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UPCOMING EVENTS

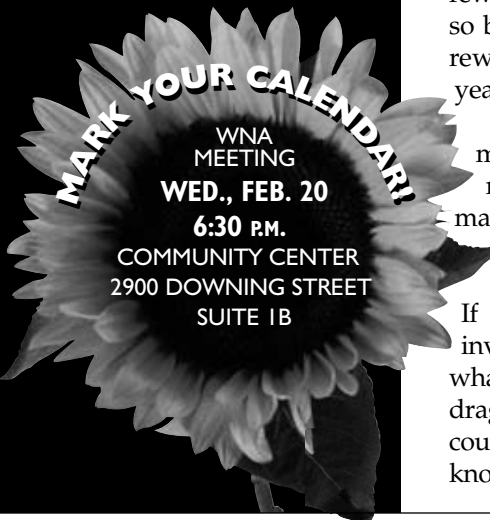
FREE DAYS

Sundays in February
Colorado History Museum
Black History Month Events
Feb. 3: Colorado Pioneers
Feb. 10: Life in Dearfield
Feb. 17: Celebrate Music!
Feb. 24: Voices of the Past
1300 Broadway • 303.866.3682
www.coloradohistory.org

Thurs., Feb. 14
Denver Zoo

Mon., Feb. 18
Denver Botanic Gardens

Sat., March 1
Denver Art Museum



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SPOTLIGHT

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Why Bother?

Whittier's character depends on active neighbors

If you moved to this neighborhood because of its character, consider how it came to have character. Architecture and amenities count, but most likely it took people, regular people like us, throughout the past century and a half.

Whittier has a long tradition of neighborhood activism. The Whittier Neighborhood Association (WNA) was formed over 30 years ago. Our previous City Council representative, Elbra Wedgeworth is a past WNA President. She provided leadership at the bottom of the political food chain, advocating for your neighborhood.

The WNA may have a building to run, but it's really a collection of people who have served the neighborhood over time and right now, for the first time since anyone can remember, leadership is going begging. **The president and vice president positions on the WNA are vacant.**

Time for you to step up. If not you, who? If not now, when? But, why bother? Someone else will do it. You're busy. It's hard work.

It is hard work, but more rewarding than you think. I know so because I am still reaping the rewards of board service five years after I left the position.

Volunteering for your community is like having children. There is never a great time, but if you plunge in, it makes room for itself. And, speaking of children, what a great example to set for your children and others around you. If you like the notion of your kids being involved in the world around them, guess what, you are the perfect role model. I've dragged my son to more meetings than I can count, and he's a better person for it. He knows how to speak up for himself and for

those who can't or won't.

Being on a non-profit board of directors provides all kinds of learning opportunities in politics and elected leadership, or if you're just interested in a career change. What can you learn? How about reading a financial statement, the art of negotiation, community organizing, public speaking, and fundraising. All of these can go on your resume or just help you transition to something you enjoy better than what you are doing now.

And, community service as a volunteer can lead to some pretty good jobs. Councilwoman Carla Madison retooled herself from a massage therapist to policy maker through volunteering for her neighborhood association. I did the same. I now have a job representing Xcel Energy to city officials in Denver and Aurora and it all started delivering newsletters for the WNA and plunging into leadership when needed.

Luckily, the WNA has enough folks involved that no one position is too burdensome, that has always been strength of this board and neighborhood. And don't think if you're new the area, you can't lead. It's the quickest way to learn a community.

If not you, who? If not now, when? If you're waiting for the perfect time, the perfect time may be passing you by.

If you're interested in talking with any board members, being on a committee, delivering the newsletter or helping to organize an event, contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or chc@blondedesign.com.

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*By Monique Lovato,
Past WNA President*



**FRONT RANGE
ECONOMIC STRATEGY
CENTER (FRESC)
WORKING FOR
COMMUNITY BENEFITS
AT UNION STATION**

A coalition of low-income housing groups, labor unions, environmental organizations, and small business groups, collectively called the Campaign for Responsible Development (CRD), are working to establish good jobs and other benefits for local communities at the Union Station redevelopment. Funding for the development will include up to \$100 million in public funds. This development should benefit our local communities and help support residents, workers and the environment. Join FRESC to expand opportunities for Denver residents by ensuring that the Union Station redevelopment project will include priorities for good jobs, low-income housing, "green" building, and local business opportunities. 303.477.6111 ext. 17 www.fresc.org

Editor's note:

At the Jan. 26 WNA meeting, the proposed design of the Union Station Development was presented by a City representative. An opposing view was offered by a member of Union Station Citizen Advisory Committee (USAC). FRESC has a seat at the USAC table and finds that most of the issues discussed are design-based. The root of the CRD's shared interest in the project are more social/economic (housing, jobs, environmental, small/local business). They also have an interest in government accountability and transparency (lack of responsiveness to USAC concerns). The official web site for the Union Station redevelopment is www.denverunionstation.org.

Police offer tips for safety, crime deterrence

District 2 Police Commander, Technician and patrol officers were the featured speakers at the Jan. 16 WNA meeting. Despite pockets of day-time break-ins, overall crime has decreased in Whittier. **The prevailing message from the police: "Call us if you think anything is suspicious."** They would prefer to spend a few minutes investigating a false alarm than spend days investigating a crime scene.

Break-ins: Many burglaries are crimes of opportunity. In almost half of the residential (and garage) burglaries, the bad guy enters through an open or unlocked door or window. You can help protect your home by keeping it secure.

- Make sure that your garage door is always kept closed.
- Lock your bike or other valuables to a permanent structure.
- Lock the deadbolt between the garage and your home.
- Keep the doors locked even when you are home.
- Don't leave your keys in your car; don't leave your car running, even for a minute.
- Call the police if you see anyone peering into your or your neighbor's home.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and be vigilant for anyone watching your house as you are leaving.

Graffiti: 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. Call the Graffiti Hotline at 720.856.7867 or visit www.denvergov.org/graffiti.

Foot Patrols: The foot patrols over the last year have been both effective and popular. However, the federal grant for that program is ending; District 2 is trying to find another funding resource.

RESOURCES

- **720.913.2000:** Report non-emergency crimes or suspicious activity. Be sure to get good descriptions of the vehicles, people and situation
- **720.913.1000:** District 2 Police Station
 - schedule an in-home security analysis of your house and property.
 - Let the police know you will gone for an extended period of time. They will check on your house while you are gone.
- **www.denvergov.org/police:** On the front page is a link to a new mapping system that lets you input any address or landmark and review any criminal activity near/at the location.
- **www.denvergov.org/DenverPartnersAgainstGraffiti:** Scan down the left side for "authorization forms". Print out the form, fill out both pages and include date, address, phone number and signature. Once a signed authorization form is on file, the city can remove graffiti from your property anytime they are notified graffiti is present using the City's current graffiti removal methods.
- **WhittierCSHC@gmail.com:** Whittier resident Jim Considine will come out and paint over any graffiti on public spaces (like dumpsters and light poles).

The District 2 Police are your partners in preventing crime and a valuable resource to keep you and your family safe. Your involvement is crucial to keep Whittier safe.





MATT BERGLES

As a long-time resident of House District 8, I appreciate the cultural and geographic diversity that makes our district so vibrant and livable. My real life experiences as an athlete, teacher, coach, factory worker, community activist and so much more, have allowed me to experience the wonderful qualities of ALL people. So no matter who you are, I want to be YOUR representative. www.mattbergles.com 719.251.5787



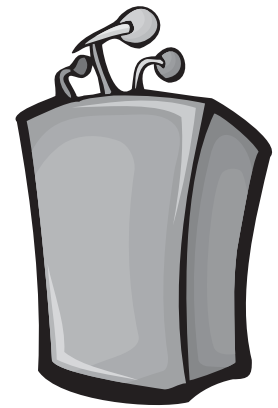
CINDY LOWERY

As a healthcare attorney and a community advocate, Cindy will fight for quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare, first-rate public schools, and safe working environments with sustainable wages. As your next State Representative, she will work to ensure healthy families, healthy jobs and healthy communities for all Coloradans. www.votelowery.com 720.989.4325



BETH McCANN

I have been fortunate to live, work and raise a family in this terrific community for the past 33 years. Much of my career has been spent keeping Denver a safe and healthy community. I am running for State Rep. because I want all Coloradans to be healthy, well educated, safe, and financially secure. Together, we can make life in Colorado even better. I would appreciate your support. www.McCann08.com 720.329.7929



IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THE FEB. 20 WNA MEETING . . .

The District 8 Democrats are sponsoring a moderated forum with the State Representative candidates on **Weds., Feb. 13**

6:45 P.M.

Bogey's Club House, City Park Golf Course
Cynthia Hesson with Rocky Mountain PBS will moderate the evening. All questions need to be submitted in advance. To submit a question or for more information, send e-mail to smcdermott@mhmlawfirm.com

Feb. 20 WNA meeting offers forum to meet District 8 State Representative candidates

The WNA will present a candidate forum at the **Weds., Feb. 20** meeting. There are three Democratic candidates vying to replace current State Representative Rosemary Marshall, who is leaving office due to term limits. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to question the candidates directly. Each candidate will have a timed response for every question.

Please plan on attending to hear how the candidates plan to represent you in the State House, enjoy free cookies and catch up on the latest Whittier news.

Photos and statements provided by each candidate. As a 501(c)3 organization, the WNA cannot officially endorse any specific candidate.

Snow removal a chance to work together

Denver has issued a number of new policies for the removal of snow on city streets. There are policies for snow removal on neighborhood sidewalks as well. Dangerous sidewalks lead to seniors and other regular pedestrians being trapped due to fear of travel. Snow removal isn't just neighborly, its the law.

- Homeowners are required to clear sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a snow storm
- Businesses and apartment complexes are required to clear sidewalks within 4 hours of the end of a snow storm

- If you have a corner lot, clear curb ramps, around fire hydrants and across alley openings
- During a major snow event, the sidewalk rules may be suspended for up to 72 hours

Volunteer to shovel for your neighbors if they are seniors or physically unable to remove snow from their sidewalks.

Please contact any WNA board member if you need help with snow removal (see contact information on the back page of the newsletter).



NEWSLETTER DELIVERY PEOPLE NEEDED

Join a great group of folks who help get the Whittier word out every month by delivering the *Whittier Spotlight* newsletter. It only takes about 45 minutes every month and is a great way to get exercise and meet your neighbors. Please contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or chc@blondedesign.com if you would like to know more.

Call Neighborhood Inspection Services at 3-1-1 with the addresses of icy sidewalk hazards — particularly in front of empty buildings.

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COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS—Both a current schedule of use and a reservation request form can be found at www.WhittierNeighborhood.org. Find them on the Community Center page. All reservation requests are now handled on the web site, so please don't call—you'll just be redirected to the web site.

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District 2 • 720.913.1000
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303-377-3334 • www.lead safedenver.org
www.hud.gov/offices/lead/outreach/remodel.pdf

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March 3-7

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Become a member of the Whittier Neighborhood Association—or renew your membership—and start making a difference today! Membership cards are available at monthly WNA meetings.

Name _____
Names of others in household _____
Address _____
Phone (home) _____ (work) _____
E-mail _____ Interests _____

I am enclosing \$20/household (\$12/Senior household) as new member(s) _____ as renewing member(s) _____ plus an additional donation of \$ _____ to the Whittier Neighborhood Association.

Your membership is fully tax deductible and will be used to support the Whittier Community Center at 29th Ave. and Downing St. Please enclose check made payable to Whittier Neighborhood Association and mail to 2900 Downing Street, 1B • Denver, CO 80205