

WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WNA
MEETING

WEDS., JAN. 19

6:30-7:45 P.M.

WHITTIER COMMUNITY
CENTER

2900 DOWNING ST.
#1B

WHITTIER

NEIGHBORHOOD

SPOTLIGHT

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The WHO, WHAT and WHY of Whittier

We are the Whittier Neighborhood Association (WNA). You know us, so now we want to get to know you. We want to know who you are, what you want or need and why you chose to live in Whittier and your expectations behind that choice. Many of the current board members for the Whittier Neighborhood Association (WNA) are new this year. As a new group, we are trying to get grounded in what our goals should be. Here are some of the questions we are asking ourselves:

- WHY do you live in Whittier?
- WHAT do you want to get out of living in Whittier?
- WHAT do you expect from the WNA?
- What IS working for you in Whittier?
- What do you like about living here?
- What is NOT working for you? What is MISSING that would make Whittier a better place for you and your family?

In 2000, Whittier residents put together a neighborhood plan. The plan addressed areas of concern and proposed actions in broad categories that included land use and zoning, education, health and safety, parks and open space, economic development, and traffic and transportation. We applaud past WNA boards and neighbors for the great strides we have made in many of these areas. We will continue to focus on the goals outlined in the plan, but need your help to prioritize our efforts.

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El QUIÉN, QUÉ y POR QUÉ de Whittier

Somos la Asociación del Vecindario de Whittier (AVW). Usted nos conoce, ahora queremos conocerlo a Usted. Queremos saber quién es, qué necesita y por qué escogió vivir en Whittier y las expectativas que le influyó a tomar esa decisión. Muchos de los actuales miembros de la junta directiva de la Asociación del Vecindario de Whittier (AVW) son nuevos este año. Como un grupo nuevo, queremos solidificar cuáles deben ser nuestras metas. Aquí tiene algunas de las preguntas que nosotros nos hacemos:

- ¿POR QUÉ vive Ud. en Whittier?
- ¿QUÉ quiere aprovechar de vivir en Whittier?
- ¿QUÉ espera que la AVW haga para Ud.?
- ¿Qué es lo que SÍ funciona bien para Ud. en Whittier? ¿Qué le gusta de vivir aquí?
- ¿Qué NO funciona para Ud.? ¿Qué es lo que falta que haría de Whittier un mejor lugar para Ud. y su familia?

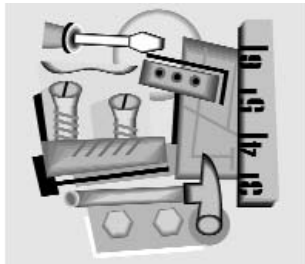
En el año 2000 los residentes de Whittier formaron un plan para el vecindario. El plan se dirigió a algunas áreas de inquietud y propuso acciones en categorías amplias que incluyeron el uso y la división de zonas del vecindario, educación, salud y seguridad, parques y espacio libre, desarrollo económico, y tránsito y transporte. Les aplaudimos a las anteriores juntas directivas de la AVW y a los vecinos por los grandes progresos que se hicieron en muchas de esas áreas. Continuaremos a enfocarnos en las metas propuestas en el plan, pero necesitamos su ayuda para priorizar nuestros esfuerzos.

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**DENVER DIGS TREES
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
Tree application deadline:
Weds., Jan. 21, 2005**

The Denver Digs Trees program distributes free and low-cost trees to plant along the streets of the City and County of Denver. Application forms outline the five simple steps for getting a tree. Fill out and mail the applications. Then, after winter site inspections, trees will be distributed on April 16 at sites across the city. To request a 2005 Denver Digs Trees application, call 303.722.6262 (Spanish: 720.913.0651) or e-mail info@theparkpeople.org.



FREE CLASSES ON REPAIRS

Three free classes taught by local building experts aim to show homeowners the basics of electrical, plumbing and drywall repairs. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30 P.M. at 3621 W. 73rd Ave. in Westminster. Dinner is included. Participants who complete all three classes will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Sears. Registration is required. Call 303.428.1448, ext. 202.



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**SURVEY OF WHITTIER
RESIDENTS COMING**

Instead of inserting into this January newsletter a survey you could fill out and return, we decided to broaden the scope of our project with a door-to-door survey. By talking to you directly we will get a more complete idea of the services you are looking for. We are looking for funding for the survey, volunteers to help us carry it out, and participation by as many households as possible.

YOUR IDEAS, YOUR VOICE

The WNA is the face of the neighborhood to Denver city agencies and other outside organizations. We want you to have a voice and we hope that this survey effort will be the beginning of an on-going dialogue. When folks come to your door, don't be afraid. Please welcome them and feel free to share your thoughts. All of the information will be confidential, so please be honest.

Please feel free to contact me about any aspect of this project. My phone number and e-mail address are on the back page of this newsletter.

Cormack McCarthy, WNA President

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**LA ENCUESTA DE LOS RESIDENTES
DE WHITTIER ESTÁ PARA LLEGAR**

En vez de incluir en este boletín del mes de enero una encuesta que Ud. podría rellenar y devolver, decidimos amplificar la visión de nuestro proyecto con una encuesta hecha personalmente en cada casa. Al hablar directamente con Ud., tendremos una idea más completa de los servicios que Ud. busca. Buscamos fondos económicos para la encuesta, voluntarios para ayudarnos a llevarla a cabo y la participación de cuántas casas que sea posible.

SUS IDEAS, SU VOZ

La AVW es el portavoz del vecindario para las otras agencias de la Ciudad de Denver y otras organizaciones fuera del vecindario. Queremos que Ud. tenga una voz, y esperamos que la fuerza de organizar esta encuesta sea el principio de un diálogo continuo. Cuando la gente venga a su puerta, no tenga miedo. Por favor, deles el bienvenido y siéntase libre a compartir sus pensamientos. Toda la información será confidencial, así que favor de ser honesto.

Por favor, siéntase libre de ponerse en contacto conmigo sobre cualquier aspecto de este proyecto. Mi número de teléfono y dirección de correo electrónico se encuentran en la otra cara de este boletín.

Cormack McCarthy, Presidente de la AVW

Whittier residents find themselves cleaning up trash left behind by others. The urge is to just leave it. But there is nothing that portrays the pride of a neighborhood like clean sidewalks and alleys. 28th Ave. between York and Williams and Gilpin between 26th and 24th Aves. seem to be hot spots for trash because they are frequented by Manual High School Complex students heading to/from the bus stop and grocery store. The residents living along these streets are inundated with unwanted bottles, cans and wrappers.



What can be done to ease the battle of wills between the trash picker-uppers and the trash makers? The phone numbers of the three high schools are listed on the back of the newsletter. Call the principals and get them to pay attention to the problem. Call the Denver Beautiful office, Parks and Rec., At-Large council members and Elbra Wedgeworth's office. They may have resources to provide trash cans in high traffic areas.

Did you know your property line ends in the middle of the alley behind your house? Perhaps you could organize your block for a new year's clean up day and tackle all the overgrown plants and unwanted debris clogging up your alley. The large item pickup dates are always listed on the back page of the newsletter.

WNA SURVEY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES:

Whittier Community Center

The WNA moved into a new community center in the last year; previous WNA boards campaigned and won the use of city bond funds to build it. It is a brand new space designed to our specifications — what do you want us to do with it? There is meeting space, conference space and two rental offices available. Along with this new space comes new responsibilities that include utility bills, phone bills and maintenance. We are looking for your help to utilize the space in a way that will bring the most value to you and the neighborhood.

Public Transportation

There are going to be changes to Downing and I-70 due to the passage of FASTRACKS and the realignment of the elevated I-70 viaduct — What kind of construction do you want to see and where do you want them routed? If you use public transportation on a regular basis, these decisions will directly affect you.



Education

We have a number of public schools in Whittier and there is a group of parents dedicated to improving the education available right here in the neighborhood. They need your input on a myriad of issues including what it will take to keep children here instead of opting out to another school.

Safety Issues

Overall crime has been reduced in Whittier. Do you feel safe in your home, in the parks and on the streets? If not, what steps do you think might be taken to improve safety? What types of problems—drugs, vandalism, theft—do you feel most impact you?

These are just a sample of the important issues we want to address with the survey. Your input will help the WNA Board prioritize energy and activities for the next two years.

LA ENCUESTA SE TRATARÁ DE LOS SIGUIENTES ASUNTOS:

El Centro Comunitario de Whittier

La AVW se instaló en un nuevo centro comunitario durante el año pasado; unas juntas directivas anteriores hicieron campañas y lograron el uso de fondos de bonos de la ciudad para construirlo. Es un sitio completamente nuevo y diseñado según nuestras especificaciones—¿qué quiere Ud. que hagamos con el centro? Hay sitio para reuniones, sitio para conferencias y dos oficinas disponibles para alquilar. Junto con el nuevo espacio vienen nuevas responsabilidades que incluyen cuentas de luz y gas, cuentas de teléfono y gastos de mantenimiento. Buscamos su ayuda para utilizar el espacio en una manera que les traiga el máximo valor tanto a Ud. como al vecindario.

Transporte público

Habrán cambios a la calle Downing y a la carretera I-70 debido al pasaje de FASTRACKS y la nueva alineación del viaducto elevado de la I-70—¿Qué tipo de construcción quiere Ud. ver y por dónde quiere Ud. que las nuevas calles se dirijan? Si Ud. usa el transporte público con frecuencia, estas decisiones le afectarán directamente.

Educación

Tenemos múltiples escuelas públicas en Whittier y hay un grupo de padres dedicado al mejoramiento de la educación disponible aquí en el vecindario. El grupo necesita su opinión acerca de muchísimos asuntos, incluyendo la pregunta de qué necesitamos hacer para que los niños se queden aquí en vez de buscar escuelas fuera del vecindario.



Asuntos de seguridad

Por lo general, la tasa de crímenes se ha reducido en Whittier. ¿Se siente Ud. seguro en su casa, en los parques y en las calles? Si no, ¿qué pasos piensa Ud. que se deben tomar para mejorar la seguridad del vecindario? ¿Cuáles tipos de problemas—drogas, vandalismo, robo—le impactan a Ud. más?

Los asuntos arriba mencionados representan algunos de los que queremos analizar con la encuesta. Su opinión le ayudará a la junta directiva de la AVW a priorizar energía y actividades durante los próximos dos años.



FULLER DOG PARK: NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT REQUESTED

Britta Herwig, Parks and Recreation Dept., will be at the Weds., Jan. 19 WNA meeting looking for neighborhood feedback about the Fuller Dog Park. The pilot program will continue until the end of February 2005. After a period of public input, a final report will provide recommendations on whether dog parks will stay in Denver or not.



CALLING ALL TEEN ARTISTS

Denver area artists in grades 6–12 are invited to design the artwork for The Denver Public Library's Teen Reading Program 2005 posters and bookmarks. The program runs May 23–July 23 with the theme "Warped: Beyond Time and Place." **Entries can be submitted to any Denver Public Library location, but must be received by Jan. 31.** All artwork will become the property of the Library and will not be returned. Lucky winners will have their artwork featured on hundreds of posters or bookmarks, distributed in Denver schools and libraries during the spring of 2005. For all the details please see www.denverlibrary.org/teens/involved_pages/srpcontest.html. For more information, contact Emily Dagg at the Central Library, 720.865.1194 or edagg@denver.lib.co.us.

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Last monday of every month
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2900 Downing St., Ste. 1B • 6:30 P.M.
303.884.0201
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Large item • 720.865.6900
Large item pickup: Jan. 31–Feb. 4
Hazardous waste • 800.449.7587

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Just dial 211

Become a member of the Whittier Neighborhood Association—or renew your membership—and start making a difference in your neighborhood 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. Thank you! Please enclose check made payable to Whittier Neighborhood Association and mail to 2900 Downing Street, 1B • Denver, CO 80205