

Denver Municipal Elections end April 4



If you haven't voted yet, there's still time! You can return your ballot to boxes at Manual High School, the Glenarm Recreation Center, or the Carla Madison Recreation Center by April 4. You can also vote in-person at the Wellington Webb Municipal Center. For a full list of locations, visit www.denvergov.org/Maps/map/electionservices.

Whittier voters will have the chance to select candidates for mayor, auditor, city clerk, District 9 City Council, and two at-large City Council seats. Voters will also vote on three ballot questions concerning the process for zoning changes and the future of the Park Hill Golf Course.

SAVE THE DATE: Whittier Walking Market & Yard Sale

The 1st Walking Market of 2023 is Saturday, April 22 from 12pm to 3pm. We invite you to set up a market on your front lawn or on the sidewalk at local businesses. If you are interested in being a vendor, please register at <https://bit.ly/WhittierMarket2023>.

The Annual Whittier Yard Sale will be Saturday, June 3. If you are interested in participating in the Yard Sale, please text (720) 276-1386 or email Fundraising@WhittierNeighborhood.org.

Help Plan Whittier Dayz!

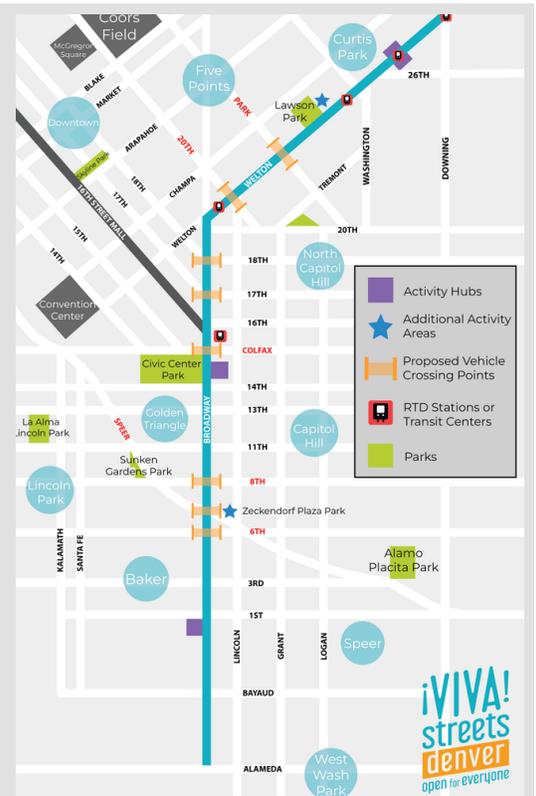
The Whittier Neighborhood needs your help planning Whittier Dayz Block Party on May 20 at Fuller Park. Would you like to join our Whittier Dayz Planning committee? We need your input to plan entertainment, activities, food and more! Email Fundraising@WhittierNeighborhood.org or text (720) 276-1386 to get involved.

¡Viva! Streets is coming to Denver!

This year the Downtown Denver Partnership is rolling out four brand new events that will transform Broadway and Welton into a completely car-free space where people can walk, bike, or roll safely. ¡Viva! Streets is all about promoting physical activity, exploring Denver communities, and bringing people together in a fun and healthy way.

This event is for people of all ages and abilities to walk, bike, skate, dance, play, and experience what our streets can look like without cars. Walk, ride, skate the route uninterrupted, or stop at one of the several “hubs”, which will have a variety of activities at specific locations on the route.

¡Viva! Streets will take place on Sundays, May 14, June 4, July 9, and August 6 from 8am to 2pm. The route follows Welton and Broadway from 30th & Downing in Five Points to Alameda in Baker. Sign up for the ¡Viva! Streets newsletter at vivastreetdenver.com or if you have any questions, email denveropenstreets@gmail.com.



Help Save a Historic Building in City Park West

The Whittier Neighborhood Association is supporting efforts by our neighbors in City Park West to save a 1902 mansion and neighborhood icon at 1741 Gaylord Street from threatened demolition. According to History Denver, "This building's history and architecture are integral to the context of its block and it's neighborhood. The house... is a significant, unique and particularly grand-scale example of the Dutch Colonial Revival style in Denver."



Although many historic mansions in Denver are updated for adaptive reuse, the developer in this case insisted on demolishing the building for a 37-unit complex, nothing less. As such, the community felt it had no choice but to file a Landmark application with the city.

Together with the support of around 50 neighbors and 4 Neighborhood Organizations, the community presented the case for granting Landmark status to the Landmark Planning Commission. Landmark status will prevent its demolition while still allowing for adaptive reuse of the house and development of the parcel.

The community presented a recent redevelopment of an almost identical property, the Mullen Mansion at 9th and Emerson. The house was converted into 8 apartments and a 13-unit complex was built around it. It's been widely praised as a case study in preservation and adaptive reuse.

The Landmark Planning Commission agreed with the community's application and unanimously passed it to City Council for final determination on March 7.

How can you help? Start by emailing Councilwoman CdeBaca's office expressing your support for the Landmark application and adaptive reuse model for the property. In your email, include Liz.Stalnaker@denvergov.org and Jessica.Zender@denvergov.org. Even better, sign up at <http://bitly.ws/BBUf> to make a public comment via Zoom at the City Council meeting from 3-5:30PM on April 24! Please help us adapt this building and this parcel into beautiful new housing that reflects the history of City Park West.

-Scott Holder

Attend Whittier Community Meetings!

In our last meeting, on March 11, we heard from Sarah Parady, Penfield Tate, and Serena Gonzalez-Gutierrez, all candidates for city council At-Large. Each candidate shared some of their ideas and policy positions before the upcoming election.

The next meeting is **Saturday, May 6 at 10:30am in the Ford Warren Library**. Attendees will learn about historic preservation in Whittier with Discover Denver, discuss any neighborhood issues and hear about what's important to you. Come for information and community! Coffee and bagels will be served.

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 Avenue to Martin Luther King Boulevard (South to North) and York Street to Downing Street (East to West).

Note: the WNA does not endorse any candidates

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- Follow us on Instagram @whittierneighborhood
- Join the Whittier Neighborhood Association group on Facebook
- Go to WhittierNeighborhood.org and hit the **donate** button to make a tax-deductible donation funding the Spotlight and other WNA activities.

Do you have an article idea for the Neighborhood Spotlight? Email board@whittierneighborhood.org!