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Newsletter**



Jefferson Park United Neighbors

Eliot Street Collective opens in Jeff Park Town Square

Good new Jefferson Park! We've got a new neighbor. Eliot Street Collective just moved in and the studio's acting classes and artful presence are already invigorating our neighborhood and town square.



Meridith Crosley, owner of the Eliot Street Collective, is an actress/instructor who allowed improvisational theater to capture her soul. Meridith explained, "I love making things up. It's scary and amazing at the same time. You never know what's going to happen and I LOVE that!" Yet, Crosley's experience and resume are long, varied, and impressive. Whether it is film, commercials, theater, dance, or comedy/improvisation you would be hard pressed to find an artistic avenue Meridith hasn't explored, and now she is bringing that experience and energy to her own space and classes.



During its opening party a few weeks ago, Eliot Street Collective filled its beautiful 2000 sq. ft. space with Colorado's artistic and acting community, as well as some Jefferson Park neighbors, to enjoy an evening of food, drinks and great conversation. The evening also provided the opportunity to get a better understanding of Meridith's vision.



"A gallery, training center and meeting place for performers, artists and to anyone that is curious," is how Crosley describes her studio. The Collective predominately rents out affordable space to artists, movement practitioners and to the community at large providing

three separate coop packages . The Collective also provides a number of classes for the Denver community. Meridith noted that they have "a \$10 drop-in Improv class for all levels every Saturday morning from 11am-1pm, and we have several workshops ranging from Butoh (Japanese

dance), to Meisner Boot camp for Actors happening this summer. We are also starting a Monthly Artist Series where folks can meet the artist who is featured in the gallery, enjoy libations and learn about the artist and their process. Not to mention I will be teaching (my other great passion) a cooking class for people on the go!"

So why did Meridith choose to locate the Eliot Street Collective to Jefferson Park. Well as studies have shown, like attracts like; she explained, "The energy was pretty great and I appreciate the diversity. Oh, and the space is just plain gorgeous."

Make sure to check for future happening or get a schedule for classes at www.eliotstreetcollective.com or simply stop by 2460 Eliot Street right here in Jefferson Park. (773) 992-8904.

Jefferson Park Day

Don't forget May 17th is Jefferson Park Day. For all of you coming out to enjoy some neighborhood fellowship while doing a little clean up around the neighborhood, please remember to bring your own gloves, rakes, and shovels if you've got them. Everything else will be supplied so get ready to come out for fun and sanitation in the sun. Also remember that festivities will be going on in the park all day.



BOARD NEWS

Jefferson Park United Neighbors General Membership Meeting May 3, 2008

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

- Meeting Call to Order and announcements
 - Richard Warren, Office of Economic Opportunity
 - District One Police report
 - Committee Reports
1. Safety Committee, Commander's Meeting report
 2. Land Use Committee, meeting & new development report
 3. Special Project, funding for Town Square improvements
- Old business
1. Jefferson Park Day planning
- New Business
1. Developer interested in building low income housing
 2. Jerry Olson, 23rd Avenue bridge repairs Meeting Adjourned

Safety Committee

Safety Committee News: Crime was down in District 1 7.3% and in Jefferson Park 8.8%. It is that time of year again for Cinco de Mayo. It is anticipated there will be heavy traffic along Federal May 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th. The designated cruising zone will be south of W 20th Ave to Evans Ave. If the number of cruisers gets to be at a level that appears unsafe the police will put up traffic barricades along the side streets but residents can get thru by showing the stationed police their id. The Colorado Colfax Marathon will be Sunday May 18th. Colfax will have traffic on east bound only from 5 am until the marathon is over.



Keep Up on All the Happenings in the Jefferson Park Neighborhood - Subscribe to the JPUN email listserv - Send a blank email to jpun@subscribe@yahoo.com

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Remember to come out
May 17th for Jefferson Park
Day!

Neighborhood Marketplace Initiative coming to Jefferson Park?

On January 5th, at the JPUN General Membership meeting, Richard Warren from Denver's Office of Economic Development will be presenting a new program designed to help your business ideas flourish in the Jefferson Park area and beyond.

The Neighborhood Marketplace Initiative is a new approach to strengthening and enhancing Denver's diverse neighborhood business districts. The City has a variety of economic development tools that can be used to strengthen neighborhood business districts including low interest loans, streetscape and façade improvements, and special districts that can provide funding for physical improvements. Denver's Neighborhood Marketplace Initiative (DNMI) aims to update both the City's tools and toolbox, and employ a market-based approach to strengthen business districts and their adjacent neighborhoods.

Please come find out how you can benefit from the city's ongoing drive to enhance the Denver community

For more info contact: Bo Martinez with the Office of Economic Development at 720-913-1717 or bo.martinez@ci.denver.co.us

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Wipping Graffiti Clean of Jefferson Park

Graffiti can be art but only if it's done where it is wanted! Let's keep an eye out for taggers and tags. Keeping pests out of your house means you have to keep it clean of things that attract them. The same is true with a neighborhood. While Graffiti art can be a great asset to the cultural community, "tags" can be a serious draw for individuals who do not have the best interests of Jefferson Park in mind. Project Broken Windows a nation wide program developed to deter criminals by taking away their habitat is designed to do just that. So if you see graffiti around you block help make sure it gets cleaned up by calling Barbara Baker at (303)257-9808. She will come by, take a picture of the and make sure it is delivered to the police for categorization and removal. Thanks again for helping keep our kids safe and our community strong.

Safeway major remodel

The Jefferson Park Safeway is about to undergo a major remodel all summer long, with its grand re-opening scheduled for the first of August. While the location will be open throughout the work look forward to a fresh new look and a more pleasurable shopping experience when they have their Grand Re-opening scheduled for August 1st.

OD-9 zoning approved

A small group in the northwest corner of Jefferson Park filed an application for Overlay District-09 without property owner exemptions in October of '07. The zoning which effects height limitation among other things will make it more difficult for developers to scrape and build on R3 zoned property. The OD zoning is seen, in this case as a way to preserve the character of the area of Jefferson Park. The plan did not have the endorsement of JPUN since it did not exclude property owners who were asking to be exempted. Since then the same small group has negotiated with the property owners who wished to be exempted and come to an agreement that restricts height and some specifics of any future new development. Those agreements have now been signed by the neighbors filing the OD-09, the property owners wishing to be exempted and JPUN. Those agreements are being sent to the city as part of the OD-09 application. The application process is estimated to take three months, and the neighborhood will be kept fully informed.

Jeff Park receives LaFarge "Building Blocks" Grant...thanks to Susan Bain

A big thank you goes out to LaFarge Rocky Mountain Construction for making Jefferson Park the recipient of their "Building Blocks of Our Community" 2008



Grant. Another thank you goes out to Susan Bain, JPUN treasurer, for her great work in procuring the grant. The

grant will be compiled with funds acquired from the now defunct Spanos project as well as city monies in providing improvements for Jefferson Park.

Through its "Building Blocks of Our Community" grant program, the Lafarge Rocky Mountain Construction Materials office in Denver, Colo., each year selects one worthwhile community building project and donates up to \$30,000 worth of aggregates, asphalt, concrete or a combination thereof. Since 1996, "Building Blocks of Our Community" has donated some \$300,000 worth of materials to build community structures throughout Denver.

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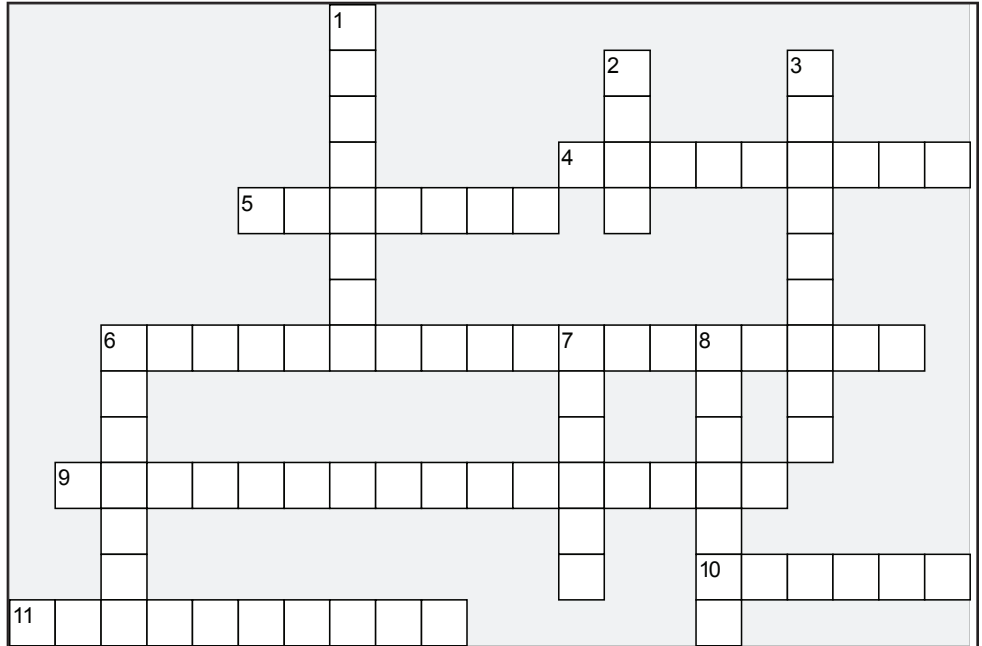
Test your reading skills and knowledge of your community with the JPUN Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 4 Where was the last JPHUN held?
- 5 Grocery store about to under go major renovatons?
- 6 Where can mom take care of her aches and pains?
- 9 What is happening May 17th?
- 10 Something you need to bring to Jefferson Park Day.
- 11 Eliot Street _____

Down

- 1 When you see it you should call Barbara.
- 2 What type of House is the Adam's Mystery theater?
- 3 The part of Jefferson park that just approved OD-9 zoning.
- 6 Where will cruising be allowed on May 2nd-5th?
- 7 Last name of speaker for the Neighborhood Marketplace Initiative.
- 8 Company that just gave Jefferson Park a grant?



JPHUN STILL THE MOST FUN YOU CAN HAVE THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Drinking with the fishes went swimmingly and a great thanks goes out to the Denver Downtown Aquarium for their great spread and complimentary passes to the Aquarium. If you've never gone make sure to stop by their location on 23rd Ave along the Platte River.



A great drink special went well with the popular petting of sting rays and marveling at sharks and even a tiger as JPHUN again brought together neighbors for a great evening of community fellowship and good old fashioned fun.

Make sure to join us next time as JPHUN takes us to the spectacular patio of Senior Sol just across the street from the Aquarium on May 8th. See you there!

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