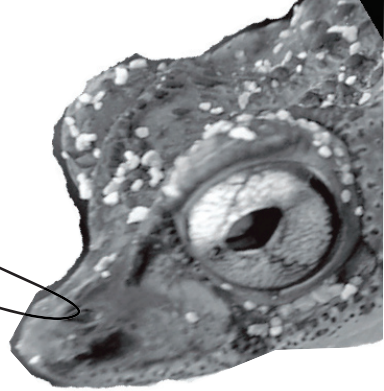
kiddos home. Santa will be showing up at 6:30 to take present requests from the "good" neighborhood children and may be coaxed to take requests from a few of you adults as well. Please take this oppportunity to come out and join in the joy of fellow-ship thta is sparked by the seasons warmth.



Avenue Bridge is anticipated by Colorado Department of Transportation to begin in the next 30 days, weather permitting. Railings on both sides of the bridge will be removed and replaced with galvanized steel plus a 92 inch pedestrian screening will be built along the north side of the bridge sidewalk. In an effort to improve pedestrian safety further, a new railing will separate the sidewalk from the automobile lane. The neighborhood will be informed by CDOT contractors in advance of construction since the job will require night work.

By Jerry Olson

Holidays, a time for love, laughter and... presents.



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## Soap Box Rants

So a couple things this month pop into my mind that I should probably convey, one I being Joseph Boven, will no longer be the vice president of Jefferson Park, I decided no to run again because I felt that it was more important that I focus the limited time I have communicating to the public the great things that are happening in the neighborhood and producing this newsletter. I hope that you will be willing to put up with my occasional ramblings for another year.



The other thing I wanted to mention is this. If you see kids walking down the street with limb cutters during the middle of the night it is unlikely that they are looking to use them to forward a lucrative landscaping business. Last month, my oak tree that a friend had bought me for my birthday suffered the same fate as the French aristocracy during their revolution. It was beheaded in way, though closer to its trunk. It was a very disconcerting event and one that I would not wish on someone else. So, while I'm not sure what to do about the issue, maybe just keep an eye for roving packs of gardeners

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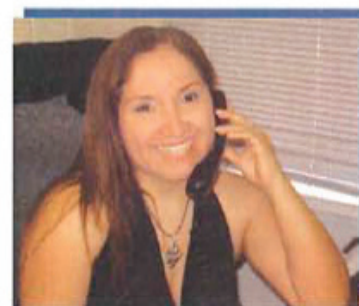
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