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President's Message: Lisa Pope

It's already July! Time to get out and enjoy the Fourth of July celebration at Civic Center Park.

Speaking of celebrations, thanks to everyone who attended UpDoNA's Annual Meeting at Terra Denver on Monday, June 12th to acknowledge and celebrate all of UpDoNA's successes over the past year. And, since game 5 of the NBA finals, between our now World Champion Nuggets and the Miami Heat, fell on the same evening, we handled our business and then we had our own private watch party. UpDoNA business members were very generous in their donations of prizes for the evening. A big thank you to everyone who participated!

Most of us live in downtown Denver because of all that there is to see and do. So, we have a new section of our newsletter called "Why I Love Living in Downtown!" Please take a picture of something that you see or do that shows why YOU love living in downtown and submit it along with a one-sentence explanation to Rob Squire at robsquire@updona.org. Read the full message online for the latest updates in our community.

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



National Night Out

By Lisa Pope and Rob Squire

UpDoNA's Safety and Quality of Life Committee (S&QOLC) actively works to improve conditions in the downtown area that affect the experience of those that live, work, and visit Downtown Denver. Two significant issues that we focus on are crime prevention and the promotion of safety downtown. UpDoNA's S&QOLC is working hand in hand with our sister organization the Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association (LoDoNA) and the Downtown Denver Partnership (DDP) to plan a National Night Out on August 1, 2023.

[Learn all the details here.](#)

Why I Love Living in Downtown

By Kit Baker-Carr

Sights like this are why I love living downtown. Being able to walk a few blocks and see our winning Nuggets basketball team was a life time memory!



*Do you love living in UpDoNA? Please take a picture of something that you see or do that shows why YOU love living in downtown and submit it along with a one-sentence explanation to Rob Squire at robsquire@updona.org.

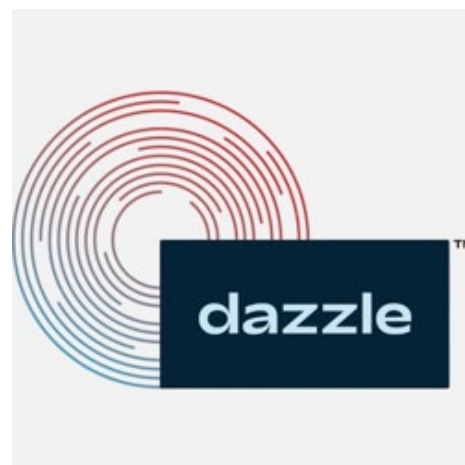
Welcome to Our New Business Members

UpDoNA Welcomes Our Newest Business Member, Dazzle!

Contributed by Melissa Matsuka

UpDoNA would like to introduce you to our newest business member, Dazzle! Dazzle is a wonderful neighborhood live music venue that's truly a

Denver icon. In 1997, when Dazzle first opened for business, it was found at 930 Grant Street. The addition of live jazz performances in 2001 set Dazzle apart as an innovator in the Denver music scene. Luckily for Upper Downtown, Dazzle moved to 1512 Curtis Street in May 2017! [Continue Reading...](#)



Art & History Are All Around Us

Contributed by Carly Ebenstein

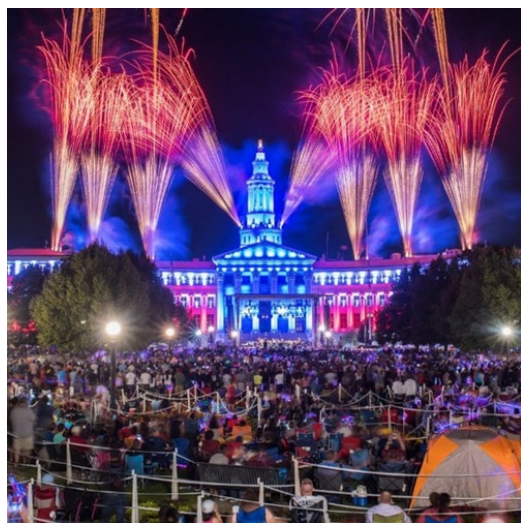
If you haven't seen Melissa Matuska's delightful clips of museums, architecture, and historical points of interest in Upper Downtown and its surrounding areas, you are in for a treat. The first clip I stumbled upon was a view inside the Kirkland Museum during its Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit – Inside the Walls. It's impressive how much Melissa packs into [2 minutes and 41 seconds.](#)

Impressed with this production, I subscribed to be notified about future videos released every Thursday. There are so many engaging and informative videos about places we walk by daily. [Continue Reading...](#)



July Fun in Denver

By Donna Mosely



As I write this, it has been a very wet May and June, and more liquid is expected. The Nuggets parade just ended and it was a lot of fun seeing the team, their staff and many of their fans peacefully (except for the loud cheering) enjoying a nice morning outside.

Hard to believe it will be July 4th in only 2½ weeks. But the fact is, time continues to march on.

There are plenty of things to do in the downtown and surrounding areas, even if you prefer not to drive. Many of the Fireworks displays downtown will NOT be on the 4th. Following is a partial listing of where and when you can see fireworks within walking distance of UpDoNA, as well as a bit about the City activities on Independence Eve (July 3).

[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 (July 8th) at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

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

[Dusty Boots](#)

July 1 - 2, 2 PM

Civic Center Conservatory. 101 W 14th Ave

[Eddie B's Teachers Only Comedy Tour](#)

July 29th at 7pm

Paramount Theater

[Find Your Inner Rocker](#)



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!

No experience is necessary; Beginner Guitar Musicians Welcome!

Every Wednesday at 7pm

Thompson Denver, 1616 Market 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](#)

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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