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In the mid-1980s, two groups started taking an active role in Lower Downtown. One was a collection of property owners, the other a marketing entity based in the design world. When these two groups joined forces in 1989, The LoDo District, Inc. was born!

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From the LoDo District Office

LoDo District Staffing Update

As many of you may know, the LoDo District will be having a staffing transition this spring. Our Executive Director, Simone Howell Raarup, will be leaving LoDo at the end of March to move to Brussels, Belgium. This year's Annual Meeting and Limelight Awards will be her last official duty, and we hope many of you will be present to say goodbye in person. Although Simone will be missed, the Board of Directors is confident that the transition to the new executive director will be smooth. A Search Committee has been formed, and interviews are underway. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to e-mail the District Office at info@lodo.org.

LoDo Annual Meeting & Limelight Awards

Wednesday, March 12th - Ellie Caulkins

Opera House

5:30 pm: Sponsor Reception

6:30 pm: Dinner & Program

The 18th LoDo Annual Meeting & *Limelight Awards* will take place March 12th at the Opera House. Presented by **Kevin Taylor Catering &**

Still Looking for More?

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Centerplate and featuring co-headliners **Mayor John Hickenlooper** and **Dana Crawford**, this is Opera Colorado
one event you won't want to miss! Plus, we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Lower Downtown Historic District too! Make your reservation today by visiting our website or calling our Event Hotline at 303.628.5424.

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Community Concerns/Issues

RTD Public Meeting for FasTracks Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility

Tuesday, February 26th - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm -

Exdo Events Center - 1399 35th Street

RTD will host a neighborhood meeting to discuss the possible placement of a rail maintenance facility in River North, along the UP tracks at the edge of the Elyria-Swansea and Globeville neighborhoods.

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

Water Quality Signage Meeting

Thursday, March 6th - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm -

Children's Museum Theatre

Denver Environmental Health will be hosting a public meeting to discuss plans for additional water quality signage along the South Platte River between Colfax and the north end of City of Cuernavaca Park. The meeting is designed to gather citizen input on sign content and placement, along with increasing water quality awareness and education.

For more information, visit the [Denver Environmental Health Website](#)

RTD Goldline Public Meeting

Thursday, March 6th - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm -

Highlands Masonic Center - 3550 Federal Blvd

RTD will host a neighborhood meeting to discuss potential refinements to portions of the Goldline Preferred Alternative due to new developments in the negotiations with the UP and BNSF railroads.

Public input at this meeting will help the team with continued refinements and analysis and enable them to meet important DEIS deadlines. For more information, visit the [FasTracks East Corridor Website](#)

Building Creative Businesses Expo

Saturday, March 8th - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Webb Building

The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs invites you to the 3rd Annual *Building Creative Businesses Expo*. This event offers Denver's creative community (artists, filmmakers, dancers, designers, musicians, etc...) a 'one-stop' opportunity to learn about the various resources available and skill-building workshops to help grow and stabilize creative businesses, and features over 50 organizations as exhibitors and workshop presenters.

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

Street & Sidewalk Closures

Delgany - 15th to 16th - Through October

2009 - Road closure, sidewalk closure - (Kennedy/Trammell Crow Project)

Wewatta to Speer - 15th - February 25th -

29th - Flag/shoring - (Opus 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

Free Concert with the Denver Mandolin

Orchestra

Sunday, February 24th - 7:00 pm - Wynkoop Brewery

The Denver Mandolin Orchestra is please to announce a series of shows called 'Mandolin Sundays', held every fourth Sunday night of the month at the Wynkoop Brewery. Every month, they will feature the full orchestra or one of its groups, like the Hoagies, Panache Ensemble, The Borscht Brothers, and special guests.

Wynkoop Brewing Company | 1634 18th Street
For more information, visit the [Denver Mandolin Orchestra's Website](#)

Rock Island Update

Rock Island isn't a rebellious, rowdy, scandalous rascal anymore. It has been renovated and rethought. Working with neighborhood groups, the St. Charles Town Company has led Rock Island from adolescence to adulthood. The goal of this project was to combine the amenities of modern Class A office space with the enduring architectural character of the building and return the structure to its original glory. The overhaul is complete, and most agree that its mission has been accomplished. And, 100% of its 23,464 square feet have been leased--to Thomas & Tabor and Touchbase.

For more information, visit [St. Charles Town Company's Website](#)

Denver Digs Trees Deadline Extended

Saturday, March 1st

The Park People works each year to expand Denver's urban canopy, and they have extended the deadline to request street trees through their *Denver Digs Trees* program. Even if you do not have room for a new street tree, remember to share this information with your neighbors. A tree-lined street makes your neighborhood beautiful for everyone.

For more information or to download the request form, visit [The Park People's Website](#)

Oxford Hotel Bake Sale Benefiting JDRF

Thursday, March 13th - 7:00 am - 10:00 am - Hotel Entrance - 17th & Wazee

The Oxford Hotel's quarterly Bake Sale is coming up. Hotel associates, their families, and friends home bake the sale items, and all proceeds go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. So, be sure to pick up a tasty treat and benefit a good cause.

For more information, contact Suki Nagano, Property Manager, at

snagano@theoxfordhotel.com

LoDo Doings

Author Events & Happenings at Tattered Cover

Tuesday, February 26th - 7:30 pm - *Orange Mint and Honey* - Carleen Brice - Reading & Booksigning

Wednesday, February 27th - 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
- *Europe Through the Back Door 2008* and others
- Rick Steves - Discussion & Booksigning

Thursday, February 28th - 7:30 pm - *Out of Poverty: What Works When Traditional Approaches Fail* - Paul Polak - Discussion & Booksigning

Friday, February 29th - 7:30 pm - *Take 30: The First Three Decades of the Denver International Film Festival* - Larry Laszlo, Ron Henderson, Joey Porcelli, & Judy Anderson - 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](#)

"First Sunday" Dinner & A Show at Lannie's

Sunday, March 2nd - 5:30 pm: 3-Course Dinner with *The Gabby Gourmet* at Osteria Marco in Larimer Square

7:30 pm: Dessert Buffet and Concert - Lannie Garrett with pianist Justin Adams

Combine fabulous Italian cuisine, yummy desserts, beautiful music, and the historic ambiance of Larimer Square and The D&F Tower on this special night. Cost: \$50/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](#)

CCC's Biennial Celtic Festival

Friday, March 7th and Saturday, March 8th - 7:30 pm - Bethany Lutheran Church - 4500 East Hampden Avenue - Cherry Hills Village

The Cherry Creek Chorale continues its 28th season of fine choral music, focusing on the British Isles, with its third, biennial "Celtic Festival," back by popular demand! The Chorale will be joined by the **Centennial State Pipe**

Band, and the Celtic Harp Society of Colorado, among other special guests. From the haunting *Dream of a Blessed Spirit*, set to the Welsh tune *Suo Gan*, or to the spirited, traditional *Highland Cathedral*, with voices and bagpipes, there will be plenty of offerings guaranteed to make your eyes smile, Irish or not! Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for Students under 12.

For more information, call 303.789.5920 or visit the [Cherry Creek Chorale's Website](#)

March is 'Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes' Month at the Children's Museum

Spring is a great time to get in shape and build healthy habits, so come to the Children's Museum and learn how to make it fun! Throughout March, they will have exciting and educational daily programming about health and nutrition. Get Movin' and Groovin', learn about organs at Inside Out, and play the delicious game show, Meal or No Meal! Plus, don't forget that the first Tuesday of each month (so March 4th this month) is FREE from 4 pm - 8 pm, courtesy of Target.

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](#)

Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 15th - 10:00 am - Parade Begins at 27th & Blake, On Blake to 17th, On 17th to Wynkoop, Ends Up at Coors Field

Reputed to be the biggest St. Patrick's Day parade west of the Mississippi, this year's theme, Dublin to Denver ... Shamrocks to Columbines, promises to showcase the best of the Emerald Isle, along with the best of beautiful Colorado.

For more information, visit the [Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Website](#)

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](#)

LoDo Events Calendar

LoDo Deals & Shopping

Special LoDo District Deal with the Denver Nuggets

Monday, February 25th - 7:00pm - Vs Detroit Pistons - \$20 Upper Corner Balcony Seats (Normally \$24) - \$40 Club Level Corner Seats (Normally \$63).

Tickets are subject to availability.

For more information, call Nick at 303.405.6075 or visit the [LoDo/Nuggets Deal Website](#)

Eyelash Tinting is Back at the Oxford Club

The Oxford Club is excited to announce that they will once again be offering eyelash tinting services at the spa. Tinting your eyelashes is a great alternative to using mascara, offers a natural look, and enhances the appearance of your eyes. As a welcome back promotion, come in for an appointment before March 10th and receive 15% off a lash tint service.

The Oxford Club | 1616 17th Street

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 303.628.5435. Please mention this promotion at the time of booking.

Winter Clearance Sale at Players - 50-75% Off!

It is final days for Players annual winter clearance sale. Enjoy amazing 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, visit the [Players Clothing Website](#)

Bon Voyage Sale at The Skye

The Skye Boutique will be closing soon, and while that's bad news for LoDo-ites who love this high-end gem, it is good news for proprietor Skye Forrest who is going back to school and seeking to spend more time with her adorable little boys. So, you might as well drown your sorrows by snagging some sweet deals. The back room is 80% off! And, while you're shopping 'til you

drop, be sure to wish Skye well...

The Skye Boutique | 1499 Blake Street

For more information, call 303.623.0444 or visit

[The Skye's Website](#)

Check Out the Latest LoDo Deals List

Fun, Food, & Wine

Denver Restaurant Week!

Saturday, February 23rd - Friday, February 29th

Taste the best that Denver's food scene has to offer during the 4th Annual Denver Restaurant Week. A record 175 restaurants throughout the metro area are offering multi-course dinners for the low 'Mile High' price of just **\$52.80 for two** or **\$26.40 for one!** This is the perfect opportunity to grab some friends and try a new restaurant or visit an old favorite. Reservations are required at most restaurants and some are still available, so call today!

For more information, including participating restaurants and menus, visit the [Denver Restaurant Week Website](#)

Enjoy a Buona Sera at Osteria Marco in Larimer Square

Happy Hour: Monday-Friday - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Osteria Marco (*of the Frank Bonnano - Mizuna - Luca D'Italia lineage*) recently opened in Larimer Square and features a great happy hour. Drink specials include \$3 beers and house wines, \$4 well cocktails, and \$5 prosecco by the glass. On the food front, enjoy \$1.50 meatball sliders, \$4 mozzarella en carozza, \$5 margherita pizzas, and \$6 soppressata pizzas. Perfetto!

Osteria Marco | 1435 Larimer

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

"Reserve" Judgment Until You've Tasted the Wine

Unfortunately for customers, there is no legal, official, or even quasi-self-regulated restriction on the word 'Reserve' in the U.S. when it appears on a wine label. While most producers use the term legitimately, i.e. to signify something special, many mass producers use the designation in their cheapest wines, hoping to delude customers. This sneaky trick is called marketing.

There's no cause for worry, however, if you shop at a store where you know the wine has been tasted, evaluated, chosen for value and quality, and you can get one-on-one help to select bottles, like at LoDo's own Little Raven Vineyards. Peter or one of the knowledgeable staff will be sure to point you in the right direction.

Little Raven Vineyards | 1590 Little Raven Street

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

Looking for a Restaurant in LoDo?

LoDo Arts

Final Week for Art Exhibit & Retrospective Honoring Jack B. Weil

Show Runs Throughout February - Denver Athletic Club

The Weil Family of Rockmount Ranch Wear invites you to a special art exhibition, *Honoring His Memory*. This exhibit and retrospective will feature the work of Jack B. Weil (1928-2008), son of patriarch Jack A. and father of current Rockmount president Steve Weil.

For more information, e-mail Steve at steve@rockmount.com

STOMP Returns to Denver!

March 4th - 9th

STOMP is explosive, provocative, sophisticated, utterly unique, and appeals to audiences of all ages. The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments - matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps - to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. Grab your seat today to see what all the noise is about.

The Buell Theater | DCPA

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

still at CVA

Exhibition Dates: March 6th - 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](#)

Out of Place at Robischon

Exhibition Dates: March 8th - April 26th
Opening Reception: Thursday, March 13th -
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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](#)

Sweetrocket and Illig Debut at plus gallery

Exhibition Dates: March 8th - April 21th
Artists' Reception: Thursday, March 13th -
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Artists' Talk: Friday, March 21st - 7:00 pm
plus gallery will present 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](#)

Find A Gallery In LoDo...

News in the Neighborhood...

Light Rail Etiquette - An Introduction on YouTube. Check out this funny (and informative) clip, featuring members of the Denver Outlaws Lacrosse Team. [Lessons in Light Rail Courtesy](#)

Kudos to LoDo's own **BJ Dyer**, of **Bouquets** fame, for being the featured floral designer in the current issue of *Florists' Review* magazine, the

oldest and largest trade publication in the floral industry. You can check out some of BJ's work firsthand at this year's Limelight Awards!

LoDo's parking garages are apparently a model for positive design in Rochester, NY, at least according to a reference in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle - [Check It Out](#)

Rockies Opening Day is April 4th against the Arizona Diamondbacks, and it's already sold out! Here's to a successful 2008 season for LoDo's own Colorado Rockies!

It has been a good long while since we have acknowledged our newest members in this publication, so (*despite the fact the some are veterans now*), official thanks and welcome to: **Businesses - Hyatt Regency Denver, Impulse Theater, The Old Map Gallery, Plante Properties, Pure Energy Fitness, Public Service Credit Union, Strongwater Schott, & Visions West Gallery. Individuals - Dylan DeVito, Dean Harakas, Oksana Doncila. Young Professionals - Blake Adams, Jacob Bakker, Shawna Bestreich, Andrew Chamberlain, Victoria Chenault, Erin Gilbert, Aaron Grey, Lucas Hayes, Darwin Hunt, Adam LaMasters, Nancy Olewnik, Caitlin Plattner, Jacob Robertson, James Roupp, Philip Rupert, Neil Shea, Michelle Sprowl, Dewey Steadman, & Shawn VanderWood.** Remember to support your fellow members -- patronize their businesses and greet your neighbors if you see them at events or just around the 'hood...

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