



WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE DAYS

Mon., July 21
Denver Botanic Gardens

Sat., August 2
Denver Art Museum

Festival Marks Landmarks for Globeville

Sat. & Sun., July 19-20

An ethnic food festival, arts and crafts show, games and cultural and historical displays, historic tours as well as an unbroken parade of ethnic singers dancers and bands from all over the world, will create a non-stop atmosphere of fun for the whole family.

Contact Fr. Joseph Hirsch
at 303.294.0938

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WNA
MEETING

WED., JULY 16

6:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER
2900 DOWNING STREET
SUITE 1B

WHITTIER NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

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Historic Whittier



HOUSE TOUR

The Historic Whittier House Tour, scheduled for **Sun., Sept. 7**, is off to a good start with a fine selection of homes. If you have an older home that you think would be of interest and want to take this ultimate pride-of-ownership opportunity, be sure to let the organizers know. Let's take pride in Whittier and show all of Denver what a great neighborhood it is!

Do you have contacts with an antique car club, Victorian-era reinactors, horse and/or buggy owners, or other people or organizations that can add an "old-timey" ambience?

Volunteers are needed:

- Volunteer coordinator
- Publicity/press releases
- Yard sign distribution and pick up
- Tour-day help at each house
- Church volunteer recruitment
- Ticket and sales coordinator

Contact Gary with ideas, to volunteer your time or hour house or to find out more! WhittierTour@aol.com

RECYCLE CFL BULBS AND THERMOSTATS AT ACE HARDWARE

CFLs and thermostats contain trace amounts of mercury, so when thrown in the trash or broken, they can potentially harm the environment, human health and especially trash collectors. Fluorescent lights and thermostats are recyclable and safe for public use when disposed of properly.

Visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles to find locations in Denver.



Denver voters will receive three different mailings from the Division this election season, as part of its 2008 voter information campaign. The first mailer details voting options for Denver voters, and contains a form allowing voters to apply for a mail-in ballot or update their voter registration information. Voters in Denver will have three choices of how to vote this year: they can vote by mail, vote at an early voting location, or vote at a combined polling place on Election Day using a paper ballot. Voters who prefer a mailed ballot can opt to be placed on the permanent mail-in ballot list, thus eliminating the need to apply every year.

If you are not a registered voter or have moved since the last election, the registration deadline for the August 12th Primary Election is July 14th. Voters needing more information can go to the elections website at www.denvergov.org/elections, or call the Elections Division at 720.913.VOTE (8683).

Lifelong Learning, Lifelong Success: Mission for the Matthews Center for Excellence

The Matthews Center for Excellence (MCE), a privately funded faith-based non-profit, occupies a \$1M multi-use property situated northeast of downtown Denver, an area identified as a federal economic empowerment zone. Located at 3030 Downing St., the MCE is the cornerstone property of a small but developing, privately-owned campus that includes residential properties, office space, an events center, and a small business support center.

The MCE's vision is to help support the neighborhood by facilitating community access to social services, housing and employment. The MCE in partnership with the Matthews Center, LLC, a private development company, is working towards establishing a base of long-term investment and sustainability that produces both critical mass and diversity among public, non-profit, private and individual stakeholders participating in the effort.

Targeted Efforts Are to:

- Create a broad-based economic engine that revitalizes the neighborhood
- Leverage talent and treasure through collaborative partnerships
- Engage a collective assembly of restorative services in the neighborhood
- Provide access to desirable housing
- Create opportunities and remove barriers to quality employment in the neighborhood

For more information about MCE, call 303.295.0376 or send e-mail to matthewscenter@msn.com.

MCE Representatives will be seeking Whittier input on their future plans by speaking at the **Wed., July 16 WNA meeting.**

Issues affecting our neighborhood and how you can take action.

What's Up Whittier



THE "EYES AND EARS" OF WHITTIER

You've heard it before, "Call the police if you see or hear ANYTHING suspicious." That advice is still valid, but the WNA Safety Committee needs more: active participation on the committee.

Identifying and monitoring "hotspots"

The current active committee members all live on the same block and they hope that neighbors from other parts of Whittier will step forward to keep the committee apprised of any "hot spots" — buildings or areas where criminal activity may be occurring.

There are two such "hot spots" right now that are under scrutiny: a Northeast Denver Housing unit at 30th Ave. and Gilpin St. and 29th Avenue Liquors at 29th Ave. and Franklin St. Under the auspices of the WNA, neighbors surrounding these properties

have taken it upon themselves to monitor these properties and are working with the owners/organizations and Denver police to try to make the situation better.

The WNA Safety committee does NOT advocate any activity that will put anyone in danger. They want to provide resources and support for Whittier residents.

Safety ideas

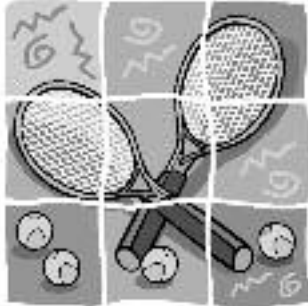
Perhaps you have a great idea how to promote or encourage safety in Whittier. The Safety Committee offers you a venue for your idea and the support to get grants and volunteers.

TAKE ACTION

- CALL 911 IF A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS
- Call District 2 Police to report ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS: 720.913.1000
- Attend Safety Committee meetings every Weds. BEFORE the monthly WNA meeting to hear about and to report on "hotspots"
- Contact Dave McGuinness at dmacaudio@comcast.net to find out how you can participate in the Safety Committee
- Report and paint over graffiti as quickly as possible (See back page resources where you can get help and supplies)
- Stay positive! Whittier keeps getting better and better every year — don't let isolated incidents get you down!



Fri.–Sun., July 11–13
City Park



22nd Annual Denver Black Arts Festival

Like the azure blue sky and the majestic mountains of the Rockies, the 2008 Denver Black Arts Festival presents "A Vivid View", an array of exciting African American arts and cultural delights. A span of visual feasts with color will adorn the grounds, music from the people of African decent will give way to a memorable weekend of celebrating our rich heritage.

Highlights include:

- African American Visual Arts Pavilion
- Watu Sokoni (peoples market place)
- Sculpture Garden
- Community Mural Project
- Childrens' Pavilion, and more!

For details, visit denbaf.org or call 303.298.1027.

Celebrating Diversity Tennisfest

The U.S. Tennis Association Intermountain Division presents a free three day tennis clinic, tournament fund raiser and Community Tennis Resource Village in conjunction with the Denver Black Arts Festival at City Park Tennis Courts.

For details, visit coloradotennis.com or call 303.695.4115.



The 25th Annual National Night Out has been scheduled for **Tues., Aug. 5** throughout the world! National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and

participation in, local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Denver is supporting neighborhoods by waiving the street closure permit fee . . . so have a block party that night!

For more info, visit nationaltownwatch.org or call Davis B. Adams in Public Works at 303.446.3779.

Linda Dowlen will be a featured speaker at the **Wed., July 16** WNA meeting.



Alternative transportation saves money

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) offers a free program called RideArrangers that helps commuters find cost-saving choices for their commute to work. Those choices include an online ridematching service to help pair up people who live and work near each other to share the cost of the commute. Those who share the ride can save hundreds of dollars every month.

RideArrangers Program Manager Linda Dowlen says people who carpool can save \$2,000–\$5,000 per year depending on how many people share the ride.

"You don't necessarily have to do this every day, you could do it one or two days a week and save a lot of money," Dowlen said.

Services and more information are available at www.drcog.org/ridearrangers or call 303.458.POOL (7665).

Newsletter delivery people needed

Join a great group of folks who help get the Whittier word out. It only takes about 45 minutes a month and is a great way to get exercise and meet your neighbors.

Please contact

Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or chc@blondedesign.com.

Denver completes mortgage study

The Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) recently published new, in-depth study of residential foreclosures impacting the City and County of Denver. The 81-page report, *Understanding Mortgage Foreclosures in Denver*, seeks to create an understanding of the underlying causes for the rapid rise in residential mortgage foreclosure filings in Denver.

Copies of the report are available at milehigh.com.

For more information, call 720.913.1999.



women's
BEAN PROJECT

OPEN HOUSE
THUR., JULY 17

4-7 P.M. • 3201 Curtis St.

Come check out the new look created with the help of HGTV renovations made earlier this year. womensbeanproject.com



FREE REC CENTER MEMBERSHIPS FOR KIDS THROUGH SAT, AUG. 16

Mayor John Hickenlooper and Denver Parks and Recreation Acting Manager Scott Robson announced that Denver youth age 17 and younger may use City recreation centers, including swimming pools, for free this summer. Call 311 or visit Denvergov.org to find a recreation facility.



8TH ANNUAL CITY PARK FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
SUN., JULY 20 • 12-7 P.M.

Showcasing artists and performers from the Denver community, the City Park Festival of the Arts hopes to inspire and excite imaginations towards a positive future. cityparkfestival.org

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Please submit articles for the Whittier Spotlight to chc@BlondeDesign.com. Only digital files accepted. Due to space constraints, your submission may be edited.

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

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

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www.hud.gov/offices/lead/outreach/remodel.pdf

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TRASH PICKUP
Large item pickup: July 21–25
Recycling service set-up: call 3-1-1 or
www.denvergov.org/recapp

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MEMBERSHIP 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