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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, August 8, 6:30-8:00pm
Tuesday, Sept 12, 6:30-8:00pm All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713
Password: jefferson
Thursday, Aug 4, 6:30-8:00pm
Thursday, Sept 7, 6:30-8:00pm
All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

July 14th from 11:00-1:00 pm
via Zoom
July 28th from 11:00-1:00 pm. @ District 1 Office,
11:00am-1:00pm
Reserve a spot at: bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS
CD1 Office 1810 Platte St.

MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT TO SUPPORT JPUN

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, your JPUN contribution is tax deductible. Send your contribution to: 2001 Eloit St. Denver, CO 80211

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21ST ANNUAL JPUN CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who participated in JPUN's 21st annual Neighborhood Clean Up. It was a great way to meet your neighbors while doing something tangible to help your neighborhood. Neighbors fueled up for a morning of labor with breakfast burritos from Araujo's and a great selection of sweet and savory pastries from Petunias. Thanks to Safeway

and Federal BID who helped with additional food and drink. Denver Public Works and Denver Park and Rec provided trash grabbers and helped coordinate the park cleanup along with the beautification of the flowerbed. The Broncos Stadium District Management provided a gator and employees to help along with a team of volunteers from Riverside Church. We'd also like to thank Dumpster.com whose 20 ton rolloff was filled to the brim as well as our long time Queen of Clean Kym Foster who chaired the event.



Save the DATE

Music@Jefferson Park Volunteer Meeting

Sexy Pizza

Tuesday July 25 @ 6pm

Come meet your neighbors and learn how you can help with the 11th Annual Music@JeffersonPark summer concert on Sunday Aug 27. Tap into your social media connections or feed the need to be a roadie while feasting on some free Sexy Pizza. A great way to help activate our park while building community. Please consider volunteering with this long standing event.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Email any stories, comments or ideas to our Editor at:
newsletter@jpun.org

All copy/photos/advertisements submitted to our Jefferson Park United Neighbors Newsletter will be edited and reviewed by our volunteer staff for style, grammar and content. JPUN reserves the right to refuse publication of any submitted material that does not meet our standards for a positive, educational community newsletter.

BECOME INVOLVED

Joining the JPUN community is an excellent way to support the residents and businesses in your neighborhood. There is no cost for membership and all property owners, renters, businesses and business-owners within the boundaries of the Jefferson Park neighborhood are welcome to join.

Benefits of joining our community:

- meet your neighbors and better connect with your local businesses
- participate in neighborhood events
- opportunities to plan the future of the area including zoning changes and redevelopment
- engage with others to ensure safety and security within the neighborhood
- easily connect with city government and public safety officials

For more information, please, contact us or sign-up to [become a member](#).

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!

AROUND TOWN EVENTS



Celebrate Bike Month!

School is out and biking is in for Colorado's Bike Month in June! As the days get warmer and longer, it is the perfect time to explore Denver by bike.

Bike to Work Day: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Ditch your vehicle and take a "Joyride" with your bike for Bike to Work Day on June 28th. Pop-up stations will be located across the city to cheer you on and hand out breakfast and swag.

Pledge to ride, find a pop-up station, and get shareable promotional materials on the [Bike to Work Day website](#).

Explore route planning resources on the [Denver's Plan Your Route webpage](#).



The Care and Keeping of your Historic Home

Please join us for our Summer of Celebration

Have questions about the upkeep of your home?

Ask the experts from Historic Denver!

[To sign up here for this free event.](#)

Thursday, June 22 6:00 pm
The Lumber Baron Inn
2555 W. 37th Avenue
Workshop presented by Historic Denver



RED TOP PIZZA PRE-OPENING RECEPTION For JPUN Residents

Red Tops Rendezvous, a new Detroit-style pizza and Italian specialties restaurant, and Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) are teaming up for a pre-opening reception for Jefferson Park residents.

Stop by the restaurant at 2917 W 25th Ave from 4pm-6pm, July 2, 3 or 4th and mention JPUN to join an open house, standing reception-style gathering.

Red Tops will have complimentary pizza to try for guests. You can also purchase any other food on their menu or any wine, beer or cocktails from their bar. They're going to be a great addition to our business improvement district.

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.



DENVER SKATEPARK

Stop by to
check out the
new murals
being unveiled
at Denver
Skatepark!

GO SKATE DAY!

JOIN DENVER PARKS & RECREATION FOR A DROP-IN FREE
FAMILY-FRIENDLY SKATEBOARD EVENT AT THE
DOWNTOWN DENVER SKATEPARK. LOANER SKATEBOARDS,
HELMETS AND BASIC INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED.

**JUNE
21
2023**

**8:00 – 11:00 AM: Free Lessons
4:00 – 6:00 PM: DJ**

**2205 19th Street
Denver, CO 80202**

Note: 19th St (between Little Raven and Platte St)
will be closed starting at 8:00 AM



Sign up to stay updated
on Denver Skate Parks!

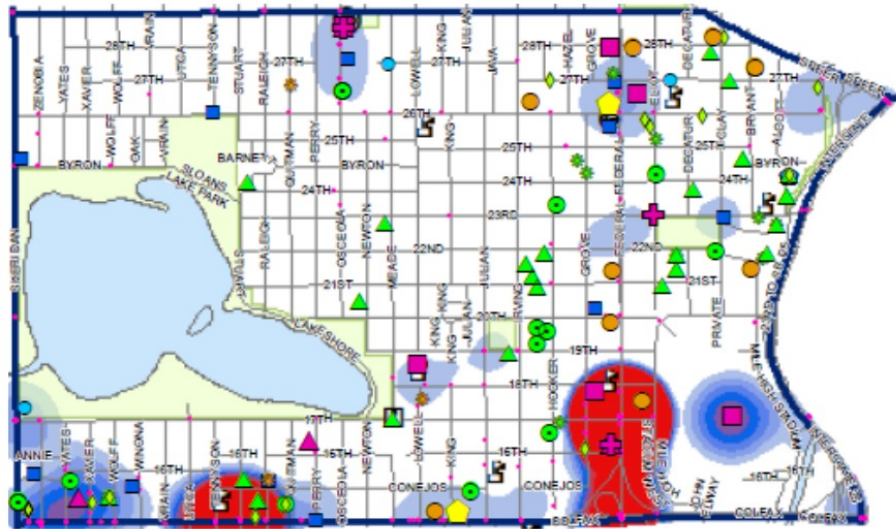


Current 28 Day Reported Offenses

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		
121	145	130	-10.3%	570	612	7.4%	480	778	62.1%

- Officer Initiated Calls
- Police Stations
- Sheriff
- Fire Station
- Hospitals
- ParkNRide
- Public School
- Library
- Rec Center
- Light Rail Stations
- Light Rail
- PNI
- District Hotspot
- Murder
- Agg ASLT-Firearm
- Agg ASLT-Other
- Sex Offense -Forcible
- 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



GUNFIGHT AT RODEWAY INN LEAVES ONE MAN DEAD

One man is dead and an injured Denver police officer was hospitalized following an early morning shooting near Rodeway Inn, 2600 block of Zuni Street at the Northeast edge of Jefferson Park.

The police officer was parked outside the hotel and witnessed a man enter a hotel and leave shortly after around 4:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 7. Upon leaving, the suspect allegedly drew a gun and began firing at the officer.

The officer was struck but managed to seek cover and return fire. Both parties exchanged gunfire until the suspect went down. Both the officer and the suspect were transported to a hospital.

The suspect was later pronounced dead. Despite being shot three times, the officer's bulletproof vest helped save his life and his injuries were deemed non-life threatening. Police said there is no clear motive at this time.

DENVER NORTHSTAR PICKS UP 23RD AVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TOPIC

Gannon Rothman, a writer from the Denver NorthStar read an article in the JPUN newsletter questioning CDOT on why hasn't the 23rd Ave bridge been replaced when other bridges have. The outcome is a story The Denver NorthStar allowed us to reprint.

FAILING BRIDGES SOON TO BE REPLACED BY CDOT, BUT NO DATE SET

By Gannon Rothman

Despite being a gateway to downtown Denver, the bridge on Speer Boulevard is most notable for its shattered concrete and exposed rebar. In a stakeholder meeting that was held in December 2021 with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the deck conditions were given a poor rating, with load capacity and clearance not meeting the state's standards.

Since then, CDOT has been looking into replacing the bridges at 23rd Avenue

and Speer Boulevard. A list of proposed improvements has been added that includes upgrades to pedestrian and bicyclist safety, higher clearance and improved mainline flow coming from I-25.

So far, preliminary designs are the only way to see what the project will address. Constructed in the 1950s, the two bridges have the lowest clearance heights on all of I-25. This creates issues for drivers with vehicles too tall to go under these bridges, forcing them to divert around traffic and away from the regional highway. The December meeting also addressed several overpasses that reported the highest mainline incidents for on- and off-ramps coming from north and southbound I-25.

The bridges with the most incidents reported included Speer Boulevard and 23rd Avenue. Meanwhile, growth around I-25 is expected to increase to 15% through 2040, according to CDOT's report. Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) has been interested in the project potentially affecting the neighborhood, and the organization's president has been trying to get CDOT's attention for some time.

"It's just not a Jefferson Park issue. It's a gateway issue. There is a need to utilize that transportation option," said Michael Guiietz, president of JPUN. "The city can't preach that there has to be density without providing multi-mobile transportation options for residents."

CDOT's timeline for the project is not set in stone either, with construction possibly starting this summer. Presley Fowler, the Region 1 deputy communications manager for CDOT, reminded people that this project is still in its "study" phase.

"The project is in a preliminary design (phase)," Fowler said. "We're analyzing existing conditions. It's like studying the highway."

The project is using details from existing conditions and proposed alternatives from the I-25 Central Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study to develop an effective solution that not only remedies current problems, but will align with the future vision for the interstate corridor and the surrounding area and community.

"We've been promised this since at least 2019 that this was going to start getting engaged, and it's disheartening to hear that after all this time they're still stalling and reviewing costs," Guiietz said. "We've been told on multiple occasions that they were going to come to the various neighborhoods in northwest Denver and start the process of letting people know what they were going to attempt to do and give us timelines."

This is the first project coming from the PEL study that was conducted between the fall of 2017 and winter of 2019. The study identified congestion issues on I-25 between Santa Fe Drive and 20th Street, and sought where safety improvements could be made. CDOT is also addressing environmental concerns within the corridor throughout the study.

According to a CDOT report from April 2020 on the PEL study, at least three bridges have deficient clearance, with vertical clearance as low as 12 feet 5 inches. This has resulted in frequent bridge strikes from vehicles that are too tall driving on I-25's north and southbound lanes.

Adding more bicycle and pedestrian improvements was another necessary outcome included in the project. Of the multiple I-25 crossings, two are pedestrian-only that include 16th Street and Speer Boulevard. All other crossings within the corridor include a mix of multi-use paths, signed routes and shared lanes. For pedestrians crossing over the 23rd Avenue bridge, they must navigate a section without sidewalk, and bicyclists must go through narrow lanes without buffers on their sides.

Building additional crossings for cyclists and pedestrians, and improving these crossings throughout eastwest connections over I-25, are also necessary outcomes within the project's scope.

"CDOT has a specialty team that prioritizes bridges across the state. Safety is generally the top concern with any project," Fowler said. "We do bridge maintenance constantly."

To bring these two bridges up to standards, CDOT estimated the project to cost between \$65 and \$80 million, according to the initial 2020 report. However, that number could change after CDOT is finished analyzing alternatives.

"We don't know the full scope of the project," Fowler added. "The sole outcome of the project is to replace the bridges."



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

Cherry Creek Arts Festival
Sat. - Mon. July 1-3
Cherry Creek North
cherryarts.org



Zeds Dead & Friends
July 4
2 pm
Civic Center Park
www.axs.com



A Taste of Colorado
July 9 & August 6
Civic Center Park
Bellevue Station
atasteofcolorado.com



4th of July Fireworks
July 4 - July 5
Civic Center Park
eventbrite.com



Colorado Renaissance Festival
June 18 - August 7
Larkspur CO
coloradorennaissance.com



Free Day Childrens Museum
July 21
10 am - 2 pm
mychildsmuseum.org/visit



Cheesman Park Art Fest
July 22nd and 23rd
Free
dashevents.com



RiNo Summer Art Market
July 15
12-4 pm / Free
rinoartdistrict.org



Taylor Swift - The Eras Tour Concert
July 14 -15
6:30 pm
Empower Field
empowerfield.atmilehigh.com



*** Reminder - This event will have Parking Enforcement both nights.**

Swifties at the Station
July 14 - July 15
1:00 - 7 pm / Free
Pre-Concert Event
Union Station
eventbrite.com



...Ready For It?: Taylor Swift Silent Disco
July 08
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
McGregor Square
mcgregorsquare.com

