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# JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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### JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Riverside Church Chapel  
2401 Alcott St. - Northeast side of property  
Tuesday, Nov 12, 6:30-8:00pm  
All are welcome

### LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Upcoming Meetings on Hold  
All are welcome

### COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Virtual - Friday, Nov 22, 11:00am-1:00pm  
In Person - Friday, Nov 8, 11:00am-1:00pm  
CD1 Office 1810 Platte St.

Reserve a spot at: [bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS](https://bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS)

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### Speer & 23rd Bridge & Interchange Project

# 23rd Avenue Bridge Replacement

**DON'T MISS THIS MEETING!**

**CDOT speaking at JPUN Meeting @ Riverside Church, Nov 12 @ 6:30pm**



**Representatives from Colorado Department of Transportation will attend JPUN's General Membership Meeting on Nov. 12 @ 6:30pm @ Riverside Church and present their 3 options to the interchange.**

All options require replacing the structurally deficient low-clearance bridge with one promoting the removal of highway on and off ramps. A coalition of businesses along Water Street and West of the highway feel the removal of these ramps not only pose a concern to their business but to the safety of their customers by not allowing emergency vehicles convenient access. What would be the impact to nearby neighborhoods if access to the highway would be shut off at that area during events at the stadium? Can a new bridge design incorporate bike/ped traffic accessing Water Street and South Platte River trail without intersecting with vehicular traffic? Additionally, it is an opportunity to see what can be done in the short term to assist with traffic congestion on 23rd.

For over 15 years JPUN has advocated for the replacement of the bridge and safe multimodal transportation to local attractions and Downtown Denver.

This is your chance ask the what if questions and weigh in with your opinions. This bridge will serve multigeneration of families over its lifetime and will be a transportation gateway to a new Denver with the River Mile and Ball Arena Developments breaking ground in a few years. **Continues Page 6**

# FALL FEST

**Saturday, October 26th | 4-6pm**  
**Riverside Church Parking Lot**  
**2401 Alcott Street**

Riverside Church and JPUN will host a fall festival at the Riverside parking lot! We're thrilled to offer hayrides, pumpkin carving, Trunk or Treat, carnival games, crafts, delicious food, and more!



It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season with family, friends, and neighbors. Don't miss out on this fantastic community event—come for the fun, stay for the memories!

**WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Email any stories, comments or ideas to our Editor at:  
[newsletter@jpun.org](mailto: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!*



**JEFF PARK @ FEDERAL  
 AND JPUN HAPPY HOUR!  
 NOVEMBER 20TH -5PM-7PM**

Jeff Park @ Federal and JPUN would like to extend an invitation to our Jefferson Park residents for a happy hour at Chili Verde from 5pm to 7pm on November 20th.

The BID will cover first drinks and appetizers.

We hope to see lots of neighbors there!

The Jeff Park @ Federal District is formally known as The Federal Boulevard Business Improvement District (the "BID") established in 2012. The main purpose of the Jeff Park @ Federal District is to support the business and property owners within the district to improve the economic vitality and overall commercial appeal of Federal Boulevard and the area bounded by West 22nd to West 27th Avenues, and east along Eliot Street between West 24th and West 26th Avenues.

Would you like to receive updates on business events, specials, happenings and other district information?



**Sign up here to join our new newsletter!**



## LYFT LOOKING TO DOCK BIKES AND SCOOTERS IN DENVER

Lyft, one of two major providers in the city, is restructuring its electric bike and scooter business.

The company will no longer operate dockless bike and scooter networks like the one it has currently across Denver. 600 bikes and over 2,900 scooters will soon need to be docked in stations located around the city.

Some feel the number of scooters may be reduced due to safety and liability concerns. It still isn't clear where and when the new system will take place.

# 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](mailto: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.



# JPUN'S 7TH ANNUAL TAILGATE PARTY

Another record turnout of residents enjoyed an ample supply of Sexy Pizza, Araujo's Burritos, Snacks from Safeway and Beer from Briar Common Brewery + Eatery along with an assortment of home-made dishes and desserts.

Kroenke Sports Senior Vice President Matt Mahoney was on hand to answer residents' questions related to the new development proposed for the parking lots of Ball Arena. Just this Monday Denver City Council cleared the way for Denver Nuggets and Colorado Avalanche owner Stan Kroenke to build **new skyscrapers** on the expanse of parking lots around Ball Arena where the teams play. The council also ensured those teams will stay on Kroenke-owned land in central Denver for another quarter century. The ability to construct buildings as tall as 30 or 40 stories around the arena is a critical component of plans to greatly expand downtown Denver. That density will provide room for up to 6,000 new apartments and condos.

More information on the project can be found in these links from [The Denver Gazette](#) and [Denver Post](#).

A special thanks goes out to Jeff Park @ Federal District and the above-mentioned businesses for their continued support. This one-of-a-kind community event showcases why this is such a great neighborhood to live in.



JeffPark@Federal District was on hand with T-shirts and stickers



Plenty of Sexy Pizza and Araujo's Burritos along with sharable snacks



Briar Common Beer on a hot day!



## REPAVING W 29TH AVENUE AND SLOWING SPEED ON FEDERAL

DOTI is implementing a safe and slow street design on W 29th between Sheridan Boulevard and Zuni Streets that includes protected bicycle lanes along most of the corridor and conventional bicycle lanes adjacent to commercial areas to retain on-street parking.

**The forthcoming improvements include:**

- Traffic Calming Improvements
- Speed limit reduction to 25 MPH
- Speed cushion installations along the corridor
- Inlaid “25 MPH” pavement markings installation
- Crossing Improvements
- New crossings with rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFB) at Osceola Street and Julian Street
- Marked crosswalk at Yates Street
- Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements at all signalized intersections
- Upgrade to protected bike lanes along most of the corridor, with the exception of commercial areas.

DOTI is aiming for construction before the end of the year. Please sign up here or visit their website here to keep up to date with this project and other projects happening throughout the city.

**In Progress: Treatments to Slow Speeds on Federal Boulevard and Alameda Avenue**

As part of a targeted effort announced by Mayor Johnston in June, DOTI has begun implementing changes on Federal Boulevard and Alameda Avenue to improve safety and reduce speeds on these two arterial roadways on the city’s high injury network. The work is a priority as speed is a major contributor to fatal and serious injury crashes.

**Work completed so far includes:**

- Saturating both corridors with speed limit signs, placing one approximately every ¼ mile – a proven countermeasure to speeding.
- Adding 10 electronic driver speed feedback signs on Alameda Avenue to provide people with a visual reminder of how fast they’re going. Electronic signs are being installed on Federal Boulevard now and in the coming weeks.
- Implementing signal timing on Federal Boulevard south of Colfax Avenue that reinforces posted speed limits (**hint:** follow the posted speed limit to get more green lights). New signal timing will also be implemented on Alameda Avenue and on Federal Boulevard north of Colfax Avenue.
- Refreshing crosswalks and pavement markings at Federal Boulevard and 10th Avenue and “daylighting” the intersection, which involves pulling back parking at corners to increase pedestrian visibility.

More updates on the SPEED program will be provided as progress continues.

OUR 8TH ANNUAL

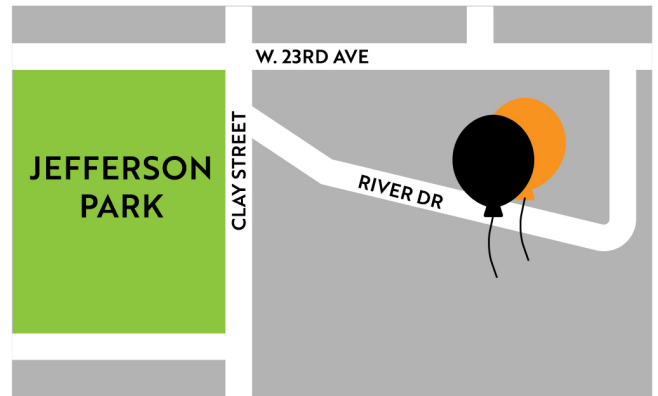


Neighbors are hosting a block trick-or-treat Halloween.

Participating homes will be marked with balloons.

**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 31 - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** River Dr. block Southwest of W 23rd & Clay St



## HALLOWEEN AROUND TOWN

**MILE HIGH TRUNK OR TREAT  
EMPOWER FIELD**

FRIDAY, OCT 25 | 5PM - 9PM

**MT SAINT VINCENT  
TRUNK OR TREAT**

4159 LOWELL BLVD

FRIDAY, OCT 25 | 5 PM - 7PM

**HIGHLANDS  
HUNIWEEN PARADE**

SATURDAY OCT 26

2835 W 32ND AVE | 9:30 AM

**32ND HARVEST FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY, OCT 27

32ND AND LOWELL | 2PM - 5PM

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## I-25: Speer & 23rd Bridge & Interchange Project | Study Phase [Web Link](#)

### About the Study

This project will replace the bridges at Speer Boulevard and 23rd Avenue over Interstate 25 in Denver. Beyond this core focus of the project, CDOT is assessing the needs and opportunities to include additional improvements to the interchange system and how to support broader goals for the I-25 mainline and those of the surrounding community. This is the first project resulting from the I-25 Central Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study, which was completed in 2019.

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

**Note:** The crossings do not provide adequate vertical clearance over I-25 and have experienced multiple vehicular impacts resulting in damaged girders and exposed primary reinforcing.

**Project Area:** 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.

### Study Schedule

- 2023: Data collection and preliminary alternatives development
- Early 2024: Purpose and need developed, and initial screening
- Mid-2024: Alternative refinement and secondary screening
- Late 2024 to 2025: NEPA analysis and documentation, start of preliminary design
- 2026 and Beyond: Identify construction delivery method, identify construction funds, and finish preliminary design

## Denver Officials Consider New Park By South Platte River, Worry About Cost Overruns and Impact

Denver officials are planning to build a new park in the Sun Valley neighborhood, which will be built in the area west of the South Platte River and east of Alcott Way, bound to the north by west 11th Avenue and the south by west 9th Avenue.

### The project requires an intergovernmental agreement between the city and the Denver Housing Authority

(DHA) worth \$8.5 million and three years. The **park will include a dog park**, which worried Councilmember Kevin Flynn. The filtration methods used in the park are the same used by the Division of Green Infrastructure and can be found at River North Park and the Carla Madison Recreation Center.

Construction of the park is expected to start in fall and take nine to 12 months to complete.

Article from [DenverGazette.com](https://denvergazette.com)



# DENVER'S LEAFDROPPING PROGRAM

## Weekday & Weekend Drop Sites Are Open

Denver is kicking off its annual LeafDrop program, allowing residents an opportunity to drop off their leaves and pumpkins to have them turned into compost, rather than ending up in the landfill. Compost is a beneficial soil amendment used in gardens and landscapes that's sold at most garden and hardware stores.

**Weekdays through November 30, the LeafDrop locations are open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.:**

### Cherry Creek Transfer Station

7301 E. Jewell Ave.

**Havana Nursery** 10450 Smith Rd.

**Central Platte Campus** 271 W. Bayaud Ave.

**Saturdays and Sundays from November 2 - November 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations:**

### Cherry Creek Transfer Station

7301 E. Jewell Ave.

### Bruce Randolph High School

E. 40th Ave. and Steele St.

### Kennedy High School

Newland St. and Brown Pl.

### Sloan's Lake Northwest Parking Lot

W. Byron Pl. and Yates St.

### Veterans Park S. Vine St. and E. Iowa Ave.

Note that the Cherry Creek Transfer Station is the only site that accepts loose leaves and hitched trailers (6 ft in length or less); otherwise, leaves should be bagged.

Residents can download a coupon to receive a free five-pack of compostable paper leaf bags at participating Ace Hardware stores while supplies last. Leaves dropped off in plastic bags must be emptied on site.

## Here are some other tips:

- Refrain from including branches or other materials in your leaf bags
- Don't use twine or staples to secure paper leaf bags, just roll and crimp
- Never rake or blow leaves into the streets; they can clog our storm sewer inlets and street sweepers.
- If you are a current city compost customer, you can put leaves and pumpkins in your compost cart!

To learn more about Denver's LeafDrop Program, please visit [denvergov.org/leafdrop](https://denvergov.org/leafdrop).



Below is a list of public events scheduled for the stadium through the end of the 2024 calendar year as it currently stands. All events anticipate over 20,000 in attendance, triggering the City of Denver Traffic Management Plan parking restriction to apply in the surrounding neighborhoods.

## BRONCO SCHEDULE

**Sunday, Oct 27 | Denver Broncos vs. Carolina Panthers | 2:25 pm**

**Sunday, Nov 17 | Denver Broncos vs. Atlanta Falcons | 2:05 pm**

**Sunday, Dec 2 | Denver Broncos vs. Cleveland Browns | 6:15 pm**

**Sunday, Dec 15 | Denver Broncos vs. Indianapolis Colts | 2:25 pm**

**Sat/Sun Jan 4/5 | Denver Broncos vs. Kansas City Chiefs | TBD**

\*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

