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Upper Downtown Restart! – Mayor Johnston met his goal of Housing1000 and currently there are no encampments in downtown. Now the work begins to revitalize Upper Downtown. One of the most important things that we need to tackle is the **perception** that downtown Denver is not a clean or safe place. UpDoNA will be focused on changing that perception and working with the city to revitalize downtown, Upper Downtown in particular. However, we need help from our members! Talk to your friends, family, and anyone who will listen to you that Upper Downtown is a clean and safe place to live, work, and play. Remind them of all the wonderful things to do in downtown. Let's work together to revitalize Upper Downtown!

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

## House1000 Initiative is Showing Positive Results

Contributed by Rob Squire and Lisa Pope

Ever since UpDoNA's inception in December of 2021, the Safety & Quality of Life Committee (S&QOLC) has seen the importance of moving people off street corners and into shelter. The presence of illegal campers on the streets of Denver was bad for them and was also bad for the residents, businesses and visitors who live, work and play here. The committee worked with Mayor Hancock during his administration, and it has worked with and supported Mayor Johnston in his House1000 Initiative.

Today, we are pleased to report that Upper Downtown is 100% encampment free!

[Read the full article here](#)

**Safety and  
Quality Of Life  
Committee**

## UpDoNA Volunteers Help Set Up a House1000 Hotel

Contributed by Lisa Pope



Recently, several UpDoNA members assisted the city in its effort to House1000 by setting up an Intake Center, inspecting rooms, and getting food supplies into place at one of the newly purchased hotels. The next day, approximately 150 unhoused men were moved into the hotel.

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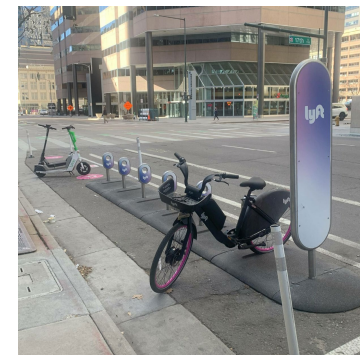
## Scooter Committee Update

By David Kurth

The Scooter Subcommittee met in December but took January off. However, that doesn't mean we weren't busy. We have continued communications with staff from District 10 Council Member Chris Hinds, District 9 Council Member Darrell Watson, staff from the City and County of Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI), and staff from the Downtown Denver Partnership (DDP). Our efforts have included:

- ...drafting Public Service Announcements (PSA) for DDP to send to approximately 350 security professional, property management, and business owner contacts in their system. DDP will send these announcements after we approve the final PSA and get UpDoNA Board approval.

[Read the full article here](#)



## UpDoNAs House1000 Clothing Drive

Contributed by Helen Hedrick



Denver Mayor Mike Johnston declared victory in his "House1000" goal on the last day of 2023.

"As of yesterday, this city succeeded, in under six months, in moving more than 1,000 people off of the streets and into housing," he said, according to CBS News. That was on December 31, 2023. As of the date of this writing, even more have been moved inside with the current total being 1,216.

UpDoNA has supported the mayor's efforts from the beginning of his administration, and recently participated in it by establishing a clothing drive in the month of January. A total of 133 bags of new or almost new clothing were donated, sorted and delivered to recently opened hotels which are housing men and women who need homes.

[See the full article here](#)

# UpDoNA Membership Committee

## Opportunity for Participation in UpDoNA's Membership Committee

Written by Rob Squire

One of the most important keys to UpDoNA's health and effectiveness in working with the city is the size of our organization. There is strength in numbers, and the larger we are, the more likely we are to have the ears of elected officials.

Our business membership has been growing at a much faster rate than our residential membership. It's important to grow our residential membership. We are looking for volunteers to help us in this very important effort.

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## Looking for Members in UpDoNa's Newest Committee! Arts & Beautification

Submitted by Carly Ebenstein

In August, Sal Tripodi and Kerry Packard came together to inaugurate UpDoNa's Arts & Beautification Committee.



Comprising members from Spire, One Lincoln, and Brooks Tower, our vision is ***To reimagine Upper Downtown as a vibrant tapestry of artistic expression, fostering creativity and inclusivity, cultural connection, a sense of community, and civic pride.***

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## Business Member Spotlight - Gasman Automotive

My name is Justin Gasman, and I am a Denver Native, born and raised in Lakewood and graduated from Green Mountain High School. I have enjoyed being a resident of The Spire since 2015. My passion is to help others and I have spent the last 20+ years specializing in automotive retail sales and finance primarily in Boulder. I enjoy showing up for people when they need me the most. Over the last two decades, I have been building a reputation for doing business legally, ethically, and professionally. I started a company a few years ago, Denver Caddy Rides and we were a sponsor of UpDoNa. We are transitioning our business and I am now bringing all my Automotive Solutions to my circle of influence and those affiliated with UpDoNa and wanted to share the exciting news with you. We are now Gasman Automotive Solutions. We have purchased a commercial building just 9 minutes away from the Spire located at 570 Ames St #206 in Lakewood, Colorado.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)



## A Beautiful Snowy Walk in Auraria Campus

By Mark Heft



There are a few defining moments when you go from being young and adventurous to old and cranky. One of those moments is when it snows and you either think "Oh no, snow, it's cold and I'm stuck in the house" or "Yay, snow! I want to go out and play". Well, this last storm, I found myself teetering on the precipice! Think back to a few weeks ago when we had four days of sub-zero temperatures. The first few days, I gave in, "it's too cold to go out". It was an extreme weather weekend. I was very pleased with myself for actually doing a few house projects that were on my to do list for months, possibly years.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)





Why I love Living in Downtown!

## Business Member Offers & Announcements

Fortissimo is offering a free dinner every Thursday in February to help test market their new 5280 Supper Club. To reserve your free seat and dinner, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/fortissimo-dueling-pianos-61712926573> and use promo code CHEERS100. For more information see the event listing at <https://updona.org/event/>

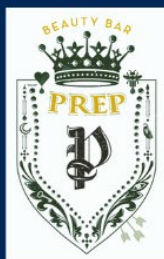
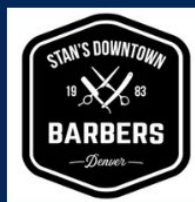
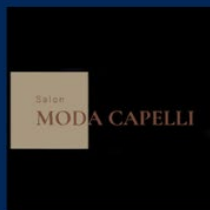
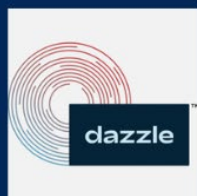


Stan's Downtown Barbers is excited to announce the grand opening of our new Golden Triangle location at 140 W. 10th Ave. Complimentary shampoo with your haircut, book online: [StansDowntownBarbers.com](https://StansDowntownBarbers.com).



We at JARS Cannabis are offering 30% off your purchase for all UpDoNA members for 2024! Use code "UpDo" to enjoy 30% off your next purchase at checkout.

# 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.\*\*\*

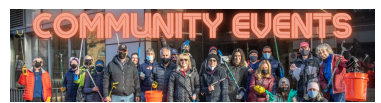
Yes, I want to Donate to UpDoNA!



**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 Upper Downtown

**First Saturday of the month: February 3rd at 9 AM**  
**Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.**  
**Second venue: Corner of 19th & Welton (Outside OLP)**  
**Third Venue: Outside 1600 Glenarm Apts 1600 Glenarm**  
*Please wear gloves!*

A Night of Comedy with Tim Allen

**Friday, February 2nd at 7 PM**  
**Bellco Theater**

Goldens in Golden (annual event!)

**February 3, 11am to 1pm**  
**Downtown Golden**

Valentine's at Fortissimo

**February 14th**  
**891 14th Street, #110**

John Batiste: Uneasy Tour

**February 20th**  
**Paramount Theater**

Mile High Beer Festival

**February 24th, Stockyards Event Center**  
**5004 National Western Dr.**

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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