



WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE DAYS

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
Sun., April 19

Denver Botanic Gardens
Sat., April 25

COMMUNITY GAME DAY
Sat., April 18 • noon–7 P.M.
Whittier Community Center,
2900 Downing St.

WHITTIER COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
Sat., April 11 • 10:30–11:30 A.M.
Rain or shine!

Bring one dozen filled plastic eggs per child THE WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT and a dish to share!

Sponsored by the Whittier Community Garden
303.864.0452
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WNA MEETING
WED., APRIL 15
6:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER
2900 DOWNING STREET
SUITE 1B

WHITTIER

NEIGHBORHOOD

SPOTLIGHT

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You got confirmation for a free tree — now what?

The WNA has three easy steps for you to follow to make sure your tree is picked up, planted and cared for.

1 If you qualified for a Denver Digs Tree and need help either picking up or planting your

tree on Sat., April 18, the WNA has a group of volunteers who will help you with your tree needs.

Please contact Carla Beal at 303.564.5214 or croche004@yahoo.com.



2 Volunteer to help others with their trees! If you can spend a few hours on Sat.,

April 18 helping your neighbors plant trees to beautify Whittier, please contact

Carla Beal at 303.564.5214 or croche004@yahoo.com.



3 Register your tree with Greenprint Denver's Mile High Million tree program. Visit

www.greenprintdenver.org/trees. Right now we are 142,491 trees towards a goal of 1 million trees planted over 20 years.

You will receive a tree care booklet. If you need more information, call The Park People at 303.722.6262.

You didn't get your tree application in on time — now what?

Denver Digs trees will be selling additional trees for \$45/\$65 first-come, first-serve on Sun., April 19. Visit www.theparkpeople.org for locations and times.

After 50+ years, Denver Rezones

The City of Denver is in the process of rezoning the entire city and **this will affect you**. This effort, the Zoning Code Update, is in its fourth year and will define what our neighborhoods look like and the vision for what we want to see in them. The zoning update is occurring for two reasons: first, the complexity of the current code has made it unwieldy and almost impossible for a lay person to navigate through. The new code will have a better balance between use and form, be more user friendly, with illustrations, graphics and clearer definitions and measurement standards; and second, the current code was written in 1956 when the expectation was that Downtown would expand, the inner city neighborhoods would be demolished, and high rises and denser multi-unit housing would dominate the landscape. What happened instead was urban sprawl as the flight from the cities

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NEW ZONING CODE PRESENTATIONS

Tues., May 12 • 5:30 P.M.
Denver Convention Center
Next to the Big Blue Bear
on 14th Street

Wed., May 13 • 6:30 P.M.
Place Middle School
7125 Cherry Creek North Dr.

Thur., May 14 • 6:30 P.M.
Lake Middle School
1820 Lowell Blvd.

Tues., May 19 • 6:30 P.M.
Denver School of the Arts
7111 Montview Blvd.

Thur., May 21 • 6:30 P.M.
Abe Lincoln High
2285 S. Federal Blvd.

www.newcodedenver.org

Denver Deals



Big D's Rib

is serving up melt-in-your-mouth ribs, brisket, and turkey legs, zesty hot links, old-fashioned baked beans and homemade potato salad.

Sats., 11 A.M.—4 P.M.

1505 E. 23rd Ave.

(betw. Humboldt & Franklin)

720.365.0055

jribman@gmail.com

Denver Deals highlights neighborhood businesses. If you have a **Denver Deal** send it to chc@blondedesign.com.

Be sure to include business name, address, phone number, hours, and web site.



TREecycle MULCH GIVEAWAY & LEAFDROP COMPOST SALE

Sat., May 2 • 8 A.M.—3 P.M.

Fred Thomas Park

(Quebec & 26th Ave.)

Dig-your-own free mulch

Havana Nursery site

(10450 Smith Rd.)

Compost is \$3 per ten-gallon bag (about 40 pounds) or about \$30 per cubic yard (plus tax). Loader service for trucks and trailers will be available.

Bring a shovel or pitchfork and your own bags or containers. Bring along a tarp to make sure loads are covered before leaving the site.

Call 3-1-1 or visit www.denvergov.org/recycle.



SEVENTH ANNUAL

Whittier Neighborhood Yard Sale

First Saturday after Memorial Day

May 30 Starts 8:00 a.m.

Sign up at www.WhittierNeighborhood.org or contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or chc@blondedesign.com.

The WNA will place an ad in newspapers, promote the event to other neighborhoods, post the sale on CraigsList, provide signs to be posted at your house and around the neighborhood, and list the addresses of all participants on flyers and our web site. You don't have enough stuff to have your own yard sale? We will try to match you up with other Whittier neighbors, so you will all reap the benefits! **WNA members will get top billing on the list of participants** that will be posted on the web site and handed out at each yard sale.

Welton's future featured at April 15 WNA meeting

Whittier neighbors will have a chance to hear plans to revitalize the Welton Corridor from James Busby with Denver's Office of Economic Development.

The revitalization effort is part of Denver's Neighborhood Marketplace Initiative (DNMI), a program started in May 2008. The DNMI conducted surveys and discussion groups last summer and identified the following vision for revitalization: "Welton Street is a multi-cultural entertainment district, rooted in African American history and seen as a destination for arts, culture and entertainment. The corridor also provides neighborhood serving retail and services and is the focal point and central gathering place for the surrounding neighborhoods" including Cole, Curtis Park, Five Points, San Rafael, and Whittier.

Seven committees have been formed and provided suggestions. Focus areas

include: Identifying the Best Zoning for the Corridor • Public Art • Improved Public Realm • Multi-Modal Access • Business Development and Support • Community Development Initiatives • Clean and Safe

Initial recommendations and future goals include pedestrian improvements, unified lighting and art along the corridor, cleanup and removal of graffiti, creation of a business development and support organization, events to attract visitors, preservation of historic buildings while redeveloping other structures, and the reduction of the number of cars on the light rail line to smaller rail vehicles that can go both ways along the corridor and improve frequency.

For more information, please visit www.milehigh.com/neighborhood/NeighborhoodMarketplace.

OTHER FEATURED SPEAKERS ON APRIL 15

Jeru Parikh, Senior Landscape Architect
Denver Parks and Recreation
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720.913.0619

Follow-up to a March 3 meeting for public input for play area design options for Madame C.J. Walker Park Playground

Cindy Lowery, Chair,
Democratic Party of Denver
cindy.lowery@gmail.com
303.830.8242

Ashort presentation on political engagement in Denver and ways to get involved with the county and house district Democrats.

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to the suburbs took place. On the positive side, historic neighborhoods surrounding Downtown remained mostly intact and that is what we have today. The zoning is completely misaligned with what is on the ground, which often endangers the character of these neighborhoods. The new zoning will be context-sensitive and relate to both what is on the ground and our vision of what we want to see in these areas. There will also be areas of growth that are focused along transit corridors and urban centers.

The new zoning code in Whittier can impact things such as accessory dwelling units ("granny flats"), new structures shading existing solar panels, scrape-offs and what can replace them, "green zones" and set-backs around new housing, and many other issues that can affect the way our neighborhood looks and feels. The areas of growth specific to Whittier are along the Downing Street corridor. Whittier will have a new zoning context, which is supposed to offer similar housing types based upon lot size and existing housing stock. The zoning code governs everything from fence heights to curb-cuts for new driveways. The quality

of life in Whittier is influenced everyday by the zoning code. Our involvement in the review is imperative to assure that Community Planning and Development Department clearly assigns the form and context that we expect and want in Whittier.

The language of the code is just starting to be presented to the public. Members of the Zoning Code Task Force, including our Councilwoman Carla Madison, were given the first draft of some of the residential contexts in early March. It is currently undergoing review and edits. Commercial

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zoning language should also be coming out in the next few weeks and maps should be out by May. Some open sessions for neighborhood presidents and others have been held and beginning in April, Councilwoman Madison will hold weekly meetings so that more people review the code and see how it might affect them. *We can all have input on how the new code is shaping up.*

Sat. & Sun., April 18 & 19
10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Celebrate Denver's 150th birthday by visiting its prominent architectural gems and lesser known treasures.

You can wander on your own or join a tour led by members of the architectural community.

For more information, call 303.282.5073 or www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver.



2008 EARTH DAY FAIR
WED., APRIL 22

10 A.M.–2 P.M.

Exhibits • Entertainment

Refreshments

Everyone is welcome to this free celebration in Civic Center Park.



Five Points Jazz Festival
coming Sat., May 16 —
Volunteer today!

The sixth Annual Five Points Jazz Festival is scheduled for Sat., May 16 at venues along Welton Street.

Two upcoming public meetings will garner usupport and input for a successful event. Both meetings are at 6:00 P.M., Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library (2401 Welton Street). Everyone is welcome.

Mon., April 20 Volunteer Meeting — Did you know it takes 125 volunteers, working in shifts to make the Five Points Jazz Festival happen? We hope you will attend this meeting and help out with this great festival!

Mon., May 4 General Information Meeting — Do you want to know what streets will be closed and when? Do you want insider tips to the Festival? Join us for information on everything related to the Five Points Jazz Festival. General event information: www.denvergov.org/5pointsjazz



Three floats and dozens of adults and children represented Whittier in the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 14. Kudos to everyone who made our neighborhood look so wonderful!

KJ's liquor license hearing cancelled

The Public Hearing on April 2, 2009 has been CANCELLED. There is a zoning issue involving the building's owner and until that matter is cleared up, KJ's cannot apply for a liquor license. However, the owners would like to continue to work towards an agreement with the WNA. A Good Neighbor Agreement is a tool created by the City to help registered neighborhood organizations mitigate any potential problems stemming from the issuance of a liquor license and to address issues of concern from the neighborhood.

For more information, contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or visit the WNA web site.



ARBOR DAY
AT CITY PARK
SAT., APRIL 25

8 a.m. – noon

Volunteers needed to help with tree planting and care. All tools provided. Bring your own gloves and water bottle.

Meeting location south of the museum on Harrison.

720.913.0330

dprvolunteers@ci.denver.co.us

SIGN UP FOR
FREE RECYCLING

Currently only 49% of Whittier's eligible households are recycling.

Call 3-1-1 or visit www.denvergov.org/recycle

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COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS—Both a current schedule of use and a reservation request form can be found at 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.

BANYAN TREE/WHITTIER DRUM PROJECT

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DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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Wes & Fri. 12–6 P.M. • Sat. 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

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720.865.0920 • Tues. & Wed. 12–8 P.M.
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Sat. 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

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DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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303.295.4007 • WhittierCSHC@gmail.com

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2543 California St.
303.860.774 • hopecommunities.org

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303.377.3334 • leadsafedenver.org
hud.gov/offices/lead/outreach/remodel.pdf

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MILE HIGH YOUTH CORPS

303.433.1206 • www.milehighyouthcorps.org

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CONGRESS FOR EDUCATION (NCCE)

Meets every Tuesday • 6:30 P.M.
Blair Caldwell Library, 2401 Welton St.
303.294.1141

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SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD CENTER

2901 High Street • 303.295.2107

TRASH PICKUP

Large item pickup: Apr. 13–17
Unwanted appliance pickup: 303.430.7142
Recycling service start-up: call 3-1-1

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND REFERRAL SERVICE

Just dial 211

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA COMMUNITY CONNECT PROGRAM at Manual High School

720.423.6322
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WHITTIER K-8 PTA

2nd Tues. 5:30–6 P.M., dinner 6–7:15 P.M.
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Looking for home values in Whittier?

Check out *Whittier Today* on www.whittierneighborhood.org

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RESOURCES IN REAL ESTATE

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