



WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jungle Zoo-fari

Thurs., June 15 • 10:30 A.M.
Join Ann Lincoln for this juggling and magic fun adventure!
Ford-Warren Branch Library
2825 High St.

Learn to Compost

Sun., June 25 • 2 – 4 P.M.
Sat., July 8 • 9 – 11 A.M.
Must sign up one week before the class.
Gove Community Garden
13th Ave. & Colorado Blvd.
www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles
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FREE DAYS

Denver Botanic Gardens
Mon., June 19 & Sun., July 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WNA
MEETING
WED., JUNE 21
6:30 P.M.
WHITTIER COMMUNITY
CENTER
2900 DOWNING ST.
#1B

WHITTIER

NEIGHBORHOOD

SPOTLIGHT

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Manual redesign panel seeks community input

On Wed., May 24, community members were asked to provide information to interested contractors vying for the Manual RFQ redesign. Three specific questions were posed:

1. *In what ways does the community need to be involved in the next 12 months?*
2. *What are the most useful/valuable assets community members have to offer in the design and planning phase? During the first year of operations?*
3. *What 3–5 things should the project team absolutely do regarding the community, in the next six months? What 3–5 things should the project team absolutely NOT do, regarding the community in the next six months?*

Present at the meeting were students, parents, teachers, administrators, and representatives from the WNA, Friends of Manual (alumni), Youthbiz, non-profits, micro-business development and other community organizations.

Councilwoman Elbra Edgeworth, who is chairing the committee to lead the Manual redesign effort, responded to the questions first. She felt that the process should “include all stakeholders in a deep and sustained engagement process that carries forward after the firm’s work is finished and result in a high achieving school that has a clear direction.”

Everyone is invited to participate in a community information and feedback session regarding the selection of a Manual redesign contractor

Sat., June 10 • 3:00–5:00 P.M.

Manual High School

Contact Kim Knous Dolan at 720.273.8993 for more information.

Other comments included:

- *Think about how to get REAL community ownership in the school to push it, support it, and see it succeed—the community needs to OWN the redesign.*
- *Look at the 54 percent of families/students that have choiced out of Manual. Who are they? Why have they choiced out? And, what would bring them back?*
- *Students’ voices, in the redesign and ultimately in the opening of the new school, is critical to Manual’s future success.*
- *A comprehensive review of all research to bring the best educational models to the table.*
- *Reconnect families to the school and rebuild community and student trust/relationships.*
- *Avoid mistakes of the past — give notice, time and thought to how people are engaged.*

To see all of the comments, visit the Manual Hot Topic on the front page of the WNA web site, www.WhittierNeighborhood.org.

RTD Board Chairman to speak at WNA June 21 meeting

The structure of traffic flow and traffic/RTD lanes on Downing • Connections to the Downing Corridor through Whittier— what will they look like? • Parking options at the various train stops— will they promote neighborhood foot traffic? . . . These are just a few of the issues affecting Whittier and surrounding neighborhoods.

Come hear from Chris Martinez, chairman of the RTD board at the monthly WNA meeting. If you would like to contact Martinez before the meeting, call him at 303.371.7218 or e-mail him at chris.martinez@rtd-denver.com.

Denver Deals



If the kids are driving you crazy what better place to go, but Jerry's Nut House?

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M-F 8 A.M.-5 P.M.

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Send your **Denver Deal** to chc@blondedesign.com.

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



HIKE FOR YOUTH

Join a hike-a-thon benefiting six environmentally-focused youth organizations.

On **Sat., June 10** hikes start at 8, 9 and 9:30 a.m. To sign up or for more information visit www.hikeforyouth.org.

ESCALAR POR LA JUVENTUD

Es como escalar por una tonelada de beneficios que beneficiara a seis organizaciones enfocadas en el medioambiente. Este **sabado junio 10** la escala comenzara a las 8,9 y 9:30 de la mañana. Para inscribirse o para mas informacion visita la pagina de internet www.hikeforyouth.org

Safe Night 2006

From 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. on **Sat., June 10** Denver Metro area residents and neighborhoods from across the city will be spending the evening outside with neighbors and Denver's public safety representatives. Many neighborhoods, along with public safety personnel, will be involved in hosting a variety of special events, such as crime prevention block parties with food and refreshments. The Safe Night event, at the Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center, 3334 Holly St., will also include displays and special demonstrations from Sheriff, Fire and Police personnel.

Safe Night Colorado is designed to: (1) Heighten awareness of crime, gangs and drug prevention; (2) Divert youth away from the criminal justice system; (3) Strengthen both neighborhood spirit and law enforcement/community partnerships; and (4) Keep neighborhoods safe at night by preventing young people from wandering unsupervised late at night.

Contact George Mills at 303.360.7772 for more information.



Unraveling the DPS Budget: Toward Transparency and Equity through Weighted Student Funding

Tues., June 6 • 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Marguerite Roza, Ph.D. of the Center for Reinventing Public Education at the University of Washington will present her research commissioned by Metro Organization of Parents.

A discussion about weighted student funding as a more transparent model of budgeting will follow the presentation.

MOP's report provides an overview of DPS budgeting as it relates to school funding; presents our research on "weighted" funding for low-income students and English language learners; presents the basics of weighted student funding as a more transparent and equitable method of funding for schools; and supports the district in moving forward with the adoption of weighted student funding while also establishing greater weights for low-income students and English language learners.

Dinner will be provided. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to reserve your space to Patty Lawless at patty@mopdenver.org or 720.297.7091.



Believe it or not, planning is underway for the 4th annual Whittier House tour. The house tour is the primary fundraising event for the Whittier Community Center at 2900 Downing Street. Over the last three years, Whittier has welcomed hundreds of people into the neighborhood to tour some of its historic homes. The houses on the tour offer a wide variety of sizes and architectural styles as well as differing levels of renovation.

This year's tour on Sun., Oct. 1 includes houses on Gilpin, Franklin and Humboldt Streets. The house tour committee is actively seeking residents who would like to participate by offering their house as a tour home.

Volunteers are needed for every facet of planning and organization for the house tour. Many hands make for light work. House tour meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 P.M. at the Whittier Community Center, 2900 Downing St., Suite 1B. Contact Justin Marks at justinmarks@comcast.net or 303.564.3872 for more information.

LAPTOP NEEDED The WNA Board is seeking a laptop computer of reasonable speed and capacity for our Treasurer; and it would be great if it also came with QuickBooks software. The donation of either/both items is tax deductible and would be of immense help. Contact Cormack McCarthy at 303.298.9019 or cmccarthy@nttinc.com.

Summer is the perfect time to get healthy

Denver Healthy People 2010 is a community-wide network of partners dedicated to making Denver a healthy place for all. The initiative is led by the Denver Department of Environmental Health. Their mission is to make Denver a healthy place for all by promoting a better quality of life and eliminating health disparities



by blending partnerships, best practices and health promotion to build a healthier community.

The Denver Healthy People 2010 Coalition welcomes your input and invites you to partner with them on health-related programs. Contact Monica Buhlig at 720.865.5407 or monica.buhlig@ci.denver.co.us.

ACTIVITIES

FUNKY FITNESS

Tues., June 6

6:30–7:30 P.M.

District 2 Police Station,
Community Room
3921 Holly St.

HEALTHY COOKING

Tues., June 13

6:30–7:30 P.M.

Martin Luther King
Recreation Center
3880 Newport St.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Tues., June 20

6:30–7:30 P.M.

District 2 Police Station,
Community Room
3921 Holly St.



CITY PARK JAZZ

The 20th anniversary season continues with 10 free concerts on Sunday evenings beginning **June 4** from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Call 303.744.1006 or visit www.cityparkjazz.org.

EL PARQUE DE LA CIUDAD

celebra su 20 aniversario dando 10 conciertos gratis cada domingo por la tarde, empieza en **junio 4** de 6 de la tarde a 8 de la noche. Para mas informacion llama al 303.744.1006 or visita www.cityparkjazz.org

'Fly' event attracts 350, raises \$10,000 for Whittier Elementary

Neighbors of Whittier Elementary School came out in force on May 12 to show support for the school and raise money for the Whittier Elementary Student Enrichment Fund for the Arts. The event, titled "I Believe I Can Fly: A Celebration of Community and the Arts at Whittier Elementary" was the first of its kind at the school and raised more than \$10,000 for this fund. The school was packed all evening with more than 350 people in attendance, including Denver Public School Superintendent Michael Bennet, DPS Board President Theresa Pena and DPS Community Specialist Happy Haynes.

The event included entertainment, food and a silent auction of birdhouses created by students, artists and VIPs. The goals of the event were to build community and raise awareness of the school within the community as well as raising funds for the arts enrichment program.

"I took away from this event is that we can do it," said Leta Sharpe, co-chairwoman of the event and co-founder of Northeast Parents for Quality Education. "It confirmed to me that the diversity in our neighborhood is so beautiful and strong, and must be celebrated. And it demonstrated to me that with some effort, people from all cultures and backgrounds can come together to embrace our neighborhood children."



The hallways at Whittier Elementary School are packed as attendees bid on silent auction birdhouses and other items.



INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training is seeking potential interns and placement sites for its paid six-month internships in grassroots fundraising for people of color.

Applications must be submitted by **Fri., June 30**. www.grassrootsinstitute.org

PUESTOS DE INTERNO DISPONIBLES

El instituto de entrenamiento para la colecta de dinero esta en busca de personas interesadas para hacer servicio social los elegidos se les pagara seis meses de servicio social en la fundacion de grassroots. El servicio es para personas de color.

Las solicitudes deben ser entregadas el **viernes junio 30**.

www.grassrootsinstitute.org

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