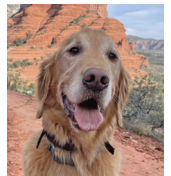


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Pet Spotlight

## Denver Summit set NWSL Attendance Record



The inaugural home opener for Denver Summit FC ended in a hard-fought 0–0 draw against the Washington Spirit, but the result hardly captured the magnitude of the moment. A record-breaking crowd of 63,004 fans packed Empower Field at Mile High, setting a new National Women's Soccer League single-game attendance mark. The previous record of 40,091 set by Bay FC in August 2025. The electric atmosphere, highlighted by a halftime performance from Big Gigantic, signaled a powerful debut for professional women's soccer in Denver.

Off the field, the club also announced a major milestone, finalizing land acquisition at Santa Fe Yards (Broadway and I-25) for a future stadium.



Developed with the City of Denver, the 14-acre project will create a new sports and entertainment district, featuring year-round activity. The with a state-of-the-art venue expected to open in spring of 2028.

## Presentation on 22nd and Federal Development

A developer, Kennedy Wilson, is proposing a mixed-use development at 2246 Federal Boulevard. The plan calls for a 242-unit apartment building with ground floor activation on the site, just a half-block from Jefferson Park and two blocks north of Empower Field.

The developer has made multiple efforts to engage neighborhood groups, presenting to Jeff Park @ Federal on January 26<sup>th</sup> and the Sloan's Lake Citizens Group on March 17<sup>th</sup>. However, an offer to present at the March 10<sup>th</sup> JPUN meeting was rebuffed by leadership, who called it premature—even though their President has been aware of the project since mid-January. This has raised concerns among residents about transparency and whether JPUN leadership is limiting broader member awareness and discussion.

With no clear commitment to a future JPUN presentation, the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association offered to host a virtual meeting for the developer on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Registration is available at [www.jeffersonpark.org](http://www.jeffersonpark.org).

## Guest Commentary

My name is Mike Blake, and I live in Jefferson Park. I love this place—its energy, its small businesses, stadium events. I moved to Denver in 1986 to work for the Nuggets at McNichols Arena. I bought my home here in 2010 and plan to retire here. Think about how much Jefferson Park has changed for the better since then—most of the restaurants, bars, and shops we love didn't exist.

In 2011, Barack Obama was President, John Hickenlooper had just become Governor, and Michael Hancock hadn't yet taken office as Mayor. Fifteen years later, all that leadership has changed—except here, where Michael Guiitez remains in charge of JPUN without elections or transparency.

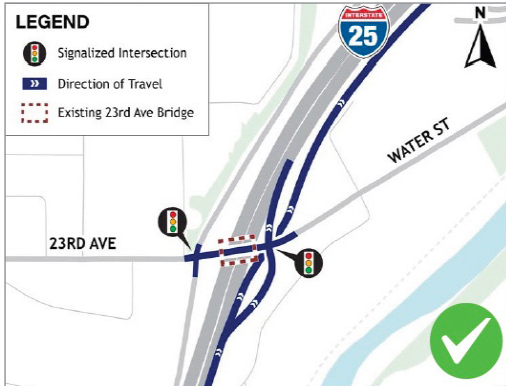
Jefferson Park has nearly 4,000 residents, yet JPUN is led by just three people. That's why I'm involved with the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association. Our community deserves new voices focused on the future.



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## 23rd Avenue Bridge Update

CDOT recently sent an update on the proposed replacement project for the 23rd Ave Bridge over I-25 in downtown Denver. The Project Team is conducting extensive analysis of the Speer Boulevard Diverging Diamond Interchange and the 23rd Avenue Braid. The project is undergoing the National Environmental Policy Act analysis and documentation, a process to analyze the project's effects on the environment prior to project



approvals. The preliminary design is scheduled for completion in mid-2026. CDOT is working to secure construction funding by

pursuing a BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2028.



## Block Party returns on June 6th!

Following a successful debut, Celebrate Jeff Park @ Federal returns for its second year with more energy, community spirit, and local flavor. This free street party takes place Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11 am to 4 pm along 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Federal Boulevard and Eliot Street. Building on last year's momentum, the event features an expanded lineup of local vendors, food, and live entertainment for all ages. Residents, families, and pets are invited to enjoy a vibrant afternoon celebrating the neighborhood. Live music by The Coveralls and additional activities will keep attendees engaged. Vendors are also encouraged to apply at [www.jeffparkatfederal.com](http://www.jeffparkatfederal.com)

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# RNO Reform Moves to Next Phase with Open Houses

Denver City Council continues its effort to update the city's *Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO)* ordinance. They've announced that the "Your City Your Voice" Community Engagement report is live. The report was presented to Denver City Council on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Budget & Policy Committee.

You can review the full report [here](#). Key takeaways & community informed considerations begin on page 74. The City wants to hear from you on how they can make our community informed considerations work in Denver. They encourage residents to share your thoughts at one of our upcoming open houses.




## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SESSIONS


Last year we asked community their ideas on RNOs. This year **we need your feedback on the considerations that will be presented in the report that's coming out soon!**

Join us for an **open-house** to give us your **ideas, questions, and concerns** to help develop future RNO policy.

<b>NORTHEAST DENVER</b>	<b>APRIL 9 6-8PM</b>	<b>MONTBELLO REC CENTER 15555 E 53RD AVE</b>
<b>NORTHWEST DENVER</b>	<b>APRIL 11 10AM-NOON</b>	<b>JOHNSON REC CENTER 4809 RACE ST</b>
<b>SOUTHEAST DENVER</b>	<b>APRIL 15 6-8PM</b>	<b>EISENHOWER REC CENTER 4300 E DARTMOUTH AVE</b>
<b>SOUTHWEST DENVER</b>	<b>APRIL 16 6-8PM</b>	<b>COLLEGE VIEW REC CENTER 2525 S DECATOUR ST</b>
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They will take your feedback as they co-design policy that will shape the future of RNOs in Denver. An opportunity to give feedback will also be online next week so residents will have another opportunity to share their thoughts in a virtual setting.

The current ordinance guiding RNOs was written in the 1970s and hasn't been updated since. Councilwoman Gonzales-Gutierrez and Councilman Kashmann aim to modernize the rules for equity, accessibility, and transparency.

## Jefferson Park Pet Spotlight: Koda



This is Koda and he will be turning 5 this April. He's named after the bear cub from Brother Bear and has the same joyful and friendly personality. He has never met a stranger in his life - human or canine. You can usually find him living his best life on long neighborhood walks, going for runs around Mile High, or playing fetch with all of his friends at Jefferson Park. He also loves swimming and going on hikes in the mountains and the desert. Koda is the sweetest dog and reminds me every day to live in the moment and celebrate the small things.

### Want to see your pet featured next month?

Send us a couple photos and a brief description to [newsletter@jeffersonpark.org](mailto:newsletter@jeffersonpark.org). If your pet is featured in an upcoming issue, they'll receive a complimentary free exam at Urban Vet Care (\$95 value)!



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## HERE ARE SOME IDEAS!

### Bites & Brews in the Neighborhood



Prince Shrestha from Spice & Slice

*When did you open?* Originally in 2024 but recently reimagined as Spice & Slice – Bar & Lounge.

*Tell us more!* Spice & Slice – Bold flavor meets a vibrant, social atmosphere. Blending a polished lounge setting with a laid-back neighborhood feel, we offer a menu built on continental favorites—elevated comfort dishes, shareable plates, and crave-worthy classics. At the same time, our authentic Indian menu remains a standout, time-honored flavors that keep guests coming back. Whether it's dinner, or a night out with friends, every visit is designed to feel, flavorful, and memorable.

*Most popular items?* Chicken Tikka Pizza, Butter Chicken and Garlic Naan.

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### Summer Event Schedule

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*Colorado Rapids vs Inter Miami CF at 2:30 PM*

SATURDAY, MAY 2:

*Monster Energy AMA Supercross at 4:30 PM*

SATURDAY, MAY 9:

*Monster Jam at 3:00 PM*

FRIDAY, MAY 29: **MORGAN WALLEN:**

*Still the Problem Tour at 5:30 PM*

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SATURDAY, JULY 4: **Ed Sheeran:**

*LOOP Tour at 5:30 PM*

TUESDAY, JULY 28: **AC/DC:**

*Power Up Tour at 7:00 PM*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13:

*Zach Bryan at 7:00 PM*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14:

*Zach Bryan at 7:00 PM*

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