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NEXT JPUN MEETING

JPUN General
Membership Meeting
Tues., October 11th,
6:30pm
Riverside Baptist Church
2401 Alcott Street
Rear Chapel

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

JPUN HAPPY HOUR

October 20, 5:30-7:30pm
5th Sun Café and Lounge
3024 North Speer
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School Board Election | NOVEMBER 1

Candidates Respond to JPUN Questions

JPUN asked the School Board Candidates for District 5, which includes Jefferson Park to answer the following questions. JPUN would like to thank both candidates for the time they put into providing these answers. The election will be a mail in ballot election, with ballots being sent out on October 12th; ballots have to be in by November 1st.



Arturo Jimenez



Jennifer Draper-Carson

What steps will you pursue in the District 5 schools to improve student performance, decrease drop out rates, and increase family participation?

Jennifer Draper-Carson (JDC):

We need a culture shift around expectations; not just for the students, but for the adults as well. We cannot expect our children to comport themselves at the highest levels when the adults are not modeling this type of behavior. Professionalism includes appropriate business attire, age- and topic-appropriate conversations with students, and a baseline understanding that ALL children can learn and should be prepared for college. Assumptions made by adults in school buildings should NOT predetermine a student's academic path. We need strong schools in District 5. In NW Denver, our schools graduated about 35% of seniors last year. We must work together as a community to determine what models appeal to our students and how to retain high-caliber principals and teachers.

Arturo Jimenez (AJ):

As the former President of the Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition, family participation in our schools is a subject close to my heart. West High School's reopening next year is a great example of community engagement with a focus on improving student performance and lowering the drop-out and college remediation rates. Parents, Teachers, and the community came together to address how the school should operate. When it reopens next fall, West will be the most innovative school in the district. For the first time in over 20 years, we have seen double digit gains at our middle schools, particularly Lake International Baccalaureate and Skinner, and more students will be entering High School at grade level proficiency.

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A Glow from Mile High

Sports Authority Field at Mile High presented preliminary drawings of signage and lighting additions to the stadium at JPUN's September meeting. Proposed changes include a band of red lighting along the outside of the top catwalk of stadium lights and white up lighting of the stadium bowl. Sports Authority will conduct a luminance study and provide details to JPUN along with a schedule of meetings that will allow public input.



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Jefferson Park Pet of the Month



Dudley Needs a New or Temp Home!! - Dudley's owner will be leaving for an assignment in Thailand for the Peace Corp in January. He is a 10ish year old miniature poodle in good condition, no health problems except he takes glucosamine and I have a huge supply. He does not shed, but does need to be groomed every 6 weeks. He is completely house broken, likes other dogs and all people. He is a good companion without needing lots of attention. Contact joanb333@gmail.com for more info.

Want 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!

JPUN Board News

Join JPUN's General Membership meeting will take place at 6:30pm on Tuesday October 11 at Riverside Baptist Church

TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- Status of Jefferson Park Playground
- 23rd Avenue Gateway Beautification
- Sports Authority Field at Mile High Lighting Additions
- JPUN Board Elections

JPUN Board Meeting

Jefferson Park United Neighbors Board Meeting will take place at 5pm on Sunday, October 23 at Zocalo's first floor office. The board meeting is open to the public.

ROAD CLOSURE

Xcel Energy also has contracted with Q3 to replace natural gas pipeline along West 29th Avenue between South Hazel Court and Utica Street that may include work along side and adjacent streets.

Construction is anticipated to start in October and be completed in early December with construction hours 7:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. Parking along these streets and on side streets may be limited and driveways may need to be blocked for short periods of time.

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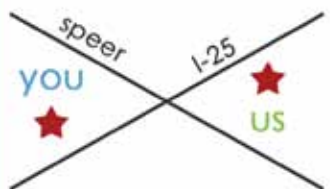
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What is your feeling regarding Tom Boasberg's leadership of DPS as superintendent? Will you support his contract renewal?

JDC: I support most of Superintendent Boasberg's efforts and would support continuing his service. A shortfall in Boasberg's leadership though is unclear communication with constituent groups. Many individuals with whom I have spoken have questions about what is happening in their schools and why principals have been removed or relocated, why so many schools in our neighborhood are under turnaround status, and what is being done to address the fact that we have the highest number of failing schools in all of DPS. The current board just voted to not extend Boasberg's contract. More frequent and formal evaluations must be conducted, much like the evaluations our teachers and principals participate in with LEAP and Senate Bill 191.

AJ: Superintendent Boasberg is a valued employee of DPS, and his evaluation is set by criteria, including results-based metrics, he and the Board agreed upon. That is what all Board members will use during his performance evaluation. I have not agreed with all of his decisions, but there are also many times we have worked closely together, such as the West High School process.

Q: to JDC only: Your opponent states that you are receiving out of state funds. How much have you received from out of state sources?

My out of state donations are less than one-half of one percent of the campaign's total contributions.

Q: to AJ only: You have stated that your opponent is receiving outside of state funds. Can you elaborate? Supporters are telling me about the expensive push polls they are receiving asking questions like "Arturo is part of a board known for bickering and fighting – does this make you more or less likely to vote for him? or paid canvassers coming to their door saying that I only am interested in serving the needs of the Latino population. These types of political games are not in the best interest of our schools or our students. I am dedicated to running a clean campaign focused on the issues. We will see the actual amount they are spending mid-October when campaign finance reports are due.

Q: to JDC only: Your opponent has received the support of the DCTA. Why did they choose your opponent over you?

Will you align your self with the so-called reform slate?

Henry Roman, President of DCTA, explained to me they chose to endorse my opponent because they have a good working relationship. I am running for District 5 to represent the issues facing my students and families. The at-large and District 1 races have very different issues with their respective constituencies. I will vote for whatever decisions are best for the children of NW Denver.

Q: to AJ only: You have received the support of the Teachers Union. Why is the teachers union choosing to support you over your opponent?

I'm proud to have a wide array of support, including the United Association (formerly known as the Denver Board of Realtors), the Denver Classroom Teachers' Association the Fraternal Order of Police and almost every elected official who represents the neighborhoods which make up my district (the others are staying neutral). I have shown myself to be an independent voice these last four years, and I know our community sees that I am not beholden to anyone but my constituents, and am working to bring about responsible reform with the support of business, labor, and the community.

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What measures will you take to improve the performance of Latino kids? All kids?

JDC: The majority of students enrolled in DPS are Latino and many are English Language Learners (ELL). It is unacceptable that the achievement gap has persisted and at such a wide mark. I will look at other districts with similar student populations that are showing positive academic results with Latino students, and recommend similar solutions.

There are schools in District 5 with high percentage Latino populations that are excelling – Beach Court, Sandoval, WDP, and Bryant Webster are examples. DPS should be examining these schools to determine what aspects are replicable. Beach Court, Sandoval and Bryant Webster have in common strong leadership. DPS must focus internal resources on acquiring, developing, training, and retaining strong principals who can provide formative leadership in our schools. Another target I will pursue for all families is to increase awareness of strong programs in neighborhoods. We are seeing glimmers of improvement, and families need to be made aware of choices they have for their children. Learning is individualized for children, regardless of native language, and we need to grow strong schools now for all of our children. Jennifer can be reached at 720-583-4211 and her website is www.jenniferforkids.com.

AJ:

I am part of a national, bipartisan task force that meets with the U.S. Secretary of Education each year to advise the administration about how to best serve English Language Learners, poor students, and children from diverse backgrounds, including Latinos. We need to invest in early childhood education, including parent engagement, to close the achievement gap. We need to continue to support the alternative charter schools that can be the only place for some students who do not thrive in a traditional school setting. As a fluent English and Spanish communicator, I will continue to bring Latino parents, teachers, business, and administration to the table. You can read more on my website www.arturojimenez.com or call me at (720) 468-6845 for more information.



Citizens of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District

SCFD Free Days

- Denver Art Museum
Saturday, October 1
- Denver Botanic Gardens
Monday, October 10
- Museum of Nature & Science
Monday, October 31
- Denver Zoo
Wednesday, October 12 and
Thursday, October 20

Federal Boulevard Partnership (FBP) – Update

FBP will hold its Fall Membership Meeting on November 3 at 6:30 at the Adams Mystery Theatre. The Partnership is a strong advocate for improvements along Federal Boulevard.

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DEVELOPERS CORNER

The only change in status of ongoing projects in the neighborhood, is that the project at 28th & Clay schedule is slipping a bit, but the project is definitely a go

Two new items were reviewed by LUC:

1) The LUC approved by a vote of 5-0 to endorse the proposed rezoning of 3024 West 22nd Ave to G-MX-3.

2) The LUC reviewed preliminary designs for an accessory structure within the front setback on the southeast corner of 25th & Federal. The structure, as proposed, is not permitted and would require approval by the Parks Department, a process that would require public notice. While there is clear LUC support for the rehabilitation of the laundry business, the reaction to the proposed accessory structure was subdued.

The LUC will continue to work with the property owner as the idea develops.

October's JPUN Happy Hour

This month we are going just outside of Jefferson Park's borders for our happy hour to 5th Sun Café and Lounge.

Owners, Trudy & Joaquin Gonzales are fellow Jefferson Park residents who opened this fantastic and cozy restaurant in January, offering simple, healthy and yummy, "Colorado Mexican" fare. Come meet the Gonzales', spend time with your neighbors and enjoy happy hour drink specials and light snacks. Oh and, it's wise to plan to stay for dinner!

JPUN Happy Hour

October 20, 5:00 – 7:00pm

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Next Home Games

- **Denver Broncos vs San Diego Chargers**
2:15pm Sunday October 9
- **Denver Broncos vs Detroit Lions**
2:15pm Sunday October 30

JPUN Happy Hour at Strange Brewing Company A Good Time for All



Thanks to Hops & Pies for an assortment of Pizza



Ask Brooke... And the winner is...

Last month I asked you what your ideas are for getting Jefferson Park "On The Map". You had some fantastic ideas!



Of course raising people's awareness of Jefferson Park won't be done with a single action but the winning idea came from Kari Mock, who suggested that we, as a neighborhood, come up with a clever nick-name that links us to our history as the original Town of Highlands and other area neighborhoods. Kari suggested we call ourselves "OI-Hi" or "Old-Hi". What do you think of this idea? Send me your responses and as always, your real estate questions!

Thank you for your great ideas & congratulations to Kari!



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**Space in the October training is limited, so please
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For more information or to register go to:
[www.denvergov.org/trashrecycling/TrashandRecycling/
Resources/DenverRecyclesActionNetwork/tabid/440809/Default.aspx](http://www.denvergov.org/trashrecycling/TrashandRecycling/Resources/DenverRecyclesActionNetwork/tabid/440809/Default.aspx)

EVENTS OCTOBER In and Around Jefferson Park

- Adams Mystery Playhouse** Murder at the Luau thru 9/24
Murder on Pirate Island starts 9/30
www.AdamsMysteryPlayhouse.com
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- Invesco Field** Warped Tour August 5th
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The Safety Zone

Auto Theft Up in Jefferson Park

Auto theft went up in the neighborhood in August when 3 cars were stolen. Auto theft is up in Denver and it is important for us to keep our eyes open and report any suspicious activity.

Knights Inn Shooting

Sunday August 28th at the pool between the Knights Inn and the Ramada Inn a man and a women got into an argument. People around the pool got involved as the argument escalated. The man went to his room and came back to the pool with a gun shooting the good samaritan in the head before he fled the area. The police were able to arrest him in NE Denver 2 days later.

- Katherine Meldrum



Let's Fix It!

Do you have a gripe, about something the City needs to fix ? Let us know.

Here's a gripe. RTD removed all the benches at the bus stops on bus route 28 in Jefferson Park---then they replaced only two of them.

So someone installed their own wooden bench on Clay between 25th and 26th Avenues! RTD has ignored JPUN requests to install new benches for over two years.

Let's Fix It, RTD !



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