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Believe it or not, the holiday season is fast approaching and there is a lot to do in Upper Downtown. The Brown Palace 34th Annual Champagne Cascade is happening on November 13th. Also, DCPA's performance of A Christmas Carol and the Denver Christkindlmarket both open on November 18th. Make sure to visit the Community Events page on the UpDoNA website for details.

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

ADUs In the Historic Baker Neighborhood

By: Carol Wayne, UpDoNA Board Member

On a sunny afternoon in September, a friend and I decided to tour the Historic Baker Neighborhood, something we had previously enjoyed.

... Instead of viewing the stately Victorians we had a tour of the Neighborhood ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). Unfamiliar with the concept of ADUs, we were in for an education.

Read the full article [here](#).



LUXURY CAR SERVICE

DIA / RED ROCKS / SPIRE
DSG PARK
BRECKENRIDGE



Business Spotlight - Luxury Car Service

by Melissa Matuska

UpDoNA is happy to announce our newest business member, Justin Gasman, Luxury Car Service! Justin Gasman is a resident of Upper Downtown and has worked in car dealerships for the past twenty years. While working in luxury dealerships, he honed his skills in providing a high-end experience for his clients. Gasman saw an opportunity through his own disappointment while using ride share services. Tired of experiencing countless canceled rides and incorrect pick-up locations, he decided to be the change he wished to see in the car service industry by creating his own. Additionally, the concept of being able to show up for his fellow neighbors through his business was important to Justin.

Arriving at your destination on time is important, read the [full article here](#) for more details.

UpDoNA Cares Committee

Project Updates

The Delores Project

During October, various members of the Cares Committee prepared and served meals at the Delores Project shelter. Throughout fall and winter, we will continue helping out in the kitchen and other volunteer activities as needed. If you wish to work with UpDoNA Cares at Delores, please email KristinBennett@updona.org and copy HelenHedrick@updona.org. If you wish to learn more about the Delores Project or to make an individual financial contribution, go directly to their webpage.

[Delores Project](#)



STEP Denver

As one of our first projects with STEP, UpDoNA Cares members met with Meghan Shays (Director of Development at STEP) to review fundraising ads and give feedback. A small group of members of the Cares Committee will join in STEP's city cleanup on November 5.



Coming up soon! More info on UpDoNA's involvement in STEP fundraising campaigns. Keep an eye on UpDoNA.org and this newsletter to become involved in the campaign. To make an individual financial contribution or to find out more about STEP, go to their webpage. [STEP Denver](#).

For more information, [click here](#).

What to Do in Denver this Fall

By: Donna Mosely

As I write this the trees on Auraria campus are in brilliant fall colors from bright red to orange to yellow and still some green waiting to change. Fall usually has great weather in Denver and even though our bodies are not yet accustomed to the cooler temperatures we will adjust. Visiting Denver highlights helps you discover things in your city that you might not already notice. Take some down time to experience some of the many holiday (and non-holiday) activities Denver has to offer.

Explore what to do in Denver this Fall [here](#).



Good Neighbor Committee Bi-Monthly Report

by Garis Smith

Since inception in August of 2022, The Good Neighbor Committee (GNC) has been presented with three opportunities to work with applicants for new, renewed, expanded or transferred liquor licenses. Our objective is to negotiate favorable Good Neighbor Agreements (GNA) in exchange for UpDoNA’s support in the licensing process and hearings.

Read about these opportunities [here](#).





UpDoNA is Getting Attention!

Above photo attribution: Lisa Pope.

UpDoNA is starting to grab some attention. During our monthly cleanup on October 1st, we had one group of passersby ask for information about UpDoNA and they plan to post our work on Channel 9 News Community Spotlight. And, our adorable little UpDoNA Minion was spotted again. [Continue reading...](#)

you are not **ALONE**



Understanding De-Escalation

By K. Bennett Parsons

Understanding De-escalation is a training provided by DenverStrong. DenverStrong is a program within the Office of Behavioral Health Strategies designed to educate and empower the Denver community around behavioral health issues. Members of UpDoNA participated in this training and here's what we learned.

[Continue reading](#) to help neighbors, help neighbors.

UpDoNA's Clean Sustainable Denver

By Kristen Deak

We want to thank everyone that continues to come out on the 1st Saturday of each month (holidays may push to 2nd weekend) to walk our UpDoNA footprint with buckets, trash bags, brooms and a smile! Everyone is welcome, families and singles alike. We meet at 9a-10a at 891 14th St, in front of SPIRE.

[Read more here.](#)

Bistro Vendome is Moving

By: Molly Martin

Many long-running restaurants have closed this year, including Tables, which shuttered in Park Hill in August after seventeen years in business. But another longtime Denver staple will move into the revamped space this winter. Bistro Vendôme has been serving French fare on Larimer Square for nearly two decades.

Explore the new location [here](#).

Photo attribution: Joni Schrantz



Community Crime Prevention Meeting November 3, 2022 at 6PM at Coors

Join the your Denver Police Department for a interactive and informative meeting regarding plans to enhance safety in central Denver and how you can help.

[All the details can be found here.](#)

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!



[Community Crime Prevention Meeting](#)

November 3rd, 6 PM

Coors Field

[Clean Sustainable Denver](#)

First Saturday of the month (November 5th) at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

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

[Who tells a tale, adds a tail](#)

Nov. 18th - March 5th, 10 AM to 5 PM

Denver Art Museum

[Denver ChristKindlmarket](#)

Nov. 18th - Dec. 23rd, 11 AM to 9 PM

Civic Center Park

101 West 14th Ave

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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