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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

The holidays are behind us and it's a new year – 2025! Exciting things will be happening this year in downtown. The 16th Street Mall is scheduled to be completed, construction on the new Glenarm Plaza will be underway, and funds from the DDA expansion will be flowing in.

Recently, Sal Tripodi and I were asked to speak before City Council for the first reading of the Downtown Denver Authority Expansion. Sal and I, of course, spoke in support of the expansion. In addition to thanking city council for referring the DDA expansion to ballot, I also thanked the 80% of Lower Downtown voters who approved the expansion. Public investment drives private investment which is exactly what happened in Lower Downtown after DDA funds renovated Union Station. Private investment added new hotels, housing, grocery stores, gathering spots, and more. Now it's Upper Downtown's chance for similar revitalization and investment. David Roberts, LoDoNA's new president, told City Council that Lower Downtown residents are in full support of the expansion of the DDA for Upper Downtown's benefit. Fortunately, City Council voted 11-1 to expand the DDA boundaries and to support the Amended Plan of Development. Recently, Mayor Johnston said that in the last three months there have been three times as many leasing inquires for space on the 16th Street Mall than in the last three years. We are on our way!

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

- [DDA expansion update & Open House](#)
- [Ribbon Cutting for Cherry Creek Trail mural](#)
- [New 16 Street Mall Security Team](#)

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

New Announcements

January UNO

Join your fellow UpDoNA members for our monthly Happy Hour. See old friends and make new ones.

This month's UNO (UpDoNA Night Out) will be on Wednesday, January 8th, beginning at 5:30PM. It will be held at Appaloosa Grill located at 535 16th St (Corner of 16th St & Welton). You'll be able to take advantage of Happy Hour prices till 6PM, but stay as long as you want and have a great time with other members.

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.

Scooter Sub-Committee Update

Contributed by David Kurth

Scooters continue to be in the news in Colorado and elsewhere:

The Colorado Court of Appeals recently ruled that scooter companies cannot be held liable for injuries caused by their riders.

Seoul, South Korea is implementing "scooter-free zones" on streets with high accident risks and immediate towing of illegally parked e-scooters.

Lime has reported an exponential increase in e-bike rentals in Melbourne, Australia after the city banned e-scooters in the Central Business District.

And, Toronto, which has banned e-scooter rentals, recently ran a two-week safety campaign cracking down on dangerous drivers operating their personal e-scooters on city roads.

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



[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Arts & Beautification Committee: Looking Forward to 2025

Contributed by: Sal Tripodi

The Arts & Beautification Committee officially dedicated its first commissioned mural situated along the Cherry Creek Path access ramp off of Speer, between Stout and Colfax. As we have reported before, the mural is the work of emerging artists, Sarah Iverson (Instagram: [@chiefchillybeans](#)) and Conner Choi (Instagram: [@connerchoi](#)). We encourage you to take a walk over to the path and check it out.

The article covers committee updates for:

- Ribbon Cutting for the Cherry Creek Path Mural

- Update on our Green Space Project
- What's In Store for 2025?

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

UpDoNA Cares Committee

Contributed by: Ron Townsend

Please Support Our UpDoNA Cares Partners

Donations to our Shelter Partners and Holiday Gifts for Clients in Those Shelters

UpDoNA members often ask how they can support our shelter partners or do something to make the holidays more special for their clients. While there is always a need for financial support, some of us are more focused on making donations this time of the year. Below is information about how to help The Delores Project, STEP Denver, and Urban Peak.

This post covers organizations UpDoNA supports, read the details for each group in the full article:

- Urban Peak
- The Delores Project
- Step Denver

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Business Member Offers and Announcements



Well Optimized SEO is offering quarterly SEO workshops starting in 2025! These one hour workshops will be geared toward small business owners who want to learn a little more about SEO and how it works. Workshops are virtual, one hour in length, recorded and sent along with a list of resources after the call. Cost is only \$39 per workshop (or \$99 for all four). Learn more or sign up at welloptimizedseo.com/seo-workshops



We at [The Clocktower Cabaret](#) are offering a \$10 discount on tickets for all UpDoNA members for select shows throughout the year. For shows that are discounted, an "Enter Promo Code" box will be available. Use code UPDONA10 to redeem.

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



Wishing our fellow UpDoNA members a Happy New Year! With rates as high as 4.60% APY* on 6-month CDs, Colorado Credit Union is the perfect place to put your money to work for you.

Conveniently located in the One Lincoln Park building, our friendly staff is available to answer questions on all your banking needs. Call 303.978.2274 or stop by any branch to open a CD today. Visit ccu.org for more information.

**APY = Annual Percentage Yield. Fees may reduce earnings on the account. Minimum deposit of \$500 required. Rates subject to change without notice. Penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal, which could reduce earnings on the account. Membership Eligibility Required. Federally Insured by NCUA.*



\$200 Off the purchase of a Vehicle Service Contract from Gasman Automotive Solutions - valid until March 1, 2025.



We at JARS Cannabis are offering 30% off your purchase for all UpDoNA m0Use 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

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: January 4th, at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

[Zoo Lights](#)

November 23rd - January 5th

Denver Zoo – 2300 Steele St.

[Blossoms of Light](#)

November 20th - January 12th

Botanical Gardens Denver, CO

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

January 8th - Appaloosa Bar & Grill

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of January, 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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