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News in the Neighborhood...

This year is a big anniversary year for LoDo, as it turns both **20** and **150** in 2008! How so? The City of Denver was founded at the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River, located on the edge of what is now LoDo, in 1858. And, the Lower Downtown Historic District was created in 1988.

From the LoDo District Office

Thanks to 2007 LoDo Cares Program Volunteers

The *LoDo Cares* program, (*sponsored by Van Gilder Insurance and benefiting The Barth Hotel*), relies on volunteers to shop for and wrap Christmas gifts for the Barth residents. Big thanks goes out to this year's Shopping Coordinator **Aaron Grey**, as well as all the great shoppers, many of whom pulled double-duty by wrapping as well: **Paula Grey, Liz LaRue, Chris Osmond, Sarah Demchak, Erin Gilbert, Colleen Minde, Monika Goozen, Megan Barber, Jenny Vaupel, Maria Marbach, Kara Higgins, Lacey Nelson, Cindy Wilson, Andrea Urban, Melissa Hutchinson, Randy Gentry, and Chris Oertel**. Thanks all!

[Click Here to Learn More About the *LoDo Cares* Program](#)

Avalanche Hockey Game Benefiting LoDo District!

Wednesday, January 30th - 7:30 pm - Pepsi Center

Give back to the community you love *and* enjoy a great night of NHL action! Show your support

Member Login

Still Looking for More?

Colorado Rockies & Coors Field

Pepsi Center & City Lights Pavilion

Elitch Gardens

Children's Museum of Denver

Colorado Ballet

Denver Art Museum

Denver Botanic Gardens

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

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of The LoDo District by coming to watch your Colorado Avalanche take on the Chicago Blackhawks, and enjoy ticket specials too! Get Lower Level Tickets for just **\$65** (*normally \$102*) and LoDo District will receive a \$15 donation per ticket. Or, sit in the Upper End for \$24 (*normally \$26*) and LoDo District will receive a \$5 donation.

Nature & Science

Denver Zoo

Opera Colorado

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Gretchen Dorfman at 303.405.1154 or [Click Here](#)

Need Accounting or Bookkeeping Help?

If any LoDo business is looking for part-time accounting or bookkeeping help, we have just the person for you. Contact the LoDo District Office to learn more.

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Community Concerns/Issues

Cable Television Performance Evaluation

Thursday, January 17th - 6:30 pm - Webb Building - Rooms 4.F.6 & 4.G.2

As part of the Cable TV Evaluation, the Denver Office of Telecommunications wishes to receive input from cable customers about the value of their Comcast cable service. The City will present its findings about how Comcast has complied with the franchise agreement, representatives from the cable company will make a presentation, and then members of the public can comment in person to City staff.

For more information, visit the [Denver Telecom Office Website](#)

Martin Luther King 'Marade'

Monday, January 21st - 10:00 am - Marade Begins in City Park

Denver's annual MLK Marade (*march and parade*), commemorating the life of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., includes a rally and march from City Park to the State Capitol, followed by a program in Civic Center Park.

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

Colorado State Minimum Wage Increase

Effective January 1, 2008, the Colorado has a new state minimum wage of \$7.02 per hour. For Tipped Employees (employees who regularly receive tips) the new minimum wage is \$4.00 per hour (\$7.02-\$3.02). No more than \$3.02 per hour in tip income may be used to offset the minimum wage of tipped employees.

For more information and to see a minimum wage fact sheet, visit the [Colorado Division of Labor's Website](#)

Denver Graffiti Ordinance Change

The Denver City Council recently approved a change to the Graffiti Ordinance that allows for quicker abatement. The owner or responsible party of a property has 48 hours (business) or 72 hours (residential) to remove the graffiti from their property or to authorize the City to remove graffiti from their property. Since prompt, consistent graffiti removal is a proven deterrent to repeat graffiti vandalism, this ordinance helps you and the City send the message that graffiti will not be tolerated in our neighborhoods. To help keep our neighborhoods clean and livable, Denver Partners Against Graffiti will provide **free** graffiti cleanup supplies and paint for residents and property owners wishing to maintain their property or "adopt" a spot in their community and keep it graffiti-free.

For more information, visit the [Denver Partners Against Graffiti Website](#)

Street & Sidewalk Closures

Delgany - 15th to 16th - Through October

2009 - Road closure, sidewalk closure -

(Kennedy/Trammell Crow Project)

Wynkoop - 16th to 15th - January 16th -

Flagger and concrete pump

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

Parking and partial sidewalk closures (1515

Wynkoop Project)

Market - 14th - Through January 14th -

Sidewalk/pavers

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

right lane, meters, and partial sidewalk closures

(Sugar3 Project)

Blake - 16th - January 15th - Alley closure

Blake - 18th - January 14th-31st - Left turn

lane closure for fiber optic work

Larimer - 16th to 14th - January 16-17th -

Single left lane closure, no parking/kiosk closure,
water service disconnection

**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

[DDRO 5:20 Club at Sports Column](#)

Wednesday, January 16th - 5:20 pm - 1930

Blake Street Join the Downtown Denver
Residents Organization at its next gathering, this
time at the Sports Column (*which happens to be
a member of LoDo District!*). Cost: free for
DDRO members; \$10 for non-members.

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

[DDP Membership Forum](#)

**Thursday, January 17th - 7:30 am - 9:00 am -
Hyatt Regency - 650 15th Street**

The Downtown Denver Partnership invites you to
its next forum: *Rain or Shine: How does Denver's
economic forecast compare to the national
outlook?* Panelists include Erik Davidson (Wells
Fargo), Andre Pettigrew (Denver Economic
Development Director), and Maria Sicola
(Cushman & Wakefield). Cost: free for DDP
members; \$25 for non-members.

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

[SugarCube Construction Update](#)

Construction is moving steadily ahead on Urban
Villages' SugarCube Building, located at 16th &
Blake: They topped out the week before
Christmas. Stay tuned to this newsletter for an
update on when the crane is scheduled to come
down.

For more information, visit [SugarCube Project
Website](#)

LoDo Doings

[Author Events & Happenings at Tattered Cover](#)

**Saturday, January 12th - 2:00 pm - *Winning
Our Energy Independence: An Energy Insider
Shows How*** - Rocky Mountain Land Series with

S. David Freeman - Discussion & Booksigning

Tuesday, January 15th - 7:30 pm - *Ultimate*

Excursions - Local author Alan Gottlieb -

Discussion & Booksigning

Wednesday, January 16th - 7:30 pm - *What*

Will Set You Free: From Pain to Passion in 7

Weeks! - Local author Cynthia James -

Discussion & Booksigning

Friday, January 18th - 7:30 pm - *The Arts &*

Crafts Movement in the Pacific Northwest -

Lawrence Kreisman - Discussion & Booksigning

Monday, January 21st - 7:30 pm - *Memo to the*

President Elect: How We Can Restore America's

Reputation & Leadership - Former Secretary of

State Madeleine Albright - Discussion &

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](#)

[Music at Lannie's](#)

Sunday, January 13th - 7:30 pm - Bobby

Bennett with Justin Adams on piano

Friday, January 18th - 8:00 pm - Opening

Night - Lannie Garrett stars in the country spoof

Patsy Decline Show

Dubbed the 'Coolest Room in Town', Lannie's

Clocktower Cabaret offers live music, burlesque,

the celebrity spelling bee, and more.

Lannie's Clocktower Cabaret | D&F Tower - On

the 16th Street Mall

For more information, tickets, and the complete

calendar, visit [Lannie's Website](#)

[Annual National Western Stock Show Parade](#)

Tuesday, January 15th - Noon - Parade Begins

in LoDo at Union Station

The 101st Annual National Western Stock Show

begins January 12th, and as part of the festivities

17th Street will play host to the annual Stock

Show Parade. The parade features long-horned

cattle, herds of sheep, the Westernaires riding

drill team, wranglers, cowboys, stagecoaches,

and much more! LoDo-ites have a front row seat,

so mark your calendars for this uniquely Denver

celebration.

For more information, visit the [National Western](#)

[Website](#)

[An Evening with Mark Twain](#)

Friday, January 18th - 7:00 pm - Four Mile Park - 715 S. Forest Street

Four Mile Historic Park is pleased to present *An Evening with Mark Twain*, featuring Bill Hendrickson as the venerable author. Seating is limited, and refreshments will be served. Cost: \$18/adult; \$15/student and senior; \$12/FMHP members. Reservations encouraged.

For more information, call 720.865.0814 or visit [Four Mile Park's Website](#)

[Angels in the Architecture Concert](#)

Friday, January 25th - 6:00 pm: Reception & Auction

7:30 pm: Concert Begins - St. John's Cathedral - 1350 Washington

Don't miss this unique opportunity to enjoy both beautiful music and a beautiful space, plus it all benefits a great cause! This year's *Angels in the Architecture* concert, a Historic Denver Sacred Landmarks Preservation event, will feature performances from:

The Cherry Creek Chorale - The Chorale sings a varied repertoire of great choral works, from well-known classics to contemporary pieces

Planina - The group sings in the original Eastern European languages, with regional vocal styling.

Stephen Tappe and the St. John's Schola Cantorum - The Musical Director and a select group of singers from the St. John's Cathedral Choir.

Performed in the National & State Landmark St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, this concert will be a treat for the eyes as well as the ears. Plus, enjoy a wine and cheese reception and silent auction benefiting HD's Sacred Landmarks Preservation Program prior to the concert. Cost: \$20/HD Member; \$25/non-member.

For more information and tickets call Erika Warzel at 303.534.5288 or visit the [Historic Denver's Website](#)

[January is Wild West Month at the Children's Museum](#)

All month long, daily educational programming will teach guests about the Ol' West. Children and their caregivers can create 'Wanted' posters, build a ghost town, learn how to square dance,

make their very own western vests, 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](#)

Last Week for Blossoms of Light at the Botanic Gardens

Through January 20th - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Experience the Denver Botanic Gardens in a
different light this winter at the 19th Annual
Blossoms of Light. A spectacular display of one
million colorful lights draped in elegant designs
will illuminate the plants and hardscapes
throughout the Gardens. Indoors in Gates Garden
Court a captivating display of seasonal plants
will be on display.
Denver Botanic Gardens | 1005 York Street
For more information, call 720.865.3500 or visit
the [Blossoms of Light Website](#)

LoDo Events Calendar

LoDo Deals & Shopping

Liberty Boots Trunk Show

Saturday, January 12th - 7:00pm
Saddle up your horse - it's Stock Show time, and
Cry Baby Ranch, located in Larimer Square, will
once again be hosting its famous and popular
Liberty Boots Trunk Show. Meet Liberty Boots
Company owner, Tony Benattar, and get your
boots custom fit or design your very own pair.
Liberty Boots are 100% handmade boots with
more style that can fill a 10-gallon cowboy hat!
For more information, visit [Larimer Square's
Website](#)

Microdermabrasion & Pedicure Discounts at The Oxford Club

The Oxford Club is one of the few spas in Denver
that offers the 'Diamond Tone'
microdermabrasion system, and during January
you can experience it at the promotional rate of
\$90 (a \$15 savings!). Or, if you are looking to
give your feet a treat, bring in a friend and each
of you will receive \$15 off their fun Ice Cream
Pedicure treatment. Offers good through January
31st. Either print this e-mail or present your
LoDo District Membership Card to enjoy this
special offer.

The Oxford Club | 1616 17th Street
For more information, contact [Christina Critchell](#)
at 303.628.5528

Winter Clearance Sales at Players

Players Clothing's annual winter clearance sale is now in progress. Enjoy 25%-50% savings off Players' great brands, including Scott Barber, Remy, Equilibrio, Tommy Bahama, Trafalgar, Tallia, Cole Haan, Terra Plana and more. And, the sale is happening at both locations.
Players Clothing | 1501 Wazee Street
For more information, call 303.PLAYERS or visit the [Player's Website](#)

Check Out the Latest LoDo Deals List

Fun, Food, & Wine

Knife Sharpening Every Tuesday at Market Central

If you have never had your kitchen knives professionally-sharpened or have been putting it off, you no longer have an excuse. Every Tuesday, Rolling Stone visits Market Central to pick up knives for sharpening. Sharp blades improve both the experience and (perhaps counter-intuitively) safety of your cooking environment. Knives dropped off in the morning will be ready for pick up that evening. And, at only \$4.00 per blade, this gourmet service will feel like a bargain.

Market Central | 2046 Larimer Street
For more information, contact 303.293.8888 or visit [Market Central's Website](#)

Winetasting Wednesdays Just Got Better at LRV

You already know that Wednesday is tasting day from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Little Raven Vineyards. But now, in the month of January, Wednesdays are even better! Stop by, taste a couple of great wines, and **save 25%** on your third bottle when you buy any three bottles in the store.

Little Raven Vineyards | 1590 Little Raven Street
For more information, call 303.573.WINE or visit [Little Raven Vineyards' Website](#)

Super Bowl Sunday at The Wazee **Sunday, February 3rd - Kickoff is at 4:18 pm MST**

Enjoy the camaraderie, the food, the

commercials, and even a little football by having your Super Bowl watch party at the Wazee. Enjoy \$5 pitchers of Wynkoop beer with any food purchase and check out the game on any of their 4 TVs!

Wazee Supper Club | 15th & Wazee

For more information or reservations, call 303.623.9518 or visit the [Wazee Supper Club's Website](#)

Looking for a Restaurant in LoDo?

LoDo Arts

Twinkle Twinkle at + gallery

Exhibition Runs Through January 19th

The famous children's nursery rhyme is the inspiration for the group exhibition *Twinkle Twinkle*, currently on view at Plus Gallery. In capping a fantastic year at the gallery in 2007, the theme resonates in so many ways. For over six years the gallery has provided a compelling environment for artists to showcase their work, unfettered by market interest or trends in contemporary art. Artists include: **Nathan Abels, Mindy Bray, Travis Egedy, Martin Sammy Gardea, Noah Manos, Lela Shields, and Leafe Zales.**

+ gallery | 2350 Lawrence Street

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

New Exhibition at Visions West Gallery

Exhibition Runs Through Middle of February

Visions West Gallery is pleased to present a group exhibition of **Gordon McConnell, Ted Waddell, Brad Rude, and Lynn Campion**, four artists mining the western genre to create ground-breaking work. McConnell's work captures an iconic yet haunting west, drawing from fragments of movie screens and fleeting memories, while Waddell's abstract expressionist works offer a unique look at the Western landscape. Rude has gained a stellar reputation in the Northwest after honing his skills at the Walla Walla Foundry, and Campion is renowned for her photographic depictions of roughstock both in pastoral setting and in rodeos.

Visions West Gallery | 1715 Wazee Street

For more information, call 303.292.0909 or visit [Visions West Gallery's Website](#)

[Story at CVA](#)

Exhibition Runs Through February 23rd

The Center for Visual Art presents *Still*, a collection of works delving into created realities and visually realized narratives of the strange and familiar. Artists: **Brent Green, James Surls, and Hadley Hooper.**

Robischon Gallery | 1740 Wazee Street

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

[Facing East at Robischon](#)

Exhibition Runs Through March 1st

Robischon Gallery presents *Facing East*, the gallery's second extensive showing of contemporary Chinese art. This exhibition features new sculpture, paintings, prints, and video from several of the most highly influential and impressive Chinese artists today, including **Zhang Xigang, Zhang Dali, Feng Zhengjie, the Luo Brothers, Lu Peng, Yan Lei, Chen Wenling, Zhao Bo, Song Dong, Yu Fan, Suo Tan, Jiao Xingtao, Pu Jie, and He Jian.**

Robischon Gallery | 1740 Wazee Street

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

[Our House World Premiere at the DCPA](#)

Opening: January 17th

Play Runs from January 11th-February 16th

Experience the world premiere of *Our House*, conceived by Theresa Rebeck and Daniel Fish. A rising TV news anchor is tripped up by her own ambition when she covers a hostage crisis.

Theresa Rebeck skewers the trend toward TV news as entertainment and TV anchors as ambitious media stars. Morphing swiftly from comic to catastrophic, Rebeck's biting wit and gift for social satire raises *Our House* to the lofty theatrical territory shared by her earlier plays *The Scene*, *Bad Dates*, and *Spike Heels*.

The Space Theater | DCPA

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

[Tickets on Sale Now for Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy](#)

Shows: February 14th-17th

Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy is a nonstop, action-packed 2-hour adventure presented in two acts that stretches the imagination beyond the

realm of possibilities and brings seemingly impossible feats to theatre and the stage. Accompanied by an original score and unique musicians, an international cast of graceful aerialists, spine bending contortionists and vine swinging characters make this jungle fantasy a dream to remember. Single tickets start at just \$20.

Temple Hoyne Buell Theater | DCPA

For more information or tickets, call 303.893.4100 or visit the [Denver Center's Website](#)

[Find A Gallery In LoDo...](#)

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

New LoDo Member **Neighborhood Flix** received quite the write up in one of Ms. Penny's recent columns. And, having held our B Roll Screening Party there, we can vouch for the props they received. [Click Here to Read the Story](#)

St. Charles Town Company recently welcomed **Matt Holberton** as Managing Director.

Remember the HGTV *Change the World, Start at Home* contest we told you about last month? Denver's own **Curtis Park Neighborhood** was one of ten needy neighborhoods in the United States identified by the cable channel that was eligible to win a "neighborhood revitalization" package if it received enough votes online...and they did it! Way to go! [Click Here to Learn More.](#)

Green kudos go to **Urban Villages** for their environmental sensitivity in constructing their covered pedestrian walkway at the SugarCube building site: instead of harshly pruning the trees along the sidewalk, instead they cut holes in the side of the walkway to allow the trees through!

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