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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

**Happy New Year!** I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season!

2025 was a good year for Downtown. 16<sup>th</sup> Street opened, foot traffic was within 92% of 2019 pre-pandemic levels, office vacancies were trending downward, 65 new ground-floor businesses opened, and more people chose to live downtown. The Downtown Area Plan was approved, and the Downtown Denver Development Authority approved several projects in Upper Downtown.

In the first quarter of 2026, Leven's Deli, Sundae's flagship store, Two Lazy Dogs bar, and Green Spaces are scheduled to open. In addition, several other retail, restaurant, and entertainment businesses will open in Upper Downtown this year.

**Click the button below to read all the latest on:**

- UpDoNA's Year in Review
- UpDoNA Town Hall – Roads to Recovery

**Read the Full President's Message**

## UpDoNA Announcements



### January UNO

Join us for our January 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, January 7, 2026

**Time:** 5:30PM

**Happy Hour:** Enjoy Happy Hour prices on drinks until 8:00 PM

**Venue:** Fortissimo

**Location:** 891 14th Street @ Champa on the street level of Spire

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!

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### Great Turnout For The UpDoNA Town Hall



Upper Downtown  
Neighborhood Association  
Town Hall Meeting



Over 60 people attended the Town Hall Meeting that UpDoNA arranged on December 16, 2025. Our six panelists discussed a wide range of topics, including drug addiction treatment, approaches to housing the homeless, how to handle quality of life crimes and several others. Thank you to our panelists for taking their time to share their viewpoints with us, thank you to the Downtown Denver Partnership for providing a forum for the meeting and last but certainly not least, thank you to everyone that attended.

## Scooter Committee

### Sidewalk Scooter Riding

Contributed By: Joe Capello

**MORE MENACES.** Time to vent again about the state of affairs on Downtown Denver's sidewalks! Besides scooter riding on the sidewalks being tolerated for 5 years now, we have more motorized vehicles being operated on our sidewalks – bikes, gliders, and pedicabs. Yes, nowadays even the pedicabs are motorized. There's been a noticeable uptick in motorized bikes lately, probably because Bird and Lime have introduced new bikes in Denver.

#### IN THIS ISSUE OF THE SCOOTER SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

- Little Hope for Better Signage
- More Cities Ban Scooters – is Denver next?
- Scooter Riders Love 16<sup>th</sup> Street (Mall)
- Progress is Made on the Next Scooter Company Contract
- Our Next Meeting

[Read the Full Update Here](#)

## Business Member Offers & Announcements



Free drink on your next visit.



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



20% off a cleaning with Mopstars.



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!



OLIVE & FINCH

Buy \$100 in Olive & Finch gift cards and receive a \$20 gift certificate. Valid until January 3rd.

## Business Member Announcements



Cruise into 2026 with Colorado Credit Union's low Auto Loan rates. Visit [ccu.org](http://ccu.org) for more information.



Don't miss Fortissimo's Broadway Brunch Singalong on January 11 from 11-1pm.

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!



**\*\*\*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!



# 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.

## Clean Upper Downtown

First Saturday of the month: January 3rd, at 9 a.m.

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Second Venue: 20th & Lincoln

## UpDoNA January UNO

January 7th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.  
Fortissimo - 891 14th Street @

#### 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!

#### Champa

##### New Year's Eve Fireworks

December 31st - January 1, 2026  
16th Street, Downtown Denver

##### Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Month of January 2026  
Downtown Denver

##### Paramount Theater

Entire Month of January 2026  
Glenarm Place, Denver, CO

##### Colorado Convention Center Events

Entire Month of January 2026  
Downtown Denver, CO

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

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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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