

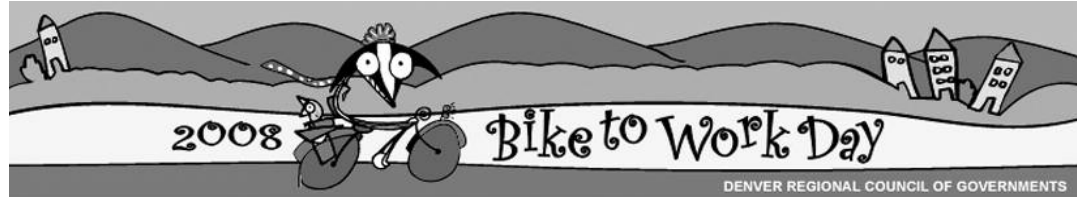
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SPOTLIGHT

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE DAYS

Wed., June 25
Denver Museum of
Nature & Science

Sat., July 5
Denver Art Museum

National Get Outdoors Day
Sat., June 14 • 9 A.M.–2 P.M.
Sloan's Lake Park

Booths and outdoor stations will offer a variety of fun activities such as a mountain bike course, rock climbing and geocaching.

WNA Safety
Committee Meeting

Wed., June 18 • 6 P.M.

District 2 Police graffiti "specialist" will bring photos to help neighbors discern if tagging is gang-related.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WNA
MEETING

WED., JUNE 18

6:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER
2900 DOWNING STREET
SUITE 1B

On **Wed., June 25**, thousands of people will leave their cars at home and take two wheels to work. DRCOG hopes that plenty of Whittier neighbors will be among those taking part in Bike to Work Day, an annual event that educates and excites people about commuting by bicycle.

Why bike to work? It's a great way to get out of traffic, save gas, make time to exercise and enjoy fresh air. Denver's been rated as one of the nation's best places to bike by the American League of Bicyclists, and one of the most congested cities by the Texas Transportation Institute, so bicycle commuting just makes sense.

Bike to Work Day is a perfect event for novice bicycle commuters, as plenty of participation means that groups are more likely able to ride together, and extra support is available for planning routes, tips on best commuting practices, road safety and more. Officially registering makes you eligible for lots of great prizes! You can also stop by one of over a hundred bike stops that morning to catch your breath and get some free breakfast!

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

Visit www.drcog.org or call 303.458.7665 to register.

WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES!

Although the great exercise, fresh air and fuel savings you get by participating in Bike to Work Day are excellent rewards, let's face it . . . prizes are pretty good, too. You must register to be eligible for prizes.

FREE BREAKFAST!

There are more than a hundred places to stop, catch your breath, and grab a bite to eat on the morning of Bike to Work Day. Be sure to plan a few extra minutes into your ride to stop at a station near your home or work. Most stations will be open between the hours of 6:30–9 A.M.

To find a station near you, you can download Denver-area breakfast station maps at www.drcog.org. Having trouble with your download? Call 303.458.7665 to have one mailed to you.

Leave your car in the garage!

Tracy Halansinski and John Hayden of the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee will be speaking at the **Wed., June 18 WNA meeting** about efforts the city of Denver and its residents are making to help increase use of bikes for transportation and to make Denver more bike friendly. They will update Whittier resident on new developments and initiatives for the biking community and be available for comments and questions. Please join us, and remember to ride your bike.



CROSSROADS THEATER ON THE RAIL

"A convergence of cultures and art forms in the heart of Denver" describes this Five Points community theater that offers live productions like you will not see elsewhere.

CROSSROADS THEATER ON THE RAIL

2590 Washington Street
(at the corner of Welton and 27th St., next to Blackberries)
303.832.0929
www.denvercrossroads.com
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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.



GRASSCYCLE AND KEEP YOUR YARD LOOKING BEAUTIFUL NATURALLY!

Grasscycling is the process of mulching grass clippings back into your lawn. Mulching grass clippings feeds valuable nutrients to your lawn. Clippings contain nitrogen and other nutrients that when recycled into your lawn slowly release nutrients, thus promoting steady grass growth. Grasscycling can also help you save on your water bill. Grasscycling reduces the need to water your lawn as often, because the moisture from the clippings is returned back into your lawn.



An architectural rendering shows how the current Red Shield Center will be updated. Drought-tolerant landscaping and new sidewalks are part of the expansion project.

A new building will be constructed to the east of this building on the site that is currently an asphalt basketball court.

Salvation Army plans expansion of High Street Red Shield Center

The Salvation Army Red Shield Corps Community Center, located at 29th Ave. and High St., opened in October 1964 will celebrate its 44th anniversary with the start of new construction in October 2008.

Since July of 2002, the Red Shield Center's membership has grown from 323 to currently 3,161 active members. The Red Shield Center offers over thirty different programs designed to enhance the lives of their neighbors in the Whittier and surrounding community.

The Red Shield expansion project will provide state-of-the-art facilities to increase the ability to meet the needs of their neighbors. The project will include a new building to replace the current asphalt basketball

court. The new facility will include an indoor basketball gym, martial arts and dance studios, education department with additional classrooms and computer lab and additional office space. The current building will be reconfigured to provide several new meeting rooms for community groups, a new senior drop-in center and updated kitchen facility. The original gym will still be used for fitness programs.

For more information on The Salvation Army Red Shield Corps Community Center's expansion project or programs they offer, contact them at 303.295.2107 or stop by their center at 2915 High Street.

Submitted by Christopher Porier, Business Administrator Salvation Army Red Shield Corps Community Center

Capt. Ron McKinney, Salvation Army Metro Denver City Coordinator, and architects for the expansion project will provide information and seek public comments at the **Wed., June 18 WNA meeting.**

Common Recycling Questions

How much extra will recycling cost me?

Nothing. Recycling services are included as part of your City & County of Denver Solid Waste Management collection services.

Can I recycle shredded paper?

Yes, but please limit the amount you shred and place shredded paper in a paper bag with the top folded or stapled closed before putting it in your recycling cart. **NO PLASTIC BAGS.** To minimize shredded paper, please only shred the paper that contains personal information.

Can I recycle pizza boxes?

Yes. Please remove any food or wax paper that may be inside the box.

Which plastics can be recycled?

Denver Recycles accepts all plastic bottles for recycling. Don't worry about the numbers on plastic bottles. Simply "check the neck." Bottles with a neck or opening smaller than the base of the container are accepted in the Denver Recycles program.

Why can't we recycle plastic bags?

The equipment that sorts the recyclables is incredibly sophisticated and plastic bags are the one item that can get tangled around this equipment and cause damage. Never put plastic bags in your recycling container.

For more information about the Denver Recycles programs call 3-1-1 or visit us on-line at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Issues affecting our neighborhood and how you can take action.

What's Up Whittier

TAKE CARE OF OUR SUMMER AIR

Ground level ozone pollution is created when emissions from everyday items — gasoline-powered vehicles, lawn equipment and household paints, stains and solvents — combine with other pollutants and “cook” on hot, summer days. Ground level ozone is harmful to our health — especially to older adults, children and anyone who suffers from asthma — but together we can reduce ozone levels throughout the Denver region.

TAKE ACTION

Reduce ground level ozone pollution by doing these simple things:

Please vote yes or no to the proposal in one of the following ways:

- keep your car tuned up
- avoid idling while you wait in your car: at drive-up windows or at the curb
- refuel in the evening on hot sunny days
- stop at the click — don't overfill gas tanks
- walk to lunch and run errands in the evening
- use gas-powered lawn equipment after 5 P.M. on hot, sunny days
- invest in new earth-friendly lawn equipment
- avoid painting and staining projects in the heat of the day
- tightly cap solvents; store in a cool place

Get detailed information by visiting www.ozoneaware.org.

DRUM FROM THE HEART
SAT., JUNE 7
10 A.M.—1 P.M.

Whittier K-8, 24th Ave. and Downing St.

The Whittier Drum Project presents its annual community celebration/fundraising event. Carnival games, puppet shows, prizes, food and much more!

Admission is free.

For more information, 303.322.4418.



VOLUNTEERS MEETING
MON., JUNE 9 • 6:30 P.M.

1739 E. 29th Ave.
(corner of 29th Ave. and Williams St.)

Just a little of your time will go a long way! Contact Gary and Linda at WhittierTour@aol.com.

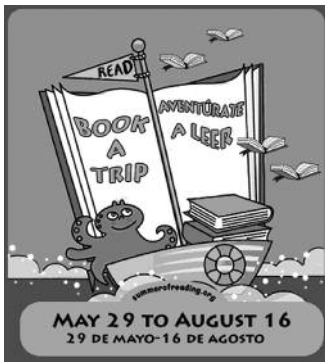


MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

All incoming freshmen will have the opportunity to participate for six-weeks from 8:30 A.M.— 3:30 P.M. daily, in math, literacy, science, and cultures classes as well as electives such as Tae Kwan Do, rap poetry, choir, drill team, and soccer. Manual is partnering with Breakthrough Kent Dnver to offer the summer camp.

For details, contact Manual Principal Rob Stein at 720.423.6300 or Rob_Stein@dpsk12.org.

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Book a Trip is for children from birth to those starting 5th grade in the fall. Older kids, check out Reading Road Trip, the program for readers going into grades 6–12.

- Register online or at any Denver Public Library from May 29–July 31.
- Read 4 books or 2 hours (or have books read to you) to earn each prize.
- Write the names of the books you read or fill in the circle showing how much you have read.
- The first prize is available **June 14**; a new prize can be earned each Saturday.
- Check dates on prize coupons so you'll know when to get your prizes.
- Make sure you bring your booklet to the Library to get each prize.

Visit kids.denverlibrary.org for all children's programs.



Can Denver become a transit city?

View a new documentary, produced by The American Institute of Architects Denver Chapter, that explores the positive aspects of successful transit-oriented development (TOD) in cities throughout the United States.

There will be a panel discussion after the film with representatives from City government and neighborhood organizations.

Wed., June 18 • 6–8 P.M. • King Center

The King Center is located on the Auraria Campus, near the intersection of Speer Boulevard and Auraria Parkway. For driving directions, visit the www.ahec.edu/kingcenter/main/directions_driving.html

Auraria Campus is also easily accessible by light rail lines C, E, D, F & H

Anchor Project provides creative outlet for neighborhood youth

Housed in Crossroads Theater in Five Points, the Anchor project provides creative workshops for community children of all ages. Monthly performances/shows will showcase art created by participants.

Open Saturdays from 2–6 P.M., one-hour classes are offered for \$2 per person/day. The class schedule is:

- 2 P.M. Drawing and visual art
- 3 P.M. Writing and reading; playwriting/creating scripts for scenes
- 4 P.M. Acting and movement
- 5 P.M. Writing and reading poetry

Volunteers and materials are needed. For more information, please contact Kurt Lewis at 303.641.7185 or kurtraider@msn.com.

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Spotlight Advertising Opportunities: Please contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or chc@BlondeDesign.com.

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Year	Active homes	April sales	Average price	Days
2008	29,327	3353	\$267,259	103
2007	29,987	3452	\$322,512	108
2006	30,805	3303	\$318,949	98
2005	23,802	3288	\$305,122	84
2004	26,042	3416	\$294,388	84

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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