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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

What a great upcoming weekend for Downtown! In addition to the Summer Kickoff that will bring thousands of people to 16th Street, the Outside Festival at Civic Center Park is expecting 24,000 people.

UpDoNA has been very busy since my last message. We've had meetings with the Department of Excise and Licenses, the Denver District Attorney's Office, the Denver Economic Development & Opportunity Office, and City Council's Land Use Transportation and Integration Committee.

Click the button below to read all the latest on:

- City-Established Consumption Permits.
- Deputy District Attorneys Assigned to Downtown
- Denver Economic Development & Opportunity Office ("DEDO")
- Land Use and Integration Committee
- UpDoNA Business Member Meet and Greet
- UpDoNA ANNUAL MEETING

Read the Full President's Message

UpDoNA Announcements

UpDoNA Board of Directors Election

You should have received an email with the bio's for each candidate and their answers to a few questions that have been posed to them. Please review that information, and be sure to cast your vote for the individuals that you would like to serve as UpDoNA board members for the next two years.

There are three candidates for the two available positions. They are (in alphabetical order by last name):

- Jan Kellison
- Terri McGinley
- Lisa Pope (incumbent)

Remember that your last day to vote will be June 2

UpDoNA Annual Meeting

UpDoNA's Annual Meeting will be held in the latter part of June. The exact date is in flux because we're trying to arrange a special venue for this year's meeting. Stay tuned.

No matter what, it'll be a lot of fun, and you will also be introduced to the newly-elected UpDoNA Board of Directors. Watch your emails in the coming weeks for an EventBrite link.

New Standing Date For UNOs

In order to resolve some calendar conflicts with a large segment of our valued members, we are changing the standing date for UpDoNA Nights Out (UNOs). We will now hold them on the first Wednesday of each month. Put UNOs on your calendar as a standing event so you don't miss any of these fun events.

June UNO

The June UNO (UpDoNA Night Out) will be held on Wednesday, June 4th. Stay as long as you want and have a great time with other members. Aloft has brought in the Jazz Duo of Bob Schlesinger & Jason Malmberg during our UNO, and their bartender will be creating an UpDoNA specialty cocktail for this occasion.

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Time: 5:30 till ?

Happy Hour prices till: 6:30 PM, but stay as long as you want

Venue: WXYZ Bar in the Aloft Hotel

Location: 800 15th St @ Stout

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



Safety Committee

Contributed by: Gil Vondrasek

A contingent of folks from UpDoNA and LoDoNA met with our District Attorney John Walsh and four of his attorneys. The meeting centered on Denver's downtown safety plan and the district attorney's role in its implementation.

Key Improvements in Downtown Safety

One of the most significant advancements has been the daily coordination among various departments, such as law enforcement, to enhance outreach efforts for individuals experiencing homelessness—particularly those with severe health conditions but no criminal record. A critical element of this strategy is gathering data to build a strong case for enforcement measures.

Click on the button below to read the details for:

- Collaboration with RTD
- Addressing Misdemeanor Arrest Policies
- Insights on Crime Trends
- Juvenile Crime
- Late-Night Crime
- Retail Theft & Organized Crime
- What Can We Do As Citizens?

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Good Neighbor Committee

Contributed by: Garis Smith

Over the past few months, the GNC Committee has been busy with new establishments in our neighborhood. UpDoNa representatives attended the city Licensing Hearing's for numerous businesses.

We have been working with the following establishments:

- **Trybal Hearing**
- **TAG Happenings**
- **Mid-East Mediterranean Cuisine**

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

UpDoNA Cares Committee

Contributed By: Ron Townsend

Please Consider Volunteering your time with The UpDoNA Cares Committee we continue to actively support two local shelters, **The Delores Project** and **Urban Peak**, with occasional projects at a third – **STEP Denver**. Volunteer work, usually preparing and serving a meal at each once a month, is the backbone of our support for Urban Peak and The Delores Project. There is a broad range of volunteer needs at each program, however and we could do more at each place if we had more volunteers – please message Ron Townsend at ron23townsend@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or with any questions about our committee.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

New UpDoNA Buisness Member

Contributed By: Deborah Freidman

Please welcome our new UpDoNa business member **Kent Hollier, PC**. Kent is a 20-year oil and gas title attorney whose office is in the Equitable Building on 17th Street, in the heart of Upper Downtown.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

New UpDoNA Buisness Member

Contributed by: Sue Townsend

Olive & Finch brings chef-created delicious food to the Arts Complex and UpDoNa!

A new gem has arrived in Upper Downtown Denver, and it's bringing a fresh, flavorful approach to everyday dining. Olive & Finch, the latest location of the beloved Olive & Finch Collective (O&F), opened its doors at the Denver Performing Arts Complex (14th and Curtis), offering chef-crafted meals in a bright, welcoming space that's perfect for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Business Member Offers & Announcements



Purchase a Vehicle Service Contract (VSC) online, and once the coverage is activated, Gasman Automotive Solutions will issue a **\$250 cash rebate** on top of our already ultra-competitive pricing. Get a [free quote](#). Call us at 303-362-1319



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.



Get a bottle of wine and a dessert to share with your date for only \$45 (show tickets not included). Email host@dazzledenver.com to add the Date Night Package. dazzledenver.com



Clocktower Cabaret is offering a \$10 discount on select performances for all UpDoNA members based on availability. Use code UPDONA10. Email questions to selene@clocktowercabaret.com.



Well Optimized SEO helps businesses get found online. During June, get 10% off our website audit and optimization. Book a [consultation](#), mention UpDoNa in notes section. Learn more at welloptimizedseo.com



Join Colorado Credit Union for Shred Week at our One Lincoln Park branch from June 9th to June 13th. Bring your old documents, statements, and any sensitive paperwork to be securely shredded on-site. For more information, visit ccu.org/events.



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.

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

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.



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.*****



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!

[Clean Upper Downtown](#)

First Saturday of the month: June 7th, at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

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

June 4th

WXYZ Bar in the Aloft Hotel (800 15th St @ Stout)

[16th Street Summer Kickoff](#)

May 31 - June 1, 2025

16th Street between Market and Tremont

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of June 2025

Downtown Denver, CO

[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](https://www.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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