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Presidents Message: Rob Squire

Much of our emphasis has been on committees this past month. We have finalized the charters for our committees, and we will be meeting with the committee chairs to ensure that we are all on the same page.

The Membership Committee has been reaching out to other buildings, and our name is getting out there. We now have members representing Spire, Brook's Towers, Residence XXV, Neusteters and The Lofts at Denver Dry. It's winter in Denver and the problems that we saw last summer have subsided somewhat. However, that is temporary and with the warmer weather those problems will reappear. I think interest in our cause will really ignite at that time.

The Safety and Quality of Life Committee has met with Commander Sanchez of the Denver Police Department, Evan Dreyer from the Mayor's office and Sheriff Diggins of the Denver Sheriff's Department. We have a follow-up meeting scheduled with Dr. Nikki Johnson who runs Denver's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program. Denver's City Auditor, Timothy O'Brien, reached out to us and offered to meet to discuss how his office helps the city, and we have scheduled a meeting with him. We have attempted to contact Representative Alex Valdez who is the State Representative for our district (Colorado House District 5) and we are hopeful that we will be able to get something on the calendar. Our next outreach will be to Julie Gonzalez who is the Colorado Senator for our district (Colorado Senate District 34).

UpDoNA Cares has met and begun the process of surveying charities and agencies that address the underlying issues that cause people to continue to live on the streets, and who provide treatment to those individuals in order to move them into shelters.

The Clean Sustainable Denver Committee holds Community Cleanups on the first Saturday of each month. The Website/Newsletter Committee continues to need writers to help write articles and Business Spotlights. With the decrease in prevalence of COVID, our Social Committee will be planning our first social event! Stay tuned.

One other very important activity we've been involved in is the Denver

City Council redistricting effort. You will hear more about this in the coming days.

One last item: Report - Report - Report

You are going to get tired of hearing this from me, but it's so critical that I find I must continue to stress the importance of reporting problems as you see them. Denver is data driven. Every 911, 311, Denver Non-Emergency and PocketGov report is entered into a database. That data is used by the police to determine where to provide the most resources. If there are problems and they aren't reported, the police won't know about them, and they won't deploy sufficient resources to deal with the issues. Report every incidence of illegal activity that you see. If you reported one and it wasn't addressed by the city, report it again – and again – and again. Report drug use, illegal camping, trespassing, aggressive behavior, graffiti, vandalism – you name it. If it's illegal, report it. If you don't know how, go to updona.org, and click on the red “Report an Issue” button at the top left corner of our website. That page will tell you what to do for the most common issues. If something you observe isn't covered on that page, let us know. We'll find out who to contact and add it to the page.

If you see something, say something.

Thank you for your continued support of UpDoNA.

Rob

Click on any of the images below for more information!



Local Business Spotlight

ScooTours

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Both locals and tourists enjoy scooting around UpDoNa and greater Denver. Whether it's a guided tour or exploring lesser-known areas and sites. To learn more about this local business gem in the heart of UpDoNa click [here](#).



As a new organization, UpDoNA has applied for 501c(3) status and we are waiting for approval. At present, your donation is not yet tax deductible. Once approved, all donations will be tax-deductible retroactively to the date of UpDoNA's founding in 2021.

Yes, I want to Donate to UpDoNA!



Who We Are

UpDoNA is a city registered neighborhood organization formed to advocate for the interests of the residents and businesses in Upper Downtown Denver.

Our Vision

To have an Upper Downtown community that is and continues to be one of the most sought-after neighborhoods for residents, businesses and visitors.

Our Mission

To be a partner and advocate for the betterment of the Upper Downtown community and all those who live, work and play here!



Biweekly LoDoNA Safe Clean & Compassionate Town Hall

February 3, 17 & 31, at 4:30 PM

Venue: Denver Chamber of Commerce Building or [Zoom](#)

Community Cleanup

March 5 at 9 AM

Venue: Meet in Lobby of Spire

St. Patrick's Day Parade!

March 12th starting at 9:30 am

Venue: Starts on Wynkoop at 19th
[Click here for more details](#)

International Sportsman's Expo

Dates: March 24-27, 2022

Venue: Denver Convention Center
[Click here for more details](#)

Whistler to Cassatt – American Painters in France

Through March 13

Venue: Denver Art Museum
[Click here for more details](#)

Guitar: The Instrument That Rocked The World

UpDoNA offers a business Membership, [click here to get involved!](#)

Through April 17

Venue: **Denver Museum of Nature & Science**

[Click here for details](#)

* If you are involved with a local business in the UpDoNA area and are interested in learning more about highlighting your business. Please email us at: info@updona.org

To see more events, please click [here!](#)

For a complete list of concert and event schedules at the biggest venues around town, visit the following sites:

<https://www.ballarena.com/events-tickets/calendar/>

<https://www.empowerfieldatmilehigh.com/events>

<https://www.paramountdenver.com/event-calendar/>

<https://www.redrocksonline.com/>

<https://www.denvercenter.org/tickets-events/>

For a complete list of Events Around Town, visit [Denver.org](#)

Volunteers Needed!

We need help to do our work. It takes volunteers to make a volunteer organization run. There are opportunities all over.

- Interested in making downtown life safer and more rewarding? Volunteer for the Safety and Quality of Life Committee
- How about helping to improve the lives of the homeless? Volunteer for UpDoNA Cares
- Would you like to help make our streets clean and attractive? Volunteer for our monthly Community Cleanups with our Clean Sustainable Denver Committee
- Have a writing skill? Write articles for our Website/Newsletter Committee

- Or would you rather help by increasing the influence of UpDoNA. There is power in numbers, and you can be a part of our Membership Committee
- Are you good at organizing? Help arrange social events as a part of our Social Committee
- Do you have a skill or interest in managing organizations? Consider running for our Board of Directors. We have an immediate opening and will be holding an election in April of this year.

We can only do our work with the help of people like you! Please consider offering your services to help us be a more effective and influential association. [Click here to get involved as a volunteer!](#) Every committee I mentioned can use help. Please – Get Involved.



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