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JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Riverside Church Chapel
2401 Alcott St. Behind Church
Tuesday, February 10, 6:30-8 pm
All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Virtual - Friday, February 13th,
11:00am-1:00pm
In Person - Friday, February 27th,
11:00am-1:00pm
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Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

HAPPY HOUR
Tuesday, February 24
Starting at 5pm
Federal Bar & Grill
2544 Federal Blvd
See Page 4 for full details

Holiday Cheers!

Jefferson Park United Neighbors, the Sloan's Lake Citizens Group, and the JeffPark@ Federal BID recently came together to celebrate the season with a festive Holiday Party at one of Jefferson Park's newest restaurants, Santo Remedio.



Guests enjoyed an evening filled with holiday cheer, complete with complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres and seasonal drink specials. A decorative, holiday themed photo frame and decorations helped set a joyful mood and gave everyone a chance to capture that holiday postcard.

Families were treated to a dedicated kids' table stocked with creative holiday projects, and little ones received stocking stuffers for each completed craft.

Representatives from the Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Project were also on hand to share updates about the upcoming high capacity, efficient bus service coming to Federal Boulevard. The project will introduce features similar to light rail, including enhanced stations, all door boarding, off board fare payment, and, in select areas, dedicated bus lanes. State and local representatives, along with members



from various Council Districts, were also in attendance. The gathering offered neighbors and friends a warm and meaningful way to celebrate the season together, strengthening the connections that make our community so special.



FEBRUARY 10th JPUN MEETING: Shaping Jefferson Park's Future: Key Meeting on Transportation and Housing

Speer and 23rd Avenue Bridge Project CDOT is requesting a letter of support from JPUN to pursue a Federal Grant for the Speer and 23rd Avenue Bridge Project. This project will shape how Northwest Denver residents move, connects, and stays safe for decades, so it's important to understand what's being proposed and share your perspectives. Attending the meeting ensures your voice is part of the conversation before major decisions are made about the future of the 23rd Avenue Bridge and the impact in our neighborhood. **See Page 6 for full details**

Unlocking Housing Choices Brief Overview Presentation of the City's Unlocking Housing Choices project that allows more "missing middle" housing forms in Denver's residential neighborhoods. Find out what impact this will have on housing inventory and home prices if adopted. **See Page 5 for full details**

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:

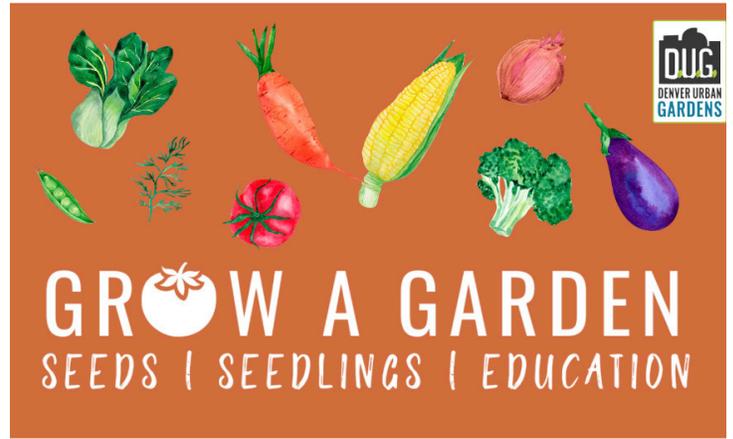
- meet your neighbors and better connect with your local businesses
- participate in neighborhood events
- opportunities to plan the future of the area including zoning changes and redevelopment
- engage with others to ensure safety and security within the neighborhood
- easily connect with city government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



GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY
The order form for DUG's Grow a Garden program is now OPEN!

This program offers five themed kits, each of which includes seeds and seedlings (locally-sourced and organic when possible) and a bilingual print Organic Growing Guide to support your growing journey.

These kits are all pay-what-you-can with a \$0 option so that anyone can grow their own food—especially beginner gardeners who may be nervous about the up-front cost to start something new.

Last year, 69% of Grow a Garden orders were accessed for free! We encourage you to consider starting your growing journey with us, at whatever cost is most accessible to you.

ORDER YOUR KIT NOW



Enjoy live music and build a beautiful bouquet of flowers for that special someone, then savor dinner and drinks to complete the perfect Valentine's Day date night. Check out all the dining options Larimer Square has to offer.

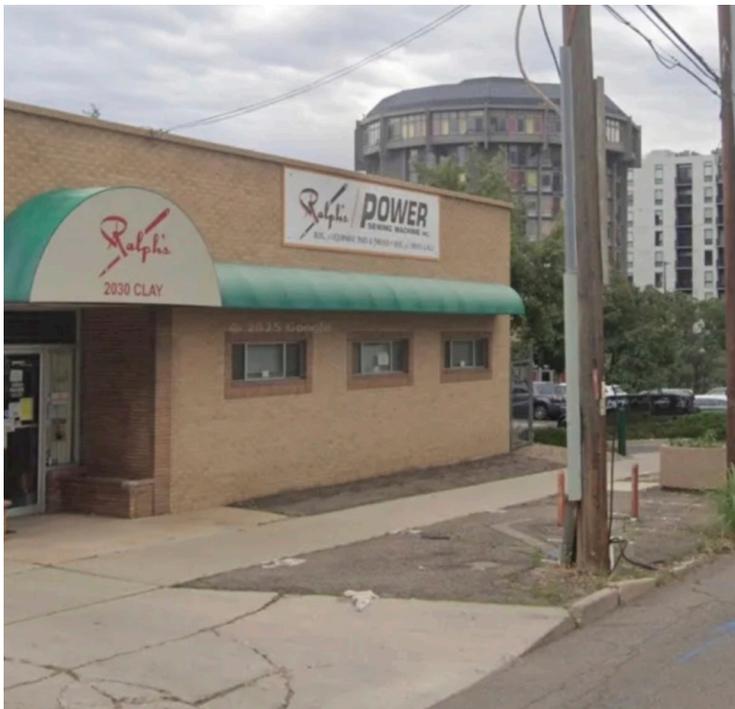
Be sure to grab a reservation!

Amazon Distribution Center in Jefferson Park

Permits sought for 5,000-square-foot distribution center on N. Clay Street

Amazon has applied for permits to open a micro-fulfillment hub at 2030 N. Clay St in Jefferson Park. Amazon has released very little details other than the facility will support fast delivery. The project appears to be a part of Amazon Now, a new delivery service the tech giant is testing in Seattle, Washington and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

These facilities differ from traditional warehouses: they are embedded in residential and mixed use areas, operate nearly 24/7, and rely heavily on Amazon Flex drivers using personal vehicles. The model is designed for 30 minute delivery, which concentrates activity into short, intense cycles.



Some immediate concerns are:

Traffic Impacts

- High vehicle churn: Flex drivers arrive and depart continuously, often in 2–5 minute cycles. They operate under tight delivery windows that creates fast, pressured circulation around the site. Neighbors can expect micro-bursts of traffic.
- Peak hour congestion: Delivery demand spikes in late afternoon and evening, overlapping with neighborhood traffic.
- Safety concerns: Drivers under time pressure may speed, roll stops, or make abrupt maneuvers.

Implication: Expect significant localized traffic increases on collector streets and adjacent residential blocks with stadium events amplifying these impacts.

Parking & Curbside Impacts

- Flex drivers use personal vehicles, creating high turnover and short term stopping.
- Overflow parking often spills into surrounding residential blocks.
- Drivers may idle while waiting for batches, contributing to noise and emissions.
- Conflicts with residents over curb space are common near similar facilities in other cities. Implication: Expect high curbside pressure and potential conflicts without managed loading zones.

Additionally, there are noise concerns from a 24/7 delivery service especially for those residents nearby.

JPUN will be discussing this matter with Councilwoman Sandoval's office, including her Senior Aide who will join our February 10 meeting. Denver may need to assess whether this type of use is compatible with mixed use districts, pedestrian oriented overlays, and nearby residential areas.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

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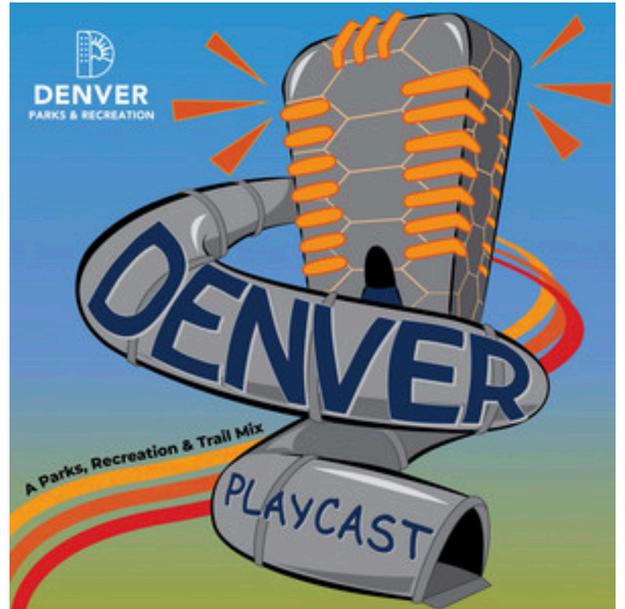
Curious about how it
will impact your commute?
What will construction look like?
What will the latest designs include?
How will it impact local businesses?

This is your chance to learn, connect, and share your voice in a relaxed, friendly setting.

This neighborhood happy hour is designed to bring together Jefferson Park businesses, community members, and the project team behind Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Federal Blvd. Come for the conversation, stay for the community — and please invite your neighbors!



Enjoy your first drink on JPAF and complimentary appetizers provided by the BRT team



HEAR STORIES IN DENVER DENVER PLAYCAST

Denver Parks and Recreation is kicking off a brand-new podcast, and you're not going to want to miss it!

Introducing **Denver Playcast: A Parks, Recreation & Trail Mix** -- a monthly guide to everything that makes Denver's parks and recreation system one of a kind.

From hidden gems in our parks, to epic trails, to dynamic programs and the people behind the scenes, each episode will be packed with the stories that make our recreation centers, parks, and other outdoor spaces uniquely Denver.

[MORE INFO ONLINE](#)

An example of what you might learn...

Episode 7: Let's Talk Trees

Did you know Denver originally had no trees? Most of the trees we've come to love in our city were intentionally planted! Podcast host Stephanie sits down with Denver's new City Forester, Luke Killoran, to discuss this hot topic and explore our unique urban canopy. And the pesky little bug that finally made its way to Denver: the Emerald Ash Borer. Tune into the Denver Playcast podcast to learn more!

[LISTEN ON APPLE](#)

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FEBRUARY 10TH JPUN MEETING

MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING

Join Melissa Horn, Aide to Councilwoman Sandoval, for an overview of the City's Unlocking Housing Choices initiative.

Denver continues to face a significant housing shortage driven by limited housing types, restrictive zoning, and redevelopment patterns that are eliminating naturally affordable homes. Learn how this initiative aims to expand housing options and address these growing challenges.

Limited Housing Diversity ("Missing Middle Housing")

Denver's housing stock is dominated by either single-unit homes or large multi-unit buildings, with very few options in the 2-9 unit "middle housing" range.

Growing Housing Shortage Housing construction has not kept pace with household growth across the region. The Denver area needs more than 216,000 new homes by 2032, with the greatest need at lower income levels. National trends show rising demand for walkable, community-oriented, smaller housing options.

Redevelopment Pressures Neighborhood redevelopment is uneven due to historic redlining, disinvestment, and market dynamics. Smaller, moderately priced homes are often replaced with larger, more expensive ones, reducing affordable options.

Limitations of Current Affordable Housing Programs

Denver's major affordability programs target large developments, not missing-middle projects. Middle housing could naturally offer more affordable options because it spreads land costs and uses simpler construction methods.

For more information about zoning in and around Jefferson Park, visit [Denver Maps - Zoning](#). And for a clear and accessible introduction to zoning in any neighborhood, explore the [National Zoning Atlas](#)—that digitize, demystify, and democratize zoning codes across the country.

As Luke Teater, a principal at Thrive Economics who worked with Gov. Polis' office on housing policy, explains: "Zoning is almost like the plumbing of our housing system. It's intentionally invisible—you don't think about it until it breaks—but it shapes everything that comes out of our housing system. It's obscure, opaque, and often exclusive."

THE PARK PEOPLE | FREE TREES



PLANT A TREE!

Each spring, The Park People offer free and low-cost trees to residents across all Denver neighborhoods. Trees can be planted in the Public Right-of-Way or on private property.

To be considered you must:

- Submit an application
- Plant at a Denver address.
All residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and schools are eligible.
- Allow enough space for your tree(s) to grow to maturity
- Take the Tree Pledge

[LINK HERE](#) to Learn More & Apply for Trees

Important Dates | January through April

- Hurry applications open through Feb 15
- Early April: check your email for information about your application status
- April 17-18: pick-up and planting!
(NOTE: Trees are only available during this window so make plans accordingly)



The Park People

For over 40 years, Denver Digs Trees has helped plant more than 65,000 beautiful, life-giving trees across our city. Our goal? To grow a healthier, greener Denver—one tree at a time. Whether you own or rent, live in a house or an apartment, this program is for everyone. **Trees are for all.**

FEBRUARY 10TH JPUN MEETING

I-25: Speer Boulevard and 23rd Avenue Bridge and Interchange Project

Both the Speer Boulevard and 23rd Avenue bridges have exceeded their intended service life and now present significant safety concerns due to structural deterioration and insufficient clearance over I 25. **The 23rd Avenue Bridge, in particular, has never fully supported safe multimodal travel**—offering narrow or missing sidewalks, limited guardrails, and areas where people walking or biking must interact too closely with vehicle traffic.

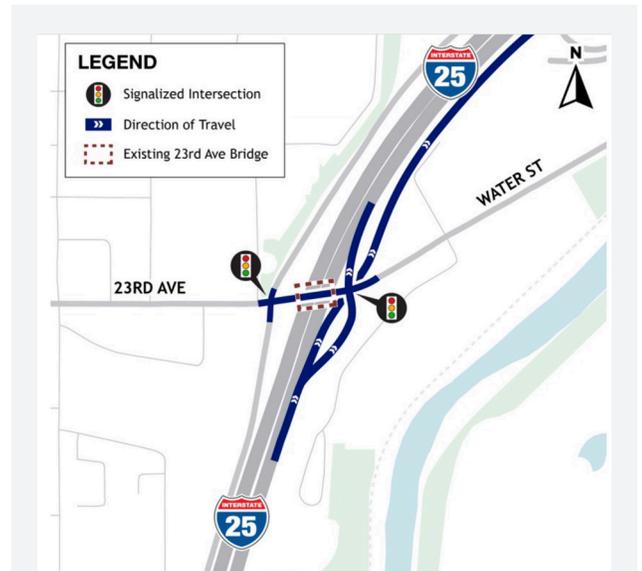
CDOT currently anticipates that a preliminary design will be complete by about mid-2026. In an effort to secure all of the construction funding necessary, (JPUN is currently asking for details on these funds in relationship to the project) CDOT has decided to pursue a federal BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant. BUILD grants are highly competitive discretionary funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

They are specifically designed for surface transportation projects that demonstrate significant local or regional impact and improved transportation infrastructure. The selection committee prioritizes projects that improve safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility/community connectivity, economic competitiveness/opportunity, state of good repair, partnership/collaboration, and innovation.

CDOT believes the I-25: Speer & 23rd project, and more specifically the 23rd Avenue portion of the project, is a premier candidate for this funding.

CDOT states it is not just focused on improvements to I-25, but that it is also critical to the improvement of safety and connectivity for everyone in the surrounding community no matter how they utilize the transportation system.

As the neighborhood grows, it's important to ask whether the proposed design can truly support increased density and whether the improvements will deliver long lasting safety and reliable multimodal access to future downtown development for generations to come.



23rd Avenue Braid Alternative

This alternative demonstrates northbound vehicles exiting I-25 to go under 23rd Avenue to get to Speer Boulevard.

This eliminates Speer bound exiting traffic and weaving with northbound I-25 traffic from 23rd Avenue in the same lane.

A signalized intersection would be added to the east side of the 23rd Avenue bridge giving two signalized intersections on the 23rd Avenue ramps – one on each side of I-25.

Additional call-out identifies the location of the existing bridge at 23rd Avenue crossing over I-25.

LET'S MAKE JEFFERSON PARK MORE WALKABLE!

What Sidewalks Need Fixed?

DOTI Requests Public Input in Development of its First Sidewalk Implementation Plan

The Plan will answer the questions of where, when, and how Denver will build a complete, citywide sidewalk network

Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) is kicking off development of its first Sidewalk Implementation Plan (SIP), providing opportunities for residents to weigh in as it embarks upon a historic effort to build a long-term roadmap for repairing damaged sidewalks, widening deficient sidewalks, and building new sidewalks.

Public Survey Open Now

Denver residents are asked to participate in the first step of development of the SIP by reviewing a State of the System report and learning about the many factors Denver is considering as it develops a plan of action to transform the state of Denver's sidewalks today into a safer and fully complete network.

Residents can find the State of the System report at www.denvergov.org/SOTS and fill out a brief survey that will be open through mid-March.

Coming up: Zoom Webinar

DOTI invites the public to join a Zoom Webinar for a deeper dive into the Sidewalk Implementation Plan and State of the System Report and learn more about our current sidewalk network.

Wednesday, February 11 | 6-7 p.m.

JOIN: bit.ly/SIPZoomWebinar

Informational Pop-up Events

Visit www.denvergov.org/SIP to see where their project team will be hosting tabling events between January and March to inform the public about the SIP and provide in-person opportunities for residents to offer feedback.



Development of a SIP was required in the sidewalk ordinance passed by Denver voters in 2022. The purpose of the SIP is to detail the City's path forward for building and upgrading sidewalks across the city in both the short term and long term. The SIP will create a prioritization framework for delivering sidewalks, and develop work plans for sidewalk construction, reconstruction, and repair across the city with a more detailed focus on what will be constructed in the next six (6) years.

About Denver's Sidewalk Program

Sidewalks are basic infrastructure for people, crucial in creating and maintaining an equitable and vibrant city. Sidewalks connect all residents to schools, businesses and parks, and guarantee that everyone, including adults, children and people with disabilities, has the independence to move about the city freely and safely.

With a service charge approved by voters, Denver is creating a comprehensive program to repair damaged sidewalks, widen sidewalks that are deficient, and build new sidewalks where they're missing. The charge for sidewalks was included on people's bi-annual stormwater bills starting in 2025.

Once fully built out, Denver's sidewalk network will be approximately 3,458 miles - about the distance from Denver to New York City and back again.



NEW ART INSTALLATION

Look for a new installation in Jefferson Park’s Business District at 25th and Federal 2026.

At Federal & 25th Avenue, Los Gatos Locos are adding a bold, painted steel sculpture bursting with Chicano and Latinx pride. Consisting of playful colors and neighborhood vibes, this piece is sure to delight upon installation this spring, just in time for Cinco de Mayo.

More Information Coming!

For more Public Art in the City go to denverpublicart.org

IN THE COMMUNITY NEW TAPROOM AND TAKEOUT SPOT TO OPEN

The northeast corner of 25th and Eliot is getting a new option for beer and wine drinkers in the former location of a hair salon, according to [Westword link](#).

From the Westword piece: Ephemeral Tap & Bottle reflects its focus on its take-out beers...The Jefferson Park location will have a larger selection.

“We’re doubling down on to-go stuff more than I have in the current location,” [owner Weston] Scott says. “It’ll be a cross between a taproom and a liquor store.”

But the to-go options will only include beer and wine from the visiting and local breweries.



PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE DON'T BE A PUFFER

A "puffer" is an unattended running vehicle, and leaving your vehicle running unattended makes it all too easy for thieves to steal it and the stuff inside of it.



WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PUFFING:

- You can get cited. If your vehicle is left running unattended and is on public property, you can get a citation (even if you lock the doors). Vehicles with a remote start are exempt from this, EXCEPT if the vehicle has been idling for longer than 5 minutes. Any vehicle that has been idling for more than 5 minutes, whether on public or private property, is subject to citation.
The only time everyone is exempt from the puffer law is if the temperature has been below 20 degrees Fahrenheit for the last 24 hours, or when the temperature has been below 10 degrees Fahrenheit for the last hour.
- Emergency service vehicles, such as fire trucks, ambulances and police patrol vehicles are exempt from this law.
- The law was created to protect Colorado's air from harmful emissions.

DENVER PROPERTY TAX POSTCARDS

New this year, the City and County of Denver is moving property tax statements online to denvergov.org/property. Property owners will begin receiving postcards in the mail this week that contain instructions on how to view and pay their annual property taxes on the city's website.

Property owners can view or print a copy of their statement(s) for free by visiting a local Denver Library.

Denver's libraries offer computers, internet access, and printers for everyone for free.

Taxes can still be paid online, by mail, or in-person at the Webb Building (201 W Colfax Ave).

For questions, please call 311.

These options are unchanged from previous years:

- **Online:** denvergov.org/propertytaxes
- **By Mail:** Check or money order made **payable to Manager of Finance**; Include parcel number on the memo line of the check/money order and include a copy of the property tax statement

Mail to: City and County of Denver
Department of Finance, Treasury Division
PO Box 17420
Denver, CO 80217-0420

• **In Person:**
Taxpayer Services Center
201 W. Colfax Ave., First Floor
Denver, CO 80202

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.;
Wed: 8:30am-4:30pm



WINTER BIKE TO WORK DAY

Friday, February 13, 2026

It's almost time to bundle up for Winter Bike to Work Day!

Join Way to Go and thousands of bike commuters and skip a ride in your car for a ride on two wheels instead.

Help Way to Go sustain programs like Winter Bike to Work Day by pledging to ride each year to show your support.

When you pledge, you'll be entered to win our weekly prize giveaway of a **\$100 cash card!** You can even have the opportunity to test-ride a Lime or Bird e-scooter or e-bike.

SIGN-UP TODAY



MCA DENVER



1st Family Day Museum of Contemporary Art

Saturday, March 7 | 9am – 12pm
1485 Delgany St.

At the first-ever Family Day, families are welcome to explore the museum at their own pace and then head upstairs to the Idea Box for a hands-on artmaking workshop. Art Garage will lead an art activity based on the work of exhibiting artist Sammy Seung-min Lee, with support from museum staff and MCA Denver teen interns.

Additional experiences include a Disney-themed karaōke room, inspired by Lee's piece Moonlight in Colorado, where families can sing their favorite classics together with real



princesses, as well as the opportunity to shop at our art convenience store on the third-floor exhibition featuring artwork by Anise Aiello and MCA Failure Lab Teens. All proceeds from the convenience store support MCA Youth Programs, helping us continue to provide creative opportunities for young people.

Art Garage: The Art Garage's mission is to offer visual arts-based programs that inspire, empower, and promote creative self-expression by people of all ages and backgrounds. On-site and off-site studio workshops and exhibitions engage the greater Denver community and outreach is provided to those who are underserved and marginalized to ensure the artistic process is fully accessible and inclusive. artgaragedenver.com

Wands & Wishes: Colorado's a premier character princess party company, we craft magical moments and bring fairy tales to life with our authentic costumes, talented performers, and a sprinkle of pixie dust. Sing your heart out with their magical princesses! wandsandwishesoccasions.com

[Get Directions](#)

[Get Tickets By Selecting The March Penny Saturday!](#)

EMPOWER FIELD

AT MILE HIGH

Summer Events

	<p>March 28</p> <p>Denver Summit FC vs Washington Spirit The Kickoff - Denver Summit FC's Inaugural Home Match</p>
	<p>April 18</p> <p>Colorado Rapids vs Inter Miami CF 30th Anniversary Match</p>
	<p>May 2</p> <p>Monster Energy AMA Supercross Part of the Monster Energy SMX World Championship</p>
	<p>May 29 - 30</p> <p>Morgan Wallen Still The Problem Tour 2026</p>
	<p>July 4</p> <p>Ed Sheeran LOOP Tour</p>
	<p>July 28</p> <p>AC/DC PWR UP TOUR</p>
	<p>August 13 - 14</p> <p>Zach Bryan With Heaven On Tour</p>

empowerfieldatmilehigh.com/events