

WHITTIER  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
DENVER, COLORADO

### FREE DAYS

Denver Art Museum,  
Thurs., Dec. 1

Denver Museum of Nature & Science  
Fri., Dec. 9

Denver Center for Performing Arts  
\$10 tickets every Tuesday 10 a.m.

Denver Museum of Miniatures,  
Dolls and Toys, 1880 Gaylord St.  
"Pay what you can" day the first  
Sunday of every month.



# WHITTIER NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

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## WNA supports EXDO's application for Cabaret License

About 60 people attended the November community meeting to discuss the application for a dance cabaret license at the current EXDO Annex Events Center and Eden Restaurant at 31st Ave. & Downing St.

A dance cabaret license allows the owner to serve hard liquor and host events with live music and dancing. EXDO owner Marty Chernoff was present at the community meeting to address questions and concerns.

The community discussed the effects of a cabaret license on the neighborhood. Pros included having a viable business in the space

instead of a vacant building and having the business owned by a reputable owner with a good track record. Cons included concerns about safety and noise in the neighborhood, and the possibility of a nightclub being opened in the space by a future owner.

The attendees overwhelmingly voted in favor of the license, which was scheduled to be discussed at a city hearing at the end of November.

WNA will support the application for the license after the owner agreed to sign a Good Neighbor Agreement, which helps ensure cooperation with the owner if problems arise.

## Cookie Swap Takes Over WNA Meeting Wed., Dec. 21 • 6:30 p.m.

The December WNA meeting is a Cookie Exchange!  
Join us on Dec. 21 at KJ's Coffee Bar. Details below.



## The Most Wonderful Time of the Year: Cookie Exchange!

The annual holiday cookie exchange for the Whittier Neighborhood will be at KJs Coffee Bar again this year! Whip up your favorite cookie recipe, bring your neighbors, friends and children and meet us at KJs. We're asking that everyone brings about **two dozen cookies** so there is plenty to share with all!

WNA will bring the egg nog for the party and bags to bring your treasures home. Just bring your cookies and holiday cheer!

Whittier Neighborhood Cookie Exchange:  
**Wed., Dec. 21 • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
KJs Coffee Bar, 25th Ave. & Gilpin St.

Don't have time to bake? No worries! Store bought cookies are welcome too — it's just all about getting together for the holidays!

Questions? Contact Kristin at [KMPazulski@gmail.com](mailto:KMPazulski@gmail.com).



## C'mon Get Happy



Research shows that people who know their neighbors are happier and feel safer than those who don't.

*National Geographic* reporter and happiness researcher Dan Buettner says people can affect their own happiness by about 40%. Knowing neighbors and attending a monthly activity are two of the most powerful happiness boosters.

**How do you boost your happiness?** Share with us on our Facebook page: search Whittier Neighborhood Association if you aren't already a fan!

## KJ's Events

*KJ's Coffee Bar*  
25th Ave. between  
Gilpin & Franklin Sts.

### Gift Fair

Dec. 10, Noon – 2 p.m.

Support your local artists, business owners and more at KJ's holiday gift fair.

Last year vendors sold hats, scarves, body scrubs, healing herbs, photos, bowls, cups, jewelry and paintings. Barista, Kassia, will be there selling home-made pasta via her brand new business, Kassia's Pasta Farm!

*(Credit cards may not be accepted)*

### Band Night

Dec. 17, time TBD

### Cookie Exchange

Wed., Dec. 21,  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Closed Dec. 25

Limited hours on Dec. 24 & 26

## United Way Savings Accounts Match \$4 to Every \$1 Saved

Mile High United Way's Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are matched savings accounts designed to help people build assets as a step toward self sufficiency.

Money can be used to purchase a first home, start or grow a small business, or pay for college.

Every \$1 saved is matched with a \$4 contribution from the United Way. The maximum match is \$4,000, and maximum

savings period is 24 months. Participation in approved financial education classes and other requirements apply.

To see if you qualify, visit [www.unitedwaydenver.org](http://www.unitedwaydenver.org) what we do individual development accounts, or call 303.433.8383.

Don't have a computer? Computers at the Ford-Warren library at 28th Avenue and High Street have Internet and Microsoft Word.



## Christmas Treecycle 2012: Turn Your Tree Into Mulch

Your Christmas tree gave you so much joy during the holidays. Now give it a second life and recycle it with Denver's Treecycle program. All trees collected through the program will be chipped into mulch and given away to Denver residents in the spring.

Denver residents should set out their Christmas trees for recycling from Jan 3–13.

### 1. Remove all decorations and tree stand.

Sorry, no artificial or flocked trees. Real Christmas trees only.

### 2. Set your tree out for collection during the first two weeks of January.

Dumpster service customers should place their Christmas tree out for recycling on either **Mon., Jan. 3** or **Mon., Jan. 9** for collection during that week. Do not place trees in dumpsters. Trees should be placed at least four feet away from dumpsters.

Barrel and Manual service customers should place their Christmas tree out for recycling on their normal trash day between **Jan. 3–13**.

### 3. Watch your tree get picked up for recycling.

### 4. Reclaim free mulch made from your trees.

Pick up the mulch on **Sat., May 5, 2012**, at Denver's Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale.

For more information about Treecycle, Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale, or other Denver Recycles programs call 311 or visit online at [www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles).



## Volunteers Needed!

**Bi-lingual volunteer** to translate the newsletter every month. Huge opportunity to help the WNA and bring our community together. (and a resume builder for those who have the skill for future jobs ...)

**The WNA needs neighbors to deliver the newsletter.** The routes are short, but the reward is great! You meet neighbors and get a little exercise. It's a new year — make helping the WNA once a month part of your resolution!

Contact [wnacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:wnacommunications@gmail.com) to volunteer.

# Around Town

## Holiday Events

### Santa's Big Red Sack

*A Christmas comedy*

**Thurs.–Sun., Nov. 25–Dec. 24**

Avenue Theater, 417 E. 17th St.

Tickets: \$20–\$25

[www.Avenuetheater.com](http://www.Avenuetheater.com) or 303.321.5925

### Denver Zoo Lights

*Stroll the zoo grounds and see more than 150 lighted animal sculptures; Bring a non-perishable food item for \$1 off admission.*

**Dec. 2–Jan. 1, 5–9 p.m.**

Denver Zoo, 2300 Steele St.

Admission:

\$9 adult, \$5 ages 3–11, \$7 senior

[www.Denverzoo.org](http://www.Denverzoo.org)

### Denver Botanic Gardens

#### Blossoms of Light

*Over one million colorful lights adorn the winter Botanic Gardens*

**Dec. 2–Jan. 1, 5:30–9:30 p.m.**

1007 York St.

Admission: \$9.50 adult, \$6.50 child

\$7.50 senior

[www.Botanicgardens.org](http://www.Botanicgardens.org)



### East High Boys Basketball Team

#### Toy Drive

*Toys can be dropped off at the Boys basketball games and school Basketball team members will deliver toys to Denver General Hospital on Christmas Eve*

**Drop Off Until Dec. 16**

For more information, contact

Coach Rudy Carey at 720.423.8363

### Granny Dances to a Holiday Drum

*Cleo Parker Robinson Dance performance*

**Fri., Sat. & Sun., Dec. 3–18**

Newman Center for the Performing Arts, 2344 E. Iliff Ave.

[www.Cleoparkerdance.org](http://www.Cleoparkerdance.org)

### East High Winter Concert

*East High School Choirs performing holiday and traditional choral music*

**Tues., Dec. 6, 7 p.m.**

St. Paul Lutheran Church,

16th Ave. & Grant St.

Tickets: \$7 at the door



### Gullah Christmas and Spirituals with Lucy Walker

*Stories and music of the African American Gullah people; Free Event.*

**Sun., Dec. 11, 2 p.m.**

St. Thomas Episcopal Church,

2201 Dexter St.

## Misc. Events

### Dinner Detective Denver

*Award-winning murder mystery dinner theater*

**Saturdays, Dec. 3 and 24**

Voodoo Comedy Playhouse, 1260 22nd St.

Tickets: \$66

[www.VoodooComedy.com](http://www.VoodooComedy.com) or 303.578.0079

### East High Girls Basketball Team Fundraiser

*Raffle items are being accepted for team fundraiser*

**Throughout the month of December**

For more information, contact

Coach Dwight Berry at 720.423.8346

### Public Safety Town Hall Meeting

*with Justice Alex Martinez and the Mayor's African American Commission*

**Wednesday, Dec. 7, 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Kimball Hall, 2358 Washington St.

### The Warmth of Other Suns: The Story of the Great Migration

*A Community Conversation with Author Isabel Wilkerson*

**Thurs., Dec. 8, 7–9 p.m.**

Manual High School, 27th Ave. & Williams St.

Free & Open to the Public

RSVP: 303.316.4848 ext. 221

## See Your Art Here!

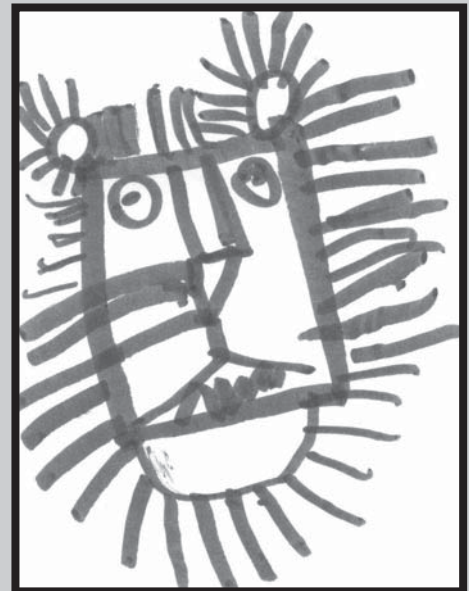
Submit artwork for our upcoming Art Edition! We're collecting artwork from Whittier residents to be displayed here in the Spotlight newsletter. It's a great way for kids and adults to see their art published. No expertise necessary, it's a community art project!

Here's how to get involved:

Drop off or send original art to WNA Communications, 2651 Vine St., Denver CO 80205.

Art should be in black marker, on an 8.5x11" white piece of paper. Include the artists name and kids age. Then sit back and wait to see your art in print!

Artist: Lucy Feeney, age 6



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Volunteers needed

Please submit articles for the Whittier Spotlight to wnacommunications@gmail.com. Only digital files accepted. Due to space constraints, your submission may be edited. Newsletter made possible by a generous grant from the Denver Foundation, graphic designer Kristin Pazulski and 22 delivery volunteers. Thank you!

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS—Both a current schedule of use and a reservation request form can be found at WhittierNeighborhood.org.

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Andrew Richmond: 720.641.1596 • Officer Jake  
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**GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP**

720.865.7867 • Denvergov.org/graffiti 0

**NEIGHBORHOOD INSPECTION SERVICES**

311 • www.denvergov.org and  
Search "inspection services"

**TRASH PICKUP**

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By mail: Please enclose check made payable to Whittier Neighborhood Association and mail to 2900 Downing Street, 1B • Denver, CO 80205

Online: Visit www.WhittierNeighborhood.org and click on "Become a Member Today!"

Your membership is fully tax deductible and will be used to support the Whittier Community Center at 2900 Downing Street.