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JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713
Password: jefferson
Call-In: 312-626-6799
Tuesday, June 14, 6:30–8:00pm
Tuesday, Aug 9, 6:30–8:00pm
All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713
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Thursday, Aug 4, 6:30–8:00pm
Thursday, Sept 1, 6:30–8:00pm
All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, June 10, 11:00am–1:00pm
Reserve a spot at: bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS

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STILL NOT SAFE TO SWIM THE SOUTH PLATTE

As Denver starts to heat up residents look for ways to cool off. One of the closest sources for a cool dip can be found at Confluence Park along the South Platte.

In 2013, Mayor Michael Hancock launched the city's Office of Sustainability. He set the goal to make the South Platte and the rest of the city's rivers swimmable and fishable by the end of the decade. But despite major upgrades at wastewater utilities along the South Platte to limit the flow of various toxicants and environmental contaminants into the river E. coli levels remain unchanged.

Within the past decade climate change has further exacerbated the situation, making the river warmer and reducing the flow to allow harmful bacteria to thrive. Climate change has also led to larger storms which creates more untreated flow into the river. At the same time, an increase in Denver's population has meant more contaminants flowing into the river from surface water runoff.

If you or your pet do happen to take a dip in the water, there are some things you can do to reduce your chances of getting sick afterwards. Wash your hands after touching the water, especially before you eat or drink anything, stay away from standing water, and wait a few days after a storm, so that the system can flush through anything that the storm washes into the river.



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BIKE TO WORK DAY / JUNE 22

DRCOG and Way to Go bring together city and county governments and other interested groups in the metro area each year to plan Bike to Work Day as a way of raising awareness of bicycle commuting. June has been designated as Colorado Bike Month, with the fourth Wednesday of the month being Bike to Work Day.
biketoworkday.co

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!



The Denver BBQ Festival will bring together legendary pitmasters from Denver, Texas, Kansas City, St. Louis, and around the nation to serve award-winning BBQ. In addition, attendees can enjoy cold beer and drinks, BBQ tutorials & demonstrations, games & activities for the whole family, and live music from bands like The Rick Lewis Project.

Admission is FREE on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, and attendees will be able to listen to great music and purchase world-class BBQ from some of the most iconic pitmasters and restaurants across the country.

For those looking for an elevated experience, VIP tickets will allow for 2.5hrs of all you can eat BBQ and private bathrooms. VIP tickets will be available for purchase starting Friday, March 4 at 10a.m. MST by visiting www.denverbbqfest.com.





Residential & Area Parking Permits

A PARKING PERMIT (RESIDENTIAL OR AREA) EXEMPTS A RESIDENT'S VEHICLE FROM THE POSTED, ON-STREET PARKING TIME LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ONLY FOR THE AREA WITHIN WHICH THE PERMIT IS VALID.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS ARE VALID ONLY ON THE BLOCK WHICH THE RESIDENT RESIDES. THE AREA PERMIT WILL EXEMPT PERMIT HOLDERS FROM CERTAIN PARKING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN A PRESCRIBED AREA.

Permit Details

Apply [OnlineApply](#) by MailRenew Permit
Before you start the online application for a Residential or Area Parking Permit, you will need electronic copies (.jpg, .tif, .pdf) of all three (3) documents below.

1. An electronic copy of one of the following documents dated within the last 30 days*:
 - Utility bill (gas, electric, water)
 - Telephone bill (land line)
 - T.V. or Internet bill
 - Current auto or home insurance document
2. An electronic copy of your valid driver's license
3. An electronic copy of your current vehicle registration

*Please note: Your applicant name and physical address must appear on all of your submitted documentation and must match the physical address for the location where the permit is being requested. P.O. boxes will not be accepted.

[Apply Now](#)

If you received a permit renewal letter in the mail, you may now renew your Residential or Area Parking Permit online.

[Renew Permit Now](#)



JOIN THE SUMMER EVENTS WITH RIVERSIDE
riversidedenver.com

Father's Day

Sunday, June 19 | 12:00 PM 1:00 PM

You know what Dads love?! Food and hanging out! Join us this Father's Day after service as we hang out and eat some hamburgers and hotdogs. See you on Father's Day!

Picnic at the Park Sloan's Lake

Wednesday, June 22 | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM

Picnic at the Park Jefferson Park

Wednesday, July 20 | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM

DENVER REDUCES PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING



The zoning change will significantly reduce the cost of building affordable housing developments.

The Denver City Council has approved a change to the city's zoning code that reduces minimum **parking requirements** for affordable housing developments. The just-updated code lowers the 'affordable housing alternative minimum parking ratio' for affordable housing projects in any district to 0.1, or one spot for every 10 units. It also upped the applicable AMI from 40 percent to 60 percent to encompass more housing. The update comes as an acknowledgement of the **pivotal role parking requirements** play in housing affordability and the vast number of unused parking spaces in the city's housing developments.

A December 2020 study found that income-restricted properties provide, on average, "50 percent more parking than residents use." Another audit of affordable and supportive housing in the city found that "Denver's zoning code required 5.5 times more parking than was needed."

The excess isn't just wasted space. Experts say parking is one of the most significant barriers to affordable housing projects both locally and across the country, sidelining or completely halting in-the-works projects because developers couldn't make the zoning-required parking work.

One parking space costs, on average, between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to construct and maintain. The Shopworks/Fox Tuttle study valued the cost of unused parking at \$9,284,000—the equivalent cost to build an entire 40-unit affordable housing property.

RIVERSIDE KIDS CAMP

Children who have completed kindergarten through fifth-grade as of the end of this school year are invited to join Riverside Kids Camp- an elective-based day camp from July 11-15th on the Riverside campus (2401 Alcott St).

The camp will run from 8:30am - 2:00 pm and lunch will be provided. Kids can learn a new skill such as basketball, dance, cooking, or acting, hear a Bible story, and play other large group games.

The first 75 kids to register using our Summer kick-off code "WELCOMESUMMER" can attend for free:

riversidedenver.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1194165

Please feel free to share this code with friends, family, and neighbors as well!



Editor Wanted

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25TH AND ELIOT MURAL INSTALLATION

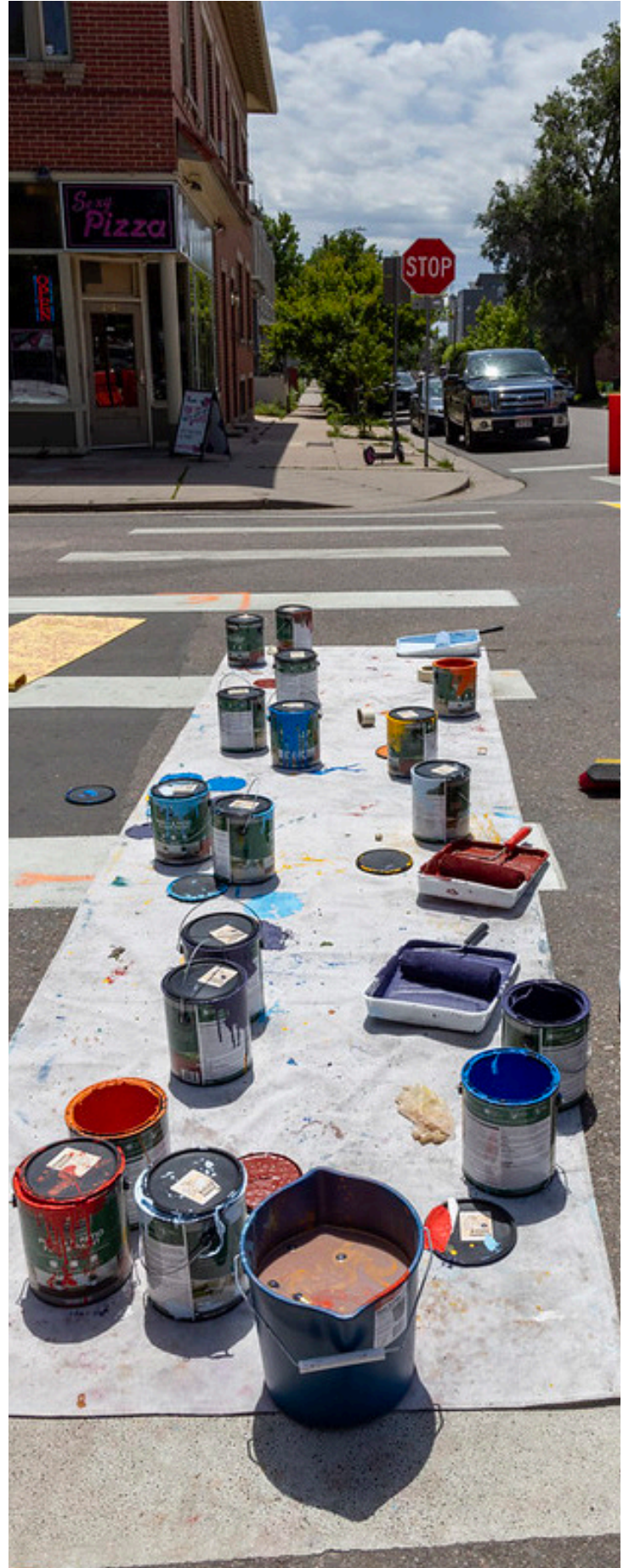
The 10 year anniversary of Better Block has been rescheduled for Friday, July 22 with live music, food, drinks and a pop-up demonstration of street design changes along 25th that Denver's Department of Transportation will do starting next year.

While a lot has certainly changed within the Business Improvement District this past decade, unfortunately in part due to Covid some of our storefronts are empty. We hope this upcoming celebration triggers the same type of economic renewal as the last Better Block.

Just like a decade ago, artists painted a mural at the intersection of 25th and Eliot. The mural helps brighten up the area as well as promotes a visual aid for cars to slow down through the intersection.

To provide a little historical perspective on the area, [link](#) to the the Better Block article that ran in our July 2012 newsletter.

jpun.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Newsletter-July-2012.pdf





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

Top Taco

Center Park,
Downtown Westminster
June 23
6 pm – 10 pm
toptacofest.com



2022 Denver PrideFest

Civic Center Park
June 25, 2022 – June 26
denverpride.org



Juneteenth Music Festival

June 17 – June 19
Downtown Denver
juneteenthmusicfestival.com



Santana + Earth, Wind & Fire

June 29
Ball Arena
ticketmaster.com/santa



Red, White and Booze Bar Crawl - Denver

Saturday, June 18
Brothers Bar & Grill
1920 Market St
eventbrite.com



Highlands Farmers Market

Sundays, May 22 – Oct 16
9 am – 1 pm
32nd Ave & Lowell Blvd
visitdenverhighlands.com



Vinyl Thursdays at Zeppelin

Thu, Jun 16, 4 PM
Sloans Lake
zeppelinstation.com



Colorado Renaissance Festival 2022

Sat, 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Larkspur, CO
June 18
coloradorenaissance.com



Scandinavian Midsummer Festival in Estes Park

June 24 – 26
Downtown Estes Park
estesmidsummer.com



Civic Center EATS

Thurs, May 19 and 26
11 am – 2 pm
Civic Center Park
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



3RD ANNUAL LOHI PRIDE MUSIC FEST

June 16 – 18
The Monkey Barrel
4401 Tejon Street
monkeybarrelbar.com/events



Belgian Brew Fest

Sat, Jun 25, 1 – 4 PM
Bruz Beers
1675 W 67th Ave
bruzbeers.com

