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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

And just like that, the holiday season is upon us. While there are some changes to the usual downtown holiday happenings, most everything is the same. Due to construction at Civic Center Park, the Christkindl Market and the Mile High Tree are located on the Auraria Campus through December 23rd. Fortunately, Denver City Council voted to keep the downtown Christmas lights on! The 9NEWS Parade of Lights will be on Saturday, December 6th, at 6:00 p.m., the Holiday Drone Show will be at 7:00 p.m. each night through December 31st, and the New Year's Eve Fireworks show will be on Wednesday, December 31st at 9:00 and midnight.

Something new this year is Downtown Denver Partnership's 31-Day Merrython Event Calendar. Each day in December, there is an activity for you to complete. After completion, you submit a participation form and a picture (won't be shared without permission). If you complete two activities in one week, you are entered into a weekly drawing for a \$50 gift card to a Downtown Denver business. If you complete five activities in one week, you get two entries.

Click the button below to read all the latest on:

- Roads to Recovery **Town Hall** rescheduled for Tuesday, December 16th
- Update on the **Downtown Area Plan**
- Tis' the Season for Giving - learn more on how to help

Also, remember to support our UpDoNA Business Members throughout the holiday season!

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

UpDoNA Announcements



December UNO

Join us for our December UNO (UpDoNA Night Out). Stay as long as you want and have a great time with other members. Feel free to bring a friend or two so we can introduce them to UpDoNA.

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Time: 5:30PM

Happy Hour: Enjoy Happy Hour prices on drinks until 6:00 PM and on food until 7:30PM

Venue: Appaloosa Grill

Location: 535 16th Street @ Welton

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!

UpDoNA Town Hall Has Been Rescheduled

[Upper Downtown](#)

Neighborhood Association Town Hall Meeting

UpDoNA has rescheduled the Town Hall Meeting on “Homelessness in Downtown Denver – Mental Health, Addiction, Funding and Public Safety”.

Panelists will be Senator Matthew Ball (State Senator for District 31), Councilwoman Sarah Parady (City Councilwoman-At-Large), Matthew James (Deputy Chief District Attorney), Sterling Simms (District 10 Mayoral Representative), Erin Atencio (Director of Roads to Recovery) and Chris Richardson (from Roads to Recovery).

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 from 5:00PM-7:00PM

Place: Downtown Denver Partnership conference room (enter from Skyline Park near 16th Street)

Watch for the Eventbrite invitation and please respond with your RSVP.

This will be an important conversation about creating a safe downtown. We hope you will attend.

UpDoNA Cares Committee

Helping Others for the Holidays

Contributed By: Ron Townsend

Throughout the year, UpDoNA and its members support our partner shelters (**Urban Peak, The Delores Project, and STEP Denver**) in many ways. This is most often via volunteer work (especially preparing and serving meals at The Delores Project and Urban Peak) or participation in fundraising efforts for any of the three shelters. In December, all of these activities continue and there are additional needs/opportunities to help the shelters and their residents. See specifics in the full report about how you can individually support our partner shelters and help their residents have some positive experience over the holidays.

Note that while this effort is based at the Spire, contributions of all UpDoNA members living anywhere are welcome and encouraged so that we can support as many deserving Denver children as possible.

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Safety Committee

Six Month Safety Snapshot

Contributed by: Gil Vondrasek

Over the past six months downtown Denver has been navigating a mix of recovery, investment, policy changes, and persistent public concern about safety. The story isn't a single headline; it's a set of intersecting trends — falling on some metrics, stubborn on others — that together shape how residents, workers, and visitors experience the urban core.

Read the full report to understand:

- What's improving
- Resident and business concerns
- Policy and budget context shaping safety
- On-the-ground countermeasures and city responses
- What this means for downtown users

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

Business Member Offers & Announcements



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



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



30% off your purchase for all UpDoNA members for 2025! Use code "UpDo" to enjoy 30% off your next purchase at checkout.



Room for \$89 + tax pending availability during 2025. [Book your room at Neighborhood Discounted Rate.](#)



Clocktower Cabaret is offering a \$10 off on select performances based on availability. Use code UPDONA10.



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



OLIVE & FINCH

Buy \$100 in Olive & Finch gift cards and receive a \$20 gift certificate. Valid till Jan 3.

Business Member Announcements



LOW Auto Loan rates and 90 days of no payments. Visit ccu.org/borrow/auto-loans for more



CREDIT UNION

information.

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**

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*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.

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:

December 6th, at 9 a.m.

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

[UpDoNA December UNO](#)

December 3rd, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Appaloosa - 535 16th street @ Welton

[Christkindl Market](#)

November 21 - December 23, 2025

Tivoli Quad at Auraria Campus - 1000 Larimer Street

[Parade of Lights](#)

December 6th, 2025

Downtown Denver

[Town Hall Meeting](#)

December 16th, 2025

Downtown Denver Partnership

[Holiday Drone Show](#)

November 21 - December 31, 2025

Downtown Denver, CO

[Denver Center for the Performing Arts](#)

Entire Month of December 2025

Downtown Denver, CO

[Denver Convention Center Events](#)

Entire Month of December 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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