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JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Virtual - Friday, March 6th,
11:00am–1:00pm
In Person – Friday, February 27th,
11:00am–1:00pm
Reserve a spot at:
bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS

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MARCH 10TH JPUN MEETING

23rd Ave Bridge Update

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Major Decisions in March JPUN Meeting | March 10th

JPUN's March 10 meeting will dig into three projects that could reshape Jefferson Park: a proposed rezoning at 22nd & Federal that would allow significantly taller buildings, the push for a fully conflict free multimodal design in the 23rd Avenue bridge replacement, and the proposed Amazon micro fulfillment center with its impacts on traffic, safety, and neighborhood character.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend to learn what's being proposed, ask questions, and help shape JPUN's position before these projects move forward.

Proposed 242-Unit Apartment Complex at 22nd and Federal

It is reported that Beverly Hills, California-based Kennedy Wilson, a publicly traded real estate investor and developer, has proposed building a 242-unit apartment complex where Family Star Montessori school currently sits at 2246 Federal Blvd.

They are seeking a major rezoning—shifting from the currently allowed **3 story** development to a **7 story building on the north side**, stepping down to **5 stories on the south**. The proposal would follow Denver's DO 8 active use overlay, which requires pedestrian oriented ground floors. That means the first floor could host anything from retail, restaurants, and personal services to live work units, fitness rooms, lounges, or co working spaces for residents. This rezoning would significantly shape the future character, scale, and street level activity of our neighborhood.

Residents are urged to attend JPUN's March 10 meeting to learn what this change could mean for Jefferson Park, ask questions, and share feedback.

Family Star provides services for infants as young as 2 months up to 6-year-old children. Changes to federal funding for early childhood programs are forcing the school to sell the property and move operations elsewhere.



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

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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!

RIVERSIDE EVENTS



Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Church on March 28th from 11:30 am-1:00 pm!

The event is free and is for all ages. We will have egg hunts for different age groups, games, food, face painting, refreshments, bounce houses, AND photos with the Easter Bunny. It's going to be a lot of fun, so don't miss it! Click [HERE](#) for more info and to register!



Riverside Kids Camp | July 6–10th

Riverside Kids Camp is an elective-based day camp filled with lots of fun and the opportunity to enhance or learn a new activity!

Children will rotate in pre-assigned, mixed-gender groups to their chosen electives in addition to large group recreation games, lunch, and Bible Storytime.

Camp will run Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-2:00 pm with check-in opening at 8:00 am daily. Camp will take place at Riverside Church (2401 Alcott St, Denver, CO 80211).

Registration is \$75 per kiddo. Click [HERE](#) for more info and to register!

MARCH 10TH JPUN MEETING

23rd Ave Bridge Update

JPUN Builds Coalition for a Conflict Free, Safer 23rd Avenue Multimodal Crossing Submits Support Letter to USDOT

BUILD Grant Support

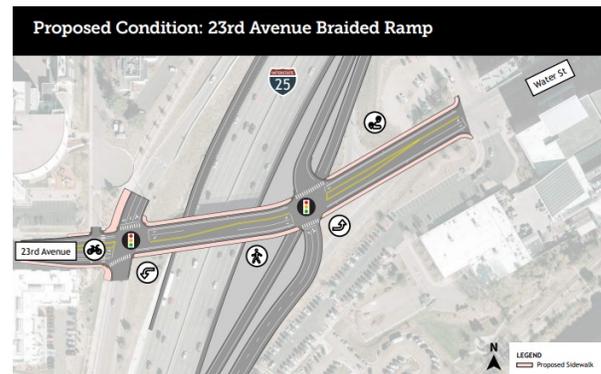
Upon CDOT's recent request for a formal endorsement, JPUN has submitted a letter of support to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the agency's BUILD grant application — while making clear that our support is contingent on resolving the **auto-pedestrian conflict** at 23rd Avenue. JPUN emphasized that federal funding should help advance the project, but the community ultimately deserves a design that fully protects people walking, biking, and rolling.

As part of the funding strategy, CDOT notes that receiving the BUILD grant would not expand or alter the project scope; instead, it would help close the funding gap and increase the likelihood that the full project can be constructed. If the grant is not awarded, the agency acknowledges that the entire project could face delays due to insufficient construction dollars. CDOT estimates 40% of the project budget is tied to the 23rd Avenue bridge, while the remaining share will fund the Speer bridge replacement.

CDOT reports that the 23rd Avenue bridge replacement remains in its early design phase, with current work focused on the technical investigations required before major decisions can be finalized. Crews are conducting geotechnical testing, updated field surveys, groundwater analysis, environmental review, utility verification, and right of way mapping. These efforts feed into the 30% preliminary design, which CDOT expects to complete around mid 2026. Even then, the design will remain preliminary and subject to change as the project advances, meaning detailed conversations with stakeholders may not resume for several months after that milestone.

Community Building for a Better Bridge

For JPUN, a completely conflict free design remains the long term goal. Northwest Denver deserves a crossing that **eliminates auto-pedestrian conflict** entirely, especially in a corridor that has long been unsafe and difficult to navigate for people walking, biking, and rolling. Supporting the BUILD grant is an important step toward securing the resources needed to advance the project, but JPUN continues to advocate for a truly separated, conflict free multimodal solution — the level of safety and connectivity our community needs and deserves.



-  The existing bicycle lane could be extended to the intersection eliminating the need for eastbound bicyclists to mix with right-turning vehicles. This could be paired with a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) at the traffic signal, which would allow pedestrians and bicyclists to begin crossing the intersection a few seconds before vehicles are given a green light. LPIs are a proven safety countermeasure to reduce conflicts between people and turning vehicles.
-  Addition of a sidewalk on the south side.
-  A dedicated eastbound left-turn lane would create the opportunity for a protected left-turn arrow to be installed at the intersection. Only allowing left-turns on a green arrow would prevent conflicts between left-turning vehicles and westbound traffic (including pedestrians and bicyclists).
-  A dedicated westbound left-turn lane would create the opportunity for a protected left-turn arrow to be installed at the intersection. Only allowing left-turns on a green arrow would prevent conflicts between left-turning vehicles and eastbound traffic (including pedestrians and bicyclists).
-  New sidewalk to close the existing north sidewalk gap between the ramp and 7th Street.

To strengthen this message, JPUN is building a broader coalition across northwest Denver. Neighborhood organizations, local businesses, and advocacy groups — including the Denver Streets Partnership and the Inter Neighborhood Cooperation Transportation Committee — are being invited to align around a unified call for safer, more equitable infrastructure. JPUN is also engaging with local and state representatives, as well as gubernatorial candidates and federal leaders such as Rep. Diana DeGette to ensure our priorities are clearly understood at every level of decision making. The goal is to amplify the community's voice and secure a design that reflects the needs of the neighborhoods most affected by this project. More details can be found [HERE](#).

DOWNTOWN DENVER

The 64th Annual Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade

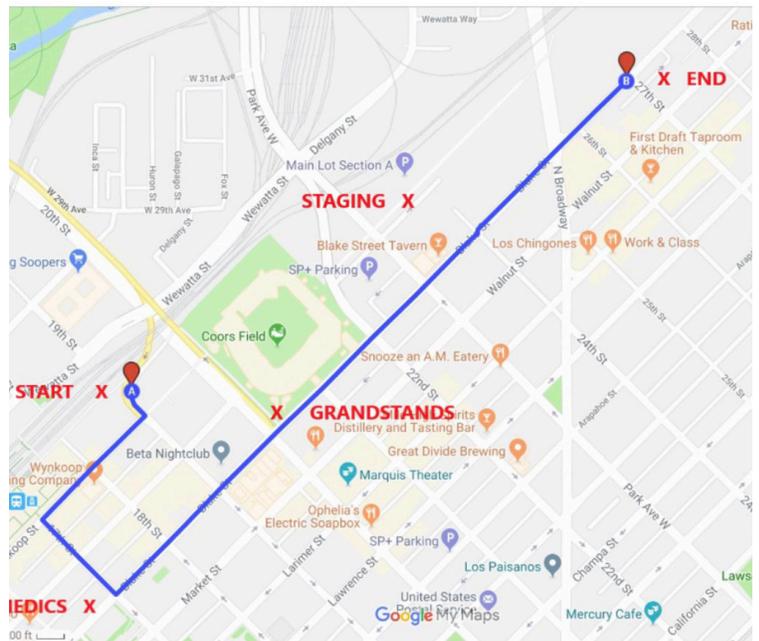
Denver Parades – Bagpipes, Barking and a Whole Lot of Green!

Saturday, March 14, 2026
9:30 am

Experience the vibrant Irish culture in Lower Downtown on Saturday, March 14, 2026, stepping off at 9:30 AM!

Enjoy award-winning Pipe Bands, Irish Step Dancers, dazzling floats, military units, public servants, Irish Dogs, local celebrities, and more.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "STARS, STRIPES AND SHAMROCKS!"



View the route map and parade FAQs on the denverstpatricksdaysparade.com.



St. Patty's Day Pet Parade
Saturday, March 14
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The St. Patty's Day Pet Parade will take place in Five Points on March 14.

Registration begins at 1:00 PM at Cousins Plaza, with the parade stepping off at 2:00 PM and walking along the sidewalk to Welton Plaza (2800 Welton St.).

Colorado Launches First Interstate Speed Enforcement Cameras on I 25

Colorado is stepping up its fight against speeding with a major first: automated speed enforcement cameras on Interstate 25 north of Denver. It's the first deployment of automated speed enforcement cameras on an interstate in Colorado.

CDOT crews have installed eight cameras along a stretch of I-25 between Mead and Berthoud where workers are building new express lanes in each direction. Drivers caught speeding will receive one-time warning notices before CDOT begins issuing \$75 civil fines, likely around April 2, according to agency officials.



Signs will be posted at least 300 feet ahead of the cameras to notify drivers.

The speed cams in work zones photograph drivers and time-stamp the images at two locations. The automated system calculates an average speed through the corridor. When full enforcement begins, drivers caught speeding will have 45 days to pay their fines or appeal the notices they receive. Violations won't result in the deduction of driver's license points.

Transportation officials may expand speed camera use along interstates, though no timetable has been set.

Spring 2026 Activity Guide



DENVER PARKS & RECREATION DENVERGOV.ORG/RECREATION **GAME PLAN** for a Healthy City

Denver Parks & Recreation Spring Registration

The Spring Activity Guide is here, packed with ways to get moving, get creative, and get outside – with something for every age and stage.

This registration also includes Summer Rec Kidz and Summer youth team sports, giving families an early opportunity to plan ahead.

The Spring Activity Guide highlights programs across arts & culture, aquatics, sports, fitness, outdoor recreation, and more.

View the Spring 2026 Activity Guide and start planning **HERE**.



PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

DON'T BE A PUFFER

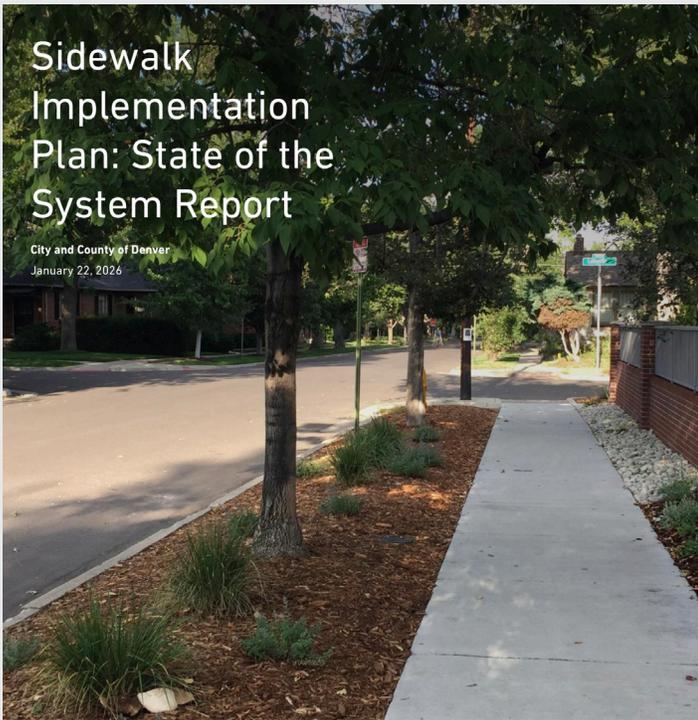
A "puffer" is an unattended running vehicle, and leaving your vehicle running unattended makes it all too easy for thieves to steal it and the stuff inside of it.



- 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.

Sidewalk Implementation Plan: State of the System Report

City and County of Denver
January 22, 2026



Learn about the current state of Denver's sidewalks & take their survey!

The city is asking you to take a brief survey to gather your input on where new and improved sidewalks most needed: [LINK HERE](#) The survey will close March 14.

A recent Zoom webinar—available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#)—offers a deeper look at the Sidewalk Implementation Plan and the State of the System Report.

What's next? While Denverites are providing their survey input, the project team is looking ahead to the next stage of the project which includes developing conceptual designs and cost estimates. This work will help the Sidewalk Program better understand the conditions the city is likely to face when building out the sidewalk network (e.g., available space in the public right-of-way, impacts to stormwater drainage, conflicts with utility poles, etc.). Understanding where these different conditions exist and estimating the cost to address them, allows the city to more accurately estimate the scale and cost of all improvements needed across Denver.

After this first phase of outreach, the project team will reach out in the spring of 2026 for feedback how the program will phase and stage its work moving forward.

CUSTOMERS EMBRACE RTD'S TAP-N-RIDE for FARE PAYMENT

Tap-n-Ride is convenient for customers short on time who can bypass a ticket vending machine and pay through a simple tap of a Mastercard, Visa card, or mobile wallet at any validator.

RTD's new Tap-n-Ride fare payment method is seeing growing usage since its Nov. 25 launch. Roughly 13,305 customers took advantage of the quick payment method in January 2026, up from 9,153 customers in December 2025.

Tap-n-Ride is more secure than payment methods that require swiping a bank card and are vulnerable to traditional skimming.

Tap-n-Ride processes payments without storing card numbers giving customers peace of mind.

[Reason to Ride](#)

[Use Tap-n-Ride](#)



UNLOCKING HOUSING CHOICES

Opportunity for More Entry-level Homes and More Supply of Affordable Homes

LEARN ABOUT DRAFT PROPOSALS AT PUBLIC EVENTS IN MARCH AND APRIL

Community Planning and Developing is launching an inclusive community process with the goal of allowing more middle housing forms in Denver's residential neighborhoods through potential updates to the Denver Zoning Code and other city rules and regulations. The project is focusing on this goal while working to preserve existing affordability and ensure that new development adds more attainable housing stock.

The intent of the work is to allow more housing choices in Denver's residential neighborhoods, to update design requirements for middle housing building forms so that new construction is compatible with existing neighborhoods and recommendations in adopted plans, to encourage the preservation of existing homes, and to create incentives or requirements for affordable housing in newly constructed middle housing.

Attend a MeetingCity planners from Denver Community Planning and Development will host five public meetings to present draft proposals in late March and early April. Four in-person meetings will be held at locations around the city, and one meeting will be held virtually. All of the meetings will feature the same content and agenda, starting with an open house for the first 30 minutes, followed by a presentation and Q&A from the project team.

Take a look at meeting dates and locations, shown below, and attend the one that is most convenient for you. To help plan for these events CPD ask you register ahead of time and share meeting information with friends and neighbors who may be interested.

Spring meeting series information

Tuesday, March 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Highland Recreation Center
2880 Osceola Street, Denver

Wednesday, March 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Cook Park Recreation Center
7100 Cherry Creek S Drive, Denver

Tuesday, April 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Athmar Recreation Center
2680 W Mexico Avenue, Denver

Thursday, April 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Montbello Recreation Center
15555 E 53rd Avenue, Denver

Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 -7:00 p.m.
[Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams](#)

[RSVP for Meeting](#)

DENVER
THE MILE HIGH CITY

UNLOCKING HOUSING CHOICES

UPDATE SCALE AND FORM
Limit the mass and scale of new house-sized building forms.

INFILL BONUS
Allow more housing when the primary structure is retained.

AFFORDABILITY BONUS
Allow more housing when affordable unit(s) are provided.

ABOUT THE PROJECT
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PROJECT GOALS

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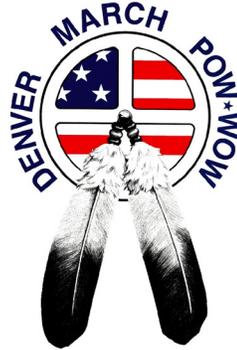
Wednesday, April 15
5:30 -7:00 p.m.
Virtual
link posted on webpage

More information:
Scan QR Code
www.denvergov.org/housingchoices

March Events in Denver



Denver Restaurant Week
 March 6–15
denverrestaurantweek.com



Denver March Pow Wow
 March 20, 21, 22
denvermarchpowwow.com



Mile High Beer Fest
 March 7
 Santa Fe Arts District
milehighbeerfest.com



First Friday Art Walks
 March 6
 Santa Fe Arts District
denversartdistrict.org



Meow Wolf Shows
 All March Long
 Santa Fe Arts District
meowwolf.com



Childrens Museum Low-Sensory Evening
 Wed. March 18 | 4:30 pm
mychildsmuseum.org



	<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>

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