

WeCAN Agenda

General Membership Meeting

6:00pm, April 13, 2010

Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St.

- Call to order
- Denver Police Department, Officer Hicks
- Neighborhood Watch Groups info
- Update on Nonprofit filing and *WeCAN* bylaws
- Extreme Community Makeover opportunities
- Update on St. Anthony's campus rezoning
- Presentation by Colorado Coalition for the Homeless: West End Flats affordable housing project at Xavier and West Colfax
- Vote for your favorite *WeCAN* logo

- Four stories of 100 affordable permanent housing apartments
- A mix of one and two-bedroom units
- Green (energy efficient) elements will be incorporated
- Following Main Street Zoning standards – height, width of sidewalks, active use on first level
- Up to one-half of apartments will serve the formerly homeless and the other half will serve those earning up 60% of the Area Median Income (approximately up to \$41,000 annually for a family of 3)

For the last several months an advisory committee composed of West Colfax residents has been meeting monthly with the development group. *WeCAN* invites you to join us to hear and see the plans. Please attend the monthly general membership meeting, April 13, 2010; 6:00pm for more information.

***WeCAN* and BID Co-host Candidate Forum**

A candidate forum for the District One City Councilman seat was co-hosted by *WeCAN* (West Colfax Association of Neighbors) and BID (West Colfax Business Improvement District) March 31, 2010 at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman.

This position has attracted a large field. Candidates in attendance were: Larry Ambrose, Jerry Frangas, John Haney, Christopher Jeffrey, Jon Lehmann, Kenneth Padilla, Paula Sandoval, Susan Shepherd, Georgia Sigala and Randle Swan.

Denver City Council has set **Tuesday, May 4th** as the date for a **Special Election by mail-in ballot** to fill the District 1 City Council seat. Monday, April 5, 2010 is the deadline to register to vote in this mail-in election. Download a voter registration form/mail-in ballot request at www.denvergov.org/elections .

Affordable Housing Project Coming to West Colfax

The old Shuffle Inn at Xavier and West Colfax is coming down to make way for new development. Also to be razed is the former check cashing building at Yates and West Colfax to give the entire block a new development.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and its development arm, Renaissance Housing Development Corporation has plans to create a five-story building at the corner of Zenobia and West Colfax with:

- First level retail or active use following Main Street zoning requirements

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Tree Plantings

On **April 17, 2010** from 9:30am to noon volunteers from *WeCAN* will be planting eighteen trees throughout our neighborhood as a part of the Denver Digs Trees Program. We could still use a few volunteers, so if you're interested in helping please call Chad at 720-297-4481.

Urban Composting

Free hands-on composting classes are available by signing up at 720-865-6810 or online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Two classes are offered:

- Worm Workshop – using worm composting techniques is being offered monthly May thru October
- Build-a-pile – the classic method, techniques in materials, chopping, watering and turning. This class is offered nearly every week May thru August with additional classes in September and October.

Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale

On May 1, 2010, 8:00am to 3:00pm, the Treecycle program makes the mulch made from Christmas trees for giveaway at 5 locations around the Denver area. The closest pickup point for *WeCAN* is at the southwest corner of Sloan's Lake.

Also available for sale from the Leafdrop program is the compost from leaves collected last fall. The compost is only available from the Havana Nursery at 10450 Smith Road.

Extreme Community Makeover

Extreme Community Makeover (ECM), an outreach project of Confluence Ministries, started three years ago in the West Colfax neighborhood. Last year over 2600 volunteers quietly came on Saturday mornings to help residents with home improvement projects, yard cleanup, graffiti cleanup or whatever needed to be done. ECM has been featured in 5280 Magazine and has Denver City Council endorsement.

This year *WeCAN* is joining ECM in an effort to bring neighbors together to help neighbors. At 9:00 am on Saturday **April 24, 2010** volunteers will meet at 1400 Quitman for the first projects this year. You can sign up to volunteer at the April 13 *WeCAN* meeting, email Barbara Baker, barbrabaker@wecanddenver.org or call Barbara at 303-257-9808.

For more information about Extreme Community Makeover visit <http://www.extremecommunitymakeover.org/>

Street Sweeping to Resume

The Denver Street Sweeping program resumes in April. Check the street signs on your street to determine the day your street is to be swept. Move your vehicle to avoid being ticketed by code enforcement.

Sign up for an email reminder from Denver Public Works Street Sweeping: [www.denvergov.org/Street Maintenance](http://www.denvergov.org/Street_Maintenance)

City Boot and Tow Fines Increasing

Effective Thursday, April 1, 2010, the fees for receiving a parking boot and tow will be increased from \$50 to \$100 each. These fees have not been increased for 21 years. A vehicle may receive a boot after it has accumulated three unpaid parking tickets. If the boot fee and the outstanding citations are not paid the vehicle will be towed after 72 hours.

Final Planning Review Board Hearing – New Zoning Code

The Planning Board hearing will be Wednesday, April 21 at 1 p.m. at the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Building, 201 W. Colfax. Ave. in fourth floor conference room 4.F.6. The public is invited to attend and share comments.

Advertising Opportunities

WeCan would like to expand our newsletter, if you would be interested in sponsoring advertising space please contact Jessnoe@wecanddenver.org

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