

# ABOVE THE FOLD



*The voice of Jefferson Park*



## JPUN as a mystery cult: Or why you should join the board of directors

Jefferson Park United Neighbors Board of Directors is similar to many ancient myths. Whether we look to the death and rebirth of Osiris, the Orphic mysteries cults or even the now cliché phoenix whose fiery essence returns through the ashes of its past, each provides a means for us to understand a cycle of death and rebirth, and perhaps more appropriately change and growth.

Many JPUN board members have reached the end of their term limited positions. And while the neighborhood will not erect a wicker man to bring prosperity to our community, we are looking for volunteers to take on the responsibilities of positions many of us are no longer able to fill. This issue serve to highlight the importance of being a part of this organization.

My own three year period as the communications chair has been fulfilling in many aspects, and I feel lucky that my position has already had a number of hopeful candidates clamoring to take my seat. Yet, I would like to use my departure to encourage others of you to take part in group that is an important liaison to city and state officials, developers, business, and most importantly the community.

Having the opportunity to work with a dedicated group of people who at times strove for alternative images of the neighborhood I call home, helped me to see the value in compromise and forethought, because even smallest decisions would have ramifications on the long-term outcome of not just one group of stakeholders but all of our lives.

As I leave this position, I would like to encourage those of you who have not been happy with JPUN in the past to step forward and take on the leadership roles. The group remains nothing but the sum of its parts. Allow your vision of the neighborhood to become part of the new JPUN board. Working as part of the group your thoughts can help ignite the phoenix's fires as it once again rises from the ashes to lead the neighborhood forward and illuminate the path to its future. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. --Joseph Boven Communications Chair

## JPUN Board has open positions

On Tuesday, JPUN will once again be voting in new leadership. While all positions are open for new candidates we are especially in need of the following positions:

President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Land Use Chair

We would also like to see more Spanish speaking involvement and art actively seeking more help in this area. If interested please come to the next JPUN meeting at Riverside Baptist church.

## NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

As a new resident in Jefferson Park, serving on the JPUN board has helped me meet my neighbors and feel connected to the community around me. Through the community garden we have established a "fruitful" relationship with the CEC/Middle College. I feel welcome on their campus, have gotten to know faculty and staff, and look forward to some exciting new projects in our future. Now, instead of driving by and wondering what goes on at the school, I make frequent trips to tend my tomatoes. Last month, a group of garden supporters dined on the garden-grown squash artfully prepared by the students in the culinary program. I received several heartfelt notes from students, thanking us for our interest in their school. What other connections can we make in our neighborhood? Help us pursue the possibilities by becoming a JPUN board member!

Cristin Couzens  
Neighborhood Liaison

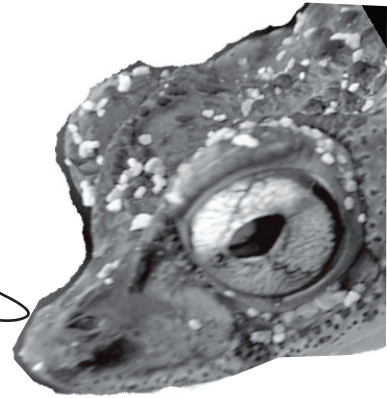


# BOARD NEWS

Jefferson Park United Neighbors  
General Membership Meeting  
Oct. 7, 2010

6:30 pm, Riverside Baptist Church - Rear Chapel  
24th Ave. and Bryant St.

Sign me up for  
JPUN



Meeting Call to Order and Announcements

- o Check out the new JPUN.org site
- o Members can stay informed via email by joining the JPUN Yahoo Group or sending an email to [jpun-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:jpun-subscribe@yahoo.com).

• District One Police Report - Officer Jason Valdez & Officer Aaron Bloo

- Committee Reports
  - o Communications Chair — Joe Boven
  - o Land Use Chair — Fred Lai
  - o Neighborhood Liaison — Cristen Couzens
  - o Safety Chair — Katherine Meldrum
  - o Central Valley Improvement Chair — Jerry Olson
  - o Special Projects Committee — Michael Guietz, Co-Vice President

Social Chair — Brooke Bailey

JPUN Elections

- Meeting Adjourned

Come bring your concerns and ideas to the meeting and get ready to help make this neighborhood continue you it meteoric rise to the top.



I would like to support the Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) with my tax deductible donation!

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# Central Valley Improvement Committee

To paraphrase President John Kennedy...Ask not what your community can do for you, Ask what you can do for your community.

Like many of my generation I heard the call to public service and now in semi-retirement... I still hear his voice.

Four years ago when I moved back into North Denver, I saw Jefferson Park revitalizing. But much was not as it should be. The central valley highway, some call it I-25, showed lack of routine maintenance. Weeds at the 23rd Avenue exit were three feet high and crash barricades were blown out. With our perseverance CDOT corrected the situation ...but every year we have to go through the same ritual of please cut your weeds and fix your barriers.

That led to several members of the JPUN Board reviewing the condition of the 23rd Avenue Bridge. The 53 year old bridge approaches had no handicap access and the railings were rusted, damaged and long past repair. To solve these problems, JPUN members "negotiated" with Denver to install handicap ramps in return for which we constructed a granite fines path on the bridge approaches. Building the path was like a Jefferson Park barn-raising; neighbors pitched in with shovels, businesses donated equipment and 30 tons of gravel fines to build the path in one day. CDOT noticed our commitment and then contracted to have new railings installed this past year. None of this would have happened without neighborhood involvement. Volunteering your time is an excellent investment; it improves your community while making friends with neighbors who you would have never met otherwise. We have other plans for Jefferson Park neighborhood. We need our help. E-mail me if you would like to know how to make something happen. [jerryolson@comcast.net](mailto:jerryolson@comcast.net)

Jerry Olson

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## Secretary

I took the secretary job on the JPUN board 2 years ago when I moved into the neighborhood. This position has been given me a great way to learn about the neighborhood, meet many wonderful people and make a contribution without knowing anything specific. I have really appreciated all the work done by those who do know about zoning, putting on events, publishing and distributing newsletters, throwing parties and outreach. This job requires taking the minutes at general membership meetings and board meetings. I recommend it to anyone who wants to get involved, but does not think they have specialized skills.

Joan



# Halloween Events

Halloween is here and the city is full of things for you to do. With everything from corn mazes to haunted houses to the boo at the zoo, there are tons of treats waiting for you and your kids this year. Here are just a few.

## Pumpkin Fest at Chatfield

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 9 & 10

Children can check out the Kids Corral, filled with fun and free activities such as coloring projects, arts and crafts, pony rides, apple cider press, face painting and a kids entertainment stage (performances from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

## Corn Maze at Chatfield

Sept. 10 through Oct. 31

We invite you to get lost at this year's Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield's 8-acre Corn Maze – one of the most attended corn mazes in the country. The maze is for all ages and includes activities for the whole family. Maze design is cut in the shape of a marmot

And of course there is a pumpkin patch.

## Boo at the Zoo After Dark

Friday, October 29, 6-9 p.m.

Join Denver Zoo's nocturnal creatures during a special night time additional of Boo At The Zoo. Enjoy trick-or-treating stations throughout the zoo while supporting Denver Zoo's mission to provided exceptional care to our resident animals



Neighborhood Calendar September 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010

Booking Date

Event Name	Event Start	Event End
October 3-4, 2010 Ride and Drive	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
October 10, 2010 Fans on the Field	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
October 10, 2010 Bridal Festival	12:00 PM	4:00 PM
October 17, 2010 Broncos vs. NY Jets	2:00 PM	5:00 PM
October 24, 2010 Broncos vs. Oakland	2:00 PM	5:00 PM
November 14, 2010 Broncos vs. Kansas City	2:00 PM	5:00 PM
November 28, 2010 Broncos vs. St. Louis	2:00 PM	5:00 PM

Saturday-Sunday, October 30-31

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Activities free with Zoo admission

The 26th annual Boo At The Zoo offers more than 25 trick-or-treat stations, creepy crawly animal demonstrations and exciting family-friendly entertainment under the canopy of the beautiful fall foliage of the Denver Zoo.

## What does the treasurer do?

Duties as treasurer for JPUN:

- create an annual budget
- cut checks to appropriate creditors and vendors
- bookkeeping and manage bank accounts
- reporting to the general members and BOD regarding the treasury
- coordinate insurance for the BOD
- collect, deposit, and provide tax receipts for donations made to JPUN
- file appropriate tax documentation to the government and annual registration with the Secretary of State

If you are thinking about running for the treasurer position and have any questions about the position please do not hesitate to call me at 303-358-2168.

Brent Weakley

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