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**YOUR  
COMMUNITY'S  
NEWSLETTER**



Jefferson Park United Neighbors

## Murderers on the loose in Jefferson Park

One house in Jefferson Park is driving the murder rate sky-high and while the cops never stop by, the mystery of who done it is solved every night. Where is this house you might ask? The Adam's Mystery Play House at 2406 Federal Blvd.

Owned by Carlos and Marne Cueller, every Friday and Saturday night the playhouse is alive with mystery and adventure. Whether daring the well worn cutlasses in a Pirate's Cove, or trying to figure out if it really was the butler that did it, Jefferson Park residents are sure to find themselves enthralled by the story, humor, and interaction with cast members and fellow "Mystery solvers." Currently, other than weekend shows, corporate events are often scheduled during the day, while two shows are set up for kids each month. But watch out because soon new blood will be shed when Adam's Mystery Play House opens both Sunday Mystery Matinees, and "laugh in your lasagna Thursdays" where comedy groups will be "killing it" on stage while you try not to choke on that meatball.

Asked how her interest in mystery theater began, Marne explained that the journey began back in 1983 in a comedy troupe called "Group Therapy." The group performed for various corporations and eventually for the Department of Defense which led them all over the world, from Korea to Iceland faces smiled through both heat and ice. After booking a "Mystery," as they are called, for an unaffiliated troupe, the groups collapse into a debauched rabble brought her to the conclusion that maybe it was best she wrote her own "Mystery." And that is what she did. Needless to say it was a glowing success. Today, she and her team of writers and actors produce 600 shows a year and have taken up residence in a turn of the century mansion that has a few mysteries of its own.

Marne explained that once home to a rather pernicious old man, spiritualists and ghost chasers have noted a strong

force in the attic, one which apparently happens to toss mirrors around in the men's bathroom from time to time, and, if your lucky, might just whisper your name in your ear. Never fear, though it is unlikely that the old man will be leaving his haunt anytime soon, a much more jovial spirit fills the house every time the actor's and guests take the stage.

Adam's Mystery Playhouse uses actors who not only have a love for acting, improve, and story, but they have made sure to bring in those who are also gifted with crowd interaction. Marne explains that "Not all performers are cut our for this, because instead of being on a stage with the audience watching, the performers need to the art of mingling and one on one conversation with audience members. The audience is a big part of the show."



It is that interaction that brings the mystery to life. My parents (I bought them tickets for Christmas) who recently attended the Mystery Play house, raved not only about the buffet style meal, but about dancing with pirates, and working intensely with their group of "mystery solvers" to figure out who murdered who and why in the Pirates cove. But keep in mind, that if you aren't in the mood to sing a song below the Jolly Rogers, you can decide to just sit back and enjoy the high seas (or whatever the setting) from a distance.

Marne's has always had an ability to make people laugh. That talent has paid off. Her actors have been performing to sold out crowds for months. From early 20 some things to the Red Hat ladies, people from as close as next door to as far away as North Africa continue to laugh at the edgy humor and puzzle over which actor will soon be questioning the dagger they see before them.

The Adam's Play House is currently showing the Pirate's Cove an award winning script directed by Nick Guida through July. But if you can't make it soon, and you want too take part in one of the great activities right here in Jefferson Park, just go on their website [www.Adamsmysteryplayhouse.com](http://www.Adamsmysteryplayhouse.com), for a schedule.



# BOARD NEWS

## Jefferson Park United Neighbors General Membership Meeting July, 2008

6:30 pm, Riverside Baptist Church rear chapel;  
24th Ave. and Bryant St.

Meeting Call to Order and announcements  
District One Police report—Best Crime Reduction in the City 2007  
Committee Reports  
Special Project, report on Town Square improvements  
Safety Committee, Commander's Meeting report  
Land Use Committee, report on committee meeting & new development; vote on rezoning application 2850 W. 26th Ave.  
Central Platte Valley Improvement Committee report  
Old Business  
New Business

Planning National Night Out, August 4

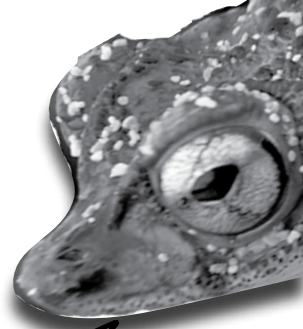


### JPHUN BACK AGAIN, CHECK IT TOP, WRECK IT - LET'S BEGIN!

So we jumped on the wagon last month and cancelled our date with the bottle, but darn it with so many good people in the neighborhood we're already falling off. So, all you JPHUN adherents, get ready to put your feet up and enjoy a friendly beverage or two...or five with your neighbors Thursday the 15th at Jack N' Grill. You may remember them for their great burritos they recently donated to Jeff Park day, well now it is time to see how they can make a drink. See you there 4 till whenever.

Keep Up on All the Happenings in the Jefferson Park Neighborhood - Subscribe to the JPUN email listserv - Send a blank email to [jpun@subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:jpun@subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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*Jefferson Park had the best crime reduction in the city!!!! Right on!*

## Jeff Park Crime Rate Plummets

Jefferson Park had a 2007 drop in the crime rate that resulted in the most-improved neighborhood rank in the city. We dropped from number #10 in 2006 to #19 in 2007. With good neighbors like you, we'll continue to improve through 2008 and beyond!

## Safety Committee

District 1 police have seen an increase of criminals breaking into cars to get garage door openers in the north west neighborhoods of Jefferson Park. The criminals are returning later to steal items from the garage and houses. Please remember to keep items in your car out of view to prevent crime.

Also keep in mind that police patrols are stepping up enforcement on fireworks this year, and patrols will be a frequent sight in Jeff Park on the 4th. They have also asked that neighbors call on any offenders in hopes that we can reduce fire danger. Please be aware that ticketing will be a regular occurrence this year for offenders.

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Community Notices and Projects

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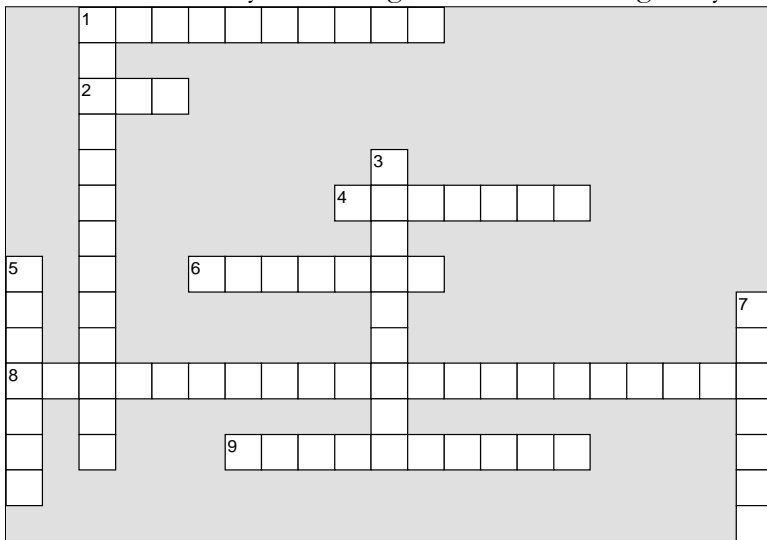
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# CROSS THOSE WORDS

Test your reading skills and knowledge of your community with the JPUN Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 What is the location for the next JPHUN happy hour?
- 2 Name an animal that is known for being sly.
- 4 What type of cove hides both a mystery and treasure?
- 6 Name a type of rail car that donated to Jeff Park Day.
- 8 A place where murders happen almost every day--
- 9 What type of improvements will be talked about at the General Membership Meeting?

Down

- 1 What neighborhood went from 10th highest crime to 19th in one year?
- 3 They are dangerous, illegal, have the potential to cause fires, and soon will be exploding out of Mile High.
- 5 What part of the house are thieves breaking into?
- 7 What day of the week is the General Membership Meeting held?



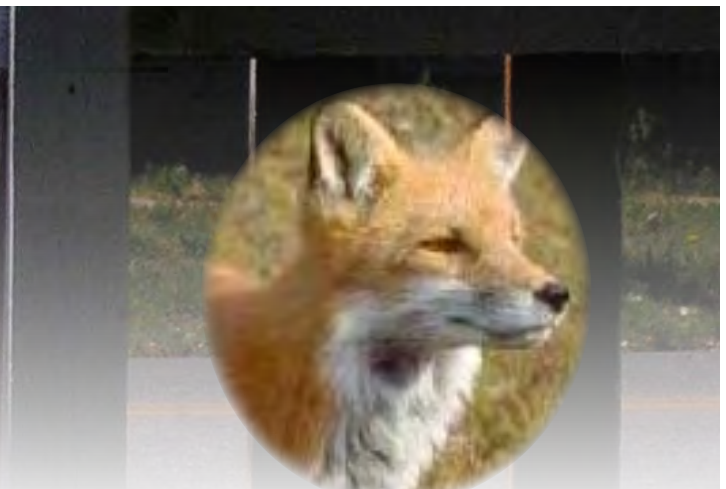
## Fox among us

One of the benefits of living in Jefferson Park is its close proximity to the South Platte River and the abundant wildlife that lives in the area. Animals such as raccoons, ducks, heron, and fox can be seen on daily basis. Of course, as human civilization gradually has taken over the Platte River Valley, our forest friends have been finding their lives more deeply intertwined with our own. Unfortunately, such close ties are not always a good thing for either animal or human when those ties become tangled.

Recently, Jefferson Park residents have been reporting a den of foxes gallivanting about the neighborhood (One happened to be starring through my window while I dressed the other day). One cause for the "urbanization" of this peeping Tom, is its ability to adapt and fill an ecological niche within the city environ.

Although a fox sighting can be exciting, please remember to keep your distance. A fox is not a pet and should be treated with the respect you afford a wild animal. Please

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don't feed them for both you safety and that of the fox. Supplementing wildlife diets by feeding or allowing easy access to garbage causes wild animals to lose their natural instincts including their natural fear of humans. The result can be injury to people, and more often than not the destruction of the animal.

Last year, in the Barnum neighborhood a fox bit a 2-year-old girl. The incident occurred around sunset as the girl was playing outside with other children. Division of Wildlife officers said the fox would have been killed if it was caught because it had become too dangerous.

While the foxes certainly have been the talk of the town, let's do our best to keep our pets, children, and forest friends safe by being aware of the potential danger they can pose.

Please remember, "Do Not Feed Wildlife," and keep garbage in closed containers.