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JEFFERSON PARK NEWS



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NEXT JPUN MEETING

JPUN General
Membership Meeting
Tues., January 4th, 6:30pm
Riverside Baptist Church
2401 Alcott Street
Rear Chapel

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JPUN Land Use Committee
Wed., January 12, 6:30pm
Zocalo Condominiums
2195 Decatur Street
Ground Level Conference Room

Federal Boulevard Partnership
Board Meeting
Open to the Public
Tues., January 18th, 6:00pm
Invesco Field - West Entrance
Learn about the
Jeff Park/Federal Blvd.
Streetscape Project

JPUN WEBSITE

Get all your updates and
neighborhood information
at www.jpun.org

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JPUN HOLIDAY PARTY

A Big Hit for Young and Young at Heart

More than 100 neighbors of Jefferson Park gathered on the top floor of Hotel VQ for the annual Holiday Party. Looking out onto the Denver skyline, old friends said hello and new connections were made. Santa took a long gift list back to the North Pole after close to 50(!) munchkins plied him with their good deeds. **Way to go Santa!**

We are grateful to the Hotel VQ for donating the venue space, food, server, decorations, and offering drink specials--neighbors who helped with planning, advertising, set-up and clean up, picture taking and printing - and "ho ho ho" ing.

If you haven't yet received your Santa picture, please contact Brooke at 303-667-1710. Or you can download them from the JPUN website at www.jpun.org.



SPECIAL THANKS

TO THOSE WHO MAKE JEFFERSON PARK A SUCCESS

The Jefferson Park community is fortunate to have outstanding neighbors who are willing to commit their time, energy and skills to make this a great place to live. Here are just a few of the many events and organizations which come to mind.

Jefferson Park Day An all volunteer community cleanup day followed by festivities supported by over 50 contributors

Business Community Giving skills, product and funds
Invesco Field at Mile High Contributions of tickets and Bronco memorabilia

The Children's Museum Tickets

The Aquarium Tickets and actors

Riverside Baptist Church Monthly meeting space and free food for Jefferson Park Day

Denver Urban Gardens, Groundwork Denver & CEC Middle College Community garden and more

Denver Zoo Tickets and wildlife presentation

Denver Police Maintaining close communication to promote public safety

Denver Parks & Recreation Planning and making Jefferson Park improvements plus responsive maintenance

Denver Office of Disability Rights Handicap ramps

CDOT 23rd Avenue Bridge railings

Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) your neighbors who volunteer their time and skills to make this a true community.

And thanks to all the other organizations which support the Jefferson Park neighborhood. (Cont. KUDOS back page)

Treecycle 2011 January 3rd - 14th

Sorry no artificial or flocked trees. **Christmas trees only.** Dumpster service customers should place their Christmas tree out for recycling on either Monday, January 3rd or Monday, January 10th.

Barrel and Manual service customers should place their Christmas tree out for recycling on their normal trash days between January 3rd and 14th.

Do not place trees in dumpsters. Trees should be placed at least 4 feet away from dumpsters.

Open Position, President

Michael Guietz, Co-Vice President
Kim Collie, Co-Vice President
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Doris Blyth, Treasurer
blythspirit@q.com

Cheryl Patrick, Secretary
Cherylpatrick@mac.com

Environmental Committee
Kari Mock, chairperson
kar@rk-tects.com

Responsible for identifying and reporting property in the neighborhood that NIS can take action on. Coordinating with city agencies for beautification of the neighborhood. Presents updates and recommendations to the BOD and General Membership.

Communications Committee
Cristin Couzens and Jerry Olson
chairpersons
ckcouzens@gmail.com
jerryolson@comcast.net

Responsible for management, production, and distribution of JPUN newsletters and publications as approved by the BOD to formally communicate to the General Membership.

Land-Use Committee
Raphael Espinoza, chairperson
raf@rk-tects.com

Responsible for dealing with any new or present developments. Gathers information, meets with developers, city council representatives and other interested parties and then presents updates and recommendations to the BOD and General Membership.

Social Committee
Brooke Bailey, chairperson
kromer2036@yahoo.com

Membership Committee
Unoccupied

Responsible for increasing JPUN membership and reaching out to our neighborhood community. Developing welcome packets for new neighbors and creating new ways of interacting with neighbors. Presents updates and recommendations to the BOD and General Membership.

Safety Committee
Katherine Meldrum, chairperson
kmeldrum@msn.com

Responsible for coordinating with SCAT Officers and District One Police. Attends any neighborhood safety meetings and the Commander's Meetings at District 1. Helps coordinate Neighborhood Watch Programs and other safety related issues. Presents updates and recommendations to the BOD and General Membership.

Spanish Community Outreach
Unoccupied

Responsible for increasing JPUN membership amongst our Spanish-speaking neighbors. Acting as a liaison between JPUN and the Spanish-speaking neighbors in our community. Presents updates and recommendations to the BOD and General Membership.

Central Valley Improvements
Jerry Olson, chairperson
jerryolson@comcast.net

Neighborhood Liaison
Cristin Couzens, chairperson

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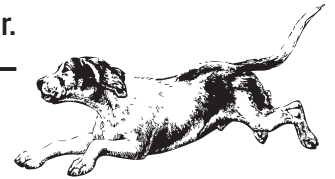
Jefferson Park Day Needs YOU

As we bundle up to go to work and school this January, it's hard to believe that we're already planning for Jefferson Park Day! It is our goal to put together a fantastic day for Jefferson Park, funded by gifts and contributions from local businesses.

After last year's successful clean up and celebration, many neighbors had new and different ideas for 2011's Jefferson Park Day -- inviting local artists to display and sell their art -- expanding non-profit exhibitors who have services that may benefit our neighbors -- and kids' activities that are more robust and exciting than ever. There was even a suggestion to provide an arts scholarship to a child in the neighborhood! These are just a few ideas that are possible and realistic... but not without your help.

We need neighbors to form this year's Jefferson Park Day plan, and then put that plan into action to create an amazing day for our community. We will be holding our first meeting this month. **Please contact Brooke at 303-667-1710 or kromer2036@yahoo.com to volunteer.**

Jefferson Park Pet of the Month



**Name: Max Age: 9 Breed: Yellow Lab
Owner: Kirsten Brundage**

Max spends his days in Jefferson Park Town Square at the new office of two interior design firms -- The Interior, run by his owner Kirsten Brundage, and The Armijo Group, led by Beth Armijo. Max first went to work in July, when Kirsten and Beth set up shop in the historic storefront on Eliot Street. He likes to take coffee breaks in Jefferson Park. Max celebrated his 9th birthday on Christmas. **Happy Birthday Max!** Welcome to Jefferson Park, and thanks for being our first Pet of the Month!

Would you like to see your pet featured? Please send a photo and a few tidbits about your favorite pet to Cristin at ckcouzens@gmail.com or drop it in her mailbox at 2819 W. 25th St. **Or maybe, Jerry the "pet whisperer" will catch you in the park!**

Meeting Minutes: December Meeting 2010

Meeting Call to Order and Announcements

District One Police Report - Officer Jason Valdez & Officer Aaron Bloom
New Business
Jefferson Park Day Planning
Committee Reports
Communications Co-Chairs — Jerry Olson and Cristin Couzens
Land Use Chair — Raphael Espinoza
Neighborhood Liaison — Cristin Couzens
Safety Chair — Katherine Meldrum
Central Valley Improvement Chair — Jerry Olson
Special Projects Committee — Michael Guietz, Co-Vice President
Social Chair — Brooke Bailey
Meeting Adjournment

JPUN Board News

JPUN Board Seeks New President

Our board has filled out with dedicated neighbors for 2011 – though we still need a leader to help steer the ship in the New Year. Perhaps you've participated in the past and have been thinking about getting involved again, or you're a new neighbor with lots of enthusiasm behind building community. If you're interested, please contact Michael at zoid4@comcast.net. Additional open positions include Spanish Outreach, and Membership.

Social Chair Keeps Setting the Bar High

Thank you to Brooke Bailey for organizing our fantastic Holiday Party!

Neighborhood Roots

Thanks go to long-time Jefferson Park resident, Rey Vasquez, for donating letters, fliers and plans of historic interest to JPUN!

Jefferson Park Town Square Beginning to Simmer

MAYORAL CANDIDATE TO MAKE RUN FROM JEFFERSON PARK

With the departure of Atelier Fine Art Services from 2900 W. 25th Avenue, Mayoral Candidate James Mejia will locate his headquarters at the corner of 25th and Eliot. When asked why Mr. Mejia chose Jefferson Park, campaign manager Berrick Abramson cited, that "it's a great historic physical building, it represents the history of the city, it's out in the community and not lost in the downtown corridor."

Mejia for Mayor will be hosting an Open House on January 9th at 4:00pm.

GRANADA THEATER IN TOWN SQUARE READY FOR RENEWAL

The Granada Theater on W. 25th Avenue between Eliot and Federal was built in 1926 during a transition from silent movies to "Talkies." The stage at The Granada was raised to accommodate a pianist below during silent movies and live performances.

Today, The Granada is owned by David Berton and ready for restoration and build-out. Mr. Berton, principal of RealArchitecture, Ltd. and his associates are experts in design, restoration and construction. Concept drawings for multiple uses of the theater can be seen at www.realarchitecture.com.

Mr. Berton and his partners restored the 1885 building next door where they now have their offices. Stop in and ask for a tour of RealArchitecture and The Granada Theater.

Of special note are the 1976 Neighborhood Plan and documents which describe efforts by 15 residents to form our first neighborhood organization, predecessor to JPUN. JPUN is exploring archival of historic Jefferson Park documents and photographs with the Western History Department at the Denver Public Library. If you have an interest in neighborhood history, please contact Jerry at jerryolson@comcast.net or 720-201-2300.

New Look for the Newsletter in 2011

With the gracious help of graphic designer Kym Foster of Kym Foster Design, we have a new layout and her help monthly, pulling things together. Communications Co-Chairs Jerry Olson and Cristin Couzens will function as content collectors, writers, and editors. Do you have ideas for what to include in the newsletter? Please let us know!

Volunteers Needed for Newsletter Distribution!

Have you made a New Year's Resolution to exercise more? How about helping distribute the newsletter once a month? Volunteers are needed for this valuable role - many Jefferson Park neighbors have commented how much they appreciate receiving the newsletter on their doorstep. Contact Cristin at ckcouzens@gmail.com or 503-754-3825.

DEVELOPERS CORNER

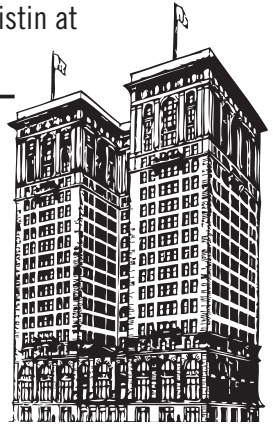
NEW COFFEE SHOP AT 2920 W. 25TH?

Agent Ken Wolf is actively seeking a coffee vendor for the Victorian bungalow in Town Square. There are plans to make improvements to the property including sandblasting the exterior brick. **Contact him at ken@amusemints.net or 303-292-3193x4.**

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER PROJECT UNDERWAY "Did you know the South Platte River is getting a makeover in a tucked-away industrial stretch south of Mile High Stadium?" asked the author of DenverInfill.com in a recent post titled "Down By the River." Projects include: 1) I-25 Bronco Arch Bridge to be replaced beginning April or May 2011 with completion targeted for July 2013, 2) Floodplain and bank improvements to the South Platte and Lakewood Gulch, including a new multi-use trail system, 3) RTD's West Corridor Light Rail project including a light rail station near Decatur and Howard Pl., and 4) reconstruction of the Federal Boulevard bridge over Lakewood Gulch.

JPUN Votes 2:1 Against Supporting Plan for 2722 W. 22nd

Although developer Brian Ray does not own the property, he has worked hard designing a new multi-unit development facing the park. While JPUN members were appreciative that the design incorporated neighbor feedback, concerns about the density of the project not meeting the new zoning code took precedence.



The Safety Zone

Removing Graffiti as Easy as 311

**EVEN IF IT'S NOT
YOUR PROPERTY**

Graffiti increased in Jefferson Park in 2010, but we can work together to reduce it in 2011. Did you know the police now have a database to track graffiti? Here's how it works.

If you spot graffiti on your property, or someone else's property--including dumpsters, light posts, park benches, etc., report it by calling 311 or completing a form online at denvergov.org. The city will take a picture of the graffiti for the database, check with the resident/owner for authorization, then paint over it (doing their best to match colors), or power spray it off. Criminal sentencing of graffiti depends on the dollar amount of the property damage. Now, with the database able to link incidents together, it is more important than ever to report graffiti to increase the criminal's sentence and act as a deterrent to future crime. Have you filled out a graffiti authorization form? You can significantly shorten the graffiti removal process by completing this form. After the form is filled out, it will stay with the property--so any graffiti reported after that will automatically be removed by the city. How easy is that?

Thank you City of Denver! And to make it even easier -- we've put all graffiti links at www.jpun.org. Look for the "graffiti removal" link at the top of the page.

Other Safety News: Motor vehicle thefts have dropped from 5 in November to 1 in December. As the year wraps up a big thank you goes out to our neighborhood officers Valdez & Bloom. Both officers respond quickly & make themselves available to meet with neighbors when an issue comes up. We are very lucky to have these officers assigned to our neighborhood.

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JPUN LOGO COMPETITION



Jefferson Park United Neighbors is sponsoring a contest to develop a new graphic LOGO which will be symbolic of the community, its history and its promise for the future. The winner of the contest will be accorded the honor of having their LOGO emblazon all nature of JPUN correspondence and publications.

Please submit your graphic contributions to the JPUN Board of Directors (email Jerry at jerryolson@comcast.net) by February 15th for presentation at the March 1, 2011 Community Meeting.

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The following is a partial list of individuals in businesses and organizations deserving special recognition for past contributions. This list of **Special Thanks** is incomplete and will continue to grow in a KUDOS KORNER in future editions of the JEFFERSON PARK NEWS KUDOS.

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JANUARY EVENTS *In and Around Jefferson Park*

Children's Museum Free Play January 4, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SCFD Free Days Denver Art Museum -- January 1
Denver Zoo -- January 8
Museum of Nature and Science -- January 9
Botanic Gardens -- January 17

REI Free Avalanche Awareness Class - January 6 and January 18, 6:30pm

National Western Stock Show Family & Senior Thursdays:
January 13 at 7 p.m. and January 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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