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JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30–8:00pm
Tuesday, October 8, 6:30–8:00pm
Riverside Church
2401 Alcott St. | Rear Chapel
All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 6:30–8:00pm
Thursday, November 7, 6:30–8:00pm
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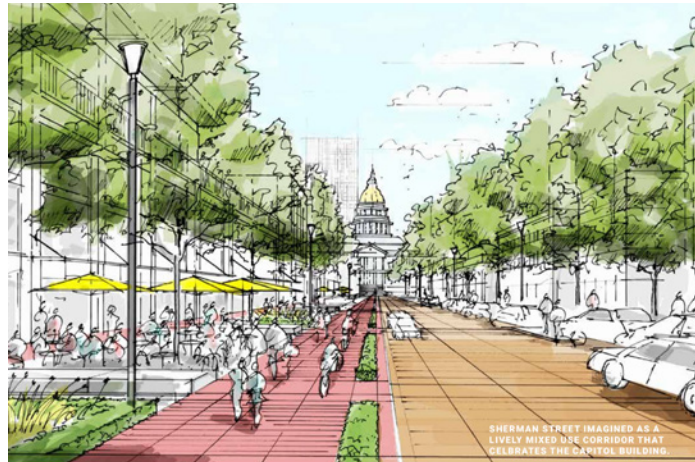
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5280 TRAIL TO PROVIDE “PLACES”, “LINKS” AND REVITALIZATION

CITY HAS COMMITTED TO HELPING WITH FIRST PHASE OF URBAN TRAIL ON 21st STREET



An artist's concept sketch shows one possible configuration for an urban pedestrian and bike trail that's set off from the street along Sherman Street south of the State Capitol.

Downtown Denver Partnership

After years of talking about the 5280 Trail, city officials and private boosters who see the potential to strengthen neighborhoods stated they're ready to launch into formal design work for the first section of the 5.3-mile trail. It could break ground along a small stretch of 21st Street in the next two years or so, and the city has committed \$850,000 to get the ball rolling on designs.

Denver Public Works says its contribution on 21st Street will cover early design work for most of that 11-block section, along with completed designs for a shorter-term demonstration project on a smaller segment that, once finished, would give the public a close-up view of the trail's potential.

As for the rest of the trail, it's likely that construction will be

done in phases over the next decade, following a route that's mostly along secondary streets. Planners behind the 5280 Trail say it's not intended to cater to the high-speed bicycle commuters who use Denver's growing network of on-street bike lanes.

Links & Places

The urban trail would snake through several downtown neighborhoods for more than five miles, serving as a linear park as much as a way to get around. The Links are connectors that act as the backbone of the trail. 12 different location-specific link variations will be applied using furnishings, paving and vegetation throughout the trail and encompassing neighborhoods.

Places are destinations that are unique to each neighborhood. 8 Places have been defined along the trail to provide community gathering spaces in the

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3RD ANNUAL JPUN TAILGATE PARTY

WHERE: Cul-de-sac at Eliot St. and W. 20th Ave.

WHEN: Sunday, September 29, 11:00AM

FRIENDS—FOOD—FOOTBALL! Join friends and neighbors for our 3rd Annual Tailgate Party as we help the Broncos beat the Jacksonville Jaguars. We'll have delicious Araujo's breakfast burritos, Sexy Pizza and great food from other local restaurants. Please consider bringing a favorite entrée, side or dessert to share. Tailgating wouldn't be complete without a little competition of corn hole and other lawn games.



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YOU ARE INVITED TO THESE
TWO GREAT EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 15TH - 11AM-8PM

LET'S GO
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JOIN EL CAZO AND SARTOS FOR
THIS OUTDOOR STREET EVENT!

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5280 TRAIL

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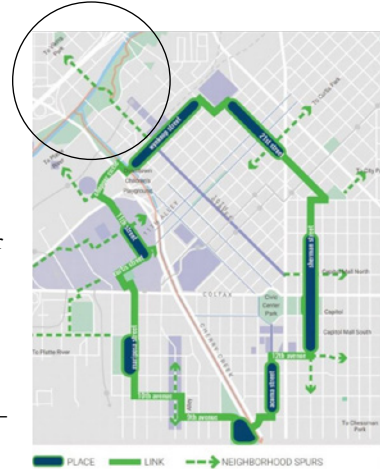
form of parks, pocket parks, grand boulevards, re-imagined rights-of-way, festival streets, and alleys.

Randy Thelen, the Downtown Denver Partnership's vice senior vice president of economic development, said the 5280 Trail's conceptual sketches borrow heavily from the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, completed in 2013. That trail works its way through downtown Indy and surrounding neighborhoods along 8 miles of connected trails, with most sections offset from streets and even sidewalks.

The trail features decorative pavers, landscaping, trees, public art and rain gardens to capture runoff, and it's become popular with cyclists, runners and pedestrians, drawing residents and tourists alike.

The trail sparked a surge of redevelopment and according to Michael Huber, president and CEO of the Indy Chamber, "Within a few years of completion, the Cultural Trail had catalyzed hundreds of millions of dollars in new investment, including mixed-use and mixed-income housing; new hotels, restaurants and music venues; and stronger connectivity to historic neighborhoods."

The 5280 Trail—formerly called the 5280 Loop—is named after the Mile High City's elevation. The first segment is set to travel along 21st Street from Coors Field to Benedict Fountain Park, and from there the conceptual route heads south on Sherman Street, going around the State



Trail map acknowledging Viking Park in the Jefferson Park neighborhood

Capitol; traverses the Golden Triangle neighborhood and crosses the Art District on Santa Fe; and heads north through the Auraria Campus before crossing Speer Boulevard and Cherry Creek into Lower Downtown, where it follows Wynkoop Street past Union Station, returning to the ballpark.

Editor's Note: The success of these trails in Indianapolis, New York's popular High Line and the Beltline in Atlanta shows the significant economic and cultural impact alternative transportation options can have to neighborhoods when viewed as more than high speed connection points. It is hoped these practices can be applied to arterials connecting Northwest Denver neighborhoods to Downtown when infrastructure changes finally occur.

You are encouraged to provide your opinion on the 5280 Trail project at <https://www.downtowndenver.com/initiatives-and-planning/the-5280/>.

—Excerpts from *Denver Post* article by Jon Murray

DENVER LEADERS APPROVE HISTORIC DISTRICT IN JEFFERSON PARK

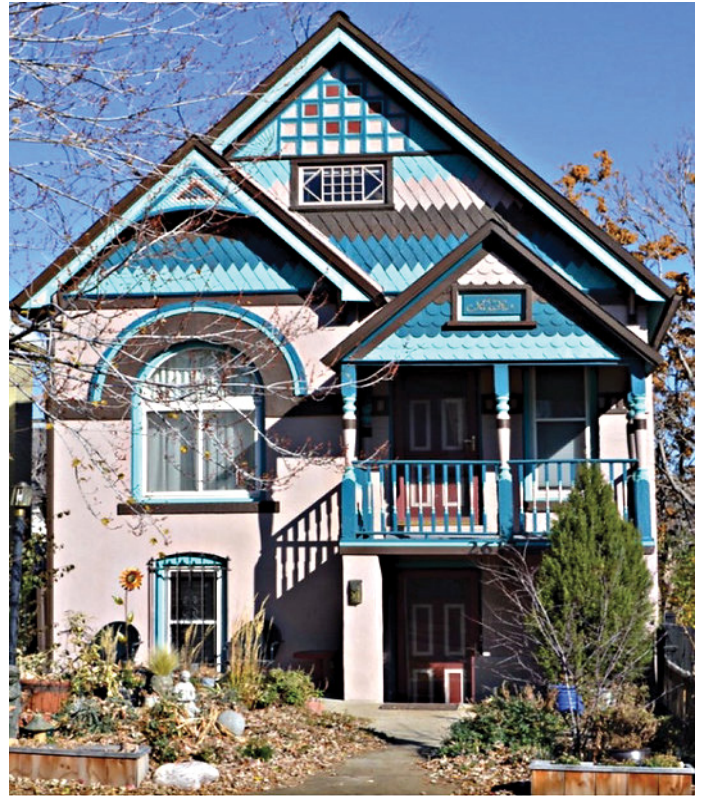
Denver City Council has unanimously approved the creation of the city's 55th historic district along River Drive. It is the first such district in the Jefferson Park neighborhood. Signs were recently installed by Denver Public Works and soon many of the homes on the street will be fitted with landmark plaques to signify their historical status.

River Drive is located southeast of W. 23rd Ave. and Clay St. and still contains more than a dozen homes built mainly between 1886 and 1896. These homes are largely all that remains from a large subdivision called River Front Highlands that once covered a large swath of the current Jefferson Park neighborhood.

Many of the original homeowners on River Drive worked

at the Zang Brewery located where the Denver Downtown Aquarium currently stands. After the brewery disappeared in the 1930's, many residents worked at the enormous rail yards that once existed just east of the river.

Remarkably, the effort to designate the street historic started in the 1970s when official city plans for the Jefferson Park neighborhood noted the historic significance of the area. Four decades later the designation finally happened after current homeowners worked in partnership with Historic Denver and former Councilman Rafael Espinoza to host community meetings, research and write the historic district application, and provide public comment at several city meetings.



Residents of River Drive at the June 24th City Council Meeting

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Change is Good

You can make changes to your home in a Historic District. Essentially any exterior change (that doesn't involve significant modification) that normally requires a city permit will go through the no-cost landmark design review process where the approval rate is about 99%. There is absolutely no review for interior changes of any kind.

Repairs = Tax Credits

20% of the cost for roof replacement, electrical and plumbing upgrades, masonry repairs and more is eligible for a dollar-for-dollar credit on your taxes.

It's Good to Be Single

Even single-family homes can be designated as Historic.

JPUN would like to congratulate the River Drive Historic District Steering Committee for their success.

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1ST DOUBLE BILL OF BANDS ENDS 2019 SEASON

History was made on Sunday, August 25th in Jefferson Park with both “Pretenders” and “Little Creatures” playing back to back sets as Music@JeffersonPark ended its 8th season. The concert was also historical for Jefferson Park resident Chris Pearson, who plays bass with Pretenders. During introductions, Chris commented to the crowd that ever since living next to the park he has wanted his band to play this concert series for the past 8 years.

Pretenders is a side project for Chris’s regular bands Jux County, and The Velveteen Monster, the latter of which is due out with an album of original Halloween music in a few weeks. The Pretenders are such a side project that they average about one show a year. The 12 months of rust certainly did not show as they ripped through covers of their namesake band with a nice blend of rock, punk pop and some new wave edge. Lead singer Julie Monley belted out such hits as Back on the Chain Gang, Brass in Pocket, and Middle of the Road. It was a warmup for her, her brother Andy Monley, and Pretenders’ lead guitarist Colin Bricker as they are also members of the Talking Heads cover band, Little Creatures.

During intermission the sizable crowd had a chance to grab a bite of local food from Snarfburger and cool off with Little Man Ice Cream.

Little Creatures lead singer and Bug Theater owner, Reed Weimer, was so much in character that he arrived by bike to the concert. David Byrne, former lead singer of the Talking Heads is known to be an avid cyclist. And the nonstop sing along dance along party commenced. The crowd was regaled by a slew of alternative hits including Once In A Lifetime, And She Was, Road to Nowhere, and Psycho Killer. At one point during Life During Wartime, Reed outran a string of fans in chase as he dashed circles in the grass surrounding the stage. The show ended with members of the band joining the crowd for a singalong acoustic version of Burning Down the House. Both the song and the now signature encore ending of each Music@JeffersonPark concert, was the perfect way to say goodbye to what has been a burning hot summer in Denver.





NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



UNICO PROPERTIES

New Highland Bridge development will be an “urban park” with trees, shade, seating and free Wi-Fi.

HIGHLAND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE GETTING \$1.7M MAKEOVER

Pedestrians leaving LoHi into Denver over the Highland Bridge will be soon be welcomed into an “urban park” complete with trees, shade, seating and free Wi-Fi.

Seattle-based Unico Properties has broken ground on improvements for the area at the base of the bridge along Platte Street, between two buildings the company owns.

Unico worked with the city on the plaza improvements because the property is a public right-of-way, meaning an area owned by the city for transportation and utility uses. Currently, the site has no seating, minimal exterior lighting and little greenery.

Unico is covering the \$1.7 million cost.

Editor’s Note: Hopefully these amenities can be noted for future developments in and around the Jefferson Park area.

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- Zach Ganzell
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- Justin Potter
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Believe it or not we are already planning for 2020! If you would like to help please email info@jpun.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

	
SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 16
WEEK 2: BEARS VS BRONCOS	TASTE OF THE BRONCOS A GOURMET TAILGATE FOR A CAUSE PRESENTED BY KING SOOPERS
2:25 PM	5:30 PM
	
SEPTEMBER 29	OCTOBER 13
WEEK 4: JAGUARS VS BRONCOS	WEEK 6: TITANS VS BRONCOS
2:25 PM	2:25 PM
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PET OF THE MONTH
NALA

Breed: Mini Goldendoodle

Age: 5 months

Favorite food/treat: A salmon bite and wash it down with a greenie dental chew. If my owners forget the greenie, my puppy breath is unbearable.

How did you meet your owner? My owner's cousin is the owner of my cousin. That's a tongue twister!

How long have you lived in Jeff Park? The owners: 2 years. Me: about 3 months.

Who is your celebrity doppelganger? I've heard the Benji dog more than a few times.

What is your favorite thing to play with? Tennis ball on a rope. I could chase that thing for hours!

Describe your most successful mischievousness: I find mud no matter where we go. I can fully coat myself in a matter of seconds.

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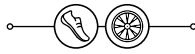
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September 16 | 6:00PM–8:30PM | 1600 Arapahoe St. | Talk about scaling: 2000 of your closest startup friends will come together for THE block party to commence the most anticipated week for the Denver entrepreneurial community. Come celebrate another vibrant year and join in on the inaugural festivities.

2019 COLORADO FALL HOME SHOW

September 20–22 | Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St. | The Fall Home Show focuses on home renovation, remodeling and sustainable living. Featuring more than 250 vendors and experts offering tips, advice and inspiration for home remodeling, refreshing and renewing. Themed vignettes and theater sessions will be presented by the American Society of Interior Design (ASID). Detailed Schedule at <https://www.coloradogardenfoundation.org/colorado-fall-home-show>.

DENVER OKTOBERFEST



September 20–22 and September 27–29 | Ballpark Neighborhood, 2100 Larimer St. | The Denver Oktoberfest celebrates 50 years this fall with a revamped lineup of events and new culinary experiences. The event takes place over two weekends—September 20–22, and September 27–29—and kicks

off Friday, September 20 with a ceremonial tapping of the first keg at 2:00PM. Additional activities include the popular Stein Hoisting contest, tricycle racing, wiener dog races, keg bowling, live music, dancing and a new Sunday Brunch. While admission to the event is free to the general public, special Beer Hall Tickets are available for purchase. The pass includes food and beverages, private bars and bathrooms, and VIP lounging areas for prime stage viewing.

ART FEAST

October 5 | 3:00PM–6:30PM | Cherry Creek North, 2401 E. 2nd Ave. | Join us for a collision of food and art during this walking tour of Cherry Creek North, featuring the area's most acclaimed galleries and select bites from renowned restaurants. Art Feast is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for culinary and artistic interaction, sampling and learning, in a re-imagined way. With live demonstrations, musical performances, store discounts and more, this event is sure to inspire the artist in all of us.

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October 5–6 | 10:00AM–4:00PM | Log G Bronco Stadium | The Horseshoe Market, a widely popular artisan, vintage/antique and urban flea market that features over 200 artisans, collectors, vendors, live music, food trucks, and creative Horseshoe "experiences" focused on creative home inspiration.

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