# Whittier Neighborhood Spotlight

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## **Neighborhood Festival Recap**

The Whittier Dayz II Party in Fuller Park and the Whittier Walking Market on August 8 were a huge success! People enjoyed time together and shopped at local businesses. The next Whittier Walking Market will be December 3 with numerous local businesses. Stop by to shop for the holiday season at locations around Whittier. Stay tuned for more information!

The 10th Annual HarvestSHARE was an amazing day in Whittier with events in all 5 Whittier Parks. This year HarvestSHARE shared over 200lbs of local produce with the community and unveiled a new alley mural by Lauri Keener in the alley off of George Morrison Park between Gilpin and Franklin. HarvestSHARE lifted the neighborhood with basketball and chess tournaments and multiple bands, choirs, artists, and drummers, including Whittier's Neighborhood band "A Little Bit Loud," the gospel singers of Agape Church, the Moyo Nguvu Nogomo drum circle, and local youth artists.

There were also numerous vendors retailing local honey, sea moss, handmade soaps, art, jewelry, clothing, turkey legs and more. We hope to see you next year!



Thank you Cathy Calder!!



Cathy Calder, who has been designing and producing the Whittier Spotlight, will be stepping away from her role. Thank you so much Cathy for your hard work!! You have made the Spotlight a professional and special part of our neighborhood.

# Are you a graphic designer?

If you are a graphic designer who would like to contribute your awesome skills to the Whittier Spotlight, please reach out to board@whittierneighborhood.org.

### NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## **Dance Teacher Diane Page**

Whittier resident, WNA Board Member, and longtime dance teacher Diane Page was recently profiled by Channel 9 News for her work with Brenda Mosby. Brenda, who is 67, became blind in 1994, decided to pick up ballet to reconnect with her love of dance. Check out the article online!

"Teaching a blind person is the most challenging instruction I have ever conducted, and I am very proud of how Brenda is progressing." - Diane



Reporter Jalessa Irizarry, Diane Page, Brenda Mosby, and photojournalist Foster Gaines

## **Ephemeral**

The Ephemeral Rotating Taphouse (28th and York in Skyland) is really hitting its stride. The bright, airy taphouse pays homage to predecessor, Ben's Supermarket, keeping a shelf of staples for sale. But beer is their real trade, taking a different approach than your usual taphouse. This dog-friendly spot serves as home to the beers of one guest brewery at a time. They host a new brewery from around the country about once a month, so there's always a new reason to stop by!

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# Climate Group Update: Is an Induction Cooktop Right for You?

Every once in a while the Climate group will publish ideas about how to combat and cope with our changing climate..

If you are interested in joining the Climate Group, contact Jeff at membership@whittierneighborhood.org

Here's the lowdown: an induction cooktop generates electromagnetic energy that interacts directly with compatible cookware, turning pots and pans into their own heat source. Because the heat doesn't have to transfer through the cooking surface, an induction cooktop can provide fast cooking, optimal temperature control and easy cleaning due to the fact that the glass top surrounding the element stays cool. They often have safety features like automatic shut-off and screen-locking mechanisms. And your kitchen stays cooler too, a nice summertime perk!

But who needs one? Anyone using a gas stove. Why? Cooking with gas has been shown to be catastrophic for the environment, emitting potent greenhouse gases like methane and nitrogen dioxide into the atmosphere. Worse, a recent study demonstrated that 75 percent of those oven emissions occur when the stove is off. Indoor nitrogen dioxide levels can spike quickly, reaching hazardous levels in the amount of time it takes to bake a cake. And in the winter when our homes are closed, noxious fumes get trapped inside and are very harmful, especially for kids.

So, do you want to efficiently cook without the inherent pollution of fossil fuels like natural gas? Do you want to cook on something that's more energy-efficient than gas or electric stovetops? Do you want to save money, keep your indoor air quality safer, and do your part to slow climate change? Then have a look at induction cooktops for your home. The technology is improving every day and they're getting more affordable!

### Stay in touch and support the WNA!

- Text WHITTIER to 844-283-5563 for news and events
- Follow us on Instagram @whittierneighborhood
- Join the Whittier Neighborhood Association group on Facebook

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to make a tax-deductible
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Spotlight and other WNA
activities.

# Attend Whittier Neighborhood Association Meetings!

WNA neighborhood meetings are every other month on Saturday mornings. There will be Information from and interaction with City of Denver representatives, elected officials, police, local not-for-profits, etc. Meet new people and make connections. Coffee and bagels will be served. Our next regular meeting will be Saturday, November 12 at 10:30 AM in the Community Room of the Ford Warren Library (28th and High).

There will be a special meeting on Saturday, October 29 at 10:30 AM (location TBA) to discuss upcoming ballot measures for the November election. Special guest Isabel Cruz will walk us through each measure one by one and showcase both sides of the issues. She can also answer any questions you may have about voting.

All meetings are open to the public. Anyone who lives in the Whittier neighborhood is automatically a member of the Whittier Neighborhood Association. Whittier's boundaries are 23rd Ave. to Martin Luther King Blvd. (South to North) and York St. to Downing St. (East to West).

#### Safer Streets in Whittier

Have you ever been buzzed on your bike by a speeding car, or stopped short at a crosswalk when a driver was going way too fast on Whittier streets? If you want to help make Whittier streets safer, there's an easy way to report problems:

- 1. Visit www.denvergov.org and report a problem.
- Report an "unsafe intersection," NOT a stop sign request. These are handled differently by the city.
- 3. Include as many specific details of the incident as possible (i.e., fender bender, near miss).
- 4. Forward a copy of your report and case number to Liz at liz.stalnaker@denvergov.org. She can monitor your request and make sure it gets to the right people.

Stay safe out there!