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Uptown on the Hill news

Congratulations to officers elected at the December meeting:

President — Judy Trompeter

Vice-President — Craig Howson

Secretary — Jodie Brownlee

Treasurer — Mel Unruh-Brush

Uptown on the Hill has a very active Parks and Beautification Committee. Its focus is on the Camden Madison Memorial Gardens, repairing the period lighting along 17th Avenue. and installing "We Uptown" banners on those poles, and the Greenverein garden project at the Denver Turnvereir committee is chaired by Marilyn Bernier, and members are Susan Hand, Judy Trompeter, Lisa H

and Shirley Howson.

We are re-energizing two dormant committees:

Greater Paths will deal with pedestrian safety, bikes, scooters, walkability, sidewalks, transpo and so on. Members are Mallory Cyr, Jodie Brownlee, and Amy Alleman.

Land Use and Zoning is the other committee undergoing reactivation. Its members are Kelse David Lynn Wise, Eric Dallimore, and Frank Locantore. The group will concentrate on liquor lice building permits, preservation, short-term rentals, rezoning, Green Roofs, homelessness, East Area Plan, opioids, and more.

If you'd like to join either committee, contact board@uptowndenver.org.

And, our two other committees would also welcome additional involvement from the communit

Technology and Communication, made up solely of Craig Howson, is in charge of updating website and seeks people with expertise to assist.

Fundraising and Events, chaired by Mel Unruh-Brush, with members Craig Howson, Mallory Cindy Anthofer, and Kyle Faivre, will be planning a fundraisier for the Greenverein and the anni Uptown Sampler. Additional hands will help both those events successful.

The next board meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. **Tuesday, Jan. 8**, at Workability, 1 Sherman St., Suite 203. The building is fully ADA compliant, with elevator access to the upper floors. All residents of Uptown are invited to attend the meeting and join our efforts to make U the best place it can be.

Lastly, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, a group made up of all the registered neighborhood organizations in Denver, will hold its annual awards dinner on Monday, Jan. 28, at the Holiday Colorado and Cherry Creek Drive. Uptown on the Hill is nominating Diane Travis for their Neigh Star award, in recognition of her efforts to save the city's historic stone sidewalks.

Greenverein

Greenverein, Uptown on the Hill's joint project with the Denver Turnverein at 1570 Clarkson received a generous donation from District 10 City Council Member Wayne New! **Greenverein** name given plans to create a garden on the Turnverein's northern outlawn, currently made up asphalt. Support this community improvement with a tax-deductible donation; large or small, are welcome and needed. The Go Fund Me site is up and running; the address is gofundme.com/greenverein.

2-1-1

By Amy Alleman

The homeless man was sitting in the sun on a sheet of thin, corrugated cardboard with his back against a brick building on North Broadway; he needed assistance to acquire a plane ticket his eyes were full of truth, and his hand that reached for mine was warm yet calloused and in need of hydration. I offered him a warm smile and a small, thin piece of cardboard from my purse with numbers 2-1-1 inscribed in yellow against a navy blue background. He was unsure if they could help, but I assured him he would at least obtain some possibilities. Where he is now, I do not know. Could I have helped him? I can only believe the answer is yes.

Do you know about the 2-1-1 service that the United Way provides? In one word: connection. If someone is homeless or in need of basic human services, this small connection comprised of t

someone is homeless or in need of basic, human services, this small connection comprised of a few easy-to-remember-numbers typed into a phone could help save a life.

Mile High United Way of Denver, 711 Park Avenue West, Denver, CO 80205, is the well-known organization with an extensive list of programs for those less fortunate. 2-1-1, the service within the larger organization with a nearly 20-year history, is virtually unknown by many Denver residents eager to help their at-risk and neighbors in need.

So how does it work? Call, text, or live chat by dialing 2-1-1 from any phone. A multi-lingual, knowledgeable staff member will answer, and will confidentially answer questions about available resources from food and housing to immigration information and tax preparation.

Now that we are in the know, the next step is to educate and spread the word. Stop by the United Way facility and pick up a handful of 2-1-1 cards. As you walk the streets of our beloved city neighborhoods, you can help those in need and those who need to know more about 2-1-1. If a visit to the United Way facility is out of reach, then continue to use the word-of-mouth technique.

One, short conversation is all it takes - two minutes, maximum - three numbers could save a life.

For information visit - <https://unitedwaydenver.org/2-1-1/>

Too many

Denverite on December 27 said at least 233 homeless individuals died in the city in 2018.

Change in police station hours

Starting Jan.1, all six district police stations will be closed every day from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. If you need police services during these hours, call or text 911 for emergencies or 720-913-2000 for non-emergencies. You can also report certain types of crimes that are not in-progress at denvergov.org/police. If you are instructed to meet with an officer at a district station during closed hours, please contact the officer using their direct extension.

Marion Street post office update

Star Edwards, who lives in the San Rafael area just north of Uptown, posted this recently on NextDoor: "Just a FYI about the post office at Capitol Hill post office, the inspector says there is a lot of things wrong with the building + the owner does not want to fix it + the government does not want to pay for fixing anything. So they will be looking for a new location - which could take up to a year! Probably scrape it and put expensive condos there, ..!"

New law makes it easier to donate

(Adapted from Safehouse newsletter) On May 29, 2018, Gov. Hickenlooper signed Senate Bill 18-001 into law. It authorizes a new line on the tax form for 2020 (2019 tax year) called the "Donate to Colorado Nonprofit Fund," which allows Colorado taxpayers to donate part or all of their state tax refund to any nonprofit registered in the state. Taxpayers will simply need to enter the amount of the donation and identify which nonprofit is to receive the money.

Paper shredding

Cleaning out your files to start off the new year? The UPS store on 20th Avenue and Clarkson Street shreds paper for a fee of \$1/lb.

What on earth is RCV?

Ranked-choice voting could come to Colorado cities in 2019. To learn more about it, go to coloradosun.com/2018/12/19/ranked-choice-voting-colorado/.

Denver District Attorney's Office Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Advisory Council is a group of engaged, dedicated, and diverse young people, ages 16-24, who are committed to helping others their age make good choices and not end up in the criminal justice cycle. Members discuss issues regarding juvenile justice, youth-centered public safety, ways to improve the system and also use their insight and experience to look critically at their communities and identify problems and resources to help solve those problems. The Council works with the District Attorney's office to hear community concerns, generate ideas for improvement, discuss the role of the D.A.'s office with others. The Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The D.A.'s office is seeking applicants to serve on the Council. Interested individuals should contact Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael Song at 720-913-9150 or michael.song@denverda.org.

Treecycle

Between Dec. 31 and Jan. 11, Christmas trees will be picked up with the trash. Denver residents set out their real (not artificial or flocked) trees, with all decorations, lights, and tree stands ready by 7 a.m. on their usual trash pick-up day. Those who miss that opportunity can recycle their trees for free at two drop-off locations through January 31: Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-Off (7352 E. Cherry Creek Drive South) and Havana Nursery (10450 Smith Road). All trees collected during Treecycle will be turned into mulch, which will be made available to Denver residents at the annual Mulch Give and Compost Sale in the spring. For more information, visit denvergov.org/treecycle.

Welcome to the neighborhood!

Opening Jan. 1 is The Knotty Neighbor at 1618 E. 17th Ave. Check out their craft beer menu at theknottyneighbor.com.

Changes in bus fares, schedules, and more

Fare changes and passes -- rather than transfers -- will go into effect Jan. 1. Modifications of bus and train system schedules will begin Jan. 13. To keep up-to-date on what's happening with RTD, visit rtd-denver.com and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods

CHUN's annual membership meeting will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Colorado Health Foundation, 1780 Pennsylvania St.

Mayor's Cabinet in the Community

Mayor Michael Hancock will hold this event at from 9-11 a.m Saturday, Jan. 12, at College View Recreation Center, 2525 S. Decatur St. Featured activities include a free continental breakfast, interactive city fair, town hall, job fair, and pet adoption. If you have questions, contact rosalind.alston@denvergov.org.

Preschool Showcase

The Denver Preschool Program will host its seventh annual Preschool Showcase on Saturday, Jan. 12. This free event is a valuable opportunity for all Denver families to compare quality preschool options for their child and learn about the amount they can get in tuition support. The Preschool Showcase features fun for the whole family, including free refreshments, family-friendly activities including photo opportunities with Minions, online Find-a-Preschool tool demonstrations, and free admission to the Denver Zoo.

This event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Denver Zoo's Norgren Hall, 2300 Steele St. The Denver Preschool Program is a nonprofit, sales tax-funded organization that was created in 2006 to increase Denver children's access to high quality preschool. The program provides tuition credits to Denver's families to help make preschool more affordable, and offers resources to participating preschools to help improve quality. For additional information, check out dpp.org.

Newsletter deadline

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Uptown boundaries

Colfax to 20th (west of Washington) and 23rd (east of Washington), Broadway to York

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Uptown on the Hill is a community supported non-profit. Your donations help fund our parks and neighborhood beautification efforts, events, and building a better Uptown.

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