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Happy August Everyone! I have some exciting news to share!

We have two new committees to announce. The Scooter Committee led by David Kurth will be working with Councilman Hinds, LoDoNA's Pedestrian Safety Committee, and e-scooter companies to address public safety issues involving pedestrians and e-scooters. The second committee is the Good Neighbor Committee led by Garis Smith. The purpose of the Good Neighbor Committee is to work with applicants for new, renewed or transferred licenses of various types to ensure that the businesses are operated in a manner consistent with a mixed business/residential community. [Read the full message from the President here.](#)

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## Remember When

Marc Heft

Remember when living downtown was fun? Think way back to all the reasons you loved living here.

Remember walking down 14th Street on a Saturday night past the DCPA and watching the crowds rush towards the theater to see one of the excellent Broadway Musicals about to be performed? Remember going to happy hour at your favorite bar and thinking it's so crowded in here? How awesome, the vibe is amazing? Do you remember looking at the Pepsi Center and wondering which huge music star was performing that night? We all need to remember these things because, hopefully soon, we'll be enjoying them again.



[Read the full article here.](#)

## UpDoNA Cares Committee

### Monthly Update - The Delores Project

By Helen Hedrick, Co-chair UpDoNA Cares Committee

On June 28, based on UpDoNA Cares Committee research, Stephanie Miller, CEO at the Delores Project, presented to the UpDoNA Board of Directors. The Board unanimously voted to align with The Delores Project in the project's long-term and ongoing support of women and trans individuals who are working their way up from a situation of homelessness.

As listed on the website Volunteer - The Delores Project volunteers are needed and appreciated in the following areas:

- Providing a meal (we can cook it there or at our homes)
- Serving a meal and chatting with Delores guests while we eat together
- Preparing a freezer meal for when needed at a later date
- Hosting an activity (games, arts & crafts, book discussion, comedy)
- Providing a service (hair cut, massage, art therapy, GED tutoring)
- Assisting with maintenance
- Setting up a donation drive
- Picking up donations
- Covering the lobby during staff meeting



UpDoNA Cares plans to organize volunteer teams four times a year, starting with cooking a meal on-site and serving to residents sometime in August. Let the Cares Committee know your interest at [k.bennettparsons@updona.org](mailto:k.bennettparsons@updona.org).

[Join in! Make a difference in your city!](#)

## The UpDoNA Scooter Subcommittee

Contributed by David Kurth

The UpDoNA Scooter Subcommittee is up and running. This subcommittee of UpDoNA's Safety & Quality of Life Committee includes members who have used or currently use e-scooters. The subcommittee's goals are to find workable solutions to enhance the safety of both e-scooter users and pedestrians, and foster knowledge and compliance with the rules surrounding scooter use. [Read the full article here and find out how you can help!](#)

**ALoft Contract Renewal Update.** UpDoNa has been busy and working hard on this issue. [Click here for a summary and recent update.](#)



Click on any of the images below for more information!



**\*\*\*UpDoNA has been approved and is now a 501c(3) organization! Your donations are tax-deductible and any donations made previously are 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!



### Clean Sustainable Denver

First Saturday of the month (August 6th)  
at 8:30 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.  
Bring gloves, a trash grabber or broom,  
and a dustpan

### [Sunrise Vinyasa Yoga](#)

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
7:30am to 8:30 am  
Denver Botanic Gardens

### [Denver Art Museum – Free Day!](#)

August 9th, 10 AM - 5 PM  
100 W. 14th Ave. Parkway

### [The Dead Room – Comedy without Laughter](#)

August 19th, 10:30pm - midnight  
Wide Right, 2100 Curtis Street

### [Vendome – Dinner & Movie](#)

Moulin Rouge  
August 22nd, 6 PM

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

## Local Business Spotlight

UpDoNA offers a Business Membership, click here to get involved!

\* 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](mailto:info@updona.org)

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](https://www.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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