



WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diabetes Expo
Sat., Feb. 11

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

The Expo will feature free screenings, demos and workshops. Admission is free. Colorado Convention Center

For more information visit www.diabetes.org/denver.

FREE DAYS
Denver Zoo
Tues., Feb. 14

Denver Botanic Gardens
Mon., Feb. 20

Middle Eastern Rhythms and Stories

Sat., Feb. 18 • 2:00 P.M.

Join the Percussion Lady for an interactive experience with drums. Learn rhythms from the Middle East and participate in a story.

Ford-Warren Library
28th and High Sts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WNA MEETING

WED., FEB. 15

6:30 P.M.

WHITTIER COMMUNITY CENTER

2900 DOWNING ST.

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WHITTIER

NEIGHBORHOOD

SPOTLIGHT

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The 2006 Legislative Session is under way

Last year, the Legislature successfully crafted an Economic Recovery Plan to address our state's fiscal crisis. We did this with the help of our governor, and hundreds of organizations across the state.

Whether or not you voted for Referendum C, we're all accountable for its results. That's why we intend to rebuild state services in the most efficient and effective way possible. In order to avoid huge deficits in the future, our first step will be the creation of a Rainy Day Fund. We'll also draft an annual report so taxpayers can follow every dime. Investing in health care and education are crucial to our state's ability to field a healthy and well-educated workforce in the future.

Some education goals for this session:

- invest in early childhood
- guarantee college admission for high-achieving students;
- help schools find, train and retain effective principals
- offer a five-year path to a high-school diploma and an associate's degree
- create incentives to keep at-risk kids in high school
- keep college tuitions affordable
- increase funding for need-based scholarships.

Some of healthcare goals include:

- reduce the price of prescription drugs by pooling purchases with other states
- support community health centers so emergency rooms are not the primary source of treatment
- drive down the cost of health insurance for small businesses
- expand access to telemedicine

Also before the legislature will be issues concerning illegal immigration, eminent domain, transportation, and water policy.

This year I'm sponsoring issues concerning criminal justice, education and consumer protection. I look forward to your communication on these or any other issues this session.

The General Assembly's Web site, www.leg.state.co.us, is a great resource that will help you stay in the loop this year. The site includes live streaming from the Legislature's proceedings, the day's schedule, bill and committee information and more.

State Representative Rosemary Marshall, D-Denver
She can be reached at 303.866.2959 or reprmarshall@comcast.net

State Rep. Rosemary Marshall to speak at Feb. 15 WNA Meeting

If you want to know what is on the state legislative agenda for this year or you want a chance to speak with your state representative, come to the **Weds., Feb. 15 WNA meeting**. State Representative Rosemary Marshall (D-Denver) is the Colorado State Representative for House District 8, and was first elected in 2000. She is the chair for the Business Affairs and Labor Committee, and serves on the committees of Finance and Legal Services.

Denver Deals

Jivette Santiago

Music teacher for piano,
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Have you discovered a great local business you want to tell folks about? **Denver Deals** is a way to highlight neighborhood businesses through personal referral. Send your **Denver Deal** to chc@blondedesign.com. Be sure to include the business's name, address, phone number, hours, and web site if they have one.

Whittier Neighborhood Association

Asociacion de Whittier

SPANISH TRANSLATOR NEEDED

Do you have just 3 hours per month to help promote diversity and communication in the Whittier neighborhood?

The *Whittier Spotlight* is looking for someone to translate newsletter articles from English to Spanish. Please contact Cathy Calder at chc@blondedesign.com or 303.296.1680 for details.



SALVATION ARMY NEEDS NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

Drop off the items at the Denver Red Shield Center, 29th Ave. and High St., or any Denver Salvation Army Thrift store.

Expand Your Horizons! Become a Master Composter

Start off the new year by expanding your horizons and learning all about composting and recycling. Sign up to be a Master Compost Volunteers and receive 40 hours of instruction in backyard composting, recycling and waste reduction, compost science, compost bin construction, vermicomposting (composting with worms), integrated solid waste management and community outreach. Only 25 spaces are available each year, so don't delay, call and inquire today!

In exchange for training, each volunteer is required to return 40 hours of community service teaching composting to Denver residents. Volunteers will have a year to complete their community-service requirement. There is no charge for the instruction, but a small classroom fee of \$40 is required.

Classes start the first week of March and will be held about once a week for 10 weeks on a combination of Monday evenings, Saturday mornings and one Thursday field trip. Volunteers are sure to have tons of fun and guaranteed to meet others who are also committed to the environment and community! The Master Composter Program is sponsored by Denver Recycles, a program of Solid Waste Management, Denver Urban Gardens, and the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District.

For more information, call 303.292.9900 or email denverrecycles@ci.denver.co.us.



Come to an open house to find out about volunteer opportunities at the new Denver Art Museum, which opens this fall. With a larger complex, we need more volunteers than ever to welcome visitors and help at the Museum Shop and reception desks.

At the open house, you can learn more about these opportunities, meet current and future volunteers, sample some of the programs that will be offered when the new building opens, and hear about the benefits of being a museum volunteer.

Tues., Feb. 7
1:00–2:30 P.M.

Sat., Feb. 11
2:00–3:30 P.M.

Wed., Mar. 8
6:30–8:00 P.M.

Sun., Mar. 19
1:00–2:30 P.M.

Please RSVP to 720.865.5173 or volunteer @denverartmuseum.org. Space is limited.

The Denver Art Museum is on 13th Ave. between Broadway and Bannock. Parking is available in the Cultural Complex Garage at 13th Ave. and Broadway.

¿Hablas español? Te invitamos a ser voluntario.

Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions

Mayor Hickenlooper has announced a new public initiative to begin in March called *Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions*. This initiative will consist of town hall style meetings to engage participants in the question, "How can I work in partnership to make my neighborhood a better place to live, work and raise my family?"

The meetings will use interactive keypad technology to allow instant feedback. At each meeting, the mayor's team will identify specific issues on which to focus for that session, and then split into smaller groups for discussions and planning.

At the end of each meeting, the team will identify action steps and potential community partners for programs and solutions in each neighborhood. The mayor suggests that neighborhood residents, city departments, nonprofits and local businesses are only some of the possible partners that, when working together, can develop lasting solutions.

The meetings for Northeast Denver: **Mar. 25**, 9:00 A.M., Green Valley Ranch Recreation Center or **Mar. 29**, 6:00 P.M., Johnson & Wales University.

Please R.S.V.P to 720.865.9074 to reserve your space at the meeting in your area.

Denver Public Library seeks nominations for Fifth Annual Latino Awards

The Denver Public Library Commission is requesting nominations for two awards:

Lena L. Archuleta Community Service Award: The recipient will be a Colorado resident of Latino descent who has taken an active role in the community, above and beyond paid employment.

Cesar Chavez Latino Leadership Hall of Fame Award: The Award will celebrate the induction of one male and one female into the Cesar Chavez Leadership Hall of Fame. The recipients will be Coloradoans of Latino origin who have made a major contribution to and/or achievements in Denver's Latino community.

Nominations should be no longer than two pages in length and must be received by **5 P.M., Friday, Feb. 10, 2006**. The nomination must include the nominee's address and phone number. All nominations must include the nominator's name, address and phone number.

The Awards Presentation and Celebration will be held Sat., Mar. 11, at 10 A.M. at the Woodbury Branch Library, located at 3265 Federal Boulevard. The event is free and open to the public.

Nominations should be sent to:

Hannah Miles
Denver Public Library Commission Latino Awards Committee
Advancement and Communication Office
10 W. 14th Avenue Parkway
Denver, CO 80204-2731
Or fax to: 720.865.2081

For more information, call 720.865.1182.

Black History Month Events

Denver Public Library
January–February

Exhibit: *Martin Luther King's Visit to Denver*

Tuesdays in February

Film: *Eyes On the Prize*

Feb. 7, 14, 28 • 6:30–8 P.M., Feb. 21 • 7–8 P.M.

All showings are free and open to the public.

Blair-Caldwell African American
Research Library • 2401 Welton St.

KCFR Public Radio

Mondays in February at 9:00 P.M.

Feb. 6: *Mandela: An Audio History*

Feb. 13: *Rediscovering Barbara Jordan*

Feb. 27: *The Undiscovered Explorer: Imagining York*

Visit www.kcfr.org for details.



WANTED: COLD WEATHER CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

The Denver Rescue Mission is asking for donations of coats, gloves, hats, long underwear, scarves and water-proof boots for homeless and poor men, women, and children. Drop them off anytime at the Denver Rescue Mission, Lawrence St. and Park Ave. West. For more information, visit www.denverrescue mission.org.



RECYCLE YOUR OLD PHONE BOOKS

Simply put them in your purple Denver Recycles container. Please be sure to remove magnets and remove them from plastic bags before placing them in your recycling containers. If your apartment or business does not have recycling services, then you may recycle your old phone book at one of many privately operated drop-off locations. To find the drop-off location nearest you, visit www.advertisewithdex.com/Dex/CDA/Directory/Recycling.jsp

NEPQuE Seeking Volunteers

Calling all neighborhood volunteers! Here's a great opportunity to support Whittier Elementary School. Come be a part of its first ever art auction community event and fundraiser, *I Believe I Can Fly: A Celebration of Community and the Arts at Whittier Elementary*. The evening will include an auction of artistically enhanced birdhouses from students and local artists, entertainment, food and fun.

The date for the event is Friday, May 12, from 6:00–9:00 P.M. Volunteers are needed for the following committees: Sponsorship, Public Relations, Entertainment, Food, Birdhouses, Auction and Tickets. Volunteers will also be needed the day of the event.

If you can join in the great effort for our community school, please contact Leta Sharpe at mtnleta@aol.com or 303.884.0201.



I Believe I Can Fly

A Celebration of Community and the Arts at Whittier Elementary

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Volunteers needed

House Tour Committee

Chair and volunteers needed

Public Safety Committee

Chair needed
Traci Oliver, John McBride

Newsletter editors: Cathy Calder and Bret Kudlicki Newsletter design: Blonde Ambition • Please submit articles for the Whittier Spotlight by the second to last Monday of the month prior to publication month to Cathy Calder at chc@BlondeDesign.com. Only digital files accepted. Due to space constraints, your submission may be edited.

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ANIMAL CONTROL

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Tamara Banks • 720.865.9028
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NOISE CONTROL

720.865.5452

PARKS & RECREATION

720.913.2500

NORTHEAST PARENTS for a QUALITY EDUCATION (NEPQue) MEETING

Last monday of every month
6:30 P.M. • RSVP for dinner at 6:00 P.M.
Whittier Elementary School auditorium
25th Ave. and Marion St. • 303.884.0201
northeastparents@yahoo.com

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**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) _____
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Thank you! Please enclose check made payable to Whittier Neighborhood Association
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