

WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE DAYS

Denver Botanic Gardens
Mon., Sept. 18

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
Sun., Sept. 24

2006 Aids Walk
Sun., Sept. 10 • 8:30 A.M.
Cheesman Park • 303.861.WALK
www.aidswalkcolorado.org

Alzheimer Assoc. Memory Walk
Sat., Sept. 16 • 8 A.M.
City Park • 303.813.1669
www.coloradomemorywalk.org

Exercise for Mental Health
Tues., Sept. 19 • 6:30 P.M.
Denver Healthy People 2010
District 2 Police Station,
3921 Holly St.
Call Elaine Borton at 3-1-1

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
WNA MEETING
WED., SEPTEMBER 20
6:30 P.M.
WHITTIER COMMUNITY CENTER
2900 DOWNING ST.
#1B

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SPOTLIGHT

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Northeast Denver should be seeing a lot more purple in 2006!



Denver Recycles, a program of Public Works/Solid Waste Management, is pleased to announce that by year's end the delivery of the new larger, wheeled recycling carts to all recycling customers should be completed. This is more than three years ahead of original delivery plans.

In October of 2005, the first of five phases of the automated cart program was completed. This year, phases 2 and 3 were completed in June and cart deliveries for phases 4 and 5 are scheduled to begin in September.

Denver Recycles accepts 7 new materials including junk mail, magazines and catalogs, office paper, corrugated cardboard, paper-board (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.), phone books, and brown paper bags.

Newspapers and inserts, plastic and glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, foil and pie tins, steel cans, and empty aerosol cans are still accepted.

The volume of collected recyclables has increased by 24 percent. The new carts make recycling really easy: more room and no need to sort recyclables. The new automated recycling collection systems also greatly improves route efficiency and reduces employee injuries.

To get a cart, residents must be a current participant in the recycling program. If you do not currently participate in the program, but would like to start, please call Denver Recycles at 3-1-1.

El Grito de la Independencia Fiesta

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 16-17 • 10:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.
800-1100 blocks of Santa Fe Drive
Free Admission

El Grito celebrates Mexican Independence with song, dance, exhibits, and good food with a variety of spirited festival events. All comes alive with full production stages featuring continuous musical entertainment. El Grito caters to all age groups. Attendees will find a full range of fun for children, a low rider bike exhibition and the best in Mexican food and drink!

For more information, call 303.534.8342 or visit www.newsed.org



Painting by: Theda Rhea

WNA SEPT. 20 MEETING TO BE PURPLE AND RED, WHITE AND BLUE

Ken Orlin, Denver Recycles, and Election Commission Commissioner Sandy Adams will fill us in on what's new in their citywide programs. (See Denver Recycles article above.)

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Denver Deals

Bindweed-eating Mites

Okay, so these are not exactly local, but the bindweed is! You can get the mites for free by calling 1.866.324.2963. It's not too late to let them loose in your garden as they will move underground for the winter and eat the bindweed roots. So get started now!

Denver Deals highlights 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.



NEED HELP WITH A LEGAL ISSUE?

On **Tues., Sept. 19**, come to Legal Night at Mi Casa where over 20 volunteer lawyers will be available for one-on-one consultations to provide FREE legal information, guidance and referrals. Volunteer lawyers have expertise in family, employment, housing, immigration and consumer legal issues. 360 Acoma St. • 5:30 – 7 P.M. Spanish/English available. For more information, call 303.573.1302.

NESESITAN AYUDA CON SUS PROBLEMAS LEGALES?

Este martes **19 de Septiembre** en el Lugar "Mi Casa" habra mas de 20 abogados dispuestos a darle una consulta gratis. Estos abogados tienen experiencia con asuntos familiares, empleo, inmigracion entre otros asuntos legales. Para mas informacion llame al 303.573.1302. La direccion es 360 Acoma St. Habra interpretes bilingues.

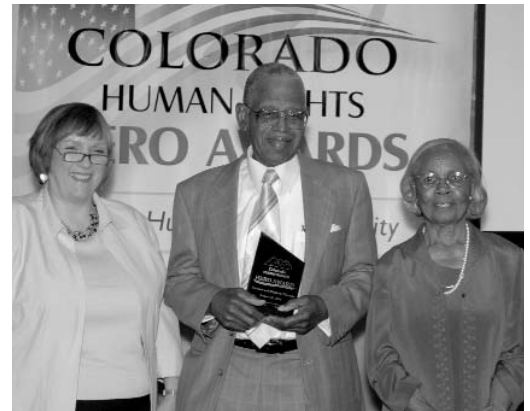
Whittier residents receive Human Rights Hero Award

Theodore and Elizabeth Thomas, received a Colorado Human Rights Hero Award on Sun., August 20. The award ceremony, co-hosted by the Church of Scientology of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Youth for Human Rights Club, was held in the reception hall of Successful Management Solutions and was the first of its kind to be held in Denver.

The Hero Award is a special recognition given to caring adults who have made an impact in their area through human rights activities and the implementation of one or more of the 30 human rights described in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Thomases were awarded the Know Your Human Rights Hero Award for their dedication to youth in their neighborhood through a program they created called "Rites of Passage." They established the program to help boys and girls gain self-respect, responsibility and an education that included life skills and etiquette.

The Rites of Passage project was heavily supported in the Whittier community and had received grants from The Denver Foundation. Several of the Thomas' most loyal supporters attended the ceremony including John McBride, co-founder of the Whittier Neighborhood Association and former



Rev. Patty Allread (left) congratulates Theodore and Elizabeth Thomas, recipients of the Know Your Human Rights Award at the Colorado Human Rights Hero Award Ceremony.

staff member of past Denver mayor Wellington Webb, and Barry Sharoff, former Whittier Neighborhood Association president.

"These two human rights Heroes did whatever they saw was needed to ensure that youth in their neighborhood had a fair chance to make something of themselves," said Reverend Patty Allread of the Church of Scientology during the award presentation, "They created a firm foundation of positive self-image that would springboard the children into a better life."

Community Assessment/ Community Investment Project

Are you a teacher, parent, staff member or community member interested in making Whittier Elementary a better school? ProjectPAVE wants to hear from you!

Please contact Lindsay Bannon at 303.322.2382 or lbannon@projectpave.org to participate in a brief discussion group to determine which type(s) of youth violence are most prevalent in the neighborhood as well as the factors that contribute to it.



MANUAL MINUTIAE

Editor's note: This column will answer frequently asked questions about Manual High School's redesign process.

Q: I have seen big signs on north and south sides of Manual that say "MARC". What is that?

A: MARC stands for "Manual Academic Resource Center." The MARC supports neighborhood students as they transition into other high schools for the 2006-07 school year. This fall the MARC will be starting up tutoring programs and other activities. The MARC is open weekdays from 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Please stop by and see what the MARC offers. For more information, contact the MARC at 720.423.6590.

If you have a question about Manual, please submit it to Cathy Calder at chc@blondedesign.com.



Do you have an event you would like the Whittier neighborhood to know about?

Or do you want to publicize your non-profit's activities?

Contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680 or chc@blondedesign.com to find out how you can submit articles for inclusion in the *Spotlight* newsletter.



City Park Festival of the Arts

Sat., Sept. 9 • City Park Esplanade at East High School • 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

140 Local Artists. An outstanding representation of Denver's most talented and respected fine artists will be displaying right next to first time exhibitors and earnest craftspeople. **Three Stages!** From Rock and Roll to Salsa, from Hip Hop to Swing, the City Park Festival of the Arts 2006 will offer an unforgettable range of local talent including several "Best of Westword" winners. **Open Mic Stage and Drum Circle.** Returning this year: the open mic stage. Sign-up, grab the floor and own it! Our closing drum circle is becoming a Denver legend. **Children's Area.** A non-stop interactive adventure including face painting, multi-media exhibits, free "mini-makeovers" and more exciting, educational, inspiring fun than you can experience in a day. **Great food.** Where else can you get a complete, fresh meal for \$5 or under?

For more information, call 720.205.6506 or visit www.cityparkfestival.org.



PARENTING SKILLS WORKSHOP

Smart-Girl will offer a parenting class "How to Mother and How to Father a Successful Daughter" on **Sat., Sept. 30.** To register, call 303.815.1921 or visit

www.smart-girl.org

JOSH & GUS'S
RUN FOR A REASON

A 5K Run and 2K Family Fitness Walk
Benefiting the Sudden Unexpected Death in Childhood (SUDC) Program

www.joshandgus.com

Sat., Sept. 23
Events and registration begin at 8:30 A.M.

Please join us for the **3rd Annual Josh and Gus's Run For a Reason** at Clement Park in Littleton. The whole family will enjoy a USATF-certified 5K Run or 2K Family Fitness Walk, fun kids' activities, a silent auction, music and great food! For more information, please call 303.932.9686.



TOUR DENVER'S HISTORIC SANTA FE ART DISTRICT

First Friday every month Meet at Southeast corner of 6th Ave. & Santa Fe

5:30 P.M.

The Art District on Santa Fe now includes a one-hour walking tour highlighting the history of one of Denver's oldest neighborhoods.

Cost is \$5 per person.

No reservation necessary, just show up and pay the guide. For more information,

720.234.7929 or visit

www.denverhistorytours.com

Take the Metro Mentor Challenge!

The Youth Mentoring Collaborative needs 1,000 mentors by October 16

The Youth Mentoring Collaborative (YMC) offers a convenient way to get involved because they can match volunteers with mentoring options that specifically fit their interests and availability.

Mentoring works. Studies show that mentoring programs help young people improve their school performance, social skills, self-esteem, and ultimately, their future. Mentoring doesn't require any special skills. Mentoring is simply spending time with a young person who will benefit from a positive adult role model.

Interested mentors must be 18 years or older and commit to at least four hours each month for a minimum of one year.

The YMC is actively matching at-risk and homeless 5th and 6th graders and high school students with adult mentors. YMC values mentors' contributions and gives them training and support throughout the program.

The YMC is comprised of 15 mentoring organizations and eight resource partners that share a united vision: "To positively impact all Denver Metro area youth by providing more mentors through the collaboration of quality mentoring organizations." The YMC is sponsored by Bank of the West, Mile High United Way and the Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships.

To learn more, call United Way at 2-1-1 or go to www.metrovolunteers.org.



SUNDAY MARKET OPEN THRU OCTOBER

The City Park Esplanade Fresh Market is set up across from City Park along the Esplanade between East High School and 17th Ave. and is open from 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

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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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Blair Cladwell Library, 2401 Welton St.
720.270.3527**NORTHEAST PARENTS for a QUALITY
EDUCATION (NEPQe) MEETING**Meets last monday of every month
6:30 P.M. • RSVP for dinner at 6:00 P.M.
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Membership cards are available at monthly WNA meetings.

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Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail _____ Interests _____

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