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JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF JEFFERSON PARK UNITED NEIGHBORS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Riverside Church Chapel
(2401 Alcott St. Northeast side of property)
Tuesday, February 13, 6:30–8:00pm
Tuesday, March 12, 6:30–8:00pm
All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713
Password: jefferson
Thursday, March 7, 6:30–8:00pm
Thursday, April 4, 6:30–8:00pm
All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, February 9, 12 pm - 2 pm
Friday, February 16, 12 pm - 2 pm
Sign-up: bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS
JPUN would like to thank Councilwoman Sandoval and her office for their generous contribution to our 501c3 nonprofit.

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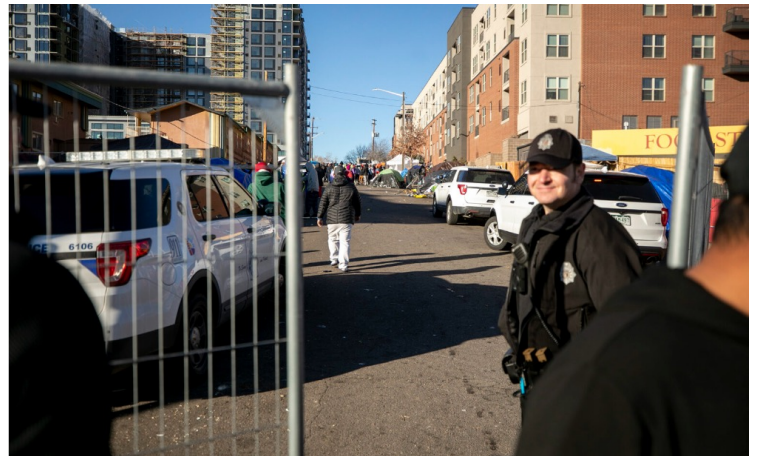


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FEBRUARY 13 JPUN MEETING DISCUSSION

CITY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MIGRANT CRISIS AT FEB 13 JPUN MEETING

The encampment of newly arrived migrants started on a strip of grass where TV reporters often do live remotes at Speer and Zuni during the early summer of 2023. It steadily grew throughout the year to encompass the Rodeway Inn and stretch south along Alcott.



Officials clear out an encampment, mostly populated by newly arrived migrants, from the area around an old motel on Zuni Street at the edge of Jefferson Park. Jan. 3, 2024. Kevin J. Beaty/

All of it culminated on January 3, 2024, when the city deemed the camps unsafe and had police and city workers clear the area.

The area is now littered with protective fencing though migrants still remain in the area unsure where to go next.

You can read a recent national [CNN article](#) posted on January 31st detailing how Denver is nearing the breaking point with such a large population influx along with a [Denverite article](#) detailing the sweeps on Jan 3rd.

As of publication, city officials including Deputy Chief of Staff - Mayor's Office, Denver's Housing and Stability, Department of Human Service and Councilwoman Sandoval have confirmed they will attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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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—Xcel800-895-4999
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!



DPS SCHOOL CHOICE WINDOW IS NOW OPEN!

**DPS SchoolChoice for the
2024-25 school year is now open
through 4 p.m. Feb. 12!**

The process is for students who want or need to attend a new school for the following school year, particularly incoming kindergarten, sixth- and ninth-grade students. All incoming **ECE students**, as well as incoming students who reside in an enrollment zone, must complete an application.

Research your school options using the **School Finder, Enrollment Guides, FAQs** or by contacting schools directly.

To apply, **create an account** or sign in using your Parent Portal login. Then, rank your schools in order of preference and submit your application before 4 p.m. Feb. 12.

Results will be released late March.

Call 720-423-3493, email schoolchoice@dpsk12.org or visit schoolchoice.dpsk12.org for more information.

FEDERAL BOULEVARD PEDESTRAIN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT W 23RD AVE TO W 27 AVE

DAYTIME LANE CLOSURES ON FEDERAL BOULEVARD

Crews continue reconstruction of W. 25th Avenue east of Federal Boulevard. To safely remove and construct a more pedestrian-friendly street, a full closure of W. 25th Avenue from Federal Boulevard east, halfway to Eliot Street, is in place through the spring. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic are advised to detour east via 24th or 26th Avenues to Eliot Street to access 25th Avenue. Pedestrian access to businesses on W. 25th Avenue will be maintained.

To support reconstruction parking is temporarily restricted on W. 25th Avenue between Federal Boulevard and Eliot Street through the spring.

Underground work on Federal Boulevard will require daily intermittent lane closure, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, January 16 through Friday, February 9.

Travelers are encouraged to choose alternate routes to avoid these temporary lane closures and travel impacts. Weather or additional unforeseen circumstances may affect the schedule.

See map for closure limits,
detour routes and parking restrictions.

Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI), in partnership with its contractor, Concrete Express, continue to provide safety improvements for Federal Boulevard between West 23rd and West 27th Avenues and create a safer environment for pedestrians crossing the stretch and accessing local business destinations.

Project improvements include:

- Upgrading pedestrian ramps on Federal Blvd at West 25th and West 26th Avenues.
- Adding concrete bulb-outs at several corners to shorten pedestrian crossing distances and slow vehicle turns.
- Installing a HAWK signal on Federal Blvd. at West 25th Avenue. People on foot and on bikes can activate the

HAWK signal to stop vehicles traveling on Federal to cross the street more safely.

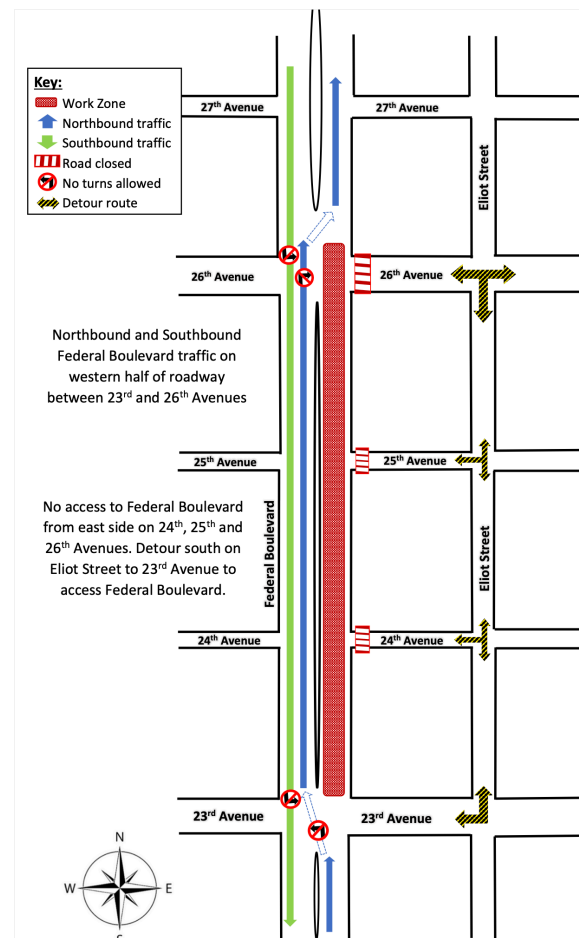
- Transform West 25th Avenue from Federal Blvd to Eliot Street into a more pedestrian friendly street with a narrowed and curved design to slow vehicle speeds (known as a chicane) and install green infrastructure on this block to provide water quality and natural plantings to beautify and cool the environment.

- Upgrade the stormwater infrastructure at W. 25th and W. 26th Avenues and on Eliot Street to improve drainage and reduce flood risks.

OPEN PROJECT MAP

Throughout the work, operations will require travel impacts along this stretch of Federal Boulevard. Crews will utilize intermittent lane closures and shift the path of vehicle travel to support the safety of the workers. Crews will also require temporary sidewalk closures. Alternate access/routes will be provided. Residents can stay informed by visiting our webpage. The project is anticipated to wrap up by fall 2024.

All work is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if conditions do not permit crews to safely complete planned operations.





WEST 38TH AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

You're Invited to Talk About Transportation Improvements!

If you drive, bike, walk or take public transit to or on West 38th Avenue, you're invited to discuss your experience traveling on the corridor and to express your vision for a safer West 38th Avenue during a virtual public meeting on Thursday, February 15.

You can register to attend this virtual public meeting by clicking [here](#).

Please share this meeting invitation with your friends and family and join the project team to share your comments, concerns, hopes and vision for better travel on West 38th Avenue!

Public Meeting #1
Thursday, February 15, 2024
5:30-7:00 pm
[Register Here](#)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) has launched the West 38th Avenue Corridor Study to improve mobility and safety, plan for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and identify ways to 'green' the corridor. The study intends to build upon public input, findings, and recommendations from previous relevant studies.

West 38th Avenue has been identified as a corridor in need of investment through various previous projects, each with its own community outreach efforts and outcomes. The corridor study will begin by analyzing the feasibility and compatibility of these previous recommendations and current community needs.

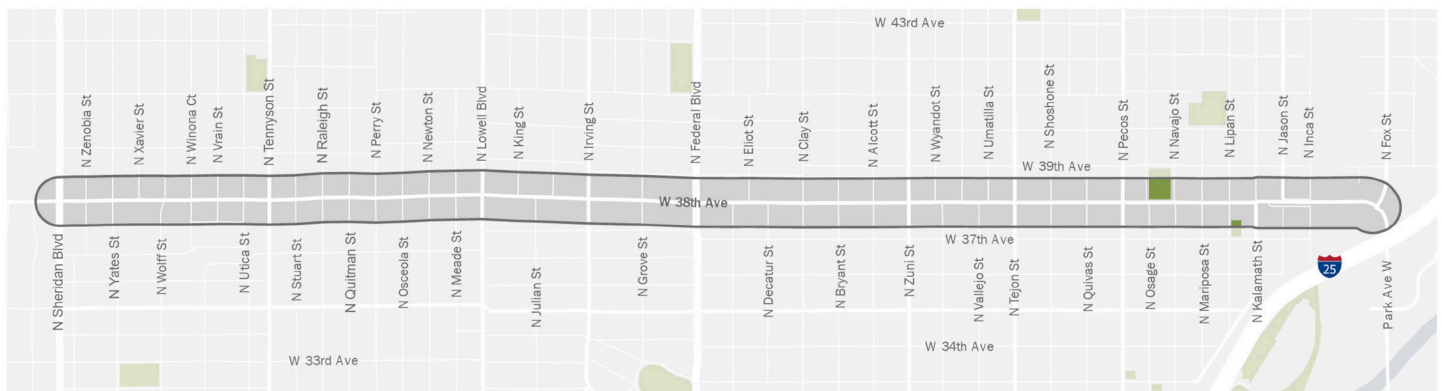
The study's intended outcome is to create a cohesive plan for the entire corridor that guides future capital improvement projects and adjacent development.

[VISIT PROJECT WEBSITE](#)

[SIGN-UP FOR UPDATES](#)

Study Area

West 38th Avenue Corridor Study



LEAD REDUCTION IN JEFFERSON PARK

Representatives from Denver Water will be at the February JPUN Meeting to discuss the removal of lead service line pipes in and around Jefferson Park, when it will occur and what to do before, during and after their removal.

Part of Denver Water's online construction map that shows where (yellow polygons) lead service lines will be replaced this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

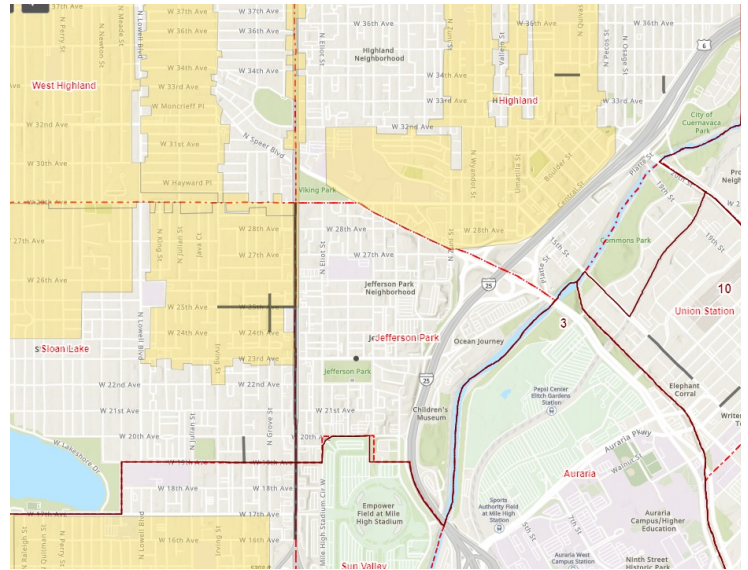
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Lead is heavy on our mind.

Though the water we provide is safe, clean and lead-free, lead can get into the water as it moves through customer-owned plumbing. So we're replacing customer service lines, one impacted property at a time. To find out if you're one of them, visit our website.

Learn more at [DenverWater.org/Lead](https://denverwater.org/lead)

DENVER WATER
LEAD REDUCTION PROGRAM



CIVIC CENTER STARGAZE

Join Civic Center Stargaze for a celestial journey in the heart of the city! Experience moonrises and stargazing on the main promenade one Wednesday evening per month just after sunset. Delight in the enchanting atmosphere with hot beverages and dessert food trucks. This FREE event has limited space, so don't miss your chance to connect with the night sky.

February 21, 5 PM - 9 PM

March 20, 5 PM - 9 PM

April 24, 5 PM - 9 PM

Find event details and updates at
civiccenterpark.org.





denver STREETS PARTNERSHIP

GET PAID TO RIDE YOUR BIKE

Denver Streets Partnership is launching a new pilot program, in partnership with Denver's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency, to incentivize Denverites to ride their bikes more!

The program is aimed at folks who mostly get around by car but would be more inclined to ride a bike in exchange for resources like coaching, a stipend toward bike needs, or cash. If that sounds like you, check out their webpage for more information and to apply.

Applications are prioritized from residents of historically disinvested communities in Denver, low-income folks and people of color, since they have been burdened the most from our current transportation system and would stand to benefit the most from participating in this pilot. However, we're taking all applications, regardless of whether or not you meet these criteria. So if you've looked longingly at your bike sitting unused in your garage and wished you had something to nudge you to use it for transportation (besides, obviously, better infrastructure and policies making it safer and more convenient), take a look at the program and apply before February 29, 2024.

They are also hiring for three part-time Bike Buddies to provide support to the participants in this program.

Each Bike Buddy will be assigned to multiple participants and provide up to 4 hours of personalized assistance to each participant, including route-finding for specific locations, and bicycle safety and maintenance.

If you're interested, apply by emailing a resume and short statement of interest to jace@denverstreetspartnership.org by February 10, 2024.

WINTER BIKE TO WORK DAY

Friday, February 9th
from 6:00 am - 9:30 am

Join cyclists worldwide in celebrating Winter Bike to Work Day on February 9, 2024. This annual event encourages cyclists to brave the elements and commute to work on their bikes.

Stop by the City and County of Denver's Winter Bike to Work Day Station at 1437 Bannock St from 6:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Learn safe biking practices and discover the latest in Denver's bicycle commuting scene. Test-ride Lime or Lyft e-scooters or e-bikes, and seize the opportunity to win exciting prizes from this year's event.

If you're planning to participate, please register on the **Bike to Work Day** webpage. Additional BTWD stations on the map here:
<https://biketoworkday.co/map>

This event takes place on Bannock Street between West Colfax Avenue and West 14th Avenue, which is closed to general traffic.

Some metered spaces on West 14th Avenue will be bagged and unavailable for public parking.





DOWNTOWN DENVER RINK AT SKYLINE PARK

The Rink is still open through
FEBRUARY 11 and admission is free!

Winter Warm-up Donation Drive

Half off skate rentals with
donation of warming item
Mon–Thurs: 12 PM – 5 PM
Fri–Sat: 10 AM – 10 PM
Sun: 11 AM – 6 PM

Super Bowl Sunday (2/11): 11 AM – 3 PM

The breakdown of the rink is scheduled for
February 12th through the 20th.

On Sunday, February 18th from 7:30 AM –
5:00 PM there will be closures of the traffic
lanes, bike lane and sidewalk on Arapahoe
St. between 16th Street and 17th Street. Staff
in vests will be present to help manage
traffic and garage exiting.

Learn more about the rink [here](#),
including info about open skating,
broomball, and other special events
at the Downtown Denver Rink.

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,
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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.



HELP CHOOSE A NEW LOGO FOR OUR BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Federal Boulevard Business Improvement District is updating its brand and logo.

FBID (see we need a brand!) is located along Federal from 22nd to 27th streets and the businesses at West 25th Avenue and Eliot Street.

We are starting with the brand, logo to follow, and we are looking for feedback from the Jefferson Park residents.

You can see the brand concepts and provide your feedback [here](#).



VALENTINE'S DAY 4 MILE RUN/WALK

Sunday, February 11
from 9 - 10:15 am
Washington Park

If running is your love language -
you won't want to miss our
Valentine's Day 4 Mile!

Share your love story! #Run4TheLoveOfIt

[CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#)

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PARK**

AUGUST 25TH, 2024

Want to help? president@jpun.org

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JEFFERSON PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD
CLEAN-UP
May 18th, 2024

More details to come!

DENVER TACKLES AUTO THEFT

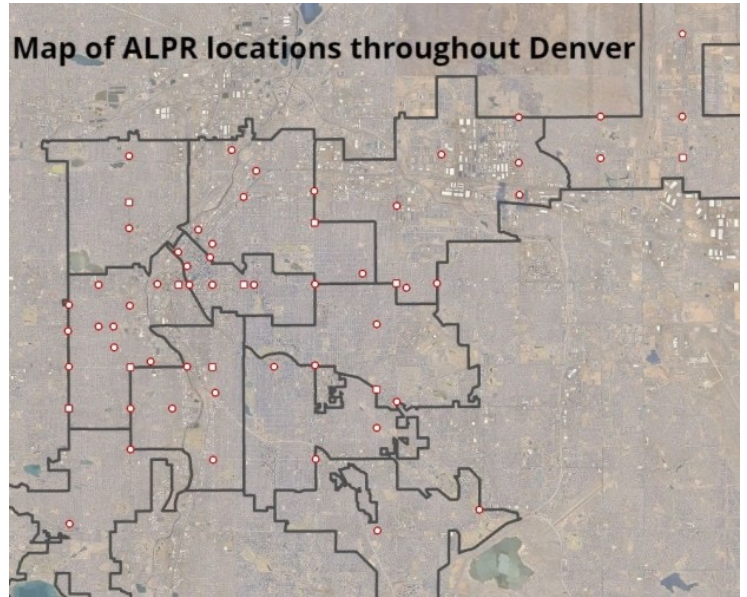
The Denver Police Department and Mayor Mike Johnston have teamed up to introduce a new auto theft program in an effort to tackle the ongoing problem.

It is a part of a five-part plan as the city looks to hire more officers to provide help to drivers who are at the greatest risk of being stolen due to software updates.

The department also solidified the Denver Auto Theft team, which is helping and encouraging drivers to sign up for its track program that works along with the vehicle's GPS system to locate stolen cars in real-time.

The city has been a hotspot for auto thefts in a state that has been among the worst nationwide for years, but a city and overall state decrease has officials looking to expand efforts to reduce the crime even further. **Denver saw a 19% decrease in 2023 and the state's Auto Theft Prevention Authority recorded a 21% decrease overall from 2022 to 2023.**

DPD's final plan includes installing 111 special cameras called Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) that will be built into 70 intersections around the city. The cameras have the ability to scan and read the license plates of stolen vehicles. Once the car is identified as stolen, the cameras will scan for the license plate to find where the vehicle is currently located so motorists can recover it quicker.



This map shows where the Denver Police Department will place 111 automated license plate readers in an effort to decrease the rate of auto theft in the city. (Provided by the Denver Mayor's Office)

The license plate reader technology will not only be used for auto theft but will also help solve violent crimes along with hit-and-run incidents.

**LAST YEAR, THERE WERE
10,942 THEFTS AND 9,444
RECOVERIES IN DENVER.**



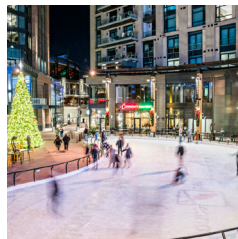
THINGS YOU CAN WALK, BIKE, OR TAKE A HIKE TO

McGregor Skate

through February 25

Downtown McGregor Square

mcgregorsquare.com



Big Game Watch Party

February 11

Punch Bowl Social

punchbowlsocial.com



Joy on Tap 21+ Event

February 22

Childrens Museum

7 pm

mychildsmuseum.org



Thursday Night Trivia

7 pm - 9 pm

Little Machine Beer

littlemachinebeer.com



Black History Live

through February 17

Colorado Humanities

coloradohumanities.org



2024 Colorado Garden & Home Show

February 24

10 am - 6 pm

Colorado Convention Center

coloradogardenfoundation.org



Cupid's Undie Run

February 24

2 pm - 4 pm

Stoney's Bar & Grill

my.cupids.org



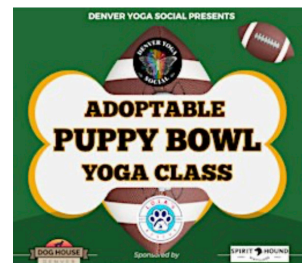
Adoptable Puppy Bowl

February 11

1:00 am - 12:30 pm

Dog House Denver

eventbrite.com



A Year With Frog & Toad

February 24

11 am - 2 pm

Arvada Center

onstagecolorado.com



All Stars: American Artists from The Phillips Collection

through March 7th

Denver Art Museum

denverartmuseum.org



LODO Craft Beer Tour

By Denver Microbrew Tour

through February 25

Wynkoop Brewing Company

denvermicrobrewtour.com



Denver Restaurant Week

March 1 - 10

Explore Menus

denverrestaurantweek.com



Olde Town Arvada

Mardi Gras

February 13

5 pm - 8 pm

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