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JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

In Person - Friday, November 13, 11:00-1:00pm
Virtual - Friday, November 20, 11:00am–1:00pm
Reserve a spot at:
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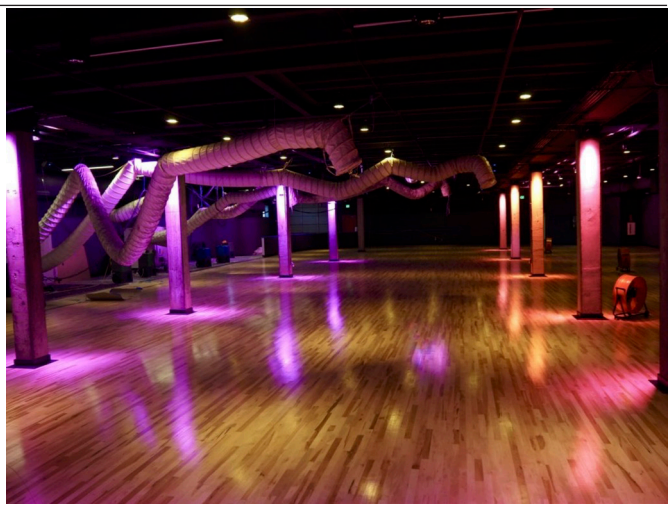
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Rainbow Dome Opens New Roller Skating and Community Hub



A new destination for recreation, arts, and community gathering has opened just west of Jefferson Park. Rainbow Dome recently celebrated the opening of its permanent home at 1660 Federal Blvd., bringing a large indoor roller-skating rink and event space to the area.

The 29,000-square-foot venue occupies a former furniture store near Empower Field and represents the next chapter for the organization, which has hosted roller-skating and arts-focused pop-up events throughout the Denver area since 2021. The group spent several years raising funds and planning renovations before opening the facility.

YOU'RE INVITED to the RAINBOW DOME!

Sunday, November 15 | 10am-2pm
1660 N Federal Blvd

Rainbow Dome is hosting a free event for nearby neighbors. There will be a local DJ, free food, and the free entry includes skate rental. More Info at rainbowdome.com

At the heart of the space is a full-size wooden skating rink complete with skate rentals, music, lighting, and seating areas. The venue also includes gathering spaces, event rooms, a lounge, and areas intended for future art installations, live performances, makers markets, family activities and community programming.

Rainbow Dome describes itself as a queer-centered space that welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds. Organizers say their goal is to create an environment where community members can connect, build relationships, and enjoy shared experiences through skating, arts, and special events.

RAINBOW DOME

Regular public skating hours are scheduled Thursday through Sunday. Admission starts at $8 for youth and $15 for adults, with skate rentals available on-site. Visitors are also welcome to bring their own skates.

Residents interested in learning more about upcoming events, skating sessions, and community programming can visit **rainbowdome.com**.

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!

DENVER ARTS WEEK ACROSS THE CITY

Denver Arts Week Continues with Free Cultural Experiences

Denver Arts Week brings hundreds of arts-related activities, exhibitions, performances, and community events to the city from November 6-15.

Many participating museums and cultural institutions offer free admission opportunities, making it one of the most accessible annual celebrations of local arts and culture.

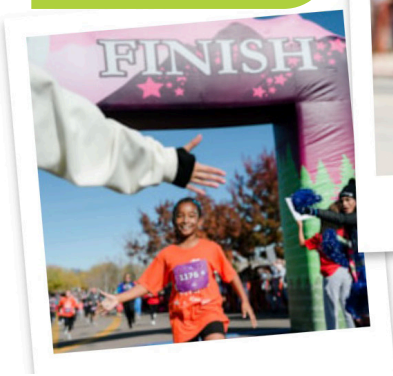
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BRONCOS HOME GAME WINS



Expect Street Closures in and Around Jefferson Park







Girls on the Run Rockies 5K

Coming to Empower Field Area November 15

Residents and visitors should plan for temporary road closures and parking restrictions around Empower Field and surrounding streets on Sunday, November 15, 2026, as Girls on the Run Rockies hosts its annual end-of-season 5K celebration.

This inspiring community event brings together young runners, families, volunteers, and supporters from across the region to celebrate the accomplishments of Girls on the Run participants. The 5K serves as the culminating event of the season, giving participants of all abilities the opportunity to cross the finish line, build confidence, and celebrate their achievements with family and friends

Find event details and updates at:
girlsontherunrockies.org/5k-denver

Event Schedule

- Set-Up: Sunday, November 15
  5:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

- 5K Event Activities:
  Sunday, November 15
  8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Tear Down & Cleanup:
  Sunday, November 15
  1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Traffic Impacts & Road Closures

To ensure participant safety, organizers are working closely with the City and County of Denver and the Denver Police Department to manage traffic throughout the event.

Hard Closure

Mile High Stadium Circle - 20th Ave to Eliot St

- Closure Time: 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- No vehicle access will be permitted along this section of Mile High Stadium Circle during the closure period.

Rolling Closures

Temporary rolling closures will occur along portions of the race route as participants move through the area.

- Denver Police Department officers will manage traffic and neighborhood access.

- Roads will reopen progressively once participants have cleared each section of the course.

- The start line is expected to clear at approximately 10:30 a.m., after which roads will begin reopening.

Neighborhood Access

Residents can expect improved access as the race concludes:

- 17th Avenue and Federal Boulevard are anticipated to reopen around 10:35 a.m.

- Access to the entire closure area will be restored from that point.

- 17th Avenue is expected to be fully reopened by approximately 11:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY MARKET SEASON

BEGINS ACROSS THE CITY

Free seasonal markets begin appearing throughout Denver during November. These events offer residents an opportunity to shop local while enjoying one of Denver's most popular holiday traditions.

Denver Christkindlmarket

November 20–December. 23 | Free Event

An authentic German-style holiday market hosts both local and European craft & food vendors and entertainment for everyone to enjoy located at Tivoli Quad at Auraria Campus.

Monday - Thursday | 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Friday - Sunday & Last Week (Dec. 17 - 23)
11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thanksgiving Day: 11 am - 4 pm
Denver Christkindlmarket

Mile High Drone Shows

November 20–December 31 night at 7 p.m. | Free

40 magical nights and 400 drones will creating breathtaking holiday-themed animations. See these dazzling displays from across Downtown. **More info.**

Best Places to Watch
Tivoli Quad Auraria Campus | Sculpture Park
54thirty Rooftop | Peaks Lounge
Terrace at the Denver Art Museum
Ball Arena Parking Lot
Auraria Campus 7th Street Parking Garage

Cherry Creek North Winter Wanderland and Market

November–December | Cherry Creek North

Festivities include a dazzling display of nearly one million twinkling lights on more than 600 trees spread throughout. Tree lighting is Thursday, November 19 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Enjoy Small Business Weekend, Nov. 27–30, and the Cherry Creek Holiday Market, Nov. 19–Dec. 24, with 40 local makers, designers and creators.

Denver Veterans Day Run, Parade and Festival

Saturday, November 14 | City Park

The memorial run begins at 9 a.m., followed by the opening of the free, family-friendly festival at 9:30 a.m. and the Veterans Day Parade at 10:30 a.m. The festival will feature live music, family activities, military displays and vendors.

Find event details at **denverveteransday.com**.

Light the Lights

Friday, November 20 | 5 PM

Denver's annual Light the Lights celebration returns to the City and County Building on Friday, Nov. 20. The opening ceremony is expected to last approximately 15 minutes, with no additional programming or amenities planned. Residents can attend in person or watch live on **Denver 8 TV** or the **City's Facebook** page.

Holiday Light and Music Show

November 20 –January 24

Beginning Nov. 20, the City and County Building will feature a festive light and music display produced by Colorado Holiday Experiences

Tuesday–Sunday: Shows at 5:45 and 6:45 p.m
No scheduled shows Dec. 5 or Dec. 21 or Mondays.

Find event details and updates at:
Celebrate the Holidays in Denver

The 52nd Annual 9NEWS Parade of Lights

Downtown Denver | Saturday, December 5 | 6:00 PM

The parade begins at 14th and Bannock Streets, where you can purchase grandstand seating in front of the City and County Building. Spectators can view the parade for free along the two-mile route on Tremont Street between 14th and 17th Streets, on 17th Street from Tremont to Curtis Street, on Curtis between 17th and 15th Streets, and on 15th Street from Curtis to Glenarm. **More info**.





NEW FOOD HALL

BRINGING TOGETHER LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS, DIVERSE CUISINES, and COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Sun Valley has a new destination for food, culture, and community connection. Eats on the Platte, located at 2500 W. 10th Avenue, is more than just a place to grab a great meal. It's a food hall, small-business incubator, and gathering space designed to help aspiring restaurateurs turn their culinary dreams into successful businesses.

Developed by the Denver Housing Authority (DHA) in partnership with Kitchen Network, Eats on the Platte is part of the ongoing transformation of Sun Valley into a vibrant, family-oriented neighborhood with new housing, businesses, and community amenities.

Six Vendors Under One Roof

Eats on the Platte brings together six food vendors, each offering unique flavors, recipes, and cultural traditions. Visitors can explore a variety of cuisines while supporting local entrepreneurs working to establish themselves in Denver's competitive restaurant industry.

What makes this food hall different is its mission. Rather than simply leasing restaurant space, Eats on the Platte provides an affordable launching point for emerging food businesses.

Through a tax-credit-supported program, participating vendors benefit from subsidized restaurant stalls with discounted rent and short-term leases of one to two years. Entrepreneurs also gain access to professional commercial kitchens, business mentoring, and operational guidance. The goal is simple: reduce the financial barriers to opening a restaurant while giving entrepreneurs the tools and experience they need to grow.

Building Businesses and Strengthening the Community

Kitchen Network, Denver's largest and longest-running commissary kitchen incubator, manages the facility and provides business support. The nonprofit works with approximately 100 specialty food businesses annually, offering shared kitchen facilities, industry expertise, and a network of fellow entrepreneurs.

The concept builds upon DHA's broader redevelopment efforts in Sun Valley, which began with a neighborhood master plan in 2015. As DHA Senior Development Manager Kent Wimbush explained, the food hall applies a concept similar to affordable housing, but for small-business owners: making opportunities more accessible by reducing the cost of getting started.

Your Next Meal Can Make a Difference

Every meal purchased at Eats on the Platte helps support a local entrepreneur building a business and pursuing a dream. Whether you're looking for a casual lunch, exploring new flavors, or meeting friends and neighbors, the food hall offers an opportunity to enjoy good food while contributing to the local economy.

Location: 2500 W. 10th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204
Days of Operation: Tuesday–Sunday
For more information, visit **eatsontheplatte.com**.





HELP PROTECT DENVER'S URBAN TREE CANOPY

With Denver's lawn-watering ban in effect, trees across our neighborhoods need hands-on care. More than 85% of Denver's urban canopy—including street trees in public sidewalk curbstrips—grows on private property and depends on residents, renters, and property owners for water. Hand-held hoses with shutoff nozzles, soaker hoses, and drip systems are fully permitted, and trees can be watered any day of the week under current guidelines.

Here is how to keep district trees healthy and resilient:

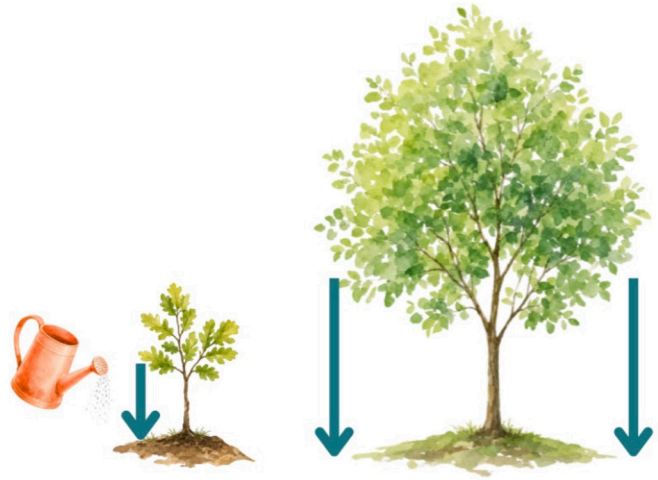
• Check the soil: Dig 4–6 inches down; water if the soil feels dry and crumbly.

• Follow the 10:1 ratio: Give trees 10 gallons of water for every 1 inch of trunk diameter.

• Water the drip line: Distribute water under the outer edge of the branches rather than right at the trunk.

• Time your watering: Water during days that are 40°F or warmer, aiming for once a week during hot, dry weather and once a month in winter.

More detailed information can be found **HERE**.





Learn About Middle Housing

NOVEMBER PUBLIC EVENTS



Denver Community Planning and Development (CPD) staff will hold five public meetings in November to share updated proposals for incorporating more housing options in Denver's residential neighborhoods.

The effort aims to expand housing choices, support affordability, encourage preservation of existing homes, and ensure new development is compatible with neighborhood character and adopted community plans.

The information shared will be the same at each meeting, so feel free to choose the one most convenient to you.

All meetings will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

MEETING DETAILS

Tuesday, Nov. 10
Montbello Recreation Center
15555 E 53rd Ave.

Wednesday, Nov. 18
Barnum Recreation Center
360 Hooker St.

Thursday, Nov. 19
Harvard Gulch Recreation Center
550 E Iliff Ave.

More details about the proposals will be posted on the the **Unlocking Housing Choices** webpage and shared by email.

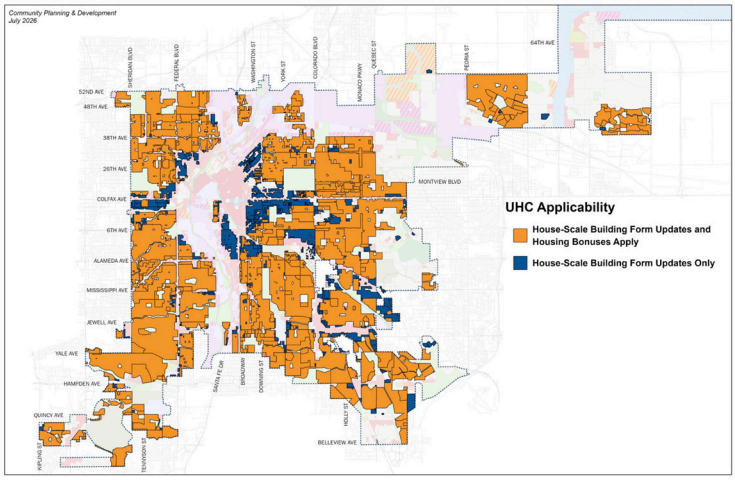
What does this mean for Jefferson Park and nearby neighborhoods?

Neighborhood character, housing affordability, property values, infrastructure, and long-term consequences
The central question is not simply whether Denver needs additional housing. It is whether neighborhoods originally planned and developed around predominantly one- and two-story residential homes can accommodate substantially more households without undermining the qualities, infrastructure, and housing affordability that make those neighborhoods desirable.

Middle housing can provide meaningful benefits, **but those benefits are not automatic.** The consequences depend on where additional units are permitted, how much redevelopment actually occurs, the size and price of replacement housing, and whether public infrastructure keeps pace.

A particularly important distinction is between allowing additional housing within existing buildings or accessory structures and creating financial incentives to demolish existing homes and replace them with three, four, or more units. These approaches can produce very different neighborhood outcomes.

ZONE DISTRICTS





COLORADO GIVES FOUNDATION

Show Up for Kids This Colorado Gives Day!

On Colorado Gives Day, December 8, Denver Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) is asking Jefferson Park residents for your support to help children and families affected by abuse and trauma receive the care they need.

Located at 22nd and Federal, DCAC is right in our backyard and provides a safe, supportive place for Denver children who have experienced physical or sexual abuse or other trauma to be heard, receive compassionate care, and begin healing. Through prevention education, forensic interviews, family advocacy, and mental health treatment, they help children and families when they need it most – at no cost to them.

Give now through December 8th and your donation will be DOUBLED, thanks to a generous matching gift of up to $70,000! Together, we can make a difference for children and families across Denver.

coloradogives.org #ColoradoGivesDay #ShowUpForKids #DenverCommunity



WALK, RIDE OR BIKE HOLIDAY MARKETS in NOVEMBER

UNION STATION
EST. 1881

Denver Union Station Urban Holiday Market

Saturday & Sunday
November 14 & 15 and November 28-29
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
1701 Wynkoop Street

HORSESHOE MARKET
est. 2010

Winter Horseshoe Market

Saturday & Sunday | November 28 - 29
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Highlands Masonic Center
35th and Federal

MCA DENVER

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver Holiday Makers Market

Saturday & Sunday | November 14–15
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
2644 W 32nd Ave

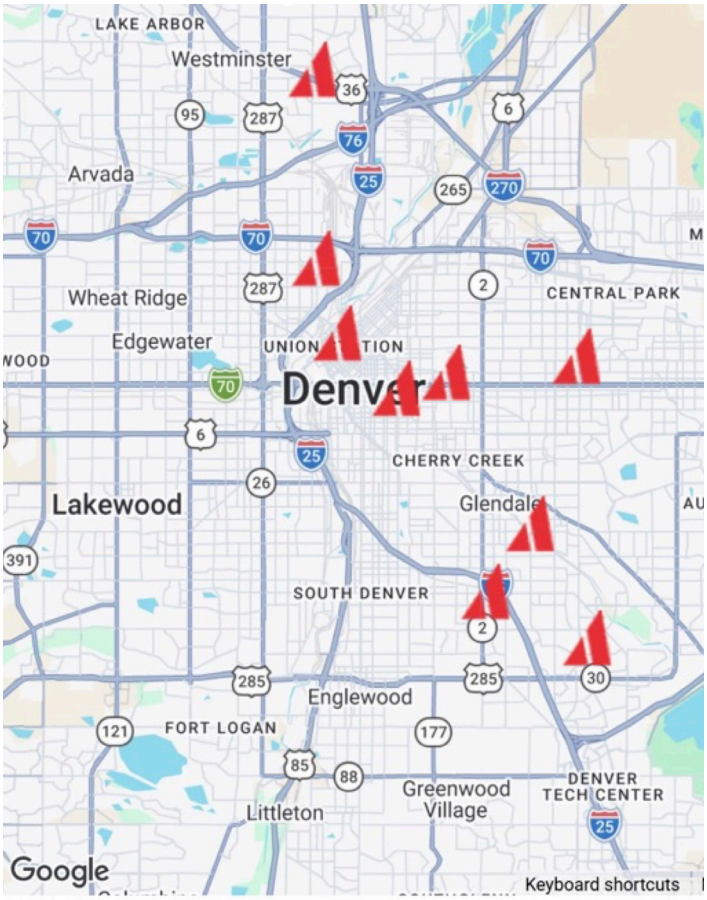
REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.

LeafDrop and Pumpkin Recycling

Denver's LeafDrop program allows residents to dispose of their fall leaves in an environmentally friendly way. Each fall, Denver's Office of the City Forester partners with Denver's Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI), Denver's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency (CASR) and Ace Hardware to provide paper leaf bags and designated drop-off sites for Denver residents.

Loose leaves and compostable leaf bags are also accepted in Denver's green compost carts.

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



2026 Drop Sites

WEEKDAY DROP SITES: Oct. 5 – Nov. 25

The following LeafDrop locations will be open on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:

- Cherry Creek Transfer Station* – 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (enter on E. Jewell Ave.)
- Denver Parks and Recreation – 3685 Havana St. (enter on Havana St.)
- Central Platte Campus – 1271 W. Bayaud Ave. (Enter through the gates at Bayaud and Navajo, go past the Denver Animal Shelter to dumpsters in front of Building 2 on the right

*Hitched trailers (6ft in length or less) are only accepted at the Cherry Creek Transfer Station.

WEEKEND DROP SITES: Nov. 7-8 / 14-15 / 21-22

The following LeafDrop locations will be open on Saturday, November 7, 14, 21 and Sunday, November 8, 15, 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:

- Bruce Randolph High School – 3955 Steele St.
- Cherry Creek Transfer Station* – 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (enter on E. Jewell Ave.)
- JFK High School – 2855 S Lamar St.
- Sloan's Lake Northwest Parking Lot – W. Byron Pl. and Yates St.
- Veterans Park – S. Vine St. and E. Iowa Ave.
- Archuleta Elementary School – 16000 Maxwell Pl.

*Hitched trailers (6ft in length or less) and loose leaves are only accepted at the Cherry Creek Transfer Station.

Leaves brought to all other LeafDrop sites must be in paper bags.

