



WHITTIER
NEIGHBORHOOD
DENVER, COLORADO

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE DAYS

Mon., June 18
Denver Botanic Gardens

Pridefest
June 23-24

A celebration of community and culture, come out to enjoy the parade, rally, music, entertainment, food and much more.
www.pridefestdenver.org

First Friday Art Walks
July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7
5-9 P.M.

First Friday of every month in Sante Fe Art District, Golden Triangle, LoDo, Broadway, and Northwest Denver.
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SPOTLIGHT

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Infrastructure Priorities Public Meeting



The Infrastructure Priorities Task Force (IPTF), with over 100 citizens, has worked the last six months examining and prioritizing the short- and long-term capital facilities and infrastructure needs of the City. The Executive Committee of the Task Force began to meet regularly in April to discuss the recommendations of the finance and subject matter subcommittees, and City staff. The Executive Committee will meet regularly until they reach final recommendations in the summer.

With community input, the Executive Committee will refine and prioritize the list

of projects, knowing that there are more requests than available funds. The primary area of emphasis will be deferred maintenance and on-going maintenance issues. Public feedback will be critical. The meeting for the Northeast community will be held:

Tues., June 12 • 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Montbello Recreation Center
Multipurpose Room
15555 E. 53rd Ave.

Online at www.denverinfrastructure.org you will find more details and additional meeting places and times.

Summer Scholars 2007 program dates and locations

The 2007 Summer Scholars literacy program begins **Mon., June 11** and ends **Fri., July 20** and will be held at the following schools: Ashley, Columbine, Fairmont @ Greenlee, Garden Place, Gilpin, Greenlee, Hallett @ Smith, Harrington, Mitchell, Montclair, Moore, Palmer, Park Hill, Philips @ Ashley, Smith, Swansea, Whiteman, Whittier, and Wyatt-Edison. These locations are subject to change.

No longer just a summer program, Summer Scholars also works during the academic school year to improve students' reading skills through an after-school tutoring program and an initiative to increase family literacy. By offering students at nineteen Northeast Denver elementary schools year-round instruction and services, Summer Scholars has prevented the "summer learning slide" among 100 percent of participating students and has improved the reading skills of 80 percent of participants.

For more information, call 303.355.0290, visit www.summerscholars.org or send an e-mail to info@summerscholars.org.





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**DANCE DANCE
REVOLUTION (DDR)
TOURNAMENT
SAT., June 23**

The Denver Public Library is hosting a DDR tournament for kids and teens. Drinks and snacks will be provided, and the winner in each group will win a \$50 Target gift card! Beginners and experts are welcome. Schlessman Family Branch
100 Poplar St.
www.denverlibrary.org
CJackson@denverlibrary.org

Dangers of secondhand smoke

The issue of secondhand smoke and smoke-free environments has been a divisive one. For years scientific evidence has existed and continues to emerge about the dangers of secondhand smoke. Evidence that supports the need for communities to create smoke-free work and public places. For years the tobacco industry has tried to discourage communities from going smoke-free.

The Hidden Dangers of Secondhand Smoke

- Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in this country and in Colorado. For every eight smokers the tobacco industry kills, it takes one non-smoker with them.

**June WNA meeting:
Weds., June 20 • 6:30 P.M.**
Theodora Jackson is coming to the June meeting to talk about a secondhand smoke education project.

- It contains 4,700 chemicals-including carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, formaldehyde, and arsenic-60 of which are known to cause cancer.
- Exposure to these chemicals is dangerous. For kids, exposure to secondhand smoke causes things like ear and respiratory infections. For the rest of us, repeated exposure to secondhand smoke can cause heart disease and lung cancer.

For more information, visit www.alacolo.org.

Wild about Denver

Denver Parks and Recreation presents "Wild About Denver" free community naturalist programs this summer in three of the city's Natural Areas: Bear Creek Park, Hentzell Park and Parkfield Park.

For more information, call 303.455.1623 or visit www.denvergov.org/natural_areas.

PROGRAMS

Wildflowers at Dusk

A walk with naturalist Jim Borland
Thurs., June 14 • 7 P.M.
Paul A. Hentzell Park
East Yale Ave., west of South Havana Str.

Wild in the City

Denver Zoo outreach program with live "city" animals
Tues., June 26 • 7 P.M.
Bear Creek Park
West Kenyon road to Bear Creek Parking Lot



Multi-neighborhood event brings a shine to Cole and Whittier

Leaders and residents of Cole and Whittier neighborhoods gathered May 12 for a community clean up day. Participants met at Cole Middle School for refreshments and socializing before the event.

Organized by Cole-Whittier Against Crime (C-WAC) and Metro Organizations for People (MOP), the event drew more than 50 volunteers and resulted in over 80 neighborhood blocks being cleaned.

The initiative is based on increased communication and cooperation between residents and police, to better identify and specifically target high-crime areas, key offenses and quality-of-life issues.

Community leaders gathered again the following week for C-WAC's first annual community safety survey. The survey, designed to provide detailed statistical information regarding neighborhood crime and community perceptions of the police, will be administered yearly to gauge the initiative's effectiveness.

For more information and volunteer opportunities, call 720.280.1105 or e-mail c-wac@comcast.net.



Juneteenth celebration at City Park June 23

For the first time, Juneteenth will be held in City Park; and as in the past, will serve as the summer's premier gathering of African American performers, vendors, corporate sponsors, and members of the metro Denver community interested in the vibrant African American culture. Festival activities are scheduled from 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

The Denver Juneteenth Festival is an annual summer festival that celebrates the history and heritage of the city's African American community. Its mission is to celebrate and share Denver's rich and diverse African American culture and history.

For more information, call the festival office at: 303.304.5857.



COMCAST LA PIAZZA DELL'ARTE JUNE 23-24

The event will feature professional, amateur and student artists who will transform Larimer Square into a beautiful street museum of bright and colorful chalk art images. Kirsten@larimerarts.org
www.larimerarts.org

Issues affecting our neighborhood and how you can take action.

What's Up Whittier

THE ISSUE:

Save the planet and save money

Americans are 5 percent of the world's population, but use a third of its natural resources. Whether you believe global warming is a naturally occurring event or a byproduct of human actions, there are easy steps to take to make the planet healthier for future generations.

TAKE ACTION

— IN YOUR HOME

Bring your own bags to the grocery store. Many stores will even give you a per-bag discount.

Bring your own doggie bag to restaurants instead of using their plastic and Styrofoam containers.

Use rechargeable batteries; they last longer. Recycle traditional batteries at RadioShack — do not just throw them away.

Buy "green". Look for less packaging, recycled materials and concentrated formulas or bulk items.

Never water your yard between 10 A.M. and 6 P.M. Not only is evaporation likely to be highest meaning less water actually soaking into your grass/plants, but you could get fined by Denver Water.

Be wise when you fertilize. Fertilizers and pesticides can wash off lawns into waterways. Use them sparingly, or use safer methods, such as organic mulch.

— IN YOUR CAR

Plan your trips. A cold engine emits five times more pollution than a warm engine. Once you've driven three miles, your engine will stay warm for an hour.

Don't sit still with your engine running. Idling more than 10 seconds burns more gas than it takes to restart your car. Next time you visit an ATM or drive-thru, turn off your car.

Obey the speed limit. Going faster than 40 mph forces your car to overcome tremendous wind resistance — that's why driving 55 saves more gas than driving 75.

— IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Pick up litter and after your critter. Plastic bags, bottles, cigarette butts and other litter can hurt wildlife. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that can risk public health.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.greenprintdenver.org
www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL JUNE 23-24

There is plenty to watch at the festival, including demonstrations on bonsai (miniature trees), shodo (calligraphy), ikebana (flower arrangement), and chanoyu (the tea ceremony). A variety of Asian-themed arts and crafts, textiles, and other unique merchandise is for sale in the marketplace. cherryblossom@tsdbt.org
www.tsdbt.org/cherryblossom

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www.hud.gov/offices/lead/outreach/remodel.pdf**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CONGRESS FOR EDUCATION (NCCE)**Meets every Monday • 6:30 P.M.
Blair Caldwell Library, 2401 Welton St.
303.294.1141**NORTHEAST PARENTS for a QUALITY EDUCATION (NEPQue) MEETING**Meets last monday of every month
6:30 P.M. • RSVP for dinner at 6:00 P.M.
Whittier Elementary auditorium,
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Become a member of the Whittier Neighborhood Association—or renew your membership—and start making a difference today!

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