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Voices Rock Musical Director Jill Teas (above right) says the friendships and bonds that are created in the no-audition rock choir are just as important as the musical performances. "The whole experience is a safe, welcoming, positive environment from start to finish."

Front Porch photo by Christie Gosch

Voices Rock was created eight years ago as a way for people of all backgrounds and all musical abilities to come together to sing rock music. It has grown into a tightly-knit community that includes four adult choirs and a youth choir, and the group has performed at large venues across the city and even at Red Rocks. After dealing with numerous challenges because of the pandemic, choir members are back in-person, rehearsing indoors for their December concert. *Story by Mary Jo Brooks on page 10.*

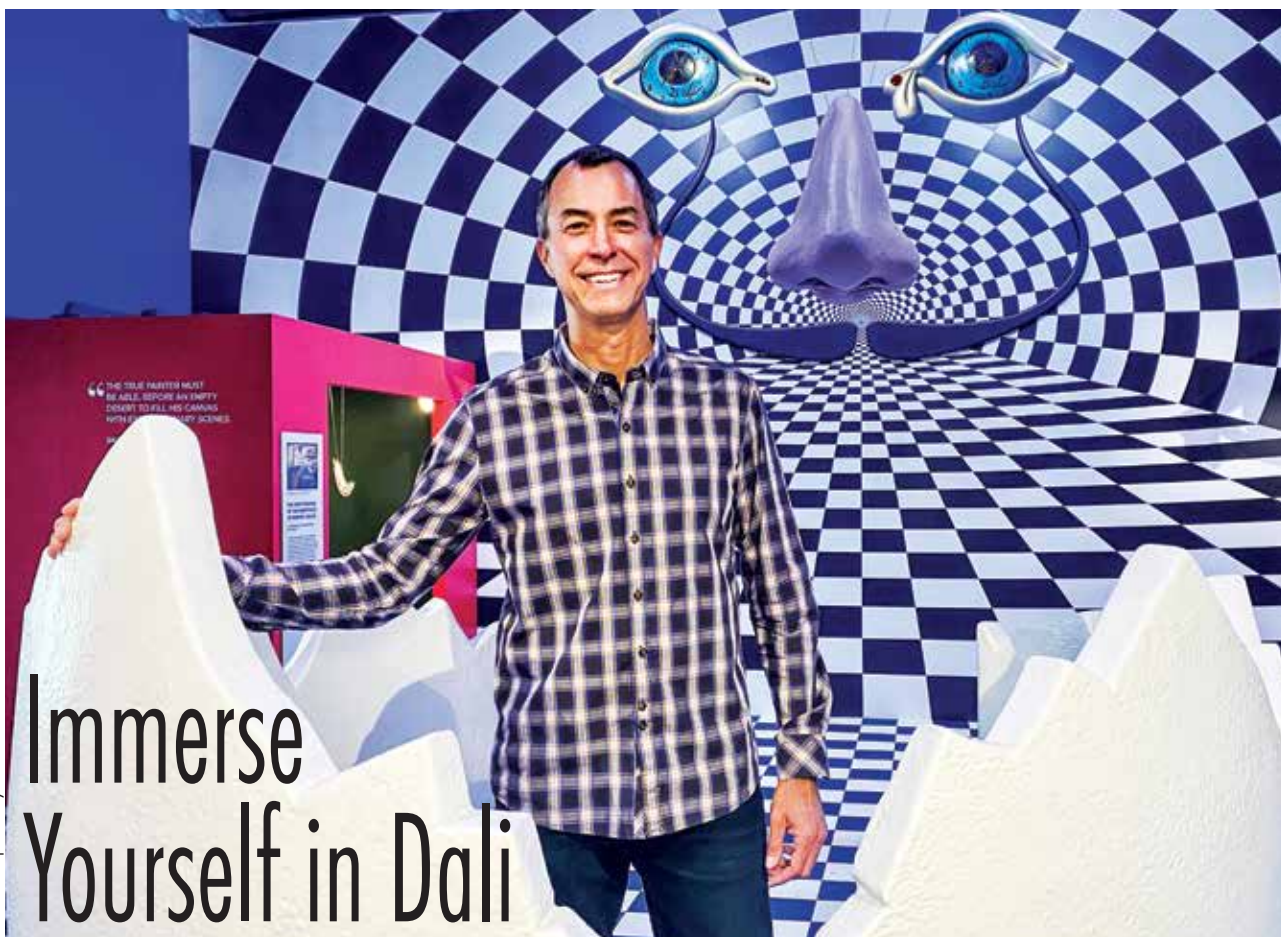
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U.S. Rep. Jason Crow speaks during an Oct. event at the Aurora Restoration Christian Fellowship. Guests included African American community leaders and N.Y. Congressman Hakeem Jeffries. *Story by Brian Heuberger on page 12.*

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The world premiere of "Dali Alive," an immersive experience into the art of Spanish Surrealist Salvador Dali, has opened in Stanley Marketplace featuring digital projections and interactive displays. Jeff Cornelius with Grande Experiences poses in one of the exhibits. *Story by Mary Jo Brooks on page 6.*

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Least Sandpiper

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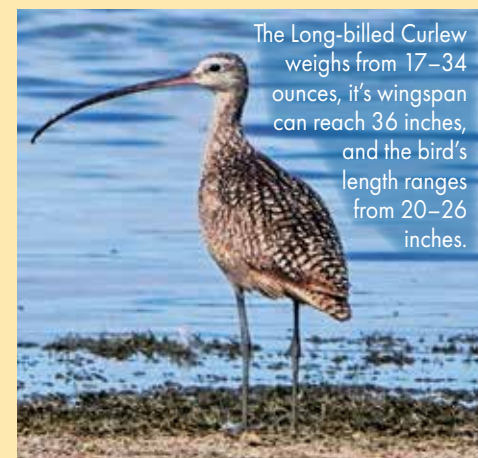
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They breed in the grasslands of west-central North America. Known for their short to medium-distance migration, they winter along the U.S. West Coast, south into Mexico, and less often in Florida and along the southeastern Atlantic shore.

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The Long-billed Curlew weighs from 17-34 ounces, it's wingspan can reach 36 inches, and the bird's length ranges from 20-26 inches.



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DIRT started in 2013 with a mobile coffee truck and was the idea of several parents who had met in a support group for children with autism, explains Executive Director Catharina Hughey. “They felt that independence and access to employment was essential to the health and well-being of their children.” A workforce training program was developed, which taught a variety of business, social, and life skills. Five years later, DIRT opened up a coffee shop in Littleton. The Park Hill location became its second brick-and-mortar operation.

DIRT Coffee offers three-month paid internships for young adults with one-on-one job coaching. Since its inception, nearly 200 people have gone through the program. “We know not everyone is going to end up working in a coffee shop. We want them to get the meaningful jobs they want, so we make sure that the skills we teach them are very transferable,” says Hughey.

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Alexa Feenstra (left), program coordinator at DIRT Coffee Bar, trains intern Matthew Greenfield on how to take an order from a customer. DIRT Coffee recently opened a new location on the Mosaic Community Campus, former site of Johnson & Wales University.

A year ago, Ryan (who didn't want his last name used) worked as an intern at the Littleton location. He says the workforce training helped him acquire social skills that will help him move forward with a career. He hopes to become an engineer after graduating from college, and he thinks the training he received at DIRT and the relationships he formed with the staff will serve him well. “Even though the social aspect is overlooked, it's a really big part of not just jobs but living in the world.”

DIRT also operates a program with potential employers. “We find that post-pandemic, so many companies are interested in tapping into new labor pools, but they aren't quite sure how to access the neurodivergent labor pool and do it in a way that is respectful,” says Hughey. DIRT works with employers to determine the type of jobs they want to offer, the goals they hope to achieve, and the

accommodations they want to make so that both the employer and employee will be successful.

Hughey says she is thrilled with the opportunity to expand DIRT's mission on the Mosaic Community Campus. “The minute I stepped on that campus, I fell in love. It feels like the right place for us to be with its work-live-learn environment.” She hopes DIRT will be able to double its internship program and perhaps eventually partner with the Kitchen Network to bake the pastries that they sell at the coffee shop.

“Our mission is to connect people. That's what coffee does—it brings people together. So I hope our customers feel that inclusivity and accessibility that we strive for.”

DIRT is located on the Mosaic Community Campus at 1785 Quebec St. Current hours are Mon.–Fri., 7am–1pm. More information is available at www.dirtcoffee.org.



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Immerse Yourself in Dali

Dali Alive encourages audiences to connect with the Spanish artist Salvador Dali through multi-media projections of his work, Instagram-worthy exhibits, and a video tutorial on how to draw like Dali.

By Mary Jo Brooks

A world premiere, immersive experience featuring the art of Spanish artist Salvador Dali has opened at The LUME in Stanley Marketplace. “Dali Alive” is a multi-media and multi-sensory creation that features 500 images of Dali’s work, a musical soundtrack, spice-filled aroma dispersion, an “infinity room” with a hall of mirrors, and a studio where visitors can draw on large sketchpads. It was designed by Grande Experiences, which also created “Van Gogh Alive”—a show that brought 80,000 visitors to Stanley Marketplace in 2021.

Salvador Dali (1904–1989) is perhaps best known as a painter. His work “The Persistence of Memory,” which featured melting clocks, has become synonymous with surrealism. But Dali also experimented with sculpture, photography, and films. Jonny Beavan, one of the creators of the exhibit, is confident the artist would have loved this kind of large, immersive spectacle. “He was the ultimate showman—he

loved playing tricks on people with his art. So that’s what we’re doing here.”

Jeff Cornelius, head of commercial operations for Grande Experiences, says behind the spectacle is a lot of hard work—including close consultation with the Dali Museums in Spain and Florida. “This takes thousands of hours of work to bring the 2-D paintings to life. And our partnership with the Dali Museum was extremely important to give context to all of his work.” A 40-minute digital projection displays the art while also telling about Dali’s life as an artist as he moved from Spain to France to the United States and back to Spain.

The idea behind all of the immersive exhibits created by Grande Experiences is to make the art very interactive so it is especially appealing to younger people. “We want to excite them about art and show them art in a new way. We want to take them out of stuffy museums to see how exciting art can be,” says Beavan. He quickly adds that immersive exhibits are not designed to replace muse-

ums but are designed to inspire people to learn more. “We want people to explore what kind of art they like, what really speaks to them, and then ideally they will go to museums and galleries for more.”

In addition to creating immersive exhibits that tour the globe, Grande Experiences has established two permanent galleries for digital art experiences: one located in Melbourne, Australia and one in Indianapolis. With “Dali Alive,” the company is launching a third permanent gallery that will be housed at The LUME in the Stanley Marketplace. The LUME has taken over the former hangar area and has expanded it to 15,000 square feet.

The idea for the permanent gallery was hatched during the pandemic, when many events that had been booked in the hangar were canceled. The Van Gogh exhibit and “CARNE y ARENA,” a virtual reality show about immigration, were able to use the hangar space successfully during pandemic restrictions because people could wear masks and socially distance.

Mark Shaker, founder of Stanley Marketplace, says establishing a permanent immersive gallery will bring more stability to the marketplace and will help all of the shops prosper. “It brings a stable crowd to the marketplace all day long and it attracts people who have never been here before.”

Many of the Stanley shops have embraced the idea of having a permanent

immersive gallery as a partner. For “Dali Alive,” restaurants are featuring specialty Dali-inspired foods and drinks, and stores are featuring Dali-themed gifts.

Nic Farrell, owner of Mondo Market, has created a special charcuterie board with Spanish meats and cheeses. He’s also looking forward to working with other Stanley vendors to cater special events for the Dali exhibit. “It’s what keeps things from being stagnant. A lot of times in business we do the same thing over and over, but these big events are what keep things fresh and original.”

“Dali Alive” is scheduled to remain at The LUME through January, but that timeline could be extended. It is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday, and available for private bookings on Mondays and Tuesdays. Ticket prices begin at \$34 for adults and \$19 for children.

For more information, visit www.thelumecolorado.com. To see more photos of the exhibit and related activities, visit www.frontporchme.com.



Many shops in the Stanley Marketplace have developed Dali-inspired foods, drinks, and gifts—including a Spanish cheese board that can be purchased at Mondo Market.



Jonny Beavan helped create the exhibit, including Dali-inspired lobster phones playing interview clips with the artist.



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Positive Developments for Northeast Denver Innovation Schools



Dr. Colleen O'Brien, Executive Director of the Northeast Denver Innovation Zone, begins her day at Northfield High. Other schools in the zone include McAuliffe International, McAuliffe Manual, and Swiger International. Innovation zones have the autonomy to modify their school budgets, organizational structures, and school calendars.

By Brian Heuberger

After a tumultuous year of difficult setbacks, the Northeast Denver Innovation Zone recently benefited from a series of developments, including the reversal of a controversial policy, the passage of a beneficial law, and the hiring of a new leader.

The difficult stretch for the Northeast zone began in September of 2021. First the Denver Public School Board issued the zone a formal “notice of concern” for failing to coach school principals and for neglecting to conduct biannual site reviews. Another blow occurred in October, as the zone’s executive director Vernon Jones Jr. resigned from his position and left the zone without a leader. Then in December, the turmoil encouraged two schools to hold a vote among the staff to decide whether to leave the zone. Willow and Montclair Elementary Schools voted to exit the zone. The departure of Willow and Montclair reduced the zone to its current size of four schools.

“It was the right decision for Montclair to go back to the district at that point,” says Montclair Principal Susan Miller-Curley.

“There was a lot of uncertainty, we were in the middle of the pandemic, and we’re one of the most diverse schools in the city. We needed district resources with hiring, training and curriculum, and so we needed that district support to find our way through and to do right by the students of Montclair.”

An especially devastating blow for all Denver innovation schools came in March of 2022. In a controversial decision, the DPS board implemented a policy that removed most freedoms and powers that innovation schools said they needed to operate. The staff, parents, and supporters of innovation schools erupted with outrage that the policy of the board was debilitating for their schools.

Some of that commotion has subsided. In June, many DPS board members said they regretted the unintended consequences of the new restrictions. During a meeting to reconsider the issue, the board voted to restore many freedoms back to the innovation schools.

Also in June, a new state law that added protections for innovation schools was passed by the Colorado Legislature and signed by

Governor Polis. Senate Bill 197 was co-sponsored by three Northeast Denver lawmakers, including Sen. Hansen, Sen. Coleman, and Rep. Bacon. Whereas innovation schools previously had no recourse when disagreements emerged with the district, SB 197 established a new policy in which a neutral third-party arbitrator would hear the disputes, evaluate the arguments, and render the decisions.

Perhaps the biggest development involved the hiring of Dr. Colleen O’Brien as the new executive director of the Northeast zone. Dr. O’Brien has been in the educational system for over three decades. As the assistant principal of Manual High School, she developed innovative plans that achieved successful results for the students and that served as models for other schools. Now she is excited to do the same for the Northeast zone.

“Some systems are set up where you just continue to follow everything that’s been going on for a long time,” says O’Brien.

“But this is a place where people can have innovative mindsets to see school differently and do things differently. We use research and practice to guide conversations, we show examples of different models, and then we listen to people at the local level to let them co-create the practices or systems that can promote independent learners.”

The most recent tests show that the schools in the innovation zone outperformed traditional schools in the district for many categories, including both English language arts and math for grades 3-8 and grades 9-11. “There’s something to these models in the Northeast Zone,” says O’Brien. “The kids are performing way better than they are in DPS, and it’s all groups of kids from all ethnic backgrounds.”

Although the zone has regained some freedoms, O’Brien is now managing the enrollment problem that confronts most Denver schools. Because school budgets are often determined by student population, reduced enrollments are leading to decreased funds for schools. For instance, this school year McAuliffe International had an 82-student

decrease. Since the school receives \$7,126 per student from the district, that equated to a loss of \$584,332 in its annual budget.

“There’s two things working against schools in Denver,” says McAuliffe International School Principal Kurt Dennis. “The pandemic caused some families to reevaluate their living situations and to put their kids in online or private schools. Then you also have the cost of living in Denver pushing out some young families, and as a result enrollment is decreasing across the district as a whole.”

The budget decreases require schools like McAuliffe to make sacrifices. “We have a budget of roughly \$11 million, so losing half a million forced us to make hard decisions,” says Dennis. “We traditionally ran a five-period school day, and kids had four full-year elective courses that they would take. But this year we just could not financially continue to make that happen, so we had to reduce our elective offerings from full-year classes to semester courses.”

O’Brien is also attempting to overcome tighter budgets for the Northeast zone. “Once we get the financial details settled from the district, we will really examine our budgets as four schools and see where we can have budget efficiency,” explains O’Brien. “Some of our schools have lower budgets due to changing enrollment than others. So me, the four school leaders, and our own independent school board will put our heads together and determine the most efficient use of our budget money.”

Another important next step for O’Brien is the need to renew the innovation status of the zone. Every three years innovation zones need to submit plans for their schools and apply for renewal with the district.

“Each school has a point-person working with families, teachers, and students to create their school plan,” says O’Brien. “Then the leaders of the schools come together every other week to share what’s working, what’s not working, and what’s in their new plans. Then they’ll give me their big goals and we’ll work together to ensure the goals of the four schools are represented in the goals of the zone.”

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Building Community Through Music

By Mary Jo Brooks
In January 2020, Voices Rock was flying high. The no-audition community choir, which got its start in Northeast Denver in 2014, had expanded to seven choirs that stretched across the city and out to Littleton, Louisville, and Vail. The choir had performed



Voices Rock Musical Director Jill Teas and Executive Director Anna Kaye at the Red Rocks performance. Photo courtesy of Voices Rock

And then the Covid-19 pandemic hit. “It was devastating for all of us,” says co-founder and Musical Director Jill Teas. “We had worked relentlessly to get all of these choirs up and running, and then we had to shut everything down.” Teas held rehearsals over Zoom—with everybody muting themselves because of the audio delay. “We felt we had a responsibility to keep people together and hopeful and joyful at a time when we were all having to isolate.”

Anna Kaye, executive director of Voices Rock, says those virtual rehearsals became a lifeline for people. “For many

members, this choir is a central part of their lives. We began each Zoom rehearsal with a check-in to see how people were coping. Some people volunteered to drop off meals for others. It really brought out the best in everyone.”

Soon the choir members were applying pressure to gather in-person for rehearsals, even though doing so required them to rehearse outside. Folding chairs, heat lamps, and blankets were brought by members. “We were on rooftops, court-yards, parking lots, backyards. You name it, we did it,” says Teas with a laugh.

Now, nearly three years later, Voices Rock is back rehearsing indoors while planning for its December 11 concert. The organization has scaled back a bit—currently there are four adult choirs with 275 members and one children’s choir with 50 singers—but the energy and enthusiasm have never been stronger.

At a recent rehearsal, Teas was a whirlwind dynamo—leading the choristers through warm-ups and songs. The members are a diverse mix: some have had formal music training, others had only sung in their shower before joining. “It never ceases to amaze me where we start and where we

end up. It’s never short of a miracle every single session,” says Teas. “These are amateur singers, but we put on a pretty professional show and it comes together in ways that even the singers can’t imagine initially.”

Kaye says she joined the choir shortly after moving to Denver eight years ago. “I had no music background. I was raising two children. My husband was traveling and I was feeling very isolated. And then I saw a post about a rock choir.” Kaye went to check out a rehearsal. “After the hour, I knew that I was going to be okay in Denver. I had found my people.” A year later, she became the executive director to help the choir expand.

Both Teas and Kaye say Voices Rock has been successful largely because of the strong sense of community the choir has developed. “Our rehearsals are straight-up fun. We don’t take ourselves too seriously,” says Teas. “And it all starts with people getting out of their comfort zone.”

“We’re coming together and doing something together,” says Kaye. “In this fractured world, for people to be able to raise their voices in song with people from all different backgrounds just feels good.”

Real estate agent and choir member Mary Gerwin agrees. “The choir has been a lifeline for me. I’m in a 24/7 business and deal with lots of stress—as we all do. I go into these rehearsals exhausted, but I come out exhilarated. It’s the best medicine you could ask for.” Gerwin not only sings with the large adult choir but is also a member of a smaller group called the Supplementals, which performs for smaller civic and charity events. All of the choirs sing music that is accessible to broad audiences, including rock, pop, country, and show tunes.

One of the choirs that Kaye regards as critical is VR2, the choir for children in grades 3-8. “Arts in schools have been cut back so dramatically. Kids need to sing. If ever there’s a group that needs to find its voice, it’s young people.” VR2 draws students from 19 different schools across the city.



Park Hill resident Mary Gerwin (far right, front row) has been singing with Voices Rock for seven years. She says the choir has become central to her life. “When you’re with other people who love to sing, you really build community.” Front Porch photo by Christie Gosch

Ten-year-old Meg Nichols says she loves singing with VR2 because everyone has been so welcoming and supportive. “I have brittle bone disease which means I get around in a wheelchair. A lot of times when I go places, people just stare at me, but everyone in the choir has accepted me.” At an



Photo courtesy of Voices Rock

Ten-year-old Meg Nichols says she was both scared and excited to sing a solo in front of a huge audience at the Voices Rock spring concert.



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Front Porch and CPUN are soliciting questions from the community to help shape the forum. Send your questions through the CPUN website (Centralparkunitedneighbors.com) or on Front Porch’s “Ask Front Porch” tab (Frontporchne.com). Issues that are likely to be discussed include neighborhood safety, social justice, law enforcement, and strategies to build stronger communities.



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Denver’s Successful STAR Program a Model for Rep. Crow’s Mental Health Bill



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Congressman Crow and State Sen. Janet Buckner mingle with the crowd after the Aurora event.

By **Brian Heuberger**
United States Congressman Jason Crow is the co-sponsor of a bill that would prevent law enforcement officers from needing to respond to calls involving mental health crises. The bill, which was passed by the House, would provide local governments with grants to form mental health units, instead of police, to respond to certain 911 calls.

This would essentially expand nationwide a program that has been successful in

Denver. With its STAR program, Denver was one of the first cities to develop a unit of mental health experts that respond to 911 calls involving mental health issues so they can de-escalate situations and provide treatment.

“I’ve been aware of the Denver program dispatching mental health professionals instead of police,” says Rep. Crow. “In Colorado we often lead the way on these things, and so the program proves that this can be implemented and I think we’re a good model to nationalize.”

The data for Denver’s mental health program has been encouraging. One Stanford study demonstrated that over a six-month period, criminal incidents declined by 34-percent in the precincts where STAR was operating.

The Mental Health Justice Act designates \$250 million in grants that would be allocated to local governments so all communities can fund the programs, train the staff, and dispatch the units. “I’m very excited for this bill,” says Crow. “We know we have a mental health crisis in America, in our community, and throughout Colorado. The number of suicides and mental health crises have gone up manifold over the last decade, and

local law enforcement is being asked to bear the burden of responding to mental health crisis calls.”

Rep. Crow believes the bill can improve community safety by relieving police of these responsibilities and by offering treatment for the individuals. “Officers are not psychologists or social workers,” says Crow. “Frankly, it’s unfair to place a burden on them that they’re not trained or equipped to handle. So the programs can have our police officers dealing with more serious crimes and public safety issues, and our mental health responders offering better conduits for the individuals to get the resources they need.”

Preventing police brutality is another purpose of this bill. “The numbers show that about 25 percent of police encounters involve individuals with mental illness,” says Rep. Crow. “But when there is an interaction between police and someone with a

mental illness, that individual in crisis is 16 times more likely to be killed than when police interact with somebody else.”

The grants could help Denver expand its existing STAR unit and enable communities throughout the nation to create their own mental health programs. “These smaller police departments around the country oftentimes don’t have the resources to grow mental health units,” says Crow. “So the funds can lower the barriers of entry and allow some of these smaller departments to implement the programs.”

The bill still needs to pass through the Senate for the grants to be allocated. “I think there’s bipartisan support in the Senate for the bill, as there was in the House,” says Crow. “We’ll need more bipartisan support in the Senate because of the filibuster. But I hope that between the election and the new Congress we can push this through because it’s an important bill, the country wants it, and our communities deserve it.”

Front Porch Moves Forward Under Founding Publishers

Upon exploration of the legal and contractual aspects of moving *Front Porch* under the umbrella of the Foundation for Sustainable Urban Communities, a mutual decision was reached that it’s best for *Front Porch* to remain independently owned by publishers Carol Roberts and Steve Larson. With *Front Porch*’s experienced

staff now carrying out the day-to-day operations and production of the monthly paper, Carol and Steve are partially retired and remain connected to the NE Denver community. We encourage readers to reach out to *Front Porch* staff to share ideas for stories and concerns you’d like to see addressed in the paper.



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New Denver Police Chief Thomas’ Goals Include Expansion of STAR Program

Ron Thomas was sworn in as the new Denver Police Chief on October 18. The 56-year-old Thomas, who is a life-long Denver resident, has worked with DPD for the past 33 years and is a former commander of Northeast Denver’s District 5 unit. Thomas spoke to *Front Porch* about the goals he’d like to achieve as the new Police Chief and the strategies he’d like to implement to reduce crime rates.

“It’s important to reduce crime because the rates have continued to increase over the last couple of years,” says Chief Thomas. “We especially need to see reductions in homicides and non-fatal shootings because those have the greatest impact on people. Every life is valuable, and we need to do a better job of getting guns off the streets. Then we’re also among the worst cities for auto theft, and that’s more than just a property crime. It’s life-altering because it stops people from being able to get to work, provide for their families, and live their lives.”

The STAR program is high on his list of programs he’d like expanded. “I think using mental health responders is a fantastic idea, so I’m very supportive of STAR and the expansion of STAR,” says Thomas. “Our 911 Center does a great job of identifying those particular calls that don’t need a uniformed law enforcement response because it’s just somebody in crisis. Whether it’s an alcohol-related crisis, a drug addiction-related crisis, or even an adult having a mental health challenge, it’s great to get experts there who can address the acute issue.”

Community relations is also crucial for Chief Thomas. Some residents harbor resentment towards the police due to the many national episodes of officers targeting minority groups and using excessive force. As a result, Thomas is determined to help officers regain the trust of minorities and improve their relationships with communities.

“Residents are often the experts on what is happening and what can be improved in their neighborhoods, so collaborating with them is key,” says Thomas. “But we also have to show our legitimacy because we’re seen by some communities as a force that doesn’t work for them and that may work against them. So through sit-downs and collaborations we need to make sure they understand that we’re not just here to support suburban neighborhoods. We’re also here to support inner city neighborhoods that for a long time have been under-served.”

A new training program can help improve community relations by preventing police brutality. “Every officer is

going through an Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement training program so they can learn how to intervene when an officer is out of bounds,” says Chief Thomas. “Law enforcement is a culture where you keep everything inside. So we need to develop a new culture of recognizing beforehand when a partner is having issues or is at the end of his rope, and we want officers to know that the department has resources that can help when they are having those issues.”

Chief Thomas also praises another training program that can reduce the crime rates in the city and maximize the performance levels of his department. “We’ve identified a national best practice model for de-escalation,” says Thomas. “The program enhances the skill and ability to de-escalate any kind of situation, since using this concept we have seen a significant reduction in criminal incidents and use-of-force, and so it’s a win-win situation for our communities.”

Finally, Thomas plans to work more collaboratively with other municipal partners. “Network investigations utilizes partnerships with other city agencies, including the Departments of Transportation and Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development & Opportunity, and Children’s Affairs. These partnerships help reduce crime by addressing deeper problems relating to bad environments or lack of resources.”



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Denver Police Chief Ron Thomas addressed the residents at the Montbello Recreation Center on Sept 1, just one day after being nominated.

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The Denver Film Festival is here, and this year's lineup is a great one. The best news: the in-person shows, the filmmaker and star visits, and the parties are back this year. The festival runs from November 2–13, and you can find the entire program and ticket information on its website: www.denverfilm.org/denverfilmfestival/dff45.

I preview several of the films, and while I can't give full reviews ahead of the screenings, I have seen most of the films here. Get your tickets soon, and I hope to see you there! Note: All screenings below are at the AMC 9+ CO 10 unless otherwise specified.

Klondike (Ukraine—2022)

Set during the Russian invasion of the Donetsk region in 2014, a couple (Irka and Tolik) refuse to leave as their house is (literally) being blown away and as chaos surrounds them: a plane crashes nearby strewn bodies around the landscape; news crews and families descend on the area; the brutal Russian invaders search for Ukrainian fighters hiding in the re-

gion; and Irka is about to give birth at any moment. Irka's brother then arrives, trying to enlist Tolik to fight for Ukraine—Tolik resists, but we are unsure of his allegiance. Unspeakable horrors surround, yet all Irka wishes for is to have her baby in relative peace. This is a powerful, important, and timely film that speaks to the Ukrainian fight against the Russians, the powerful and fierce will of the people, and how women and mothers are overlooked,



Klondike

abused, and forgotten in the mud of war. It takes on extrapolated urgency as this current phase of the ugly Russian slaughter ensues.

A personal note: I see

hundreds of films per year, and my job is to stay objective so I can relate reviews that are unclouded by personal feelings. I shatter that now: this is a wonderful, disturbing, devastating, and excruciatingly honest and difficult film. It blew me away the first time I saw it. I'm sure the film will have a similar effect on you, and I urge you to see it at the festival.

Monday, Nov. 7 at 7pm and Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 5pm.

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Alcarràs (Spain, Italy—2022)

A family in the Catalan region of Spain refuses to give up their peach farm when the landowner wishes to convert it into a solar farm. The family, portrayed by all non-professional actors in remarkable performances, attempts to hang on until the last moment. This is a touching and endearing film with everything we want: humor, tenderness, familial strife, grittiness, and love. The struggle of progress plays out as we see the issue from several sides. The subjects are complicated, but the emotions and the visuals are raw and real and decisive. Directed by Carla Simón, it won the Golden Bear (top prize) at the Berlin Film Festival earlier this year. It is another gem that you may never get another chance to see on the big screen.

Sunday, Nov. 6 at 6:45pm and Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30pm.

The Cave of Adullam (US—2022)

"When I started *The Cave*, I thought black boys needed discipline," says Jason Wilson, the subject of *The Cave of Adullam*. "I realized quickly they didn't need more discipline; they needed more love." Such is the *ethos* of the dojo that Wilson runs in Detroit, documented by Laura Checkoway in this wonderful and touching film. The boys find solace and mental rejuvenation while also finding themselves and their place in the world.

The title of the film is fascinating: it is a reference to the Old Testament and a place where King David was lying in wait instead of fighting King Saul, which David believed was unethical. God finally rewarded

David and he became king. The reference thus refers to a place where the disaffected may work out some personal distress before returning a better person. In other words, it is a place of mental healing. The boys of this film will hopefully do such a thing after their time in the cave. At the very least, we are rooting for them.

Friday, Nov. 11 at 4pm and Saturday, Nov. 12 at 6:15pm

Lakota Nation vs. The United States (US—2022)

Some may know the general outline of the story/history: how Americans pushed the Lakota off their land, immediately reneged on treaties with them, and tried to exterminate them. But few may know the extent of the actual events and atrocities inflicted upon the once proud people of the plains. Many of these events remain hidden in our history: for example, days after the Emancipation Proclamation, President Lincoln ordered the execution (by hanging) of 38 men because of their actions in the "Dakota Uprising." It was the largest legal execution in American history. Why? Because they were fighting for their land. And honor.

This is no history lesson, however, and it is not a simple presentation of facts. The documentary is vivid and dynamic, and the narration is suffused with beautiful poetry that rises above the sordid history. The film is a work of art, one that attempts to make us feel the pain of American actions and the blithe venality of those on the long end of the stick. Throw away the history books. Watch this.

Saturday, Nov. 12 at 2:30pm and Sunday, Nov. 13 at 1pm.



Holy Spider

Holy Spider (2022—Denmark)

Another story that certain nations do not want us to hear, and another story about mass murder (I know, I know, but just walk through your day for some comedy). As the Denver Film Society notes: "Inspired by true events, a female journalist travels to the Iranian holy city of Mashhad to investigate a serial killer targeting sex workers. As she draws closer to exposing his crimes, the opportunity for justice grows harder to attain when the murderer is embraced by many as a hero." This is the only film of the group I have not screened, but one that I have been anticipating as it tops many lists for best international feature. I will sit alongside you for this one.

Friday, Nov. 4 at 6:30pm and Saturday, Nov. 5 at 6:15pm.

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11/1 & 11/2—Día de los Muertos. Celebrate our community's rich diversity and unique cultural traditions. Stanley Marketplace, 2501 N. Dallas St., Aurora. stanleymarketplace.com

11/4 to 11/6—Urban Holiday Market. 11am–6pm. Skyline Park, 1100 16th St. Mall. coloradoevents.net

11/4 to 11/6—Junior League Mile High Holiday Mart. Gates Field House, Univ. of Denver, 2201 E. Asbury Ave. \$10, kids 12 and under free. 1–4pm. JLD.org

11/5 Saturday—Día de los Muertos. Celebrate with altars, entertainment, related events, and programs. 9am–3pm. 1007 York St. Tickets at botanicgardens.org

11/5 Saturday—The Urban Farm's Fall Harvest Dinner. Tickets go on sale 10/1. Dishes will feature seasonal and local food. 10200 Smith Rd. theurbanfarm.org

11/11 to 12/23—The Polar Express™ Train Ride. Take a Magical Journey and Re-Kindle the Christmas Spirit. Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. coloradorailroadmuseum.org/ Polar-Express

11/17 to 12/24—Cherry Creek North Winter Wander-land. Shops. Lights. Bites. Cherry Creek North, 2401 E. 2nd Ave, CherryCreekNorth.com

11/18 Friday—Winter Wel-come. 5–8pm. Fire pits, s'mores, food trucks and more. Many events require tickets for sale at the MCA ticket booth. 29th Ave Town Center, Central Park. mca80238.com

11/18 to 11/20—36th Annual Holiday Food & Gift Festi-val. Hundreds of local artisans and vendors. Meet Santa Claus. National Western Complex. hfgf.com

11/18 to 12/23—Denver Christkindl Market. Authentic German holiday experience. Civic Center Park, 101 West 14th Ave. christkindlmarketdenver.com

11/18 to 12/24—A Christmas Carol. Denver's beloved holiday tradition returns. Wolf Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

11/18 to 1/7/23—Blossoms of Light. A dazzling and ever-changing display of light and color. Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York St. botanicgardens.org

11/19 & 11/20—Sugar Plum Bazaar. A makers market featuring about 100 vendors from multiple states. The Stockyard Event Center at The National Western Center. sugarplumbazaar.com

11/19 & 11/20—Firefly Handmade Holiday Market. 80+ creatively curated artisans. Outdoor music, drinks and food. Old South Gaylord St., Wash. Park. fireflyhandmade.com

11/24 Thursday—49th Annual Mile High United Way Turkey Trot. Washington Park. Register to run or volunteer at unitedwaydenver.org/turkey-trot

11/24 Thursday—8th Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot. Family friendly. Featuring professionally timed 5K runs. Central Park, 8801 M.L.K. Jr Blvd. harvestinghope.enmotiveto.com

11/26 to 12/24—Colorado Ballet Presents The Nut-cracker. The holiday spirit leaps to life in this treasured family tradition. 1385 Curtis St. coloradoballet.org

12/3 to 1/15/23—Zoo Lights. 60 acres of lights, entertainment, and treats. Denver Zoo, 2300 Steele St. denverzoo.org

12/6 Tuesday—City of Aurora Holiday Tree Lighting. 5–7pm. Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy. auroragov.org

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Saturdays—East Colfax Free Bookstore. 4–6pm. Located at Counterpath, 7935 E. 14th Ave. Take books or donate kids books.



Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

11/4 Friday—Be a Wildlife De-tective. 4–5pm at Sand Creek Park, 2700 N. Peoria St., Aurora. To register, email esmith@sandcreekgreenway.org

11/5 Saturday—Santa's Arrival Parade. Will begin off 48th Ave and make its way down Main Street. 4pm at The Shops at Northfield, shopsatnorthfield.com

11/5 Saturday—Family Nature Adventure Days. Featuring Generation Wild's "100 Things To Do Before You're 12" activities. 8:30am–12pm. 1255 E. MLK Jr Blvd. blufflake.org

11/5 & 11/6—NY Times Best-selling Author Jemar Tis-by Speaks about Becoming Anti-Racist. Saturday 9a–noon. Sunday 8:30a–noon. Free and open to the public. Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia St. montview.org

11/5 & 12/3—Bluff Lake Bird Walks. Saturdays: 2.5-hour walk at 8am or 2-hour walk at 8:30am. Free but must RSVP at blufflake.org/birdwatching

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11/9 Wednesday—Indigenous Film: "Living in Balance: Anishinaabe Star Knowledge". Free. 8pm. Presented in the Gates Planetarium. Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd. Register at dmns.org

11/10 Thursday—Active Minds presents: Iceland. Iceland's history and characteristics that make it unique among the countries of the world. 1–2pm, free. Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. activeminds.com

11/11 to 11/13—Park Hill Art Club Fall 2022 Show and Sale. 50 local artists exhibit original works. Fri. 4:30–8, Sat. 10–5, and Sun 9:30 to 4. Free admission. Park Hill United Methodist Church, 5209 Montview Blvd.

11/12 Saturday—DIY Paper Pie Garland. Create a pie garland made out of paper. For adults & teens. 10am–11:30pm, Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. Register at denverlibrary.org

11/12 Saturday—Cockpit Demo Day. Get an up close look inside select aircraft. 10am–2pm. SCFD Free day. 7711 East Academy Blvd. wingsmuseum.org

11/12 Saturday—Greenway Volunteer Event. Learn about volunteer opportunities, take a stroll and enjoy refreshments. 10am–12:30pm. Starts at the Smith Rd trailhead, 9450 E Smith Rd. sandcreekgreenway.org

11/19 Saturday—Elf Goat Yoga/Jolly Christmas Trees (trees thru 12/24). The Shops at Northfield, shopsatnorthfield.com

11/29 Thursday—5th Tuesday Concert - Jim Kurtz. 1:30–2:30pm. One-man-band with a musical repertoire spanning the '30s thru '90s. Schlessman Family Library, 100 Poplar St. denverlibrary.org

Through 1/29/23—Dali Alive. A fully immersive experience. Stanley Marketplace, 2501 N. Dallas St., Aurora. dalialive.com

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11/4 & 12/2—First Friday Art Walks. Art District on Santa Fe. 5:30–9:30pm. denver.org/things-to-do/denver-arts-culture/denver-art-districts

11/4 to 11/12—Denver Arts Week. Celebrating The Mile High City's arts and culture scene with hundreds of events around the city. More info at denver.org/denver-arts-week/

11/5 Saturday—Denver Veterans Day Parade & Festival. Parade Starts at 14th St & W Colfax Ave. 10am–2pm. denverveteransday.com

11/5 Saturday—Bunka No Hi: Japan's Culture Day. Celebrating Japanese culture. History Colorado, 1200 North Broadway. historycolorado.org

11/10 Thursday—Art & About Tours. Connect with an artist from our local Denver community. 1–2:30pm. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. To register email access@denverartmuseum.org

11/10 Thursday—Salon Series / Women & the Vote: 2022 Election Re-cap. Let's tally up and unpack the 2022 election results. Free. 7–8:30pm. Molly Brown House Museum, 1340 Pennsylvania St. Register at mollybrown.org

11/13 Sunday—Music in The Galleries—Annastézhaa. Enjoy live music as you wander the Clyfford Still Museum galleries with performances at 11am and 1pm. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

11/13 & 11/26—Demonstrating Artist: Angel Estrada. Designed for visitors with early-stage Alzheimer's or dementia and their care partners. 12–3pm. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. denverartmuseum.org

11/17 Thursday—Special Olympics Colorado Hall of Fame Luncheon. Presented by Smile Generation. specialolympicsco.org/event/halloffame. 650 15th St.

11/18 & 11/19—Kicker Monster Truck. Adrenaline-charged, family entertainment. National Western Complex. kickermonstertruck.com

11/22 Tuesday—Active Minds presents: Cryptocurrency. The evolution of cryptocurrency and the reasons that make this technology both compelling and concerning. 5–6pm, Free. Tattered Cover, 2526 E Colfax. activeminds.com

12/8 Thursday—Active Minds presents: Dinosaurs. Learn new discoveries that have changed the thinking about Dinosaurs. 1–2pm, Free. Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. activeminds.com

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Tuesday–Friday—Local Library Storytime. Mornings. Different age groupings and locations. Info at denverlibrary.org

Wednesdays—Mornings at the Museum. Ages 3–6, 10:30–11:15am. Free. New programs every week. Aurora History Museum, 15051 East Alameda Pkwy. Register at auroragov.org

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Wednesdays—Magic the Gathering Club. 4–5:30pm. Won't meet on 11/13. Ideal for ages 12–18. A teen-run magic club. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

11/11 thru 11/13—Winnie The Pooh. Stunning, life-sized puppetry in a beautifully crafted musical stage adaption produced by Disney. 2344 E Iliff Ave. newmancenterpresents.com

11/12 Saturday—Family Program: Making Music. 10:30am–12:30pm. Join us for family artmaking. Walk-ins welcome. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

11/16 & 11/19—Art Crawl: Little Land-scapes. 10:30–11:15am. For caregivers with infants–14 months. Registration required. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

11/17 Thursday—Kids Book Club. 4:30–5:30pm. Ideal ages 7–11. Discussing *Book Uncle* and *Me by Uma Krishnaswami*. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

11/20 Sunday—Family Volunteer Day. A great way to start off the holidays while benefiting your community and having fun. History Colorado, 1200 North Broadway. historycolorado.org

11/20 Sunday—Spanish Storytime at Tattered Cover Kids. 5pm. Stanley Marketplace, 2501 N. Dallas St., Aurora. stanleymarketplace.com

11/26 Saturday—IdeaLAB Sensory Friendly Maker Hours. A sensory-friendly environment for ages 5–17. 10am–11:30pm, Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. Register at denverlibrary.org

Through 12/18—Little Red, A New Musical. A charming, song-infused retelling of Little Red Riding Hood. Ideal for Pre-K–3rd grade. At the DCPA. denvercenter.org

MUSEUMS, ETC.

American Museum of Western Art. Advanced tickets required, admission is \$5. 1727 Tremont Pl. anschultzcollection.org

Aurora History Museum. Advanced reservation is required, admission is free. 15051 East Alameda Pkwy. auroragov.org

The Byers–Evans House Museum. Timed tickets required, History Colorado members are free. 1310 Bannock St. Tickets at historycolorado.org

The Children's Museum. By reservation only at mychildsismuseum.org

Clyfford Still Museum. SCFD Free Days Nov. 5 & Dec. 7. 10am to 5pm. Children ages 17 and under are always free. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

Denver Art Museum. SCFD Free Days Nov. 5 from 10am–10pm & Nov. 8 from 10am–9pm. Youth 18 & under always free. 100 W 14th Ave. Pkwy. denverartmuseum.org

Denver Botanic Gardens. Night at the Museums Free night, Nov. 5 at 5pm and SCFD Free Day Nov. 25. Tickets and member reservations required all other times. 1007 York St. botanicgardens.org

Denver Firefighters Museum. Hours: Tues–Sat, 10am–4pm. 1326 Tremont Pl. denverfirefightersmuseum.org

Denver Museum of Nature and Science. SCFD Free Day Dec. 5. Open till 9pm on Fridays. 2001 Colorado Blvd. Timed tickets required. dmns.org

Denver Zoo. SCFD Free Day Nov. 1. Reserve tickets at denverzoo.org. 2900 E 23rd Ave.

The Forney Museum of Transportation. Mon, Th–Sat, 10am–5pm; Sun, noon–5pm. 4303 Brighton Blvd. forneymuseum.org

Four Mile Historic Park. SCFD Free Day Nov. 20. Open Wed–Sun, 10am–4pm. 715 S. Forest St. fourmilepark.org

History Colorado. Free night Nov. 5. 5–1pm. 1200 Broadway. More info at historycolorado.org

Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Art. Tue–Sat, 11am–5pm; Sun 12–5pm. Ages 13+ welcome. 1201 Bannock St. kirklandmuseum.org

Molly Brown House Museum. Tue–Sun, 10am–4:30pm. 1340 Pennsylvania St. mollybrown.org

Museo de las Americas. Tue–Fri, noon–6pm. Sat, noon–5pm. Closed Mon & Sun. 861 Santa Fe Dr. museo.org

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver. Penny admission 1st Sat. of the month. 1485 Delgany St. mcadenver.org

National Ballpark Museum. 1940 Blake St. Check for days/hours at ballparkmuseum.com

The Urban Farm. Open to the public from 9am–1pm, Wed–Sat. 10200 Smith Rd. theurbanfarm.org

Wings Over the Rockies Museum. SCFD Free Day Nov. 12 - Cockpit demo day. 7711 East Academy Blvd. wingsmuseum.org



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1/2 to 11/20—The Crown – Live! A parody by Daniel Clarkson. Garner Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

11/4 to 11/6—Are We In Kansas, Yet? Join Aurora Dance Arts for our unique twist on the classic story of The Wizard of Oz. Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave. aurorafoxartscenter.org

11/4 to 12/11—Monty Python's Spamalot. A hilarious musical ripped from the film. Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St. vintagetheatre.org

11/5 to 12/10—Franklinland. A modern, comic take on the American Revolution. Curious Theatre, 1080 Acoma St. curioustheatre.org

Through 11/6—Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations. New, smash-hit Broadway musical that follows The Temptations' extraordinary journey. Ages 12+ Buell Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

Through 11/6—Much Ado About Nothing. A snappy, surprisingly timely meditation on gossip, gender roles, and the follies of romance. Kilström Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

11/6 to 12/10—Stories on Stage with Buntport Theater – "Modern Times." An irreverent take on the madness of modern life. At Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center, 721 Santa Fe Dr. storiesonstage.org

11/10 Thursday—Dancing Queen - A Tribute to ABBA with Rajaton. Experience an explosion of sheer grooviness with The Music of ABBA. Boettcher Hall. coloradosymphony.org

11/11 to 12/18—Dot. An unforgettable, holiday comedy. Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St. vintagetheatre.org

11/12 Saturday—Denver Philharmonic: Out of the Blue. No gray skies for me! Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman St. denverphilharmonic.org

11/13 Sunday—Searching: Stories from the Other Side. Immersive matinee concert experience. Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave. augustanaarts.org

11/15 to 11/27—My Fair Lady. The quintessential musical. Buell Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

11/19 to 12/17—Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberly. By Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon, directed by Linda Suttle. The John Hand Theater, 7653 E. 1st Pl. firehousetheatercompany.com

11/25 & 11/26—Home Alone in Concert. In concert live to the film. Boettcher Hall. coloradosymphony.org

11/25 to 12/18—The Jedi Handbook. Take a trip with us down memory lane to a time when everything was possible...even The Force. Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave. aurorafoxartscenter.org

11/26 to 12/11—Sisters in Law. The story of the relationship between Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg and how these two women changed the world. 2344 E Iliff Ave. newmancenterpresents.com

12/2 Friday—Miguel Espinoza Flamenco Fusion. Jazz, flamenco, Cuban and classical Indian music. 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Daniels Hall, 71 E. Yale Ave. swallowhillmusic.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Denver Public Schools. Numerous volunteer opportunities with our students and schools. equitydpsk12.org/get-involved/volunteer-services

Food For Thought Denver. Striving to eliminate childhood hunger by providing food for students and their families. Sign up to volunteer or donate at foodforthoughtdenver.org

Project Worthmore. Help bag and deliver fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, and household necessities to refugees. projectworthmore.org

Reach Out and Read Colorado. Help sort and pack gently-used children's books for underserved families. On the Clayton Early Learning Campus. Email info@reachoutandreadco.org for details.

Reading Volunteers needed to share reading with students in grades K–8 through. One hour a week. No experience necessary. Contact: PIL, 201 I | partnersinliteracy.org.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) For volunteer opportunities, email Cathy Law at claw@voacolorado.org

Ronald McDonald House Charities Volunteer. Go to ronaldhouse.org under "How You Can Help" for info.

Sand Creek Greenway Volunteer Opportunities. For more info go to sandcreekgreenway.org/upcoming-volunteer-opportunities

Single Volunteers of Greater Denver. Volunteer, not-for-profit singles group to meet others and assist nonprofit organizations for events/activities. svgd.org

Village Exchange Center A non-profit formed to serve immigrants and refugees in Aurora & Denver. villageexchangecenter.org

Volunteers of America Colorado Branch For volunteer opportunities go to voacolorado.org/volunteer-opportunities/

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THEATRE EDUCATION CLASSES AT THE DCP

...NE News Updates

By Brian Heuberger and Mary Jo Brooks

1 East High Black Box Production

The East High Theater Company has kicked off its season for the 2022-2023 school year. The first performance for students is in the small and intimate Black Box Theater, which doesn't have an elevated stage and instead integrates the seats of the audience with the actors on the floor. This is the first production in school history that was written by a student. Conrad Marr Branch is a senior who has performed with East High Theater since his freshman year. The play is a murder mystery called *Red Ink* and runs through the first week of November. Because tickets were selling out quickly, East High will stream the show virtually on November 4. The show starts at 7pm and you can get your streaming tickets for \$20 at <https://easttheatreco.org/something-rotten-tickets-virtual/>.



Photo courtesy of East High School
Conrad Branch was a semi-finalist and finalist in the Denver Center for the Performing Arts' Student Playwriting Competition.



2 Bistro Vendome Is Coming to Park Hill

After nearly 20 years in Larimer Square, the French restaurant Bistro Vendome will be moving to Park Hill, taking over the space from the recently-closed and much-loved Tables restaurant. The move was prompted because the building where Bistro Vendome was located is about to undergo a multi-year renovation.

John Imbergamo, spokesman for the restaurant, said the goal is to open in Park Hill by February 1, following

some minor remodeling. "Everyone is very excited to be a part of the neighborhood. We know we're moving from an area where much of the business is driven by the theater and symphony into an area where business will be driven more by neighbors wanting to get together."

He says the Crafted Concepts group, which owns Bistro Vendome, Rioja, Ultra, and Stoic & Genuine, had been looking for a space outside of downtown for a while. But when they saw the Park Hill location, they knew they found the perfect spot.

"Dustin and Amy [Barrett], who owned and ran Tables for 17 years, had established a really good restaurant that worked in the neighborhood, so it gave us the confidence to know that we could make it work too."

Imbergamo says the Bistro Vendome menu isn't likely to change much after it makes the move and that the hours will remain the same: open for dinner seven nights a week and for brunch on weekends.

3 Solana Apartments at Beeler Park

Located on the west side of Boston Court between 56th and 57th Avenues in Central Park, Solana at Beeler Park is a "wrap" building that surrounds an above-grade parking structure positioned in the center. The four-story building will offer 270 units and will begin leasing in the spring of 2023. Amenities will include a fitness center, conference room, private library, gaming lounge, bike and ski repair station, and a kitchen and bar event space. Outside, residents will have access to a swimming pool, shaded cabanas, landscaped courtyards, an outdoor recreation lawn, an enclosed dog park, and entertaining areas with outdoor grills. The building is owned by Reynlenn Properties.



Solana Apartments at Beeler Park

State Update

Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site Expands

On October 5, the Department of the Interior announced the expansion of the Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site. Located in southeastern Colorado, Sand Creek is the site of one of the most atrocious massacres of Native tribes in our nation's history. On November 29, 1864, U.S. soldiers launched an unprovoked seven-hour attack on over 700 Native people from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes residing in the encampment. More than half of the 230 people killed were women and children. It was designated as a historic site in 2007 to preserve the location of the massacre and to display interpretive signs about the attack. The additional land was acquired with money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The deal will add 3,478 acres to the Sand Creek site, with an expansion that will more than double its size to encompass over 6,500 acres of shortgrass prairie.



Photo courtesy of Shamon Vojcik
Otto Braided Hair (Northern Cheyenne) presents Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera with a Pendleton blanket. Senators Michael Bennet (far left) and John Hickenlooper (left) were also in attendance.

NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

MASTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 2022

2022 ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING AND DELEGATE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING and DELEGATE ELECTION for THE MASTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "MCA") will be held on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022, AT 6:30 PM, at The Cube, located at 8371 E Northfield Blvd. Members can also join and observe virtually via www.mca80238.com.

The MCA is a 501(c) 4 community development organization whose mission is to manage the neighborhood through comprehensive programs, events, and facilities maintenance. All owners of real property located within the development boundaries are automatically Members of the MCA consistent with Article 33.3 Colorado Common Interest Act and support its mission through monthly assessments levied to all property within the neighborhood boundaries.

A meeting notice and Delegate ballot will be mailed to Members directly. Consistent with MCA by-laws, Members are required to elect ELEVEN (11) community Members to serve as District Delegates for the consecutive year. Delegate responsibilities include ratifying the MCA's 2024 annual budget and electing all open Executive Board seats.

A "Delegate" is defined in the Community Declaration as the natural person selected by Members within a Delegate District to represent such Delegate District and to cast votes on behalf of Members within such Delegate District.

The purpose of the Delegates is to consider proposed community operational budgets. The "CCIOA budget" process allows for a veto, by current Delegates, of a proposed budget adopted by the Executive Board, as provided for in the Community Declaration. In the event any proposed budget is rejected, the budget last ratified is continued until such time as a subsequent budget proposed by the Executive Board is ratified.

Nominating a Delegate: Any Member can nominate themselves or another Member up to the Annual Members' Meeting. Any Member wishing to "Challenge" their sitting Delegate prior to the annual meeting notice should submit a completed nomination form no later than November 9th. Any seat that has more than one nomination at the printing of the annual meeting notice will be listed as "Contested" and all the voting for that seat will occur at the Annual Members' Meeting. If a quorum of the district is not present at the Annual Members' Meeting, then voting will continue until the following Delegate meeting scheduled.



Join us as we flip the switch on our holiday lights at the 29th Ave Town Center on Friday, November 18th. There will be live performances, Dickens carolers, vendors selling goodies and a Winter Welcome bar! Vendors will start selling their goods at 5pm and the tree lighting ceremony will start at 6pm.

Additionally, there will also be Girl Scouts selling s'mores, MCA partners giving away special treats and pictures with Santa.

*We will close 29th Avenue from Quebec to Roslyn Street at 8am to set up for the event. Booths will be set up along the street and fountain area around the tree.

ACTIVE MINDS: Iceland

Thursday, November 10th, 1-2pm. Sam Gary Library

After many years of strong economic growth, Iceland's banking system collapsed in 2008 resulting in a severe economic depression. Today the economy is growing again and Iceland has become a popular tourist destination. Join Active Minds as we review Iceland's history and explore some of the characteristics of the country that make it unique among the countries of the world.

ACTIVE MINDS: Buddhism

Thursday, November 17th, 6:30-7:30pm, Online

Join Active Minds for an objective review of the current initiatives and referendum on the Colorado statewide ballot this fall. We will review each proposal, presenting the arguments on both sides. We will also review the referendum and initiative process in Colorado, including its history, pros and cons, and significant legislation that has resulted from this process in the past.

Join the Active Minds webinars by visiting https://www.activeminds.com/events_denver.html

BE IN THE KNOW BEFORE IT SNOWS

There are several entities who take on snow removal responsibilities on a regular basis from the City & County of Denver down to individual property owners. The system works when everyone does their part. Snow should be addressed within 24 hours of the completion of the snow event under normal circumstances. Major blizzards can extend the time it takes to address snow community wide for all involved.

For more details on snow removal in the community please visit <https://bit.ly/mcasnow>.

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Northeast Denver Community News

This page is for area nonprofits and community organizations to post events, activities or other information.

CENTRAL PARK UNITED NEIGHBORS

Central Park United Neighbors (CPUN) is the registered neighborhood organization for the Central Park community. Our mission is to work for the betterment of Central Park by providing a forum for residents to discuss and resolve issues, a network of communication, and a means of acting on matters of importance to the community as a whole. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our community. CPUN is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization led by an all-volunteer board of directors, elected to serve by our neighbors. Learn more at www.centralparkunitedneighbors.com

Join the CPUN email list for community news & deals from local businesses. CPUN issues a twice-monthly email that features news and info. about opportunities to get involved in your community. Our emails also include deals offered by restaurants & other local businesses. Sign up at www.centralparkunitedneighbors.com/join.



OVERALL, CENTRAL PARK REMAINS ONE OF DENVER'S SAFEST NEIGHBORHOODS BUT HAS A GROWING PROBLEM WITH AUTO THEFTS & THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

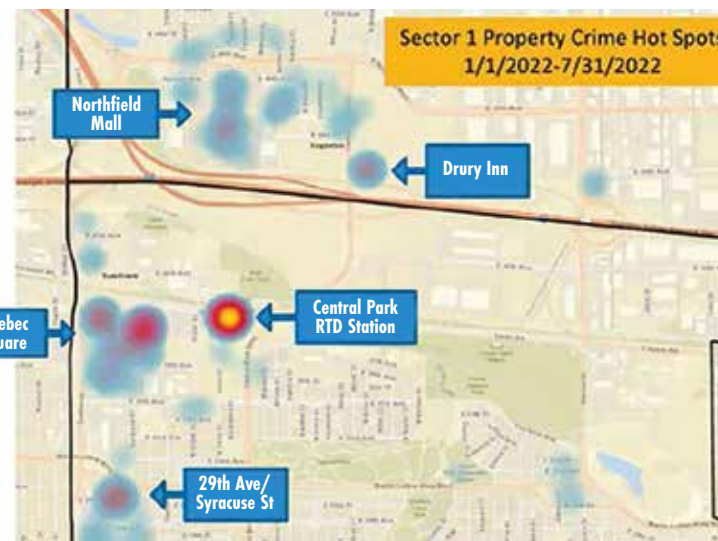
CPUN has heard concerns from many Central Park residents about rising crime in the neighborhood. So we asked the Denver Police Department to detail crime rates in Central Park over time as well as relative to the rest of the city. Our goal was to provide data-driven context for concerns about crime so that residents can engage on this important issue with a complete set of information. CPUN thanks DPD and District 5's Lt. Kevin Hines for the efforts made to accommodate our request.

You can watch the full presentation on CPUN's YouTube channel. Find the video titled, "CPUN Monthly Meeting August 16, 2022" and skip to the 35:30 minute mark. For a copy of the presentation deck, please email centralparkunitedneighbors@gmail.com.

Key Findings

In general, Central Park remains one of Denver's safest neighborhoods. Overall rates of violent crime, for example, are lower than surrounding areas and the city at large. And incidents of violent crime in Central Park from January through July 2022 are down over the same period in 2021. The exception to this is an increase (by eleven reported incidents) in robberies, 38% of which are aggravated shoplifts.

However, Central Park has a growing problem with auto thefts and thefts from motor vehicles. These crimes are being reported at higher rates than surrounding neighborhoods and are increasing at a substantially higher rate than the city at-large. Property crimes, generally, are disproportionately occurring in select locations, specifically the RTD Station and Quebec Square.



	CP			City		
	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2022	%	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2022	%
Murder	4	3	-25%	50	59	18%
Rape	11	7	-36%	369	371	1%
Robbery	26	37	42%	720	762	6%
Aggravated Assault	92	72	-22%	2641	2947	12%
Burglary	188	109	-42%	3501	2679	-23%
Larceny	495	541	9%	6025	5996	0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	330	445	35%	7991	8665	8%
Auto Theft	348	584	68%	7139	8861	24%
Arson	3	2	-33%	96	92	-4%

DPD offers multiple ways to engage on this topic, including a public, interactive map of crime data as well as a sponsored neighborhood watch program. Learn more at the DPD webpage at denvergov.org.

CPUN's Health and Safety Committee meets monthly. If you are interested in engaging on this topic with fellow residents, we encourage you to contact centralparkunitedneighbors@gmail.com for meeting details.



LEARN ABOUT LOCAL WILD ANIMALS AND VOLUNTEERING!

Become a wildlife detective! Join the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership to piece together the daily activities of wild animals along the Sand Creek Greenway. Learn about local wildlife and the tracks, scat and other signs they leave behind.

Date: Nov. 4th. Time: 4-5pm at Sand Creek Park (2700 N. Peoria St. Aurora, CO)
To register e-mail esmith@sandcreekgreenway.org.

Have you volunteered for the Greenway or are interested in learning how you can get involved? Join us for a volunteer appreciation and info. event. We will start with a stroll on the Greenway, followed by food, drink and awards. We hope to see you there!

Date: Sat., Nov. 12. Time: 10am-12:30pm.
The event will start at the Smith Road Trailhead (9450 E. Smith Rd. Denver, CO) followed by celebrations at the SCRGP office (7350 E. 29th Ave. Ste 300 Denver, CO).



Central Park Business Association

The CPBA provides opportunities for connection and collaboration among local businesses in the Central Park community that we call home.

4 recurring events each month:

- 1st Thursday: CPBA Happy Hour
- 2nd Wednesday: CPBA Breakfast
- 3rd Tuesday: CPBA Meeting at The Cube
- 4th Friday: CPBA Women in Business Lunch

Visit centralparkbusiness.com for more details.



THE URBAN FARM FALL HARVEST DINNER - NOV. 5TH

TUF will collaborate with SAME Cafe to craft a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients sourced from our own fields. Dishes will feature seasonal and local food, all

enjoyed steps from where the seeds were first planted (or eggs laid). Tickets go on sale Oct. 1 at www.theurbanfarm.org, 10200 Smith Road, 720-414-6141.



"MONTBELLO CONNECTOR" RIDE-SHARE PILOT EXTENDED TWO MORE YEARS AND EXPANDING TO GATEWAY!

The service is also slated to launch in Globeville and Elyria Swansea in mid-November 2022. All rides in the Montbello service area are currently free and available weekdays from 6am-8pm. Riders should download the Denver Connector mobile app to request rides using their smartphone or call (720) 868-0560 to request rides in English and Spanish.



BLUFF LAKE NATURE CENTER IS SEEKING EDUCATION MANAGER

The Education Manager is a full-time position that oversees all aspects of BLNC Education programs, including curriculum design and review, program development, marketing, scheduling and school and partner organization partnerships. The Education Manager is responsible for supervising education staff, AmeriCorps educators, interns and volunteers, as well as overseeing the program budget and reporting on all program measures including assessment results and attendance.

Job description is available at <https://www.blufflake.org/about/employment1> How to Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to Rachel Hutchens, BLNC Executive Director, at rachel@blufflake.org.