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# JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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## JPUN GENERAL

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713  
Password: jefferson  
Call-In: 312-626-6799  
Tuesday, May 10, 6:30-8:00pm  
Tuesday, June 14, 6:30-8:00pm  
All are welcome

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### COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713  
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Thursday, May 5, 6:30-8:00pm  
Thursday, June 2, 6:30-8:00pm  
All are welcome

## COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, May 6, 11:00am-1:00pm  
Friday, May 13, 11:00am-1:00pm  
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# JEFFERSON PARK'S ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP & CELEBRATION

## SATURDAY, MAY 21 / 9AM JEFFERSON PARK PLAYGROUND

Fuel up with a FREE Breakfast and join JPUN to give our park and neighborhood a Spring cleaning!

To help us order food, gloves, trash bags vests and other items let us know you'll be attending!

**Please sign up here or use QR code**



JEFFERSON PARK  
UNITED NEIGHBORS

## 20th Annual Jefferson Park Neighborhood Clean-Up JPUN.org

Federal BID provides for the following local food sponsors:



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## MEOOW WOLF'S VORTEX FESTIVAL MOVES FROM TAOS TO DENVER

The experiential entertainment group's multi-day, multi-dimensional and multi-genre music event known for its imaginative art installations, warm community feel and eclectic lineup of music acts will take place August 5 through 7, at a yet-to-be announced outdoor area somewhere in the heart of Denver.

The festival will feature more than 30 musical acts across two stages, including Toro y Moi, Bob Moses, 100 geecs, Duke Dumont, Channel Tres, 100 geecs, Bladee, Boy Harsher, Dixon, Pablo Vittar, Neil Frances, Sad Night Dynamite and Maya Jane Coles.

## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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# DENNIS GALLAGHER, DENVER POLITICO AND NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATE, HAS DIED



J IS FOR Jefferson Park. This is my favorite place in our community because I can walk my dog and I love the playground. It is so fun!

**LOCAL AND TALENTED ARTIST  
SHARING LOVE FOR JEFFERSON PARK**



**“HE WOULD ALWAYS TALK ABOUT LEAVING THE CITY A BETTER PLACE THAN YOU FOUND IT.”**

Dennis Gallagher passed away at his Northwest Denver home April 22, 2021 at age 82. He was a well-respected leader for Denver and Colorado.

Dennis J. Gallagher taught speech, persuasion and media for 42 years, even while he was building up an impressive resume in government service. He was initially elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1970 where he served two terms before switching to the State Senate and serving 20 more years there. In 1982, he sponsored the “Gallagher Amendment” to the state constitution. This amendment stabilized the residential property share of the statewide property tax base. After leaving the legislature, Gallagher served two terms on the Denver City Council before being elected City Auditor in 2003 where he served until 2014.

He had such great stories and knowledge of the history of our Country, State and City. Denver and St Patrick’s Day won’t be the same without him.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Police, Fire or Medical—EMERGENCY .....Dial 9-1-1
- Gas Leak or Electrical Emergency—Xcel.....800-895-4999  
select #1
- City of Denver 3-1-1 Help Center.....3-1-1 or  
720-913-1311
- Police—City Non-Emergency Information.....720-913-2000
- Police—District 1 Station Information only..... 720-913-0400
- Denver Public Library.....720-865-1111
- Regional Transportation District.....303-299-6000

CUT THIS OUT AND POST IT SOMEWHERE FOR QUICK REFERENCE!

## DENVER’S BEST FREE ENTERTAINMENT LEVITT PAVILION



Named Best Free Entertainment of 2022 by Westword Magazine’s Denver Best of awards! Thanks to the Levitt Foundation you can enjoy fifty free concerts a year that take place on a lovely green hillside in Ruby Hill Park, With an amazing roster of local and

national artists and a state-of-the-art sound system, it doesn’t get much better than this on a warm summer night. Free RSVPs opening a month before their respective concert date at [LevittDenver.org](http://LevittDenver.org). Although free RSVP is not required to attend, it is encouraged and helps Levitt improve the concert experience.



The event is part of the West Denver Rising Initiative's international marketplace series, which will include five events across west Denver celebrating the area's various cultures. The first event was the Lunar New Year celebration in Little Saigon on South Federal Boulevard. Denver Streets Partnership and other organizers were able to secure grant funding which helped spread it to more locations along the corridor and invite the larger community to come and participate.

The other events will include an additional marketplace under the viaduct in Sun Valley in August, the Mid-Autumn Festival at the Far East Center in September and the annual Westwood Chile Fest on Morrison Road, also in September.

West Denver Rising is a collaboration between Sun Valley, Little Saigon and BuCu West Development Association. Besides all being on the westside, Westwood, Sun Valley and Villa Park and other neighborhoods are experiencing rapid development and are considered high-risk for displacement, according to the city. The initiative is their way of banding together to ensure their communities stay their communities.

As with the established events like Chile Fest and the Lunar New Year celebration, the Viaduct Night Market will feature local westside vendors, like Raices, and musicians like Los Mocochetes. But the night market will also give locals who aren't established an opportunity to show off their craft.

Some of the vendors will be people who are interested in starting businesses of their own but who don't yet have the capital or skills to get off the ground. It's an opportunity to learn and build entrepreneurial skills. **Excerpts from Denverite.**

## Colfax Viaduct South of Stadium Re-purposed

**ON MAY 14, SUN VALLEY KITCHEN + COMMUNITY CENTER, ALONG WITH THE WEST COLFAX BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND DENVER STREETS PARTNERSHIP, WILL HOST THE SUN VALLEY RISING VIADUCT NIGHT MARKET, AN EVENING EVENT FILLED WITH LOCAL FOOD AND ART VENDORS.**

The market will be located at the south end of Empower Field under the Colfax Viaduct west of Raices and east of the Latino Cultural Arts Center at 2705 W. Colfax Ave.

# I-25: Speer & 23rd Bridge and Interchange Project

**SURVEY  
CLOSES  
MAY 31!**



CDOT's main focus is to replace the bridges that cross over Interstate 25 at Speer Boulevard and 23rd Ave in Denver

They are also looking at ways to improve safety and operations – for the on and off ramps as well as for pedestrian and bicycle connections across the highway at these bridges.

The Project limits include I-25 between 20th Street and W. Colfax Avenue. There will be a range of options to consider for the interchanges, all of which will support broader goals for I-25 and the surrounding infrastructure, known as the I-25 corridor.

**Why is it happening?** The bridges at Speer and 23rd are aged, have substandard bike/ped facilities on the bridges, and have inadequate clearances below. An earlier study, known as the I-25 Central Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study, identified these spots as a high-priority, early-action project to:

- improve safety, such as by reducing dangerous stop-and-go traffic,
- reduce congestion on I-25 to improve travel time reliability, and
- increase connectivity between the Highlands, Jefferson Park, and Downtown neighborhoods through bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

**When is it happening?** CDOT started developing design concepts for the project in the summer of 2021 and will be working with stakeholders through mid-2023 to choose the best solution. The final design process for the preferred solution is then expected to last around two years, after which construction will begin.

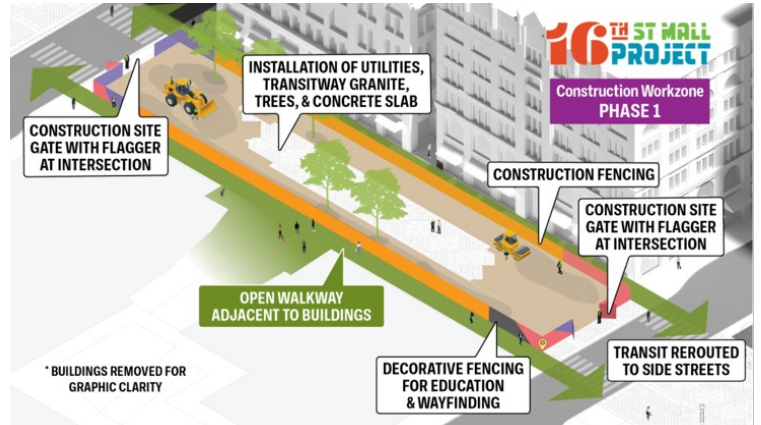
Give us input on the project by taking 3-5 minutes to fill out this short **Community Survey**.



The I-25: Speer & 23rd Bridge and Interchange Design is important to the I-25 corridor! Check out this video on the I-25 Central PEL to understand why:

# DENVER LAUNCHES 16TH STREET MALL RENOVATION

INITIATIVE WILL REPLACE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENHANCE THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE



The 16th Street Mall Project is the first major renovation of this vital downtown corridor since its opening in 1982. A primary driver for the project is the need to address deteriorating infrastructure, specifically the granite paver system, that results in poor drainage, frequent disruptions to the transit system and maintenance costs of more than \$1M annually.

## Highlights of the 16th Street Mall project include:

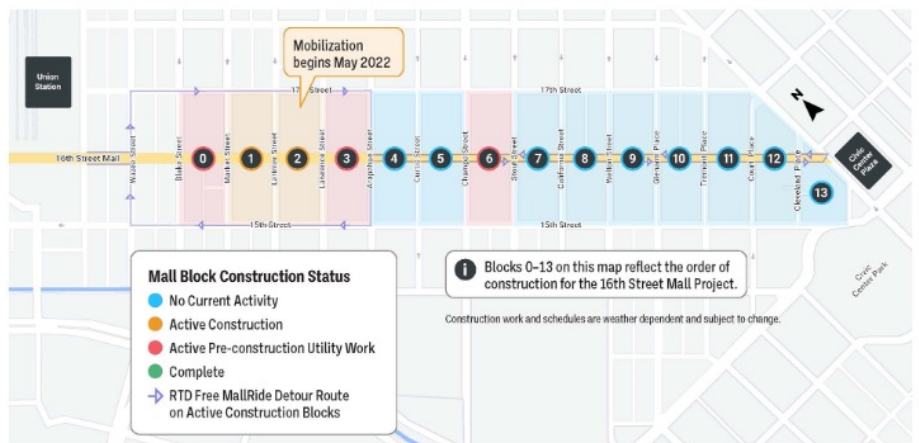
- Replacing the mall's existing granite paver system with one that drains more effectively and offers greater surface friction to improve pedestrian safety.
- Moving the transit lanes to the center of the Mall, eliminating the median that runs between the buses on some blocks, and creating wider pedestrian walkways and new amenity zones for leisure, commerce, entertainment, and tourism.
- Expanding and diversifying the Mall's tree canopy
- Honoring the Mall's iconic original design by I.M. Pei and Associates, and Olin
- Exciting new art that will draw people to the corridor

Access to all businesses will be maintained throughout the project. Colorful and abundant wayfinding signage with feel-good imagery will help people navigate the Mall and get where they want to go. A brightly-wrapped portable trailer will be onsite throughout, providing a place for people to visit and learn more about the project. An opportunity to meet with the construction team in person will occur monthly, with a schedule provided on the project's website at [www.denvergov.org/16thStreetMall](http://www.denvergov.org/16thStreetMall). People can also stay connected to the project by searching "16th Street Mall Project" in the Apple or Google Play stores and downloading a mobile app.

The 16th Street Mall renovation will improve infrastructure on 13 blocks along the corridor from Market Street to Broadway. Work will start in the center/transitway area on Block 1 between Market and Larimer Streets, with a new adjacent block entering construction approximately four to eight weeks later. Each block will be under construction for approximately 18 months. The project will wrap up at the end of 2024.

The RTD Free MallRide shuttle will continue to run during the 16th Street Mall project, rerouted to 15th and 17th Streets as needed. RTD will update the public on their MallRide page.

## Current Project Activities



**DENVER RECYCLES' ANNUAL  
MULCH GIVEAWAY  
& COMPOST SALE**  
**ONE DAY, TWO GREAT PRODUCTS!**

**Sat. May 14 • 8am - 2pm  
Sloan's Lake Park**

(Boat ramp parking lot on Byron Pl.)

Ever wonder what happens to all those Christmas trees or fallen leaves you leave out for recycling collection? They're turned into mulch. Denver residents can get their hands on **FREE** mulch at Sloan's Lake Park (or while supplies last) during the annual Mulch Giveaway.

**REMINDERS:**

- Bring your own shovel, bags or container to transport to your vehicle
- Brings a tarp to safely cover truck bed or trailer
- Commercial entities prohibited
- Event for **Denver Residents only.**



**STREET  
RACING  
HOTLINE**

Street racing is illegal and the penalties are significant but as summer ramps up so does street racing. To submit an anonymous tip or incident call 720-913-2000 or [reportstreetracing.com](http://reportstreetracing.com).

If you need to file a Police report, contact your local law enforcement agency or dial 911.

*Editor  
Wanted*

Want to know more about what is going on in and around your neighborhood?

Would you like to play an integral role in helping build community?

JPUN Newsletter plays a vital role in providing residents information on topics that directly affect them.

Help develop monthly newsletter content, coordinate with columnists and advertisers, assign stories, as well as review the final copy.

Please contact [info@jpun.org](mailto:info@jpun.org) to learn more about how you or someone you know can help fill this important volunteer role. Our readers are depending on you.



# Protect Your Bike

in 3 Easy Steps



## FLIP

Flip your bike over to reveal its serial number.

## SNAP

Snap a picture of the serial number.

## SELFIE

Take a selfie with your bike.

Keeping a digital record of your bicycle makes it easier to prove ownership if it's ever stolen.



You can also register your bike online at [denvergov.org/police](https://denvergov.org/police).

JPUN'S  
**10th**  
ANNUAL

# Save the Date

## FREE CONCERT MUSIC@

# JEFFERSON PARK 2022

WITH LOCAL BAND  
**HILLBILLY DEMONS**  
Sunday, August 28  
4 pm - 7 pm

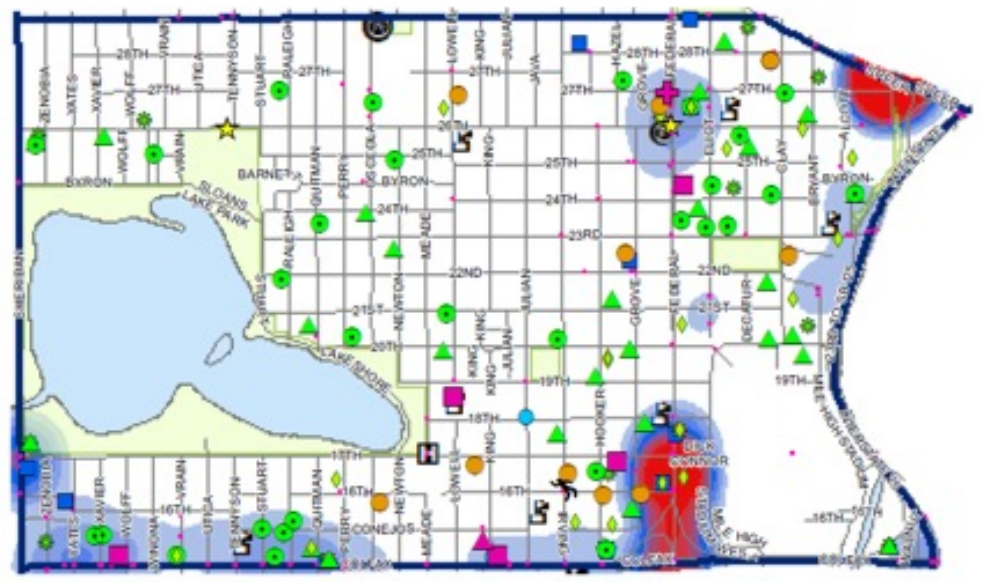


### Current 28 Day Reported Offenses

Precinct 121-Sloans Lake, Jefferson Park

Precinct	Offenses (28 Day Period)			Calls for Service (28 Day Period)					
	Previous	Current	Change	Class 1 Calls			Class 2 Calls		
	Previous	Current	Change	Previous	Current	Change	Previous	Current	Change
121	149	154	3.4%	530	659	24.3%	468	280	-40.2%

- Officer Initiated Calls
- Police Stations
- Sheriff
- Fire Station
- Hospitals
- ParkNRide
- Murder
- Agg ASLT-Firearm
- Agg ASLT-Other
- Sex Offense - Forcible
- Robbery-Business
- Robbery-Street-Res
- Simple Assault
- Burglary
- Public School
- Library
- Rec Center
- LightRailStations
- LightRail
- PNI
- District Hotspot
- Larceny
- Auto Theft
- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Criminal Mischief-Property
- Criminal Mischief-Vehicle
- Criminal Mischief-Graffiti
- Drug Offenses
- Weapons Offense
- All Other Crimes



# THINGS YOU CAN WALK, BIKE, OR TAKE A HIKE TO

**Celebrate Cinco de Mayo**  
Civic Center Park  
May 7 and May 8  
10 am – 8 pm  
[cincodemayodenver.com](http://cincodemayodenver.com)



**Denver Day of Rock**  
LoDo  
May 28, 1:45 - 9:30 pm  
[ampthecause.org](http://ampthecause.org)



**The Denver Colfax Marathon Weekend**  
May 14 and 15  
Downtown Denver  
[runcolfax.org](http://runcolfax.org)



**The Furry Scurry**  
Sat, May 7 7 am - 2 pm  
Washington Park  
[furryscurry.org](http://furryscurry.org)



**Five Points Jazz**  
Saturday, June 4  
Noon to 11 pm  
[artsandvenuesdenver.com](http://artsandvenuesdenver.com)



**Highlands Farmers Market**  
Sundays, May 22 - Oct 16  
9 am - 1 pm  
32nd Ave between  
Osceola St & Lowell Blvd  
[visitdenverhighlands.com](http://visitdenverhighlands.com)



**Sloans Lake Spring BAZAAR**  
Sat, May 21 Noon - 6 pm  
Sun, May 22 10 am - 4 pm  
Sloans Lake  
[denverbazaar.com](http://denverbazaar.com)



**Rumble at Berkeley Car Show**  
Sat, May 21, 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Berkeley Park  
[rumbleatberkeley.com](http://rumbleatberkeley.com)



**Denver Arts Festival**  
Mon, May 28  
10 am - 5 pm  
Northfield Blvd. & Valentia St  
[denverartsfestival.com](http://denverartsfestival.com)



**Civic Center EATS**  
Thurs, May 19 and 26  
11 am - 2 pm  
Civic Center Park  
[cceatsmenu.com](http://cceatsmenu.com)



**South Pearl Street Farmers Market**  
Sundays, May 1 - Nov 13  
9 am - 1 pm  
S. Pearl St between  
E. Arkansas & E. Iowa Aves  
[southpearlstreet.com](http://southpearlstreet.com)



**Totally Tennyson - Retro Pub Crawl**  
Sat, June 4 8 PM  
Oriental Theater  
4335 W 44th Ave  
[theorientaltheater.com](http://theorientaltheater.com)



**HIGHLANDS STREET FAIR**  
June 25  
10am to 7pm  
West 32nd Ave  
[highlandstreetfair.com](http://highlandstreetfair.com)

