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Thank you to the businesses that support our UpDoNa group!



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Presidents Message: Lisa Pope

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Happy Labor Day Weekend!

UpDoNA's Spring44 Event was a great success! Thanks to everyone who attended, all who volunteered to make it happen, and of course, Spring44 Distilling. Not only did we sign up new members, but we also made new friends. Be on the lookout for an announcement of our next event.

UpDoNA is excited to announce a proposed new business in Upper Downtown located at 820 15th Street, the former home of Shag and Leela. Look for Garis Smith's article announcing the Good Neighbor Agreement that was negotiated with, and signed by, the new business owners.

[Read the Full President's Message...](#)

Good Neighbor Committee

Garis Smith, Chair of the GNC

UpDoNA has formed a Good Neighbor Committee (GNC) and was developed to emulate a similar LoDoNA committee that that has had many successes. The purpose of the committee is to negotiate agreements with prospective liquor license applicants in order to influence their behavior in this mixed business/residential area. We want them to act as "Good Neighbors". In exchange for signing the "Good Neighbor Agreement" (GNA), UpDoNA will support the applicant in its liquor license hearing with Excise & Licenses. [Continue Reading more on the GNC...](#)

16th Street Mall Paver Preview

Contributed by Nancy Kuhn, Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure

Residents, visitors and members of the media are invited to get a glimpse into the future of the 16th Street Mall and see the new granite paver system and curb-less configuration that are part of The Mall's renovation. A sample installation of the paver system is now open to the public, allowing people to experience the new granite walkway and transitway that have been designed to increase safety and improve mobility along the iconic pedestrian destination. [Read on about the Mall's new paver system...](#)

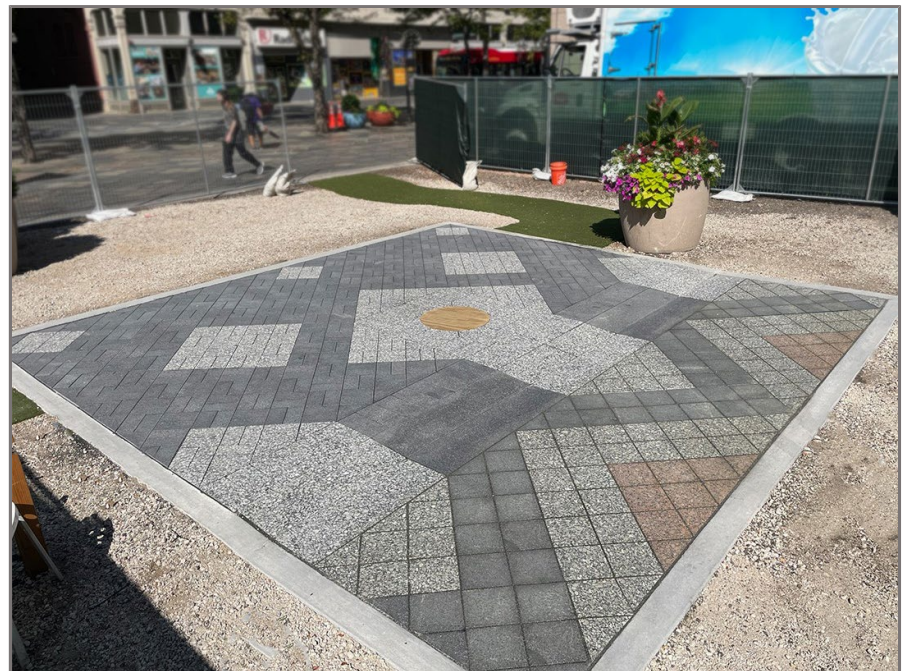


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City Sidewalks

By Jeff Burke

In our present era of heightened concern about climate change and the environment, with an objective to reduce carbon emissions, it is not easy to understand why a major mode of city traffic – the humble sidewalk – is not given the attention it deserves. Every day, UpDoNA residents are challenged by



sidewalk hazards as we walk around the neighborhood. This includes uneven heights of adjacent sidewalk panels, missing, broken, cracked, or chipped concrete, uneven settlement.

You may be surprised to learn that maintenance and repair is the responsibility of the owner of the building that is adjacent to the sidewalk. [Read on...](#)



UpDoNA Cares Committee

STEP Denver

Contributed by Helen Hedrick, Co-chair UpDoNA Cares Committee

Working with the UpDoNA Board of Directors, the Cares Committee is moving forward with fundraising support for an organization called STEP Denver. [STEP Denver](#) believes in a four-pillar approach to addiction recovery.

UpDoNA Cares needs more members! Jump on <https://updona.org/>. Look for the “Get Involved” page and sign up to be a volunteer!

Or meet up with the Cares Committee– third Thursday of each month — Terra Restaurant, downtown Denver — 4:30 pm. All are welcome!

UpDoNA Cares Committee

Delores Project Update

Helen Hedrick

UpDoNA Cares is partnered with the Delores Project for volunteer projects. A volunteer can do all sorts of things: tutor GED students, run errands, help in the office, and prepare meals, etc.

Use the Delores Project's volunteer page to get involved. Just say the UpDoNA Cares Committee sent you!

<https://www.thedeloresproject.org/volunteer/>

As a group, UpdoNA Cares will be providing and serving meals a few times this fall and winter. We will keep you posted on those dates as they develop and hope you'll join us.

Out and About

Blue Trees

By Helen Hedrick

The Blue Trees, 2011 Vancouver Biennale, Canada

You might have noticed blue tree trunks as you walk along 14th Street.

Why the blue trees?

Because in April 2017 The Denver Theatre District commissioned an artist by the name of Konstantin Dimopoulos to paint 150 of Denver's trees blue. The Theatre District's website at the time stated, "The colorant will naturally degrade from the trees over a period of months, depending on the type of tree and the local weather." The website further stated: "Dimopoulos' performance work uses trees as the canvas, calling attention to the fleeting quality of nature and raising social consciousness about interactions with the natural world."



That was over five years ago! Apparently, it has taken longer than a "period of months" for the colorant to naturally degrade.

Konstantin Dimopoulos has installed his [blue trees](#) in a large number of cities around the world. Click [here](#) for photos of blue trees in Vancouver, Canada and his installation "Red Forest" installed in Denver in 2010.

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!



Clean Sustainable Denver

*****Second Saturday of the month (Sept 10th) at 9 AM**

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Bring gloves, a trash grabber or broom, and a dustpan

[Cirque Du Soliel Ovo](#)

September 8th - 11th

Ball Arena

[Hard Rock Summit](#)

September 8th - 11th

Colorado Convention Center

[Wings Over the Rockies](#)

September 10th

7711 East Academy Blvd Denver

[Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future](#)

September 14th, 6 PM - 9 PM

Denver Museum of Nature and Science



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!

[Free Parking Day](#)

September 16th

Downtown Denver

To see more, 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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