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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, August 11, 6:30–8 pm
All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

In-Person – Friday, August 14
11:00-1:00pm
Virtual - Friday, August 28
11:00am-1:00pm
Reserve a spot at:
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Complex at
22nd and Federal**

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

JPUN Dog Days of Summer Returns to Jefferson Park!

In partnership with National Night Out and Denver Days, Jefferson Park United Neighbors is thrilled to bring back one of our most beloved neighborhood traditions — the JPUN Dog Days of Summer, happening **Tuesday, August 4, from 5–7 PM at the Jefferson Park Playground.**

We're bringing back Dog Days of Summer that began more than a decade ago as a celebration of the two and four legged residents who make Jefferson Park, Sloan's Lake, and the Highlands such vibrant, welcoming communities.

Activities & Attractions

We're filling the evening with pet friendly fun and community energy:

- **Puparazzi Photography** Capture a keepsake photo of you and your pup
- **Urban Vet Care** Doggie Ice Cream Treats, giveaways, and friendly veterinary experts
- **Mobile Dog Wash** Freshen up your furry friend with on site grooming
- **Dog Adoptions** Meet adoptable dogs looking for loving homes
- **Doggie Daycare & Training Services** Explore local programs and resources
- **DJ Mixer** Music to keep the energy high and tails wagging
- **Ball Pit Fun** A fan favorite play zone for adventurous pups
- **Bacon & Birthday Cake Flavored Bubbles**

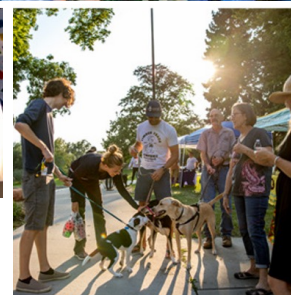
Show Off Your Pet! We're also bringing back some of our favorite ways to showcase your pet's personality and talent:

- **Costume Contest at 6:00 PM**
- **Smartest Pet Trick Contest at 6:30 PM**

It's a fantastic chance for you and your pooch to come away with some great prizes! ...and Briar Common will keep it going by extending their Happy Hour Specials!

DENVER DAYS

CELEBRATING A VIBRANT DENVER



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 REFERENCE!

Starting Monday July 20th

Yoga In The Park



6-7pm
at Jefferson Park

with Kristen of Mind Over Mat Yoga

*every Monday through
the end of August for
an evening flow
accessible to all
levels!*

SCAN TO SIGN UP



ARAUJO'S RESTAURANT

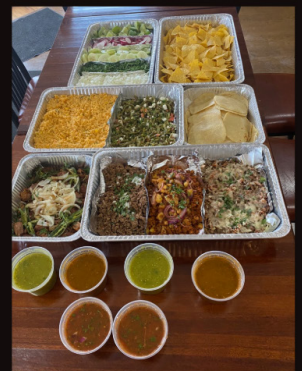
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NEXT JPUN MEETING AUGUST 11

Proposed 242-Unit Apartment Complex at 22nd and Federal

A **242 unit apartment complex** is being proposed for the Family Star Montessori site at **2246 Federal Blvd**, marking one of the most significant redevelopment moves Jefferson Park has seen in years. Developer Kennedy Wilson is seeking a substantial upzoning—from the current **3 story limit** to a **7 story massing on the north side**, stepping down to **5 stories on the south**.

The project would operate under Denver's DO 8 active use overlay, which requires a lively, pedestrian oriented ground floor. That means the first level could introduce retail, restaurants, personal services, live work units, fitness rooms, lounges, or co working spaces—uses that would reshape how neighbors experience this stretch of Federal on a daily basis.

If approved, this rezoning would fundamentally influence the scale, character, and street level energy of Jefferson Park. It represents a major pivot point for how Federal Boulevard evolves in the coming decade.

Residents are urged to attend JPUN's August 11 meeting at 6:30pm at Riverside Church to hear directly from the developer, understand the implications for the neighborhood, ask questions, and offer feedback.



JIMMY DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT FARE FOR BRONCOSRIDE



#DONTBEJIMMY



BRONCOSRIDE BUS IS BACK!

The Regional Transportation District's BroncosRide buses, running from Park-n-Ride lots around metro Denver to Broncos football games, will be back this fall after a five-year suspension.

The agency suspended the service before the Broncos' 2020-21 season due to bus driver shortages and agency concerns about public transit equity.

Despite RTD's current budget crisis, the directors decided that the BroncosRide — which will cost \$1.6 million, according to information that agency staff provided to directors — will help boost RTD's lagging overall ridership and increase the appeal of public transit.

Before the **Broncos' Aug. 21 preseason home game against the Green Bay Packers**, RTD officials plan to announce detailed plans to run about 92 buses from about 18 locations around metro Denver, including stations near Denver International Airport, East High School, the Highlands Ranch Town Center, Interstate 25/Broadway, Broomfield, Longmont, Littleton and Parker.

To see a map, link [here](#)

US 6 AND I-25 UPDATES

Update on Billing Process for US-36 and Central I-25 Express Lanes

Changes are coming to the billing system for tolls on US-36 and Central I-25 Express Lanes collected by license plate readers. These changes will not affect ExpressToll® transponder users, but ExpressToll is providing this update to ensure there is no confusion regarding whether it impacts your travels.

For background, Express Lanes are a series of corridors in the Denver metropolitan area that run along state roads to help reduce congestion and improve commute times. The Express Lanes are managed by a set of different entities, which are each individually responsible for setting tolling policies and receiving revenue from their designated stretches of the road. Since 1991, ExpressToll® has been the only platform drivers have used to pay tolls.

One of these individual entities, Plenary Roads Denver, which manages the Express Lanes on US-36 and Central I-25 between Denver and Boulder, has decided to introduce a new billing system.

What You Need to Know

ExpressToll® transponders will continue to be used to collect tolls on Express Lanes on US-36 and Central I-25 and for all tollway driving throughout the region. Nearly 80% of Express Lane travelers use ExpressToll® transponders, which means most drivers should not experience a change.

However, drivers who do not currently use an ExpressToll® transponder will experience a change in how tolls are billed, but only on Express Lanes on US-36 and Central I-25. Drivers not using ExpressToll® transponders will be billed directly by Plenary Roads Denver, once Plenary Road Denver's new system goes live this fall.

[Link](#) to the ExpressToll® website for map and details. If you'd prefer additional help, the ExpressToll® Service Center is available at 303 537 3470.

As a reminder, a transponder is a small electronic device, typically a sticker or plastic tag, that is attached to a car's windshield. When you drive through a toll lane, the toll system sends out a radio signal. Your transponder automatically "responds" with a signal back, identifying your account. The toll is then charged electronically, without you needing to stop, roll down a window, or pay cash, like a tap-to-pay card for your car on toll roads.







Zach Bryan — Show 1
Thursday, August 13
7:00 PM–11:00 PM
 Parking Opens: 3:00 PM
 Main Gates: 6:00 PM

Zach Bryan — Show 2
Friday, August 14
7:00 PM–11:00 PM
 Parking Open: 3:00 PM
 Main Gates: 6:00 PM

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 ⌚ 5PM - 7PM

JEFFERSON PARK PLAYGROUND



PUPPY ICE CREAM



BALL PIT POOL



DOG TREATS



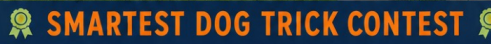
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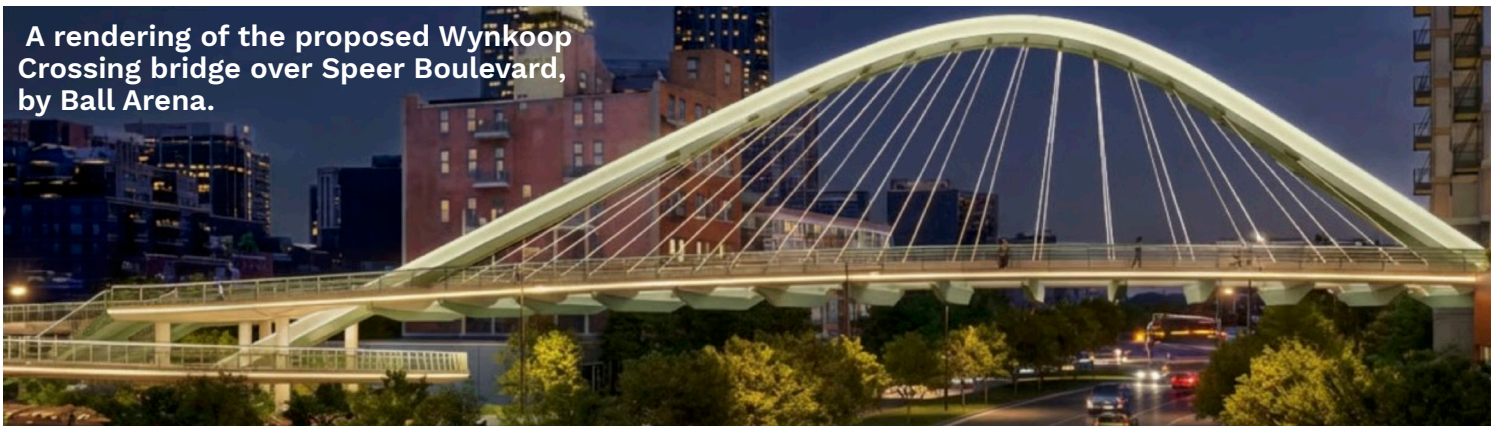
SMARTEST DOG TRICK CONTEST

..... **FUN** **COMMUNITY** **PUPPIES**

ALL DOGS, ALL PEOPLE, ALL WELCOME!



A rendering of the proposed Wynkoop Crossing bridge over Speer Boulevard, by Ball Arena.



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

ANOTHER DENVER BRIDGE MOVES FORWARD AS 23RD AVE. SITS IN LIMBO

Kroenke Sports and Entertainment outlay proposed plans to build a bridge over Speer Boulevard to connect Ball Arena to downtown Denver following a key Denver City Council vote.

The [bridge project](#) would be part of the first phase of redevelopment planned for Ball Arena's parking lots. The area will become a new extension of downtown as parking lots will become housing, hotels and more.

How the bridge could look:

The bridge would start on the west end of Speer Boulevard, just north of Auraria Parkway and span the length of the eight-lane road. The bridge over Speer would feature walkways on either side of a single steel arch. The walkways would be 16 feet wide for pedestrians, bicyclists and scooterists. Each side will have both stairs and ADA-compliant ramps.

If the city approves the development project, the first phase of construction would include a hotel, a performance venue and two residential buildings. The tallest buildings would rise 13 stories.

The first phase would include 300 homes, most of which would be market rate, and nearly 400 underground parking spaces.

Construction could begin later this year.

**Source: City and County of Denver
Excerpts from Denverite**





DENVER BRONCOS 7K

Sunday, September 6, 2026

On your mark, get set, GO BRONCOS! All members of Broncos Country, walkers and runners alike, are invited to join the Denver Broncos for the 14th Broncos 7K

Participants will start at Empower Field at Mile High and head west into the beautiful Sloan's Lake neighborhood. Racers will then head back to Empower Field at Mile High, through the tunnel, and onto the field to finish at the 50-yard line!

Stay after the conclusion of the 7K for our Kids Fun Run and a new and improved Finisher Festival and Broncos Fan Rally, featuring Broncos Alumni, Miles the Mascot, Denver Broncos Cheerleaders, and more!

Questions?

The quickest response (within 24 hours) is via:

Email: info@halsports.net

www.denverbroncos.com/7k

Event Schedule

• Set-Up:

- Saturday, Sept 5: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Sunday, Sept 6: 5:00 AM – 8:00 AM

• Event Activities:

- Sunday, Sept 6: 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

• Tear-Down & Cleanup:

- Sunday, September 6: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

Road Closures

- **Saturday, Sept 5** (Empower Field at Mile High)
Mile High Stadium W Cir from W. Dick Connor Ave to W 19th Ave will be closed starting at 2 p.m.

- **Sunday, Sept 6** (rolling closures)

Mile High Stadium W Cir from Eliot St to W 20th Ave:
Closed from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m.

W 20th Ave (Mile High Stadium W Cir to Grove St):
Closed 7:40 AM – 8:30 AM

Grove St (W 20th Ave to W 23rd Ave):
Closed 7:40 AM – 8:30 AM

W 23rd Ave (Grove St to Stuart St):
Closed 7:40 AM – 8:45 AM

Stuart St (W 23rd Ave to W. 21st Ave):
Closed 7:40 AM – 8:45 AM

W 21st Ave (Stuart St to Perry St):
Closed 7:40 AM – 9:00 AM

Quitman St (W 21st Ave to W 20th Ave):
Closed 7:40 AM – 9:00 AM

W 20th Ave (Quitman St to Newton St):
Closed 7:40 AM – 9:00 AM

W 19th Ave (Newton St to Meade St):
Closed 7:40 AM – 9:00 AM

Mead St (W 19th Ave to 17th Ave):
Closed 7:40 AM – 10:00 AM

- Please note: All streets will reopen as soon as the final participant has safely cleared each section of the course. Traffic may be permitted to cross the course at select intersections when safe to do so under the direction of Denver Police officers and event personnel

ACROSS DENVER METRO AREA

DENVER POLICE WARN of DANGEROUS ENCOUNTERS DURING CAR BREAK-INS

The Denver Police Department is cautioning community members of a dangerous pattern regarding two recent homicides where vehicle owners confronted people who were breaking into or attempting to steal their vehicles.

The first incident occurred in the 15000 block of East Olmstead at approximately 1:15 a.m., on June 24. The second incident occurred in the 4300 block of Pecos Street at approximately 11:55 p.m., on June 30. Sadly, in both incidents, an adult male victim was shot and killed by those breaking into or attempting to steal their vehicles.

“DPD offers this warning, in no way to shame the victims for their attempts to protect their vehicles, but to bring awareness to this disturbing trend and to encourage everyone to call 911 if they see something suspicious or a crime in progress,” said Denver Police Chief Ron Thomas. “The brazen actions of these suspects go against the fiber of our community, and our investigations teams are working to identify and arrest them.” As with any crime in progress, residents are strongly encouraged to avoid engaging with suspects and assume they may be armed, call 911, and be a good witness who can share relevant details with responding police officers.

GET IT BACK WITH DENVERTRACK

In March of 2023, your Denver Police Department launched DenverTrack, a program designed to help combat auto thefts. If your vehicle has a GPS or Bluetooth tracking device—whether factory-installed or aftermarket—you can register for this free program and help DPD track your car in the unfortunate event it's stolen.

Here's how it works:

- Register your vehicle at denvergov.org/DenverTrack
- If your car is stolen, you will contact your GPS service provider or access your Bluetooth tracker app and share the vehicle's location in real-time with officers.

Why register?

- It's free, it helps protect your car, and it gives DPD the tools to act fast if your vehicle is stolen. Keep in mind: There may be a manufacturer fee if you access GPS data.
- And, once registered, DPD will send you DenverTrack stickers to place on your windows to deter thieves.

Don't wait—register your car today and learn more about the program & additional theft prevention tips! Visit denvergov.org/DenverTrack to learn more!



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Denver Police investigators have made progress in these cases and continue working to identify the suspects and determine whether the incidents are connected. As additional context, the two homicides referenced here are part of an upward trend in homicides year-to-date (26 homicides) compared with 2025 year-to-date (18 homicides), during which Denver saw the second lowest homicide rate going back to 1990.

Year-to-date, homicides are down 13% compared to the prior three year average. At this time, Denver Police Homicide investigators have solved 20 of the 26 cases, and the investigations into the six open cases are active and ongoing. Citywide, reported violent gun crime is down 21% year-to-date compared with 2025 year to-date.

Some of your best relationships have four legs and zero chill.

The little things fade fast — the doorbell losing its mind, the 2pm sunbeam nap that ruins your whole afternoon plan.

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Free Paint Recycling Event!

Saturday, August 1 | 9am-1pm
Ball Arena - Denver CO

ACCEPTING: Oil-based, acrylic, and latex paints, stains, shellacs, lacquers, sealers, varnishes, and urethanes.

NOT ACCEPTING: Spray paint, paint thinners, solvents, driveway sealers, drywall mud, roof patch, and other household hazardous waste.

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Voluntary donations will support the Denver Fire Department Foundation

