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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

Unfortunately, I open on a somber note. I am sure that you have heard about the tragic stabbings that occurred on the 16th Street Mall on the weekend of January 11th and 12th resulting in the death of two individuals. You should have received an email notifying you that UpDoNA has arranged a meeting with our city leaders to discuss the stabbings, safety concerns, and the lack of police presence in downtown.

The UpDoNA Safety Committee regularly meets with the Denver Police Department, Ryan Ertman/Allied Security, and Safety Director Saldate to discuss safety issues in Upper Downtown. In addition to those meetings, we have a direct line of communication with those parties wherein we can report immediate needs and/or concerns. Although downtown is a much cleaner and safer place, there will always be issues that need to be addressed.

Thanks to our members who emailed City Council and Mayor Johnston regarding Council Bill 24-1791. As you know, Mayor Johnston vetoed the Bill. The Bill would have amended the Needle Exchange Ordinance by removing distance requirements from our schools and by removing any limitation on the number of Needle Exchange Sites allowed in Denver.

Click the button below to read all the latest on the following topics:

- **Landmark Preservation Commission Hearing**
- **Update on the Downtown Area Plan (DAP)**
- **Downtown buildings to be converted to Housing**
- **What's going on with the Glenarm Plaza**

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

Meeting With City Leaders On Safety & Police Presence

In response to many telephone calls, emails, and texts regarding the recent stabbings and general safety concerns, The Upper Downtown Neighborhood Association and the Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association have requested a meeting with our city leaders, including the Mayor's Office, Director of Safety, Chief of Police, DPD District 6 officers, and others. A key issue that will be discussed is police presence downtown, especially on the 16th Street Mall.

The one-hour meeting will be held on Monday, February 3rd, at 1:00 p.m., in the board room of the Downtown Denver

Partnership. The Partnership's address is 1515 Arapahoe Street, Suite 100, which is on the 16th Street Mall, across from the Clock Tower, and next to Skyline Park 1.

There will be a question-and-answer portion of the meeting, so please come prepared with your questions and concerns. For those of you who are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to email your questions to Lisa Pope at lisapope@updona.org or to Gil Vondrasek at gilvon2001@gmail.com

This is a very important meeting with many city leaders adjusting their schedules to meet with us. Let's have a strong showing. Please plan to attend.

February UNO

UpDoNA has moved UNOs to the second Thursday of each month.

The February UNO (UpDoNA Night Out) will be held on Thursday, February 13th. Stay as long as you want and have a great time with other members.

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025
Time: 5:30 till ?
Happy Hour prices till: 7:00 PM
Venue: Fortissimo
Location: 14th & Champa (one of the commercial spaces on the ground level of Spire facing 14th St)

Remember, UpDoNA now holds UNOs on the second Thursday of each month. Put them on your calendar as a recurring event so you don't miss out!

Cold temperatures and the Unhoused

Winter temperatures are here. If you see an unhoused person(s) exposed to the elements, please report it using the Clean and Safe app, or by calling 311 or using the 311 app. Of course, if you encounter an emergency situation, please call 911. Denver Police Officers and Denver Health EMTs will provide transportation to a warming station or shelter. No one will be arrested.

New Information on Scooters

Contributed by Joe Capello



It's been a busy, busy time on the shared-scooter front:

- Lyft (scooters + bikes) is OUT
- Bird (scooters + bikes) is IN
- We met with Bird
- We met with Lime
- Artificial Intelligence is coming to scooters
- Denver still hasn't fixed the bike lane signs

In December, scooter company Bird assumed all of Lyft's dockless scooter and e-bike services in Denver. UpDoNA's scooter subcommittee members met via Zoom with Bird representatives. We stressed the need for improved pedestrian safety and clearer communication of scooter regulations to users.

In our meeting via Zoom with scooter company Lime, we learned it has increased its audits of the photos users submit at the end of a trip in order to see if the scooter has been properly parked, which is one of the two most

common complaints about shared scooters.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 4th, at 4:00 PM in the Brooks Towers.

Additional information on scooters in Denver:

- What are common scooter customer complaints
- New faces at Lime and Bird
- Updates on scooters in Denver

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Why I love the Spire

Contributed by: Mark Heft

In 2012 I decided that it was time to leave NYC and look for somewhere new to live. I never could have imagined leaving my culture-filled, bustling island but after almost two decades, it was time.

The building itself was amazing, a big shiny glass and concrete tower in the middle of the city. I remember walking into the unit I wanted to buy, straight through the condo to the balcony. My jaw dropped when I saw the unobstructed mountain view! I remember looking at the broker and saying “OK, this one’s mine”

When I moved to Denver, I didn’t know a single person who lived here, but I figured I’d make friends in the building. I never could have imagined what an incredible place Spire would turn out to be. It’s not just a building; it is a community, and I mean that in the truest sense. There is such an incredible group of people who live here. Spire is 42 stories high with 496 condos and close to 1,000 residents! With so many people you would think it would be a cold and impersonal place to live, but it is quite the opposite.

This article about the Spire highlights:

- The people in the building
- Location, location, location
- Amenities offered in the Spire

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

New Business Member - Mark Callaghan Real Estate

Contributed by: **Deborah Friedman**

UpDoNa is happy to welcome Mark Callaghan Real Estate as a new business member.

Mark Callaghan is a real estate broker focused on residential real estate transactions, primarily in Downtown Denver and the surrounding metropolitan area including the Highlands, River North, Central Park, Cherry Creek and the Country Club. Mark and his team provide expert service in residential property valuation, staging

properties for resale and negotiating deals.

Over the course of the past decade, Mark has negotiated nearly 400 transactions and recently marked a major career milestone: a quarter billion dollars in real estate sales. His professional journey has brought him all over the state of Colorado, but it's in downtown Denver where Mark truly dominates as the #1 broker in downtown condo sales year after year.

Mark's business is always open so give him a call or send him a text at 303-710-1000 or visit him online at <https://marksellsdenver.com/>.

Read the full article by using the link below:

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Business Member Offers and Announcements



We at JARS Cannabis are offering 30% off your purchase for all UpDoNA members for 2025! Use code "UpDo" to enjoy 30% off your next purchase at checkout.



We at The Clocktower Cabaret are offering a \$10 discount on select performances for all UpDoNA members. Use code **UPDONA10** to redeem your discount. All tickets are based on availability. You can contact Selene Arca (selene@clocktowercabaret.com) for questions, details or help with reservations.



Stan's Downtown Barbers just celebrated ONE YEAR at our newest location in the Golden Triangle (140 W. 10th Ave.) Come see us, we offer UpDoNo members a complimentary shampoo with your haircut, book online: StansDowntownBarbers.com

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\$200 Off the purchase of a Vehicle Service Contract from Gasman Automotive Solutions - valid until



March 1, 2025.



We at the Aloft Hotel are offering a discounted room rate for UpDoNA members of \$89 + tax pending availability during the entire year of 2025. Make a reservation by clicking on the reservation booking link. Once you have chosen your preferred arrival and departure dates, the website will let you know if your \$89.00 discounted rate is available over those dates. [Book your room at Neighborhood Discounted Rate](#)



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



We at Fortissimo Dueling Piano are offering FREE General Admission on Friday and Saturday nights for all UpDoNA members during the month of (February). Use code: UPDONA10 for free GA tickets when pre-purchasing online or show to hostess if you choose to arrive without a reservation.

Link to pre-reservations: <https://www.exploretock.com/fortissimo-dueling-pianos-denver>

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: February 1st, at 9 AM
Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.
Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

[Back to the Future](#)

January 22nd - February 9th
Buell Theater - DPAC

[Colorado Ballet - Casanova](#)

January 31st - February 9th
Ellie Caulkins Opera House - DPAC

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

February 13th - Fortissimo

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of February, 2025
Downtown Denver, CO

[Recurring Events in Denver](#)



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!

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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