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NEXT JPUN MEETING

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JPUN Land Use Committee
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Concert in Jefferson Park a Smash Hit!

by Michael Guietz

The grassy bowls of Jefferson Park was the perfect place to be on Sunday, June 24 for a picnic, food trucks, Little Man Ice Cream, and music from some of the finest musicians in the state, The Ricardo Pena Band.

Recalling community concerts from summers past, the inaugural "Music at Jefferson Park" Concert presented by Allied, Developer of 2785 Speer and Colorado Audio Group was a great success.

Music at Jefferson Park was born out of collaboration between Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) and "The Music Train", a neighborhood business offering music and movement classes for children and families on 25th and Eliot. JPUN has long been looking for ways to involve the community with our namesake park and partnering with a local business who manages successful family concerts was a natural fit. "We want to provide a musical experience for both young and old. It's a chance for neighbors to meet, socialize, promote a sense of community, and listen to some great music." stated Anya Jane, owner of The Music Train.

JPUN would like to thank the Concert Committee of JPUN residents; Celeste Melville, Melissa Rice, Gretchen Yencic, Megan Kinney, Katherine Cornwell and Michael Guietz as well as the wonderful volunteers who assisted with setup and teardown at the event.

Plans for the Next Event: Music in Jefferson Park was such a success we would like to hold another concert in August. To pull off another concert this year, we ask Jefferson Park residents for help with pre-event or day of activities. Just a couple hours of your time is all that is needed. **Please email Celeste at celeste.i.melville@gmail.com**

Please thank these local businesses that made Music at Jefferson Park a reality. Putting on a concert is no modest task. It takes thousands of dollars with promotion, permits, staging, band, etc... These businesses are truly investing in our neighborhood. We hope the payback to our community is tenfold. It gives us a chance to meet our neighbors, showcase our park to potential new residents or businesses, and allows people to realize the park's importance to our community.



Photos by Jerry Olson

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JPUN General Membership Meeting

Next meeting: July 10, 2012 - 6:30 pm,
Riverside Baptist Church - Rear Chapel

PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN JEFFERSON PARK

On June 5, Denver city officials presented a summary from the 2011 parking survey conducted in various neighborhood affected by stadium parking restrictions.



Neighborhoods in attendance have been asked to poll members of their communities, discuss current parking restrictions, what improvements they would like to have made and report out these findings to city officials.

If you have an opinion on parking issues in Jefferson Park it is critical to attend our general membership meeting on July 10.

Currently most of Jefferson Park is under these parking restrictions. If you do not possess an "A" Sticker or resident hang tag you are subject to a ticket or tow.

- Monday - Friday: 6PM-9PM
- Saturday - Sunday: 12PM-9PM

The current restrictions are in place primarily to cover parking during home Bronco games.

This topic has far reaching implications for our neighborhood. Other neighborhoods have asked for more lenient parking restrictions than what we currently have. Additionally the needs of our neighborhood may change dramatically in the next few years if development goes as planned. It behooves us to have these conversations now while the community can take a proactive role in its future.

UPDATE: Micky Manor

The liquor license has been approved. Final improvements and inspection will need to be done before grand opening. No timeframe has been given.

Jefferson Park Pet of the Month

ROLFIE SNOOZES AFTER CLIMBING ANOTHER 14 'ER



Name: Rolfie • Breed: Malamute Mix • Owner: Katie and Ben Brehmer
Rolfie is an affable malamute mix who looks like a wolf, but is actually quite the people lover! Rolfie's favorite hobbies are climbing 14'ers, swimming in the river (with her life jacket, of course!), eating watermelon, and being a socialite. Each morning she greets us with a malamute song. Neighbors walking by our house may also hear this if she is in the yard, as this is how she says "Hello"! Like all of us, Rolf has her bad days when she destroys the kitchen garbage or chews through our hammock, but she is an absolute sweetheart and we love her.

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!

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Federal Boulevard (BID) Meets Petition Milestone

by Marshall Vanderburg

As the JPUN newsletter was going to press in early July, petitions of commercial property owners in support of the creation for a Federal Boulevard BID was being submitted to the City and County of Denver. The submittal is a crucial step of the district creation process beginning Denver City Council consideration of the BID. The City Council process involves a committee hearing and two readings on the floor of Council, including a public hearing. Council consideration should take approximately two months. If the BID is approved by City Council, the district must then convene a Tabor election in early November of qualified electors.

Petition submittal is the culmination of efforts by the Federal Boulevard Partnership (Partnership) to investigate the possibility of BID creation. In late 2011 the Partnership received a grant from Denver's Office of Economic Development to pursue a BID. The project began in February and has been meeting individually with commercial property owners to discuss the purpose of a BID and the possible direct impacts a BID would have on business and property. From the meetings property owner interests were surveyed and a district operation plan was developed. In addition, an open house was conducted involving a panel of BID managers and two commercial property owner meetings were convened to discuss and receive feedback on a draft operational plan.

The proposed geographic area for the Federal Boulevard Business Improvement District (BID) is W. 22nd to W. 27th Avenues along Federal and W. 25th Avenue to Eliot Street. A BID is a financing district, which levies an assessment on commercial property for the purposes of enhancing a commercial district. Key elements of BID's include providing various services including marketing, maintenance, economic development, public safety, planning, events and parking management as well as providing physical improvements such as landscaping. BID's are governed by a board of commercial property owners of the district.

To pursue the project, the Partnership is using the grant funds to contract with a BID Consultant and Project Manager. The BID Consultant is P.U.M.A., represented by Anna Jones and Brad Segal. P.U.M.A. provides the knowledge, experience and expertise in all aspects of organizing and creating a BID.

The Project Manager is Carol Sperat, who assists the BID Consultant team and represent the Partnership's interests. If you have questions about the proposed BID contact Carol at csperat@yahoo.com.

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ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Your submission can be an object, a model, a sketch, or even a photograph of your design in action. It can be flat or 3-D. But whatever its form, it has to fit into a space no larger than 2-by-2-by-2 feet. Submissions will be accepted on Saturday, July 28, from 9am–4pm at the Denver Art Museum's Hamilton Building.

Get creative, use everything and the kitchen sink—but not all materials will be accepted. No soil, liquids, living, hazardous, or unsafe materials are allowed. For inspiring examples, a full list of regulations, submission drop-off and exhibition information, and important dates, visit www.denverartmuseum.org/openfordesign.



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BETTER BLOCK

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"I loved how the neighbors were able to showcase the potential of this dynamic neighborhood while staying true to the diversity and history of the area." *Jennifer Prantl, Berkeley neighbor*

We did it! It took a village and we did it!

On June 23 the 25th West Avenue block has been transformed into a vibrant neighborhood commercial district. The vacant storefronts filled up with fun and corky businesses and the street became complete with trees, benches, flowers and outdoor cafes. 1500 people strolled through the Better Block despite record breaking 104 degree heat!

How did it all start? Let's go back to the beginning... Jefferson Park was originally part of the town of Highlands, titled by historian Ruth Wiberg as Denver's first "Elite Suburb". Up the hill and removed from Denver, Highlands residents were proud of their homes and location, an Eden away from the city down the hill with its pollution and sinful ways. As Denver's first streetcar suburb, Highlands population growth began slowly with horse drawn trolley service begun in 1873 along West 25th Avenue and Federal Boulevard through Jefferson Park. Population took off in the early 1890's when electrified trolley service was introduced. We can thank this era for wonderful historical architecture on the block –Granada Theater and beautiful brick buildings with large windows and tall ceilings that once housed neighborhood businesses. But in the 50ties the streetcar was dismantled and, as many similar places, this precious urban gem lost its splendor and become forgotten...

But times are changing again and with it come re-discovery of urban neighborhoods like Jefferson Park. New entrepreneurial spirits are moving into the area, restore old buildings and open new businesses. Younger folks are moving in and our community is on a verge of a transformation once again. But what will this transformation look like? Can we as a community take an active role in visioning and shaping the future of Jefferson Park?

A group of neighbors started meeting in November of 2011. We had an idea based on a concept developed in Dallas of creating a "Better Block". We wanted to create a vision to demonstrate the potential of Jefferson Park commercial district. During winter months we met after dark in Eliot Collective space to brainstorm ideas, solicit feedback and to generate concepts for the street improvements and the businesses that we would like to see come to our neighborhood.



BEFORE

By the time January rolled in we had a concept, a logo and a strong coalition of non-profits who joined forces to organize the event that we called Better Block Jefferson Park. WalkDenver, JPUN, Federal Boulevard Partnership and Groundwork Denver were soon joined by LiveWell Colorado and we introduced our concept to the City. With support of CW Susan Shepherd and Denver Small Grant Program we have kicked into a full planning mode in February. We were thrilled with excitement in March because we gained the support of Create Denver. And we panicked in April – so much to do, so little time!

But only for a little while because people stepped up, assumed responsibilities and our contact list grew to over 100 names! Now, we had a TEAM! And it truly took this amazing team of people to put this event together. From flowers to paint, from bicycle chain chandelier to chimney flue planters, from bike valet parking to public art and music, from trees and benches to new paint, from food trucks to art galleries, from landscaping to interactive workshops, from doggy boutique to nursery.



AFTER

We did it! We build it and they came. Friends and neighbors, Mayor Hancock, Office of Economic Development, Councilwoman Shepherd, City Planners and State Representatives. They all saw our vision for our community.

And we saw it too! We saw the potential of what our neighborhood can become and this block will never be the same. Because now we know what COULD be. So all that is left to do is implement it and make this vision become reality. Good things are coming to Jefferson Park. Stay tuned. To be continued....

With great thanks to everybody who helped!

Gosia Kung and Brooke Bailey (with historical expertise of Marshall Vanderburg)



AFTER



BEFORE

- Jason Roberts, the creator of the Better Block concept, drove from Dallas to Denver to attend the event and stayed for hours.
- An estimated 1500 people attended the event, despite the record 104 degree day!
- Cap'n Crabby food truck enjoyed being a part of the event so much they stayed 5 hours longer than originally planned.
- 184 square feet of flowers were donated by Star Growers
- Thousands of volunteer hours were spent, and over 330 volunteers worked together to make the event possible.



BEFORE

"In the 44 years I've lived in the neighborhood, this is the best thing that's ever happened to it!"
Jefferson Park homeowner



AFTER

Follow-Up:

- Volunteers from the various organizing groups will continue to meet with property and business owners on the block, to encourage and support positive and walk-friendly growth.
- Follow up will occur with various City departments to encourage funding for permanent street improvements along the block.
- Better Block Projects are being planned for other neighborhoods in the Metro Area.
- Later this summer, volunteers will host "An Evening On The Block" with food trucks, café seating, ice cream and music.



One-Day Shops:

Eliot Garden Café: Resident interior designer, Kirsten Brundage, created the lush interior restaurant space, including a "living wall" made from plants, a mural, penciled on an old, existing room divider and donated and loaned lighting fixtures, rugs, tables and chairs.

Wild Flowers: A fabulous existing business located at 1201 Madison in Congress Park, was thrilled at the idea of participating in Denver's first Better Block Project. Owner, Jonah Bradley, stocked a complete store for the day, just inside the restaurant space along Eliot at 25th Ave.

ART: I Heart Denver generously lined the walls of another vacant space with art from local artists.

Strive Not To Drive: The brain-child of Groundwork Denver, this bike/multi-modal shop featured fancy bike "bling" for sale and information about all sorts of ways to get around town without your car. WalkDenver added to the ambiance by offering their own information about walk-friendly Denver.

Better Dog: Stocked, staged and manned completely by the enthusiastic volunteers of Misha May Foundation, a local dog rescue organization, this store offered everything from home-made dog biscuits to doggy-dips in the pool out back. MMF raised over over \$650 for their cause at Better Block Jefferson Park.

Angel's Gift Shop: After having been used as storage for at least the past 20 years, the owners of the building and their family emptied the space by filling more than three roll-off dumpsters, and managed to have enough energy to create a fantastic little gift shop for the day, complete with patio seating.

Pop-Up Nursery: Created by volunteer Rafael Espinoza, the one-day nursery offered a variety of plants and planting needs and offered a visual interest at the corner of 25th & Federal. The nursery raised several hundred dollars to help pay for the event.





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Imagining the "Possible" for Federal Boulevard – Workshop July 19

by Marshall Vanderburg

Light rail is coming in the spring of 2013 to Federal Blvd directly southwest of Sports Authority Field at Mile High. This is a monumental occasion that will affect the future of Federal Boulevard between West 6th to 20th Avenues for years to come. A Design Workshop to solicit ideas for the future of Federal Blvd is scheduled Thursday, July 19th, 9:30 AM at the Rude Recreation Center, 2855 West Holden Place. Coffee and donuts will be provided!

The Federal Boulevard Partnership recognizes the importance of taking advantage of this opportunity. It has been shown in city after city, nationally and internationally; with light rail comes the potential of significant infrastructure investment along with economic and community development. A new day is dawning for Federal Boulevard, a day long in coming.

In partnership with the City and County of Denver and our elected local officials, the Partnership has advocated the past few years for the necessary planning and investment to take advantage of this opportunity. One of those investments includes a planning process to identify economic, community and infrastructure needs for the area impacted by the new light rail station. A planning process began earlier this year. This is not "lip service". Visions and plans from this process have real opportunity for realization.

What might be the "realization" for Federal the next several decades? Now is the time to think and voice those possibilities.

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Tips from Family Star Montessori School:
Part 2: Children and Loss *By Lauren Ross, Mental Health Consultant*

“There is in a child a special kind of sensitivity which leads him to absorb everything about him, and it is this work of observing and absorbing that alone enables him to adapt himself to life” –M. Montessori

In last month's article, we discussed loss and transition that children may go through in normal everyday life. This month's article will focus on traumatic or difficult losses that some children may experience in their lives. These may include such challenges as separation from a primary caregiver due to divorce, incarceration, deployment, or foster care. Additionally, some children may experience a serious illness or death of a close family member. How do young children experience such a loss? Knowing that a child absorbs everything around him, what can we do to support a young child through a traumatic experience?

Regulation: A loss of this magnitude shakes the stability of the family. Parents and caregivers will also be grieving and disorganized, and this can feel scary and confusing for the young child. An infant will show difficulty in regulation as he or she adjusts to a loss. For example, his eating patterns may change. His sleep may be disrupted, and he may have difficulty being soothed when upset. The caregiver during this period can try to keep a child's routine and caregiving as consistent and predictable as possible. The caregiver can also model healthy coping strategies for managing his own reactions to the loss.

Resilience: According to research, families with strong protective factors will be able to support children through difficult life experiences. These include: (1) Parental resilience; (2) social connections and support; (3) knowledge of parenting and child development; (4) concrete support in times of need; and (5) social and emotional competence of children. We can think of these protective factors as buffers or padding that protect the child and family from the negative effects of difficult life stressors. The more we can build resilience, the stronger the impact on the child's healthy emotional development.

A young child may also show regression in his behavior after a traumatic experience. This may include difficulty in toileting or sleeping, and also clingy behavior and needing more reassurance and connection with primary caregivers. These behaviors may be temporary, and the child also may need additional mental health support during this process. Additionally, if a child witnessed a situation that may have been experienced as traumatic, such as violence or an injury to a caregiver, it would be very helpful to the child to have this experience explained in terms that he can understand. It is strongly encouraged for caregivers to seek support from a mental health professional in order to support the child through this experience.

Next month in Part 3 of our series, we will focus on strategies to build a child's resilience in order to support him or her through loss and change.
Resources:

- Strengthening Families: www.cssp.org/reform/strengthening-families/resources/body/LiteratureReview.pdf
- Zero to Three: www.zerotothree.org
- Devereux Early Childhood Initiative: www.devereux.org/site/PageServer?pagename=deci_index
- Judi's House: Denver resource for children experiencing grief and loss: www.judishouse.org



Consejos de la Escuela Family Star Montessori:
Parte 2: Los niños y la pérdida de un ser querido
 Por nuestra consultora de salud mental Lauren Ross

“Hay un tipo especial de sensibilidad en un niño que lo lleva a absorber todo a su alrededor, y es este trabajo de observación y absorción que le permite adaptarse a la vida”. –M. Montessori

En el artículo del mes pasado, hablamos sobre la pérdida de un ser querido y la transición que los niños pueden atravesar durante su vida. El artículo de este mes se enfocará en las pérdidas traumáticas o difíciles por las que algunos niños pasan. Estas pérdidas incluyen la separación del adulto que los cuida debido al divorcio, la cárcel, despliegue militar, o acogida temporal en otro hogar. Además, algunos niños pueden pasar por la enfermedad seria o muerte de un familiar cercano. ¿Cómo viven los niños esas experiencias? ¿Sabendo que los niños absorben todo a su alrededor, qué podemos hacer para apoyar a los niños pequeños a través de una experiencia traumática?

Regulación: Una pérdida de esta magnitud sacude la estabilidad de la familia. Los padres y otros adultos que cuidan de los niños también estarán sufriendo la pérdida y se sentirán desorganizados, y esto puede dar miedo y confundir al niño. Un infante demostrará dificultad en la regulación mientras se adapta a la pérdida. Por ejemplo, su patrón de comidas podría cambiar. El sueño podría sufrir disrupciones, y le podría costar calmarse. El adulto durante este periodo debe intentar mantener la rutina y cuidados del niño lo mas predecible y constante posible. El adulto también puede modelar estrategias saludables de lidiar con la pérdida.

Resistencia: De acuerdo a los estudios, las familias con factores fuertes de protección podrán apoyar a los niños durante experiencias difíciles. Estos factores incluyen: (1) Resistencia de los padres; (2) conexiones y apoyo social; (3) conocimientos de educación y desarrollo infantil; (4) apoyo concreto en tiempos de necesidad; y (5) competencia social y emocional de los niños. Podemos considerar estos factores protectivos como amortiguadores o almohadas que protegen al niño y su familia de los efectos negativos de los estreses en la vida. Mientras más se aumenta la resistencia, más fuerte el impacto en el desarrollo emocional saludable del niño.

Un niño pequeño también puede mostrar regresión en su comportamiento después de una experiencia traumática. Esto podría incluir dificultades yendo al baño o durmiendo, o demostrar comportamiento muy apegado o la necesidad de consuelo y conexión con los adultos más cercanos. Estos comportamientos pueden ser temporales, y el niño también podría necesitar apoyo adicional de salud mental durante el proceso. Además, si un niño fue testigo de una experiencia traumática, como violencia contra un padre o una herida seria del mismo, le ayudaría mucho al niño que le explicaran esta experiencia en términos que él/ella entienda. Se les alienta mucho a los padres que busquen apoyo de un profesional de salud mental para apoyar al niño durante esta experiencia.

El próximo mes en la Parte 3 de nuestra serie nos enfocaremos en estrategias para aumentar la resistencia de los niños para apoyarlos durante una pérdida o cambio.

- Strengthening Families: www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies/resources/body/LiteratureReview.pdf
- Portal Zero to Three: www.zerotothree.org
- Devereux Early Childhood Initiative: www.devereux.org/site/PageServer?pagename=deci_index
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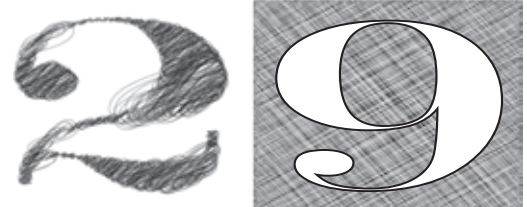
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Arson Destroys Two Cars on 22nd Avenue

by Jerry Olson

Early Sunday morning on May 27 two cars parked on 22nd Avenue between Decatur and Eliot were torched. The rumor is bricks were thrown threw the windows and fire bombs then tossed in. A third car parked between the two was not damaged. All three cars belonged to residents in Zocalo Condominiums.

The arson incident is under investigation by the Fire Investigation Unit of the Denver Fire Department. Anyone having information on this incident should contact Jered Hein at 720-913-8215 at FIU at DFD. The Denver Police Department knows nothing about this arson incident.



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.

July 7	Drums Along the Rockies	6:30 pm 11:00 pm
July 14	Denver Outlaws vs. Charlotte Hounds	5:00 pm 8:00 pm
July 21	*Kenny Chesney Concert	4:30 pm 11:00 pm
August 18	*Denver Broncos vs. Seattle Seahawks	7:00 pm 10:00 pm
August 18-24	Ride and Drive	8:00 am 5:00 pm
August 26	*Denver Broncos vs. San Francisco	2:00 pm 5:00 pm
September 2	*Rocky Mountain Showdown TBD TBD	TBD TBD
September 9	*Denver Broncos vs. Pittsburgh Steelers	6:20 pm 9:20 pm
September 16	Bridal Festival	12:00 pm 4:00 pm
September 16	Fans on the Field	6:00 am 1:00 pm
September 19-30	Ride and Drive	8:00 am 5:00 pm
September 23	*Denver Broncos vs. Houston Texans	2:15 pm 5:15 pm
September 30	*Denver Broncos vs. Oakland Raiders	2:05 pm 5:05 pm
October 28	*Denver Broncos vs. New Orleans Saints	6:20 pm 9:20 pm
November 18	*Denver Broncos vs. San Diego Chargers	2:15 pm 5:15 pm
December 1	*CHSAA Football Championships	11:00 am 5:30 pm
December 2	*Denver Broncos vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2:05 pm 5:05 pm
December 23	*Denver Broncos vs. Cleveland Browns	2:05 pm 5:05 pm
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What's Going Down in Jefferson Park? CRIME!

by Tom Blyth

According to the latest statistics presented by District Commander Paul Pazen the Jefferson Park neighborhood continues to enjoy a healthy trend that is being experienced throughout District One. While the city of Denver has seen a 5% increase in violent crime the District has seen a slight decrease (-.2%) as compared to last year. More striking (no pun intended) is the decrease in property crime during the same period. That category of crime is down 7.5% which contributed to the overall annualized decrease of 6.3% in total crime in the District. Commander Pazen attributes much of the success in controlling crime to increased awareness by the citizens of the neighborhood and the positive working relationship between the officers and the neighbors they serve.

Commander Pazen and his officers work diligently to foster that relationship. Special Crime and Attack Team (SCAT) Officers Jason Valdez and Aaron Bloom have regularly attended the monthly JPUN meetings and have provided tips to help all of us protect ourselves and avoid becoming victims of a crime. At last month's neighborhood meeting Commander Pazen attended to provide the neighborhood with an update on the new command structure of District One and to provide us with an understanding of the process that he utilized to build upon what he believes is the finest police force in the city. Current statistics seem to support his belief.

While these statistics provide a measure of good news, any level of criminal activity is too much if it affects you or your neighbors. Since I last presented the statistics for the neighborhood there have been 27 serious crimes reported for the quarter of March through May. There were eight thefts from motor vehicles, five stolen autos and 14 burglaries. The burglaries are most troubling as they also pose the greatest possibility of personal injury when a victim confronts the criminal. Recognizing the serious nature of the crime some neighbors in one hard hit area organized a Neighborhood Watch program for their block. You can too.

Contact Technician Carlos Montoya at carlos.Montoya@denvergov.org or call him tel:720-913-0461. He is your community resource officer and is skilled at bringing together active members of the community to fight crime and keep you and your neighbors from becoming a statistic.

There is an opportunity to learn more about District One at an open house to be held at the District One station, 1311 W. 46th Street, on July 16 from 4 to 6:00 PM. You can attend a roll call at 16:00, tour the station and meet Denver Police Chief Robert White. There will also be an opportunity to check out the police shooting range and the tricked out police vehicles. Contact the station via email at dist1@denvergov.org or call tel:720-913-0400 for more information.

You can also keep up to date on the police activity throughout the District by "liking" Denver Police District One on Facebook.

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