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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

Summer is almost behind us, but we have one more big summer celebration for you to attend. The **Downtown Denver National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 6th, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at Skyline Park 1.** We will have free food, drinks, games, giveaways, and some amazing door prizes this year. Mayor Johnston will be attending along with our honorees, police officers, firefighters, and EMTs. Come out and say hi to those who serve and protect you, and challenge them or your neighbors to a friendly game of volleyball or cornhole. I'll see you there!

Thanks to all our members who completed the UpDoNA survey. We have reviewed the results and will ensure that we continue to work on the issues that are most important to our members. Please watch for Vice President Gil Vondrasek's article in the September newsletter summarizing the survey results.

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

New Announcements

[Second Annual Downtown Denver National Night Out](#)

Save the Date – August 6, 2024 from 4:30-7:30PM at Skyline Park 1!

UpDoNA is once again partnering with LoDoNA and the Downtown Denver Partnership to host the second annual Downtown Denver National Night Out at Skyline Park 1. It's a fun celebration intended to honor Denver Police, Denver Fire, and all first responders. There will be fire trucks, ambulances, and classic police cruisers to explore. Mayor Johnston will be attending along with several city leaders. There will be music, games, food, demonstrations, and giveaways, including door prizes. Come join the fun!

[UpDoNA's Facebook Page](#)

We encourage all members to go to [UpDoNA's Facebook page](#) and "like" it. There is a lot of information that we print there that is not included in our newsletter. Since we publish our newsletter on a monthly basis, there are often events or announcements that cannot wait until the 1st day of the following month. Those are published on our [Facebook page](#). Liking it will give you access to a great deal of additional information, events and discounts that you would not otherwise know about.

[August 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 August UNO will be held on Wednesday, August 14th beginning at 5PM at Dazzle in the Denver Center for the Performing Arts Complex on 14th Street between Curtis & Arapahoe. Enjoy Happy Hour prices from 5PM-6PM, but stay later and have fun!

Draft Plan of Development For DDA is Available For Review

As you may know, Mayor Johnston recently announced plans to invest \$500 million in Downtown Denver, much of it being slated for Upper Downtown. It will be funded by a Downtown Development Authority (DDA). A necessary step in the formation of that DDA is the drafting of a Plan of Development. You can view a draft version of that document by clicking on the following link. [DDA Plan of Development](#).

If you want some background on the entire concept, you can view the presentation that Brad Segal and Nick Marion made at UpDoNA's 2024 Annual meeting . Just click on the following link. [DDA Presentation](#)

If you want more detailed information, to learn more and/or to get on the mailing list, go to [Downtown Development Authority website](#)

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!

Scooter Subcommittee Update

Contributed by David Kurth

In our June meeting the scooter subcommittee received updates from Greg Cieciek regarding Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) efforts:

- DOTI is completing its one-year data collection process, which it deemed necessary prior to making any changes to confusing signs on bike lanes, implying that they were for bicycles only. We hope that they will conclude, as we did over a year ago, that changing the “Bikes Only” signs to “Bicycles and Scooters Only” or their suggested “Bikes+ Only” is part of the solution for reducing scooter riding on sidewalks.
- DOTI is updating its hotel public service announcement (PSA) brochures and developing business card-sized keycard folder inserts with QR codes regarding scooter riding rules. If requested, the scooter subcommittee will again provide volunteers to help distribute the updated information to hotels.



[Read the Full Article Here](#)

16th Street Mall Project - First Block Opening Celebration



Contributed by Rob Squire

Wednesday, June 26th, 2024 was a big day for Downtown Denver. The very first block of our new and improved 16th Street Mall is complete and was officially opened. That block, between Larimer and Lawrence, is tree-lined, with brand new pavers, and is just plain darned beautiful! Several dignitaries were on hand to celebrate including Mayor Johnston, District 10 City Councilman Chris Hinds,

Downtown Denver Partnership President Kourtney Garret and several others. UpDoNA was well represented by President Lisa Pope, Director Brent Strausbaugh and Rob Squire.

[See 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 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.



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

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.



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: August 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!

[National Night Out!](#)

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

Skyline Park between 15th & 16th Streets

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of August, 2024

Downtown Denver, CO

[UpDoNA Night Out \(UNO\)](#)

August 14th, 5 to 7 PM

Dazzle, 14th, between Curtis and Arapahoe

[BBQ Festival](#)

August 23rd, 4:30 to 10 PM

August 24th, 10 AM to 10 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!

Civic Center Park

[Spirit of Japan](#)

August 23rd to 25th, 5 to 10 PM

1255 19th Street, Denver

[Recurring Events in Denver](#)

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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