



WHITTIER  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
DENVER, COLORADO

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FREE DAYS**

**Denver Art Museum**  
Sat., Aug. 7

**Denver Museum of  
Nature & Science**  
Sun., Aug. 8 & Mon., Aug. 30

**Denver Botanic Gardens**  
Wed., Aug. 25

**Join the House Tour Committee**  
Want to help showcase our historic neighborhood? We need your skills and a few hours to put on this year's Historic Whittier House Tour on **Oct. 3**.  
Contact at Emily at 720.629.0522 or emilyhayduk@gmail.com.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD

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# SPOTLIGHT

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## Weds., Aug. 18 WNA Meeting— Manual High School

6:30 P.M. • Whittier Community Center, 2900 Downing St.  
Everyone welcome • Snacks and childcare provided

**Speakers at the Weds., August 18 WNA meeting include:**

- Joe Sandoval, interim principal, Manual High School
- Vernon Jones Jr., chair, Principal Selection Committee
- Tanesha Bell, Volunteers of America
- A member of Friends of Manual



Former Manual principal, Rob Stein, resigned earlier this year with plans to teach a class on school reform at the University of Colorado-Boulder. A community-led selection committee was created to review potential candidates. Two candidates emerged but there was not an agreement between DPS Supt. Boasberg, who has the final decision-making authority, and the community committee. Antwan Wilson, DPS assistant superintendent for post-secondary readiness, sent out an e-mail in July communicating that an interim principal for Manual, former North High School principal Joe Sandoval, was appointed for the 2010–11 school year while the search for a permanent principal would continue. The Principal Selection Committee will reconvene in early September to resume the selection process.

Come hear the plans for the upcoming school year from a number of representatives who are active at Manual and how you can get involved in the school located in the heart of the Whittier neighborhood.

**See related story on page 2.**



(left) Workers put the final touches on the renovations to the sports event field. (right) Every window on the building was replaced with new energy efficient windows and blinds.

## WHITTIER'S OWN RENAISSANCE MAN

**Charles James Blackwood** can arrange music, write an opera, play percussion instruments and speak to groups about diabetes and epilepsy. What can he do for you? 303.377.9336



### DEALS ON WHEELS

The **Park Hill Bike Depot** aims to improve health, build skills and foster personal development of youth and adults through community-oriented educational and recreational bicycle programs and services. You can donate bikes and parts; you can earn a bike by volunteering or get your bike repaired.

Roll on in to the Park Hill Bike Depot today!  
2825 Fairfax St.  
303.393.1963  
[www.thebikedepot.org](http://www.thebikedepot.org)

**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.

### Newsletter Delivery People Needed

Help get the Whittier word out!

Great way to exercise and meet your neighbors. Please contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or [chc@blondedesign.com](mailto:chc@blondedesign.com)

## Renovations bring new regulations



**M**anual High School received a number of upgrades thanks to a bond issue passed by Denver voters: installation of new energy efficient windows, painting interior spaces, and renovation of the track and field area south of the school. Every entrance to the track has new gates—with locks. To prevent vandalism, DPS follows a policy to lock all athletic fields when not in use for school-related events. Unfortunately, the locked gates also keep out responsible community members.

Currently to gain access to Manual's track, residents must visit the Community Use office, 2800 W. 7th Ave., to fill out a short form and pay a \$25 key deposit fee.

*If you do not agree with this policy, please contact your school board rep. and city council reps. Their contact information is on page 4.*

## Be aware to be safe

**G**ang activity, which is down in Whittier, has increased in Cole and Park Hill.

District 2 Police Commander Jones gives the following advice for residents: Report gunshots, lock ground floor windows, close garage doors even when home, don't leave items in parked cars (GPS, iPods, computers, stereos, backpacks, etc.). Get to know and watch out for neighbors, report *anything* suspicious: even if it's just people walking down the middle of the street looking in car windows or unrecognized people knocking on doors. There has been an increase in incidents of intruders entering houses when people are home by quietly climbing through open windows or entering garages while residents are working on the other side of their properties.

### Online reporting database:

[www.denvergov.org/Portals/337/documents/10whittier.pdf](http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/337/documents/10whittier.pdf)



## Despite the heat, it's time to think about heating!

**A personal note from Jeff:** When my wife, Judi, and I moved into our Whittier home in 2006, one of the first things we did was have a new furnace installed. It was a no-brainer. The furnace in the house was a 1960's monster that was perhaps 60% efficient—when it was new. We installed a 95% efficient furnace and the expense of it was paid back in savings in 3–4 years. Now we are “making money. We

will, year after year, pay less than those who have old, inefficient furnaces. And during all that time we will not be emitting green-house gasses.

Your furnace may be 15 years old with 80% efficiency rate. Should you replace it? Get the facts and see what the payback will be. It could be a great investment in your future. (If you are a senior or low-income resident, chances are good there are grants available to help you purchase a new furnace and other energy-saving items. Call 3-1-1 to talk to the United Way.)

Please send your comments, questions and your desire to join the effort to **Jeff Neuman-Lee**, Whittier Green Team Leader, at [jeffwna@gmail.com](mailto:jeffwna@gmail.com).

## Recycle your junk mail!

Please put these junk mail items in your purple recycling cart:

- opened letters • postcards and newsletters • flyers and extra paper that might come with bills
- white envelopes (see-through windows okay) • cardboard overnight mailing envelopes
- manila envelopes • greeting cards (no foil, glitter or musical types card)
- catalogs, magazines and coupon mailers



Remember to remove all plastic wrap and magnets from materials before recycling them. Plastic mailing envelopes (Tyvek®) or envelopes with plastic air bubbles are not accepted in your purple cart.

Also, for your own security, please make sure all personal information (social security, driver's licenses, credit card, etc.) is removed, blocked out or shredded before placing documents in your recycling cart.

For more recycling tips, visit [www.denvergov.org/recycle](http://www.denvergov.org/recycle).



The Creating Communities: Digitizing Denver's Historic Neighborhoods website launched Aug. 1. It brings together a number of historic resources and digitized archival materials. Explore the website and learn more about the history of Denver.

Website highlights:

- Digitized photographs, maps and documents from Denver's historic neighborhoods, like Five Points, highlighting the people, places and events that shaped each neighborhood's unique history.
- Building Histories: compilation and digitization of resources to help you research the history of your house. Tips on how to search photographs, maps and permits.
- myDenver is a place for you to share your Denver history: upload photographs and favorite stories, and engage in conversations to enrich your Denver community.
- Download the Creating Communities iPhone Application and explore Denver's historic neighborhoods.

### Denver Green Jobs Initiative offers free job training to residents of 80205

Denver Green Jobs Initiative (DGJI) provides free job training, supportive services and job placement assistance to unemployed and disadvantaged residents.

DGJI training programs are customized to help low-income residents launch careers with strong earning and advancement potential in Colorado's high-growth green industries

Eligibility for DGJI is limited to residents of 80205 neighborhoods—Clayton, Cole, Skyland Five Points and Whittier. Women, minorities, high-school dropouts, veterans (including spouses), ex-offenders and individuals who are homeless are encouraged to apply.

For more information, call 303.974.1900 or visit [www.denvergreenjobs.org](http://www.denvergreenjobs.org).

## Whittier Community Center OPEN HOUSE Sun., Aug. 29 • 11 A.M. – 4 P.M. Everyone welcome!

Did you know that the WNA has an **Activities and Entertainment Committee**? Come join us for some fun at the Whittier Community Center and see what we've already got going—and let us know what else you might like to see on the neighborhood event calendar.

For questions or comments, contact Scot Livingston at [scot.p.livingston@gmail.com](mailto:scot.p.livingston@gmail.com) or 303. 642-6976. *This is a personal number, not the phone number for the Whittier Community Center.*

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

*Our license doesn't allow us to list certain information, like titles!*

**11:30 A.M. Based on a favorite children's book!** *Max (Max Records) imagines running away from his mom and sailing to a far-off land where large talking beasts — Ira, Carol, Douglas, the Bull, Judith and Alexander— crown him as their king, play rumpus, build forts and discover secret hideaways. (PG)*

**1:30 P.M. Science fiction blockbuster** *Disabled Marine Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) travels to planet Pandora to become an avatar, ingratiate himself with the natives and help Americans mine lucrative unobtainium. But he finds himself in an interstellar conflict after falling for Na'vi warrior Neytiri (Zoe Saldana). James Cameron writes and directs this Golden Globe-winning CGI odyssey that has broken box office records. Sigourney Weaver and Stephen Lang co-star. (PG-13)*

Play a classic board game or learn a new one. Enjoy a movie, chat with a neighbor or play with your little ones in the children's room.

*Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is FREE.*



### FREE SHADE TREES

Once again, The Park People is pleased to offer free and low-cost trees for Whittier residents to plant in their yards. These medium- and large-sized trees will shade homes, help conserve energy and save money on power bills!

Visit [www.theparkpeople.org](http://www.theparkpeople.org) for applications and the list of available trees. The deadline for applications is **Wed., Sept. 1** and tree pick-up is **Sat., Oct. 2**. Call 303.722.6262 for more information.

### AIDS WALK COLORADO SAT., AUG. 14

AIDS Walk Colorado is the Rocky Mountain Region's largest and most successful HIV and AIDS fundraiser. Visit [aidswalkcolorado.org](http://aidswalkcolorado.org) for details on how you can get involved!



### CALL FOR COMMUNITY ARTISTS

Art and Soul wants to showcase your talents. The community art and fine crafts show will held **Sept. 10-19** at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, 26th Ave. and Williams St.

Contact Pennie at 303.297.1643 or [PJChubb@aol.com](mailto:PJChubb@aol.com) by **Sun., Aug. 8**.

**WNA BOARD**

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Denver, Colorado 80205

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Volunteers needed

**Public Safety Committee**

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Volunteers needed

**Whittier Green Team**

Meets every last Weds. of the month  
7 P.M. • Community Center  
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Volunteers needed

Newsletter editors: Cathy and James Calder Newsletter design: Blonde Ambition • 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 • Newsletter funding: Thanks to a generous grant from The Denver Foundation

**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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Andrew Richmond 720.641.1596 • Officers  
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Spanish language hotline 720.913.1089  
Dispatch 720.913.2000

**DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARIES**  
**Blair Caldwell branch**  
720.865.2401 • Hours: Mon., 12– 8 P.M.  
Wed. & Fri. 10 A.M.–6 P.M. • Sat. 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

**Ford Warren branch • 28th Ave. & High St.**  
720.865.0920 • Hours: Mon. 10 A.M.–6 P.M.  
Tues. & Thurs. 12–8 P.M. • Sat. 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

**DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**DISTRICT 4** dpsk12.org Nate Easley  
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**FIVE POINTS BUSINESS DISTRICT**  
**Wil Alston • 2444 Washington St., Ste. 100**  
303.832.5000 • wil@fivepointsbiz.org  
Community meeting first Sat. every month

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

**HOPE COMMUNITIES**  
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 • joe\_sandoval@dpsk12.org  
Sports schedule: manual.dpsk12.org

**MILE HIGH YOUTH CORPS**  
303.433.1206 • www.milehighyouthcorps.org

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CONGRESS FOR EDUCATION (NCCE)**  
Meets every other Tuesday • 6:30 P.M.  
Ford Warren Library, 2825 High St.  
John McBride, 720.270.3527

**RTD REPRESENTATIVE**  
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**Large item pickup:** call 3-1-1  
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**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** will not meet until Sept.  
2nd Tuesday every month • 5:30–6:30 P.M.  
Dinner/childcare provided  
303.910.6698 • gkmortimer@comcast.net

**ZONING CHANGES**  
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**K-8** Educating Towards Excellence  
Register your child right now!  
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Masses:  
Saturdays 5:00 pm  
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303-322-8042  
At 23rd & York

**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