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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 9, 6:30–8:00pm
Tuesday, June 13, 6:30–8:00pm
All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713
Password: jefferson
Thursday, May 4, 6:30–8:00pm
Thursday, June 1, 6:30–8:00pm
All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, May 5, 11:00am–1:00pm
via Zoom
Friday, May 19, 11:00am–1:00pm
@ District 1 Office,
11:00am–1:00pm
Reserve a spot at: bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS
CD1 Office 1810 Platte St.

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JEFFERSON PARK'S ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP & CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 20 / 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, trash bags, vests and other items please sign up here or use QR code.



21th Annual
Jefferson Park
Neighborhood
Clean-Up JPUN.org

Federal BID provides for the following local food sponsors:

ARAUJO'S

RESTAURANT
AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD



PETITION TO SAVE HISTORIC ZUNI POWER PLANT FROM LA ALMA - LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



Zuni Steam Plant just south of Jefferson Park
and West of La Alma-Lincoln Park

When it opened in 1901, the Zuni Steam Plant was one of the first of its kind in the nation--a coal burning plant that generated electricity and steam heat for Denver's growing community. Over time, it became an iconic building for all of Denver. Xcel Energy is planning to demolish this building as part of its decommissioning of the steam production operation. As a community, we have an opportunity to celebrate and repurpose this building, and to embrace Xcel's 2050 carbon-free electricity commitment. The Zuni Steam Plant can become a stellar example of a 21st century carbon free community asset. The preservation of this building would also be a strong statement that recognizes the health impact of coal burning on neighborhood residents in the past and will provide an opportunity for energy justice in the future.

By signing the petition, you are standing with neighbors and City leaders to oppose demolition and insist that Xcel Energy work with the community to find a creative solution to reuse the historic building for community benefit.

Go to petition: www.change.org/ZuniSteamPlant

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 to learn more about how you or someone you know can help fill this important volunteer role. Our readers are depending on you.





32nd AVENUE between
LOWELL and NEWTON

Sundays, May 21-October 15
9am – 1pm

The Highlands Square Farmers Market will open its tent flaps on Sunday, May 21 and continue every Sunday thru October 15th. The Market strives to bring the neighborhood a weekly community event that brings friends and neighbors together in a family friendly setting while offering some of the freshest local products and produce available. The Market offers fresh produce from local farmers, jams, pastries and breads, drinks, ready to eat foods, live acoustic music and so much more! Please be aware that the Market provides produce as it becomes available in Colorado.

As that local produce is more readily available and harvested by our farmers, they will be bringing more and more each week.

visitdenverhighlands.com

29TH & SPEER PROJECT STARTS THIS SPRING



The sanitary replacement work in Speer Boulevard between West 29th Avenue and Bryant Street will begin in spring 2023.

In the meantime, you may see preconstruction utility work happening on Bryant Street between West 29th Avenue and Speer Boulevard.

The construction contractor is finalizing their plans and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) will provide more details as soon as they know the construction start date.

For information on project benefits, ways the city is reducing impacts, and a 24/7 phone hotline, go to bit.ly/SpeerSan.

Sign up to receive DOTI updates by emailing SpeerSanitary@denvergov.org.



ELITCH GARDENS OWNERS PAY \$7M FOR SITE SOUTH OF MEOW WOLF

The property — 1380 and 1432 N. Zuni St. and 1940, 1948 and 1950 W. 14th Ave. — is industrial in nature and vacant

The owners of Elitch Gardens have purchased additional land just south of the amusement park. Denver-based Revesco Properties and Kroenke Sports & Entertainment paid \$7.35 million for a 2.5-acre site in the 1300 and 1400 block of North Zuni Street in the Sun Valley neighborhood, according to public records.

Parcels within the site have two different zoning classifications, for industrial use and for mixed-use projects up to five stories.

Other recent deals in Sun Valley include the 2021 sale of office building Steam on the Platte for \$19 million and Atlanta-based Wood Partners' \$6.3 million purchase of land for an apartment complex.

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT 1

1311 W 46TH AVE,
DENVER, CO 80211

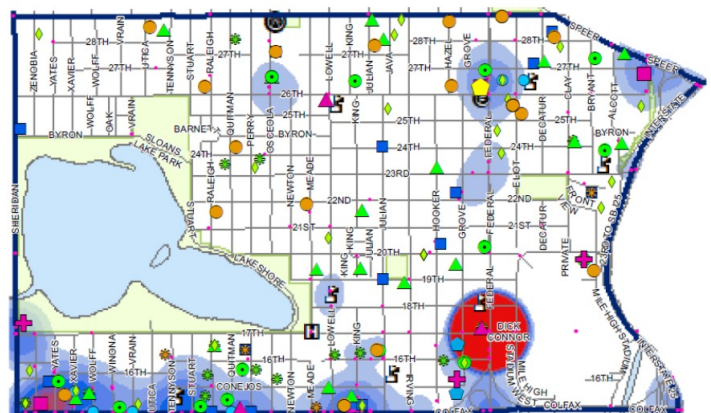
(720) 913-0400

Current 28 Day Reported Offenses

Precinct 121-Sloans Lake,
Jefferson Park

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

Precinct	Offenses (28 Day Period)			Calls for Service (28 Day Period)					
	Previous	Current	Change	Class 1 Calls			Class 2 Calls		
121	147	137	-6.8%	576	570	-1.0%	583	480	-17.7%



Near Northwest Area Plan

Phase 3 Engagement Summary

N E A R
NORTH
WEST



Get a Recap of Community Engagement Last Fall and Preview What's Next

Starting in September of last year and through the fall and early winter, city staff were out in the community, sharing potential recommendations for the plan and listening to what people in all four Near Northwest Area Neighborhoods had to say.

Some of the highlights from the Community Engagement Summary are as follows:

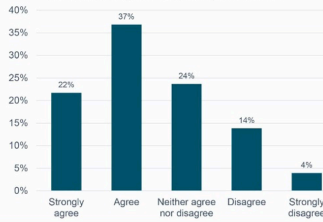
- Celebrating and Preserving the History and Culture of Neighborhoods
- Preservation of History and Culture
- Enhancing Residential Design and Compatibility
- Renovation and Additions
- Enhancing Mixed-Use Design and Encouraging More Commercial Amenities/Services
- Preventing Residential Displacement, Affordable Housing and Wealth Building
- Affordable Housing
- Wealth Building - Establishing a Near Northwest
- Community Land Trust (CLT) to acquire land and support affordable units
- Supporting Neighborhood Businesses and
- Retailers that Provide Everyday Goods and Service
- Assisting Business Districts with Promotion,
- Beautification and Maintenance
- Preserving and Growing Primary Jobs

Land Use & Economy: Highlights from Feedback

- Work on balancing preservation with other goals for the neighborhood like creating more walkability, promoting fewer cars, and creating housing options for people.
- Need to emphasize multiple cultures and heritages, including Native American, Italian, Irish, Polish, Jewish, etc.
- Continue to encourage density and limit development restrictions that add to time/cost of projects delivering more housing.
- Consider ways to encourage single-level homes, institute a maximum home size, and encourage solar/environmental design.
- Increase access to historic preservation tools and general resources for the "fixing up" of existing homes. Tax credit process takes too much time/effort.
- As numbers of renters rise, provide wealth building education not related to property ownership.
- Provide wholistic business support to help fill ground floor and small commercial spaces to avoid vacancy.
- Bring essential services to communities, such as grocery stores and laundromats, not just coffee shops.
- Continue to brainstorm on and refine the location and form of a potential Chaffee Park "Town Square".

Celebrating and Preserving the History and Culture of Neighborhoods

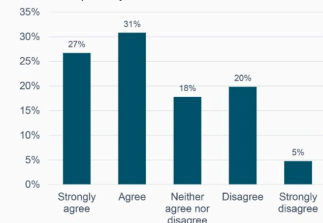
Do you think these draft recommendations adequately address the community's needs around celebrating and preserving history and culture?



59% Strongly Agree or Agree

Enhancing Residential Design and Compatibility

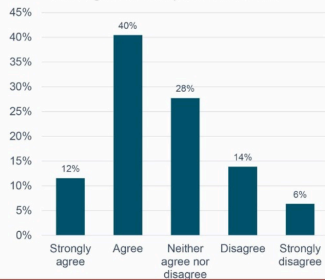
Do you think these draft recommendations adequately address the community's needs around enhancing residential design and compatibility?



58% Strongly Agree or Agree

Mobility Framework

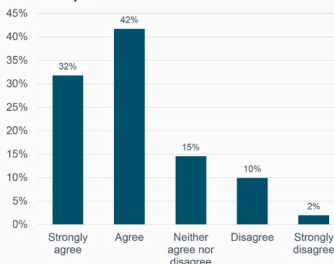
Do you think these draft recommendations address the community's needs around creating a safe transportation network?



52% Strongly Agree or Agree

Access to Healthy Food

Do you think these draft recommendations address the community's needs around access to healthy food?



74% Strongly Agree or Agree

Mobility and Quality of Life: Highlights from Feedback

- Consider noise from I-70 impacting desirability of shared street activities on Central St.
- Improve bus connections through and within the area and micro-mobility options to fill gaps.
- Increase focus on northern part of Chaffee Park, especially safety on 52nd Ave, regional connections and access to Clear Creek Federal Light Rail Station.
- Slow vehicle speeds overall.
- Improve crossings and safety on Federal Blvd
- Build more protected bike lanes and keeping modes separated.
- Address issues for cyclists moving from Highland and Jefferson Park towards downtown or accessing the regional trail system.
- Improve bicycle infrastructure along Tejon St., especially to compliment Pecos St. and Inca St.
- Expand the tree canopy, with emphasis on choosing drought and disease tolerant varieties and investing in care and maintenance.
- Explore if the city can influence the private sector to advance food access goals. Many food access models, including healthy corner stores, are not affordable or economically viable without heavy subsidy.
- Support service staff and providers to reduce turnover. Help them find housing in the neighborhood.

DRAFTS FROM NORTHWEST DENVER AREA PLAN WILL BE SHOWN AT THE JPUN CLEAN UP DAY MAY 20TH @ 9AM

Sung Han, Senior City Planner from Community Planning and Development will be on hand to show initial drafts of the Northwest Denver plan and answer any questions you may have.

You can read
details on these
categories on the
link below

Download Community
Engagement Summary



DENVER
PARKS & RECREATION

Joseph P. Martinez Park Phase 1A - Plan Implementation



Join us for an interactive virtual public meeting or in person Watch Party to give feedback on the final design for the initial phase Martinez Park!

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Watch Party Location:

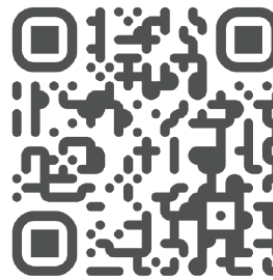
Cowell Elementary School
4540 W 10th Ave, Denver, CO 80204

Join Denver Parks & Recreation to provide your feedback on the final design of the playground and memorial plaza at Martinez Park.

Phase 1A design builds on the 2021 vision plan, which was created in collaboration with the community. Other recommendations for this initial phase include improvements on fitness area, open lawn and community pavilion.

To Register for the Virtual Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/Martinezpark1a>



or scan QR Code with your phone to register for the virtual public meeting, joining by phone is available once registered.

Dial in Information:

720.928.9299

Meeting ID:

899 5395 0849

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the virtual public meeting.

Project Timeline



PHASE 1A PUBLIC MEETING

Concept Design (Completed)

SPRING 2023

Final Design

Construction
Begins

LATE 2024



Spanish language interpretation services will be provided. Se proporcionarán servicios de interpretación en español.

A sign language interpreter or CART will be provided upon request. Three business days' notice is requested. Contact SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org

For any other public accommodation requests/concerns, DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org

For more information visit www.denvergov.org/parkprojects

GAME PLAN
for a Healthy City



DENVER MAYORAL RUNOFF DEBATE

6-7 PM | MAY 11



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DENVER MAYORAL DEBATE

Thursday, May 11 | 6-7 p.m.
Claver Hall, Regis University
Mountain View Room
52nd and Lowell Blvd.

Get to know Denver's Mayoral runoff candidates—
Kelly Brough and Mike Johnston. Regis University,
Jefferson Park United Neighbors and other
community partners invite you to a Mayoral
Runoff Debate. This is the final debate for the
Denver Mayoral candidates.

Streaming

CBS Colorado will again stream the event live,
and you can direct viewers to their website www.cbsnews.com/colorado/ when it's time or directly
to their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cbs4denver>.

Moderators

Dominic Dezzutti

Superstar and media consultant

Shaun Boyd

CBS political reporter

David Sabados

Denver North Star publisher

To Submit Questions to the
candidates, please [click here](#).

JPUN looks forward to seeing you there!

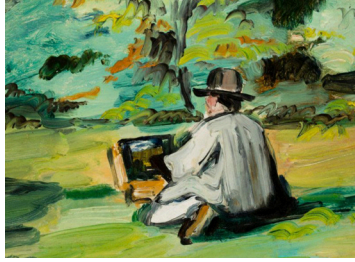
CHAMPION NEEDED FOR Inter-Neighborhood Social Summer Bike Rides

Northwest Denver neighborhood groups and Denver's Office
of Transportation and Infrastructure are looking to host
social bike ride to bring people together, enjoy Denver's
beautiful summer weather, and patronize a variety of our
local businesses. They are still in the early brainstorming
stages and would a representative or two from Jefferson
Park to plan and host rides between our areas.

Please respond to info@jpun.org if interested.

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

**The 19th Century
in European and
American Art**
May 1
Denver Art Museum
denverartmuseum.org



Cinco de Mayo Festival
May 6 and 7
7 pm
Civic Center Park
cincodemayodenver.com



TheBigWonderful
May 6
12 - 8 pm
Bellevue Station
thebigwonderful.com



**Denver Children's
Museum Free Day**
May 19, 10 am - 2 pm
Denver
mychildsmuseum.org



A Taste of Colorado
May 14
Civic Center Park
atasteofcolorado.com



Greeley Blues Jam
June 2-3
Greeley, CO
greeleybluesjam.org



**Mike the Headless
Chicken Festival**
June 2-3
Fruita, CO
miketheheadlesschicken.org



**Monster Energy
Supercross**
May 6
Empower Field
empowerfieldatmilehigh.com



Q BBQ Fest Denver
May 27 - 28
3 and 4-hour sessions
Empower Field
qbbqdenver.com



Derby at the Station
May 6
12 pm - 5 pm
Live Music
Union Station
denverunionstation.com



**Estes Park Duck
Race Festival**
May 6
Estes Park
epduckrace.org



Movies at McGregor
Starts May 4
Thursday, All Summer
6 pm - 8 pm
McGregor Square
mcgregorsquare.com

