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## NEXT JPUN MEETING

JPUN General  
Membership Meeting  
Tues., December 11th  
6:30 - 7:30pm  
Riverside Baptist Church  
2401 Alcott Street  
Rear Chapel

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

JPUN Land Use Committee  
Contact David @  
davidrsolo@yahoo.com

## NEXT HOME GAME

Broncos vs Browns  
December 23rd 2:05 pm  
Sports Authority  
at Mile High

## JPUN YAHOO GROUP

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/group/jpun/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jpun/)

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Neighbors is on Facebook!

## Celebrate at the Annual JPUN Holiday Party

*Feliz Navidad*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH  
FROM 5:30 - 8:30PM AT  
HOTEL VQ ON THE TOP FLOOR

Light hors d'oeuvres and  
drink specials will be offered

**Santa will be visiting!**

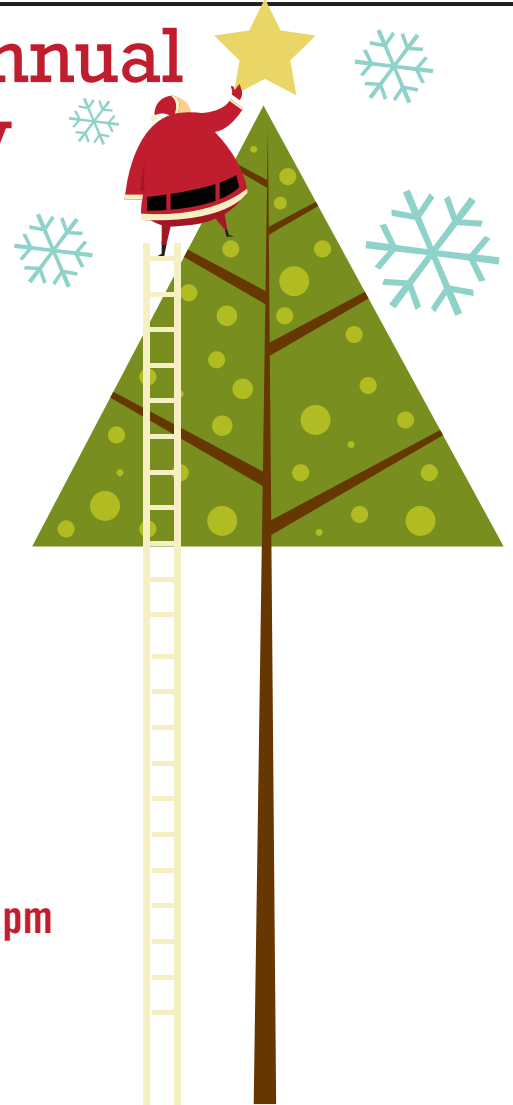
**Kids... get photos taken with Santa.**

## Celebra la Fiesta Navidenda Annual de JPUN *Feliz Navidad*

Jueves 13 de Diciembre de 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
en el Hotel VQ en el piso de arriba

Habra luces y bebidas especiales  
**Santa estara visitandonos!!!!**

Los ninos podran tomarse fotos con "Santa"



## Groundwork Denver Award

We just found out that our **Take Charge!** Student Energy Education and Action program will receive the 2012 Environmental Education Award for Excellence from the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education!

The 1,400 student volunteers who participated in **Take Charge!** helped their communities reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 3,100 tons per year and save almost \$400,000 a year!

Thank you to Colorado's Department of Labor and Environment, Workforce Development Council and State Energy Sector Partnership for their sponsorship and ongoing support of the project!

In honor of this award we hope that you will include Groundwork Denver in your year-end giving. Please schedule a donation today for Colorado Gives Day next Tuesday.

**Thank you for all of your support!**

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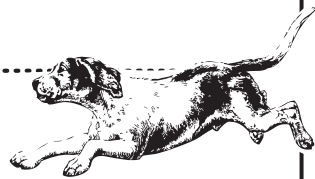
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## Jefferson Park Pet of the Month



**Girlie** She is 13 years old and a little on the heavy side so she is always on a diet and always begging for treats. She rules the roost here and keeps track of all the comings and goings at Highland Terrace from her window perch. She's very talkative especially when she wants Bill to sit in his easy chair with a blanket on his lap so she can cuddle.

Celeste Melville  
Bill Airsman

Would you like to see your pet featured? Please send a photo and a few tidbits about your favorite pet to Cristin at ckcouzens@gmail.com or drop it in her mailbox at 2819 W. 25th St.

Or maybe, Jerry the "pet whisperer" will catch you in the park!



## Promoting Responsible Pet Ownership for the Holidays

Few holidays scenes are as iconic as one of a child finding a new puppy or kitten under the tree. However well intentioned as it might be, as good pet owners know, before making a lifetime commitment, it's important to ensure pets are a good fit with the family.

### Before bringing a new pet home for the holidays, Denver Animal Shelter offers a few tips to consider:

**Is now the right time?** The holidays can be a hectic time for all. If you're thinking of bringing a new pet into the household, make sure you have the time to fully integrate the pet into the new household.

**Is everyone in the household in agreement on the new pet?** Everyone should be involved in the decision-making process when it comes to considering adopting a new pet. This includes determining the type of pet to consider, when, and who is primarily responsible for the pet's care.

**What pet works best for your lifestyle?** The household schedule, space considerations and the ages of household family members are all factors to take into account when considering a new pet. Denver Animal Shelter staff can assist those interested in adopting a new pet choose one that's a good fit for all.

For more information, or to view a list of lost or adoptable cats, dogs and other animals, visit [www.denveranimalshelter.org](http://www.denveranimalshelter.org). Provided by Denver Animal Shelter.

## Nextdoor Jefferson Park

Our neighborhood is using a private online network called Nextdoor Jefferson Park, and we think you'll benefit from joining us.



On our Nextdoor site, neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale/free, crime/safety concerns, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. Please join us to build a better neighborhood!

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# New Editorial: History Corner

Several weeks ago Brent Weakley, one of our Jefferson Park neighbors, suggested we include a column in the newsletter which highlights local history and long time residents. Shortly after I stumbled across a memoir written by Joyce Kramer, a 1959 graduate of North High. Joyce's writing provides a glimpse of life in North Denver in the '40's and '50's when Grace Kelley performed at the Elitch's and little Joyce paid 13 cents for a movie at the Granada Theatre. Joyce Kramer goes on to say... "

*Long before any non-Indians came, my Omaha ancestors may well have been in what is now the Denver area. (Anthropological literature documents Omaha oral history to the effect that the Omahas followed the Platte River as far west as Wyoming on their annual buffalo hunting forays.) My great-great-great grandfather was Big Elk, Paramount Chief of the Omahas. His daughter Meumbane (Bright Sun) married Lucien Fontenelle who was a fur trader with the American Fur Company. He headed brigades into the Rocky Mountains, and in the 1830's, they too probably traveled through what is now the Denver area. During the American Revolution, my Kramer ancestor came as a mercenary soldier from what is now Germany to fight on behalf of the Colonies. The most recent immigrants on my father's side were my great-great grandparents, the Edwards, who came from Wales.*

*My father was a hydraulic engineer. He and my mother met on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona where they both were employed by the Federal Government. They moved to Sacramento, California, where I was born. Then in 1944, my father began working for the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, supervising water resources development on the Platte River.*

*Housing was scarce in Denver during the War, so we settled in Louisville, and then in 1946 we moved to 2608 Eliot Street, on the block where North High School's athletic field is presently located. I believe they selected that site because my father was able to bike across the viaduct to work at the Federal Building (which was downtown at the time).*

*Our neighborhood was delightful to a growing child. We lived one block away from the Granada Theater, where my sister and I went to Saturday afternoon matinees for only 13 cents each. Within one block, there was also a corner grocery, and the Rainbow Bakery (where I was regularly sent to buy day old bread), plus a "five and dime" (where you really could buy something for a nickel). There was a park within walking distance, which had a hill for sledding during the winter, and we attended Boulevard Elementary School only three blocks away. After school I regularly stopped at the fire hall on my way home.*

*The bored firemen always heartily welcomed me. Summer times, our family would walk to the Denver Bears Stadium for games. There were vacant lots near my house for playing; the closest (where North High's athletic field is) had a good climbing tree, from which I fell at least once. On one side of us, our neighbor raised chickens. We kids would watch in amazement while the chickens' heads were lopped off. One summer, Grace Kelly rented an apartment in the basement of the house on the other side of us. She was a relatively unknown actress at Elitch Gardens. (After the leading lady became ill, she was promoted to leading lady, and her rise to fame began.) In about 1951, our house was condemned for replacement by the athletic field, so my parents built a home at 3413 W. 26th Ave. across from Brown Elementary School. That was our family home until my father took a job with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Ethiopia, where he was on a joint Ethiopian-American team which conducted the first water resources survey of the Blue Nile. I had attended my freshman year at the University of Colorado, but in the summer of 1960, I left to join them in Africa, never again to live in North Denver, which I still love."*

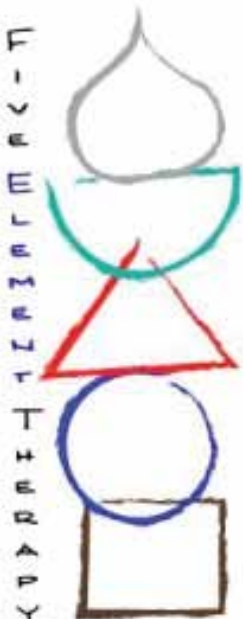
I would like to thank Alan Iannacito and Allan Bowles, also 1959 graduates of North High for making this connection possible. If you as readers find this interesting, please contribute your memories so we can develop a monthly history corner.

Jerry Olson  
North High School '59



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## Changes Slated for Veterans Housing



*Reprinted from the Sloan's Lake Citizen Group Newsletter:*

After a large number of calls for service to police during the months since its opening, changes are underway to improve safety and services at the Veterans Apartments at 27th and Federal. Some changes are being made in the staffing of the management company, and Del Norte is working with the Veterans Administration to increase services for the residents.

Some problem tenants have been evicted, and efforts are underway to strengthen the drug-free, crime-free addendum to the lease.

Officer Eric Denke had been working on this, but due to his promotion, that job has been taken over by Officer Carlos Montoya.



# EDITORIAL: They Said it Couldn't Be Done

by Rafael Espinoza

Two years ago a developer, Brian, was trying to burden a portion of the neighborhood with an unwanted project, scraping an occupied bungalow for 8 units facing neighboring backyards. The neighbors were on solid footing in countering the developer's demands, but one argument this developer made is one that is repeated by every developer demanding an up zoning.

When stakeholders question the size, massing, or number of units, or in this case, all three, the developer claims that anything smaller isn't feasible. The feasibility of any project can be readily determined, and is the primary purpose of the developer's pro forma, so what is and isn't truly feasible is knowable.

In this case, it didn't take a rocket scientist to know that 8 units were not needed for a successful redevelopment, neither was an up zoning. Regardless, the developer tried to pit neighbor against neighbor in an effort to force an up-zoning and advance his personal interests. He failed. The parcel in question is the newly completed and sold duplex at 2722 & 2724 W. 27th Avenue.

When Brian approached the Land Use Committee (LUC), he had 9 units proposed for the site that is now a new duplex. LUC discussed a willingness to support as many as 4 units, though 3 units were preferred. However, the developer refused, insisting that he needed 8 units to make the numbers work. The LUC noted that 2 units could be developed on the parcel as a use-by-right, for a reasonable profit, and that there must be something fundamentally wrong with the developers model or approach (which is typically confidential).

While it is an objective of the LUC to shepherd development towards a more stable, self-sufficient neighborhood, on any given project, approved or not, the LUC wants both development and developer to succeed. However, approving an up zoning simply for the sake of increasing a developer's profitability is rarely, if ever, appropriate.

## USE-BY-RIGHT

Not long after Brian abandoned the project, another developer, Chris, acquired the parcel and immediately moved to develop a duplex on the site. The project was built and sold within a month after completion for nearly \$1 million, profitable, just as the LUC argued; without any modification to the zoning or increase to the allowable number of units. This duplex development is what is called a Use-by-Right development, meaning the use and design conform to the existing zoning, therefore it may proceed, unencumbered by any public input, except that of the City Departments that permit the proposed work.

Consequently the completed duplex, for better or worse, is an example of what is and will occur throughout Jefferson Park going forward. In this case, the developer, Chris, was not obliged to reach out to the LUC about his development plans, neither was the LUC concerned once the number of units, 2, were confirmed by the by the developer. While the LUC has a wealth of development knowledge and neighborhood connections, accessing this resource by developers with use-by-right is completely voluntary.

## GOING FORWARD

In June 2010 the City rezoned nearly 100% of the Jefferson Park neighborhood. With a few exceptions, the bulk of the neighborhood has G-MU-3 zoning. This zoning allows up to 3-story apartment buildings to be built as a use-by-right, provided that the lot is big enough to accommodate it. Residents may have noticed the demolition of the homes at the corners of 26th and Clay, and 25th and Clay. These are examples of G-MU-3 use-by-right developments, work has proceeded with nothing but the minimal notification required by ordinance, and development will proceed within the bulk, setback, and density allowed by the new zoning, limited only by the developer's creativity and pro forma.

### Expect more of the following market-driven changes that have already begun to continue in the coming years:

- 2+ story duplex development on parcels south of 22nd, west of Decatur, with the exception of RMU parcels.
- 3 story rowhouse/townhouse development south of 22nd, between Decatur and Clay.
- 3-8 story condo, apartment, & mixed-use development east of Clay, south of 22nd.
- Maximum allowable build out based on the parcel sizes on G-MU-3 parcels north of 23rd, south of 29th. Lots greater than 6000sf with 50ft of frontage are candidates for multifamily dwellings.
- Redevelopment will not follow any particular pattern, but will be driven by parcels that provide the best mix of metrics that maximize return on investment and minimize risk.



# DEVELOPERS CORNER

**Element 47** | While the Element 47 project does not have a Facebook Page, the project may be contacted for construction-related issues at 303-322-3769.

• Going Vertical with their wood framing in January

**More images may be seen at:**  
[www.kephart.com/kephart-gallery/on-the-boards/element-47](http://www.kephart.com/kephart-gallery/on-the-boards/element-47)

**2785 Speer** | Experienced project delays after abatement work finished. Three months out from starting up again.

**Follow or contact:** The 2785 project on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/pages/2785-Speer-BlvdApartment-Community/38969554402922Allied](http://www.facebook.com/pages/2785-Speer-BlvdApartment-Community/38969554402922Allied) -

### 25th and Clay

House demolition, no new information on future plans.

**26th and Clay** - No update

**28th and Clay**- No update

**27th and Decatur** | Purchased by Sprocket, a design and build with many developments around Denver.

[www.sprocketdb.com](http://www.sprocketdb.com)

## NEW LUC President

David Soloman, has been a Denver resident since 2000, having worked overseas for much of his career as an architect. Since returning to Denver he has worked on a number of Denver projects including the Wellington Webb building, and Clayton Lane and the North Creek developments in Cherry Creek.

David Solomon has been a Jeff Park resident since 2006. He is on the AIA Urban design committee and a member of Hyperform Design Co-op, and loves espresso coffee.

David is replacing Rafael Espinoza whose knowledge and passion knows no bounds for development, architecture and Jefferson Park growth and potential. Thank you Raf!

**To learn more, attend  
the monthly LUC meetings.**

JPUN Land Use Committee | [davidrsolo@yahoo.com](mailto:davidrsolo@yahoo.com)

# JPUN: A YEAR IN REVIEW

A look back at some of the successful changes, developments and community building JPUN has accomplished in 2012.

- Successfully limited the square footage and light output of the Sports Authority Field at Mile High signs through a citywide campaign. The proposed sign would have created a dramatic negative impact on the residents of Jefferson Park, Sloan's Lake, West Colfax, and downtown Denver communities.
- Hosted Better Block day showcasing what the business district at 25th and Eliot could possibly become. Response from city officials, developers and nearby communities was tremendous.
- Created Music in Jefferson Park showcasing local food and musical talent that provided a great family activity and a tremendous way to meet your neighbors. **Look for more Sunday concerts in 2013!**
- JPUN Clean Up Day gathered the community for picking up trash throughout Jefferson Park and rewarding volunteers with a picnic.
- Worked with B-cycle to establish a bike sharing station at 23rd and Clay. Established a bicycle hill climb lane between the 23rd Ave bridge and Clay to be paved in 2013.
- Created a sustainable ecosystem of plants and grasses along highway exit 211 near the 23rd Ave Bridge. This was done through the effort of over 150 volunteers through our neighborhood nonprofits Groundwork Denver and Mile High Youth Corps and surrounding communities, donations from local businesses, and collaborative efforts from city and state government agencies.
- The Federal Business Improvement District (FBID) was created by Denver City Council August 6, 2012 and the electors of the district voted to approve the mill levy on commercial property owners to support the activities of the district November 6th. The successful election capped 10 months of activity by many volunteers and several consultants hired from a grant awarded to the Partnership to pursue the organization of the FBID.
- Additionally JPUN helps foster development that promotes smart growth, and continuously provides service to residents (newsletter in particular) that improves quality of life for those in Jefferson Park.

## We have many new and exciting things planned for 2013.

Please consider helping through volunteering your time or contributing financially.



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As the end of the year approaches we ask that you consider giving back to your community.

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Wednesday, December 12th 5:30pm -7:30pm  
(Last day to sign up!)



RSVP for one of the Volunteer Round-Ups to Kellie Lombardi, Director of Volunteer Services  
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**Thank you so much to those who have signed up on Volgistics!**

We still have over 250 open shifts during the Stock Show, so please check your  
schedules again to see if you can squeeze in another shift or two. Thank you!  
We do offer a fabulous free gift for those that sign up for 60 or more hours!

We've received several inquiries about volunteering so we've decided to add another  
New Volunteer Recruiting and Interview Round-Up on Wednesday, December 12th,  
anytime between 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the NWSS complex 3rd Floor Hall of  
Education.

Please tell anyone who is interested in volunteering, to visit our website at  
**www.nationalwestern.com to fill out a volunteer application.**

During the volunteer round-up volunteer applicants will learn about the various  
volunteer service areas and will also be able interview.

The volunteer who recommends the most new volunteers will receive Gold Buckle  
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**Thank you for helping showcase volunteers at this years Stock Show!!!**

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# Denver Holiday Lights and Holiday Events

## LODO AGLOW | NOV 23 - DEC 31

The LoDo District Inc.'s LoDo Aglow window design contest sees local business owners, designers and art students letting their imaginations run wild in creating holiday themed window art in Lower Downtown. A panel of guest judges will choose the winners based on the originality and presentation of the design.

## CITY & COUNTY BUILDING HOLIDAY LIGHTS | NOV 23 - JAN 2013

The largest lighting display in Denver comes on nightly at 6 p.m. at the City & County Building, where 600,000 lights deck the neo-classical building. The bell tower plays carols nightly as well.

## 16TH STREET MALL HOLIDAY LIGHTS | NOV 23 - JAN 2013

Denver's mile-long pedestrian promenade, the 16th Street Mall, is decorated with more than one million white lights. Skyline Park, located at 16th and Arapahoe, will feature nearly 26,000 lights and a 22 foot tall Christmas tree complete with LED lights choreographed to a variety of holiday songs. Denver's historic D & F Tower, at the center of the park, will also be adorned with holiday lights. More than 400,000 energy efficient LED lights will turn the 16th Street Mall and Curtis Streets between 14th and 16th into an enchanting holiday promenade. Giant holiday snowflakes will also be hung along California and Curtis Streets. Larimer Square and the Denver Pavilions, will also be illuminated with festive décor on this night and throughout the holiday season. Unique holiday entertainment and special events will take place separately at each destination. Horse drawn carriages ride up and down the mall nightly beginning at 6 p.m., creating a special way to view the display.

## BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT | NOV 30 - JAN 1, 2013

Embrace the holiday season at Blossoms of Light at Denver Botanic Gardens (York St. location). More than one million colorful lights draped in elegant designs highlight the Gardens winter beauty. Romantic and popular kissing spots will return, as well as the always anticipated HoloSpex glasses, which magically transform the lights into shimmering 3-D shapes. Warm drinks and tasty treats will also be available. Seasonal entertainment will be available on select evenings.

## TRAILS OF LIGHT DBG, CHATFIELD | NOV 30 - JAN 1, 2013

With the foothills as a stunning backdrop, more than one million twinkling lights illuminate a winding path through the Colorado countryside. Spread throughout Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, Trail of Lights offers visitors a choice of paths; a shorter route takes visitors directly to the children's play area, while an extended path allows visitors to explore the Green Farm Barn and silo before continuing onto the children's area and 1880s homestead. Fun features this year include illuminated antique and model tractors on display, tours of the Hildebrand ranch house, a 1880s homestead decorated in a Colorado Christmas motif, and hayrides highlighting Chatfield's natural beauty. Warm drinks are available for purchase and seasonal entertainment is provided.

## DENVER ZOO LIGHTS | DEC 3 - JAN 2,

Come and experience a holiday light safari with more than 38 brilliantly illuminated acres of lights, featuring more than 150 animated animal sculptures that swing through trees, jump across lawns, hide in bushes and appear in places where they're least expected.

## ICE SKATING RINK AT SKYLINE PARK | ARAPAHOE AND 16TH, D&F TOWER OPENING NOV. 23

The Southwest Rink at Skyline Park (Arapahoe & 16th St., Downtown Denver) returns in 2011 with ice-skating and family fun. The rink is FREE and open to the public with the option to bring your own skates or rent a pair at a minimal cost.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS DOWNTOWN DENVER | DEC. 31

Ring in the New Year with Denver's annual New Year's Eve Fireworks with viewpoints along the 16th Street Mall in downtown Denver. The two spectacular fireworks shows will occur at 9 p.m. and Midnight, taking place simultaneously at two undisclosed sites along the 16th Street Mall. It is recommended that viewers stand along the 16th Street Mall for optimal viewing. New to the festivities will be six live DJs performing along the 16th Street Mall. Each will play Top 40 music from 8pm to midnight, and will do a live countdown at the 9 p.m. fireworks show. The music and fun will also continue at the Southwest Rink at Skyline Park, where Denver's popular DJ Chonz will perform live at the rink from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. The rink will open at 10 a.m. on New Year's Eve and remain open until 11:00pm. It will reopen on New Year's Day at 10 a.m.

## TUBA CHRISTMAS SKYLINE PARK (ARAPAHOE AND 16TH) | DEC 23 | 1 to 2 pm

Tap your toes to your favorite holiday tunes at the Annual TubaChristmas Concert at Skyline Park, featuring 300 tuba players from all over the region.

## WHITE CHRISTMAS BUELL THEATRE, DPAC | NOV 24 - DEC 24

Two WWII vets are determined to rescue their beloved commanding officer's country inn imperiled for lack of snow. This stage adaptation of the Bing Crosby/Danny Kaye movie musical delivers gorgeous songs, nostalgia – and a plan to save Christmas.



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# Sophisticated Distribution Network Exposed in Jefferson Park

Over the past several years there has been an increasing awareness of an elaborate network of couriers operating openly in our neighborhood. The pick-up point for this operation has been moved around to a variety of homes in our community over the years, perhaps due to shifting leadership. It is known that a onetime distribution house was occupied by an individual who drew (unwanted?) attention to himself by arguing with a popular radio talk show host. The operation soon after moved from that location.

One of the homes currently being used as a distribution hub is again drawing media attention to the homeowner due to a recent provocative article written by that owner and published in Mother Jones, a nationally published magazine. Another of the current distribution points is owned by a woman widely known for her ability to effectively promote enterprises through innovative marketing. **These people are not amateurs!**

The foot soldiers of this operation have been observed arriving at the various supply houses on a monthly basis. Their ordinary appearance allows them to easily fit into their surroundings as they usually travel alone, occasionally in pairs, and always on foot. They do not appear to follow set timelines for their routes although most seem to pick up their product around the weekend.

Each of the couriers displays a great dedication to their jobs as they have been known to collect and deliver their goods in all weather conditions and at various times of the day. Although their numbers shift slightly there are fewer than a dozen at any time but even with their relatively small numbers they are very effective in blanketing our entire neighborhood with their merchandise. Perhaps you've seen a member of this group actively working your block.

Even though the current group of producers and couriers are effective in supplying the community with this high demand product there is now a vigorous drive by the leadership to enlist others in this operation. If you would like to become a member of this enterprise by writing an article about the Jefferson Park neighborhood or join them in distributing the Jefferson Park newsletter to your neighbors please attend this month's general membership meeting, or contact Cristin Couzens or Jerry Olson, and volunteer.



## Sports Authority Field Neighborhood Calendar 2012

\*Parking restrictions including Zoning Enforcement and Right of Way Enforcement will likely be scheduled for this event. Illegally parked vehicles in the neighborhoods surrounding Sports Authority Field at Mile High may be ticketed and towed.

December 23	* Denver Broncos vs. Cleveland Browns	2:05 pm 5:05 pm
December 30	* Denver Broncos vs. Kansas City Chiefs	2:15 pm 5:15 pm
January 27	Bridal Festival	12:00 pm 4:00 pm

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# THE SAFETY ZONE

## Holiday Crime Prevention Alert for Jefferson Park and Sun Valley

The Holiday season is rapidly approaching and while we all look forward to the festivities we would like to take a moment to ask you to make crime prevention a priority. During this season it is critical to safeguard our homes and businesses to deter crime and increase safety in the Jefferson Park and Sun Valley neighborhoods. We typically see an increase of property crimes such as residential burglaries and vehicle break-ins during the week of Thanksgiving through Christmas and New Years.

### This increase is believed to be related to a few factors:

#1- Many people travel out-of-town for Thanksgiving and Christmas or leave home for extended periods visiting friends or family. Burglars typically target homes while residents are not there.

#2- The Christmas shopping season seems to come earlier each year and merchandise and valuables left in vehicles (most often after dark) is targeted by thieves. I-phones, i-pads, GPS units, purses and wallets are some of the favorites. \*\*Avoid leaving Christmas gifts under the tree visible from any window and remove them if you will be gone for extended time periods.

#3- As many people are coming and going (friends and family), many residents may not know if it is suspicious when they see someone they don't recognize, or a strange vehicle parked at their neighbor's home. This can cause a delay in reporting if reported at all.

Some of you reading this may have personally experienced this during the holiday season as you have come home to find your home or vehicle broken into and valuables, including Christmas gifts, lost forever. In 2011 there were 10 reported residential burglaries and 13 thefts from motor vehicles from November through December in the Berkeley and Regis neighborhoods combined.

District One Police urge each of you to be watchful and responsible for yourselves and your neighbors by communicating with your neighbors and practicing crime prevention. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other (Formally called Neighborhood Watch). Call 911 if you observe someone breaking into a home or vehicle. Call the non-emergency number (720-913-2000) if you see suspicious activity but are unsure. Trust your instinct and give us the opportunity to respond to suspicious occurrences.

Please review the related crime prevention bulletins (below links) and take an active role to make this a "crime free holiday season" on your block. On behalf of Commander Paul Pazen and the officers of Denver Police District One, we wish you a Happy (and safe) Thanksgiving and Holiday season.

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**For more information or tips on starting a Neighborhood Watch Program on your block please contact:**

**Community Resource Officer Carlos Montoya**  
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City of Denver 311 Help Center	3-1-1 or 720-913-1311
Police - City Non-Emergency Information	720--913-2000
Police - District 1 Station Information only	720-913-0400
Denver Public Library	720-865-1111
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