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From the LoDo District Office

After a thorough search, the LoDo District, Inc. Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Jason Dennison as the new Executive Director. Dennison started his position in late April. "We agreed that Jason is the best candidate to assist the LoDo District, Inc. meet its goals in the coming years," states Laurie Helmick, Board President. "Jason's resume and interviews made him a standout from the start. During the interview process he was articulate and passionate about downtown development." Dennison was the Executive Director of Historic Olde Town Arvada. Specifically, he implemented the National Main Street Approach to downtown revitalization. The Main Street Approach advocates a return to community self-reliance, local empowerment, and the rebuilding of traditional commercial districts based on their unique assets: distinctive architecture, a pedestrian-friendly environment, personal service, local ownership, and a sense of community.

Welcome Reception & Networking Event
Tuesday, May 13th - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm -

The LoDo District, Inc. is the voice of the LoDo business community, providing our member companies with a variety of benefits that allow business executives to be engaged and connected to LoDo's economic growth and prosperity. The LoDo District, Inc. also has a membership base of more than 300 companies representing a variety of business sectors including real estate, banking, law, insurance, communications, retail, hospitality and many others. To join us in our commitment to Lower Downtown Denver (LoDo), please visit our website, or call the LoDo office at 303.628.5428

[Member Login](#)

Still Looking for More?

[Colorado Rockies & Coors Field](#)

[Pepsi Center & City Lights Pavilion](#)

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[Children's Museum of Denver](#)

Corridor 44 - 1433 Larimer Square

Help us welcome Jason Dennison, our new Executive Director to the district while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Hope to see you there!

To RSVP, please call the LoDo Office at 303.628.5428

Contact Us

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Community Concerns/Issues

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'.

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

Denver Union Station Project Update

The Denver Union Station Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) and the Union Station Neighborhood Company (USAC) today announced that four teams were selected to submit consultant qualifications for Public Realm Design Services for the Denver Union Station Transit District. Gustafson Guthrie Nichol Ltd., Hargreaves Associates, Martha Schwartz Partners and Peter Walker Partners were chosen from the 12 teams that responded to the request for qualifications. The four short-listed firms will present their qualifications, design philosophy and approach at a public forum to be held at the Auraria Events Center on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. In addition, the SAC will conduct one-on-one interviews with each of the four teams. Following the presentations and interviews, the SAC will recommend firms for further consideration. One firm will be selected by SAC Co-Chairs Peter Park, Manager, Community Planning and Development, City and County of Denver, and Marilyn Jordan Taylor, Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. Their selection will be approved by the EOC.

For more information, visit [Denver Union Station's Website](#)

Colorado Ballet

Denver Art Museum

Denver Botanic Gardens

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Denver Zoo

Opera Colorado

2008 DNC Update

**Thursday, May 15th - 7:30 am - 9:00am - 1050
13th Street - Donald R. Seawell Grand
Ballroom**

The time is nearing...the Democratic National Convention will be upon us before we know it. Are you up to speak on the progress being made? Come learn about the special events designed to bring people Downtown to celebrate democracy, the "greening" efforts being made, existing volunteer opportunities and the overall impact of the convention on our city.

For more information, visit [Downtown Denver Partnership Website](#)

Vanpools into Downtown Denver Now Available

Looking for a way to save money on gas while also lowering your carbon footprint? Joining a vanpool reduces the cost of your daily commute, saves wear and tear on your own car and alleviates the stress of driving alone. The Denver Regional Council of Governments' (DRCOG) 'RideArrangers' program organizes vanpools for commuters in the metro area. For more information, please contact Elisa Herold at 303.480.6755.

Downtown Denver Host Program

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 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.

Denver Party Endorses John Maslanik for RTD Board

On April 15, the Democratic Party of Denver endorsed John Maslanik as Candidate for the RTD Board from District A, South Central Denver. Mr. Maslanik is the only Democrat running in the race. Mr. Maslanik has served for many years as Chairman of the Downtown Democratic Forum. He has been active on several Party Committees and worked to support the Party in House District 5, where he has lived since 1994. He also has served his neighborhood as President of the Downtown Denver Residents

Organization and as a member of the Citizens Advisory Commission of the new Denver Justice Center. For more information about RTD District A, John Maslanik can be contacted at 303-861-8050.

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

Neighborhood Connections

[16th Street Mall Planning](#)

Now that the 16th Street Mall has turned 25, the time has come for a look at how to ensure the Mall remains a vital element of Downtown Denver for the next 25 years and beyond. Historic Denver is a participating member of the Downtown Denver Partnership's 16th Street Plan Steering Committee, which will meet several times over the next 12-24 months to establish the best recommendations and strategies for the Mall's viability. Historic Denver will be working to ensure that the process respects the integrity of the I.M. Pei design. As part of this process, Historic Denver encourages its members and friends to participate in the DDP's online public survey. [To take the survey, or for more information, visit Downtown Denver Partnership Website](#)

[Downtown Democratic Forum Meeting](#)

Friday, May 9th - 6:45 am - Baur's Ristorante - 1512 Curtis Street

With the 2008 Legislative session having concluded by the time of the next meeting, the Downtown Democratic Forum (DDF) has invited tow long-time friends to review the session. Andrew Romanoff, House Speaker and Ken Gordon, Senate Majority Leader (both term limited) will be discussing the accomplishments and failures of the legislative session. They will offer their viewpoint of the state of Colorado's government as we go into this next critical election cycle. [Please call 303.861.8050 to RSVP](#)

[Local Young Artists Needed to Help Thank the Troops; Artwork to be used for Card Drive During DNC](#)

The 2008 Democratic National Convention Host Committee and Xerox Corp. are looking for young artists from Denver schools to submit a postcard design for upcoming "Let Say Thanks" card drives. Let's Say Thanks is a national

campaign aimed at saying "thank-you" to U.S. troops stationed overseas. Winning artwork will be featured on postcards used for the drives around the convention. Designs must be submitted on standard white letter-sized paper by May 26th. Please use crayons, colored pencils or markers but no glitter or metallic ink. Entries, along with a completed submission form can be mailed to Let's Say Thanks c/o Xerox Corp. 4600 S. Ulster Street, Suite 1000 Denver, CO 80237

Old House Expo - Meet with Denver Inspection & Permit Staff

Saturday, May 10th - Highlands Masonic Temple Center - 3550 Federal Boulevard

It's free, fun and informative! Discuss your project with Denver building officials. Learn about creative and economical solutions to improving older homes on Saturday, May 10, at the historic Highlands Masonic Temple Center, 3550 Federal Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Denver Community Planning and Development Inspections Administrator Michael Sizemore will discuss Protecting Yourself with Permits, What Projects Require a Permit and Consumer Tips from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the South Hall of the Highlands Masonic Temple Center. Residential construction permitting staff will be available throughout the day to discuss your home renovation plans. Staff from Neighborhood Inspection Services will be on hand as well. Twelve workshops will offer information from renowned experts on a variety of topics such as heating and cooling your house with energy efficiency, utilizing or expanding space, remodeling kitchens and bathrooms, taking care of old windows and masonry as well as protecting yourself with permits.

LoDo Doings

Colorado Rockies Home Run For the Homeless

Sunday, May 11th - 8:00 am - Race Begins at 21st & Blake

Go to bat for your community by participating in the 8th Annual Colorado Rockies Home Run for the Homeless! The competitive 5k (3.1 miles) Road Race includes a scenic downtown course and a lap around the warning track of Coors Field! Get the players' field perspective as you

run to a great post-race party and entertainment. The 5k Walk is a great alternative to the competitive 5k Run, walkers will follow the runners along the same course. The Race and Walk are open to all ages and fitness levels, so your entire family can participate.

To register, or for more information, visit the [Colorado Rockies Website](#)

NYC Singing Impressionist, Jimmy James at Lannie's

Friday, May 16th & Saturday, May 17th - 8:00 pm

Jimmy James is a Lannie's Clocktower favorite...this is his third appearance --- he's back again by popular demand. Jimmy is an astounding performer who's singing impressions are uncanny recreations. Jimmy has been featured on numerous television shows and his New York cabaret show is a sell-out each week. The uncanny Master Voice Impressionist who has performed for Elton John, Whoopi Goldberg, Patti Labelle, Jane Seymoure and other celebrities brings his famous impressions of: CHER, EARTHA KITT, JUDY GARLAND, BETTE DAVIS, BARBRA STREISAND, PATSY CLINE, LIZA MINNELLI, MADONNA, MACY GRAY and more... His show is chock-filled with humor and his rare talent is truly amazing. Jimmy is an endearing performer who knows how to work a crowd and entertain in every sense of the word. Tickets: \$25/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](#)

LoDo Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, June 14th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The 3rd Annual Mile High Hunt is a wacky, fun team scavenger hunt that takes place all over LoDo. Teams compete against the clock and each other to solve clues and raise funds for the Starlight Children's Foundation. Compete not only for best-time prizes but also Best Team Theme prizes! Race start and after race party takes place at Fado's Irish Pub & Restaurant. Registration fee is only \$120 for team of up to 4 people (must be 21 years of age or older).

For more information call 303.691.0700, or visit the [Starlight Colorado's Website](#)

LoDo Events Calendar

LoDo Deals & Shopping

Your Mom deserves a little relaxation at the Oxford Club

Mother's Day, May 11th -

Take care of your mom like she took care of you...come in and purchase an Oxford Club gift card and receive a complimentary plant and Dermalogica skin care kit. (gift certificates are available in any denomination)

Oxford Club | 1616 Seventeenth Street

For more information, call 303.628.5435

Square 1

Hip, trendy and the best place to buy denim in Denver, Square 1 features 15 premium brands, including Seven, Citizen, Diesel, True Religion, Ben Sherman and Paper Denim & Cloth.

Specializing in men's and women's European streetwear, this small boutique offers brands and styles that can't be found anywhere else in the Mile High City. Known as "Denver's denim experts", Square 1 has established a reputation among its customers for product knowledge, custom fittings and always being the first to carry the latest styles.

Square 1 | 1441 Larimer Square

For more information, visit the [Square 1 Website](#)

Check Out the Latest LoDo Deals List

Fun, Food, & Wine

Chocolism II is now at Gelazzi

Gelazzi has redefined the notion of chocolate, hence making all other chocolates feel hopelessly inadequate! Gelazzi has created four new chocolate gelato flavors (Chocolate Fudge, Chocolate Peanut Butter, Oreo-Infused Chocolate, Milk Chocolate). Then they maniacally stack these gelato flavors onto numerous, sumptuous dessert creations like the Fudgelato Brownie Sundae - a warm fudge brownie topped with gelato and chocolate sauce! They are also introducing the one-of-a-kind Milk Chocolate Espressolato - chocolate and coffee gelato blended with an espresso shot. What a way to start your day! Go ahead, release your inner chocolate lush.

Gelazzi Gelato Italian Cafe | 1411 Larimer Street

For more information call 303.534.5056, or visit

them online [Gelazzi's Website](#)

Cooking for Your Health- mise en place

Wednesday, May 14th - 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Cooking and eating for heart health may be the best thing you can do for yourself.

Cardiovascular disease is the #1 killer of both men and women in the U.S. Dr. Richard Collins, nationally known and recognized as 'The Cooking Cardiologist', is the Medical Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation and the Lifestyle Programs at South Denver Heart Center in Denver. This class will be more educational in nature. Dr. Collins will cover alternative proteins and cooking methods that will help reduce your cholesterol and improve your heart's health. We'll be sampling many of his favorite recipes including morning fruit shakes, quick and healthy dinner items, and of course, desserts that won't make you miss the fat! If you'd like to bring along a little extra cash, Dr. Collins will have his cookbook for sale (\$24.95). This cookbook is loaded with lots of great recipes that provide a complete breakdown of nutritional analyses, as well as heart=healthy pearls of wisdom as well!

mise en place | 1801 Wynkoop

For more information, including the complete calendar, call 303.293.2224, or visit [mise en place website](#)

Celebrate Dia De Las Madres at Tamayo

This Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11) from 12pm-10pm, celebrate with a 5-course tasting menu of Chef Richard Sandoval's modern mexican cuisine - \$35 per guest, \$15 per child under 12 years old. While you're there, make sure to toast the occasion with a signature margarita!

Make your reservations today

Tamayo| 1400 Larimer Street

For more information, call 720.946.1433 or visit [Tamayo's Website](#)

Mother's Day Brunch at Zengo

Celebrate Mother's Day at Zengo and enjoy brunch specials served alongside signature latin-asian dishes. Make your reservations today!

Zengo Denver | 1610 Little Raven Street

For more information, call 720.904.0965, or visit [Zengo's Website](#)

Little Raven Vineyards - Make Mother's Day Sparkle

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th, a time of commemoration for the woman who brought you into the world. To honor Mom's special day, think of the most celebratory wines of all; champagne and sparkling wines. Visit the Little Raven Vineyard for suggestions to make Mother's Day sparkle. They carry a wide range of champagnes and sparklers to fit all budgets. And no matter how you end up celebrating, here's to Mom!

Little Raven Vineyards | 1590 Little Raven, Suite 175

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

Celebrate Mother's Day with the whole family at alto

Say "Thanks Mom" with a three-course gourmet brunch at alto on May 11th. Chef Michael has created a special menu for the day with options the whole family will love

alto | 1320 15th Street

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

Baur's Ristorante Restaurant Preview

Tuesday, May 13th- 1512 Curtis Street - 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join us for the unique opportunity to meet the people running Baur's Ristorante, sample items from Baur's fabulous menu, enjoy happy hour drink specials, see what they have done with their beautiful historic building and have a chance to win a dining certificate! For more information, call 303.534.4842 or visit [Baur's Ristorante Website](#)

Looking for a Restaurant in LoDo?

LoDo Arts

MCA Denver: Trevor Appleson in the Photography Gallery

Trevor Appleson Photography, a new exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver (MCA Denver), opened April 28th and will run through August 10th. Large photographs from a project the artist created in Mexico will be on view for the first time in the U.S. at MCA Denver.

The MCA Denver, is casual, hip and edgy..and the perfect impress your date and up "your cool

factor." There's even a cafe/bar on the top floor with to-die for views of LoDo.

For more information, visit [Museum of Contemporary Art Denver Website](#)

Denver Center: Treat Mom Like A Diva!

Take advantage of **The Denver Center Theatre Company** offering \$5 off all tickets to **3' Mo Divas**, May 9th-31st. Celebrate the amazing versatility of the female voice! Spanning 200 years of musical styles, three astounding women take on classic hits from the worlds of opera, Broadway, jazz, blues, soul, R&B, spirituals and gospel-all in one spectacular and theatrical evening. From the smoldering passion of Bizet's Carmen and the haunting beauty of "His Eye is on the Sparrow" to high-energy hits such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Proud Mary," 3 Mo' Divas is guaranteed to leave you cheering for more. Perfect for the whole family! Offer valid for remaining tickets only. Subject to availability. Purchase your tickets online, using the promo code: Mother

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts |
1101 13th Street

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 303.893.4100 or visit the [The Denver Center for Performing Arts Center Website](#)

10th Annual Downtown Denver Arts Festival

The 10th Annual Downtown Denver Arts Festival is pleased to announce the work of more than 135 artists will be on display during this year's Memorial Day Weekend at the Denver Pavillions. The event showcases the work of Colorado visual artists producing representational and non-representational artwork, and is the only major event to solely feature Colorado artists.

Open to the public - FREE admission.

Denver Pavillions | 16th and Glenarm

For more information, call 303.330.8237 or visit [Downtown Denver Arts Festival Website](#)

100 Years of Progress opens at Visions West Gallery

Thursday, June 5th

The charm and challenge of both artists' work, Painter Will Pope and ceramic sculptor Sue Tirrell, lies in their original handling of both subject matter and medium. Wild imagination at work, Will Pope builds his venetian plaster and oil paintings through a complex layered process,

a method that dates back several thousand years. Adding sketches, and figures with color fields to create a craquelature, Pope's wonderous paintings begin to materialize. Visually complex, they maintain a playfulness and freshness. Don't be fooled by Sue Tirrell's saccharine sweet cowgirls. Hanging beef carcasses, rodeo clown Messiahs and axe wielding chicken ladies are cleverly put forth in ceramic form. While these pieces overflow with familiar western iconic imagery, Tirrell employs kitsch and camp to create an almost royal tone

For more information visit [Visions West Gallery 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](#)

Find A Gallery In LoDo...

News in the Neighborhood...

Colorado Colfax Marathon - Sunday, May 18th

Get ready for some fun in the sun as you run through great neighborhoods, parks, and the always- interesting sights of Colfax Avenue! There is still time to sign for the full mararthon, the 1/2 marathon, or a relay team. Wheelchair marathon championships will also be held on May 18th and children from kindergarten through eighth grade may sign up for the "Marathon Miler," to be held on Saturday, May 17th. For

more information call 303.770.9600.

Minority Enterprise & Educational Development (MEED)

is hosting their **6th Annual Backpack Drive** Did you know that...Currently there are 73,873 students in the Denver Public School System? Over 48,756 students take advantage of free or reduced cost lunches? There are over 1800 students that are completely homeless attending school, and the number is expected to increase in the 2008-2009 school year? These children are in need of basic necessities such as backpacks, pencils and notebooks. We need your assistance in our effort to help these children. If you would like to help, please visit www.meedcolorado.org. The Backpack drive begins now and runs through the summer. We hope you will find it in your heart to help the children. If you need more information, please call 303-296- 2969

Corporate Spelling bee in Skyline Park

On Monday, May 16th from 11:30am-1:00pm, The Tattered Cover will be hosting a Downtown Corporate Spelling Bee to benefit the Learning Source. Stop by Skyline Park (16th & Arapahoe St.) to watch the friendly competition involving representatives from Denver's businesses and organization. The event is free.

Get Crazy for Literacy

The Children's Museum of Denver celebrates the power of reading with the craziest do's in town. Frizz out your wild mane, curl your long locks, spike up your hairy hair and get crazy for reading! May is Get Caught Reading Month at the Children's Museum of Denver and we are celebrating with Crazy Hair Day; an event for the wacky. Children and their grownups can get their hair styled kooky, enjoy extra insane art projects, hear StoryTimes all day long, and even get the book, Crazy Hair Day by Barney Saltzberg, to take home*. [For a full schedule of events, go to Children's Museum of Denver Website](#)

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