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NEXT JPUN MEETING

JPUN General Membership Meeting
 Tues., Jan 10th
 6:30 - 7:30pm
 Riverside Baptist Church
 2401 Alcott Street
 Rear Chapel

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JPUN Land Use Committee
 Contact Rafael @
 303-815-0506
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NEXT HOME GAME

Broncos vs Steelers
 January 8 | 2:30 pm
 Sports Authority
 at Mile High

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Get neighborhood updates at
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Stop Sports Authority Signs!

Sports Authority proposal to be discussed at January 10th JPUN Meeting



Artist Rendering of Proposed Signage

On December 14th, JPUN held a Membership Meeting as part of the Annual Christmas Party at the Hotel VQ. Andy Gorchov, Stadium General Manager at Sports Authority Field at Mile High presented a Sign Plan Amendment proposed by Sports Authority which requires Planning Board approval. The full plan can be found on the JPUN website at <http://jpun.org>.

After the presentation, Jefferson Park community members in attendance voted 29-0 to oppose any signage higher than allowed by the current sign plan at Sports Authority Field at Mile High. Opinions varied

on the adverse effect the new signs would have in the neighborhood. Some found the signs to be distasteful, clashing with the architectural style of the stadium, and branding the mountains and city skyline of Denver. Others found the signs to be offensive in size, worried about how much light pollution would occur and if their property values would decrease because of it.

Four neighborhood organizations including JPUN have voted to oppose these signs while many others are in the process of voting in the next few weeks. JPUN has created the SAFMH Lighting Committee (SAFMHLC) and while it may be a very long acronym, we could certainly use your help in opposing this sign plan.

For more information, receive updates or join SAFMHLC please email stopsasigns@gmail.com

Please register your comments at www.stopsportsauthoritiesigns.com

Your comments will be immediately sent to Denver Zoning, Planning Board and City Council Members.

Please Note: The next JPUN Membership Meeting is Tuesday January 10 at 6:30pm in the rear chapel of Riverside Baptist Church. The Sports Authority Field Amendment will be the main topic on the agenda.

Controversial IKEA sign 572sf and 92' above grade Sports Authority's proposed signs over 6,200sf with maximum height of 150' above grade.



Mile High Stadium is Paid Off!

It's all yours ...what are you going to do with it ?

Jerry Olson has some suggestions for you on page 5

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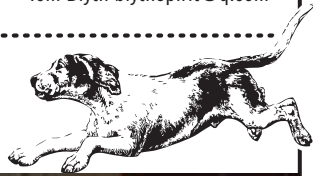
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Jefferson Park Pet of the Month



Name: Mildred • Breed: Pound Kitty • Owner: Cristin and Matt
Mildred is 10 years old and misunderstood. She doesn't like treats, motorized cat toys, people she's not related to, or other cats. She can howl like a dog, has a reputation at the vet, knows exactly how to wake us up to feed her, and often refuses to come in from the backyard. But when she wants to be, she is the best cat ever. Sometimes, she even lets us put bows on her. Just don't tell her we told you!

Want 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!**

JPUN Holiday Party Pics



There's Still Time To Pick Up Your Photos With Santa

A few families were turned away when they visited Walgreens to collect their pictures with Santa. JPUN and Walgreens apologize for the inconvenience. The Santa photos will be available until February 1st by visiting the Walgreens photo center at 2975 Federal and asking for the Jefferson Park Santa Photos. Families can scroll through the CD and select two pictures to be printed compliments of Walgreens. **Thank you to Walgreens for providing the photos!**

An ENORMOUS Thank You to Hotel VQ for the 2011 JPUN Holiday Party

For the third year in a row, Hotel VQ graciously hosted JPUN's holiday bash. Not only did the hotel provide the venue, but the food, wait staff, decorations and planning were all donated as well. The party was a huge success and a giant Thank You goes out to Hotel VQ for being the best of the best of neighbors! If you or someone you know needs hotel accommodations, please consider calling Hotel VQ.

First JPUN Resolution of 2012 JPUN Happy Hour



My Brother's Bar
2376 15th St | Behind REI
Thursday, January 26th
Happy Hour 4:30 -6:30pm
\$1 off Pints
2 for 1 House Wine

Solid beer collection, great comfort food like the JCB - a fine jalapeno cream cheese burger, Onion Rings (recommended by both from Brooke and Kari) and the Ticky Turkey. Veggie choices, too! And the Classical music.

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Tips from Family Star Montessori School:

Healthy Eating in the New Year

One way to encourage everyone to eat a wide range of foods and try out nutritious choices is by offering Family Style Dining, where everyone is given the same options, and can choose how much of each item they would like. Family Star Head Start Manager Maggie Gimbel says, “family style dining results in fewer arguments about food. When caregivers and children sit and enjoy a meal together, children observe the adults trying new or unfamiliar foods, and are more likely to try it themselves.”

At meal time, offering multiple options is the best bet for both modeling healthy eating and encouraging independence in your children. “When children are offered and allowed to choose from a variety of nutritious choices at meal time, you’re encouraging them to exercise their independence, decision making and healthy associations with food,” Gimbel remarks.

Another trick of the trade is to add more vegetables to well-loved dishes. Try adding frozen peas to your favorite casseroles and soups, or stir chopped bell peppers (red or green) into popular pasta dishes. A few sprigs of either fresh or frozen broccoli will perk up sauces and noodles, while shredded carrots are perfect in soups and tasty in tacos.

Family style dining offers nutritious choices to your whole family, as well as the opportunity for both adults and children to try new items. By encouraging your children to select from nutritious options, you guide them to make their own choices that will positively affect lifelong eating habits.



Consejos de la Escuela Family Star Montessori:

Comiendo Sano en el Año Nuevo

Una manera de ayudar a que todos coman una gran variedad de alimentos y prueben opciones nutritivas es ofreciendo la comida al estilo familiar, en el cual a todos se les ofrece las mismas opciones, y cada uno elige cuánto de cada alimento prefiere comer. La gerente de los servicios Head Start en Family Star, Maggie Gimbel, dice, “la comida al estilo familiar resulta en menos peleas sobre la comida. Cuando los adultos y niños se sientan juntos a compartir la comida, los niños observan a sus mayores probar alimentos nuevos o desconocidos, y es más probable que los prueben ellos también”.

Durante la comida, ofrecer varias opciones es la mejor manera de demostrar cómo comer sano y fomentar la independencia en los niños. “Cuando se ofrece y permite a los niños elegir entre una variedad de opciones nutritivas durante las comidas, se les fomenta que ejerciten su independencia, la toma de decisiones y el formar asociaciones sanas con los alimentos”, agrega Gimbel.

Otro truco eficaz es agregar verduras a los platillos favoritos. Pruebe agregar arvejas (chicharos/guisantes) congeladas a sus guisados y sopas, o mezcle pimentón picado (rojo o verde) en las pastas. Unos pedazos de brócoli ya sea fresco o congelado fortalecerá sus salsas o fideos, y un par de zanahorias ralladas son la adición perfecta en sopas y tacos.

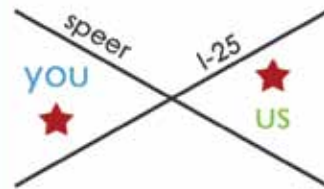
La comida al estilo familiar ofrece opciones nutritivas para toda su familia, al mismo tiempo que da la opción de probar nuevos alimentos tanto a los niños como a los adultos. Al animar a sus niños a que elijan opciones nutritivas, usted los guía a que tomen sus propias decisiones, las cuales terminarán afectando positivamente sus hábitos alimenticios para toda la vida.

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The 31 A southbound trip from 72nd at 4:10 a.m. will be added. The northbound trip at 12:51 a.m. will be discontinued and trips on weekends and holidays between 1:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. will be discontinued.

The 44L Service will be discontinued. Alternate service will be the Route 44.

Light Rail *(at Sports Authority Field at Mile High)*

C Weekday midday service will be discontinued between I-25/Broadway and Union Station and be replaced with service on the E Line.

E A 15-minute weekday midday service will be added between Lincoln and Union Station, replacing the midday service on the C and F Line. Early morning weekend service will be reduced from every 15 minutes to every 30 minutes. The last night trip will be discontinued Sunday–Thursday. Additional E Line early evening trips will be added to replace F Line trips.

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Federal Boulevard Partnership Receives Business Improvement District Grant Award

As the Streetscape Project was wrapping up in July, the Partnership was applying for grant funds to organize and pursue a Business Improvement District (BID). The grant application was recently awarded! A BID is a tax district, which levies commercial property taxes within the district to fund physical improvements and other business support and economic development activity. Other BID's in Denver include a new district recently created along Tennyson Street north of W. 38th Avenue, portions of West and East Colfax, South Broadway (Englewood), Old South Gaylord, and several others. A BID can be a significant tool in supporting business and economic growth within a local community.

The initial proposed BID geographic area is generally defined by W. 23rd to 26th Avenues along Federal and W. 25th Avenue to Eliot Street. The application was funded by Denver's Office of Economic Development, with funds from the Community Development Block Grant program. The project will occur in 2012, beginning in late January. The BID project involves a multi-step process to research, organize stakeholders, define the BID (boundaries, scope, budget and timelines), affirm property owner and community support and seek Denver City Council creation of the district.

To pursue the project, the Partnership will contract with two firms and/or individuals to provide specific services; a BID Consultant and Project Manager. Both positions will provide direct services for efforts involved in BID creation. The BID Consultant will provide the knowledge, experience and expertise in all aspects of organizing and creating a BID. The Project Manager will assist the BID Consultant, represent the Partnership's interests and be responsible for various aspects of public outreach and managing the project. Full position announcements with submittal requirements can be downloaded from the upper right hand column of the Partnership's Home page Web site.

The Partnership's Web site will be used to help disseminate information about the project, keeping everyone informed of public meetings, progress reports and events. Please check back frequently for updates!



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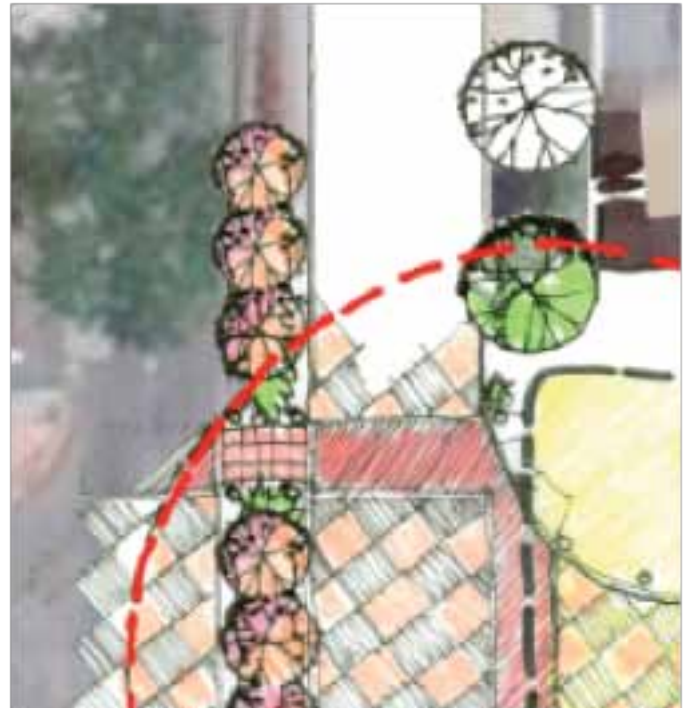
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Opinion by Jerry Olson

Mile High Stadium is Paid Off

It's all yours ...what are you going to do with it ?

Congratulations Taxpayers! In 10 years you paid off the bonds to build Mile High Stadium. The original cost was \$400,800,000 of which 75% was to come from taxpayers and the remaining portion from the Broncos. A final accounting of who paid what is not readily available. Sounds like it's time for an audit.

From my review of 2000 and 2001 Denver Post news articles, I learned that Invesco contracted to pay a total of \$120,000,000 in installments over 20 years. Proceeds from the sale of "naming rights" were split into two contracts, \$60,000,000 for the Broncos and \$60,000,000 for the Metropolitan Football Stadium District (Metro District). Sale of the naming rights allowed the Stadium to be paid off one year early. There was and still is debate whether that sale was such a good deal for the taxpayer.

In 2001 arguments were made by highly placed individuals, including Mayor Wellington Webb that we would be better off just keeping the name "Mile High Stadium" and paying one more year taxes. Debate raged, a lawsuit was filed in Denver District Court to strip the sale of naming rights from Metro District authority. A citizen group appealed to the State Legislature to place the naming question on the ballot in 2002. The State Legislature mandated the Metro District to conduct a survey to ascertain public opinion on the proposed renaming. The District refused to spend the \$10,000 to determine public sentiment on the naming of the \$400,000,000 project. They subsequently entered into the Invesco Field naming agreement. The Denver Post listened to the public debate and decided to refer to the stadium in the future as "Mile High Stadium" instead of "Invesco Field at Mile High". Needless to say hard feelings existed and remain.

Sports Authority last August purchased or assumed, the remaining ten years of the two original contracts with Invesco. I understand Sports Authority will soon enter into negotiations with Broncos and the Metro District for an extension of the original contracts. It may be for an additional 10 to 20 years and is rumored to be in the range of \$150,000,000. Again it will be two contracts, but not necessarily equally divided between Broncos and the Metro District. It is understood the rationale for two contracts is that Metro District owns the exterior of the stadium while the Broncos own the interior for advertising purposes. Does that portend an evenly split contract agreement ?

Sports Authority recently submitted a Sign Plan Design to the City of Denver to install large lighted signs (red) that read "Sports Authority Field". The signs will be added to the upper silver banner of the stadium on the east, west and north sides. Each new sign is 9'6" tall by 178' wide, that's 59 yards football fans. If the Denver Planning Board approves the Sign Plan, Sports Authority will have an additional 5,340 square feet of exterior advertising 365 days a year, in addition to the gigantic red logos they painted on the roofs to promote themselves to the nation during televised events.



My neighborhood association, Jefferson Park United Neighbors, is strongly opposed to the Sign Plan.

As a taxpayer I'd like to know what's in it for me? Given the history of negotiations between the Metropolitan Football Stadium District / Broncos combined with their debatable consideration of public interests, I am advocating for an independent Public Hearing. This should occur prior to the City's approval of the Sports Authority Sign Plan Design and any long-term contract extension with Sports Authority. It's your stadium.

I am encouraging residents of Jefferson Park and the counties within the District that paid for Mile Stadium (Denver, Boulder, Broomfield, Jefferson, Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Weld) to review the proposed graphics and comment. Check out our website at www.stopsportsauthoritiesigns.com. And please e-mail Denver City Council representative, Susan Shepherd, by January 15th at Susan.Shepherd@denvergov.org.

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- You get to select the tree species you would like.
- A Site Inspector will visit your site to determine the proper planting location where your tree will be healthy and thrive.
- You pick up and plant your tree on April 21.
- We deliver and plant trees for residents with physical limitations.



Option 2

Mile High Million's Trees for Energy Savings- A program of Denver Forestry

- Trees must be planted on the west side of your house and may be planted in your front, back and side yards or in the public right-of-way.
- Denver Forestry staff will recommend the best tree(s) and planting locations for your yard.
- We deliver and plant your tree(s).
- We call your underground utilities to be marked

Additional Opportunities for Trees:

The Park People's Earth Day Yard Tree Sale

- Fundraiser for The Park People. Great deals from \$45 to \$65
- Primarily small ornamental tree species
- Saturday, April 21 10:30am-12pm at 3 locations in Denver.
- NOT restricted to residents of the City and County of Denver

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS for JEFFERSON PARK NEIGHBORS

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✓ JPUN General Membership
✓ JPUN Land Use Committee
✓ Federal Boulevard Partnership

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES
✓ Visit our advertisers
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KEEP JEFFERSON PARK BEAUTIFUL
✓ Plant a tree
✓ Save the Date - Jefferson Park Day in May
✓ Report Graffiti

SUPPORT JPUN
✓ Volunteer to serve beer at the Highlands Street Fair
✓ Donate to JPUN - it is tax deductible and goes to support LOCAL programs!

KEEP JEFFERSON PARK SAFE
✓ Form a Neighborhood Watch
✓ Learn the Denver Police Non-Emergency Number (720-913-2000) and Report Suspicious Activity

GET HAPPY!
✓ Attend a JPUN Happy Hour
✓ Meet Your Neighbors!

Be a Part of Your Neighborhood in the New Year 2012



Next Home Game

Denver Broncos vs Steelers
January 8 | 2:30 PM

www.denverbroncos.com

HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND RECLAIM IT AS MULCH!

Treecycle: January 3 - 13, 2012

Treecycle: It's as Easy as Can Be!

Your Christmas tree gave you so much joy during the holidays. Now give it a second life and recycle it with Denver's Treecycle program. All trees collected through the program will be chipped into mulch and given away to Denver residents in the spring. Denver residents should set out their Christmas trees for recycling from January 3rd to January 13th.

1. Remove all decorations and tree stand. Sorry, no artificial or flocked trees. Real Christmas trees only.
2. Set your tree out for collection during the first two weeks of January.

- Dumpster service customers should place their Christmas tree out for recycling on either Tuesday, January 3rd or Monday, January 9th for collection during that week. Do not place trees in dumpsters. Trees should be placed at least 4 feet away from dumpsters.

- Barrel and Manual service customers should place their Christmas tree out for recycling on their normal trash day between January 3rd and 13th. Watch your tree get picked up for recycling.

Reclaim free mulch made from your tree on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Denver's Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale.

Drop Sites for Christmas Tree Recycling:

Two location will be available to drop-off your Christmas tree for recycling through the end of January 2012.

- Havana Nursery: 10450 Smith Rd., just south of I-70 on Havana St. (enter gate on Smith Road side)
Mon. - Thurs., 8 AM to 2 PM
- Cherry Creek Transfer Station: 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (enter gate on Jewell Avenue side)
Mon. - Fri., 8 AM to 4 PM



FREE LANDLORD 101 SEMINAR

The Apartment Association of Metro Denver is hosting a free Landlord 101 seminar at Scheitler Rec Center on January 21st!

In the current economy many have become an "Accidental Landlord" where they now own a rental property. Councilwoman Susan K. Shepherd has worked with the Apartment Association of Metro Denver to bring an important seminar to the District One community. The seminar was created to help new landlords manage rental property like a pro by offering tips to help protect your investment and avoid potential legal hazards.

This seminar is intended for the non-professional rental manager to learn about regulations and practices regulating the housing industry.

Attorney, Deborah Wilson will share her expertise on:

- Marketing
- Resident Screening
- Lease Signing
- Security Deposits
- Fair Housing and much more

Who should attend?
Rental Property Owners/Managers

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The Safety Zone

Motor vehicle theft was down in December for Jefferson Park!

—there was only one. Please continue to keep your eyes open to what is going on in the neighborhood and call the non-emergency number 720-913-2000 when you see suspicious behavior.

I am stepping down as the safety officer for the neighborhood and pleased to announce Tom Blyth will be taking over. I will still play an active role in the neighborhood and know you are in good hands with Tom.

- Katherine Meldrum



Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!

--author unknown

This month's kudos go to the 2011 JPUN Board Members who are stepping down – Kari-Elin Mock, Katherine Meldrum, and Brooke Bailey. Thank you for dedication to helping Jefferson Park thrive!!



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Mon. January 9 • Mon. January 30
Mon. February 27

Denver Zoo
Sat. January 7 • Wed. January 18
Sun. February 5 • Mon., February 6
Thurs. February 16

Botanic Gardens
Mon. January 16 • Mon. February 20

Denver Art Museum
Sat. January 7 • Sat. February 4

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