

Fuller Park Clean-Up

Spring is just around the corner so it's almost time for some spring cleaning in Whittier! Join us at Fuller Park (28th & Williams) on Sunday, April 21 from noon to 2pm. Volunteers will spread mulch, prune trees and bushes, remove trash, paint picnic tables, spruce up the dog park, prepare flower beds for planting, and more. We invite neighbors to take part not only in the cleanup but also enjoy food, music and camaraderie!



This event is sponsored by the Denver Parks Trust, Denver Parks & Recreation, District 9 City Council Office, the WNA, and the Denver Mayor's Office. Sign up with the QR code on the right!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need YOU to make Whittier Dayz 2024 a reality! Whittier Dayz is our annual neighborhood community "party in a park".

What would you like to see at Whittier Dayz in 2024? 2nd Annual Dog Pageant? Manual Theater Performance? Pie Contest? Seed Start Exchange? Or something more? Come to Whittier Cafe on Saturday, March 9 at 10AM to share ideas and form a Whittier Dayz Planning Committee.

We need visionaries, marketing, event day volunteers, and any talents our community wants to share!

Sign up to Join the Whittier Dayz Planning Committee by going to our website <https://www.whittierneighborhood.org> and clicking the page heading "Volunteer" or by joining us at Whittier Cafe on March 9 at 10!

Introducing the Whittier Neighborhood Scholarship

The Whittier Neighborhood Scholarship honors a graduating Manual High School senior who plans to enroll in college in 2024-25 and demonstrates a commitment to the Whittier community. Your donation to the Whittier Neighborhood Association through March 31, 2024, goes directly to supporting the scholarship unless you specify otherwise. All gifts in February and March 2024 will be matched by members of the WNA Board, up to a total of \$500. Thank you for your support of our local students!

To donate, visit our website whittierneighborhood.org and select the "donate" button or scan the QR code to the right. The Whittier Neighborhood Association (WNA) is a volunteer association and non-profit 501c3 serving Whittier. All donations are tax-deductible.



Darrell Watson (District 9)



Sarah Parady (At Large)

Stay in touch with City Council

Whittier is lucky to have 2 City Councilpersons living in our neighborhood. Darrell Watson is the councilperson for District 9, which includes Whittier as well as Clayton, Cole, Globeville, Elryia-Swansea, and parts of downtown. Sarah Parady is one of two at-large council members focused on all of Denver. Both council members have been hard at work in the new term and have plenty of updates and information to share. In addition to attending the Whittier Neighborhood Community Bimonthly Meetings at Ford-Warren Library, the Councilpersons' newsletters are a great way to stay informed. Sign up at the links below:

Darrell Watson, District 9: <https://bit.ly/District9newsletter>
Sarah Parady, At-Large: <https://bit.ly/Atlargenewsletter>

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Manual High School Spring Musicals

The Manual HS Theater Department will be presenting two amazing musicals in the next few months! In March, come see "Six: Teen Edition," which tells the story of Henry VIII's six wives. The show will run March 14, 15, and 16 at 7PM in the Joyce Marie Davis Auditorium. In May, students will perform the horror-comedy "Little Shop of Horrors," which will be on May 16, 17, and 18, also at the Joyce Marie Davis Auditorium.

Tickets for both shows may be purchased for \$10 at the door or by using the QR code on the right.



Thanks for supporting
these talented young
performers!

More Updates from Whittier Schools

Manual High School :

- Manual recently celebrated the highest growth in daily attendance (+9%) and the largest decrease in chronic absenteeism (-32%) across all of DPS!
- Girls Soccer - First home game Friday 3/15 at 4:30PM
- Baseball - First home game is Tuesday 4/2

McAuliffe Manual Middle School:

- Students who achieved perfect attendance recently celebrated with a special lunch planned by the 6th grade math classes. After researching the cost per pupil at neighborhood options and considering student preference, the students selected McDonald's for their celebration.
- Early spring sports are starting soon! This season features girls' flag football and boys' volleyball.

Whittier ECE-8 events:

- Multicultural Night will be Thursday 3/21
- The school's Black Excellence Plan for 2023-24 focuses on students' social emotional health and academic growth in literacy. School leaders and staff are using data from a behavioral and emotional screening tool as well as a literacy progress monitoring tool to identify needs and provide the appropriate support, strategies, and interventions.

Get Involved with the Whittier Neighborhood Association!

If you live in Whittier, which is defined as 23rd to MLK south to north and Downing to York west to east, then you're a member of the WNA! There are no dues and membership is open to all.

What does the WNA do?

- Fundraise and write grants to fund activities in the neighborhood such as Whittier Dayz and Walking Markets.
- Hold bi-monthly community meetings.
- Review zoning and liquor licensing requests and inform residents of requests, seeking resident input to create Good Neighbor Agreements.
- Publish the Spotlight newsletter; delivered four times a year by Whittier volunteers to your door.

How can I stay involved?

- Attend neighborhood meetings! The next WNA meeting is **Saturday, March 16, at 10:30am in the Ford Warren Library**. We will hear from Manual HS Principal Chris DeRemer, Denver Health and the Denver District Attorney's office. Our next meeting after that will be **Saturday, May 18**.
- Check out our updated website at www.whittierneighborhood.org. The site includes an event calendar, business directory, information on parks and neighborhood history, a link to sign-up for volunteering, and more!
- Join the Whittier Neighborhood Facebook group, which stays active with buy and sell requests, questions, and events coming up.
- Text WHITTIER to 844-283-5563 to join the text list for news and events..
- Follow the WNA on our Instagram account @whittierneighborhood.
- Any questions? Send the board an email at board@whittierneighborhood.org.