

Downtown Parks Snapshots from 2022

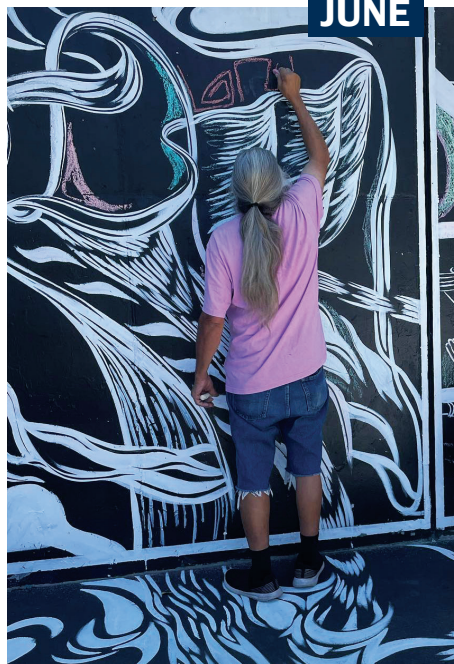
Sonny Lawson Pollinator Garden

Happy butterflies and bees can be seen flying around Sonny Lawson Park, thanks to the new pollinator garden that was planted along California Street in collaboration with the Curtis Park Neighborhood Association and the Denver Park Trust.

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MAY



JUNE

New Mural at Sunken Gardens

The basketball court at Sunken Gardens got a big makeover from artist Markus Puskar. Painted like a large “coloring book,” the community participated in adding their own personal touches to the mural.

A New Community Garden in Commons Park

Giant red tomatoes, beautiful flowers, and more are flourishing in downtown’s latest community garden. Walk by next time you’re in Commons Park and take-a-peek in the donation basket for a freshly grown treat. This project was made possible in collaboration with the Riverfront Community Foundation and Denver Urban Gardens.



AUGUST



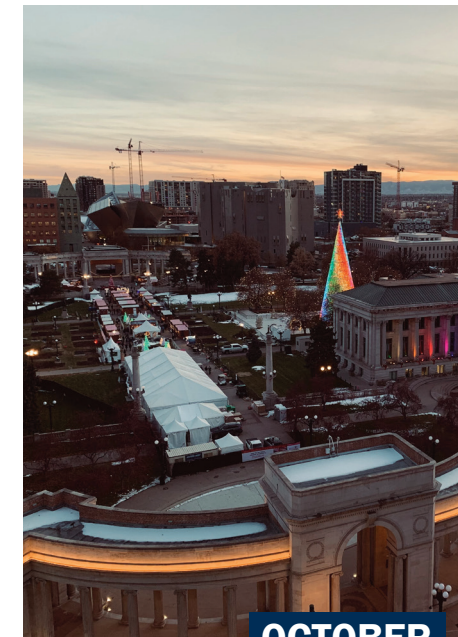
SEPTEMBER

I Love La Alma-Lincoln Park Day: Vision Plan Kick-Off

The community came out to celebrate their love for this park that has been the heart of this neighborhood for generations. It was a great kick-off to a new Vision Plan for future park improvements!

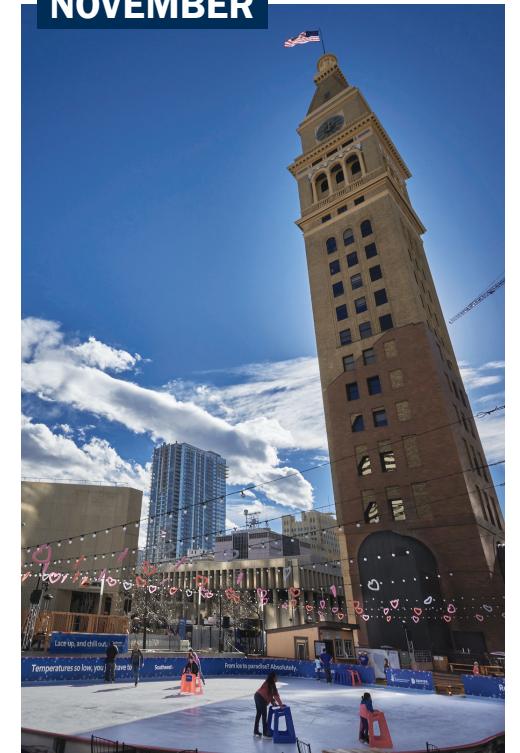
National Call for a Civic Center Final Design Team

Denver Parks & Recreation led an international search to identify the best and brightest designers to work on Denver Civic Center! The team will begin in spring 2023 and have the exciting charge to design improvements for our city’s most important civic gathering space.



OCTOBER

NOVEMBER



Skyline Block 2 Final Design Kick Off

The next stage of design for Block 2 of Skyline Park (the one with the clock tower!) is underway to work out the details of the exciting new improvements to be constructed starting in 2025.

Photo Source: Uncover Colorado

By the Numbers

1M+

The number of **attendees estimated for events in Civic Center** throughout 2022, for events like Taste of Colorado, Civic Center Eats, and Christkindl Market.

771

The number of **responses to a community survey** collecting feedback about a pilot dog park at Quality Hill Park in the Capitol Hill neighborhood.

7

The number of **new trees planted at Creekfront Park**, thanks to a generous donation from a Denver resident.

2

The number of **Community Connectors hired for the La Alma-Lincoln Park vision planning process**. Identified through neighborhood nominations, these two compensated community members hold conversations about the park’s past and future with their fellow neighbors.

Coming Up in 2023

So many of the parks in downtown Denver are undergoing exciting improvements in 2023. Community feedback is key to the success of all parks projects – keep an eye out for opportunities to express your ideas for these projects!

PLANNING

These projects are in a stage of creating an overall vision document (a “plan”) that captures community priorities and serves as a roadmap for future improvements:

La Alma-Lincoln Park

A vision plan looking at this beloved neighborhood park in one of Denver’s oldest residential areas is underway. A vision capturing new park features and improvements is scheduled to be completed by this summer. To learn the latest and get involved, visit: www.bit.ly/LALPMasterPlan

Governors Park

A vision planning effort for Governors Park in Capitol Hill is planned to begin in late summer, looking at the full park including improvements to the playground and opportunities for improving urban ecology.

Speer Boulevard and Cherry Creek Trail Feasibility Study

Recommendations for improvements to Speer Boulevard, Cherry Creek Trail, and Cherry Creek will be developed this year as part of a larger study of Speer Boulevard led by Community Planning and Development.

Citywide Initiatives

Outdoor Adventures & Alternative Sports Strategic Plan: Check out this plan document that captures goals and recommendations for how to create even more outdoor adventure opportunities around Denver.

Urban Forest Strategic Plan: Learn about Denver’s many trees and ideas for how to best care for them as a strategic planning process takes place this year.

Inclusive Play Strategy: Watch for more information on how Denver Parks and Recreation is developing a strategy to create play spaces that are inclusive and accessible regardless of ability.

Trail Amenities Plan: Give your input as Denver Parks and Recreation develops guidelines on how often and where amenities (ex. benches, water fountains, trash cans) should be placed along our trails.

Latest project information can always be found at www.denvergov.org/parkprojects

DESIGN

These projects are in a stage of “final design” which means teams are working to figure out the nitty gritty details of how to construct the phase 1 projects coming out of the overall park planning efforts:

Civic Center - Phase 1

The final design for Phase 1 of improvements to Civic Center will kick off this spring – this includes the Greek Theater and Central Promenade. Check out the full “Civic Center Next 100” concept plan here: www.bit.ly/CCNext100

Sunken Gardens

The final design for the first phase of improvements for Sunken Gardens will be developed this year. Learn more about the bigger vision for the park: www.bit.ly/SunkenGardens

Skyline Park - Phase 1

The final design for Phase 1 of Skyline Park improvements, which is Block 2 (between 16th and 17th Ave.) began in late 2022 and will continue in 2023. See the broader vision and get the latest information on Phase 1: www.bit.ly/myskylinepark

Stay in the Loop

Make sure you don’t miss the latest on what’s going on with parks downtown! Receive project updates and never miss an opportunity to sharing your feedback by signing up for the e-list:

The Outdoor Downtown E-List: www.bit.ly/dtownupdates

If you have any questions or ideas for downtown parks, you can always email us at: parksandrecreation@denvergov.org.

DOWNTOWN DENVER PARKS DISTRICT MAP

