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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 **Summer Kickoff Weekend Celebration!** It was so amazing to see 40,000 residents and visitors enjoying the 16th Street Grand Opening and all the activities. UpDoNA was there with great music (Sal Tripodi), professional dancers from Dancesports, art activities for the kids (Carolyn Benton), and thanks to Bimbo Bakeries USA (Jeff Pope), we gave away 1,000 bags of Takis and 400 packs of Marinela cookies. Hundreds of people visited our booth and learned about UpDoNA. In addition, we got several new members, including a new business member.

Thanks to everyone who attended **UpDoNA's first Alfresco Annual Meeting on Glenarm Plaza**. We had a wonderful evening despite threats of storms and rain. Thanks to West Kitchen and Saloon, a family business, for catering our event and for providing delicious food and beverages.

Click the button below to read all the latest on:

- Downtown Denver National Night Out 2025
- City Council Member Flynn proposing a Denver Charter Amendment to change At-Large City Council Members election
- Denver City Planning in support of Home2 Suites' application for rezoning
- Impending city budget cuts

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

UpDoNA Announcements

Downtown Denver National Night Out

UpDoNA is once again partnering with LoDoNA and the Downtown Denver Partnership to bring you the third annual Downtown Denver National Night Out (DDNNO). This is an event that is intended to honor those who serve us including the Denver Police, RTD Transit Police, Denver Fire and all first responders. It is our opportunity to say thank you for all they do for us.

Our emcee this year will be Michael Spencer, evening news anchor for CBS Colorado. We have had Mayor Johnston participate in past years and we hope to see him there this year along with other special guests.

There will be free hot dogs, soda, popcorn and other treats. We will have music, door prizes, games, a photo booth, caricature artist, fire trucks and perhaps Bernie the mascot for the Colorado Avalanche. It has been a very successful event in past years. Come out and help us honor all of those that serve us in downtown Denver.

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 4:30PM to 7:30PM

Skyline Park between 15th & 16th Streets

<https://updona.org/downtown-denver-national-night-out-2025/>



UpDoNA Board of Directors Election

Thank you to everyone that voted in the annual Board of Directors election. Three candidates were running for the two director positions in the UpDoNA Board of Directors. They were Jen Pember, Terri McGinley and Lisa Pope. After the election was announced one director submitted a resignation, which left an additional position open. As a result, all three candidates will serve on the board effective immediately. Congratulations!

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.

July and August UNOs

The July UNO (UpDoNA Night Out) which would have been held on July 2, 2025 has been cancelled due to the proximity of that date to the June 24th Annual Meeting. The August UNO will be held on schedule on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Beginning in mid-July, check the Announcements on our website Home Page at updona.org for details on the event.

Help LoDoNA Reopen the Delgany Bridge

Our sister organization, the Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association is trying to reopen the Delgany Bridge. For more information or if you would like to help them, please go to <https://lodona.org/activate-delgany-bridge-committee/>



Scooter Committee

Contributed by: Joe Capello

Denver City Council Unanimously Approves New Scooter Legislation: Downtown Denver's City Councilman Chris Hinds managed to accumulate 100% support for his new scooter legislation. The new rules are intended to (1) reduce the scooter litter on our sidewalks (by requiring users to park in designated marked-off areas, a.k.a. scooter corrals), and (2) reduce or eliminate the use of scooters on our downtown sidewalks.

IN THIS ISSUE OF THE SCOOTER SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

- Denver City Council passes scooter legislation unanimously
- Scooter signage still needs to improve
- Rider Education Efforts Evolve
- Things we'd like to see change

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

New UpDoNA Buisness Member

Contributed By: Deborah Freidman

UpDoNa is happy to welcome **NAI Shames Makovsky's** as a new business member.

Shames Makovsky is a leading full service commercial real estate company with over 50 years in metro Denver offering brokerage, property management, investment and development and lending services. The company's clients receive support from its in-house team of professionals including legal, financial analysis, marketing and construction consulting experts.

Shames Makovsky focuses on responsible growth and commercial real estate development. He currently manages approximately 2 million square feet of commercial real estate throughout the Denver metro area for clients including Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Denver Public Schools, City & County of Denver, US Postal Service and First National Denver/Sunflower Bank.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

New UpDoNA Buisness Member

Contributed by: Sue Townsend

UpDoNa is happy to welcome **Reflections – It's a vibe!** as a new business member.

[Reflections](#) db has recently joined UpDoNa as a business member and is a great addition to the neighborhood. A high-end bar and lounge, it is owned by Darron Celestine and Eric Harris. Enjoy craft cocktails, premium wine, bottle service and your friendly staff in an inviting, contemporary, sophisticated atmosphere.

There are high-top tables and lounge seating as well as a dance floor. Enjoy Karaoke nights or sports watching parties, and special events including DJs and music and catered food.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Business Member Offers & Announcements



OLIVE & FINCH

Happy Hour, every day from 3pm–5pm Enjoy \$5 wines, \$3 beers, \$6 cocktails, and delicious shareable plates seven days a week.

Visit one of our 3 downtown locations in the Arts Complex, Union Station or Little Finch @ 16th Street & Blake St.



Calling all Photographers! Showcase your talent in Colorado Credit Union's Annual Photography Calendar contest. Submit photos July 1 – August 15, 2025. Visit ccu.org/photo-contest for more information.



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.



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.



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.

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.

UpDoNA





Click on any of the images below for more information!

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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!



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.

[Clean Upper Downtown](#)

First Saturday of the month: July 12th, at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

[Pride Fest](#)

June 28 - 29, 2025

Civic Center Park, Cheesman Park

[Drone Show & Indy Eve](#)

July 3rd, 2025

Civic Center Park

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!

[Dazzle - Songs of Summer - Complimentary](#)

July 30, 2025

Dazzle - 1080 14th Street, Denver

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of July 2025

Downtown Denver, CO

[DDNNO - Downtown Denver National Night Out](#)

August 5th

Skyline Park - Arapahoe Between 15th & 16th

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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