

**WHITTIER**  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
DENVER, COLORADO

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FREE DAYS**

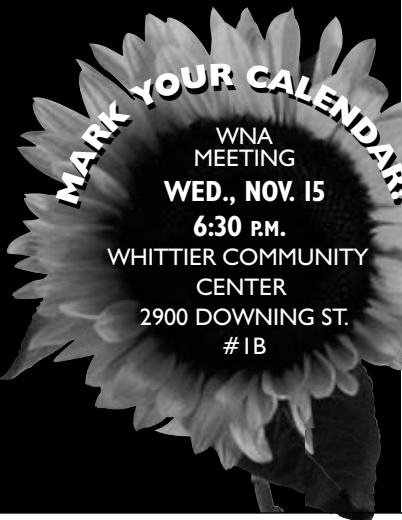
Denver Museum of Nature & Science  
Wed., Nov. 15 & Sun., Dec. 3

Denver Art Museum  
Sat., Dec. 2

Denver Zoo  
Tues., Nov. 5 & 12

Mel Strawn: All Together Now, 1940s–2000s

A retrospective of this Colorado artist's work with examples of sketches, paintings and digital prints.  
Denver Central Library  
14th Ave. and Broadway  
Runs thru Sun., Nov. 24



# WHITTIER

## NEIGHBORHOOD

# SPOTLIGHT

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**WNA BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED**

Five WNA Board positions were filled at the October 18 meeting.

Justin Marks was voted in as President (after serving as Vice President); Jared Faris, Vice President; Nathan Beal, Treasurer; Resa Baker, Recording Secretary; Heather Heuer, Membership Chair and Scott Rittinger, At-Large member.

WNA Board members are listed on the back page of *Spotlight* every month. Feel free to contact them with your questions, ideas or comments.

**Speakers for WNA November Meeting:**

Michele V. Wheeler, D.A.'s Citizen's Institute  
George Mills, Optimist Club  
Cathy Calder, Manual Community Council



Justin Marks



Jared Faris



Nathan Beal



Resa Baker



Heather Heuer



Scott Rittinger

**“BROKEN WINDOWS” POLICING COMES TO WHITTIER, NORTHEAST DENVER**

District 2 police lieutenants and beat cops will have more time to develop crime-prevention strategies as Broken Windows law enforcement expands to northeast Denver. The strategy will be in place for six to eight months.

“We will be able to analyze data faster and to spot trends earlier,” Police Chief Gerry Whitman said at October’s WNA meeting.

The Broken Windows approach involves heightened police attention to minor crimes, decentralized enforcement and the better use of crime data to spot trends and needs. Lieutenants will be assigned responsibilities for “sectors” within police districts, helping to coordinate crime fighting with patrol officers.

The average patrol officer will spend 31 minutes per hour on proactive enforcement — up from the current average of 23 to 28 minutes. Officer Nick Rogers, an official of the Denver Police Protective Association, praised the plan. He said it is “like turning the clock back 25 years” to the way police used to “take ownership to certain areas.”

Whittier has 4 neighborhood police officers who can respond to questions or non-emergencies: Choice Johnson & Tom Sherwood at 720.641.1596 and Ted Binet & Gary Ayers at 720.641.1590. These numbers are listed on Page 4 of *Spotlight* every month.

A “Cop Shop” will be opening in the Whittier Community in the upcoming months. Watch future *Spotlights* for more details.



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

You hear gun shots; your garage has been broken into, but you don’t know when; a stranger knocks on your door at 3 A.M. — what do you do? **You report it!**

In order for data to get analyzed by the police, the incidents must be reported.

The police will be able to recognize and track patterns to allocate the resources needed to solve the problem.

To report any incident in which you feel threatened:  
Call 911

Non-emergencies:  
720.913.2000



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**LOOKING FOR KINDERGARTEN AND 3RD GRADE STUDENTS**

St. Elizabeth's School, an Episcopal, co-educational, K–8, independent day school, is accepting applications for its Sept. 2007 opening on the Clayton College Campus located on the NW corner of Colorado and MLK Blvds. St. Elizabeth's is a private school with a focus on academics, choral singing, music and the visual arts, and with a mission to serve a diverse Denver community. For more information, please call 303.322.4209 or visit [www.stelizabethsdenver.org](http://www.stelizabethsdenver.org)

# Community Council Completes Work and Lays Foundation for the "New" Manual

The Manual Community Council ended their work on Tue., Oct. 17 and fulfilled their charge to produce the foundation for the new Manual High School, which is scheduled to re-open Fall 2007.

In February 2006, the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Board voted to temporarily close Manual High School for a year because of low academic performance, declining enrollment, and high attrition. At the same time, they voted to re-open in 2007 with a 9th grade class only and add a grade-level each subsequent year. With that goal in mind, a Renewal Team was appointed to support the community



**A neighborhood member raises his hand to comment at a Manual Renewal Process community meeting. Four general community meetings and dozens of "community conversations" guided the Community Council's efforts.**

engagement process and a Community Council was established to develop a set of recommendations that would be used to guide the opening of the "new" Manual.

"The decision to close Manual was a very difficult one and challenged all those committed to Manual students. However, after observing the community engagement process, I'm confident that we will create an outstanding school that serves neighborhood students and is something we can all be proud of," said Tim Harp, former principal of Manual Leadership High School.

After more than three months of meetings, site visits to high performing schools in

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Boston, Los Angeles and Denver, and interpreting input from more than 1,000 community contacts and industry experts, the 32-member council will be recommending that Manual remain a rigorous, comprehensive high school that ultimately serves 9–12 graders and will offer a broad selection of academic options and extra-curricular activities.

In addition, the Council produced other key documents that will be used to create the new school once the school principal is in place. Other key products of the council include: a set of core values, a school vision statement, desired attributes for the school principal, and key foundational elements the new school should embody.

"This has been a powerful and honest process from day one because we recognized that our work was about getting the future students of Manual the support they need. And we should not forget that the really hard work begins after we submit our recommendations, and that is the providing of real support for the new school and its leadership," said Angel Gutierrez, Exec. Director, Youth Biz.

For more information contact Wil Alston, Manual Renewal Team at 303.321.7441 or [wil@theprrshop.net](mailto:wil@theprrshop.net) or visit the web site for the Manual renewal process: [www.dpsk12.org/manual\\_renewal](http://www.dpsk12.org/manual_renewal)

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

**Report to the Superintendent and School Board** — On Nov. 16 the Community Council will formally submit their recommendations to the Superintendent and the School Board.

**Selection of a school principal** — DPS began a national search to find a principal for the new Manual. The principal is expected to be in place by January 2007.

**Re-Opening of Manual** — Beginning with 9th grade only, Manual will re-open Aug. 2007.



## Your Creativity is All Sewn Up

A series of classes for those interested in learning how to create their own fashions using proper industry and fine sewing techniques will be offered for 6 weeks starting in November. This class will focus on basic and a few advanced garment-making techniques. At the end of the six weeks, you will have a finished blouse or dress shirt made to fit your body.

### DETAILS:

- Sundays 1–4 P.M. at the Whittier Community Center, 2900 Downing St.
- class size: 10 students
- a list of required materials, notions and supplies will be available once your registration is confirmed.
- need to bring your own sewing machine
- price is \$150

For more information, visit [www.april-enchanted.com/CreationsHome.html](http://www.april-enchanted.com/CreationsHome.html). (More classes will be offered in the future.)



**LEAF DROP • 720.865.6810**  
**Wed., Nov. 12 • 10 A.M.–4 P.M.**  
 3rd Ave. & Clermont  
**Mon–Fri. until Dec. 4 • 7 A.M.–2 P.M.**  
 10450 Smith Road

## Alpacas: Elegant and Lovable

ALPACA ELEGANCE, an extraordinary, elegant fashion show experience to benefit children’s education in Cajamarca, Peru, will be held Friday evening, **Nov. 17**, at 6 p.m. in the Turnhalle Auditorium of the Tivoli Building on CU’s Auraria campus.

The show will feature the best of this season’s designs in luxurious alpaca and fine, lustrous pima cotton — as well as stunning silver jewelry from Peru. There will also be delicious Peruvian food, drink, and music; a silent auction, and a drawing for two round-trip tickets to Peru. Fiber artists will demonstrate their crafts, as well as ethnic displays — and lovable alpacas themselves.

This event, sponsored by the Consul General of Peru in Denver, Asociacion Los Andes de Cajamarca and The Alpaca Store & More! in Nederland, benefits children in an area of Peru that is rich in tradition, history, and art, but poor economically.

Seating is limited, so reservations are required. The cost is \$50 per person, all of which goes to the benefit.

To make reservations or for more information, call 303.258.1400 or 303.281.9469 or visit [www.alpacaelegance.org](http://www.alpacaelegance.org).



**PARTNERS FOR  
A BOLD FUTURE**  
**Wed., Nov. 15 • 7:30–8:30 A.M.**  
 Seawell Ballroom,  
 1245 Champa St.  
 Colorado Youth at Risk is  
 hosting a fund-raising  
 breakfast. For information,  
 call 303.623.9140 or visit  
[www.coloradoyouthatrisk.org](http://www.coloradoyouthatrisk.org)



### OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP

High school students in grades 10, 11 & 12 can win a scholarship of \$6,000. Just write a 400–500 word essay on the topic “I want to make a difference because . . .”

Deadline is Fri., Jan. 19, 2007.

Contact M.L. Hansen at  
303.757.3580 for details.



### DON'T BE A “PUFFER”

**puffer (n.) an automobile left unattended and running in cold weather.**

(Puffers are not only illegal but they pollute the air, too!) Last year hundreds of people had their vehicles stolen while they were left running unattended. The Denver Police strongly encourage you not to become a puffer.

It doesn’t matter if you lock the doors while the car warms-up, you are still a puffer . . . and your vehicle is at risk of being stolen.

It only takes a matter of seconds! **You can be issued a ticket if your car is left running unattended.**



### CHILDREN’S STORYTIME

**Tues. & Thurs.**

Ford-Warren Library  
28th Ave. & High St.

10–10:30 A.M.

Call 303.294.0907

## WNA RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE DENVER FOUNDATION

The WNA would like to thank The Denver Foundation for its generous gift of a \$5,000 operating grant. The grant will be used to support the Whittier Community Center and this newsletter. The Denver Foundation’s Strengthening Neighborhoods Program works with residents of partner neighborhoods to help them make their communities better places to live. WNA is proud to partner with the Denver Foundation to make Whittier a stronger and better community.

The generous operating grant from the Denver Foundation assists the neighborhood association in our day to day operations. However, even with their generous support, the neighborhood association would not survive without you. **We need you to become a WNA member.** Your membership dues help WNA complete its mission “. . . to promote, enhance and maintain the vibrant quality of our Whittier community and environment. Residents and businesses shall access information, services and advocacy using the Whittier Neighborhood Association as their resource.”

Finally, we don’t just want your membership dues, we want you. Please join us to make Whittier a stronger community by attending monthly meetings, volunteering for WNA activities or just letting us know your thoughts and ideas for our neighborhood.

### Spotlight delivery people needed

Join a great group of folks who help get the Whittier word out every month. For details, contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or [chc@blondedesign.com](mailto:chc@blondedesign.com).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

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