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It's April! Soon we will have warmer weather, the Upper Downtown planters will be colorful, and the red bud and pear trees will be blooming.

There are so many great things happening in our community. In my message I discuss some important dates in April, an Aloft update, and information on the new Sidewalk Ordinance Task Force.

Read the Full President's Message here...



This April, the City of Denver faces one of our history's most consequential elections. The Downtown Denver Partnership created these election resources to help you easily learn about each candidate and the key issues on the ballot for the 2023 City of Denver Municipal Election as you prepare to vote by April 4th. <u>https://www.downtowndenver.com/vote/</u>

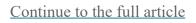
As of now, it is too late to mail your ballot in. So we are providing a list of great resources to help you get your vote in! Click on each title to go to each site.

> <u>City Election Information with Links</u> <u>List of 24 Hour Drop Off Boxes</u> <u>Denver Decides: Council District 10 Candidate Forum</u> <u>Denver Decides: Mayor Candidate Forum</u>

#### **Scooter Subcommitte**

#### By Jeremiah Bebo

The Scooter Subcommittee has been hard-at-work meeting with the City of Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI), the Denver Theatre District (DTD) and LoDoNA to collaborate on future projects related to e-scooter safety in 2023. Vanessa Lacayo from DOTI presented an upcoming education strategy that the City is perusing this year that will include a video campaign which will be initially launched during Opening Day at Coors Field with plans to expand it to other venues.





## **Cities Summit of the Americas**

By Marc Heft



On April 26-28 our very own Denver Convention Center will be hosting the "Cities Summit of the Americas" gathering. It is an important conference and it is amazing that they chose Denver for the event.

The Cities Summit will promote regional cooperation, convening subnational leaders from across the entire Western Hemisphere with diverse and inclusive representatives of government, civil society, business, academia, youth culture and the arts, and indigenous and underrepresented groups.

The official events start on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome but you must register in advance. Go to their website: www.citiessummitoftheamericas.org. On the website you can view the schedule for the 2023 agenda.

Find the full article here.

# Pet Pride in UpDoNA Do you have a super hero companion, new park, new pet friendly

restaurant, or pet-centric event to share?

### Email us at carolwayne@updona.org with the details to be featured in our newsletter.

## **Meet Cooper**

Contributed by Carol Wayne

Hi, my name is Cooper, and I am the fluffy little white Goldendoodle that you see often happily walking around. I love going to the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of our building, visiting my friends, Wendy, Jackie, Ricky and Tenaya. However, my very favorite spot is the elevator. That is the place I am happiest. Many residents enjoy seeing me and give me lots of playful pets.

Read my full story and don't be stranger!



#### 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!



<u>Clean Sustainable Denver</u> <u>First Saturday of the month (April 1sr) at 9 AM</u> Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St. Bring gloves, a trash grabber or broom, and a dustpan



#### 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!

#### The Color Purple

March 31st to May 7th from 7 to 9 PM The Wolf Theater, 13th and Curtis

#### Voice and Violin with Joshua Bell and Larisa Martinez

April 14th, 7:30 - 9:30 13th and Curtis

#### **Ballet Masterworks**

April 14th to April 23rd The Wolf Theater, 13th and Curtis

The Music of Pink Floyd with the Colorado Symphony

April 15th, 7:30 to 9:30 13th and Curtis

#### **Beethoven Violin Concerto**

April 15th, 7:30 to 9:30 Boettcher Concert Hall, 13th and Curtis

For 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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