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President's Message: Lisa Pope

EXCITING NEWS!! I am very excited to announce that **UpDoNA now has over 200 members!** As you know, UpDoNA registered with the city on 12/7/21. My goal was to have 200 members by our second anniversary, and we beat that goal! Thanks to all our members and volunteers who work so hard to support UpDoNA and continue our work to make Upper Downtown a safe, clean, and compassionate place for all who live, work, and play here!

As we are all acutely aware, Downtown Denver is still recovering from the pandemic, but progress is being made. According to an article in the *Denver Business Journal*, the Downtown Denver Partnership's State of Downtown 2023 report shows several good signs on downtown's recovery: pedestrian traffic is at 225,000 a day, just 25,000 shy of pre-pandemic levels, approximately 1,000 new residents moved into downtown's core, and more than 27 new ground-floor businesses opened so far this year. There are also big projects being discussed such as Ball Arena, River Mile, Auraria Campus redevelopment, and, of course, the 16th Street Mall project is already underway. You can have a say in what the city should consider for activating downtown. Please complete the Downtown Denver Partnership survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DowntownDenverGroundfloor>

Read the Full President's Message here...

Groundfloor Preparation Activation

By Rob Squire

The Downtown Denver Partnership held a focus group on October 27, 2023, which was intended to inform the Downtown Denver Groundfloor Activation Strategy. The Safety & Quality of Life Committee participated in the group, along with a wide cross-section of stakeholders from the Upper Downtown neighborhood.

The following top priorities came out of the focus group:

- Create a vibrant nighttime economy | music, events, destinations
- Improve cleanliness | property owner accountability
- Creative and niche groundfloor tenanting strategies | unique retail destinations | family-oriented programming and uses | ticketed experiences
- Encourage more residential development



[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Clean Upper Downtown Committee Report – December, 2023

Contributed by Carolyn Benton

This month we've been busy with two buildings picking up trash. Next month we have another group from 1600, Glenarm volunteering as well.

We have also been contacted by two other businesses wanting to volunteer, we are looking forward to updating you on that in the next newsletter.

Contact has been made with the City of Denver (DOTI) regarding the neglected bathrooms and planters on Champa & 16th St. As soon as we have more information, it will be posted on this site. I have been assured they are looking into re-opening them soon.

We are excited to share that UpDoNA has been selected as a recipient for the Community Benefit Fund! We will receive **\$1250** to help fund our projects for Clean Up Materials and activities. We will begin the process to receive these funds over the next month and share our plans during this time.

[Read the full report here](#)

Thank you to Justin Gasman owner of Caddy Rides and Business member of UpDoNa.org. Justin was kind enough to donate his storage locker to the Clean and Sustainable Committee to store our cleanup supplies.



Scooter Committee - December Update

By David Kurth

The Scooter Subcommittee has resumed efforts after a summer hiatus. Our efforts in August and September were focused on enhancing communications with District 10 Council Member Chris Hinds staff, staff from the City and County of Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI), and staff from the Downtown Denver Partnership (DDP). In our September meeting, Scooter Subcommittee members had an interesting discussion with staff from CM Hinds office, DOTI, and DDP regarding:

- Getting DOTI to improve signage on bike lanes to make it clear that scooters, as well as bicycles, should use bicycle lanes
- Getting Lyft and Lime to install more corrals in the UpDoNA area
- Opportunities for passive enforcement of scooter riding such as a pre-ride “test” of a law (e.g., “What is the possible fine for riding a scooter on a sidewalk?”) prior to being able to start a ride
- Opportunities for semi-passive encouragement of proper scooter parking such as surcharges for improper

parking of scooters

- Opportunities for active enforcement of scooter riding such as selective scooter sidewalk riding traps similar to speed limit traps on roadways for vehicles
- Opportunities to improve coordination among concerned parties: DOTI, City Council District 10, DDP, LoDoNA, and UpDoNA.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Holiday Festivities in Denver

By Rob Squire



I hope everyone was able to give thanks for all of our blessings around the Thanksgiving dinner table. I travel internationally a great deal, and that lends some perspective on how very much we have to be thankful for. To see the way many people live in other regions of the world it makes one realize that so many of our problems are really first world problems and not real ones.

Now that the last piece of whipped cream-topped pumpkin pie is a happy memory, the Holiday season is now in full bloom and Denver is a great place to experience it.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Welcome to Our New Business Members

UpDoNA Welcomes Our Newest Business Member, La Diabla Nightclub!

UpDoNa is excited to introduce you to our newest business member, La Diabla Nightclub! La Diabla can't wait to open on December 9! The location is at 1512 Curtis Street, inside the Bauer building, where Dazzle once was. I spoke with David Wachamnn from La Diabla and here is what he has to tell us about our wonderful new neighbor! .



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

UpDoNA Welcomes Our Newest Business Member, JARS Cannabis!



JARS Cannabis was founded in 2020 with a mission to connect communities through affordable and accessible products. Our commitment to high-quality products and services has led to rapid growth, and we're thrilled to call Colorado home with six recreational stores across the state.

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



DENVERMOVES
Bikes Update

Creating Connections
for Biking, Scooting, &
Rolling

Help Improve Denver's Bike Path Network

By Rob Squire

Tell us About Biking & Rolling in Denver!

Desplácese hacia abajo para ver este correo electrónico en español.

Opportunity to Shape the Future of Biking & Rolling in Denver!

Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) has launched [Denver Moves: Bikes Update](#), a citywide planning effort to update DOTI's recommended bike network, which was last updated in 2015 (bit.ly/denverbikemap). This update will help DOTI build more comfortable and connected bikeways and develop an ongoing program to upgrade Denver's existing bikeways over time.

It's important that we hear from you about your experience biking and rolling in Denver so that we can craft an updated, visionary network together with the community. We want your help to answer the following questions:

- Where are there gaps in Denver's existing and planned bike network?
- Where do our existing bikeways feel uncomfortable or unsafe?

Your feedback will help DOTI develop recommendations for bicycle network improvements across the City and County of Denver.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Business Member Offers & Announcements

CJB Insurance Services, is proud to host complimentary Long-Term Care educational webinars for UpDoNA members. For full details on the Dec 5th & January 24th webinars, click [here](#). To reach Carly directly and learn more, please visit www.cjbins.com.



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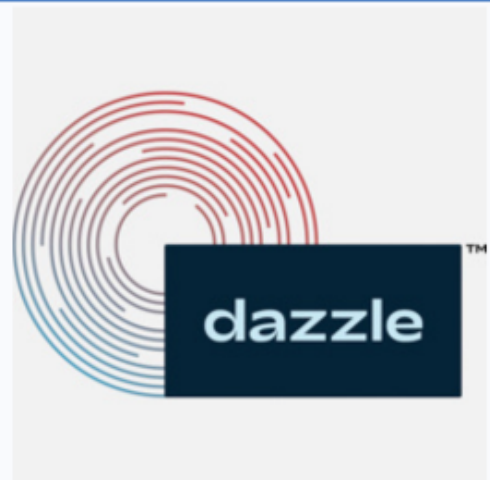


Dazzle is offering a free glass of wine or draft beer to all UpDoNA Members in the Month of December! Check our show schedule at www.DazzleDenver.com. See other offers from Dazzle in a separate article in this newsletter.

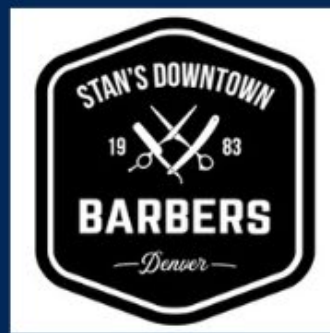


Stan's Downtown Barbers is excited to announce the grand opening of our new Golden Triangle location at 140 W. 10th Ave. Complimentary shampoo with your haircut, book online: StansDowntownBarbers.com.

Dazzle has recently relocated to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts complex at 1080 14th St. in Denver. They are offering several buy one get one free tickets offers for shows in December. [Click here](#) to see the full details on offers from Dazzle in a separate article on *UpdoNA.org*.



Thank you to the businesses that support our UpDoNA community!



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 Upper Downtown](#)

First Saturday of the month: December 2nd at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Second venue: Corner of 19th & Welton (Outside OLP)

Please wear gloves

[ChristKindl Market](#)

Civic Center Park

Nov 17th to Dec 23rd

Lauren Frihauf

Dec 7th, 6:30 pm

[Dazzle Denver](#)

[Use Code: DECDEALS](#)

Adam Bodine Trio

Dec 27th, 5:00 pm



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!

[Dazzle Denver](#)

[Use Code: DECDEALS](#)

[A Christmas Carol](#)

Nov 17th - Dec 24th, 1:30 or 7 PM

Wolf Theater

[DPCA- Behind the Scenes Tours](#)

Nov 18 - Dec 30, 10 AM

Helen Bonfils Theater Complex

[Nikki Glaser: The Good Girl Tour](#)

Sat. - Dec 30th - 7pm

The Paramount Theater

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.

Stay tuned for an UpDoNA survey coming soon!



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