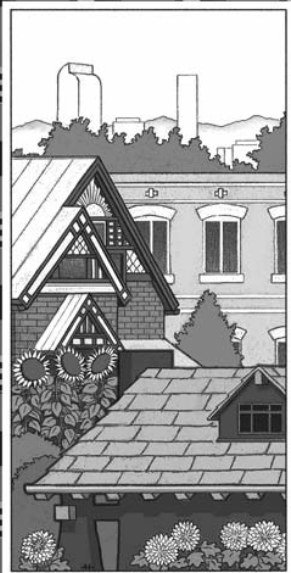


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UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE DAYS

**Denver Museum of
Nature & Science**
Sun., Sept. 13

Denver Botanic Gardens
Sat., Sept. 19

OLD HOUSE FAIR

Sat., Sept. 12 • 9 A.M.–4 P.M.
Stanley British Primary School,
350 Quebec Street

Exhibitors of products and services,
school tours, and workshops for
old-house owners including
energy efficiency, masonry,
restoring/maintaining old windows,
sensitive additions, kitchen and
bath renovations, and more!
www.denversoldhousesociety.org

New zoning reworked to unify Whittier

A second meeting to discuss a draft of Denver's new zoning code has taken steps to unify zoning throughout the neighborhood.

A meeting August 22, attended by residents, City planners and WNA board members, reworked the original draft that split Whittier into "single-unit" and "two-unit" segments. The next version of the new zoning should indicate Whittier is completely zoned for single family homes. Duplexes and multi-family structures will be allowed where they currently are built, even if torn down and rebuilt.

The draft zoning code could allow property that currently is commercial, or historically was used for commercial purposes, to be used that way again. Existing zoning requires any commercial property in Whittier that has not been used for a business in more than a year to revert to residential. The new code offers restrictions on the type of business allowed in the neighborhood, such as no pawn shops or adult entertainment.

Downing Street has been zoned for a higher density of residential and commercial purposes. Main Street zoning for that area would allow up to five-story buildings with shops on the ground floor and residential above.

Auxiliary Dwelling Units (ADU's), or "Granny Flats" are allowed in Whittier under the draft zoning. ADU's allow a 650-square-foot garage or basement apartment to be added to the main home, only on owner-occupied properties with a single-family home. The space allows for additional rental or affordable housing in Whittier without changing the look of the neighborhood from the street.

More discussion on the new zoning codes will follow with an anticipated Denver City Council review date in February 2010.



FREE TICKET FOR VOLUNTEERS

**House Tour
planning meeting**
Sept. 22 • 6:30 P.M.
1739 E. 29th Ave.
(at Williams)

Volunteers needed before and day of tour (Sun., Oct 18):
shuttle drivers, volunteer coordinator, postcard prep and mailing, sign distribution, house research, fundraising, grant applications, and publicity.

For more information,
contact Gary Kleiner at
303.282.6672 or
WhittierTour@aol.com

For an easy-to-understand summary of the zoning changes and to see updates as the plans progress, visit newcodedenver.org. Check the WNA website, for a link to this information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WNA
MEETING
WED., SEPT. 16
6:30 P.M.
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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR THE CITY PARK CIRCULATION PLAN SAT., SEPT. 12 • 1–3 P.M.

Meadow west of Martin Luther King statue near Dustin Redd playground
Public open house to discuss future circulation (walking, biking and driving) improvements at City Park including presentation of project goals, alternatives, and public process.

CENTRAL DENVER RECREATION CENTER SITE SELECTION

TUES., SEPT. 15 • 6–8 P.M.

Open house to gather public input on site selection for a new recreation center in the central Denver area.
Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall
1005 York St.

For more information, call 3-1-1 or denvergov.org.

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) ready for public comment

The FEIS for the East Corridor has been completed and is available for review and comment through Oct. 7. The FEIS included responses to comments received on the draft EIS (DEIS) and incorporates refinements to the Preferred Alternative.

Come to the WNA meeting on Weds., Sept. 16 to hear RTD representatives present detailed information contained in the FEIS.

Several elements of the Preferred Alternative required further analysis beyond what was included in the DEIS. These elements have been refined and are included in the FEIS. These are station design, corridor fencing and pedestrian safety near schools. Details are also provided on the commuter rail maintenance facility and the addition of three design options in the Preferred Alternative.

You can read the FEIS at the Ford-Warren (28th Ave. and High St.) and Blair-Caldwell (24th & Weltons Sts) libraries and you can go online to review the FEIS and make comments at eastcorridor.com.

Public hearings:

5:30–6:30 P.M. open house • 6:30–8 P.M. presentation/comments

Weds., Sept. 23 • North Middle School, 12095 Montview Blvd.

Thur., Sept. 24 • EXDO Event Center, 1399 35th St.

What is the East Corridor Final EIS?

A document that identifies and evaluates rapid transit solutions and complies with the policies and procedures of the Natl. Env. Policy Act of 1969.

- proposes commuter rail transit from downtown Denver to DIA
- A joint effort between RTD and the Federal Transit Admin.

Where we are:

- Final EIS released Sept. 4
- Comment period to Oct. 7
- Public hearings Sept. 23 & 24

Where we're going:

Once the record of decision is complete, property acquisition process can begin and a concessionaire contract for construction and operation of the corridor can be completed.

Agreement signed for low-income apartments in Whittier

The little shop on the southeast corner of Downing St. and Martin Luther King Blvd. selling gently used baby clothes will soon make way for construction of a three-story, 36-unit housing development.

Eight months after the close of three highly-charged public meetings over the "Fourth Quarter Project", construction will begin on an apartment building at 3154 Downing St. for homeless and low-income residents. The last stepping stone for developers and investors, a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with the WNA, was signed by both parties in August.

The GNA was required by the City and County of Denver City Council before providing City funds for resident support services attached to the project.

Property owner, William "Bo" Matthews did not attend any of the neighborhood meetings, but Matthews and developer Henry Burgwyn joined neighborhood associations from Whittier and Cole, as well as area residents, activist groups and other parties to the project, in drafting the GNA. The 8-month process ultimately concluded with a cross-reference to the GNA in a separate contract between the City and the parties to the project.

The GNA addresses who is eligible to live in the units, policies and conduct requirements

for the residents, safety and security measures inside/outside the building, building design and materials, and responsibilities of the property management company. Among those not eligible are violent felons, arsonists, registered sex offenders, gang members, or those convicted of robbery, burglary, domestic violence or unlawful drug sales, manufacture or use.

Commitments of the investment company, the service providers and the neighborhood association are listed, as well as communication and grievance procedures. Through the urging of the WNA, eight units were added to the original 28 planned, to create a mixed-income project. Although area residents wanted to see retail housed on the ground floor, developers said the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), which was involved to provide tax credits to investors, required residential use only.

In signing the GNA, the WNA, the Bo Matthews Center for Excellence and the Fourth Quarter LLC have committed to maintaining "a safe and healthy neighborhood environment where all prosper and thrive and to establish a development that serves the good of the neighborhood."

A complete copy of the GNA and its attachments is available on the WNA website.

New Five Points Business Development Office Seeks Director

The Five Points Business District (Welton Street Corridor between 20th and 30th Sts) was selected by Denver's Office of Economic Development to be a pilot district for Denver's Neighborhood Marketplace Initiative, a new program designed to strengthen business districts and their surrounding neighborhoods.

A new Business Development Office will be established in Five Points this Fall and is in need of a Director who will be responsible for the implementation and oversight of programs and activities that create, support and sustain a diverse and thriving business environment on Welton.

This office will work to attract and retain neighborhood-serving businesses, strengthen existing businesses, and collaborate with property owners, residents, developers, non-profits, the City and others to promote and support development of the corridor.

Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated success reaching diverse audiences and with applicable community and economic development skills.

Required Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree (or equivalent), with a preference for a degree in urban planning, public administration, community/economic development or related discipline; master's degree preferred.

In lieu of a degree, consideration will be given to candidates with a minimum of 2 to 4 years experience in upper level management in business, local government or organizations with a job focus on program administration related to economic development or community revitalization.

After September 7, more information and a complete job description with instructions on how to apply, will be available at FivePointsBusinessDistrict.org.



WNA BOARD SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The WNA Board has four positions open: Vice President, Treasurer, Economic Development and Membership Chairs. Serving on the WNA Board is a great way to meet neighbors and affect positive change for Whittier. WNA board members must be WNA members and attend monthly WNA board and general meetings. Visit the WNA web site for a full list of the duties of each position (don't let them scare you). If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Calder at chc@blondedesign.com or 303.296.1680.

All children younger than 13 should ride in the back seat.

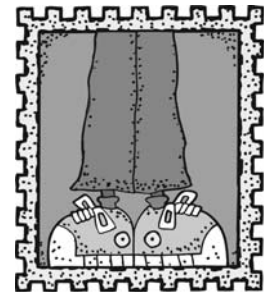
1 REAR-FACING 2 FORWARD-FACING 3 BOOSTER 4 SEAT BELT

Save young lives with 4 Steps for Kids

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children age 3 to 6 and 8 to 14. As part of Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept. 12-18), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is reminding parents and caregivers that it is their responsibility to make sure their children are safely restrained — every trip, every time. nhtsa.dot.gov



Scenes filmed in Whittier home
A house on the corner of Vine St. and 24th Ave. was a site for the filming of "Pearman." The crew is affiliated with colleges and universities in Denver and every member is associated with the Colorado Film School. Several students participating in this project are from the University of Denver and University of Colorado Denver. Search "Pearman" on facebook.com for information about the film.



WALK FOR WHITTIER FRI., OCT. 9 • 3:30-6:30 P.M.

Whittier K-8 School
at 25th & Downing

The walk will be followed by a carnival with food and entertainment at the school. Community members who would like to join the students in the walk can join for \$10. Prize items and community sponsorships are being accepted. The proceeds will directly benefit the students at Whittier K-8.

To register, volunteer or inquire about the event, please contact Karen at 303.986.5929 or ptawhittier@gmail.com.

Come to Carol's house for a Baby Shower for Denver Health's Newborns in Need!

Sun., Sept 13
1:30-3:30 P.M.
2001 Ivy St.

Please reply to Rachel or Paige: 720.865.8100 or boigonatlarge@ci.denver.co.us

Please join Councilwoman Carol Boigon in her backyard for a baby shower to help thousands of at-risk babies at Denver Health this year. Your gift of one or more NEW baby essentials will help at-risk moms and babies with a good start home. The Denver Brass quintet will play while we enjoy ice tea and popcorn.

Please reply to 720-865-8100 or boigonatlarge@ci.denver.co.us

New Baby wish list: Disposable diapers (size 1 or 2) • Wipes • Diaper bags • Bibs Onesies, Undershirts • Sleepers, Sweaters • Blankets • Socks, Booties • Infant toys Baby wash/Baby shampoo • Baby picture books • Car seats • Umbrella strollers Baby ear thermometers • Cribs and Crib sheets • Nursing supplies (pumps, pads, cream, etc.)

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ZONING CHANGES

NewCodeDenver.org



**Sunday, October 18
1–6 P.M.**

Benefits the Whittier
Neighborhood Association

Tickets: Advance \$15/\$10 WNA members (online)
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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.

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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.

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