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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

Things are moving at a fast pace right now in Upper Downtown. No doubt you've read about the \$100m investment in ten projects in downtown addressing retail business, parks, and housing; nine of those projects are in Upper Downtown. Some projects in the works include: Civic Center Park and Skyline Park 2 renovations, 50 new businesses opening in downtown by the end of the year, expansion of the Theatre District to include two hotels, conversion of the Symes and University Buildings to housing, and the Downtown Area Plan, which will guide Denver into the future, will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Denver Theatre District Expansion: On Monday, August 18th, I provided comment at the Denver City Council hearing regarding the expansion of the Theatre District to include Home2 Suites. The Aloft Hotel has also applied for expansion into the Theatre District.

Newly Established Working Relationship with The Denver Theatre District: Sal Tripodi, Co-Chair of UpDoNA's Arts and Beautification Committee, and I recently met with David Ehrlich, Executive Director of the Denver Theatre District wherein we discussed the Theatre District's work, the Understudy Art Incubator*, and art project collaborations.

Click the button below to read all the latest on:

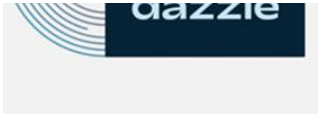
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UpDoNA Announcements

September UNO





The September UNO (UpDoNA Night Out) will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Stay as long as you want and have a great time with other members.

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Time: 5:00PM

Happy Hour: Enjoy Happy Hour prices until 6:30 PM

Venue: Dazzle

Location: 1080 14th St (between Curtis & Arapahoe)

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!

Watch For UpDoNA Advertising on 16th St. Digital Kiosks

One of the issues that UpDoNA has faced is how to make more residents and businesses aware that we are here and are working for them. IKE Smart City, who provided DDNNO with a month of free advertising in July, is helping us by graciously offering UpDoNA with the opportunity to place advertising on the 16th St. kiosks. Our ad will run in October, and we will periodically run other ads, so watch for them as you stroll down 16th St.



Special Interest – UpDoNA News

Downtown Denver National Night Out Was a Huge Success

Contributed By: Rob Squire

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who provided their time and energy to make our Third Annual Downtown Denver National Night Out (DDNNO) a success!

On August 5th, UpDoNA once again partnered with LoDoNA and the Downtown Denver Partnership to bring DDNNO to downtown Denver. This event honored those who serve us and keep us safe including the Denver Police, RTD Transit Police, Auraria Police, Drug Enforcement Administration, Denver Fire, Denver Health EMTs and all First Responders. This annual event was an opportunity to say thank you for all they do for us.

Our emcee this year was Michael Spencer, evening news anchor for CBS News, Colorado who did a wonderful job with his friendly demeanor and engaging manner. Mayor Johnston participated as well as Councilmen Chris Hinds and Darrell Watson and many other special guests.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Arts & Beautification Committee

UpDoNA Receives a Grant From Pacific Premier Trust

Contributed By: Silvia J. Fernandez

We are excited to share some big news! UpDoNA has received a grant from Pacific Premier Trust (soon to be Columbia Private Trust) that fuels the future of 19th and Welton Street Education Pocket Park!

This support—championed by The Arts and Beautification Committee of UpDoNa and Denver Parks and Rec will enhance both educational programming, beautification efforts, and neighborhood engagement.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

UpDoNA Cares Committee

New Support for UpDoNA Cares Committee

Contributed By: Ron Townsend

As most of you know, the major ongoing volunteer activity for members of our UpDoNA Cares Committee has been providing and serving meals (usually monthly) at the Delores Project and Urban Peak, two local shelters. What you may not have known is that, until now, committee members have paid for the food themselves. That was because the newly-formed UpDoNA didn't have the financial resources/stability to commit its limited funds to any ongoing expenditures. Thankfully, that has changed. Our UpDoNA Board has approved payment for the monthly food purchases, in the amount we have been spending previously, from now through the end of 2025. Ongoing support after that will depend on the UpDoNA budget and possible UpDoNA Cares targeted fundraising.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Good Neighbor Committee

Three Years of Work By the Good Neighbor Committee

Contributed By: Garis Smith

There has been little liquor license activity in the Upper Downtown recently, although with the reopening of 16th Street we are expecting to see an increase soon. However, this pause gives us an opportunity to look back at some of the highlights of our Good Neighbor Committee activity over the past three years.

The purpose of the Good Neighbor Committee (GNC), created in August 2022, is to form relationships and negotiate favorable Good Neighbor Agreements (GNA) with companies applying for, or transferring, liquor licenses in the Upper Downtown area. GNAs generally cover, among other things, operating hours, music volume, graffiti, garbage disposal and security. In exchange, UpDoNA supports the applicant in the licensing process and hearings as well as promoting the business in our newsletters and events.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Scooter Committee

September Scooter Subcommittee Update

Contributed By: Joseph Capello



IN THIS ISSUE OF THE SCOOTER SUBCOMMITTEE:

- Mixed Signals for Scooter Riders
- New Education Efforts
- Next Steps
- Will Houston Ban Scooters?
- A New Menace Arrives in Denver

UPCOMING MEETING. The next meeting of UpDoNA's Scooter Subcommittee will be held October 7, 2025 at Olive & Finch on 14th Street at the DCPA. Reach out to David Kurth if you want to be added to the mailing list.

David_Kurth@msn.com

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Business Member Offers & Announcements



Mop Stars takes cleaning off your hands, whether it's your home or business, with 20% off a cleaning



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



OLIVE & FINCH

Olive & Finch welcomes fall with pumpkin, apple, and spice-inspired drinks. Enjoy seasonal sips crafted with care and comfort worth savoring all season long.



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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.



UpDoNA members get 10% off any SEO or Google Ads package at Well Optimized SEO—now through all of 2025!

Aloft Hotel is offering a discounted room rate for UpDoNA members of \$89 + tax pending availability during 2025. [Book](#)



[your room at Neighborhood Discounted Rate](#). After choosing your preferred dates online, the website will let you know if the discounted rate is available for those dates.



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.



Click on any of the images below for more information!

REPORT

UpDoNA
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SOLUTION

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*****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.

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: September 6th, at 9 a.m.

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

[UpDoNA September UNO](#)

September 3rd, 2025 5:00 p.m.

Dazzle - 1080 14th St (between Curtis & Arapahoe)

[Seed Saver Event](#)

September 4th, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Civic Center Park Denver

[Free Paint Recycling Event](#)

September 6th, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

East High School Denver

[Paramount Theater September Events](#)

September 1st - 30th, 2025

Paramount Theater Denver

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of September 2025

Downtown Denver, CO

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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