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NEXT JPUN MEETING

JPUN General
Membership Meeting
Wed, December 14th
6:30 - 7:30pm
Hotel VQ | Top Floor
1975 Mile High Stadium Circle
Denver, CO 80204

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JPUN Land Use Committee
Contact Rafael @
303-815-0506
or espinr@gmail.com

NEXT HOME GAME

Broncos vs Bears
December 11th | 2:05 pm
Sports Authority
at Mile High

JPUN YAHOO GROUP

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Celebrate at the Annual JPUN Holiday Party *Feliz Navidad*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
FROM 5:30 - 8PM AT
HOTEL VQ ON THE TOP FLOOR

Light hors d'oeuvres and
drink specials will be offered

Santa will be visiting!
Kids... get photos taken with Santa.



**UPDATE! Brief General Membership from 6:30-7:30 before Holiday Party
at Hotel VQ to discuss the SAF Lighting and Signage**

Sports Authority Field at Mile High Lighting and Signage Changes

JPUN has extended an invitation for Bronco Representatives to discuss lighting and signage changes that are currently happening at Sports Authority Field at Mile High. **The meeting will take place at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 14, during JPUN's Christmas Party at Hotel VQ.**

The goal of this meeting is to engage in a dialogue with Broncos representatives, work to have questions and concerns answered and vote on whether or not our community is for or against the lighting and signage plans and if we are requesting any type of modifications.

As many of you are aware, the Broncos are in the process of making these changes to the stadium since Sports Authority assumed naming rights to the venue. In each case "Sports Authority Field" will be in red while "At Mile High" will be in orange. All letters will be illuminated. Currently they are adding or enhancing architectural illuminations most notably a red band of lights that have the ability to flash and chase along the catwalk near the upper band of stadium lights as well as a more white illumination of the "bowl" of the stadium.

Additionally the Broncos and Sports Authority have submitted an application for a change to the Metro Football Stadium District Comprehensive Sign Plan. The application consists of additional signage identifying the name of the facility located at the upper seating area on three sides of the project, additional logo badge signage at the south entry and smaller entry gate signs at six gates.

Please attend and express your opinions on these proposed changes to your neighborhood and city of Denver.

See Photo on Page 4

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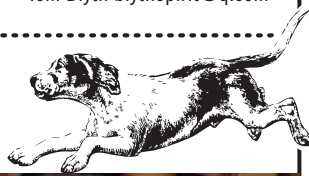
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Winter in Jefferson Park



Jefferson Park Pet of the Month



Name: Murphy

Breed: Wheaten Terrier Mix • Owner: Jody

Hello, this is our 8 month old dog Murphy. He often accompanies my husband and I to work at our law office The McGuirk Law Group, located at 2727 Bryant St., Ste. 500, Denver, CO 80211. He is a Wheaten Terrier Mix and keeps our days (and lives) exciting!

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!**

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A JPUN Year in Review



Neighborhood Clean Up
May 2011



Another Great Growing Season



The Bronze Statue
found a home!



JPUN Happy Hour
Strange Brew Sept 2011



Naughty or Nice?
2010 Holiday Party



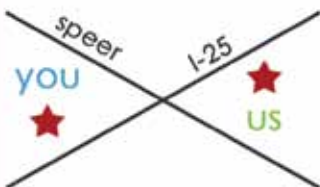
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SAF Lighting and Signage Changes continued...



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Denver, Co. 80202
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E-mail: greg.savage@denvergov.org

*View from RiverClay condominiums.
As submitted to the City of Denver the
new "Sports Authority Field" sign measures 9'6" x 178'*

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SCFD Free Days for the New Year 2012

Museum of Nature & Science

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Monday, January 30

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Saturday, January 7



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Family Star Montessori - a Gem in Jefferson Park

Hidden behind red brick walls at 22nd Avenue and Federal Boulevard, 76 preschoolers, toddlers and infants begin life-long learning the Montessori way. Family Star Montessori School is a unique environment – teaching children of all backgrounds and abilities year around.

Ginny Trierweiler, Ph.D. is President and CEO of Family Star Montessori which also has a school in northeast Denver. The Lead Teachers have truly impressive credentials from graduate schools around the world, providing a diverse international learning experience. They are supported by assistants who help maintain excellent teacher child ratios.



The Montessori method of education is different from traditional educational approaches. A hundred years ago in Italy Dr. Maria Montessori realized that children were self directed to be active participants in the learning process. Thus in this method the curriculum is structured for each child, not a classroom of same-aged children. The child is self-paced until she learns the material and in the process internalizes the concepts. In this process the child identifies her own errors from feedback from the educational material. In traditional education the class sets the learning pace and errors are identified by the teacher.

Primary educational outcomes for preschool and kindergarten children are tracked for each individual. Subject matter includes Literacy, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Studies and the Arts. In addition Family Star has a dual language program called One Person One Language. In this approach to language learning one person will always speak English and another person will always speak Spanish.

The school also provides Comprehensive Services which promote good health, nutrition, and overall well-being. In the area of health they provide dental, vision and hearing screening as well as screening and support for disabilities and mental health. In support to the family they provide connections to community resources, parenting education classes and other assistance. Children are served nutritious meals at breakfast, lunch and a snack. Family Star Montessori is expanding this year with construction of new office space and meeting rooms in 6,000 square feet in the north end of their building. This project was made possible by a HUD grant from the City of Denver and from Family Star matching funds. In addition Family Star is relocating their school location in North East Denver to a newly renovated facility. At this time the school in our neighborhood has openings for three more children.

To gain a full appreciation for this gem in Jefferson Park, consider attending an open house. The next **“Walk among the Stars”** will be on January 4th from 9 to 10 am. To sign up, contact Jennifer Hinderliter at 303-477-7827 or by e-mail at jhinderliter@familystar.net. For more detailed information on Family Star and Montessori learning visit their excellent website at www.familystar.net.

Family Star Montessori - un diamante en Jefferson Park

Escondidos detrás de paredes rojas de ladrillos en la Avenida 22 y Federal Boulevard, 76 bebés y niños de edad preescolar comienzan su aprendizaje al estilo Montessori. Family Star Montessori School es un ambiente único – ofreciendo enseñanza el año entero para niños de todo tipo de origen y habilidad.

La Dra. Ginny Trierweiler es presidenta y directora ejecutiva de la escuela Family Star Montessori, la cual cuenta con otro centro en el noreste de Denver. Los Maestros Líderes tienen acreditaciones verdaderamente admirables, con títulos universitarios obtenidos en muchos países del mundo, lo que provee de una experiencia de aprendizaje variada e internacional. Ellos son apoyados por asistentes que ayudan a mantener una excelente proporción entre el número de maestros y niños.

El método Montessori de educación es diferente a los sistemas tradicionales de enseñanza. Hace más de 100 años en Italia, la Dra. Maria Montessori se dio cuenta que los niños se auto dirigían para convertirse en participantes activos del proceso de aprendizaje. Es por eso que en este método el currículo está estructurado para cada niño, no para un salón de clases con niños de la misma edad. El niño se auto regula hasta que aprende el material y, en el proceso, internaliza los conceptos. Así, el niño identifica sus propios errores a través de la retroalimentación recibida de los materiales educativos. En el sistema educativo tradicional la clase establece el ritmo de aprendizaje y los errores son identificados por el maestro.

Los principales resultados educacionales para los niños de edad preescolar son registrados individualmente. Las materias de aprendizaje incluyen lectura, matemática, ciencia y tecnología, ciencias sociales y arte. Además, Family Star ofrece un programa bilingüe llamado Una persona, un idioma. En este método de aprendizaje de idiomas un maestro siempre habla en inglés y otro siempre habla en español.

La escuela también ofrece servicios integrales que ayudan a promover la buena salud, nutrición y el bienestar en general. En el área de salud se ofrecen chequeos dentales, de la vista y del oído, al igual que chequeos y apoyo para niños con discapacidades y problemas de salud mental. Para apoyar a toda la familia se establecen conexiones a recursos comunitarios, clases para padres y otro tipo de asistencia. Los niños reciben comidas nutritivas durante el desayuno y almuerzo, y un refrigerio por la tarde.

Family Star Montessori está expandiendo este año con la construcción de nuevas oficinas y salas de conferencias en un espacio de 6,000 pies cuadrados al norte del edificio. Este proyecto será posible gracias a un subsidio del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) mediante la Ciudad de Denver y fondos paralelos que dará Family Star. Además, el centro en el noreste de Denver cambiará de ubicación a un nuevo local nuevo y renovado. En la actualidad, la escuela en nuestra zona tiene vacantes para tres niños.

Para poder apreciar completamente esta gema en Jefferson Park, por favor considere visitarla durante una jornada de puertas abiertas (open house). La próxima visita guiada **“Camine entre las estrellas”** será el 4 de enero de 9 a 10 a.m. Para anotarse, llame a Jennifer Hinderliter al 303-477-7827 o por mensaje electrónico a jhinderliter@familystar.net. Para más detalles sobre Family Star y el método Montessori visite su excelente portal www.familystar.net.



What's Happening on W 25th



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Denver requires property owners to clear their walkways so that everyone has safe access throughout the City. Senior citizens, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and mail carriers -just to name a few -struggle to negotiate hazardous walkways...we need to do our part to make our community safe and accessible for all.

- **HOMEOWNERS:** Once snow has stopped falling, residences have twenty-four (24) hours to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- **BUSINESSES:** Once snow has stopped falling, businesses have four hours (4) to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- **REPORT A PROBLEM:** Please contact Denver 3-1-1 to provide the address of unshoveled sidewalks.
- **ENFORCEMENT:** Denver performs proactive inspections in business districts, and we rely on citizen complaints to help us identify those property owners that need to be educated about sidewalk safety requirements.



Resources for those who cannot shovel their sidewalks:



- Catholic Charities – Karen Blacker 303-742-0823 ext. 2046. She's happy to take calls and connect people as best they can to a volunteer.
- DRCOG Area Agency on Aging – Kelly 303-480-6787 will make connections as best they can.
- VOA (HandyMan Program)– Amanda 720-264-3331 one-time service/connections
- Senior Resource Center – Ann 303-235-6973 will connect on case-by- case issues.



How to be the Denver Difference and become a Denver Snow Angel!

- Get to know your neighbors - keep a list of phone numbers on hand for emergencies.
- Check on elderly and/or disabled neighbors during major snow storms to be sure they do not need help.
- Go the extra step to make sure the sidewalk on your block is clear of snow so it can be accessible to all.
- Check out the resources available in your neighborhood - churches and other service organizations often have volunteers available to help those in need.
- Visit the Denver Office of Emergency Management to get more information on how neighborhoods can prepare for emergencies in Denver. www.denvergov.org/oem

Advertising in Jefferson Park News raises funds for JPUN volunteers to continue projects, events and programs that improve our neighborhood, local businesses and community.

You can help support:

- Partnering with Federal Boulevard Streetscape for improvements from 23rd to 26th Avenue and the Town Square
- Working with the City of Denver for Jefferson Park playground equipment improvements
- Developing Summer Concert Series in the Park
- Planning improvements to the 23rd Avenue off ramp, a gateway from Jefferson Park to Downtown



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Noon Year's Eve

Children's Museum of Denver



Join us when we transform the plaza into our own Times Square! With ball drops every hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rainbows of confetti, bubble wrap fireworks and sparkly art projects, families can enjoy New Year's festivities all before bedtime. For a full schedule of events, visit www.mychildsmuseum.org.

LOCATION:

Children's Museum of Denver
2121 Children's Museum Drive
Denver, CO 80211 | 303.433.7444
www.mychildsmuseum.org/events/noon-years-eve.aspx

TICKET INFO: Included with Museum admission

HAPPENS: 12/31/2011 • 9 am - 4 pm



Next Home Games

- **Denver Broncos vs Chicago Bears**
December 11 | 2:05 PM
- **Denver Broncos vs New England Patriots**
December 18 | 2:15 PM
- **Denver Broncos vs KC Chiefs**
January 1 | 2:05 PM

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Inventory of available homes is down in winter, meaning that your home will have less competition. If your home is well prepared for market, it may be possible to draw a higher contract price and/or increase your odds of getting multiple offers.

Buyers in the market in winter are often more serious about purchasing, thus increasing your odds of being on the market for a shorter time.

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- Sport Authority at Mile High**
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- Highway Info and RTD Bus & Lightrail**
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The Safety Zone

Motor vehicle theft was down in November for Jefferson Park!

Theft from motor vehicles is still high in the neighborhood. As we get busy with all the holiday activities it is important to remember a few simple steps so you don't find yourself a victim;

- Never leave valuables in plain sight.
- Never leave your windows rolled down and always lock your door.
- Never leave personal information or documents in your vehicle.

If you see any suspicious activity around the neighborhood call the non-emergency police line @ 720-913-2000.

- Katherine Meldrum



Let's Fix It!

Five flagless flagpoles are sitting in no-man's land on Mile High Stadium Circle at I-25 and Bryant Street. No one seems to claim flagpole ownership that are sitting on CDOT right-of-way. No one seems to care if one flagpole has been bent over and no one seems to care if it ever flew a flag. No one seems responsible and no one seems to care.

On the same day at the Pepsi Center you will find flags flying high proclaiming their pride in America, Colorado, Denver and sport or is that Pepsi.

So Let's Fix the flagpole and hang some flags !



COMMUNITY RESOURCE

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