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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

Spring is here and there is a lot to look forward to in Upper Downtown! So, let’s get right to it.

Recently, Gil Vondrasek and I attended a meeting with Evan Dryer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Johnston, to discuss additional resources that will be dedicated to the downtown area. Soon, **Mayor Johnston and Chief Thomas** will be announcing the specific plan at a public meeting. All UpDoNA members have been invited to attend. Details about the time and place will be announced soon.

The inaugural **Denver Jazz Fest will be held April 3rd through April 6th**. During the four-day event, there will be thirty shows at twelve different venues, including Dazzle Denver at DCPA. On Saturday, April 5th, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. there will be a free concert at DPAC Sculpture Park, 1736 Speer Blvd.

The Colorado Convention Center is celebrating **Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22**, from 11:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be live music, food and beverages, exhibits, giveaways, and more. UpDoNA will be there again this year by the Big Blue Bear, so stop by and say hi!

Click the button below to read all the latest on:

- Work on “**Welton Park**” located at 19th and Welton
- Update on the **Downtown Area Plan Advisory Board**
- **MyDenver Summer Kickoff Festival** to celebrate summer & new openings on the 16th Street Mall

Read the Full President’s Message

UpDoNA Announcements

Denver Jazz Fest
Do you like jazz? If you do, you’re going to love the new Denver Jazz Fest! It’s happening from April 3-6 at venues across Denver, including Dazzle and the Performing Arts Center. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [denverjazz.org](#). Don’t miss this exciting event!



April UNO

The April UNO (UpDoNA Night Out) will be held on Thursday, April 10th. Stay as long as you want and have a great time with other members.

- Thursday, April 10, 2025
- 5:30 till ?
- Happy Hour prices till: 6:00 PM
- West Saloon
- 501 16th St (at the corner of 16th & Glenarm)

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!



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 Avoumeen for a super low price of \$10 per person (plus a \$4 ticket fee). Avoumeen 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? . . ."



UpDoNA Cares Committee

Contributed by: Ron Townsend

Our Cares Committee is focused on supporting the needs of members of our community who are not as fortunate as most of us. We have chosen to do this primarily by working with three shelter partners – Urban Peak, The Delores Project, and Step Denver. We have also occasionally worked on projects separate from these shelters.

There have been articles about the three shelters in this newsletter previously, but in brief – each works to provide full wraparound services so that their clients can become safe, happy, productive members of our community.

They each deal with different client populations in different ways, which is a big part of why UpDoNA chose to support these particular shelters.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

New UpDoNA Buisness Member

Contributed By Stephen Shepard

Welcome our newest UpDoNA business member; BOMA!

The Denver Metro Building Owners and Managers Association (Denver Metro BOMA) is a nonprofit trade association representing owners and managers of commercial office and other commercial buildings.

Denver Metro BOMA provides information, advocacy, educational programs, and networking to all members and is governed by a fourteen-member Board of Directors.

BOMA is dedicated to providing local and regional industry information, state and local advocacy and educational programming.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Special Interest – UpDoNA News

Contributed by: Ann Lloyd



It was no choice at all: Denver’s 300 days of sunshine versus Boston’s six months of gloom, ice and damp. When the last of our offspring moved west, what exactly were we waiting for?

We thought briefly about other states and cities, but Denver won out. We sold our Boston condo in 2018, found a furnished rental in downtown Denver, and considered our options.

We had lived in the northeast for 35 years, and in Boston’s South End for the last 20 of those, so we knew downtown was the place to be. We had sampled Denver when visiting our children, and it did not disappoint.

Read the full article by using the link below:

- Who built One Lincoln Park
- An overview of the amenities
- The unique community

[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) for questions, details or help with reservations.



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 branch for more information.



Aloft Hotel is offering a discounted room rate for UpDoNA members of \$89 + tax pending availability during 2025. After choosing your preferred dates online, the website will let you know if your \$89 discounted rate is available for those dates.



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!

REPORT
A CRIME

UpDoNA
*BE A PART
OF THE
SOLUTION*
VOLUNTEER NOW

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: April 5th, at 9 AM
Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.
Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

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

April 10th - Reflections 830 15th St (corner of 15th & Champa)

[A Mid Summer Night's Dream](#)

April 10 - 13, 2025
Civic Center Park Greek Theatre

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of April, 2025
Downtown Denver, CO

[Recurring Events in Denver](#)

For more events, please click [here](#)!



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 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://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. ~~What have to get involved as a volunteer?~~ Every committee I mentioned can use help. Please – Get Involved.



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