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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

Thanks to the more than 100 people who attended our meeting on Monday, February 3rd. Everyone should have received an email with the link to watch the recording of the meeting.

Since the February 3rd meeting, the UpDoNA Safety Committee has met with several city leaders to follow up on the information that we received during the February 3rd meeting. We are discussing current laws and requesting increases in safety protocols. We will continue to keep you updated. Please help us by continuing to report ANY incident that you come across by calling 311, 911, or by using the Clean and Safe App.

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

- **Police Advisory Update**
- **Denver Sidter Cities Annual Meeting**
- **Self Defense Class**
- **Councilman Hinds Town Hall**
- **Interactive Pop! Celebration**

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

### Meeting With City Leaders on Safety & Police Presence

We are providing a link to a video of the meeting that UpDoNA and LoDoNA held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at the Downtown Denver Partnership offices. The purpose of the meeting was to give residents and business owners an opportunity to discuss their concerns about safety, police presence, and the recent stabbings that occurred on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall. More than 100 residents and business owners attended the meeting. City leaders in attendance included: Police Chief Ron Thomas, Commander Kimberly Bowser, Lt. David Albi, Sgt. Austen Munson, CRO Kayla Knabe, Denver Department of Safety Director Armando Saldate, Downtown Denver Partnership Director of Safety Ryan Ertman, RTD Deputy Chief Glyn Horn, RTD Commander Broderick Fowler, Mayoral D10 Rep. Sterling Simms, Councilman Hinds' Sr. Aide Ondrej Sebek, and State Representative Alex Valdez.

Unfortunately, the audio equipment in the conference room was not working. However, you will still be able to hear the discussion.

We will be following up with additional information.

[Click here to see video](#)

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**March UNO**

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

**Date:** Thursday, March 13, 2025

**Time:** 5:30 till ?

**Venue:** Reflections

**Happy Hour prices till:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** 830 15<sup>th</sup> St (at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> & Champa) 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!



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### **Advance Announcement about the May UNO**

UpDoNA and Clocktower Cabaret, who is one of our newest Business Members, have been working together to bring UpDoNA members a special activity for the May UNO. On Thursday May 8th, UpDoNA members can enjoy an evening with Avourneen for a super low price of \$10 per person (plus a \$4 ticket fee). Avourneen is an Irish band that "offers a new take on Irish tradition", so this should be a ton of fun! Let's get a big group from UpDoNA and have a great time!

**Date:** Thursday, May 8, 2025

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30 for 7:00 PM show

**Venue:** Clocktower Cabaret in the downstairs level of the Clocktower

**Location:** 16th & Arapahoe

**Menu:** Click here to see their [Food & Drink menu](#)

**Special Price:** To receive the special price for UpDoNA members, use UPDONA10 as the discount code.

**Special Instructions:** If you want to be sure to sit at the same table with someone (max of four per table), it's best to buy all four tickets at once. Otherwise, be sure that when all parties at the table buy their tickets, all should enter the same first and last name where it says "Joining an EXISTING party? . . ."



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## Good Neighbor Committee

**Contributed by:** Garis Smith

The Good Neighbor Committee works to encourage applicants of liquor and other licenses to operate their establishments in a manner respectful of the needs of a mixed commercial/residential neighborhood. The committee has worked with four businesses recently.

### **Additional information on the GNC Committee:**

- Tastes of Africa
- Bombs Away!
- Sports Viewing
- Karaoke

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

## Scooter Committee

**Contributed by: Joe Capello**

**In February, the UpDoNA Scooter Subcommittee hosted representatives of the two scooter companies with operations in Denver: Lime and Bird (successor to Lyft), along with LoDoNA's new head of its Safety Committee, and a representative from the Mayor's Office of Bicycle Advisory Committee. In the meeting, government officials, scooter company executives/advocates, and concerned citizens, spoke frankly and vented frustrations.**

**It's worth noting that other cities are getting safety programs and technologies from the scooter companies well ahead of Denver, even though Denver is one of the nation's top cities for scooter usage (we're told it's second only to the District of Columbia).**

**Our next meeting will be held on the 10th floor of Spire on April 1, 2025 at 4:00 PM. Reach out to David Kurth if you want to be added to the mailing list. [David\\_Kurth@msn.com](mailto:David_Kurth@msn.com)**

### **This issue contains:**

- Riders are frequenting hospitals and requiring surgery
- Another Meeting with Lime and Bird and Councilman Hines
- Denver still hasn't fixed the bike lane signs
- Signs of hope
- Things we'd like to see go away

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

# New UpDoNA Business Member

Contributed by: Carol Wayne

UpDoNA is excited to announce that Denver Jazz has joined UpDoNA as a new Business Member, and they are bringing more music to Denver with a new Denver Jazz Festival. The 2025 festival will be held from April 3, 2025 through April 6, 2025 in 12 different venues throughout the Denver and Boulder areas. Dazzle, also an UPDONA Business member, and the DCPA will host events in Upper Downtown. Emphasis will be on Downtown and the historic Five Points Cultural District which will serve to establish Denver as a major Jazz destination.



Confirmed headline artists include Dianna Reeves in her first Denver public concert since 2018 and Bill Frisell "In My Dreams" Project, a Denver premiere direct from the highly acclaimed Big Ears Festival. These endearing time-honored icons have deep roots in the Denver community.

Read the full article by using the link below:

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

## Business Member Offers & 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](mailto: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](http://StansDowntownBarbers.com)



### Earn More with Colorado Credit Union's High Interest Checking Account!



Earn up to 5.00% APY\* on balances up to \$10,000, with no minimum balance or service fees. Call 303.978.2274 or visit our One Lincoln Park.



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Wxyz Bar, Aloft Denver Downtown from March 15 through 17. UpDoNA members will enjoy 25% off our holiday specialty beers.



Celebrate March Madness on our extra-large TVs at Aloft Denver from March 18 through 31. UpDoNA membership will enjoy \$3 off select domestic beers!



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](mailto:host@dazzledenver.com) to add the date night package to your romantic evening! Check show listings at [dazzledenver.com](http://dazzledenver.com)



Join us at Fortissimo Dueling Pianos on March 9th for our Second Sunday Jazz Jam Bunch! The \$5 at the door goes to the Colorado Jazz Ambassadors Youth Educational Program!



Join us at Fortissimo Dueling Pianos during Restaurant Week March 7-16 for a Four Course Experience – Drink, appetizer, dessert and a music show!

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

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

March 13th - Reflections 830 15<sup>th</sup> St (corner of 15<sup>th</sup> & Champa)

[St. Patrick's Day Parade](#)

March 15, 2025  
Wyncoop in Denver

[Community Self Defense](#)

March 22, 2025  
Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Pl, Denver

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of March, 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!](#)

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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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