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Become a Member of Our Community

Thank you to the businesses that support our UpDoNA group!



President's Message: Lisa Pope

There always seems to be conflicting news about downtown Denver's recovery. One day you hear good news and the next bad. However, things are definitely looking up. Crime is down across the board in District 6, foot traffic continues to increase, the hotel occupancy rates are up, and the Colorado Convention Center continues to book more conventions. Additionally, eleven new businesses have leased space on the 16th Street Mall despite the construction. One of those businesses, Casa Tequilas, has leased the former Rialto Café space. Finally, the Together We Will initiative is making a difference in the safety and cleanliness of downtown, and more of the unhoused are being connected with services.

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

Safety and Quality of Life Committee

By Rob Squire and Lisa Pope

The Safety and Quality of Life Committee (S&QOLC) is committed to cleaning up the downtown area and discouraging encampments in our neighborhood. The committee developed a plan that was intended to discourage the immediate reformation of the encampment near 20th St. & Lincoln.

[Find the full article here.](#)

Safety and Quality Of Life Committee

UpDoNA Neighborhood Cleanup

By Carolyn Benton and 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 neighborhood with buckets, trash bags, brooms, safety vests and a smile. Read about our process and how we report certain items [here](#).

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Neighborhood Clean Ups, families and singles alike.



Scooter Committee

By Jeremiah bebo

Since our last update, the Scooter Subcommittee continues to work on new PSAs that will increase diversity and inclusivity across the digital electronic signs within the Theatre District. The intent of the PSAs is to bring awareness to residents and visitors regarding the use of e-scooters and discouraging their use on sidewalks where they are not safe and therefore not allowed. The Subcommittee may explore how to measure their effectiveness in the future.

[Find the full article here.](#)

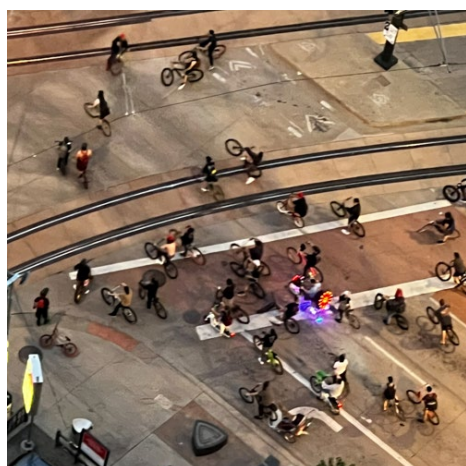
Welcome to Our New Business Members

New Business Member Spotlight - Non Plus Ultra

Contributed by Melissa Matuska

UpDoNA would like to introduce you to Non Plus Ultra! Non Plus Ultra is the leading real estate partner for the corporate activation and experiential entertainment industry. Denver is the second city Non Plus has expanded to after being founded in San Francisco. The vision for Denver is to transform abandoned spaces into hosts for immersive events.

[Read the full article here.](#)



Why I Love Living in Downtown!

Biking in the warmer months is the best!

[Find the full article here.](#)

Elevated Denver Podcast

By Sal Tripodi

Last year I had the privilege of meeting Johnna Flood, the Executive Director and co-founder of Elevated Denver, a non-profit organization focused on addressing the plight of homelessness in Denver. As many of us downtown residents have noticed, we have seen an increase in homelessness over the past few years. But downtown isn't alone. The entire Metro area is facing some tough decisions about how best to help individuals who are experiencing homelessness. And, in fact, every



major city is dealing with similar issues. Some cities seem to have found more success than others. The approach we take as a city will affect our economy, our businesses, our tourists, and the well-being of the unhoused individuals.

[Find the full article 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!



[Clean Sustainable Denver](#)

First Saturday of the month (June 3rd) at 9 AM



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!

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

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

[Rainbows & Revolutions](#)

Thru June 30, 10 AM - 5 PM

History Colorado Center, 1200 N Broadway

[Glass Top Bar Summer Series at the Arts Complex Denver](#)

June 1 5:00 pm -June 30 7:00 pm, 1400 Curtis Street

[Taste of Colorado at iViva! Streets Denver](#)

June 4, 2023 10:00 am -July 9, 2023 6:00 pm

Civic Center Park

[Sunset Cinema – The film: Chef](#)

June 13, 2023 6:30 pm -January 13, 2024 11:00 pm

1400 Curtis Street

[All the World Festival of Solo Shakespeare](#)

June 17, 2023 @7:00 pm -9:30 pm

Greek Theater in Civic Center Park

[Sunset Cinema – Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory](#)

June 27, 2023 @6:30 pm -10:00 pm

1400 Curtis Street

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](https://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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