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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

It's October and UpDoNA has some very exciting things happening! Please read on.

On October 8th, please attend the **16th Street Mall Block Opening Celebration**. The celebration includes the first block opening in UpDoNA's footprint! This will be an all-day event celebrating blocks from Curtis to Market Streets. In addition to the usual celebration activities, there will be exciting activations all along the four-block area. Now for some amazing news!

As you know, UpDoNA was granted a **\$25,000 grant from Mayor Johnston's Dynamic Denver Grant Program to add art in Upper Downtown**. Thanks to the hard work of Sal Tripodi and the Arts & Beautification Committee, we have partnered with Denver Sister Cities International for **our first art project**. The reveal will happen at the October 8th Block Opening Celebration. In addition to unveiling the art piece (which will eventually be permanently placed in Upper Downtown on the 16th Street Mall), Sister Cities will provide dancers representing our ten Sister Cities. Come down to celebrate not only the first block opening in Upper Downtown, but to celebrate the unveiling of UpDoNA's first sponsored art piece. Please look for the UpDoNA and Sister Cities' tables on the block between Curtis and Lawrence Streets. We'll be there from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

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

New Announcements

Mall Project

On August 29th, UpDoNA was represented at the official opening of three more blocks of the 16th Street Mall. Now, the four block stretch from Market to Curtis is completely finished and open. Stop by and enjoy it! For more information click on the following link. [16th St Mall Information](#)

October UNO

UNOs (UpDoNA Nights Out) are held on the second Wednesday of each month. They are a great way to meet other UpDoNA members from other member buildings and have fun in the process. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts the October UNO is cancelled. Stay tuned for more information about these upcoming events.

The Election Is Almost On Us – Act Now!

If you aren't registered to vote, with just over one month until the November election, now is the time to do it. It's easy to do online. Even if you are registered, it's still wise to verify your registration. Go to [Go Vote Colorado](#) where you can do both of these things as well as other voting-related actions. You can also go to Denver Clerk Paul Lopez's [Election Q&A Fact Checker](#) for correct information about voting.

DDA District Election Update

On Monday, August 26, City Council voted to refer a question about the DDA to the November 2024 ballot. The ballot question will ask voters within the DDA district boundaries to approve the use of DDA revenue toward financing the costs of public improvements downtown, in accordance with projects described in the Amended Plan of Development. This ballot question will not increase our taxes.

Clean Upper Downtown Committee Update - October

Contributed by Carolyn Benton



This is just a friendly reminder about the latest happenings with our committee! We used our recent grants to purchase more supplies and signage for our wagons, and we're thrilled with how we've put the grant money to good use. We've also wrapped up the post-grant survey, which was the final step for this grant.

Exciting news - we've been advised that we're being considered for further grant funds this year! In the coming weeks, our committee will be meeting to chat about plans to help clean up cigarette butts outside local hotels and businesses. Keep an eye out for our upcoming newsletter, where we'll share our plans for the future. Stay tuned!

[Read the Full Article Here](#)



Written by Sue Townsend

Recently opened in the UpDoNa neighborhood of downtown Denver, Dozens is a delightful breakfast, brunch, and lunch spot that celebrates its Colorado origins through its creatively named egg dishes celebrating local sights, intersections, and towns. From the moment you step inside, you're greeted by a vibrant ambiance that echoes the spirit of the Rockies—warm wooden accents and a lively atmosphere that instantly makes you feel at home. As the owners of Dozens might say, it's "eggstraordinary"!

The menu at Dozens is a tongue-in-cheek journey through Colorado, with each egg dish cleverly named after a different locale. For example, the "Here's your Aspen" (my personal favorite) is an omelet with avocado, tomato and feta cheese, described as "not as exclusive as it sounds". The "Convention Center", an omelet with chopped chicken breast, fresh broccoli, and cheddar cheese is described as "researched and designed by a panel of out-of-town experts so it must be good"! During another visit, I opted for the "Steamboat" Scramble—a generous portion of scrambled eggs, bacon, cheddar cheese, sour cream and chives. Each bite revealed layers of flavor, and the eggs' texture was perfectly creamy without feeling heavy.

To satisfy any cravings for sweets, there are always fresh fruit, Belgian Waffles, and Cinnamon Rolls among the many choices. Tasty fresh salads and creative sandwiches are also on the menu.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

UpDoNA Support for Urban Peak

Contributed by Ron Townsend

The UpDoNA Board recently approved the addition of Urban Peak to the organizations supported by UpDoNA and our UpDoNA Cares Committee. We now support three organizations, including The Delores Project, STEP Denver, and Urban Peak. These organizations all help individuals who otherwise would be living on the streets, but they have different approaches and serve different groups of clients.

Urban Peak has supported homeless youth for decades, with many daytime services and a more limited ability to house youth overnight. Their Mission Statement is – “Urban Peak ignites the potential in youth to exit homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives.” They provide meals and shelter and much more, described as a “full convergence of services”. This includes “intensive strengths-based case management, access to physical, behavioral, and mental healthcare, education and employment opportunities, 24/7 crisis support, and a place to call home”. Last month, they opened their new facility, “The Mothership”, which



enhances their capacity to serve in a new bright and spacious environment. They can now provide overnight accommodations for up to 130 12-24 year-olds. They also have more space for things like music and art experience/education.

UpDoNA members have volunteered at Urban Peak, preparing and serving meals. They have ongoing needs for help with breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Working with these young people at mealtimes is fun and a rewarding experience. Other volunteer positions at their new facility are currently

being defined. Financial donations are always needed and appreciated. Gifts can be targeted to specific needs (like clothing or toiletries), holiday gifts, or general budget support.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Safety and Quality of Life Committee - RTD Bus and Train Safety

Contributed by Lisa Pope

I'm sure that you heard about the recent shooting on an RTD bus that occurred on 15th Street in front of the Denver Pavilions. According to Lt. Albi, there was a confrontation between two men that resulted in the shooting. Both men fled the scene. The shooter is still on the loose, but the man who was shot turned up at a downtown area hospital.

Officer Kayla Knabe, our Community Resource Officer, provided the following tips to keep yourself safe while riding RTD buses or trains. Make sure that you have the RTD Transit Watch App downloaded to your cell phone, use the app to report incidents (reports go straight to Dispatch), call 911 if there is a dangerous situation, get off the bus/train if you feel uncomfortable.

All RTD buses and trains are equipped with security cameras. Once you report an incident, whether you use the app or call 911, RTD officers will monitor the situation through the cameras and dispatch RTD police. If Denver

Police Department action is necessary, they will keep the police up to date on the situation until they arrive on the scene.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Scooter Subcommittee October Update

Contributed by David Kurth

Scooters, scooters, everywhere...in the news as well as on the sidewalks! We are certain everyone has seen reports regarding scooters in the newspapers or, if you still watch it, on the local news. As reported in the Denverite and the Denver Post, Lyft is going to end their dockless scooter program.

It's unclear whether Lyft is leaving permanently or just with the dockless devices.

Denver is not the only city suffering from scooter fatigue – scooter litter on sidewalks and inconsiderate scooter riders. There are links to the Denverite and Denver Post in the full document.



[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Outreach Committee Volunteers

Contributed by Rob Squire

Back in early 2022, the Founding Board of UpDoNA understood the importance of a well-informed membership. It immediately formed the Outreach Committee to provide interesting and important information that is critical for a well-informed membership. That outreach has evolved into several mechanisms, including our website, our Facebook page, occasional direct emails, and our Newsletter. Volunteers work behind the scenes to keep you informed about the UpDoNA's work, important elections, events and issues that we all face as residents and business owners of Upper Downtown.

Without even hesitating, **Andrew Weiner** volunteered an immense amount of time to create the UpDoNA website, and on January 3, 2022, updona.org went live. Several writers provide content which **Terri McGinley** posts on the Community/UpDoNA News webpage. She also researches events of interest to you, placing that info on the Community/Events webpage.

UpDoNA's newsletter is the most visible source of information to our members, and we have **Carly Ebenstein and Stephanie Springer Coassin** to thank for that. They have put together thirty-one professional newsletters, dating back to the first one which was published on March 5, 2022, a mere three months after UpDoNA incorporated. Carly and Stephanie are stepping down for a well-deserved rest, and we all owe them a great deal of thanks for the many hours of dedicated work that they have provided. When Carly let us know that they were stepping down, they also assured us that they would continue in that capacity until we found replacements. **Terri McGinley** immediately came forward to take on that role.

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Business Member Offers and Announcements



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.



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



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: October 5th at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

Please wear gloves!

[Civic Center Eats](#)

Weekly, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 AM - 2 PM

Civic Center Park

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of October, 2024

Downtown Denver, CO

[Skyline Beer Festival](#)

Wednesdays - Sundays, times vary - see link

Skyline Park, 1601 Arapahoe Street



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!

[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](#)

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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