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If you enjoy our newsletter every month, but haven't yet joined UpDoNA, please consider helping us in the very important work we do. There is power in numbers and the larger our membership, the more influence we have with our elected leaders. *Our tax-deductible annual membership is less than \$3.00 a month!* Be part of the solution. Please consider joining us.

[Become a Member of Our Community](#)

President's Message: Lisa Pope

Isn't the 16th Street Mall reopening exciting?! If you haven't had a chance, make sure to check out the block between Larimer and Lawrence. It's a peek of things to come. Four more blocks should reopen by Labor Day.

There's even more exciting news for Upper Downtown. As you know, Glenarm has been closed to traffic for the last few years between 15th and 17th Streets. The Downtown Denver Partnership and Gart Properties have a vision that will turn those few blocks into "Glenarm Plaza" with art, playgrounds, and community events. Mayor Johnston has already allocated \$1m for the project. It is the hope that Glenarm Plaza will become the "heart" of downtown – exactly what we need in Upper Downtown!

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

New Announcements

July UNO - UNOs (UpDoNA Nights Out) are held on the second Wednesday of each month. They are a great way to meet other UpDoNA members and have fun in the process. The July UNO will be held on July 10th beginning at 5PM at the WXYZ Lounge in the Aloft Hotel at 14th & Stout. Enjoy Happy Hour prices from 5PM-7PM.

Second Annual Downtown Denver National Night Out - Save the date - August 6, 2024 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM at Skyline Park 1!

UpDoNA has again partnered with LoDoNA to host another National Night Out. It's a fun celebration that is intended to honor Denver Police and all first responders. Last year we had fire trucks, mounted police, music, games, and Bernie from the Colorado Avalanche. Mayor Johnston spoke with us. We gave away free hot dogs, soda and other treats. We're intending to make this one even better! Come and join the fun!

Want to know more about the \$500 Million upcoming investment in Downtown Denver? - Mayor Mike Johnston recently announced plans to invest \$500 Million in downtown denver to boost the vibrancy of the downtown area. To learn more and/or to get on the mailing list, go to [Downtown Development Authority website](#)

To see the presentation that Brad Segal and Nick Marion made at UpDoNA's 2024 Annual meeting on the Downtown Development Authority which is the funding tool the city will use for this historic investment, click on the following link. [DDA Presentation](#)

Mall Project Information - If you haven't been on the mall recently, you may be in for a surprise. The block between Larimer and Lawrence is completed, open - and beautiful! Go see it if you get a chance. For information on the project, and to see the schedule

(which has remained unchanged for at least the last eight months and probably more) click on the following link. [16th St Mall Information](#)

Voting Information - Denver Clerk Paul Lopez sent this to UpDoNA: "As misinformation around elections runs rampant, it was important for my team and me to create this newsletter as a trusted source of factual election policies, procedures, and important updates." Sign up for the Clerk's office newsletter. Go to [Denver Clerk's Newsletter](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page, enter your email, select "Newsletter/General Interest" and click "Sign Up!"

Vehicle Donation Program - UpDoNA has chosen to partner with STEP Denver, a local organization that helps men in addiction recovery. One way they fund their efforts is through a vehicle donation program. If you are thinking about donating your car, please consider STEP Denver. For more information, please click on the following link. [STEP Denver Vehicle Donation Program](#)

UpDoNA Accomplishments

June 2023 to June 2024

Contributed by Lisa Pope and Rob Squire

UpDoNA is a very active organization. We have been busy, and we've accomplished a lot. We have included a summary of our most significant accomplishments since the last Annual Meeting was held in June of 2023. Below are the bullets of the area's we've reported on. To read the full details, please visit the [full article online here](#).

- **Organizational Level (Board)**
- **Safety & QOL Committee co-chaired by Lisa Pope and Rob Squire**
- **Scooter Subcommittee chaired by David Kurth**
- **Clean Upper Downtown Committee co-chaired by Kristen Deak and Carolyn Benton**
- **Good Neighbor Committee co-chaired by Garis Smith and Gary Gottesfeld**
- **Outreach Committee (Chaired by Rob Squire, members: Andrew Weiner, Teri McGinley, Carly Ebenstein, Stephanie Springer Coassin and all contributors)**
- **Arts & Beautification Committee chaired by Sal Tripodi**
- **UpDoNA Cares co-chaired by Ron Townsend and Helen Hedrick**
- **Social Committee formerly chaired by Terri McGinley, currently chaired by Dale Dewitt**
- **Membership Committee – Looking for a chair, currently run by Sue Townsend and Deborah Friedman**

Fourth of July in Denver!

By Chelsie Kiesel at Native Barber Salon

Summer is here and our incredible city is ready to welcome everyone to join in the fun. With so many opportunities to explore what Denver has to offer, Downtown happenings surely top the list. If you're looking for a way to celebrate this year's Independence Day, we've got live music, and community events galore. From wine tastings and brewery tours, dozens of First Friday events (Santa Fe, RiNo and Tennyson to name a few), to haunted pub crawls,

movies in the park, and even outdoor [yoga](#) at our beautiful Red Rocks amphitheater and park, there's no limit to the celebrations going on the first week of July and our great nation's 248th birthday!



The Civic Center Conservancy has re-imagined Independence Eve with Denver's largest-ever drone show, a live performance of the Colorado Symphony Brass & Percussion Ensemble and other fun events. See <https://civiccenterpark.org/indy-eve-at-civic-center-park/> for details.

Check out the links below to see just how fun-filled this 4th of July can be!

- <https://www.milehighonthecheap.com/denver-fourth-of-july/>
- https://www.denver.org/events/annual-events/?view=grid&sort=date&skip=45&bounds=false&filter_daterange%5Bstart%5D=2024-07-03&filter_daterange%5Bend%5D=2024-07-07

[See the Full Article](#)



UpDoNA Cares

By Ron Townsend

The Cares Committee continues to work to support/improve the lives of members of our community who need assistance. This is most often via volunteer work, donating or helping with fundraising. UpDoNA does not have the financial resources to donate as an organization, so we rely on the generosity of our members to support community needs.

[Read the full article here](#)



Clean Upper Downtown Committee - July 2024

By Kristen Deak and Carolyn Benton

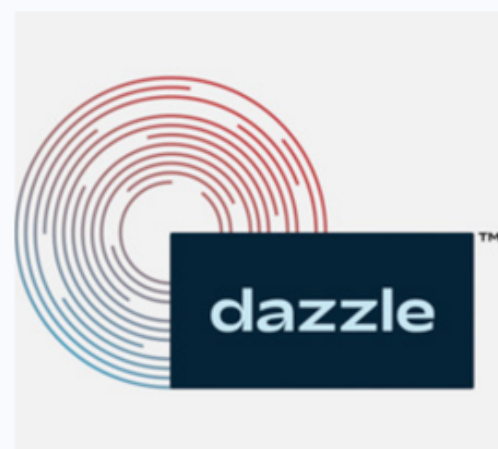
Our Clean-Upper Downtown Committee is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a \$1500.00 grant through the CALC Micro-Grant Program, a partnership of the Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and Denver Streets Partnership. Jackie Bunce, a Spire resident, wrote the grant. We are grateful for her contribution.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)



Business Member Offers and Announcements

Gasman Automotive Solutions is offering 25% off any window tint on two front windows or full tint to UpDoNA members.

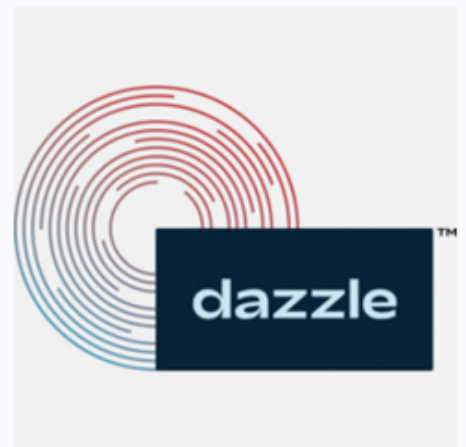


We at Dazzle are offering free admission to UpDoNA members for complimentary admission to hear Mitch Segura & Jonah Sutinen on July 2 at 7PM. Note that there is a two drink or food item minimum order. See UpDoNA's newsletter for details or <https://upдона.org/event/> for details.



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.

The Dazzle Date Night Package: for only \$45 dollars you and your special someone will receive a lovely bottle of wine and a scrumptious dessert to share. (Show tickets not included). You can make any night into a special night. Email host@dazzledenver.com to add the date night package to your romantic evening! Check show listings at dazzledenver.com.



Stan's Downtown Barbers is excited to welcome you into our newest Downtown Denver location in the Golden Triangle, located at 140 W. 10th Ave. We offer a complimentary shampoo with your haircut, walk- in or book online: StansDowntownBarbers.com

Occasionally we receive last-minute offers from Business Members for events that will occur prior to the next newsletter release. These will be posted as an event on our UpDoNA Facebook page. We encourage members to “Like” our Facebook page in order to be informed about these last minute events and other important announcements that are posted there.





[To Learn more about our UpDoNA Business Members, click here \(each logo on the home page will direct you to their business website\).](#)

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: July 6th 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!

[Mitch Segura & Jonah Sutinen](#)

July 2nd, 7 to 9 PM

Dazzle

[Independence Eve Night Market](#)

July 3rd, 5 to 10 PM

Civic Center Park

[Crosscurrents at Confluence Park](#)

July 13th, 2 to 10 PM

Confluence Park

[Sunset Cinema - Sculpture Park](#)

July 9th - Who Framed Roger Rabbit?



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!

July 23rd - The Triplets of Belleville

[National Night Out!](#)

August 6th 4:30pm to 7:30 pm

Skyline Park between 15th & 16th Streets

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://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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