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Congratulations to our New President!

Presidents Message: Lisa Pope

Welcome to summer in Upper Downtown!

I am very excited to be the new President of UpDoNA and to work with our newly elected Board of Directors. UpDoNA and the Board of Directors will continue to represent the interests of the residents and businesses in Upper Downtown.

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Homeless Alleviation

By Johannes Plambeck

Note from the board: *The views and opinions in this article are those of the author, and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the UpDoNA board or its members.*

Which approach to alleviating the problem of homelessness across Denver is more effective: a “housing first” or “shelter first” strategy? A housing first strategy aims to address homelessness by providing the

homeless permanent housing, whereas a shelter first strategy aims to improve the material conditions of temporary shelters such as camping sites. This article first serves to introduce readers to how Denver, like other cities in the U.S., has approached the problem of chronic homelessness. This article secondly serves to inform how Central Business District residents – especially those associated with the Upper Downtown Neighborhood Association (UpDoNa) – can do more to increase data transparency around homelessness studies. Finally, I will explore the primary motivation of this article: to help readers compare and contrast the effectiveness of shelter-first versus housing-first homelessness programs.



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ALoft Contract Renewal Update. UpDoNa has been busy and working hard on this issue. [Click here for a summary and recent update, https://upдона.org/2022/06/24/aloft-hotel-update/](https://upдона.org/2022/06/24/aloft-hotel-update/)



Out and About – UpDoNA Cares Committee

Submitted by Helen Hedrick



Updona Cares Committee is supporting the building of the St. Francis Center Safe Outdoor Space at 221 Federal Boulevard. The Regis Safe Outdoor Space will be closed, and its current residents will be moved to the St. Francis Center space hopefully by the end of July.

There are numerous hours of work involved and a lot of dedicated volunteers. [Click through to read the full article...](#)

Local Business Spotlight

Denver High-Rise Living

Written by Carly Ebenstein



DENVER HIGH-RISE LIVING



Lori Greenly is a force. Shortly after moving to the UpDoNa neighborhood, it didn't take long before I became familiar with Lori Greenly's name. I recognized Lori as a huge presence in Downtown Denver with Denver High-Rise Living, so it was a treat to spend some 1:1 time at [Vibe](#) (a popular meeting place in UpDoNa).

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Denver's Harm Reduction Center

By Rob Squire



Members of the Safety & Quality of Life Committee, along with an additional board member, visited Lisa Raville of the Harm Reduction Action Center. That location operates a syringe exchange program where drug addicts can exchange used syringes for new ones. We found some surprising results.

Photo: Lisa Raville who runs Denver's Harm Reduction Action Center (HRAC)

[Click here to read the full article](#)

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Beth McCann, District Attorney

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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 at 8:30 AM
(next clean up August 6th)
Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.
Bring gloves, a trash grabber or broom, and a dustpan

LoDoNA Men's Breakfast!

July 7th, 8:00 - 9:30 AM
The Wild, 1660 Wynkoop St.

[Colorado Convention Center Public Art Tour](#)

July 10th, 2 PM - 5 PM
Colorado Convention Center

[Global Dance 2022](#)

July 16th, 3 PM - 6 PM
Empower Field at Mile High

[Farmers Market](#)

Weekly through Sept 10th, 9 AM - 1 PM
Union Station

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

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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