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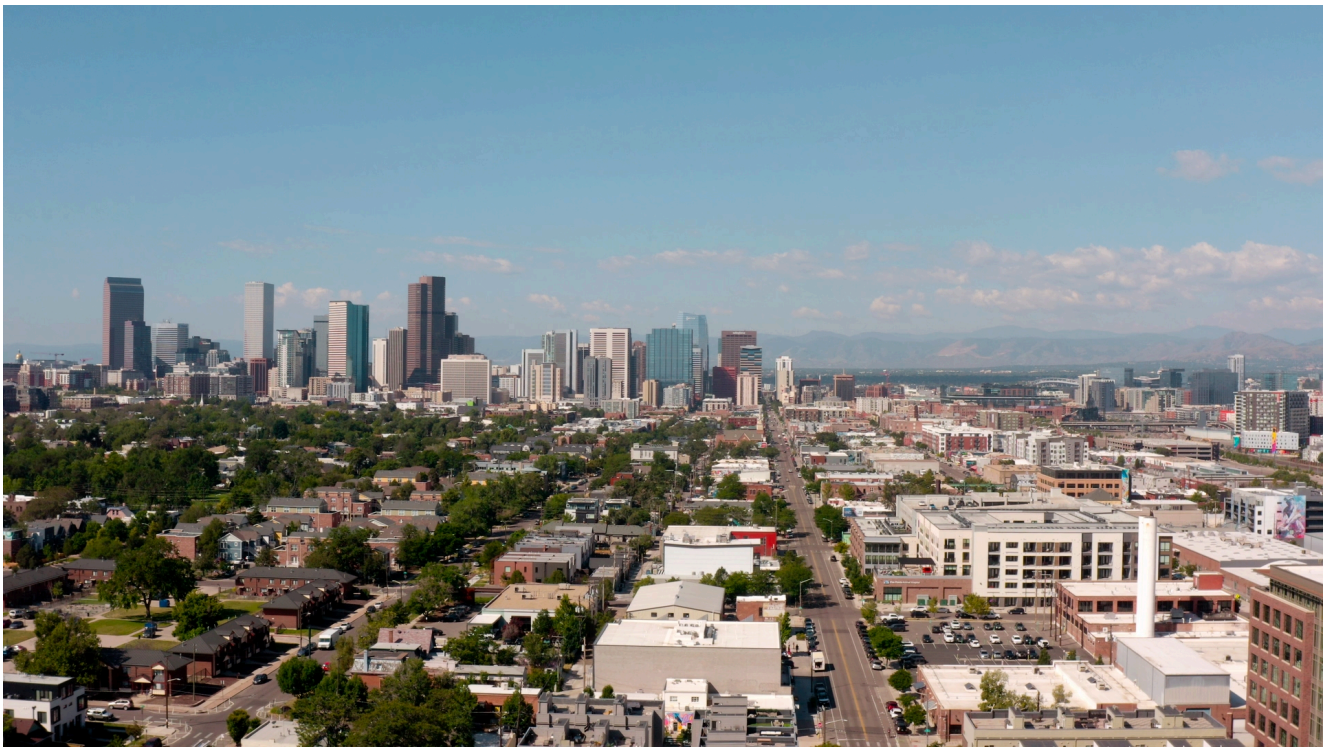

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Letter from the Executive Director

planning into action.

This month, we're opening two new grant opportunities that put BID dollars directly to work for RiNo businesses and property owners. **RiNo Sessions** will help businesses host live music and create paid opportunities for local musicians, while our new **Public Realm Improvement Grant** will support investments in the spaces immediately outside RiNo businesses, from bike racks and trees to seating and other streetscape improvements.

We're also preparing to launch **Stamped in RiNo**, a new district-wide shopping program designed to encourage people to explore more businesses and spend locally, while our new website gives businesses another free platform to increase visibility, promote events and connect with customers.

These programs take different approaches, but the goal is the same: put BID resources to work in ways that help businesses attract customers, increase visibility and contribute to a district that feels active, welcoming and worth exploring.

And we're already looking ahead. The holidays will bring additional opportunities to showcase RiNo businesses, improve the district experience and give people more reasons to shop, eat, drink and spend locally.

Thank you for continuing to share your ideas and feedback and, most importantly, for participating in BID programs and helping shape what comes next.

— Terry Madeksza, Executive Director, RiNo Business Improvement District

BUSINESS UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

RiNo Sessions Grant Applications Now Open

Applications are now open for RiNo Sessions, the RiNo BID's new six-month pilot live music grant program designed to help local businesses host recurring performances while supporting local musicians and bringing more activity into the district.

Eligible restaurants, bars, breweries, retailers, hotels, galleries and other public-facing businesses located within BID boundaries can apply for funding to host live music on the third Thursday of each month from October 2026 through March 2027. Activations can range from solo performers and DJs to small bands and larger live music experiences.

Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted, so interested businesses are encouraged to review the program details and apply early.

LEARN MORE + APPLY

New Public Realm Improvement Grant

The RiNo BID is introducing a new Public Realm Improvement Grant to help businesses and property owners enhance the spaces immediately outside their storefronts and buildings.

Eligible projects may include bike racks, trees, planters, seating, swings, shade awnings, and other improvements that make RiNo's streets and storefronts more inviting, comfortable and useful for customers, employees and visitors.

The program gives the BID another way to invest directly alongside local businesses and property owners while supporting placemaking projects that contribute to a safer, more welcoming and vibrant district.

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Stamped in RiNo Kicks Off October 1

Get ready for Stamped in RiNo, the BID's new district-wide shopping program launching October 1 and running through January 31.

The program is designed to encourage people to shop locally, discover new businesses and return to RiNo throughout the fall and holiday season. Shoppers will be able to pick up free stamp cards at participating retailers, collect stamps as they shop and take part in prize opportunities throughout the campaign.

Participating retailers will receive additional visibility through BID marketing, social media and the Stamped in RiNo online directory. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks as we introduce participating businesses and get ready for launch.

LEARN MORE

Make the Most of the New RiNo BID Website

The new RiNo BID website is live, with an expanded business directory, events calendar and resources designed to give businesses more visibility and make it easier for people to discover

- Check your business listing and make sure your information is accurate
- Submit upcoming events for inclusion on the district-wide events calendar
- Explore BID resources, programs and opportunities available to your business

Both the business directory and events calendar are free, giving businesses another way to reach customers and promote what's happening in RiNo.

Join Us for the September Stakeholder Meeting

Our next Stakeholder Meeting is **Wednesday, September 23**, from **3–4:30 p.m.** at Fabrica, **3001 Brighton Blvd**.

We'll share updates on new BID programs, initiatives and changes across the district, with time to ask questions, share feedback and connect with fellow RiNo stakeholders.

Everyone who attends will receive one entry into a gift card raffle. Bring another RiNo stakeholder with you and receive a second entry.

We'd love to see you there!

Denver's New Recycling & Composting Requirements Are Now in Effect

Denver's Universal Recycling and Composting Ordinance took effect September 1, introducing new waste-diversion requirements for businesses and commercial properties.

Most non-residential properties—including offices, retailers, hotels and venues—must now provide recycling for customers, employees and contractors. Licensed food businesses have additional requirements, including composting for employees and contractors.

Building owners, property managers and business operators should review the requirements that apply to their property and make sure the appropriate services, signage and education are in place.

REVIEW REQUIREMENTS + COMPLIANCE RESOURCES

Coming Soon: District-Wide Lighting Program

The RiNo BID is exploring a new district-wide lighting program designed to create a more cohesive and festive look throughout RiNo while making participation easier for businesses and property owners.

participating buildings, as well as seasonal lighting for select trees in the public right-of-way. The BID is currently evaluating vendors to negotiate a consistent district-wide rate and coordinate installation and maintenance on behalf of participating properties.

Building lighting is intended to remain installed year-round, while tree lighting would be seasonal. Properties with taller buildings or more complex installation needs may have additional site-specific costs.

Interested in participating? Let us know now to help the BID understand demand as the program and pricing are finalized.

Final pricing, participation details and next steps will be shared once the vendor-selection process is complete.

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

CLEAN, SAFE & DISTRICT SERVICES

Clean Team by the Numbers

The RiNo BID Clean Team continues working throughout the district every day to keep streets, sidewalks and public spaces cleaner and more welcoming.

From January through August, the team logged **36,512 service activities**, including:

- **27,385** pan-and-broom cleaning activities
- **4,127** trash-route services
- **1,448** vandalism-related responses
- **1,139** pressure-washing services
- **756** snow-removal activities
- **257** special projects

Thank you to the Clean Team for the work they do throughout RiNo each day.

Business Watch: Connect With DPD and Your Neighbors

learn practical tools for creating a safer business community.

Topics will include crime prevention, district safety updates, available resources and ways businesses can work more closely with DPD and one another.

Two meeting times are available. **You only need to attend one**:

Fabrica Building | 3001 Brighton Blvd.
Wednesday, October 21 at 10 a.m.
Monday, November 2 at 5 p.m.

RSVP FOR EITHER MEETING

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RINO

Fall Events Across RiNo

There's always something happening across RiNo. Visit the BID's online events calendar to see upcoming festivals, community events, business activations and other programming taking place throughout the district.

Hosting an event of your own? Businesses can also submit events for inclusion on the calendar at no cost.

EXPLORE + SUBMIT RINO EVENTS

Newly Opened & Coming Soon in RiNo

New businesses and destinations continue to arrive across RiNo. Recent and upcoming additions to the district include:

- **Amoret Café & Bar** — 3100 Brighton Blvd.
- **Aspire Medical Spa** — 3583 Wynkoop St.
- **Aura** — 3191 Walnut St.
- **Bar 77** — 2669 Larimer St.
- **Doubles Club** — 3200 Larimer St.
- **El Chingon Bistro** — 3330 Brighton Blvd.
- **Forth** — 3377 Blake St., Unit 105

- **La Vie En Rose** — 1336 27th St.
- **MAKfam** — 3463 Walnut St., Suite 1
- **Poor Boys Louisiana Po' Boys & Kitchen** — 3330 Brighton Blvd.
- **Sandbox VR** — 2737 Larimer St., Unit C
- **Soda Club** — 1280 25th St.

STAY IN TOUCH

Have a question, need support or want to connect with the BID? Reach us at general@rinobid.com or visit the RiNo BID website for staff contacts, district resources and information about RiNo's partner organizations.

You can also follow the BID on LinkedIn and YouTube for updates on programs, business resources, district investments, events and other news affecting RiNo's business community.

CONTACT THE RINO BID

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