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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

Tuesday, February 12, 6:30–8:00pm
Tuesday, March 12, 6:30– 8:00pm
Riverside Church
2401 Alcott St. | Rear Chapel
All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 7, 6:30–8:00pm
Thursday, March 7, 6:30–8:00pm
Riverside Church
2401 Alcott St. | Rear Chapel
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JPUN HOLIDAY PARTY

A merry ol' time was had by all at the JPUN Annual Holiday Party on December 13. The event was co-sponsored by The Boulevard at Jefferson Park and graciously hosted by Jefferson Park's newest restaurant, El Cazo. Residents feasted on a buffet of Tacos a la Plancha while imbibing on selections at the bar including Margaritas Del Cazo and other holiday spirits.

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COUNCIL AT-LARGE DEBBIE ORTEGA

Debbie, a long-time District One resident, will collect your input and discuss near term changes that will happen in and around Jefferson Park. Below is a summary of her thoughts as she gets ready to run for reelection for the At-Large Council seat.

"Do you realize that there a number of large parcels of land in various stages of Denver’s development or design review or rezoning process, for 500 acres of proposed high-density development on the west side of town along the I-25 corridor from Denver Post site near I-70 to the Gates site at Mississippi and also includes 70 acres at Loretto Heights? Why should this matter to Jefferson Park? Like many of you, I drive I-25 daily to get downtown or to other parts of the city for meetings at various times of the day and it is non-stop gridlock traffic. What will this be like with millions of new square feet of new residential and commercial development along this corridor if we aren’t planning for the cumulative effect?"

The 2010 form-based zoning removed City Council from the decision-making process in reviewing many of the details we used to see.

You already know about the River Mile Project (Elitch site) because of Jefferson Park’s involvement and input in improved access at 23rd Avenue and I-25 on



FEATURED SPEAKER

Ortega will speak at JPUN’s February meeting on Feb 12 at 6:30pm at Riverside Church.

and off ramps. CDOT’s recent PEL study is underway for I-25 from Alameda to 20th Avenue and maintaining access for residents and businesses from Jefferson Park and Sloan’s Lake - at 17th, 23rd and 26th/Speer is an important part of this study. Unfortunately, the study does not include the 38th, Park Ave. Fox St. intersection near Denver Post site which is already at maximum capacity during most times of day.

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DEBBIE ORTEGA

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Then there's the nearby neighborhood of Sun Valley and DHA's planned rebuild of their public housing development, which is the majority of the housing stock in this neighborhood. And finally, the parking lots south of Mile High Stadium are proposed for development to generate new revenue for major improvements to the Football Stadium, but there is much more proposed development activity that will exacerbate the traffic congestion on the Valley Highway (I-25), Federal Blvd. as well as other adjacent corridors such as Colfax.

We have only one chance to get it right! Traffic demand management that includes alternative modes of transportation, and shared parking are only part of the solutions needed. We must ensure that the City is spearheading a process similar to what was done when the Central Platte Valley was planned with all the stakeholders that took into account the magnitude of what was proposed to determine how much open space would be needed, what were the needed roadway improvements that included removing the elevated viaducts and building new roads through the site connecting to downtown and north Denver. Another model is the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC), that has played a major role in coordinating all the public and private projects in Globeville, Elyria and Swansea - which includes I-70. This must include the cumulative impact on existing infrastructure from much higher density on these parcels that can either benefit or devastate the adjacent neighborhoods of Sloan's Lake, Villa Park, Valverde, Barnum, Westwood - if we are not focused on the big picture, that includes all the utilities (water, sewer, gas, electrical; and buffering from the rail road where needed) otherwise we will totally screw up our city with much more congestion."

SIDE STORIES RINO



Two projections in the 2018 Side Stories exhibition. (Ashley Dean)

Side Stories is bringing eight new artists and eight new film loops to light up the walls of the RiNo Art District. The large-format outdoor film installation is returning for its sophomore year for eight nights, from March 1-8, 2019.

This immersive event projects short digital works from eight Colorado artists onto exterior walls in RiNo, creating a walkable art experience through the neighborhood. Visitors can follow an interactive map and audio tour of the installation with block-by-block suggestions about where to stop for a warm drink, grab a bite, or shop along the way.

This year the eight visual artists were chosen from a selection committee. The installations were chosen from storytelling, historical

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DETERMINING THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE COLFAX CLOVERLEAF



The redesign of the Colfax Cloverleaf, just south of Jefferson Park, will play a key role in connecting our neighborhood with the new Stadium District, Sun Valley and Colfax development.

The area has long been known as a problem area for residents. It currently has the second and third busiest transit stops along the Federal corridor, with over 3,000 daily boardings in and around the Decatur Station. Over a three year period, there were 250 vehicle crashes at the intersection. The redesign aims to eliminate these issues.

On **Wednesday, February 6**, a meeting will be held at **Alamo**

Drafthouse Cinema at 4255 W Colfax Ave from **6-7:30pm**. This is a critical juncture in the project. Join fellow residents to hear the exciting news about City funding as well as a potential new long-term redesign option that is based on previous community input. The City and CDOT will be seeking additional input on the preferred option as the project moves forward. At this meeting you can also learn about short-term improvement updates and a potential event on the Federal bridge over Colfax.

Snacks, translation and childcare will be provided at the meeting.

HELP SHAPE DENVER'S FUTURE

Denver Community Planning and Development has released the second draft of three Denveright plans that will guide development, parks, and mobility options over the next 20 years. The drafts are available for public review through February 27.

READ THE DRAFTS:

- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040:** <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denveright/comprehensive-plan.html>
- **BLUEPRINT DENVER:** <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denveright/land-use-transportation.html>
- **GAME PLAN FOR A HEALTHY CITY:** <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denveright/parks-recreation.html>

Residents will also have an opportunity to share their thoughts with members of the Denver Planning Board at a listening session February 27. More details to come. The latest drafts reflect residents' comments and support for policies on equity, housing choices, quality-of-life infrastructure improvements, mobility choices and more oversight to ensure accountability when the plans are implemented. Each plan link has a "reader's guide" with summaries of what has changed and the comments received.

Input received during this review period will be incorporated into a third draft

of the plans, which will be released in March, ahead of public hearings by the Denver Planning Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Game Plan for a Healthy City) in March and by City Council in April.



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Each year The Park People negotiates deals with wholesale nurseries to acquire more than 1,000 trees for distribution.

The deadline to apply for 2019's sale is February 15, and representatives from The Park People are telling folks to act fast, since some species sell out quickly.

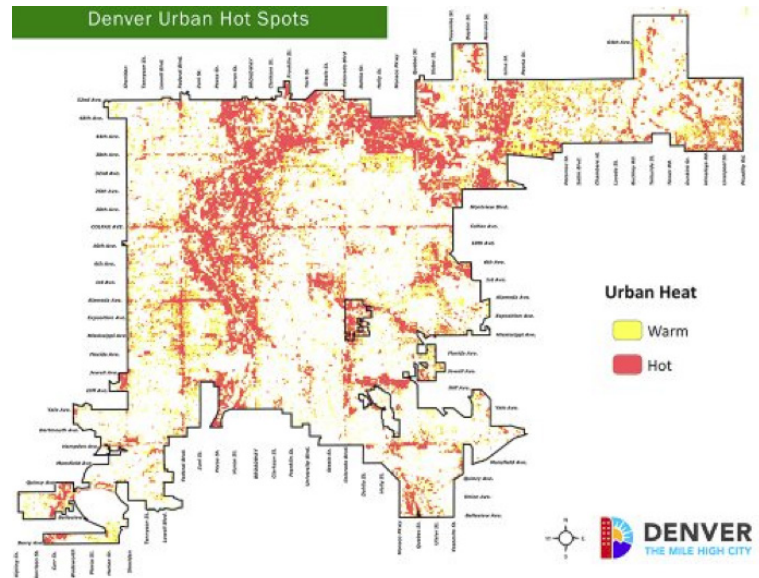
Trees planted in the right of way are free. Jefferson Park is one of 28 target neighborhoods that face particularly low tree-canopy cover. Residents can receive a tree for their yard for only \$10 instead of \$35.

Jefferson Park is a Hotspot

While most residents welcome the term "hotspot" to describe our neighborhood, it is not one we want when associated with trees. Trees' presence in the urban landscape impacts soil and water quality and helps mitigate the "urban heat island effect" that occurs when our built environment absorbs sunshine more efficiently than surrounding natural areas.

A city report from 2013 estimated that Denver's trees remove as much as 290 pounds of pollution from the air each year, and more than 1,000 pounds from the metro area at large.

Another set of studies show heat island hotspots in the city as compared to tree canopy growth. These patterns are inversions of each other: where there are trees, there is less heat absorption.



In the spring, after applications are in, residents will be notified where to pick up their trees. Most people are on their own to plant and care for their new leafy buddies, although The Park People does provide help for those who need a hand.

Trees add an element of nature and beauty to our city. In the early years of Denver, the city was virtually treeless. Our urban canopy would not exist if it wasn't for the residents who take care of them. Be a pioneer and help plant a thing of beauty.



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BIZ ON THE BOULEVARD



Federal Coffee is now open at 2307 Federal Boulevard

At the northwest corner of 23rd and Federal, where her mother's Tienda Naturista's Cosmovida (Vitamin Store) stood for 16 years, Sonia Smith and her husband, Mark, have reinvented the space. Keeping old and new neighborhood folks in mind, they provide a beautiful and cozy spot to drink great coffee!

Open for a little over a month, **Federal Coffee** proudly serves Ampersand Coffee Roasters, which source from only women-owned farms. Variety is the spice of life and pastries are no exception. On weekdays, they have either Rebel Bread Pastries or Panaderia Rosales pastries. On weekends, they switch it up with Habit Doughnuts. You can also find breakfast burritos from their neighbors next door, Chili Verde, all week long.

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The artists and the themes of their work are as follows:

1. Ella Vance: A young girl discovers a mysterious pair of glasses that take her on a fantastical journey.
2. Daniel Fickle: One woman rides a horse, the other a motorcycle. These modes of transportation lead to an exploration of their relentless love.
3. Lares Feliciano: Archival materials and found images are utilized to create a moving collage which coalesces into poignant and surreal cinema.
4. Brian Fouhy: Words collected through images of murals, store signs and graffiti transform RiNo's walls into a bedtime story.
5. Brendan Young: Poetry, written and performed by Colorado's deaf community, will be brought to life through American Sign Language.
6. Studio Hippo: Growth and transformation in RiNo will be explored through an animated illustrated map and optical illusions.
7. Kendra Fleischman: A homage to agriculture illuminates RiNo with repetitive elements and archival farming footage.
8. Chris Sessions: This wall celebrates Charrería, the national sport of Mexico (and a precursor to Rodeo) through visually rich modern-day footage.

PET OF THE MONTH PEGGY-O



Pet's name: Peggy-O

Breed: Australian Shepherd

Age: 8

How long have you lived in Jeff Park? Four years

Celebrity Doppelgänger: Porkchop (from the TV show Doug)

What is your favorite thing to play with? The squirrels in Jefferson Park

Describe your most successful mischievousness. I recently jumped out of a vehicle to chase a kitty. I easily could have been hit by a car as I sprinted across a street without looking both ways.

JOIN DPD'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM!

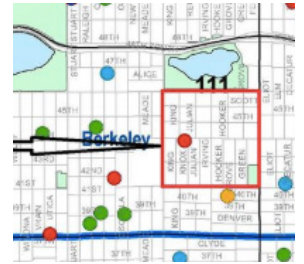
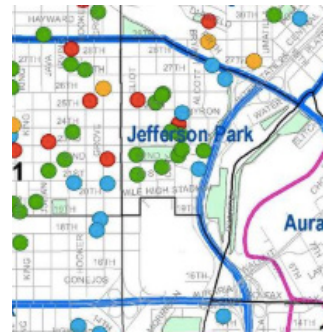
Have you seen these posts on NextDoor? "Stolen Package," "Attempted Break In," "Car Stolen"?

Prevent this trend by locking-up windows, doors, cars etc or by joining a Neighborhood Watch program.

62% of all residential burglaries involve 'No Force' (unlocked or open) and 76% of all garage burglaries involve 'No Force.'

Harkness Heights neighborhood in Berkeley has nearly a 100% participation in Neighborhood Watch, and their crime map for Q1 says it all!

Sloan's Lake and Jefferson Park neighborhoods have the highest concentration of 'No Force' garage burglaries.



Help Eliminate Crime in Jefferson Park!

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February 7, 7-10pm | Children's Museum of Denver | Price: \$40 | Release your inner child at the Children's Museum during our adults-only extravaganza! Taste beers from local breweries, snack on light bites, listen to great tunes, and best of all, enjoy an evening of play in our world-class exhibits. Come be a kid again...without the kids! This adults only event is 21+.

DENVER MAC & CHEESE FESTIVAL

February 8, 6:30-9:30pm | Number 38 3560 Chestnut Place | We're talking gourmet, chef-inspired twists on your childhood favorite. Local chefs and restaurants are cooking up a big variety of mac & cheese while competing for the best mac in town. Be there to sample everything for yourself and cast your vote! Supports Minds Matter of Denver.



80'S AND 90'S DANCE
February 9, 7-11pm | Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum | 7711 E. Academy Blvd., Hangar 1 | Don your best 80's or 90's

gear, inflate your hair and roll out for a righteous night of drinks, dancing and fun. From a themed arcade to incredible food sample stations courtesy of Denver's top caterers, this night will be all that AND a bag of chips...we promise! Costumes encouraged. 21+ only. All proceeds benefit Wings Over the Rockies, a non-profit organization.



RINO SHOWCASE MINI-FEATURE
February 10, 4-11pm | Globe Hall 4483 Logan St. | Price: \$15-20 | This official pre-party to the Spring 2019 Showcase will host 25 of Denver's best visual artists and artisans, as well as local craftspeople, creatives, up-and-coming

local bands, and Denver's best food trucks.

UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD CUP FINALS

February 22-24 | 5-9pm | Civic Center Park | 1007 York St. | More than 200 athletes from 26 countries will converge on downtown Denver, competing in lead and speed ice climbing. It all comes down to this sixth and final leg of the 2019 UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup season. This will be the first time Denver will host and the setting should be spectacular! Free.



DENVER RESTAURANT WEEK
Starting February 22 | 5-9pm | The 14th annual Denver Restaurant Week will take place from Feb. 22- March 3. Hundreds of Denver's top restaurants offer multi-course dinners for tasty prices. <https://www.denver.org/denver-restaurant-week/>



DENVER FAMILYFEST
February 23 | 11am-5pm | National Western Complex | Price: Adults- \$15; Seniors/ Military- \$7 Kids- FREE | Shop Family focused vendors, enjoy

kid's entertainment, attend fun stage presentations and register for prizes!

CITIZENS' ACADEMY

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