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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

Holiday Party—Tuesday, December 10, 5:30–8:00pm at El Cazo
Tuesday, January 14, 6:30–8:00pm
Riverside Church
2401 Alcott St. | Rear Chapel
All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 5, 5:30–8:00pm
Thursday, January 2, 6:30–8:00pm
Riverside Church
2401 Alcott St. | Rear Chapel
All are welcome

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Annual Holiday Party

➤ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 5:30PM–8:00PM • EL CAZO, 2901 W. 25TH AVE. ➤

Join your friends and neighbors and celebrate the holiday season at JPUN’s Annual Holiday Party on December 10, 5:30pm–8:00pm at El Cazo.

There will be an open buffet and cash bar for Jefferson Park residents.

Lots of development projects will happen in and around Jefferson Park in 2020. We’ll have representatives on hand showing off their latest projects and answering questions.

EL CAZO
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Start the season with a holiday selfie!



RTD RAIL STATIONS NEAR JEFFERSON PARK RANK NEAR BOTTOM

Bronco Stadium Station 3rd Worst

David Sachs, a Denverite reporter conducted a study of the 28 RTD rail stations in Denver that he named the “RTD Train Station Power Ranking”. Though done somewhat tongue in cheek, the rankings do point out the good and bad of each station and the overall need for improvements throughout the system. Unfortunately, Jefferson Park holds the dubious honor of

having some of the worst ranked rail stations nearby. **The Bronco Stadium Station ranked 3rd worst** and the **Decatur-Federal Station ranked 7th worst** in the study.

Most people would claim having a rail station nearby is a benefit that allows residents an opportunity for an alternative form of transportation to work or events. The city

also sees it as a transportation benefit and zones areas around rail stations transit-oriented development (TOD) areas. One aspect of being a TOD is that when a project is being developed the city requires only .75 parking spaces per unit. If 100 units are being built only 75 parking spaces would be required. A 2- or 3-bedroom unit would still be considered

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COURTESY OF DENVER CPD

A rendering from the 2013 Decatur-Federal Station Area Plan depicting a possible future Old West Colfax streetscape. It's quite possible that development along the south side of the stadium will have common consumption areas.

NEW ORDINANCE ALLOWS DRINKING IN DENVER STREETS (IN CERTAIN AREAS)

Red Solo cups may be a more common site in Denver as you will soon be able to take your drink outside from bars and restaurants.

The Denver City Council approved a “common consumption” ordinance in an unanimous vote on November 12 that allows two or more businesses apply for a permit to create a designated area where customers can freely drink in public together.

Each common consumption area must be approved by a registered neighborhood organization, and it must be within an entertainment district, which the city defines as “an area of the city that is no larger than 100 acres and contains at least 20,000 square feet of total liquor-licensed premises.”

Union Station and Larimer Square are prime examples of areas that qualify as long as the liquor-licensed businesses and the community agree to and define a common area for open consumption. Outside drinks will not be allowed in other restaurants or bars.

Temporary special event permits will also be available for big gatherings, such as the National Western Stock Show, to define

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RTD RAIL STATION RANKING

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one unit and would only require a .75 parking space. The city figures more people will use transit than will need a parking space.

The ranking points out an inherent problem with Jefferson Park being a TOD area. Our nearby RTD rail stations are not easily accessible and are often times downright dangerous to get to. Consequently, that forces residents to use cars as their main transportation option and if you reside in a larger development you may not have adequate parking for your car.

According to the article one of the biggest problems with Denver’s rail system is that it was built along I-25 and I-70 (as opposed to where people and things ... are). So not only was most of the system built for driving—you can tell because of the exits right off of the highway and giant, free parking lots—but the highways slash through the land and sap walkability. Urban planners hope to build population centers around rail because RTD did not build rail around population centers.

David’s “RTD Train Station Power Ranking” of the 28 stations in Denver used the following criteria.

- Data from Denver’s official TOD plan
- Experiences with the stations within Denver
- His background as a transportation reporter
- Consultation with Chris Nevitt, the TOD manager for the City and County of Denver (and former city councilman).

#22 of 28: Decatur-Federal Why:

It’s not that it’s far away from stuff, it’s that getting to those places can feel like Fury Road. Fourteenth and Federal is one of the city’s most dangerous intersections, while the Colfax and Federal cloverleaf saps walkability. (Walkability-focused people have a lot of hopes and dreams about the cloverleaf.)

But: “Mad Max” was a really good movie. Plus the city says it wants the station to resemble the image above. It currently does not.

#26 of 28: Broncos Stadium Why:

It’s surrounded by a crater of parking lots and a place that is closed much of the day and much of the year.

But: I mean, there’s nothing like watching the Broncos try and then walking onto a train to sulk in public instead of idling in the parking lot.

**PLEASE JOIN US
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT 5:30PM
FOR THE JOINT LAND-USE COMMITTEE/
23RD AVE. BIKE LANE MEETING!**

All copy/photos/advertisements submitted to our Jefferson Park United Neighbors Newsletter will be edited and reviewed by our volunteer staff for style, grammar and content. JPUN reserves the right to refuse publication of any submitted material that does not meet our standards for a positive, educational community newsletter.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS WANTED

We’re in need of people to help deliver this useful newsletter to residents in Jefferson Park. Taking a walk just an hour a month is 100% effective in feeling great and helping your community!

Call or email Brooke with questions or to volunteer:
303.667.1710 or **kromer2036@yahoo.com**

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JPUN NEEDS YOUR HELP

IN THIS SEASON OF GIVING PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR TIME OR OPINION IN THE COMING YEAR TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that plays many roles within our community. JPUN notifies residents of upcoming events or projects in and around Jefferson Park. We promote community building events such as Music@JeffersonPark and JPUN Day Clean Up. We hold monthly meetings, social happy hours and produce this monthly newsletter. These are just some of the things members of JPUN do during the year.

We expect a lot will happen in Jefferson Park in 2020 and we are asking for your help.



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Please Help Us Build A Better Neighborhood.

To Volunteer Your Time or Lend Your Voice,
E-mail info@jpun.org

Infrastructure Projects

In the coming months a lot will be going on in and around Jefferson Park. Some of these projects are a once in a lifetime opportunity for our neighborhood. The construction of the 23rd Avenue Bike Lane, CDOT initiating changes along I-25 from 20th to Alameda, Pedestrian Improvements along Federal, Stadium District Master Plan, Rive Mile Project to name a few.

One of JPUN's roles is to disseminate information from directors of these projects such as Stadium District, City of Denver and CDOT. In turn, JPUN provides these organizations with resident's feedback and advocates on their behalf. JPUN can assist by providing a collective voice for neighbors' concerns in a more official channel recognized by the city.

Many of these projects hold public informational meetings. Please consider attending—it may be the one opportunity for your voice to be heard! Once construction begins, or parking is removed or a road is rerouted it's too late to request any changes. The time to express your concerns often happens many months in advance through public meetings.

Relax. Gather. Connect.

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Community Outreach and Events

Music@JeffersonPark

2020 will mark the 9th season of Northwest Denver's only concert series. We have steadily built a following of attendees by promoting just two simple things: music and community. We take great pride in providing food from local Jefferson Park restaurants. Planning for next summer's concerts will begin soon so please consider lending your support.



JPUN Clean Up

For nearly 20 years residents have met in the spring to pick up trash and debris in our neighborhood. Attendees are given gloves, vests, rakes, shovels and a hearty breakfast. Planning will start soon as well, so please consider lending your support.





JPUN's Dog Days of Summer

Held in conjunction with Denver Days and National Night Out this event celebrates both our two- and four-legged friends in Jefferson Park. The event features local pet vendors, a puppy pool, and doggie treats as well as a community potluck. Our Mayor liked the event so much he visited two out of the past three years. It's been very popular with neighbors, but we couldn't put it on last year because we were shorthanded. **We're looking for a couple of champions to be top dogs and help start it up again.**



JPUN Tailgate Party

We're marking our 4th year of tailgating with friends and neighbors next to the Bronco stadium. Usually held in late September/early October, local restaurants provide food and local breweries provide beverages while residents share some of their favorite dishes.



JPUNch Happy Hours and Holiday Party

With the growing number of new bars and restaurants nearby we'd like to renew our efforts to host happy hours with discounted food and drink specials for members of our community.



JPUN Newsletter

It may be a somewhat biased opinion but we think no other RNO produces such an informative newsletter that focuses on the issues residents should know about. Believe it or not in the quest to improve we do read reader comments. We are always **looking for writers and delivery people.**



JPUN NEWSLETTER THANK YOU

As we put a bow on the end of a decade, JPUN would like to thank our readers for your comments both good and bad showcasing the fact our publication is read. We'd like to thank our newsletter Graphic Design team of **Erin Farrell** and **Caitlin Clough** who help present a darn nice-looking neighborhood newsletter. Our copy editor **Jennifer Altieri** and Delivery Manager extraordinaire of many years, **Brooke Bailey**, along with the volunteers (listed below) who help hand deliver our newsletters each month. They are indispensable in getting this publication to you. So much so that we ask you please consider joining their team. It's a great workout and a great service to your community. **Please email info@jpun.org to volunteer.**

JPUN NEWSLETTER DELIVERY CREW

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NEW ORDINANCE

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a common consumption area for up to 15 days. All hours of operation will still end at 2 a.m.; streets are closed when the areas are active—some will require fencing and signs; and each applicant must go through a lengthy approval process.

The new law is set to be a five-year pilot program with annual reviews from each applicant. Expect the first licenses to be awarded in late spring or early summer 2020.

Jefferson Park Residents: It's a pretty good guess development along the south side of the stadium will have common consumption areas. Hopefully the city will address the needs and concerns during the next 5 years of the pilot program.

\$1.6 BILLION ADDED TO CDOT BUDGET

The Colorado Transportation Commission, which oversees the state Department of Transportation, voted on November 21 to approve nearly \$1.6 billion worth of projects.

Most of that money—\$1.35 billion—comes from SB 17-267, which the legislature passed two years ago. The balance comes from CDOT’s own accounts and two other recent pieces of legislation. It’ll be doled out over the next three years.

While projects like adding a lane and a new tunnel at Floyd Hill and a I-270 complete rebuild help top the list in spending, *changes to Federal Boulevard may save the most lives.* Nearly two dozen pedestrians have been killed on that road in recent years.

CDOT Region 1 Transportation Director Paul Jesaitis stated they plan to invest in safety improvements, improve access for cyclists and pedestrians, and make infrastructure changes to make transit more efficient.


Jesaitis said it will also look at **Colfax Avenue**, another urban state highway.

“With a traffic fatality rate 20 times the average for urban streets in Colorado, Federal Boulevard presents a serious public health problem,” said WalkDenver Associate Director Jill Locantore. “We know how to make Federal safer for everyone, and there’s no excuse for failing to act quickly. People’s lives are at stake.”

Amongst mid-block crossings; curb extensions at street corners to shorten crossing distances WalkDenver also recommends bus lanes to improve transit service and cut down on dangerous weaving and merging. Here’s the summary from WalkDenver breaking down the public safety threat of Federal Boulevard by the numbers (data is from 2012 to 2017):


—Excerpts from story by Nathaniel Minor/CPR.org

The speed limit is...

40 MPH 

in many sections


which means that

people have a **73%**  chance of dying or suffering severe injury if struck by a vehicle.


Between 2012 and 2017...

22% of all fatal pedestrian-involved crashes in Denver were on Federal Boulevard


and Federal Boulevard's 2017 fatality rate is

MORE THAN **20**  TIMES the average for urban streets in Colorado.


Federal Boulevard has...

THE 2nd HIGHEST  bus ridership in the RTD system


and

26%  of Denver residents live in adjacent neighborhoods.

But...

45%  of sidewalks have no buffer from fast-moving traffic

and

47%  of sidewalk segments have a low quality pedestrian rating.

In some locations...

people have to walk nearly **HALF A MILE** out of the way to cross the street at a crosswalk

and

people must cross **8 LANES** of traffic at its widest point.

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PET OF THE MONTH MAX

Pet's name: Max

Breed: Highly sought after breed called, What the Heck Are You.

Age: 4, 5 or maybe 6.

Favorite food/treat: Goose poop.

How did you meet your owner? My owner moved to China for four years and now I'm with Aunt Kym.

How long have you lived in Jeff Park? Just arrived this July.

What is your favorite thing to play with? An old, smelly, squeaky toy that is missing its head.

Describe your most successful mischievousness: At the dog park, all the human legs look the same and I went with another family. They had snack.



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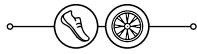


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DOWNTOWN DENVER ICE SKATING RINK



November 20–February 3 | Bring your own skates and practice your triple axel for free at this outdoor rink now entering its tenth year. Free admission, skate rental \$7–\$9, Skyline Park, 15th and Arapahoe streets, 303-825-6787, downtowndenver.com.

CHRISTKINDL MARKET



November 22–December 23 | Don't skimp on the glühwein at Denver's open-air German-style marketplace. Free, Skyline Park, 1515 Arapahoe Street, christkindlmarketdenver.com.

MIRACLE ON LARIMER STREET



November 27–December 25 | The wildly hip pop-up bar goes overboard with holiday-themed decor and drinks every year. 1414 Larimer Street, larimersquare.com.

FETCH HOLIDAY MARKET (FORMERLY DENVER FLEA)

November 30–December 15 | Friday through Sundays only (excluding November 29), \$5, Sports Castle, 1000 Broadway, thisisfetch.com.

SATURDAYS WITH SANTA ON THE SQUARE



November 30–December 21 | The most famous couple in the world is posing for free photos, but make sure you bring your own camera! Saturdays only, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., 1415 Larimer Street, larimersquare.com.

SANTA AT UNION STATION

December 1–22 | Bring the family—human or canine—for photos with St. Nicholas. Sundays only, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., free, Union Station, 1701 Wynkoop Street, 303-592-6712, unionstationindenver.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 7–8; December 14–15; and December 21–24 | Does Santa deliver presents to Nemo? Find out when you meet him at the Aquarium's annual holiday breakfast; no word whether bagels and lox are on the menu. \$16.99 and up, Downtown Aquarium, 700 Water Street, 303-561-4450, aquariumrestaurants.com.

SANTA'S DAIRY BLOCK WORKSHOP

December 7; December 14; and December 21 | Meet Santa's reindeer and the jelly-bellied man himself for free family photos. Noon–4 p.m., Dairy Block, 1800 Wazee Street, dairyblock.com.

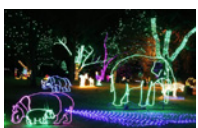
CAMP CHRISTMAS



November 21–January 5 | This 10,000-square-foot immersive art experience explores holiday rituals and imagery from across the globe. \$8–\$21, Stanley Marketplace,

2501 North Dallas Street, Aurora, 303-893-4100, denvercenter.org.

ZOO LIGHTS



November 29–December 31 | Zoo Lights: Who says the zoo animals go to bed after dark? See lit-up leopards, lions and more at this winter tradition. \$15–\$20, Denver Zoo, 2300 Steele Street, 720-337-1400, denverzoo.org.

LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM

Lead poisoning is the No. 1 preventable environmental health threat to children in the United States.

The leading causes of lead poisoning are ingestion of contaminated dust and soil found in or around older houses. Children under the age of 6 are most at risk of becoming lead poisoned because of how quickly they grow and develop. Even low levels of lead can potentially cause permanent brain and nervous system damage, learning and behavioral problems, and result in a lower IQ.

Program Benefits

Through this program, qualifying homeowners will receive a full lead-risk assessment, an abatement plan and abatement services, which can average \$8,500 per home. This program is available to homeowners and landlords. The program is free for homeowners and covers 100 percent of all costs. For landlords, the program covers \$6,000 and 90 percent of costs that exceed grant funding.

Eligibility

To qualify, applicants must meet all four of the following requirements:

1. This program is only available to residents of the City and County of Denver.
2. Live in a home built prior to 1978.
3. Be the parent or caregiver of a child or children under the age of 6, or an expectant mother. The child does not have to reside with the family full time. Caregivers with a child who spends a significant amount of time in the residence (defined as at least three hours per day, two days a week and a total of 60 hours a year) qualify.
4. Have a household income equal to or less than 80 percent of the Denver area median income based on the family size as defined by HUD: for 2019, earning \$52,000 or less for one person, or \$74,250 for a family of four. Contact us for limits for other household sizes.

HUD Healthy Homes Initiative

This program is also compliant with the HUD Healthy Homes initiative, which offers \$5,000 grants for lead-hazard clients to address other health and safety issues and services such as fire alarms, pest control and mold mitigation. (The program recognizes 29 total eligible hazards including lead hazards). Talk with a DURA staff member to see if you're eligible for these services.

Apply Now

If you meet all four of the above requirements, call DURA at (303) 534-3872 or visit www.renewdenver.org and click on the Housing Rehabilitation tab, then select "Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program" to fill out the online form.

