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President's Message: Lisa Pope

Fall is on its way bringing cooler temperatures and fall colors, but there is still plenty of time to enjoy outdoors activities in downtown. The Denver Food and Wine Festival will be held on the Auraria Campus from September 6th-9th. Several Upper Downtown restaurants will be represented. Civic Center Eats will continue its annual food truck lunches at Civic

Center Park every Thursday from 11-2 p.m. through September 14th. UpDoNA will be hosting a table on Thursday, September 7th. Come down, grab lunch, and say hi!

Read the Full President's Message here...

Clean Upper Downtown

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.

We have 4 more Neighborhood Clean Ups this year, each on a Saturday morning starting at 9:00 am for 1 hour.

- September 9th (2nd Saturday due to Labor Day holiday)
- October 7th
- November 4th
- December 2nd

Everyone is welcome to participate, families, and singles alike

Learn all the details here.



Safety and Quality of Life Committee

By Lisa Pope and Rob Squire

As you are probably aware, the top priority for Mayor Mike Johnston is homelessness. This was his primary campaign theme and he hit the ground running, declaring a Homelessness State of Emergency on his first day in office. He has stood up our Emergency Operations Center, normally used for things such as weather emergencies, and has staffed it with 50 city employees working on the problem.

Read the full article here

Safety and Quality Of Life Committee

Welcome to Our Newest Business Member



By Carly Ebenstein

I love my work – assisting people with Life and Long-Term Care Insurance.

Life Insurance pays a benefit to a person's estate when they pass, and there are different types of life insurance and nuances among the different types of plans. Long-Term Care Insurance pays benefits to a person when they experience cognitive decline and/or problems safely performing any 2

of the Activities of Daily Living. Medicare is great, but it is limited to medical services. Long-Term Care Insurance helps people cover the costs of staying at home or living at an Assisted Living Facility without completely draining their finances. The personal connection and fulfillment I get from solving a problem and putting people's minds at ease is satisfying.

Read the full article here

Welcome to Our Newest Business Member

By Melissa Matuska

UpDoNA is excited to welcome one of our new business members, Stan's Downtown Barbers. Founder and owner Stan Martinez is a lifelong resident of Denver. Stan's has been in business in Downtown Denver since



1983. There are currently 3 locations with a fourth opening later this fall. There are 2 Upper Downtown locations, at 1620 Champa Street and another at 1050 17th Street #B170.

Stan's offers several men's grooming services including classic shaves, beard sculpting, and hair cutting. Stan is proud to have created a culture based on customer service and professionalism.

Read the full article here

The End of Summer and Beginning of Winter

By Jack Murphy

Summer comes to a conclusion after Labor Day Monday, September 4th, at least in many people's eyes. Some folks get ready for fall; football games, soccer, leaves changing colors, and Halloween etc.. Others start thinking about snow.



Read all the article details here



We love the mountains juxtaposed with UpDoNa.

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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!



Clean Sustainable Denver

First Saturday of the month (Sept 9th due to Holiday) at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

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

Glam Rock

Every Saturday in Sept. 1601 Arahape Street

Find Your Inner Rocker

No experience is necessary; Beginner Guitar Musicians Welcome!

Every Wednesday at 7pm

Thompson Denver, 1616 Market Street

Diego El Cigala: Obras Maestras

September 15th

Paramount Theater, 1621 Glenarm Pl.

Dazzle Jazz Club

Events weekly 1080 14th 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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