



WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE DAYS

Sat., June 7
Denver Art Museum

Sat., May 17 • 1-6 P.M.
Five Points Jazz Festival

Various venues around
29th and Welton Streets
Come celebrate Five Points'
rich jazz history with free
performances by some of
Denver's finest entertainers

For more information,
doca@denvergov.org

Sat., May 17 • 9 A.M.

Cole Neighborhood Cleanup
Bring gloves and wear old clothes.

Meet at Wyatt-Edison Charter
School, 36th Ave. and Franklin St.
foxtail0077@yahoo.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
WNA
MEETING
WED., MAY 21
6:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER
2900 DOWNING STREET
SUITE 1B

WHITTIER NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

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SIXTH ANNUAL

Whittier Neighborhood Yard Sale

First Saturday after Memorial Day

May 31 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sign-up deadline: May 26 WNA will place an ad in newspapers, promote the event to other neighborhoods, 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! **New This Year**—Whittier neighbors can participate in a **plant exchange** by simply putting little starts of extra plants they are dividing into a zip lock bag with a little dirt and placing it in a section of their yard sale display that says, "Plant starts to share." **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. **For more information, contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680.**

Visit www.WhittierNeighborhood.org to sign up or to get a map of yard sales (by May 30).

Seniors can apply for free house painting

Working with more than 1,000 volunteers, Brothers Redevelopment hopes to paint the homes of as many as 100 seniors during the organization's 30th Annual Paint-A-Thon, set for 8 A.M.-3 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 16.

To qualify, homeowners must be at least 60 years old, demonstrate financial need and be on-site during the Paint-A-Thon. Homeowners get to choose the color of paint. Seniors are encouraged to sign-up quickly for the effort, as assessments will begin this spring to ensure that both applicants and their homes meet basic criteria.

Anyone can nominate a senior's home for painting. Seniors who would like to have their home painted can obtain an application by calling Brothers Redevelopment at 303.202.6340. You'll also find applications online at www.brothersredevelopment.org. **Application deadline: July 1**





**SUMMER OF PEACE
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**
Sat., May 17 • 10 A.M.–3 P.M.
Sunny Lawson Park
(rain or shine)

Colorado Rockies players will hold a baseball clinic for community children and coach a celebrity softball game. Prizes and face painting! Food and drinks served.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Just a little of your time will go a long way! Committees forming now: fundraising, publicity, research, volunteer coordination and event-day participation. Contact Gary and Linda at WhittierTour@aol.com.



**DENVER NEEDS
ELECTION JUDGES**

Election judges are needed for Primary Election Day, Aug. 12, General Election Day, Nov. 4 and early voting. Election day polling place judges are paid \$100 per election day worked, plus \$20 for attending a required training session.

To apply, visit www.denvergov.org/elections, or call the Denver Elections Division at 720.913.VOTE (8683). Deadline to apply is Friday, May 23.

Destination 2011: Year One at Manual

I am the Community Liaison at Manual High School. On an average day I spend several hours having one-on-one interactions with students: doctor's appointments, schedule changes, heart-to-heart talks about the ups and downs of life. I've also learned to write grants and acknowledge donors, coordinate parent engagement and education meetings, funnel volunteers (and ask for volunteers), create partnerships with corporate and community leaders, and translate school publications and letters from English to Spanish. I've been able to get a feel and an understanding of what it means to fly a plane while you build it. And a lot of the time I'm so busy flying, I forget it's a plane I'm building.

The Manual High School administration and staff came with a plan in mind, a very good plan. It's been put to the test by those that really matter—our students and their families. While many of our ideas have proved good ones and are still in place, we are on our toes non-stop with addressing new, real-life situations. Manual High School's plan reminds me of the phrase "living document". We are discovering so much about our students and the communities they live in that we are constantly changing and modifying to better serve them, so that, in turn, they can have greater achievement.



One of our greatest and most painful findings has been a large number of our students are well below grade level on all fronts. So many of our students were promoted to the next grade level time after time for reasons other than their being ready for a higher level of learning. And it's not that our students aren't smart or aren't able to learn, there is an abundance of intelligence at Manual; it has rarely been applied. Additional support classes have been created and students are having tremendous success. Individual learning and success plans have been created for students who are having the toughest times. We get some pushback from these students; it's hard to be expected to do more than you've ever done in your life. Our teachers experience

**Rob Stein, Manual Principal,
and Brenda DeLuna will be
featured speakers at the
WNA May 21 meeting.**

frustration at not knowing how much more they can or should do to help a student, but in their hearts know that it will pay off in the end.

I have been so inspired by their life stories, struggles, most of all, resilience. Many of the adults in the building wonder how these kids even make it to school every day. Students' lives include single-parent or grand-parent homes, drug abuse/distribution, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, homelessness, gang violence, death due to all of the previous. It shouldn't be like this and doesn't have to be like this, but it is and our kids believe it to be so. Until they believe there is something more, something different, it isn't going to change. In addition to preparing students academically we've got to prepare them to be the social change this world is in dire need of. We've only got four years to make a significant impact in the lives of these kids.

Strong relationships have been created between students and students, students and staff and staff and staff. Teachers want to make lives better for these kids and the kids want to build a better world as well. This requires a higher level of commitment and is a constant reminder of the ultimate goal and purpose.

There are plenty of expectations for Manual. We have a history of academic and athletic excellence; of being a point of departure for successful careers and lives; and we have been the pride and joy of the community. There is a long hard road ahead of us and things are not going to change overnight, maybe not even within the next year. But important steps have been taken in order to ensure that our Class of 2011, and beyond, gets to their destination.

By Brenda De Luna —You can contact her at brenda_deluna@dpsk12.org or 720.423.6300.

**Kevin Patterson,
DPS School Board Member,
will be a featured speaker at
the WNA May 21 meeting.**

Ask Art

The Yard Man



When is a good time to start planting?

It has been my experience that with constant changing weather in Colorado in the spring to begin planting after mothers day to insure no danger from frost.



TIP: Take advantage of spring snow, and rain by applying weed and feed to your lawn to insure it getting down to the roots.

TIP: When pruning outdoor trees be sure to save some small branches with blossoms and put them your favorite vase as a centerpiece.



It has been my pleasure to move in to the beautiful and changing Whittier community. With the move, I bring over 30 years of lawn, gardening, and interior plant experience. Recently retired, I have the time to share some of my experience with you. I will be happy to answer any questions and concerns about your lawn, gardening and house plants.

This column will consist of questions I get from Whittier neighbors with knowledgeable answers and a handful of helpful tips to make your outdoor planting a more enjoyable experience.

Send questions to paul-jon3@netzero.net



Nathan Beal, WNA Treasurer, plants a new tree on the corner of Vine St. and 29th Ave. for a Whittier resident. According to The Tree People, Whittier had more tree requests than any other neighborhood in Denver—resulting in over 70 new trees planted in the community. Thanks to everyone who planted a new tree!



SUMMER WATERING BEGINS MAY 1

The rules are mandatory: no lawn watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; do not allow water to pool in gutters; repair leaks in 10 days; and no watering more than three days per week. The first violation is a warning, second is a \$50 fine, and third is \$100 fine. Call 3-1-1- to report water waste in Denver parks. To report other areas, call 303.893.2444.



NZINGHA CULTURAL ARTS FOR PEACE 2008

Classes include offer Capoeira (Afro-Brasilian martial art), African drumming and song, poetry and crafts. These classes are available to low income and at risk youth and will be located in northeast Denver (eg., Glenarm Rec Center). For details, contact Baba Usamah at 303.331.2414 or nzingacapoeira@yahoo.com



SEASONAL STREET SWEEPING BEGINS

Check the red and white signs posted on your block for street sweeping parking restrictions. This year a new free reminder service is available. Visit www.MyMotorMaid.com to register.

CITY PARK ACTIVITY HEATING UP

Summer in the Park

Registration for children 7 to 12 years old has started for Summer in the Parks, an eight-week age-appropriate, licensed child care and recreation program that includes art and crafts, sports, playground and water games, field trips, and special events.

Program Session:
Mon.-Fri., 10 A.M.-3 P.M.,
June 9-Aug. 1 City Park

For details, call 3-1-1 or visit www.denvergov.org and type "Summer in the Park" in the search field.

Volunteer Docents

Friendly people to share information about the interesting features and rich history of City Park are needed at least two Saturdays a month starting in May. Docents receive training on the park and city history and horticulture identification.

Shifts: 10 A.M.-noon,
noon-2 P.M., 2-4 P.M.

For more information, contact Angela Casias at 720.913.0647 or angela.casias@denvergov.org

Upcoming Events

City Park has been permitted for these events in May:
Sun., May 4
Iron Girl 5 Mile/5k Run
Sat., May 10
Mamma Mia 5k Run
Sun., May 11
Walk To Empower
Sun., May 18
Colfax Marathon
Thurs., May 29
Sunset In The Park
Sat., May 31
Girls On The Run

Auto access to the park may be interrupted or stopped to allow for these events.

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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.
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