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NEXT JPUN MEETING

JPUN General Membership Meeting Tues., June 12th 6:30 - 7:30pm Riverside Baptist Church 2401 Alcott Street Rear Chapel

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JPUN Land Use Committee Contact Rafael @ 303-815-0506 or espinr@gmail.com

HAPPY HOUR

Holding Off This Month with BBB and Music at Jefferson Park

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Music at Jefferson Park

Sunday, June 24 5:00pm-7:30pm

Join friends and neighbors for the inaugural "Music at Jefferson Park" Concert presented by Allied, Developer of 2785 Speer and Colorado Audio Group on Sunday, June 24 from 5:00pm-7:30pm.

The grassy bowls of the park at 22nd and Decatur will be a perfect place to picnic, socialize and listen to some of the finest musicians in the state, The Ricardo Peña Band. Whether playing Funk, Beatles, Salsa, romantic Bolero, Pop, Jazz or Country, their sound is always authentic and the dancing beats impossible to resist.

22nd between Decatur and Eliot will be closed for the safety and convenience of attendees to access the park. There you will find food trucks for those who want to travel light as well as dessert supplied by Little Man Ice Cream. We'll also have bike parking stands available as walking or biking to the event is highly encouraged. **Don't miss what will soon be a Northwest Denver tradition.**

Countdown to Better Block Jefferson Park - BETTE



A Truly Unique Event | Saturday, June 23rd

Live musicians & kids activities. A restaurant with a patio. A bike shop where you can mix a smoothie by pedaling a bike. Cool, hand-crafted gifts, fresh fruit, cut flowers, or plants for the garden. Massages or hair cuts. Walking tours of the neighborhood.

What do you imagine a great neighborhood business district might be?

For many months now, volunteers have been brainstorming ideas of what a great Jefferson Park business district might look like and offer. On Saturday, June 23rd, for one day only, their vision will come to life to share with, and be enjoyed by, all of Denver.

Not only will the event be loads of fun, its hope is to take the great businesses that already call the area "home", and build upon their successes to effect an even better block in the future. In fact, everyone that attends, will have the opportunity to share their own ideas for the district.

Throughout the months of planning, citizens all along the Front Range have come to see what organizers were doing. Better Block Jefferson Park is the first of its kind in Colorado and people have taken note. Spurred in large part by these efforts, there are more Better Block Projects being planned in Colorado Springs and other Denver neighborhoods. Even Denver's Mayor Michael B Hancock will visit and speak between 11:30 and 12:30.

Be sure to mark your calendars and come enjoy this unique event. Volunteers will be preparing the block in the days leading up to the event, so be sure to visit the area often, before June 23rd. Watch the transformation and visit the businesses that are there now. Find out more by visiting www.betterblockip.org or contact Brooke Bailey at kromer2036@yahoo.com



July 4th Parking restrictions including Zoning Enforcement and Right of Way Enforcement will be scheduled for this event.

Illegally parked vehicles in the neighborhoods surrounding Sports Authority Field at Mile High will be ticketed and towed.

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Jefferson Park Pet of the Month





Name: Kinsey • Breed: Tabby • Owner: Shanna

Kinsey is 8 years old, and has been with me since I adopted him from a rescue 7 years ago. Quite the lover and cuddler, he loves destroying peacock feathers, noshing on non-cat foods like mango, papaya and salsa, and waking us up by very gently tapping his paw on our eyelids and lips. Also a bit of a daredevil, he is the reason cats have at least nine lives.

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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JPUN General Membership Meeting

Meeting Call to Order and Announcements

- District One Police Report Officer Jason Valdez & Officer Aaron Bloom
- New Business
- Possible Development at Hotel VQ The Alexan at Mile High, Matt Schildt Trammel Crow Residential
- City of Denver Parking Operations will present findings from Residential Parking Permit
- Safeway submitting application for ATM drive thru Joe Coco, CKE Engineering INC
- Update on Sports Authority Field at Mile High Signage Jon Applegate, Andy Gorchov

Committee Reports

- Safety Chair Tom Blyth
- Communications Chairs Cristin Couzens Jerry Olson
- Land Use Chair Rafael Espinoza
- Special Projects Committee
- Update on Micky Manor Tavern public hearing June 8
 Platinum Inc Atmosphere Ultra Lounge and Event Center
- Federal Blvd BID Report
- Better Block June 23
- Music in Jefferson Park Concert June 24

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: June 12, 2012 - 6:30 pm, Riverside Baptist Church - Rear Chapel



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Tips from Family Star Montessori School: Part 1: Children and Loss

This is the first part of a 3-part series on "The Child's Experience of Loss". by our mental health consultants, Lauren Ross & Jillian Faux.

Change and loss are inevitable parts of life. In this series, we will focus on common and not-so-common stressors that young children may have, and how their adult caregivers can support them through these experiences. This article will discuss common changes that children may go through. We will explore behaviors and signs that a caregiver can look for to better understand how a child is adapting to a loss or change. In Part Two, we will discuss more traumatic losses that a child may experience, such as the loss of an important caregiver. Finally, Part Three will discuss strategies that caregivers can use to support a child through a loss or

Families with young children go through many changes. These may include starting a new school or classroom, change in teacher, the birth of a new sibling, and moving to a new home. Even happy and positive changes may be experienced as stressful for a young child. It is important to be attuned to the child's experience of a change, and to support his or her healthy adjustment. Here are some thoughts to consider:

- "I am learning that my world is a safe and predictable place, where my needs will be met": In the midst of change, the child's world will be disrupted. Some children may adapt very easily to these disruptions; others may have more difficulty. Be attuned to your child's reactions by looking for changes in regulation. Has his sleeping or eating patterns changed? Is he more difficult to soothe when he gets upset? Has his behavior regressed, or gone backwards, such as needing to self-soothe in ways he did when he was younger? It is important to discuss any changes you've observed with your child's teacher, so that you can partner together to best support your child.
- "I have the skills and support I need to get through a stressful time": Our goal as caregivers is to build a child's resilience: to help a child develop the internal and external resources needed to get through stressful timess. Life changes present an opportunity for building a child's coping skills while also ensuring that he has the support he needs to manage difficult feelings that may

Finally, parents are strongly encouraged to seek support from resources available at Family Star, in order to help your child have a smooth transition with any loss or change that may occur. Please speak with one of our mental health consultants, as well as your child's teacher, so that we can work together to help your child have a healthy adjustment.



Consejos de la Escuela Family Star Montessori: Los niños y la pérdida de un ser querido

Ésta es la primera de tres partes de una serie sobre "La experiencia del niño cuando pierde a un ser querido", escrita por nuestras consultoras en salud mental Lauren Ross y Jillian Faux. El cambio y la pérdida de un ser querido son parte inevitable de la vida. En esta serie, nos enfocaremos en los factores estresantes comunes y los no tan comunes que pueden sufrir los niños, y la manera en que los adultos que los cuidan los pueden ayudar a superar estas experiencias. Este artículo incluirá una discusión sobre los cambios comunes por los que los niños atraviesan. Exploraremos comportamientos y señales que pueden ayudarle a entender mejor al adulto que cuida del niño la manera en que éste se está adantando a la nérdida o cambio. En la segunda parte, nos enfocaremos en pérdidas más traumáticas que podría enfrentar el niño, como la pérdida de un adulto importante en su vida. Finalmente, en la tercera parte, hablaremos sobre las estrategias que pueden utilizar los adultos para apoyar al niño durante una pérdida o cambio. Las familias con niños pequeños atraviesan por muchos cambios. Estos cambios podrían incluir el ir a una nueva escuela o salón, cambiar de maestro, el nacimiento de un hermano/a, y mudarse a una casa nueva. Hasta cambios felices y positivos pueden causar estrés en un niño pequeño. Es importante estar alerta a la manera en que el niño vive ese cambio, y apoyarlo/a para que se adapte de manera positiva. Pensamientos a considerar:

- "Estoy aprendiendo que mi mundo es seguro y predecible, en donde mis necesidades serán satisfechas": En medio del cambio, el mundo del niño será afectado. Algunos niños se adaptan fácilmente a estos cambios: para otros es más difícil. Esté alerte a las reacciones de su niño/a observando cambios en la regulación. ¿Han cambio sus horarios de comer o dormir? ¿Es más difícil calmarlo cuando se disgusta? ¿Ha experimentado un retroceso en su comportamiento, usando formas para auto-calmarse que usaba cuando era más pequeño/a? Es importante hablar con la maestra de su niño/a sobre los cambios que ha observado, así pueden unirse para apoyar al niño/a de la meior forma.
- "Poseo las habilidades y el apoyo necesarios para superar este momento estresante": Nuestro objetivo como adultos que cuidan del niño, es ayudarlo a fortalecer su tenacidad: ayudar a un/a niño/a para que desarrolle los recursos internos y externos necesarios para superar momentos estresantes. Los cambios en la vida de un/a niño/a le ofrecen la oportunidad de fortalecer sus habilidades para sobrellevar obstáculos, mientras que aseguran que tenga el apoyo necesario para lidiar con sentimientos difíciles que pudieran surgir.

Finalmente, se les alienta mucho a los padres para que busquen apoyo a través de Family Star, y así ayudar a su niño/a para que tenga una buena transición frente a pérdidas o cambios que pudieran ocurrir. Por favor comuníquese con una de nuestras consultoras de salud mental, y con la maestra de su salón, para que trabajemos juntos y ayudemos a su niño/a a que tenga una buena adaptación.



Sports Authority Field Neighborhood Calendar June - July | 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.

| June 4-13 | Ride and Drive | 8:00 am 6:00 pm |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| June 10 | Denver Triathlon | 6:00 am 1:00 pm |
| June 16 | Denver Outlaws vs. Rochester Rattlers | 7:30 pm 9:30 pm |
| June 17 | Warped Tour | 12:00 pm 10:00 pm |
| June 30 | Ride and Drive | 8:00 am 6:00 pm |
| July 4 * | *Denver Outlaws vs. Ohio Machine (Post-Game Fireworks) | 7:00 pm 11:00 pm |
| 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 |
| December 30 | *Denver Broncos vs. Kansas City Chiefs | 2:15 pm 5:15 pm |
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In My Opinion By Jerry Olson

Sports Authority Flipped the 'Sign' to Jefferson Park. Sports Authority (TSA) and Stadium Management (SMC) gave a short presentation on the new TSA Stadium signs to be installed this summer. Jefferson Park attendance was limited to six residents. No one from the Metro Football Stadium District Board was present. The "community meeting" was held in the fourth floor Stadium Champions room.

Sports Authority received approval from Denver Zoning to install on the North side, facing Jefferson Park, a TSA sign approximately 128 feet long. This far exceeds the dimensions of the temporary orange "Sports Authority Field" sign. The North Elevation sign as now depicted was not presented to the Denver Planning Board during the February 15, 2012 hearing. Signs planned for the east and west sides are limited in area to those used by Invesco and until recently covered by temporary orange signs. Upon seeing the sign planned for the North side, reaction by two Jefferson Park residents was - WTH. This will be a topic of discussion at the JPUN meeting on June 12th.





This month's kudos go to the Phil Arroyo for the many, many roles he took on for this years JPUN Clean-Up Day. Besides driving his truck aound the neighborhood picking up bags of gathered trash, he also removed and dumped larger items at the request of neighbors, set up and disassembled tents at the park, provided the pinata activity for the kids and actually delivered food from the church to a family that could not make it back to the park for lunch after cleaning up on the way home. Kudos to Phil!



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Micky Manor

Representatives from JPUN and Federal Boulevard Partnership (FBP) met with Fran Daly, the owner of Micky Manor at 2544 Federal on Thursday May 17th to look at the improvements she's made to the facility. She has put a considerable amount of work into upgrading the establishment, completely gutting the inside. Fran told JPUN she wanted to make the facility into a neighborhood restaurant primarily, and not just a bar. She is currently looking for a reputable tenant to operate the restaurant. Depending on the tenant, Micky Manor may serve Italian food, pizza, or perhaps Mexican food, but that hasn't been decided yet. All signs are looking good that she wants to turn the place around and make it a family friendly establishment.

JPUN has begun discussions with Fran about entering into a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) which would address issues like noise, parking, trash, and other things that make for good neighbors between residents and area businesses.

Atmosphere Ultra Lounge

A new establishment, called Atmosphere Ultra Lounge and Event Center, will be opening at 1630 N Federal at the location of the former Angel's. The city recently granted Atmosphere a Tavern and a Dance Cabaret License to operate the facility. JPUN will be sitting down with the owner soon as well to discuss the possibility of a Good Neighbor Agreement. The owner has expressed his desire to improve the operation and eliminate some of the problems neighbors have advised him were present when it was Angel's. Stay tuned for more updates.



Barth Quenzer, Art Instructor and Suzanne Loughran, Principal

5 Bronze Kids Adopted by Brown Elementary By Jerry Olson

Brown Elementary School at 26th Avenue and Lowell dedicated the bronze kids statue on May 18th. Principal, Suzanne Loughran adopted the bronze kids from JPUN when it became clear installation in Jefferson Park was problematic. Visual Arts instructor, Barth Quenzer, managed installation and secured donations of labor and concrete for the base. David Berton designed the foundation.

Special thanks go to Lauren Brockmann for offering the bronze from Allied Realty's 27th and Alcott redevelopment site. A bronze plaque will be installed thanking the Jefferson Park neighborhood. The statue is installed at the front entrance to the school where the bronze kids can salute the flag in perpetuity.





Free Summer Concert South Platte River 2012

July 5th- Denver Municipal Band- Confluence Park July 19th- The Johnny O. Band - Confluence Park Showtimes begin at 6:30pm and end at 8pm.

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Botanic Gardens Denver July 26

Denver Art Museum June 2 July 7



Alexan at Mile High

VQ Hotel Site Evaluated for Apartment Complex

A well established developer, Trammell Crow, is proposing construction of 338 apartment units on the VQ Hotel site. The project is named "Alexan at Mile High" and will be a five story building with underground parking plus a large community center on the roof. The targeted renters are young professionals from downtown. Demolition of the hotel and the start of construction are proposed for this winter.

The developers are scheduled to make a presentation at the JPUN meeting on June 12th. Those interested in seeing the design and discussing the project impact upon neighborhood traffic issues should attend.

EATS in **Solution**Jefferson Park

Sassafras American Eatery,

at 2637 W. 26th Avenue, opened in May to rave reviews from Jefferson Park neighbors.

Owners Julia, Katie, and Richard, veterans of the Denver restaurant industry, have put their own spin on the historic home. Together with executive chef, Collin Mallet, they offer breakfast and lunch with a Southern twist. Stop in for dishes such as the Chicken-fried eggs and Buffalo Hash, the Deep South Benedict, or a Jefferson Park News favorite - Shrimp and Grits.

We agree with Lori Midson from Westword -- this place "has staying power."



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Support Conflict Center -The Garden Tour | June 16

The annual Enchanted Gardens of Northwest Denver garden tour has served as a primary fundraiser for TCC's local school programs since 2001. This tour showcases around 20 public and private gardens from all around NW Denver. Tour-goers may purchase their tickets in advance or on the day of the event at The Conflict Center.

Receive a ticket, a map and a Garden Booklet with a thoughtful description of each garden to tanitilize the tour-goer through this community event. Many tour-goers find the gardens are within walking distance or bike riding while others may drive.



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NORTH DENVER DESIGN/BUILD



Exterior Photo - Jerry Olsen

Outside the Box Thinking-Inside an Old Box Living

On 25th Avenue in the Jefferson Park neighborhood of North Denver, between Jefferson and Eliot, there sits the historic Granada Theater. Built in 1926, it was the neighborhood movie house for the children of the area. After falling into disrepair like many buildings in the area during the second half of the 20th century, the movie house is finding a new life as a residence and retail mixed use project.

The owner searched for a place to call home for over 4 years throughout Denver. Looking for an old building with a big wide open space such as a church or firehouse, he found the Granada Theater and knew he was home. On the street, the theater will take on a new life with two small retail spaces on either side of the main central entrance. These spaces could be a coffee shop or small café and will include café style seating on the sidewalk, bringing the life of the street into the old theater.

The residential renovation will be in the back and includes underground parking, 3 bedrooms, a nostalgic home theater, and a wide open living space tucked behind the back of the façade, into an open air outdoor living area where the roof was removed. This rooftop patio is a special space that takes advantage of the historic nature of the building, giving the sense that one is occupying a ruin that has stood the test of time, and will continue to do so given its new life as a home.

By Ryan Gruver Associate of Hangar 41 Architects

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Better Block Jefferson Park has some new exciting additions to Better Block Jefferson Park Event on June 23rd, 2012!

Meet Denver Historian Phil Goodstein at Better Block

By Lisanne Libner | SweetBrush Productions, 2912 West 25th Avenue in the Better Block

Dr. Phil Goodstein our city's resident historian, author and all around great guy will be doing book signings at the Better Block Jefferson Park event on 25th Ave between Federal and Elliot on Saturday June 23rd from noon to 4:00 PM.

If you are not familiar with Dr. Goodstein's local flavor, this is one Dr. Phil that you want to know! He gives incredibly entertaining and information-packed walking and bicycle tours on the history of Denver. Dr. Goodstein has written a host of books in addition to his interactive tours. Dr. Goodstein discusses the Granada Theater at 2925 W 25th Ave in his book "North Side Story: Denver's Most Intriguing Neighborhood" (in addition to several other areas and subjects he has written on pertaining to Denver).

We are thrilled to have Dr. Phil Goodstein at our event on June 23rd for Better Block Jefferson Park. Be sure and stop by the event and look for Dr. Phil Goodstein, and purchase a copy of his book "North Side Story" and get it signed by Denver's most enthusiastic historian, Dr. Phil Goodstein!



Another Fantastic Jefferson Park Clean-Up!!

Thanks to EVERYONE for making this annual event a giant success!! Rain or Shine! So many people, groups and businesses make it possible for our neighborhood to be a thriving place to work and live.

The morning started a little gray but we were blessed by Mother Nature and by 3pm a little sun popped out to say thank you for the pick-up. We had a great turn out for 2914 Coffee and local breakfast burritos provided by Araujos, Jack & Grill and Santiagos (support local) that morning and by the afternoon, my favorite hot dog of the year was grilling, thanks to Riverside Baptist Church.

Katheryn, our Face Painter, was as popular as ever and to end the days events, Phil and Steve razzed the blind-folded kids pulling the pinata string.

And best of all as you can see from the photo, we have a cleaner neighborhood because of our great participants!

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Graffiti Did You Know? by Tom Blyth

- In 2010 Denver abated 1.3 million square feet of graffiti.
- In 2011 graffiti to be abated was reduced to 597,446 square feet.
- It costs the citizens of Denver \$140 tax dollars per sq. ft. to abate graffiti.

An ounce of prevention is worth more than a gallon of cover-up paint. Here are 3 tips that will help prevent graffiti on your property:

- 1. Quick removal
- 2. The best prevention is the quick removal of tags or graffiti, since the primary goal of graffiti vandals is for their "work" to be seen. If graffiti is removed quickly, there's less payoff for the risk and work involved.
- 3. Increase risk of discovery
- 4. By installing motion-sensing lights and removing shrubs or bushes that conceal graffiti vandalism in progress, you increase the risk for anyone considering tagging your property, thereby making your property less appealing.
- 5. Make it difficult and unappealing

6.Repair broken fences and remove any objects that could make it easy to gain entry to your property. Install low, dense, thorny bushes around walls to make it difficult to get in close enough to tag. Plant ivy or other wall-climbing plants to make the "blank canvas" of your wall less appealing. You can help keep Denver graffiti free by picking up materials from our paint bank and covering graffiti when you see it. If the graffiti is on private property, permission must be granted from the owner/tenant prior to removal. The quicker graffiti is removed or covered, the less likely it is to return.

Paint Bank A paint bank is a location where citizens can pick up paint and materials at no charge to cover graffiti in Denver. Paint is available in seven standard colors and is packaged in 1 gallon containers. Available paint colors are: 2 different shades of brown, grev, white, brick red, vellow beige and viaduct (concrete) beige. Dumpster beige paint to cover City dumpsters is also available in quart containers. Ask about other graffiti removal supplies used to clean items such as poles, signs and traffic control boxes.

Call 311 to order paint and make arrangements for pick up.

Other Paint Resources COP Shops

Denver COP Shops are storefront facilities where citizens can file police reports and get assistance with city-related matters. Below is a list of COP Shops that also have a limited amount of graffiti removal supplies. COP shops are staffed by volunteers, hours and staffing times may vary.

Jefferson Park has a local Cop Shop located at 2675 N. Federal. Phone 720.865.2243. Please call the COP Shop near you in advance to confirm items are in stock, and hours of operation.

Graffiti removal supplies are also available at the the District #1 Police

Station: Northwest Denver - District #1

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