

West Colfax Association of Neighbors

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WeCAN

General Membership Meeting Agenda

May 11, 2010, 6:00 pm

Confluences Ministries, 1400 Quitman St.

Call to Order

Denver Police Department: Officers Montoya & Hicks

Neighborhood Inspection Services presentation, followed by Q & A.

Announcements

Bylaw Amendments vote

Treasurer's report

Committee Reports:

- Website
- Newsletter
- Neighborhood Watch
- Garden Group
- Spanish Outreach
- Land Use
- Environmental

Neighborhood Inspection Services to present program at May *WeCAN* meeting.

Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS) is charged with the responsibility of enforcing Denver code requirements concerning interior and exterior property maintenance, zoning and habitability.

To aid in our understanding of their mission NIS will have an area supervisor and staff member present at the May 11 general membership meeting of *WeCAN*. They will present a short program to be followed by a period of question and answer.

***WeCAN* Benefit Garage Sale**

WeCan will hold the first annual *WeCan* Benefit Garage Sale Saturday, June 12 from 8:00am to 2:00pm on West 14th Avenue between Quitman and Raleigh. All proceeds will go to the basic operating expenses of the organization.

WeCAN requests the donation of your unneeded or unwanted items. As you are doing your spring cleaning, organizing storage spaces or downsizing your wardrobe, library, household goods, etc. please keep the *WeCAN* Benefit Garage Sale in mind and make a donation.

Volunteers will be available to pick up items and store them until the sale. Call or email Tina Smith (303-534-0196) (tina221966@hotmail.com) to arrange pick-ups, drop-offs, or to volunteer to help with the project.

Volunteers are needed:

- Make signs (Could your children help with this?)
- Hang signs on morning of sale and remove signs after sale
- Sort and price donations prior to sale (If you will be unavailable on sale day this is a great way to help.)
- Help set up and take down

As the West Colfax Association of Neighbors, known as *WeCAN*, our mission is that together WE CAN provide community support, safety and education with our neighborhood through volunteerism, pro active programs, outreach and kindness, all the while preserving our neighborhood's history, unique character and vast diversity.

- Help haul unsold items to a donation drop off after the sale
- Sales staff for the day of the sale (two hour shift, please!)
- Donate baked goods to sell
- Donate poster boards, pricing stickers and markers
- And, of course, to DONATE lots of stuff to the sale.

5th Annual Colfax Marathon

The running of the 5th Annual Colfax Marathon will take place Sunday, May 16, 2010 commencing at 6:00am. The marathon starts in City Park and heads west to a turnaround to begin the return leg at Simms. The return leg heads north on Wolff Street around the west and north sides of Sloan's Lake then winding its way northward to the 23rd Avenue bridge and over I-25 into downtown and back to City Park. Colfax Avenue will be closed to traffic during the marathon.

Sandoval Elected to Dist. 1 Council Seat

The May 4th special election to fill the vacant City Council seat for District 1 resulted in the election of Paula Sandoval. The term-limited state senator will finish her state legislative career prior to assuming the council seat later this month.

Ms. Sandoval will make her first *WeCAN* appearance as a councilperson at the general membership meeting, June 8, 2010.

Large Item Pickup – The next scheduled Large Item Pickup is for the period of May 10 – 14, 2010. Please be sure to have your large items available for pickup at the start of the period.

Neighborhood Watch Blocks Organizing

Neighborhood Watch is making a comeback within the *WeCAN* boundaries. Three organizational meetings have been held during the last month to re-establish lapsed Neighborhood Watch blocks.

Contact Neighborhood Watch committee chairperson, Brad Smith (phone: 720-436-1322, email: glenburn.smith@comcast.net) to begin the process of bringing Neighborhood Watch to your block.

Visit **Denver Recycles** to sign up for recycling bins:
<http://www.denvergov.org/Home/tabid/425351/Default.aspx>

Confluence Ministries Block Party

Confluence Ministries will host its annual block party June 19, 2010. They are seeking volunteers to help with this event and to participate in the Extreme Community Makeover workday that will be held in conjunction with the block party.

Volunteer today! Phone: 303-377-3050 or visit at 1400 Quitman St., Denver CO 80204.

Proposed amendments to Bylaws

Addition of Purpose Clause:

“The West Colfax Association of Neighbors is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and communal purposes under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.”

Amendment to Dissolution Clause to add:

“Upon the dissolution of the West Colfax Association of Neighbors, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.”