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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. Behind Church  
Tuesday, May 12, 6:30-8 pm  
All are welcome

## COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Virtual - Friday, MAY 22,  
11:00am-1:00pm  
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# JPUN'S 24th ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP & CELEBRATION SATURDAY, MAY 9 / 9AM JEFFERSON PARK PLAYGROUND

THIS SATURDAY

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.

Trash bags will be provided to collect trash throughout the neighborhood. Please bring your own set of gloves. To help us order food, trash bags, vests and other items please sign up [HERE](#) or use QR code.



Please thank Federal BID and these local businesses when you stop in for helping sponsor this great community event.



## THIS WEDNESDAY JPUN - SLCG Happy Hour!

Join JPUN and the Sloan's Lake Citizens Group Joint Happy Hour

Wednesday, May 6 | 5-7 p.m.  
Ephemeral Tap & Bottle  
2855 W. 25th Ave.



## 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

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# SUN VALLEY VIADUCT NIGHT MARKET



## CELEBRATE the CULTURE, ART and FOOD from SUN VALLEY, SOUTHWEST DENVER & BEYOND!

Local chefs, artisans, and entrepreneurs are excited to bring you live music, family-friendly activities, and food, drink, and crafts from over 30 vendors

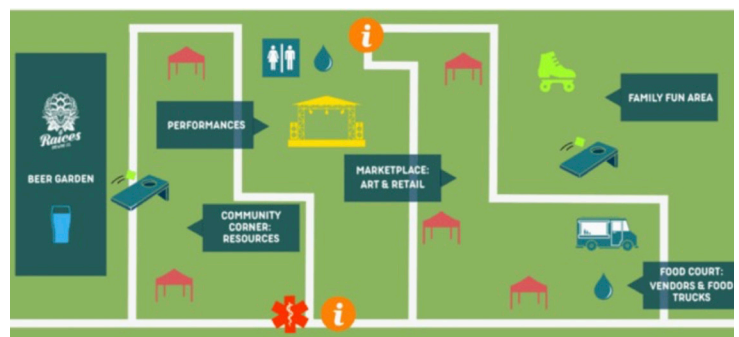
### FREE ADMISSION!

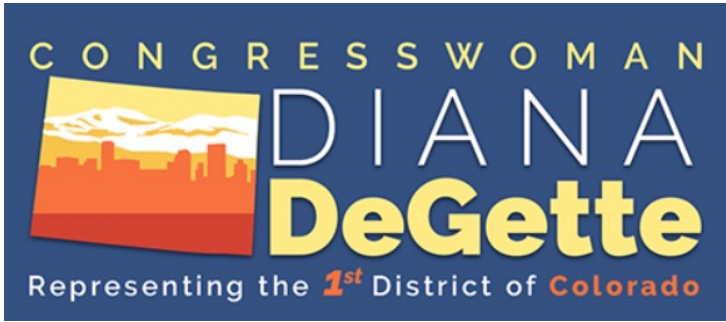
Saturday May 16, 2026 | 4 pm - 10pm

Located at the south end of Empower Field, Parking Lot B, under the Colfax Viaduct

### VOLUNTEER!

Sign up [here](#) and help make this the best night market ever by lending a hand.





## Congresswoman DeGette Staff Visit Offers Chance to Push 23rd Avenue Bridge Priorities

Grayson Moore, District Outreach Representative for Congresswoman Diana DeGette (CO-1) will be at our **General Membership Meeting on May 12** to provide updates on ongoing work in Washington, constituent services, and any federal issue community members want to raise.

**For Jefferson Park residents** this visit lands at a moment when several local projects intersect with federal funding streams and national policy decisions.

### 23rd Avenue Bridge

The 23rd Avenue bridge replacement remains one of Northwest Denver's most consequential infrastructure projects. Residents can ask about federal grant pathways, timelines, and how community priorities — including a fully conflict free multimodal crossing — fit into federal transportation criteria.

### Constituent Services

Residents can also bring individual questions about federal agencies — **student loan issues, passports, IRS issues, federal benefits, Social Security and Medicare** — since the Congresswoman's office regularly assists with these.

### Multimodal Safety

With the **removal of parking spaces** and the city's continued push toward alternative transportation, safer crossings, reduced conflict points, and stronger pedestrian and bike infrastructure become essential—not optional—for neighborhoods like Jefferson Park.

**How can federal programs support Denver's safety goals**, including grants that align with Vision Zero, multimodal improvements, and conflict free street design. How do federal transportation and safety programs—such as RAISE, Safe Streets and Roads for All, or other USDOT initiatives—can help fund the kinds of improvements Northwest Denver needs.

### Environmental and River Adjacent Improvements

Federal agencies often play a critical role in waterway restoration, flood mitigation, and environmental remediation—all highly relevant to both **The River Mile redevelopment and the Sun Valley** area, where decades of industrial activity and ongoing construction meet the South Platte River. These federal programs can support monitoring, cleanup, and long term environmental protections for communities along the corridor.

Some of the goals are to create new riparian habitats, strengthen water quality improvements, and expand recreational opportunities along the river.

Achieving this requires coordination with multiple federal partners, including the EPA, the Army Corps of Engineers, and other agencies that oversee river adjacent work and environmental safeguards.



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## APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER Street Sweeping Season Has Begun

Denver's street sweeping and related parking enforcement are now underway. Please check the red and white signs on your block for monthly parking restrictions and be sure to move your vehicle on your scheduled sweeping day to **avoid a \$50 citation.**

You can look up your specific sweeping schedule and sign up for email or text reminders at [denvergov.org/Online-Services-Hub](https://denvergov.org/Online-Services-Hub).

**THE POSTED SWEEPING SEASON RUNS APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER.**



## Denver's Emergency Alerting Systems Denver's Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

### Test of wireless emergency alert and outdoor warning on May 13, 2026 at 11am

Routine testing helps Denver's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) identify any issues, improve system performance, and ensure they can effectively communicate with the community during emergencies such as severe weather, hazardous material incidents, or other public safety threats.

For more information about Denver's emergency alert systems and how to stay informed, visit their [website](#).



## RED BULL SOAPBOX RACE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
EMPOWER FIELD AT MILE HIGH

Empower Field at Mile High  
Saturday, June 13, 2026  
Gates Open at 11 am

This free to attend will take place across Empower Field @ Mile High stadium parking lots (F, G, I, and J).

To help create a safe and walkable environment, Mile High Stadium Circle will likely be closed from 17th to Decatur on event day.

Organizers are anticipating up to 30,000 attendees throughout the day, with an estimated 15,000 people onsite at peak times. Parking will be available for purchase upon arrival.



## Movie Night on the Block

MAY 7 • 6:30 - 10:00 PM

### The Mighty Ducks

**A series of outdoor film screenings at Larimer Square.** Grab a bite and sip drink specials from some of Larimer Square favorites and enjoy a movie in the heart of downtown Denver!

They're kicking things off with The Mighty Ducks as Denver roots for the Colorado Avalanche. The square will be decked out in Avs jerseys to celebrate playoff season. Wear yours and bring the energy for a night of hockey spirit and feel-good nostalgia.

# Denver's Apartment Market Softens — With Ripple Effects in Jefferson Park

Denver's apartment market is showing clear signs of financial strain, with rising vacancies, slowing rent growth, and an uptick in foreclosure activity across the metro area.

While Jefferson Park has not been a hotspot for filings, these citywide pressures still matter locally: older mid sized buildings in the neighborhood face higher operating costs and tougher competition from new construction downtown and along the River Mile corridor.

The supply surge — more than **45,000 new units added in five years** — pushed Denver's vacancy rate to 11.5% in early 2025, more than double its 2021 low. Vacancies have begun to ease slightly, but groundbreakings have plummeted as developers struggle to secure financing, signaling that supply side pressure may gradually ease over the next year.

In the meantime, conditions remain firmly in favor of renters. Roughly **half of all Denver area apartment buildings offered concessions** in May — far above the national average — with some new complexes providing up to 10 weeks of free rent on a one year lease. Even stabilized properties are now offering incentives to retain tenants.

**Rents have fallen 3.3%** year over year, and the market will need to work through both the supply overhang and heavy concessions before any recovery takes hold. For Jefferson Park, this environment can mean short term rent deals, deferred maintenance in aging buildings, and increased redevelopment interest as investors look for distressed assets — all factors that influence neighborhood stability, affordability, and the pace of change.

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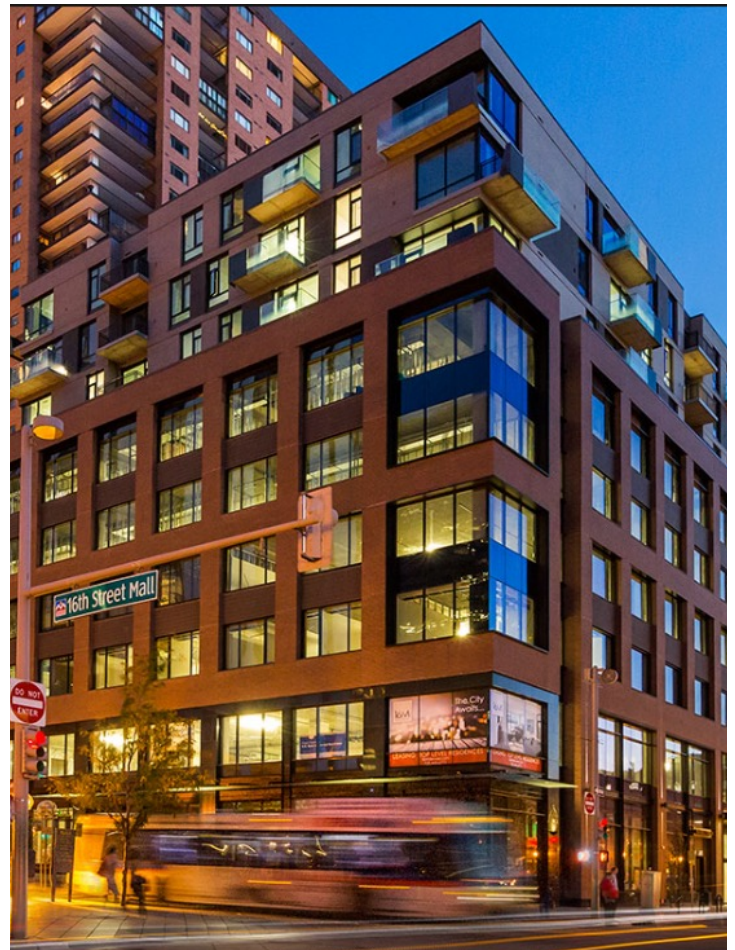
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# Lemonade Day is coming to Denver on May 16, 2026!

This city-wide event gives kids the chance to become entrepreneurs for a day by planning, creating, and running their own small business. Through Lemonade Day, youth gain real-world skills like goal-setting, money management, teamwork, and confidence, all while engaging with their neighbors and community.

Families can register kids to participate, and community spaces can get involved by hosting a "Sweet Spot" location or volunteering. Learn more and get involved at [Lemonade Day Denver](#) and follow along at [@LemonadeDayDenver!](#)

## Register Kids

Families can register their children to participate and receive access to Lemonade Day's FREE kid-friendly business curriculum.

[Register your child here](#)

## Host a "Sweet Spot"

Restaurants, storefronts, business owners and community spaces, such as clubhouses, parks, pools, rec centers, or common areas can serve as a "Sweet Spot" location. Sweet Spot hosts provide a welcoming, visible place for kids to set up their stands without having to manage the stand themselves.

[Sign up to host a Sweet Spot or receive updates](#)

## Mentor or Volunteer

Community members can volunteer as mentors or event-day helpers, offering encouragement and real-world insight that helps kids feel supported and seen.

[Register to volunteer or mentor](#)

# Lemonade Day!®



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# LEMONADE DAY DENVER

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SATURDAY, MAY 16TH  
SERVING COMMUNITIES  
ACROSS COLORADO

LEMONADE DAY IS A HANDS-ON PROGRAM TEACHING KIDS TO RUN THEIR OWN SMALL BUSINESSES. ON MAY 16, YOUTH ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY WILL LAUNCH LEMONADE STANDS, AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

### WHO CAN JOIN?

- KIDS K-12
- FAMILIES & SCHOOLS, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY GROUPS

HOST A STAND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR AT A SWEET SPOT LOCATION



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LEARN MONEY SKILLS  
BUILD CONFIDENCE  
GET CREATIVE  
HAVE FUN!

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## RULES FOR OUTDOOR WATER USE

# Denver Water Issues Mandatory Drought Restrictions for 2026

Facing Colorado's lowest snowpack on record, extreme drought conditions in the mountains, and temperatures far above normal, Denver Water has enacted Stage 1 mandatory drought restrictions that may remain in place through 2026.

According to Denver Water, streamflows from snowmelt are expected to be far below average and insufficient to refill reservoirs, and the current water year is the warmest on record with no relief in long term forecasts.

## What the Restrictions Require

### Irrigation Rules

- **Water grass only twice per week** following Denver Water's assigned schedule:
  - **Even numbered addresses: Sundays & Thursdays**
  - **Odd numbered addresses: Wednesdays & Saturdays**
  - **All other customers (multifamily, commercial, government, HOAs): Tuesdays & Fridays**
- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Drip irrigation and hand watering allowed for trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables (but still not between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.)
- **Limit:** Two days per week for turf; other plants may be watered as needed within the rules.

### Vehicle Washing

- Commercial car washes may operate normally.
- Residents may wash vehicles using a bucket or a hose with an automatic shut off nozzle.
- Commercial fleets may wash vehicles **once per week**, unless required for health or safety.

### Restaurants & Hotels

- Restaurants may serve water **only upon request**.
- Hotels may change sheets every four days, unless requested sooner or required for health/safety.

### Power Washing

- Residents may power wash **only on their assigned watering days**, except for health or safety needs.
- Businesses are exempt from these limits.

### Enforcement

Stage 1 restrictions typically involve **increased monitoring** and **fines for wasteful water use**.

Denver Water has not yet announced specific enforcement measures, but utilities often deploy patrols to identify violations. Stage 1 aims to reduce overall water use by approximately 20%.

[LEARN MORE](#)



# HOUSING RESOURCE FAIRS



**DENVER**  
HOUSING STABILITY

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**May 16 | June 6 | June 20  
July 11 | July 25 | August 8  
August 22 | September 5**

Visit [denvergov.org/housingfair](https://denvergov.org/housingfair)  
for times and locations

**LEARN ABOUT:**

**Rental Resources**  
Available affordable rentals, temporary rent and utility assistance, tenant rights, financial planning and credit repair

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**Connect with Nonprofit Housing Counseling Agencies**



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Scan the QR code or visit [denvergov.org/housingfair](https://denvergov.org/housingfair) for information and dates.



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# Neighborhood 2026 Party

25th Ave between  
Federal Blvd  
& Eliot St

## SUNNYSIDE MUSIC FEST

# Volunteers Needed! Sign Up Today

The Sunnyside Music Festival invites you to join them in making a tangible impact. The festival is scheduled to occur on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Chafee Park.

- **Why Join?**

- o Support the Sunnyside Music Festival, listen to incredible local musicians, connect with people in your community and support the arts for kids in our local schools.

- o Every volunteers gets a free t-shirt, drink tokens, snacks and if you are an early riser, we will provide breakfast burritos.

- **Next Steps:** If you are interested in volunteering for a short shift to support the festival, please click the "Sign Up Today" link below to submit your interest.

- **Please note,** we are using new software to manage the music festival which will require a brief registration for volunteers. Please reach out to our contact below if you have any trouble or questions about registering on this new platform.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator at [corrine@sunnysidemusicfest.org](mailto:corrine@sunnysidemusicfest.org). Your time, energy, and heart in supporting this great event truly matter.

With so much gratitude for you and your help, Sunnyside Music Festival

[Sign Up Today](#)



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## THE DENVER COLFAX MARATHON CELEBRATES ITS 20TH RUNNING THIS YEAR!

### A WEEKEND OF FITNESS, FUN AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Health & Fitness Expo: May 15 - 16  
Empower Field at Mile High

#### SATURDAY

5K Race in City Park

#### SUNDAY

Full Marathon,  
Half Marathon,  
Urban 10 Miler  
& Marathon Relay

### What Jefferson Park Residents Need to Know

The Colfax Marathon returns May 16–17, bringing major races and citywide road closures. The biggest local impacts will be increased activity around Empower Field starting May 15 and the full closure of Colfax Ave from I 25 to Speer Blvd on Sunday, May 17 (7 AM–12 PM). Expect heavier traffic on Federal Blvd and limited eastbound access toward downtown during this window.

Full details and course maps are available at [runcolfax.org](http://runcolfax.org)