



WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

TubaChristmas

Sun., Dec. 9 • 1-2 P.M.

Featuring 300 tuba players from all over the region playing your favorite holiday tunes.

Skyline Park, 16th and Arapahoe Sts.

Mon., Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Fireworks

9 P.M. & midnight

16th Street Mall

Free Governor's Mansion Holiday Tours

Weds.-Sats. thru December

10 A.M.-2 P.M.

400 E. 8th Ave.

303.866.3682

www.coloradohistory.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WNA MEETING

WED., DEC. 19

6:30 P.M.

KIVA RESTAURANT
3131 DOWNING ST.

WHITTIER

NEIGHBORHOOD

SPOTLIGHT

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WNA annual cookie exchange

We want to thank you for your support and membership over the past year! **On Wed., Dec. 19 at 6:30 P.M., we will meet at Kiva Restaurant, corner of 31st Ave. and Downing,** to share goodwill, cookies and hors d'oeuvres. Dust off your best cookie recipe and bring two dozen with you. You provide the holiday cheer; WNA will provide baggies and plates so you can take home your neighbors' cookies to share with your family!



Treecycle Offers Second Chance for Christmas Trees

This year make recycling part of your holiday tradition. Denver Solid Waste Management/Denver Recycles will be collecting and recycling old Christmas trees from residential homes. The trees will be ground into mulch which will be available for free to Denver residents in the spring.

Recycling your Christmas tree is easy; here's what to do:

1. Remove all tinsel and decorations from your tree. NO artificial or flocked trees, tree stands or trees in plastic bags.
2. Dumpster customers set your tree out for collection on Dec. 31 or Jan. 7 and it will be collected during that week.
3. Be sure your tree is set out by 7 A.M. and has at least 4 feet clearance from any containers, bags, dumpsters or other obstacles. **DO NOT** place trees in dumpsters.

For more information about Treecycle and other Denver Recycles programs, call 311 or visit www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles.

¡No sea tacaño! Recicle su árbol después de las fiestas.

Durante dos semanas entre el 2 y el 12 de Enero, Denver Recicla recogerá su árbol de Navidad para reciclarlo. Los árboles se triturarán para hacer pajote que en primavera se ofrecerá a los residentes de Denver en forma gratuita.

Más fácil, ¡imposible!

1. Quite todo el oropel y las decoraciones del árbol. NO aceptamos árboles artificiales o decorados con nieve artificial, árboles en bolsas, ni pedestales.
2. Si usa un contenedor de gran capacidad, deje el árbol para que lo recojan el día 31 de Diciembre ó el día 7 de Enero.
3. Asegúrese de sacar el árbol para las 7 A.M. y de dejarlo al menos a 4 pies de distancia de otros recipientes, bolsas, contenedores u otros obstáculos. NO ponga el árbol en el contenedor.

¿Tiene preguntas? Llame al 311 o visita www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles.



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 and waste fuel.

If your car is a 1985 model or newer, idling can actually damage your car. And last year hundreds of people had their vehicles stolen while they were left running unattended. It only takes a few seconds.

You can be issued a ticket if your car is found running unattended.



RUBY TUESDAY'S COOKIES FOR KIDS PROGRAM

DEC. 1-31, 2007

Purchase Ruby Tuesday's gourmet, made to order cookies and 10 percent of each sale will benefit Food Bank of the Rockies' Fighting Hunger Feeding Hope program.



DENVER CHESS CLUB MEETS EVERY TUESDAY 6:30-10:30 P.M.

Hone your skills and meet new players who share your passion for strategy and excitement on the chess board.
 West First Avenue
 Presbyterian Church basement, 120 W. 1st. Ave.
 720.318.6496

Issues affecting our neighborhood and how you can take action.



What's Up Whittier

THE ISSUE:

Proposed music festival to be held July 18-20, 2008 in City Park.

Chuck Morris, President, AEG Live, presented initial plans for the festival at the November 21 WNA meeting.

Positives

- Influx of visitors and dollars for businesses surrounding City Park
- Proposed percentage of seat tax allocated to City Park
- Proposed \$1 of every ticket sold to be divided amongst neighborhood organizations surrounding City Park

Negatives

- Potential damage to City Park grass, trees, paths; pollution increase in the area
- Potential harm to animals housed at the Denver Zoo and in City park habitat
- Closure of the park to the public for at least 10 days
- Traffic and parking problems for surrounding neighborhoods

TAKE ACTION

The WNA Board wants to represent you. Please vote yes or no to the proposal in one of the following ways:

- Visit whittierneighborhood.org and vote by clicking a "yes" or "no" vote button
- Visit the WNA blog to post your comments: <http://whittierneighborhood.blogspot.com>
- Contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or chc@blondedesign.com.

Contact AEG Live at 303.592.5458 or bmorris@crlassociates.com. Be sure to let a WNA board member know.

Contact District 8 City Councilperson Carla Madison Call her at 303.587.6543 or e-mail her at carla.madison@ci.denver.co.us. Please let WNA know your opinion.

Attend Mon., Dec. 3 City Council Public Amenities Committee meeting where formal plans will be submitted by AEG Live. The meeting is 3:15 P.M., Room 391, City and County Bldg.

Attend Mon., Dec. 17 City Council meeting where the plan will be put to a vote. The meeting is 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Room 450, City and County Bldg.

WNA needs to hear from you before the Dec. 17 City council meeting.

City Park Current Events

Bible House to be painted

At last . . . the Bible House and Carriage Barn (both) the two charming historic structures on the west side of the park are getting much needed face lifts starting this week. The old paint on the structures is lead based and required specialized treatment to repair. Thanks to funds from the Department of Environmental Health, the lead paint abatement operation will effectively re-do all the painted surfaces of the structures.



Thanks to everyone who voted for A-I

City Park has a number of projects that will be funded by the bond program: greenhouse renovations, road and parking area repairs, City Park bandstand rehabilitation; new ballfields area restroom, and tennis restroom rehabilitation.

Approximately \$3.4 million will be invested in City Park in the next 5 years. More details about these projects will be available in early 2008, once the bond program strategy is in place. Helen Kuykendall is the Denver Parks and Recreation Department employee responsible for renovations and activities at City Park. She can be reached at 720.913.0630 or Helen.Kuykendall@ci.denver.co.us.



Don't forget to renew your membership in 2008

As the holiday season is upon us, please remember that your \$20 household membership in the Whittier Neighborhood Association (WNA) is critical to association's continued existence. The WNA measures its success through services it offer to you:

- monthly newsletter
- the annual yard sale
- the website, www.WhittierNeighborhood.org
- maintaining the community center at 29th and Downing
- support of residents' activities, like block parties
- the green "Welcome to Whittier" signs located around the neighborhood, and
- monthly community meetings with informative speakers that have included Denver services representatives, local police officers and community nonprofits members.

Membership dues can be mailed to the Whittier Neighborhood Association, 2900 Downing Street, 1B, Denver, Colorado 80205 — use the form on page 4 of the newsletter; dropped off at the next community meeting or you can visit our website at www.WhittierNeighborhood.org and use PayPal.

Your \$20 is an investment that helps finance all the activities and services offered from the WNA. Through partnerships with local nonprofits such as the Northeast Parents for Quality Education (NEPQuE), Colorado Youth at Risk, Northeast Community Congress for Education (NCCE), Ford-Warren Public Library, The Denver Foundation, and a variety of neighborhood groups, the WNA is working for you.

The WNA is supported by your \$20 membership dues and the hard work of volunteers that spend a few hours every month to improve the Whittier community through this organization.

You can help create positive change for your community. By joining the WNA, you can be an agent for change at the grassroots level. Please, join the association, read this newsletter, check out the website at www.WhittierNeighborhood.org, come to the monthly meetings—held the third Wednesday of every month—and together let's make this neighborhood a stronger, better place to live for everyone.

WNA currently without President or Recording Secretary

Dropping temperatures and proximity to Thanksgiving provided obstacles to attendance at the November meeting. The few hardy souls that made it out were supportive, but no one stepped forward to fill the two open positions.

If you have about 4 hours per month you can apply to a fulfilling volunteer opportunity, please review the position descriptions at www.WhittierNeighborhood.org or to get a hard copy, contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or chc@blondedesign.com.

Public Art Tour Dec. 14

Tour highlights include artwork in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House (Dale Chihuly, Herbert Bayer, Stephen Batura and John DeAndrea), the Buell Theatre (George Woodman and Vance Kirkland), atrium and exterior artwork (Fernando Botero, Victor Contreras, Jonathan Borofsky, Marcus Akinlana and John Powell) and others. The tour begins at 1 P.M. at the atrium near the Contreras sculpture (large bronze in the center of the complex).

To sign up, please contact Rudi Cerri at 720.865.4307 or rudi.cerri@denvergov.org.

Volunteers needed for tax prep

Volunteers are needed to help hard-working, low-income families with their tax return preparation. Denver Asset Building Coalition (DABC) plans to operate a free Tax SuperSite as well as supporting smaller sites in the Denver metro area.

The DABC's tax law and e-file training is offered to volunteers online in December and January.

All volunteers must have an e-mail address and computer access. For details, visit www.denverabc.org.



2008 TREE DISTRIBUTION

The Park People's Denver Digs Trees program will be distributing trees for planting along Denver streets on April 19, 2008. Denver residents who have room to add a street tree near their curb need to submit a street tree request form by **Thurs., Jan. 31, 2008**. You can download the form at www.theparkpeople.org. 303.722.6262

Whittier residents qualify for FREE trees!



NEW MAPPING SITES CRIME IN CITY

The Denver Police Department and Denver Geographic Information Systems has jointly launched the new application. Denver residents are now able to search the database by specific address, park, school, library, or neighborhood. Information is updated daily as new crimes are reported and investigations yield new information.

Visit DenverGov.org/DenverMaps/CrimeMapping

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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.**RESOURCES****BANYAN TREE/WHITTIER DRUM PROJECT**
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Meets last monday of every month
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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.
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