

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

JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

UNITED NEIGHBORS

Riverside Church Chapel 2401 Alcott St. - Northeast side of property Tuesday, May 14, 6:30–8:00pm Tuesday, June 11, 6:30–8:00pm All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 2, 6:30–8:00pm Thursday, June 6, 6:30–8:00pm All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Virtual - Friday, May 24, 11:00am-1:00pm Reserve a spot at: bit.ly/ CD10FFICEHOURS

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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

GET NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

jeffersonpark.nextdoor.com and JPUN.org







JPUN'S 22nd ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP & CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 18 / 9AM JEFFERSON PARK PLAYGROUND

Fuel up with a FREE Breakfast. Bring your friends and meet your neighbors to give our park and neighborhood a Spring cleaning!

Denver Public Works and Denver Park and Rec will be on hand to provide trash grabbers and help coordinate park cleanup along with the beautification of the flowerbed. Trash bags will be provided to collect trash though out the neighborhood. Please bring your own set of gloves.

To help us order food, trash bags, vests and other items please sign up <u>HERE</u> or use QR code.



Please thank Federal BID and these local businesses when you stop in for helping sponsor this great community 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 REFERE	ENCE!



SUN VALLEY VIADUCT NIGHT MARKET

Saturday May 18 at 4pm-10pm
The south end of Empower Field,
Parking Lot B, under the Colfax Viaduct

The Sun Valley Rising Viaduct Night Market welcomes you to celebrate culture, art and food at our 3rd annual event! Local chefs, artisans, and entrepreneurs throughout Denver will be in attendance along with live entertainment.



Join us for our annual Spring Plant Sale on Friday, May 10 & Saturday, May 11 from 10am - 3pm at the DUG Office!

Just in time for spring planting (and Mother's Day), you can get everything you need for a fruitful gardening season from organic seeds + seedlings to compost and even sustainable gardening tips from our staff and local experts. Plus, we have plenty of surprises we cannot wait to share with you! Attendance is completely FREE and DOES NOT require an RSVP.

STREET SWEEPING SEASON IN FULL FORCE

Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) is reminding residents that street sweeping season has started and is encouraging people to check the red and white signs on their block for parking restrictions and move their car on their street sweeping day to avoid a \$50 citation.

Denver's annual street sweeping program removes dirt and debris off city streets, keeping it out of our air and water and making our environment cleaner and healthier. Denver asks residents to move their cars on their street sweeping day so the sweepers can reach all the way to the curb line where dirt accumulates. The removal of debris also prevents storm sewer inlets from getting clogged. DOTI also reminds people not to sweep leaves into the street.

In addition to checking for red and white posted street sweeping signs on their block, residents can look up their street sweeping schedule and sign up for email/text reminders by visiting www.denvergov.org. The posted street season runs April through November.



Editor

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.



FEDERAL BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT W 23RD AVENUE TO W 27TH AVENUE

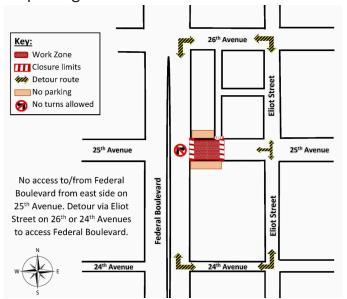
Sidewalk closures on W 25th Ave East of Federal Boulevard

Reconstruction of W. 25th Avenue east of Federal Boulevard progresses as crews work to safely remove and construct a more pedestrian-friendly street. A full closure and parking restrictions remains in place on W. 25th Avenue from Federal Boulevard east, halfway to Eliot Street, through the spring. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic are advised to detour east via 24th or 26th Avenues to Eliot Street to access 25th Avenue.

To implement pedestrian improvements on W. 25th Avenue, crews will remove portions of the existing sidewalks, while maintaining business access, and install new, improved sidewalks east of Federal Boulevard to Eliot Street. This work will require various sidewalk closures for approximately 2 months that began Monday, April 1.

Pedestrian access to businesses on W. 25th Avenue will be maintained.

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



Underground work on Federal Boulevard requires daily intermittent lane closure, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DOTI encourages travelers to choose alternate routes to avoid these temporary lane closures and travel impacts.

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 this 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.

GOVERNMENT FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES

The Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board (PRAB)
addresses concerns about
park safety and maintenance.
They solicit public comment at
their meetings on the second
Wednesday of the month at
5:30 on Zoom.
For more information, go to
denvergov.org/PRAB.

The Department of
Transportation and
Infrastructure (DOTI)
Advisory Board
also welcomes public
comments at their Zoom
meetings on the second
Tuesday of the month at 4 pm.
Sign up a week in advance at
DOTI AB@denvergov.org.

Officer Appreciation BBQ!

Wednesday, May 15th from 4-7 pm District One Station 1311 W 46th Ave



Come by to talk to officers and enjoy some great BBQ and deserts!

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SLOAN'S LAKE SPRING BAZAAR COMING MAY11-12

Gum Pop Presents will be hosting a Spring Bazaar on May 11 and 12 from 11 am until 5 pm at 16th and Raleigh. Enjoy shopping for food, beverages, and merchandise from local vendors.

Raleigh St. and 16th Avenue will be closed to traffic from 7 am Saturday, May 11 until 8 pm Sunday, May 12. For more information, visit www.denverbazaar.com or call 720 443-0332.

FOOD TRUCKS COMING TO PACO SANCHEZ PARK

Denver Parks and Recreation is planning to launch Feast in Denver's Nature, a food truck pilot program in three locations this summer. One of those locations is Paco Sanchez Park.

Three different food trucks will be in the park on Wednesdays and Saturdays from midday to early evening from June 5 until August 31.

Applications from food truck vendors will be accepted through April 19.









HOSTED BY THE DENVER MAYOR'S OFFICE IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH COUNCIL PRO TEM AMANDA P. SANDOVAL



MAY 07, 2024 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION

DENVER NORTH HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA 2960 SPEER BLVD. DENVER, CO 80211

Open to all community members, register early here: https://tinyurl.com/MOCommunity







BUS RAPID TRANSIT ON FEDERAL BLVD MOVES FORWARD

RTD is announcing the next step in the Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

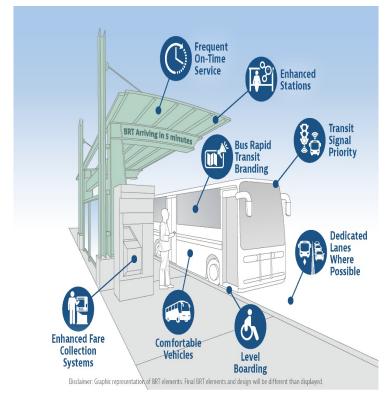
BRT is a high-capacity, efficient bus service that incorporates elements of light rail, such as enhanced stations, all-door boarding, purchasing tickets before riding, and in some locations, dedicated bus lanes. Bringing BRT to one of Denver's busiest transit corridors (Federal Boulevard from Dartmouth Avenue in the south to 120th Avenue in the north) will improve travel by transit on the corridor with attractive, enhanced bus stations and fast reliable service. The project is currently in the design phase, and construction is set to begin in 2027 with service starting in 2030.

Project Benefits

- Provide reliable, high-frequency bus service along 18 miles of Federal Blvd. from northern Westminster to southern Denver, one of the highest ridership transit corridors in the Denver region
- Increase safe, accessible and affordable transportation choices for all travelers
- Improve safety by helping to prevent crashes involving pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles on heavily traveled urban roads
- Increase the number of people who can travel on a road while using fewer vehicles, ultimately easing congestion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Project Timeline

- 2023–2025: Preliminary design, engineering and environmental review
- 2025-2027: Final design
- 2027–2029: Construction, testing and commissioning
- 2030: BRT service underway





Elements of Bus Rapid Transit

For more information, please visit the Federal Boulevard BRT webpage and sign up to receive project updates.

Federal Blvd. BRT Project Map

Stay Connected!

Webpage
Hotline:303-900-3398
FederalBlvdBRT@gmail.com
Road Conditions
COtrip Planner App
Project Travel Alerts
Lane Closures

TRAFFIC CLOSURES AND HEALTH FAIR @ EMPOWER FIELD FOR DENVER COLFAX MARATHON

The 18th Denver Colfax Marathon will have a two-day (May 17 - 18) Health & Fitness Expo at Empower Field at Mile High (Club Suites), a 5K race day Saturday with the Marathon, Half Marathon, Urban 10 Miler and Marathon Relay on Sunday. Find event details and updates at www.runcolfax.org.

Course and Site Map For Sunday



DENVER COLFAX MARATHON WEEKEND

Denver's City Park Saturday and Sunday, May 18 - 19 www.runcolfax.org

Event Schedule Set Up

- Thursday, May 16, 8am 6pm
- Friday, May 17, 8am 6pm

Event Activities

- Saturday, May 18, 6am 2:30pm
- Sunday, May 19, 7am Noon

Tear Down and Cleanup

• Sunday, May 19, Noon – 5pm

Questions? Quickest response within 24hrs is to email info@runcolfax.org or call 303-770-9600.

Road Closures and Parking Restrictions (all closures are generally reopened as last runner clears an intersection. Crossing traffic will be allowed when runners are not present by a DPD officer) Sunday, May 19th:

- 1. Traffic on York between Colfax and 23rd will be closed from 5:45am 8am.
- 2. Traffic will be closed on 23rd Ave between York and Colorado Blvd between 5:45am 8:15am.
- 3. 17th Avenue from Detroit to York will be closed to vehicles from 6am 10am.
- 4. Westbound Colfax Avenue from Elizabeth St (just south of East HS) to Speer Blvd. will be closed to vehicles from 5:45am 10am.
- 5. Westbound Colfax Ave from I-25 to Garrison in Lakewood will be closed from 7am Noon.
- 6. Raleigh from westbound Colfax to W 17th will be a full closure from 7am until 9:30am. Only official event vehicles and emergency vehicles will be allowed on Raleigh during this time.
- 7. The following streets will close at least one lane from 7am to 1pm: Lawrence St from Speer to 17th St, 17th St to 17th Ave, 17th Ave to Vine St.
- 8. Vine St from 17th Ave to 22nd Ave will be closed to north south vehicles from 7am 1:30pm.
- 9. There will be a one lane closure on 22nd from Vine St to Gaylord St.
- 10. Gaylord St from 22nd to 21st Ave will be closed from 7am 1:45pm.

23RD AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Details from a public meeting at CDOT Headquarters are being tallied.

Look for updates on meetings and requests for input.

CDOT launched the I-25: Speer Boulevard and 23rd Avenue Bridge and Interchange project during the Summer of 2021 to study and evaluate replacing the bridges that cross over I-25 in Central Denver. These bridges are near the end of their useful life and are often struck by trucks due to deficient vertical clearance. They are in need of replacement for the safety of all travelers.

This project seeks to:

- Improve operations and safety for vehicles
- Improve facilities for bikes and pedestrians

Study Schedule

- 2023: Data Collection and Preliminary Alternatives Development
- Early 2024: Purpose and Need and Initial Screening
- Mid 2024: Alternative Refinement and Secondary Screening
- Late 2024 to Late 2025: NEPA Environmental Analysis and Documentation, Start Preliminary Design



Study Area Map

This study area map shows the bridges over I-25 at 23rd Ave. and at Speer Boulevard and the interchange ramps at both locations are the roadway elements being studied for improvements.

UPDATE ON PRESERVING THE ZUNI STEAM PLANT

Recently the Zuni Steam Plant was included in Colorado Preservation Inc's annual list of the top five most endangered places in the state. There is a great news video by CBS Colorado and the announcement was accompanied by an article in Denverite. Additionally, you can find more articles here. 9News / Denver7 / Denverite / Westword



The Historic Zuni Steam Plant

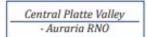
An Open Letter to Mayor Johnston and Denver City Council

Sent by Historic Denver on behalf of the following Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and other community stakeholders:





































































A Letter to Mayor Johnston and Denver City Council:

How will you work with us to retain and reuse the Zuni Steam Plant as a community asset?

The Zuni Steam Plant has been a continuous presence on the banks of the South Platte River for over 122 years. Conceived with state-of-the-art equipment and electricity production techniques in 1901, it provided Denver with the energy capacity necessary for the city to expand throughout the 20th century. Its smokestacks towered over the communities of La Alma Lincoln Park, Sun Valley, and other west side neighborhoods long before the Colfax Viaduct or Interstate-25 established it as a more recognizable feature for residents across the entire city. The plant's legacy, while widely beneficial to the growth of the city, presents a complicated past for those neighbors that have historically been affected by its environmental impacts. However, these communities, undergoing rapid development, are steadfast in their belief that the building should be retained and reused, flipping the paradigm and breathing new life into a piece of their built heritage as a community-serving asset.

Iconic structures, generational constants that have provided continuity within Denver's changing urban landscape, are disappearing as Sun Valley and other historically industrial neighborhoods are redeveloped. We, the undersigned, are concerned that the Zuni Steam Power Plant could become another example contributing to this pattern.

Decommissioned in 2021, the building finds itself at a crossroads. No longer needed by its owner, Xcel Energy, and subject to environmental remediation to restore the land to an industrial grade, due to be completed at the end of this year, the building will be vacant. As a collective, we are seeking to work cooperatively with the City and County of Denver and Xcel Energy to encourage the reuse of this historic property in a manner that is transparent and that springboards a dynamic partnership to create an exciting and community-focused future for this important piece of Denver's built history.

We envision a bright and vibrant future for the steam power plant. We see it serving local neighborhoods with uses that support adjacent communities through the creation of amenities and employment opportunities, pushing back on displacement and gentrification, and creating the walkable 15-minute neighborhoods Denver aspires to. The buzz of electricity will be replaced by the buzz of activity as the Zuni Station becomes a community heart at the intersection of established and new neighborhoods in this rapidly developing area either side of the South Platte River.

We are concerned that this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity could quickly slip away and call upon Mayor Johnston and Denver City Council to act. We ask that the City and County of Denver exercise its right of first refusal to pursue taking ownership of the Zuni Steam Power Plant under Xcel Energy's Franchise Agreement and work with us to identify a potential development partner to bring the building back to life. We are ready to act as collaborators, advocates, and resources on this journey. We request a meeting with representatives of the City and County of Denver to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

John Deffenbaugh CEO, Historic Denver

Registered Neighborhood Organizations

Central Platte Valley - Auraria RNO
Community Coalition of Barnum
Curtis Park Neighborhood Association
Jefferson Park United Neighbors
La Alma Lincoln Park Neighborhood Organization
Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association
Sun Valley Community Coalition
Sloan's Lake Citizens' Group
Valverde Neighborhood Association
Villa Park Neighborhood Association
West Colfax Association of Neighbors
West Colfax Business Improvement District

Community Partners

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Citiventure Associates
Colorado Preservation, Inc.
Columbia Group
CU Denver - DURP
DoCoMono
EarthLinks

Fresh Start
Gates Family Foundation
Historic Denver
JNS Architecture + Interior Design
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St. Charles Town Company Sun Valley Community Center The Greenway Foundation Tres Birds Urban Land Conservancy Urban Ventures Urban Villages

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

EVENTS AT EMPOWER FIELD

	2024		
Event Date	Event Name	Start	End
Saturday, April 27, 2024	*Monster Jam	7:00 PM	11:00 PM
Saturday, May 4, 2024	*Monster Energy AMA Supercross Championship	4:30 PM	10:00 PM
Friday, May 17, 2024	Colfax Marathon Expo & Packet Pick Up	12:00 PM	7:00 PM
Saturday, May 18, 2024	Colfax Marathon Expo & Packet Pick Up	10:00 AM	5:00 PM
Sunday, May 19, 2024	Colfax Marathon	5:30 AM	1:00 PM
Friday, June 14, 2024	*Zach Bryan's The Quittin' Time Tour	7:00 PM	11:00 PM
Saturday, June 15, 2024	*Zach Bryan's The Quittin' Time Tour	7:00 PM	11:00 PM
Thursday, June 20, 2024	*The Rolling Stones: Stones Tour '24 Hackney Diamonds	7:30 PM	11:00 PM
Thursday, June 27, 2024	*Morgan Wallen: One Night at a Time	6:00 PM	11:00 PM
Friday, June 28, 2024	*Morgan Wallen: One Night at a Time	6:00 PM	11:00 PM
Saturday, July 27, 2024	*Kenny Chesney: Sun Goes Down 2024 Tour	5:00 PM	11:00 PM
Saturday, August 3, 2024	*Foo Fighters: Everything or Nothing at All	5:30 PM	11:00 PM

*During all events over 20,000 attendees, Zoning Enforcement and Right of Way Enforcement are scheduled, and parking restrictions will apply. Vehicles that are illegally parked in the neighborhoods surrounding Empower Field at Mile High may be ticketed and/or towed. **Event times are subject to change

Adventure Forest

Opens May 1
9 am

Joy Park Free Night
Friday May 17
4:30 pm
Children's Museum Denver



Mother's Day Brunch

mychildsmuseum.org

Sunday, May 12
10 am - 4 pm
Yoga at the Aquarium
Saturday, May 25
8:30 am
Downtown Aquarium
aquariumrestaurants.com



Cinco de Mayo Festival

May 4 and 5
10 am to 8 pm
Free
Civic Center Park
cincodemayodenver.com



Civic Center EATS

May 17 to 19
11 am to 2 pm
Civic Center Park
civiccenterpark.org







