



ABOVE THE FOLD



The voice of Jefferson Park

Santa Claus in Jefferson Park Dec. 4 at VQ

Santa Claus is coming to town again this year and will be appearing at the Hotel VQ especially for Jefferson Park residents, Saturday, Dec. 4, 3-5 p.m. before the Denver Parade of Lights.

As per our usual pre-Santa kick-off, VQ is providing finger food and \$2 happy hour specials to help get the holiday spirits flowing. And Santa's elves have said Santa will again be willing to have his picture taken with all of the good little boys and girls while they tell him what they want for Christmas.

"This should prove I exist. Pour me another eggnog," Santa was overheard saying to elves earlier today. However, his comments were muffled under his obviously fake beard he had to put on after a shaving error cost him some of his usual fluff.

So don't be a Grinch, gear up your toddlers, your mistletoe and your holiday cheers and come out for the Jefferson Park annual holiday party.

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A vote will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7, on whether Jefferson Park United Neighbors will support a controversial seven unit condo project near the corner of Clay and W. 22nd Ave.

Jefferson Heights has been scaled down from its original planned number of units and scope in accordance with some community comments. However, residents on the blocks adjacent to the property continue to voice concern. They say the property can not sustain the concentration of units and people, are unhappy about the size of the structure and note the building does not comply with the recently enacted zoning laws.

In order for the project to be built, a zone change would have to be enacted. The builder Brian Ray, has asked the JPUN support his request to the zoning board for a zoning change. Ray says he feels the project would be an asset to the community.

If built, the high-end, three-story structure would be situated adjacent to Jefferson Park and will provide views of the Denver skyline.

Residents note that it will also provide views of their backyards.

The debate is likely to be heated and it is important that those individuals who are directly affected by the development come and vote on whether to support or not support the project.

The Land Use Committee voted to bring the decision to the JPUN General Membership meeting after providing the caveat that they feel the vote should be made by the residents of Jefferson Park and especially those who live in the homes within close proximity.



BOARD NEWS

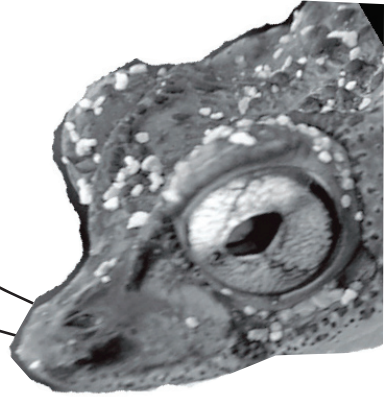
Jefferson Park United Neighbors
General Membership Meeting
Dec. 7, 2010

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

Meeting Call to Order and Announcements

- o Check out the new JPUN.org site
- o Members can stay informed via email by joining the JPUN Yahoo Group or sending an email to jpun-subscribe@yahoo.com
- District One Police Report - Officer Jason Valdez & Officer Aaron Bloo
- Committee Reports
 - o Communications Chair — Joe Boven
 - o Land Use Chair — Fred Lai
 - o Neighborhood Liaison — Cristen Couzens
 - o Safety Chair — Katherine Meldrum
 - o Central Valley Improvement Chair — Jerry Olson
 - o Special Projects Committee — Michael Guietz, Co-Vice President
- Social Chair — Brooke Bailey
 - JPUN Elections
- Meeting Adjourned

Remember to give to those in need.



COP STOP



Although overall crime is down the police department has seen an increase in theft from motor vehicles (TMV). In the first part of November Jefferson Park had 5 cars broken into times ranging from 1:30 p.m.- 2 am. Most TMV can be prevented by taking the electronics out of your car and into the house.

The safety committee continues to work with landlords who rent to alleged gang members and drug dealers. If you see suspicious behavior I.E.; A high traffic of people coming in and out of a rental unit, call the non emergency police line at 720-913-2000. The more information we can give the police the better our success at driving out the crime. If you have any questions or concerns please contract me at 303-455-9312 or e-mail me @ kmeldrum@msn.com.
Kat Meldrum

The 9NEWS Parade of Lights

Friday, December 3, 2010 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Downtown Denver, starting in front of Civic Center Park and the City & County Building on Bannock Street at 14th Avenue.

Watch the Parade for Free
Spectator viewing for the Parade is free all along the two-mile route, as Downtown Denver's skyline provides a stunning background for the lights and sounds of the parade.



Federal Boulevard Streetscape Planning Steps Forward

Beginning last July the Federal Boulevard Partnership created a working group to develop concepts for streetscape improvements along Federal. Streetscape is rather like landscape but with additional design elements relating to street furniture, lighting, sidewalks, traffic design and landuse. Currently the Partnership is developing a vision in cooperation with JPUN to identify preferred uses, activities and pedestrian treatments. Neighborhood plans such as this provide important information to city and state officials as they engage in allocation of project resources.

In September the working group identified a pilot project for the Federal Boulevard block between 24th and 25th Avenues. Rationale for concentration in this area is based upon previous work initiated by the Town Square project on 25th Avenue, in addition to the importance of 23rd and 26th Avenues traversing Jefferson Park neighborhood. At this time the group is gathering basic planning data and photographs of the block along Federal.

Marshall Vanderburg with the Partnership will send introductory letters to the property owners in the next several weeks. This will be followed by public meetings in the neighborhood to gather recommendations and secure comments on the proposed streetscape design. Your input is requested, so please plan to join us.

The next scheduled meeting of the streetscape design group is December 2nd at 7:00 PM. Additional information on the streetscape project can be found on the Federal Boulevard Partnership website at <http://www.federalboulevard.com/>. Jerry Olson with JPUN can be e-mailed for more information at www.jpun.org , Jefferson Park United Neighbors.

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Editor's note: Putting presents under the tree

As you buy gifts for your loved ones, please keep in mind that there are those in Jefferson Park and Denver who are less fortunate than you. Having personally experienced those hard times as a child, I remember the joy I experienced when, because of donations made by members of my community , I was able to open presents provided by not just one Santa, but an entire village of them. With the spirit of giving please remember those families who under a jobless recovery are still struggling to find Christmas for their little ones this year. --Joseph Boven



Family Star Montessori Seeks Holiday Sponsors

The holidays can be a difficult time for families struggling to stay one step ahead of daily expenses. Many do not have the additional resources needed to provide their children with the celebrations and gifts that so many children enjoy during this time of year. The generosity of Family Star supporters provided gifts to 140 children last year. And, with your help again this year, we can bring bright and cheerful holidays to all of the children and families who need our support this holiday season.

Listed below are a variety of ways to lend your support to Family Star families. Whether you decide to adopt a child, provide holiday food baskets or donate warm hats and mittens, this is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, families, businesses or clubs to participate in the season of giving. To sign up, please contact Beth Brinkerhoff at 303.477.7827 or bbrinkerhoff@familystar.net.

Donate Retail Gift Cards: This is an easy option during the hectic holiday season. We will distribute gift cards for major retail stores that sell food, clothing and toys to our

neediest families.

Adopt-A-Child: Choose a boy or girl in the 0-6 age range. We'll provide you with a first name and a wish list for the child.

Adopt-A-Family: Many Family Star children have older siblings and their parents greatly appreciate gifts for all of the children in the family (ages 12 and younger). Let us know the size of the family you'd like to adopt and we will provide you with the first names of all of the children, their ages, gender and a wish list for each child

Prepare Holiday Food Baskets: Help provide a family with a special holiday meal. For health & safety reasons, all of the food must be store bought and packaged. Let us know how many baskets you will make and deliver them to our main office for distribution to families in need.

Cover Our Hat & Mitten Tree: Provide the winter clothing and accessories that young children need to stay warm in Colorado. We need hats, mittens, snow pants, coats, scarves and boots sized for newborns through 6 years old.

I would like to support the Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) with my tax deductible donation!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed, please find my donation in the following amount:

\$10.00 \$20.00 \$50.00 Other Amount \$_____

Please mail donations to: JPUN
2827 W. 23rd Avenue
Denver, CO 80211

Please email weaks4@yahoo.com if you have an in-kind donation that you would like to gift to JPUN.

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

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