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From the LoDo District Office

LoDo Limelights a Huge Success - Thanks to Our Members & Supporters!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the LoDo Annual Meeting & *Limelight Awards*, was held this past Wednesday at the historic Ellie Caulkins Opera House. It was a great success thanks to all of our members, donors, volunteers, and friends. With excellent food and service from **Kevin Taylor Catering & Centerplate**, a great silent auction, insightful words from **Mayor John Hickenlooper** and **Dana Crawford**, memorable awards, *and* the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Lower Downtown Historic District, it was truly a special evening. For those of you who missed it, be sure to mark your calendars for next year!

LoDown Hiatus and Editor Change

The *LoDown* is going into a temporary hiatus until a new editor takes it over. Please continue to follow the same submission process, and have patience until the publication schedule resumes. Thanks!

Contact Us

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When the *LoDown on LoDo* debuted in fall of 2005, it was a LoDo District Members-Only publication. Last June, we opened up subscription ability to the public at large and since that time our distribution has grown by over **57%**! . With new subscribers from not just Denver, but all over the country joining every week, our readership rate is consistently high, we have more submissions than we can even use, and reader feedback consistently improves the quality of content.

Member Login

Still Looking for More?

Colorado Rockies & Coors Field

Pepsi Center & City Lights Pavilion

Elitich Gardens

Children's Museum of Denver

Colorado Ballet

Denver Art Museum

Denver Botanic

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Community Concerns/Issues

DNC Transportation Hospitality Training

Tuesdays, March 18th & 25th - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Doubletree Hotel - 3203 Quebec Street

Drivers and others in the transportation field are invited to a Free educational opportunity as part of the DMCVB's 'Go the Extra Mile' Hospitality Campaign for the DNC. Participants will learn key facts about Denver, new attractions and upcoming conventions, resources for visitors, and the strategy for helping front line staff 'Go the Extra Mile'. There will also be good snacks and fun prizes!

For more information or to register, call Robyn Carnes at 303.571.9436 or e-mail rcarnes@denver.org.

RTD North Metro Corridor EIS Public Meetings

Wednesday, March 19th - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Adams 12 Conference Center - 1500 E. 128th Ave

Thursday, March 20th - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Bruce Randolph Middle School - 3955 Steele Street

The North Metro Corridor Project invites the public to discuss future transportation opportunities in the corridor. The team will present an update on the NMC DEIS and the potential effects of the Union Pacific Railroad negotiations. All four FasTracks commuter rail corridors will pursue refinements to the project alternatives that originally included UP properties.

For more information, visit the [FasTracks North Metro Corridor Website](#)

DRCOG Public Hearing on the RTD 2007 Annual Report on FasTracks

Wednesday, March 19th - 6:30 pm - 1290 Broadway - 1st Floor

The Denver Regional Council of Governments' Board of Directors wants to hear public comment on RTD's 2007 Annual Report on FasTracks.

Gardens

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Denver Zoo

Opera Colorado

State statute charges DRCOG with approving plans for a regional fixed-guideway mass transit system. DRCOG will review the changes since the 2006 report, assess their significance, and take appropriate action. The report can be viewed and comments posted online.

For more information, visit [DRCOG's Website](#)

"Good Neighbor" Agreements with Liquor License Establishments - Public Forum

Thursday, March 20th - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Coors Field - Clubhouse - 20th Street at Wazee terminus

Councilmembers Judy Montero, Carla Madison, and Jeannie Robb invite the community to a forum to discuss the efficacy of neighborhood agreements in working with liquor license establishments. Discussion topics also include potential changes to current liquor license policies and how good neighbor agreements can work to benefit neighbors. Presenters include Awilda Marquez, Director of Excise & Licenses, DPD District 6 Commander Deborah Dilley, Donna Starr-Gimeno with Nuisance Abatement, and David Cole and Jim McCotter, Co-Chairs of LoDo's Good Neighbor Committee.

For more information, call the District 9 Office at 303.458.8960.

Be a Downtown Denver Volunteer Ambassador During the DNC

Applications Due by Friday, March 21st

Are you downtown-savvy and looking for a way to be involved in the excitement of the 2008 Democratic National Convention? Consider volunteering as a Downtown Denver Ambassador! The Downtown Denver Partnership is looking for about 200 volunteers to welcome delegates, media, and other visitors during the DNC. Ambassadors will be strategically placed throughout Downtown and shifts will typically be in two-hour increments between 7:30 am-10:00 pm from August 24th-28th.

For more information or to volunteer, e-mail your name, e-mail address, and telephone number to info@downtowndenver.com

Photo Red Light is Coming to Denver Operations Expected to Begin in Late May or Early June

Denver will be implementing a Photo Red Light Traffic Enforcement Program. This high tech

digital photo and video program is intended to reduce the number of side impact collisions in intersections. In 2003, 9,213 Americans died as a result of an intersection-related crash--a rate of more than one person per hour. A pilot program will begin this spring, with cameras at four intersections:

6th Avenue & Lincoln
8th Avenue & Speer
6th Avenue & Kalamath
36th Avenue & Quebec

Once the cameras are installed, there will be a 30-day warning period for violations, after which time red-light runners will receive a ticket via mail.

For more information, call the Denver Police Department at 720.913.6534

Street & Sidewalk Closures

Delgany - 15th to 16th - Thru October 2009 -

Road closure, sidewalk closure -

(Kennedy/Trammell Crow Project)

Wynkoop - Pedestrian Bridge to 15th - Thru

March 2009 - Parking lane (1401 Wewatta

Project)

Wynkoop - 14th to 15th - Thru July 2008 -

Parking and partial sidewalk closures (1515

Wynkoop Project)

Blake - 15th to 17th - Thru April 2008 -

Single right lane, meters, and partial sidewalk closures

(Sugar3 Project)

Blake to Market - 21st to 22nd - Through May

19th - Flying Tables - (Broadstone Loft Project)

Larimer to Lawrence - 18th to 19th - Through

October 2009 - Sidewalk & parking lane closure

(1800 Larimer Project)

For more information, call the Denver Public

Works Department at 720.865.8714.

[Visit the City & County of Denver Website](#)

Neighborhood Connections

DMCVB March After Hours at Buenos Aires Grill

**Wednesday, March 19th - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm -
2191 Arapahoe Street**

The Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau invites you to an evening of networking and Argentine fare. Cost: \$10/person - cash or check only; RSVPs requested.

For more information or to RSVP, call 303.571.9473 or e-mail membership@denver.org

DDRO 5:20 Club at Le Rouge

Wednesday, March 19th - 5:20 pm - 1448

Market Street

Join the Downtown Denver Residents Organization at its next gathering, this time at Le Rouge. Cost: free for DDRO members; \$10 for non-members.

For more information, visit [DDRO's Website](#)

DDP Membership Forum - The Sustainability Megatrend

Thursday, March 20th - 7:30 am - 9:00 am -

Adams Mark Hotel - 1550 Court Place

The Downtown Denver Partnership invites you to its next forum: The Sustainability Megatrend-Conscious Capitalism with Patricia Aburdene. Economics and ecology...discover the synergies between the two during this illuminating lecture by world-renowned social forecaster Patricia Aburdene. Cost: free for DDP members; \$25 for non-members.

For more information or to register, visit [DDP's Forum Website](#)

Save the Date: Wazee Street Becomes Jack Weil Way

Tuesday, April 1st - 12:45 pm - 17th & Wazee

Rockmount patriarch and oldest living CEO in America **Jack A. Weil** will celebrate his **107th** (yes, 107th!) Birthday on April 1st. Join Papa Jack and Mayor Hickenlooper for the annual honorary renaming of Wazee Street to Jack A. Weil Way in honor of this amazing occasion. *(Three generations of the Weil Family, including Papa Jack, graced the Limelight Awards this year and we were so pleased to play host!)*

For more information, Steve Weil at steve@rockmount.com

LoDo Doings

20th Anniversary of the Runnin' o' the Green

Sunday, March 16th - 10:15 am - Race Begins at 17th & Wazee

Join in the fun at the 20th Annual *Runnin' of the Green* Lucky 7K in LoDo. The run/walk will be an entertaining urban course through the streets of LoDo, along side the Platte Valley, and conclude at McCormick's Fish House and Bar.

Following the race will be an unforgettable block party, including live music and traditional Irish food. Plus, all proceeds benefit Volunteers of America.

For more information, visit the [VOA's Website](#)

St. Paddy's Celebration at Fadó

Monday, March 17th - The Party Starts at 6:00 am - Cost: \$10 at the gate

Fadó Irish Pub is *the* place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in LoDo. With a huge heated tent, an outdoor beer garden, and lots of live music, you can celebrate non-stop all day. Musical acts include:

Bohda - 12:00-1:00 pm

The Clancys - 1:00-3:00 pm

The Indulgents - 4:00-5:30 pm

Pocheen Folk Band - 5:30-6:45 pm

The Indulgents - 7:00-8:45 pm

Under a Blood Red Sky - 9:00-11:00 pm

The Reed School of Dance, St. Brenden's Dance, and the Bagpipe Marching Band will be performing between 1:00 pm and 6:45 pm.

For more information, call 303.297.0066 or visit [Fadó's Website](#)

St. Patrick's Day Holiday Play at the Children's Museum

Monday, March 17th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Be on the lookout for leprechauns at the Children's Museum this St. Paddy's Day. Hear tales from the Emerald Isle, make rainbow mobiles that lead to great fortune, press four-leaf clovers bursting with luck, and more!

The Children's Museum of Denver | 2121 Children's Museum Drive

For more information and the complete calendar of events, call 303.433.7444 or visit the [Children's Museum Website](#)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Little Soul Music at Lannie's

Monday, March 17th - Tad Robinson - 8:00 pm

Four-time Blues Music Award Nominee, Tad Robinson, and his amazing blues band are going to tear the place *up* for a rousing St. Pat's celebration and a real-deal, blue-eyed soul show! Don't miss this rare Colorado performance. Tickets: \$20/person.

Lannie's Clocktower Cabaret | D&F Tower - On the 16th Street Mall

For more information, tickets, and the complete calendar, visit [Lannie's Website](#)

Yoga Boot Camp and Sphereal at The Oxford Club

The Oxford Club is excited to announce two new offerings. **Sphereal**, a six-stage guided meditation process combined with live music to welcome spring, will take place on March 21st. Sphere refers to the energetic presence of the participants that merges to form a collective sphere, while Real is the essence of reality that emerges from the transcendent experience of meditation. Then, on March 31st, the Oxford Club's new yoga program begins: **Yoga Boot Camp** will offer participants the opportunity to gain tone, increased core and cardio-vascular strength, and a huge sense of accomplishment. The Oxford Club | 1616 17th Street
For more information, call 303.628.5435.

Author Events & Happenings at Tattered Cover

Tuesday, March 18th - 7:30 pm - *Trespass: Living at the Edge of the Promised Land* - Amy Irvine - Wilderness activist, apostate Mormon, and formerly nationally ranked competitive rock climber - Discussion & Booksigning

Wednesday, March 19th - 7:30 pm - *The Bill McKibben Reader: Pieces from an Active Life & Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future* - Bill McKibben - Reading & Booksigning

Tuesday, March 25th - 7:30 pm - *I Don't Believe in Atheists* - Chris Hedges - Reading & Booksigning

Wednesday, March 26th - 7:30 pm - *Under the Eagle's Wing: A National Security Strategy of the United States for 2009* - Former U.S. Senator Gary Hart - Discussion & Booksigning

Saturday, March 29th - 2:00 pm - *Closing the Food Gap: Resetting the Table in the Land of Plenty* - Rocky Mountain Land Series Presentation & Booksigning with Mark Winne - Reading & Booksigning

Tattered Cover Book Store - LoDo | 1628 16th Street

For more information and the complete calendar, call 303.436.1070 or visit the [Tattered Cover's](#)

Website

LoDo Events Calendar

LoDo Deals & Shopping

Spring Clearance Sale at Bouquets!

March 15th - March 31st

Outfit your home for spring with fresh flowers and a few new touches from Bouquets. When you stop in for an arrangement or a plant, be sure to check out the home accessories, which will be on sale up to **70% OFF** list price during this clearance sale.

Bouquets | 1252 15th Street

For more information, call 303.333.5500 or visit [Bouquets' Website](#)

March Madness at the Hyatt Regency Denver

During the NCAA Tournament, the Hyatt Regency has you covered with some of the lowest rates in town, plus guests will receive a \$20 dining credit to be used in any of the hotel's convenient venues. The Hyatt is only minutes away from the Pepsi Center, and the Strata Bar offers one of the city's greatest views for pre- and post-game festivities! Be sure to specify offer code **G-MMAD** in the Group/Corporate field on the website.

Hyatt Regency Denver | 650 15th Street

For more information or reservations, visit the [Hyatt Regency Denver's Website](#)

Check Out the Latest LoDo Deals List

Fun, Food, & Wine

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the Month of Green at McCormick's

Come do an Irish jig and party with people in green in celebration of St Patrick's Day and the month of March at McCormick's in LoDo. In honor of the occasion, Wazee Street has been renamed Tooley Street for the week.

McCormick's will open at 7:00 am on March 17th, with a special Irish lunch menu featuring such treats as Baked Finnian Haddie, Lamb Stew, and Bread Pudding.

McCormick's Fish House & Bar | 17th & Tooley Street (Wazee)

For more information or reservations, call 303.825.1107.

What's Cookin' at Cook Street

Tuesday, March 18th - 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm -

Wines of Bordeaux & the Loire Valley -

\$59/person

Friday, March 21st - 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm -

Culinary Date Night - \$79/person

Wednesday, March 26th - 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm -

Clueless in the Kitchen - \$69/person

Cook Street School | 1937 Market Street

For more information, including the complete calendar, call 303.308.9300, or visit [Cook Street's](#)

[Website](#)

LRV Update on Climate Change & 'Hot' Wines

"Hot" is winespeak for the taste and smell of alcohol, and a hot wine is one that has higher levels of alcohol, usually over 14.5%. According to climate change experts, harvests are already coming 10 days earlier than previous seasons in almost all wine-growing regions. This quicker grape maturation leads to high sugar concentrations, which in turns equals higher alcohol levels. At a recent winemakers' conference, the crowd was split: all agreed that global warming threatens the planet, but not all think that quicker harvests are a bad thing for wine. To learn more about this and other wine debates, be sure to visit the knowledgeable folks at LRV.

Little Raven Vineyards | 1590 Little Raven

For more information, call 303.573.WINE or visit [Little Raven Vineyards' Website](#)

March Music at alto

At alto, it's not just about the food, though their creative Northern Italian cuisine and fully-stocked wine cellar are noteworthy. In March, enjoy free live music from artists including **Ricardo Pena, Mellani Day and Dazed**, and **David Harewood & Three Squared-Quartet** among others.

alto | 1320 15th Street

For more information or reservations, call 303.893.alto or visit [alto's Website](#)

Dinner is Ready at Market Central

Are you busy? Wanting to eat healthy, but don't have a lot of time to cook? Then look no further than Market Central. Each evening from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm they feature a self-serve buffet

featuring 3-4 hot entrees and 2-3 side dishes. There is a salad bar stocked with fresh veggies, diced chicken and ham, and house made salad dressings. Choose your own combination and portion--everything is \$7.99 per pound. Plus, buffet service at lunch will begins this month!
Market Central | 2046 Larimer Street

For more information, call 303.293.8888, or visit [Market Central's Website](#)

[Looking for a Restaurant in LoDo?](#)

LoDo Arts

[21st Annual CBCA Business for the Arts Awards Luncheon](#)

Thursday, March 20th - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Seawell Ballroom - DCPA

Successful companies recognize that arts involvement has a positive impact on business people, culture, and performance. Join the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts, CBCA, at this year's Business for the Arts Awards celebration honoring businesses that exemplify partnerships and engagement with the arts.

For more information or tickets, call 303.282.5129 or visit the [CBCA's Event Website](#) - Use Event Code artwork08

[Gee's Bend & The Merry Wives of Windsor at the DCPA](#)

Gee's: March 14th - April 19th - The Space Theatre - Opening Night: March 20th
MWW: March 21st - April 19th - The Stage Theatre

Spring comes to the Denver Center Theater Company with the heartfelt inspiration of *Gee's Bend* by Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder and an elegant 1920s setting for William Shakespeare's boisterous romp *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. One critic dubs Wilder's new play "a glorious piece of theatrical handiwork that uses the Civil Rights Movement as a thread for stitching together the rich emotional material of a close-knit family of quilters." In MWW, Shakespeare's rambunctious comedy of rascals, secret identities, jealousy and romance is set in a small 1920s English town.

For more information or tickets, visit the [Denver Center's Website](#)

Irving Berlin's *I Love a Piano*

One Night Only - Monday, March 24th - 8:00 pm

I Love a Piano is an enchanting new musical journey spanning seven decades of American history as seen through the perceptive and hopeful eyes of Irving Berlin. From the sentimental songs that inspired a nation during two World Wars to the innocent optimism of the 1950's. Timeless classics, such as "White Christmas," "God Bless America," "Puttin' On The Ritz," and "There's No Business Like Show Business," do more than define the music of a generation, they define the music of our country. Ellie Caulkins Opera House | DCPA

For more information or tickets, visit the [Denver Center's Website](#)

Sweetrocket and Illig Debut at plus gallery

Exhibition Runs Through April 21st

plus gallery presents a dynamic display of representational painting, featuring the solo debuts of **Riva Sweetrocket** with *Handle with Care* and **Peter Illig** with *Full Fathom Five*. Sweetrocket's new pastel paintings are a tour de force of symbolic imagery and unparalleled technical skill. Illig's new body of work, laden with images of watery shipwrecks, will prove to be his most mature and realized to date.

plus gallery | 2350 Lawrence Street

For more information, call 303.296.0927 or visit [plus gallery's Website](#)

Out of Place at Robischon

Exhibition Runs Through April 26th

Robischon Gallery presents *Out of Place*, an exhibition of photo-based work by eleven notable international artists from The Netherlands, France, Ireland, England, and the United States. Both large- and small-scale format photography will be featured, along with video and sculptural objects. In *Out of Place*, the artists utilize constructed imagery to re-imagine and locate the figure in worlds both fantastic and in flux.

Robischon Gallery | 1740 Wazee Street

For more information, call 303.298.7788 or visit [Robischon Gallery's Website](#)

Chou, Schorr, & Beijer at MCA Denver

Current exhibitions at MCA: In the New Media Gallery, **Yu-Cheng Chou's** first US exhibition is

a video installation for MCA Denver. Immediately appealing and playful, it deconstructs the superficial world of fashion and glamour magazines. **Collier Schorr** appears in the Photography Gallery with the first solo museum exhibition of Schorr's Jens F. series. Using Andrew Wyeth's longtime association with model Helga as point of departure, the Jens F. series is an intensive study of medium, genre and gender. Finally, in the Paper Works Gallery, **Jasper de Beijer** finds inspiration in historical records and photographs that range from Japanese modern and traditional culture to memories of Pacific Island rubber industries and First World War photography. Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver | 1485 Delgany

For more information, call 303.298.7554 or visit the [Museum of Contemporary Art's Website](#)

still at CVA

Exhibition Runs Through May 1st

The Center for Visual Art presents *still*, featuring the photography and film of **Slater Bradley**, **Sally Mann**, and **Nigel Poor**. Throughout the history of photography the issue of mortality has been a very present specter in both photographic theories and practices. This exhibition considers the diverse ways in which the work of three photographers interacts with the relationship between mortality and photography.

Center for Visual Art | 1734 Wazee Street

For more information, call 303.294.5207 or visit the [CVA's Website](#)

Cinemocracy Film Festival - DNC

Submissions Accepted From March 1st-July 15th

The 2008 Cinemocracy Film Festival is an open source film festival addressing the topic of "How do you define democracy?" During a year of monumental change, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and the Denver Film Society invite citizens of the world to speak out and share ideas on the definition of democracy through the creation of short films. All films submitted via free upload will be judged by the online public and the top 10 will be screened at a free public event in Denver during the week of the 2008 Democratic National Convention (August 25-28). Additionally, the winning film will be screened

as part of the official program of the 31st Starz Denver Film Festival (November 13-23).

For more information, including submission guidelines and official rules, visit the [Cinemocracy Website](#)

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[News in the Neighborhood...](#)

BikeDenver is recognizing area businesses that are leading the way to make cycling an easy and accepted mode of transportation. Nominate your favorite bike-friendly business - [Click Here](#)

Carl Walker - Parking, Planning, Engineering, Restoration is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year! Congrats!

The **Pepsi Center** will play host to one of sports' most exciting events: March Madness! Pepsi Center will serve as one of eight host facilities for the first and second round sessions of the 2008 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament! To learn more, [Click Here](#)

The Denver Rescue Mission will provide a special Easter meal for some of Denver's neediest and most vulnerable residents. As part of the banquet, the Rescue Mission will be distributing Hope Tote Bags filled with donated hygiene products. The DRM can use your support not just at Easter or Thanksgiving, but throughout the year, so please contact them if you wish to help.

As many of you know, this is my last issue as the editor of the *LoDown on LoDo*. Since I created it, the *LoDown* has been my joy and the bane of my professional existence. I labor over the layout, strive for consistency and constant improvement, I worry about the length, tweak the flow, and seek to achieve that balance of seriousness, utility, and fun. And, now I have to let it go. To be honest, I am equal parts sad and relieved. I am proud to see what this has become, and I hope that the new editor can take it to the next level. Thank you for your support over the last 2 1/2 years. *Au revoir...SHR*

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