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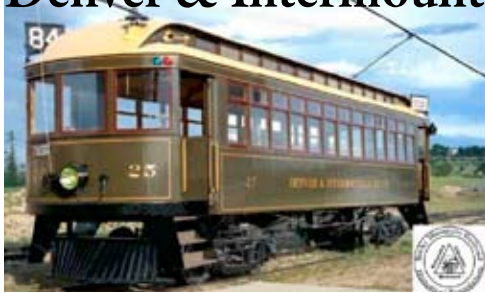


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NEWSLETTER**



Jefferson Park United Neighbors

Denver & Intermountain Railroad Interurban No. 25



Denver once had an extensive electric rail transit system that included over 250 miles of city tracks

and 40 miles of high speed interurbans connected Denver with Golden and Boulder. Many thousands of riders used the system for accessing downtown Denver and its venues, for shopping, going to work and school, seeing friends and for recreation.

With the proliferation of the automobile and a new bus system, all trolley service was abandoned in 1950. Purchased by the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club to save it from destruction, No. 25 is the last remaining, completely intact, electric railway car out of over 250 that once served the Denver area and is listed on the State Register of Historic Properties.

Rich in local history, the car was built in 1911 by Denver's own Woeber Carriage Company and operated on the D&IM's 13 mile Denver - Lakewood - Golden line from 1911 to 1950. It seats 52 passengers and is electrically heated for all weather service. It is a rare survivor out of many thousands of intercity interurban cars that once served this country.

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation's members and supporters have contributed over 14,000 volunteer hours and over \$100,000 to restore No. 25 to its 1911 appearance. Authentic restoration and mechanical reliability are the hallmarks of this restoration. Its varnished oak interior, Edison light bulbs, brass fixtures and vintage, rattan seating takes its passengers back to a time in history that has been all but forgotten.

When completed, No. 25 will provide a fun, fascinating and educational glimpse into Denver's transit past for passengers of all ages. Providing a wonderful enhancement to Denver's cultural amenities, it could facilitate the Platte Valley Trolley service near downtown Denver with special events aboard the car including occasional livemusic and a variety of children's activities. Special thanks to Jefferson Park resident, Jerry Olson, for his contribution to preserving this valuable piece of history.

National Night Out community potluck!!!



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Every year millions of people hit the street in the US and Canada to take part in National Night Out. Last year over 35 million people came out as a proclamation that the night is for families and loved ones, and not for violence or criminal activity. August 5th, 2008 that record number is expected to burst at the seams.

This year the Jefferson Park Neighborhood is once again taking part in a nationwide commitment to claim the night for positive community growth and family fun. In addition to asking neighbors to make sure your energy efficient porch lights are on, Jefferson Park United Neighbors have organized a potluck to celebrate our victories in the constant battle to keep our streets safe for evening strolls and front porch conversations that last long into the night.

The event is scheduled to coincide not only with National Night Out but with JPUN's general membership meeting in order to provide both a fun and information to help continue the tremendous progress we have been making toward nighttime safety. With a possible lowrider vehicle brought in by the District 1 police department, music, food, and games for the kids, those joining us in Jefferson Park at 6 PM are sure to not only enjoy the festivities but also enjoy making a statement to some of our less savory neighbors who fail to realize it is time to move on to a less organized city location.

Please feel free to bring a dish, dessert, salad, beverage to the park at 6 PM August 5th to take back the night, and remind the shadows that the light of a community can dispel even their most frightening forms. Oh and we are currently looking for more music so give me a call at 3033328614 if you are interested in donating your time.

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BOARD NEWS

Jefferson Park United Neighbors General Membership Meeting 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner, August 5, 2008

Location Change: meeting held at Jefferson Park east pavilion

- Meeting Call to Order and announcements
- District One Police report....Celebrating National Night Out
- Councilman Garcia & city personnel with information about DNC and acceptance speech at Invesco
- Committee Reports
 1. Land Use Committee, meeting & new development report
 - Old Business
 1. This meeting being held in the park in recognition of National Night Out is a celebration of Jefferson Park's significant reduction in crime rate statistics in 2007.
 - New Business
 1. Jerry Olson has been recommended as a JPUN Board of Directors member. Vote to approve. Board voted to change the Central Platte Valley Improvements Committee from an ad hoc committee to a standing committee chaired by Jerry Olson.

Meeting Adjourned



Safety Committee

The DNC will be in Denver Monday August 25th-Thursday the 28th. Other cities who have held the DNC reported protest groups coming into town the weekend before, finding vacant houses or buildings, and camping out during the convention. If you see someone at a house or building you know to be vacant please call the Denver Police non emergency line 720-913-2000. Spear Blvd will only be open to traffic in front of the Pepsi Center 6am-9am. Auroria Pkwy to the east of the Pepsi Center will be closed at all times. The greatest impact we will see in our neighborhood will be Thursday the 28th when Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama gives his speech at Invesco Field.



JPHUN Happy Extravaganza!

So I didn't go to the last JPHUN, but the doctor said it is alright for me to start drinking again, which means I'll see you **AUGUST 14TH 5-7 AT LA LOMA**. They've thrown such a good party for us in the past, we figured we'd go ahead and do it again. So don't miss out. Oh, and the the 14th is right. I know I've been wrong in the past, I'm not this time. So come on by and catch up on the local gossip!

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The Democratic National Convention and the on coming traffic delays

The DNC is upon us and whereas last month it seemed to be safely located on the other side of the Platte River, it now appears that the most important event of the convention, Barack Obama's acceptance of the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, will occur at Invesco Field at Mile High right here in Jefferson Park. So what does that mean for us? Well first of all it is a great opportunity for the Jefferson Park community to show the world its continuing progress towards becoming one of the premier Denver Neighborhoods. What else? Well most likely quite a few headaches for residents trying to drive home. Currently, all residents will have access to their homes, but this does not mean that there won't be complications.

Unfortunately, information concerning all of the closures and access the night of Obama's speech will not be announced until early August, which means you will have to watch the papers. However, the current street closures, protests, and parades affecting the Jefferson Park area between Aug. 25-28th are as follows:

PARADE ROUTE: Thursday, August 28

On Thursday, August 28, the Designated Parade Route to Invesco Field at Mile High will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the intersection of Mariposa Street and 13th Avenue and proceed northbound to Colfax Avenue. The route will

continue west on the westbound lanes of Colfax Avenue from Mariposa Street to Federal Boulevard. The route will continue on northbound Federal Boulevard from Colfax Avenue to no further north than 20th Avenue, where it will proceed east to the yet-to-be-finalized public viewing area, within sight and sound of the delegates.

Southbound Federal Boulevard – and one lane of northbound Federal Blvd. - will remain open during the parade. As is standard safety protocol for parade routes, prominent signage designating the route and traffic management/safety personnel along the route will be provided.

Parade-Related Street Impacts and Recommended Routes:

Colfax Ave. will remain open during morning rush hour, but will be closed from Mariposa Street to Federal Blvd. beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 28 until the Convention program concludes at Invesco on Thursday night. Westbound Colfax will be detoured to Kalamath Street. Eastbound Colfax will be detoured at southbound Federal Blvd.

One northbound Federal Boulevard traffic lane – from Colfax Avenue to 20th Avenue – will close at 9 a.m. and reopen at 3 p.m.. One northbound lane of Federal Boulevard – and all of southbound Federal Blvd. - will remain open throughout the parade
NORTHWEST: Travelers can use I-25 to Park Ave West or 20th Street to access downtown. Traffic exiting downtown to the northwest should use 20th Street or Park Avenue to I-25. According to the Denver Post "Given that the August 28 venue change from the Pepsi Center to Invesco Field at Mile High was just announced on July 7, roadway impacts - and recommended alternative routes - for Thursday of

Convention week have not yet been finalized and will be announced by early August.

Perhaps the largest problem for Jefferson Park at this point will be the 15th street closure, beginning at Little Raven, which will be ongoing for the duration of the convention. This will necessitate the use of the highway and Park Avenue for car traffic. Foot traffic will be allowed.

Ongoing updates will be disseminated widely and made available through a variety of sources, including www.DenverGov.org, www.DowntownDenver.com, www.DenverConvention.com, 3-1-1 and more.

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New Public Art in Jeff Park

You may all have seen the big funky bus, parked in front of the Adam's Mystery Dinner Theater at 2406 Federal Blvd. Denver CO 80215, a few weekends ago, and at first it was quite the "Mystery Bus" (get it... okay, that was bad. Sorry.). Anyway, as it turns out the bus was full of a troop of painters called "Transit Antenna" who created some top notch murals on the outside walls of the Theater. Here is a sample, but make sure to go and check them out in person when you get the chance.



A letter sent to Obama by former JPUN President Erin Ansell

Dear Senator Obama,
Greetings from South Africa where we are doing our bit to promote your campaign! My husband and I are from Denver, Colorado but currently live in Johannesburg. We still own a house in Denver, just a few blocks from Invesco Field...which I am THRILLED will be the site of the "Open Convention" where history will be made. I wanted to let you know a little bit about the neighborhood surrounding the stadium. First, it is named Jefferson Park, in honor of our great founding father who did so much to secure the liberties we hold so dearly. Second, it is a mix of races and incomes... where new immigrants live across the street from 4th generation Coloradans and expensive condos sit next door to work force apartments. It is "up-and-coming" and, on its journey, is determined to be a safe and vibrant neighborhood that is accessible to all Americans. I was formerly president of the Jefferson Park United Neighbors before relocating abroad, so it is near and dear to my heart. I know you are busy, but I thought you'd be interested to hear a little bit about the place where you will make history on 28 August, and where a little neighborhood is doing it's best to make history every day. Thank you, Erin Ansell

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Thank You! To New Life in Christ Church

JPUN would like to express regret for failing to include New Life in Christ's contribution to Jefferson Park Day. As an integral part of the community here in our neighborhood the church provided both the face painters and coordinated 20 Outpost Church volunteers to assist in the clean-up activities. JPUN would again like to thank New Life in Christ for their help in creating one of the most successful Jefferson Park Days of all time.

Check out some culture during the DNC.

Dialog:City

August 21 through August 29, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs will present Dialog:City: An Event Converging Art, Democracy and Digital Media.

In a rare occurrence, world-renowned artists, ranging from a MacArthur Fellow to a leading "green" design faculty member, will come together to create a series of innovative commissioned works in conjunction with local organizations.

Dialog:City artists include:

- Charlie Cannon and students from the Rhode Island School of Design (represent numerous states/countries)
- Minsuk Cho (South Korea)
- R. Luke Dubois (New York)
- Ann Hamilton (Ohio)
- Sharon Hayes (New York)
- Lynn Hershman Leeson (California)
- Daniel Peltz (Rhode Island)
- D.J. Spooky, a.k.a. Paul Miller (New York)
- spurse collective (represent numerous states/countries)
- Krzysztof Wodiczko (Poland)

Participation in Dialog:City will be open to all citizens of Denver and visitors from around the world. While the exhibitions will be concurrent, each one will have a dedicated opening enabling the public to attend every event. Dialog:City will be the first program of its kind at a party convention. A list of Dialog:City events will be available soon at www.dialogcity.org.