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President's Message: Lisa Pope

It's hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner. This month, the Christkindl Market opens in Civic Center Park, holiday lights will be on display at the Denver Zoo and Denver Botanical Gardens, Christmas shows open at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, and on November 12th, it is the 35th Annual Champagne Cascade at the Brown Palace Hotel. But, before we get to the holidays, don't forget to participate in Denver Art Week that runs from November 3rd through November 11th. The event kicks off on Friday, November 3rd with art walks, and on Saturday, 11/4, it's Free Night at museums. The following links will help you plan your activities: <https://www.denver.org/denver-arts-week/events/>

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

Safety and Quality of Life Committee

By Lisa Pope and Rob Squire

Leora Joseph, Candidate for Denver District Attorney

Introduction: There is a very important election coming up next year. The outcome may be equally as critical to the quality of life in Upper Downtown as the mayoral election was. This is the election for the next Denver District Attorney.

Safety and Quality Of Life Committee



As discussed below, there are four candidates currently running for that office. The Safety and Quality of Life Committee (S&QOL) has met with Leora Joseph who is one of those four candidates. This article describes our impressions of that meeting. To be fair and impartial, we will attempt to meet with the other candidates. When we do, we will report those impressions as well.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

UpDoNA Good Neighbor Committee - October 2023

By Garis Smith

Our Upper Downtown Neighborhood experienced an uptick in licensing activity over the last 2 months.

Bombshell's Restaurant and Bar had an Excise & Licensing public hearing September 1. Having signed a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA), UpDoNa attended their hearing, represented by Gary Gottsesfeld, Donna Mosley and Garis Smith. We testified in support of the license approval. They have not yet become an UpDoNa business member. Bombshells will occupy the old Oceanaire space at 1400 Arapahoe St. but has not announced an opening date. The restaurant will be military themed and offer a full menu until 2 AM. They expect a 65% to 35% food to liquor revenue ratio. We certainly look forward to enjoying a meal there.

[Read the full report here](#)



16th Street Mall Project Update



At one time, the 16th Street Mall was the epicenter of activity in Downtown Denver. Opened in 1982 as part of an effort to reinvigorate a declining downtown, it soon became an iconic part of Denver life. Arts & Crafts shows, Day of Rock, street buskers, restaurants and so many other events happened on the mall.

Businesses moved in, and tourists flocked to experience it. But time took its toll, and it came into disrepair. The granite pavers were ill-designed for Colorado's winter freeze/thaw cycles, and loosened over time requiring regular maintenance. Illegal campers took up residence in the middle section. In time, the shine wore off the mall.

City leaders and the Downtown Denver Partnership recognized the problem ten years ago, and planning began to restore the mall to its former glory. Construction began in April of 2022, with the completion date initially planned for the end of 2024.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)



UpDoNA Welcomes Our Newest Business Member, MDP Engineering!

MDP Engineering's main goal is to be a superior engineering firm. We achieve our goal by providing technical engineering and project management, and by committing, every day, to a culture of loyalty to our clients and employees.

[Read the Full Write-Up Here](#)

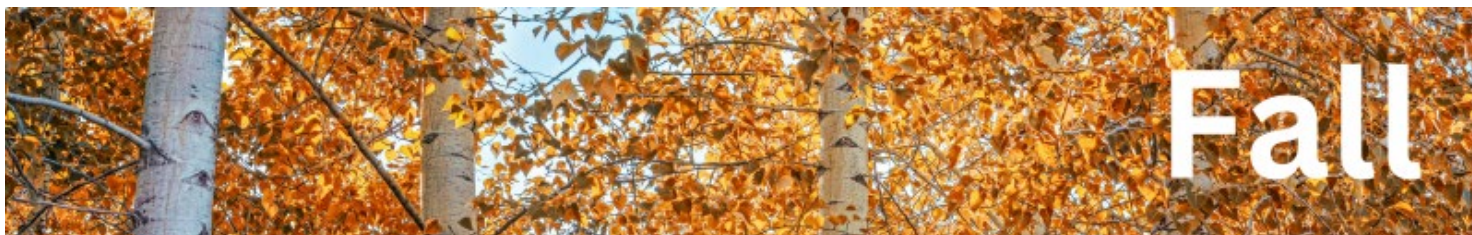
Why We Like Living in Denver - East Coasters

By Mark Heft



Two words: the mountains. Ask any East Coaster who has moved to Denver what their favorite thing is about living here, and most of them will give you that answer. You can see them from your apartment if you're lucky, you can see them from your car most of the time, and if you're so inclined, you can climb them. No matter how you appreciate the mountains, it's undeniable that they are an ever-present, stunning part of our daily lives here in the Mile High City.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)



Fall - (Arguably the Nicest Time of the Year)

By Donna Mosely

Well, finally it is Fall. Leaves turning, beautiful blue skies, a softening of the sunlight as it moves further from us. There is a hint of cool in the air, teasing us as we wait for winter to come in. Soon the snow will be flying. For the first time ever, I am in Maine. We decided to try to get a peak at New England's leaf colors. We arrived to unsettled weather as the end of hurricane Phillip crashed into a cool front coming from the west, 5 inches of rain and a lot of wind. While we had hoped to hike in Acadia National Park that looked like a bad idea. However, two days later the sun suddenly appeared, and we were able to beat the crowd to park.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

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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: November 4th at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

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

[Denver Arts Week](#)

November 3rd to 11th

Locations in UpDoNA:

[American Museum of Western Art](#)

[Denver Art Museum](#)

[Brunch Concerts - Ophelia's](#)

[Chef Throwdown - Ophelia's](#)

1215 20th Street

[ChristKindl Market](#)

Civic Center Park

Nov 17th to Dec 23rd

[Dazzle Has Moved!](#)

Food and Shows Most Nights!

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](https://www.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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