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President's Message: Lisa Pope

It's a new year – 2024! UpDoNA will continue to work to ensure that Upper Downtown is a vibrant and safe place for everyone. Our mission after all is to make Upper Downtown one of the most sought-after neighborhoods for residents, businesses, and visitors. I believe that we are well on our way. Upper Downtown is a very exciting place to be!

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

Clean Upper Downtown Committee Report – January, 2024

Contributed by Gill Vondrasek

I have been living in One Lincoln Park (OLP) now for 15 years and downtown has always experienced large contrasts. The fun of living downtown with great restaurants and lots of entertainment as well as the challenging side of poverty, crime, and homelessness. While some aspects of that have long been with us our neighborhoods are becoming ever more unrecognizable. The neighborhood was filled with empty lots and a small number of unhoused people now is filled with apartment buildings with the elegance of big box stores, blocks of tent cities, and trash galore. The neighborhood has changed and the challenges are immense.

In the early part of this year Lisa Pope and Rob Squire came to One Lincoln Park (OLP) and talked to us about the work of UpDoNA and would folks from our building be interested in joining. They must have been convincing because 34 of us have joined.

[Read the full report here](#)



UpDoNA Cares Committee

Contributed by Ron Townsend and Helen Hedrick

There continue to be many local organizations and projects that require



volunteers to support the needs of our community. Please join our Cares Committee if you want to get more involved. Examples of recent activities over October, November, and December are listed in the full article.

Early 2024 – Lisa Pope has been contacted about clothing needs for recently homeless Denverites, newly housed as part of the Housing 1000 initiative. After the holidays we will work on the logistics of an effort to help provide socks and underwear, hats and gloves, winter jackets, long pants/sweatpants, shoes and work/interview clothing. Look forward to more information about how you can help in the coming weeks!

[Read the full article here](#)

Welcome to the Neighborhood, Populus Hotel

By Jack Murphy



Denver and the upper downtown will soon become home to the very first carbon positive hotel in the country, the *Populus Hotel*. Architect Heather Wildman, the principal design director of *Wildman Chalmers Design* wanted to create an iconic hotel inspired by Colorado's natural surroundings while also showing a high degree of environmental stewardship in construction and design. The fourteen story, 265 guest suite hotel is located on the triangular corner of 14th Street, Colfax, and Court. Historically, this lot once housed the first gas station in Colorado over one hundred years ago. How fitting and ironic to now see the first carbon positive hotel being built at that same location. Once completed, the exterior design will be unique as the façade will have the appearance of the bark on an Aspen tree.

[Read the full article here](#)

Fortissimo Dueling Piano News!

Contributed by Fortissimo

Happy New Year fellow UpDoNa members! Our neighborhood is poised and ready for some winter fun and relaxation after a bustling holiday season. Fortissimo Dueling Pianos is offering just that with some new events and concepts for you to check out at our 14th and Champa location. Read on in the link below



for information on monthly events, new happenings at Fortissimo, and ticket information.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Business Member Offers & Announcements

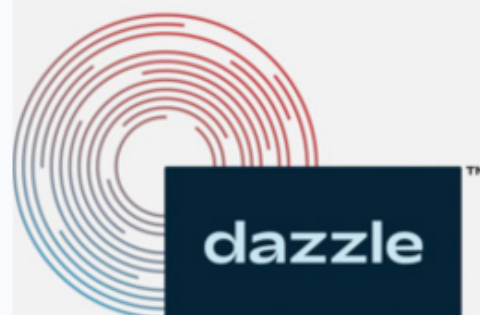
CJB Insurance Services, is proud to host complimentary Long-Term Care educational webinars for UpDoNA members. For full details on the Jan 24th & Feb 15th webinars, click [here](#). To reach Carly directly and learn more, please visit www.cjbins.com.


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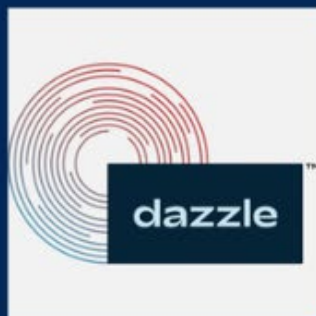


Stan's Downtown Barbers is excited to announce the grand opening of our new Golden Triangle location at 140 W. 10th Ave. Complimentary shampoo with your haircut, book online: StansDowntownBarbers.com.

Dazzle has recently relocated to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts complex at 1080 14th St. in Denver. [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!



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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!



[Clean Upper Downtown](#)

First Saturday of the month: January 6th at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

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

Please wear gloves

[Stock Show Kick-off Parade](#)

Thursday, January 4th at Noon

Union Station at 17th Street

[David Bowie Brunch at Ophelia's](#)

January 7th and 8th

[Reserve Here](#)

[42nd Annual CO Indian Market & Southwest Art](#)

Fest January 12, 2024 - January 14, 2024

Colorado Convention Center



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!

Mania: The Abba Tribute

Friday, January 26th at 8pm

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](#)

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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