

# WHITTIER

## NEIGHBORHOOD

# SPOTLIGHT

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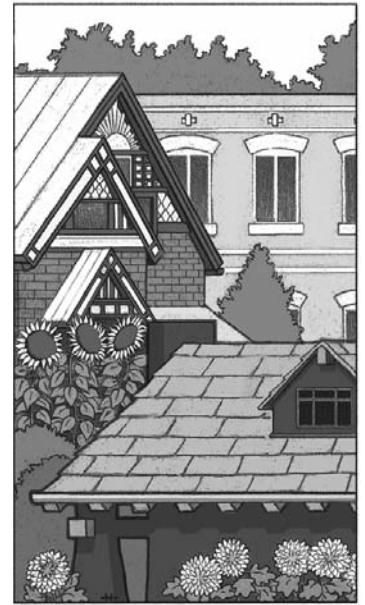
## June 17 WNA meeting just for you!

**W**hat are the neighborhood issues that matter to you? Bring your questions, concerns, ideas and community spirit to the WNA meeting at 6:30 P.M. on **Weds., June 17**. **Snacks and childcare will be provided.**

The *Whittier Neighborhood Plan*, created in 2000, was developed to serve as the basis for public discussion and citizen input concerning the future of Whittier. The Plan will provide a framework for the discussion on June 17. Some of the areas to be discussed include:

- Land use and zoning: how will Denver's zoning changes affect your house and your future plans? What opportunities will there be for small businesses? (*See related news item on page 3.*)
- Historic preservation: How can you benefit from preservation status? How do we find a balance between the architectural style of Whittier and residents' desire to renovate/build their homes?
- Education: Do you know how our neighborhood schools are faring? What would you like to know about their programs and opportunities for your kids?
- Parks and open space: Is the City properly upgrading and maintaining the park space in Whittier? What would you like to see in our public areas?
- Traffic/transportation: Do you feel signage and traffic enforcement is adequate? Are there traffic safety issues you would like addressed?
- Public safety: Are the police adequately responding to Whittier residents' safety needs? What more do you want to see/hear from District 2 police?
- Whittier Neighborhood Association: What would you like to see/hear from the WNA? How can the WNA keep you informed about community issues and advocate for you to the City?

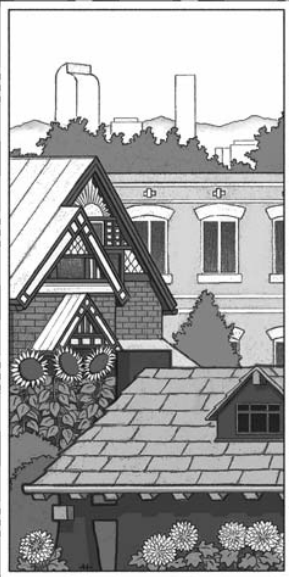
You can view the *Whittier Neighborhood Plan* as a pdf on the WNA web site. If you cannot attend the meeting, but have a question you would like addressed, contact Linda Dowlen, WNA president, at [WNAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:WNAPresident@gmail.com).



**If you can attend just one meeting this year, this is the one!**

**Get something to eat and meet neighbors from across the neighborhood.**

**This your chance to tell us what is on your mind and learn new information about our community.**



**WHITTIER**  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
DENVER, COLORADO

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FREE DAYS

**Denver Museum of Nature & Science**  
Weds., June 10

#### TALKING TRASH

June 16 • 6-8 P.M.

Natl. Jewish Hospital, 1400 Jackson  
Denver Solid Waste/Public Works are seeking public opinion about residential trash and recycling services currently offered.  
[www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles)

#### WHITTIER SEWING CLUB

Sun., June 21 • NOON-5 P.M.

Whittier Community Center,  
2900 Downing St.

Bring your own equipment (machines, pins, scissors, etc.) and meet other neighborhood sewing enthusiasts.  
[solemnraven@gmail.com](mailto:solemnraven@gmail.com)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

WNA MEETING  
**WED., JUNE 17**  
6:30 P.M.  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
2900 DOWNING STREET  
SUITE 1B



2403 E. 28th Ave.  
(28th Ave. & Jospeline)  
303.832.6435  
hairpeacesalondenver.com

Hair Peace Salon offers precision hair care and design, color/highlighting, perms and thermal ionic straightening, manicures, pedicures, waxing, skin and massage services.

They are excited to participate in the urban renewal of this historic neighborhood and welcome all Whittier residents to stop in for a visit and receive **30% off first set of services.**

**Denver Deals** highlights neighborhood businesses. If you have a **Denver Deal** send it to [chc@blondedesign.com](mailto:chc@blondedesign.com). Be sure to include business name, address, phone number, hours, and web site.



## A REBIRTH OF VICTORY GARDENS

[www.growlocalcolorado.org](http://www.growlocalcolorado.org) offers information and expertise in establishing a food garden at your home, business or public space.

Growing food in our communities leads to greater food security and reduces our dependence on fossil fuels. Growing community around food creates safer, more connected neighborhoods and cities.

## Co-op market hoping to open in Five Points

A group of residents and business owners are spearheading an effort to open a new co-op market in the city aimed at providing shoppers with local, organic foods.

Organizers with the Denver Co-op Market are hoping to generate enough members to open a small store soon in the Five Points neighborhood. The membership fees will help finance the development of the store. The goal is to sign up between 500 and 1,000 residents to get the market up and running. Around 100 people have signed up so far.

The co-op would offer foods and other products produced in a socially ethical and environmentally friendly manner.

Annual memberships, which start at \$35 with a \$35 joining fee, come with certain benefits, including price discounts, voting rights and opportunities to rent space in the store for community events.

Visit [www.denvercoop.com](http://www.denvercoop.com) for more information and membership details.

### City Park Farmers Market offering \$5 off fresh local produce

Visit [www.coloradofreshmarkets.com](http://www.coloradofreshmarkets.com), click on sponsors and take a short survey to get your \$5 off coupon.

City Park Esplanade Fresh Market  
**Suns., May–Nov. 1** • 9 A.M.–1 P.M.  
Colfax Ave. & Columbine St.



## Denver's Old House Society Presents June Events in Curtis Park and West City Park

**Sat., June 13**

Guided walking tour, Curtis Park • \$10/person

**Sat., June 27**

Brunch/discussion of interior design for smaller old houses, West City Park • \$25/person

Tickets are limited. Purchase online at [www.denversoldhousesociety.org](http://www.denversoldhousesociety.org) or call 303.916.4359.

## National Get Outdoors Day • Sat., June 13 • 9 A.M.–3:30 P.M. • City Park

Free to everyone who is interested in learning new ways to be active outdoors. The action-packed day features climbing wall, biking canoeing and kayaking,



skiing in the park, Smokey the Bear, President's Physical Fitness Challenge, 5K walk, sustainable living village plus music, food, prizes and fun!

[www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org](http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org)

## DHA 2009 Home Ownership Fairs offers information, resources

Be there if you're a:

- Prospective home buyer: The time is right to buy! Learn how to purchase a home wisely.
- Current home owner: Get resources to enhance your financial stability and improve your home.
- Home owner in delinquency or foreclosure: Meet with counselors to find options to help get you back on track.

Come and meet:

- Housing Counselors – Pre-purchase and foreclosure prevention
- Community resource representatives
- Real estate agents
- Lenders

Free workshops • Refreshments  
Door prizes • Free parking • Youth activities  
Translators (Spanish/Vietnamese)

**Sat., June 13** • 10 A.M. – 3 P.M. • PPA Center, 2105 Decatur Street

Questions? Call 303.654.2526 or learn more at

[www.denverhousing.org/DHA/2009HomeOwnershipFair](http://www.denverhousing.org/DHA/2009HomeOwnershipFair)

## SHORT TAKES

### BIKE TO WORK DAY

Wednesday, June 24th

There are a lot of great reasons to bike to work:

- It's a great way to fit exercise into your day;
- Fewer cars on the road means less congestion on roads and pollution in the air;
- Cycling energizes you to start your day and de-stresses you afterwards so you arrive at work and home feeling refreshed;
- You save a lot of money on gas and maintenance for your car; and
- You might surprise yourself by loving it.

Visit [www.drcog.org](http://www.drcog.org) to register, find breakfast stations, prizes and more!

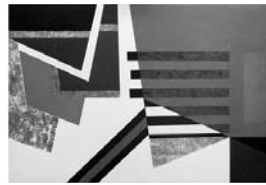
### THE STORY OF STUFF

WITH ANNIE LEONARD

The **Story of Stuff** is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. *The Story of Stuff* exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world.

It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.

[www.storyofstuff.com](http://www.storyofstuff.com)



### First Friday Art Walks

July 3, August 7

Experience the work of international, national and local artists in Denver's only multi-block art district, where viewers can easily walk to all the galleries. Within a six-block section of Santa Fe Drive area, from 5th to 10th Ave., you can enjoy over 30 participating galleries and artist studios joining the First Friday Art Walk every first Friday of the month, all year round.

[www.artdistrictonsantafe.com](http://www.artdistrictonsantafe.com)



### DOG MISSING SINCE APRIL 20

*(editor's note: we don't do this very often, but this reader felt she was beyond hope having tried every other method of search—including at the Fuller dog park)*

Her name is "Stinks". She is a black and white Australian Shepherd with blue eyes.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated. If you are not the person(s) I should contact, please let me know who I can contact.

Call Dianna at 720.404.6939 if you have any information.



### Free Senior Housepainting

As part of the 31st annual Paint-A-Thon, Brothers Redevelopment Inc. is selecting metro-area low- and fixed-income seniors to have their homes painted for free. To qualify, homeowners must live in a home no more than 1 1/2 stories, be at least 60 years old, demonstrate financial need and be on-site during the event.

Individuals or organizations that want to volunteer, or seniors who need aid, can get applications at [brothersredevelopment.org](http://brothersredevelopment.org) or call 303.202.6340.

### "Home Renovation Bonanza"

The city is giving out free permits to homeowners and licensed contractors making qualified home improvements or repairs to existing one- and two-family dwellings.

The City is encouraging renovations to help the economy. Permits typically cost at least \$20 but can run into the thousands for complex projects. Examples of eligible projects include replacing stucco or siding, remodeling a kitchen, bath or basement, and replacing water heaters. Additions won't be eligible.

The free permits are available until June 15 and are valid for 180 days. Send e-mail to [ResidentialPermits@DenverGov.Org](mailto:ResidentialPermits@DenverGov.Org) for more information or with questions.



### DRAFT ZONING CODE

Draft text of the new zoning code is available for review at [www.newcodedenver.org](http://www.newcodedenver.org). You are strongly encouraged to review it and submit any comments online and bring any comments that you have to the next zoning code meeting for our area.

It will be held on **Weds., June 24,** 6-9 P.M. at Blair-Caldwell Library, 2401 Welton Street

### Sat., June 20 • 9 A.M.-6 P.M. • Five Points

A showcase for community organizations and afro-centric vendors. This year's celebration will focus on art, education, health and entrepreneurship. A parade kicks off a full day of entertainment featuring food, fun, families and a focus on metro Denver's African American community. For more information or to get involved, contact Leslie Juniel at [juniel6@aol.com](mailto:juniel6@aol.com) or Hanifah Chiku at [hani.fah@hotmail.com](mailto:hani.fah@hotmail.com).



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Volunteers needed

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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**

303.322.4418

**BO MATTHEWS CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE**

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Just dial 311 • Denvergov.org

**DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**Blair Caldwell branch**  
720.865.2401  
Hours: Mon., Tues 12–8 P.M.  
Wes & Fri. 12–6 P.M. • Sat. 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

**Ford Warren branch**

720.865.0920 • Tues. & Wed. 12–8 P.M.  
Thurs. & Fri. 10 A.M.–6 P.M.  
Sat. 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

**DENVER POLICE DEPT. – DISTRICT 2**

Neigh. Police Officers Choice Johnson & Andrew Richmond 720.641.1596 • Officers Tyson Worrell & Jake Robb 720.641.1592  
Spanish language hotline 720.913.1089  
Dispatch 720.913.2000

**DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

dpsk12.org

**GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP**

720.865.7867 • Denvergov.org/graffiti  
Supplies: Cop Shop, Park Ave. & Champa St.  
303.295.4007 • WhittierCSHC@gmail.com

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2543 California St.  
303.860.774 • hopecommunities.org

**LEAD SAFE DENVER**

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

**MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL**

720.423.6300 • rob\_stein@dpsk12.org

**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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Chris Martinez • 303.317.7218  
chris.martinez@RTD-Denver.com

**RADIO READING SERVICE OF THE ROCKIES**

For the blind, visually impaired and handicapped • 303.786.7777 • rrsr.org

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303.458.7665 • drcog.org

**SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD CENTER**

2901 High Street • 303.295.2107

**TRASH PICKUP**

Large item pickup: June 22–26  
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  
communityconnect@voacolorado.org

**WHITTIER K-8 PTA**

2nd Tues. 5:30–6 P.M., dinner 6–7:15 P.M.  
303.910.6698 • gkmortimer@comcast.net  
Does not meet June, July or August.



**2009 Historic Whittier House Tour coming early October!**

Last year's tour highlighted all the participating houses and our neighborhood. If you would like to show off your house in this year's tour, let us know. There is no better opportunity to display your handiwork and show pride in our community.

Volunteers are needed to help plan the event as well as help out on tour day. Please contact Gary Kleiner at 303.282.6672 or WhittierTour@aol.com.

**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