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JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30–8:00pm
Tuesday, April 9, 6:30–8:00pm
Riverside Church
2401 Alcott St. | Rear Chapel
info@jpun.org
All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday, March 7, 6:30–8:00pm
Thursday, April 4, 6:30–8:00pm
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REDESIGN OF LA LOMA PLANS COULD PAVE WAY FOR SUMMER GROUNDBREAKING

Will 2019 be the year construction finally comes to the city block La Loma restaurant once inhabited?

Tessler Developments owns the block formed by 26th and 27th avenues, and Bryant and Alcott streets. The company submitted an initial development plan to the city in 2015, with hopes to begin construction near the end of 2016. Then the wait began.

After four long years, a lot of change has occurred recently even if the barren block has stayed the same. Tessler brought in OZ Architecture to produce a new set of plans that provide the following changes:

Fewer Units. The new plans look to have around 642 units down from an original 700.

More Condominiums. About two-thirds of the project will be for-sale condominiums, a dramatic difference from all the units being rental apartments. Despite construction defect litigation concerns with condominiums, Tessler feels the need for condos over apartments outweighs the risk. [cont. on page 2 >>](#)



PHOTOS COURTESY OF OZ ARCHITECTURE

COUNCILPERSON AT-LARGE ROBIN KNIECH *Featured Speaker at JPUN’s March General Membership Meeting*



Robin Kniech

First elected to Denver City Council in 2011 and re-elected in 2015 as one of two At-Large Councilmembers, Robin Kniech had more than a decade of policy experience prior, by serving on the board that built Denver Union Station’s bus and train facilities.

She has worked in Denver and regionally to increase transportation and mobility options, including more bike paths, public transportation and infrastructure improvements—such as building and repairing sidewalks—to increase the ways that people are [cont. on page 3 >>](#)

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Email any stories, comments or ideas to our Editor at: newsletter@jpun.org

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SUMMER GROUNDBREAKING

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More windows. It appears every bedroom and living room will now have its own window. Those changes meant fewer square feet and fewer units. The views of Denver and the front range should be pretty good atop the 15-story structure.

The plans, submitted to the city in December, consist of a four-story parking podium containing 593 parking spaces wrapped on all sides by apartments. A tower containing the remaining apartments and all of the condominiums would rise from the podium to reach 15 stories. Two outdoor amenity areas with swimming pools would sit at the base of the tower on top of the podium. The tower will be positioned mostly along the Alcott side of the block to put the densest part of the project away from the lower-scale homes across Bryant Street.

For a deeper dive, [Denverinfill](#) has created a montage of aerial images of the block dating all the way back to the 1930s. It shows single family homes, the construction and demolition of an office building and the creation of La Loma by combining three Victorian miners' houses to form the restaurant.

JPUN Land Use Committee has been in contact with Tessler Developments and will provide updates on the project as they become available.

Story excerpts from [Thomas Gounley Businessden.com](#) and [Ken Schroepel Denverinfill.com](#)

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ROBIN KNIECH

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Ms. Kniech marching in the grassroots campaign Stand Up 4 Transportation.

able to move around the city. Other accomplishments include expanding local food access, requiring energy efficiency reporting for commercial buildings, and updating Denver’s regulations governing the marijuana industry.

Kniech has led and supported efforts to expand transparency and civic participation in government, such as advocating for participatory budgeting where communities can actually decide on which neighborhood-level infrastructure projects the City should fund.

JOIN COUNCILWOMAN KNIECH AS SHE GIVES UPDATES ON CITYWIDE POLICY INITIATIVES RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, JOB TRAINING, MINIMUM WAGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

Join Councilwoman Kniech as she gives updates on citywide policy initiatives related to affordable housing, job training, minimum wage, sustainability, and quality of life. She will take resident questions and feedback.

JPUN BOARD ELECTIONS



JPUN will be electing board members at the April 9, 2019, JPUN General Membership Meeting. This is your opportunity to become more involved in your neighborhood and help improve your community. Whether you are interested in

running or want to participate in democracy and vote, please attend and let your voice be heard.

**2019 COMMUNITY FORESTER WORKSHOPS
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Ever wanted to learn more about trees, advocate for our urban forest, educate others, or help improve your community’s tree canopy? Now is an excellent time to do just that.

This is a great opportunity to support our environment, urban forest, community health, and quality of life in Denver. With rapid population growth and increased development, it’s more important now than ever to protect and grow our beloved trees and green spaces!

Local nonprofit The Park People is pleased to partner with Denver Parks & Recreation to host the Community Forester program—a fun and informative, five-workshop series that will teach participants about trees and prepare them to act as stewards of the urban tree canopy.

Call 303.722.6262 to register TODAY!

Class size is limited and tends to fill up quickly, so don’t delay.

COMMUNITY FORESTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

TOPIC	DATE	LOCATION
Trees 101	Sat. 3/16 9am–1pm	James Fleming Mansion, Platt Park
Planting & Health	Sat. 4/06 9am–1pm	Harvey Park Rec Center
Pruning 101	Sat. 5/11 9am–1pm	Harvey Park Rec Center
Tree Identification	Sat. 6/08 9am–1pm	City Park Greenhouse
Volunteer Leadership & Community Engagement	Sat. 7/13 9am–noon	James Fleming Mansion, Platt Park



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ANOTHER APARTMENT COMPLEX SLATED NEAR COLFAX CLOVERLEAF WEST OF MILE HIGH STADIUM

UDR, a Highlands Ranch-based developer, recently paid \$13.2 million for 1570 N. Grove St. and 3030 W. 16th Ave., a triangular parking lot northwest of the Colfax Avenue–Federal Boulevard interchange.

The company plans to build a seven-story apartment complex at the 2.1-acre site. The proposed complex will have 285 units along with 350 parking spaces.

Just south of this development sitting above the adjacent cloverleaf sits Luxe at Mile High, a five-story 375-unit apartment complex set to go online starting in July of 2019.

UDR owns two other Denver apartment complexes at 816 Acoma St. in the Golden Triangle and Steele Creek at 3222 E. 1st Ave. in Cherry Creek.



EL CAZO COCINA Y CANTINA

Stop by El Cazo in March for some delicious Mexican Food and these fun events:

March 8th - International Women's Day - We are celebrating with drink specials for women!

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day - We have a limited time green margarita for you to enjoy as well as our tasty green chile!

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BIZ ON THE BOULEVARD



BY LESLIE TWAROGOWSKI
Co-executive director of the Federal Business Improvement District
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Federal Coffee

Our newest neighborhood coffee shop is having their first art exhibit for Month of Photography (MoP 2019), *Spun Sugar*. Showing from March 1-31, 2019, *Same As It Never Was* is a look at alternate process photography, curated by Merhia M. Wiese. In honor of *Spun Sugar* they will be serving up Cotton Candy Cappuccino all month long!

Now playing at Adams Mystery Playhouse



Murder at an Irish Wake
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One option for redevelopment of the Cloverleaf explores snaking Federal Blvd. to the west, infilling and developing the land, and converting the bridge to bike/pedestrian only. **Please visit the survey links in the "Your Opinion Counts!" sidebar.**

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE CLOVERLEAF AT FEDERAL AND COLFAX TO BECOME?

As available property in Northwest Denver becomes increasingly scarce there is one stretch of land near downtown that is ripe for opportunity. Developing the near 29 acres of land around Colfax and Federal could make a significant impact to surrounding neighborhoods. Calming traffic along both major streets and improving connections to West Denver neighborhoods is just a start. Improving multi-modal access and reducing the number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities is part of the real payoff.

Traffic-related fatalities are 20 times more likely on Federal Boulevard than they are on other streets in the city.

The land in question is technically owned by CDOT who just recently moved their headquarters feet away from the site at Decatur and Federal. Both the city and CDOT would have to study drainage, environmental issues and entitlements. Councilperson Debbie Ortega has allocated \$550,000 in the 2019 city budget to study options.

This is all thanks to the West Colfax Business Improvement District, who for over a year has been working with a variety of both public and private stakeholders on ways to make the Colfax Cloverleaf safer and more connected with the nearby communities. At a recent meeting held at a packed Alamo Draft house, they presented their findings and are asking for your input.



YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Please see the presentation here for more details: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/111eKz1mWxWGYhtcTy6Df5aTeqAfBblf1/view?usp=sharing>.

Please voice your design preferences for the intersection by taking this brief survey found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1K-_LPOf09JriWMJew0a5G_wprPvp2eWuHvVRX8nUyBE/viewform?edit_requested=true

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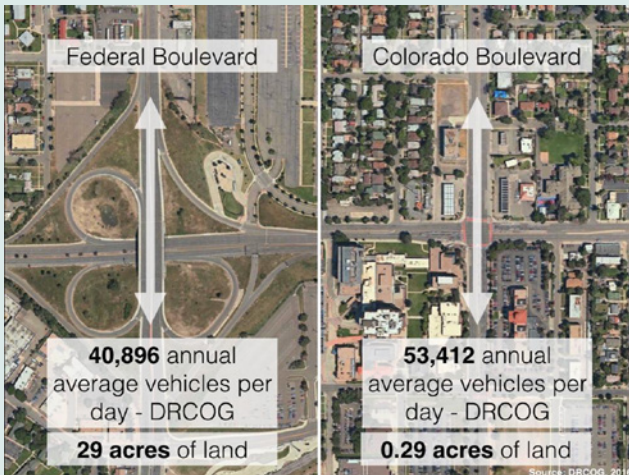
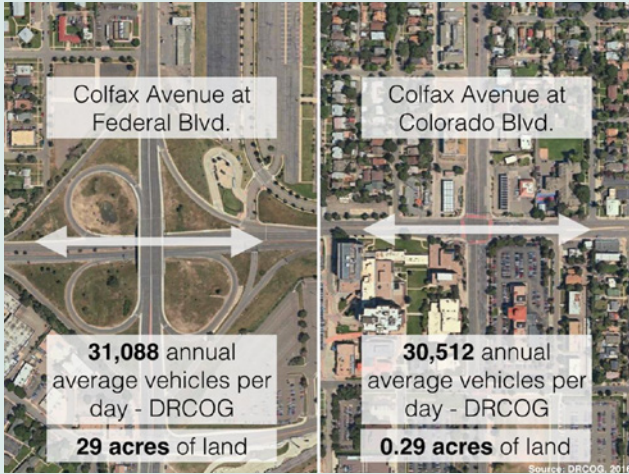
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Currently the leading vote-getting option is to snake Federal to the west (thus calming traffic), infill and develop the land, and convert the recently

built bridge on Federal to bike/pedestrian only. This option also allows for fewer work-related disruptions for drivers during the construction process.

DID YOU KNOW ...

The amount of traffic flowing per day through Colfax and Federal is equivalent to Colfax and Colorado, yet one is 29 acres compared to .29 acres.



SOURCE: DRCOG, 2016



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DAY OF THE DORKS



March 9, 2019, 12PM–4PM | Wynkoop Brewing Company, 1634 18th St., Denver | For a most righteous beer fest celebration of all things dork. Teaming up with over 30 breweries, they'll be pouring some of the geekiest and whitewhaley craft brew in all the land.

Nerd attire suggested but not required. And to truly encourage The Next Generation of dorks, we'll be collecting school supplies including pens, pencils, notebooks, and more. Donations to benefit local area schools.

COLORADO BOOK AND ARTS FESTIVAL



March 16, 2019, 12PM –4:00PM | Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada | A one-day literary arts festival celebrating books, arts, and music for the whole family featuring award-winning authors, panel discussions, an onsite pop-up Tattered Cover Book Store, children's area, artists booths and musical performances. Including a special

Keynote Conversation with Peng Shepherd, author of *The Book of M*.

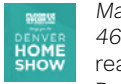
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

March 16, 2019, 9:30AM | RiNO and LoDo, Denver | Join one of Colorado's largest celebrations in Downtown Denver. Celebrate community and culture with family and friends, because everybody can be a little Irish for the parade!

THE FADO ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2019 DENVER BLOCK PARTY

March 16–17, 2019, 11AM to 4PM | Coors Field parking lot, on 22nd and Blake St., Denver | Denver's biggest St. Patrick's Day Parade Celebration will feature a two-day outdoor Block Party complete with live bands, outdoor bars, and enough beer and whiskey to fuel thousands of green-clad, day drinking warriors!

DENVER HOME SHOW



March 22–24, 2019, 10AM | National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver | Get inspired, excited and ready to move forward with your home projects at the Denver Home Show at the National Western Complex.

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DENVER AUTO SHOW



March 27–31, 2019 | Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St., Denver | The Denver Auto Show is the premier showcase of the newest model-year import and domestic vehicles in a range to suit every budget and lifestyle.

Come treat yourself to a sneak peek of selected intros, concepts, and the latest in tricked out cars! Factory and dealer reps are on hand to answer your questions in a no-pressure environment, making it easy to compare prices and features, saving both time and money.

QUEEN—A NIGHT AT THE CLOCKTOWER: A BURLESQUE, DRAG AND AERIAL TRIBUTE TO THE ICONIC ROCK BAND



March 31, 2019 and April 7, 2019 | The Clocktower Cabaret, 1601 Arapahoe St., Denver | Tickets \$25-\$35 | Tonight we're gonna have ourselves a real good time ... From Bohemian Rhapsody to Fat Bottomed Girls, Denver's premiere variety performers

will rock you with a tribute to the iconic rock band, Queen. Grab your best friend and join the bicycle race to this star-studded evening of drag, burlesque, and aerial—giving a stage to those willing to be unequivocally themselves, just like Freddie dared to do.

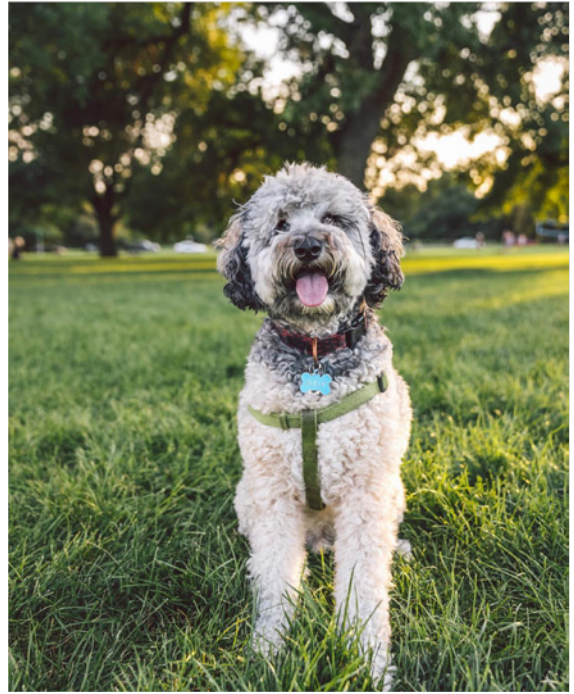


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PET OF THE MONTH
SULLY

Name: Sully

Breed: Australian Shepherd/Poodle Mix

Favorite Activity: Discovering all of the parks in Denver

Best feature: My long black eyelashes

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MUSIC@JEFFERSON PARK MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 AT 6PM

Join friends, meet your neighbors, and have fun doing something good for your community!

We're having our first volunteer meeting for the

2019 JEFFERSON PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

at Sexy Pizza on March 21 at 6pm.

These concerts are community driven and any support you could provide would be welcome.

Sexy Pizza is graciously providing free pizza—the go-to food of any concert roadie crew.

We look forward to seeing you there.