

WeCAN General Membership Meeting

April 12, 2011 6:00pm

1400 Quitman St., Confluence Ministries

- Call to order, announcements
- WeCAN Do Great Things Award
- New member drawing
- Police Officer’s report
- District One City Council Candidates Forum



The first WeCAN Do Great Things award is presented to Leon Gonzales by Barbara Baker, WeCAN Co-President, at the March general membership meeting. Mr. Gonzales and his son, Charlie, were honored for their volunteer removal of snow from neighborhood sidewalks and driveways. The first WeCAN Do Great Things award in the business class went to Advance Auto Parts.

The City’s Office of Telecommunications (OTC) will start re-negotiating the Comcast cable franchise agreement by this summer. In order to have a firm foundation at the negotiating table, the City wants to know the “needs and interests” of the community – which is required under federal law.

OTC Director Darryn Zuehlke says, “Current cable subscribers, past subscribers, even those who have never had cable – the City wants to hear from you! This is an extremely vital part of the renegotiation process.” Take this very brief online survey, which is completely confidential, and tell the City what you want from cable service. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZGCCCN2 or the OTC city webpage at www.denvergov.org/telecom and let us know what you think.

The public online survey will be available until Sunday, April 17th. Questions can be answered

A Candidates Forum for City Council, District One will be held 6:00 pm, April 12, 2011 at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman. The forum, jointly sponsored by West Colfax Business Improvement District (BID) and the West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN), will follow the WeCAN business meeting. This venue will afford the neighborhood an opportunity to determine which candidate to support in the upcoming election.

The election will be held May 3, 2011 and the run-off election, if needed, will be held June 7, 2011. The last day to register to be eligible to vote in the run-off is May 9, 2011.

The Live Work Play 2011 competition, in which WeCAN is one of the ten finalists, voting continues until noon April 13, 2011. Vote for WeCAN at <http://www3.drcog.org/LiveWorkPlay/Form/Vote>.

You may view the March 29 9News WeCAN interviews at: <http://www.9news.com/shows/mornings/190226/229/Live-Work-Play-West-Colfax-makes-a-new-name-for-itself> or link up through the WeCAN website: www.wecandenver.org.

Street sweeping resumes this month. Be advised: check your street’s schedule and avoid the fine.

directly at the Office of Telecommunications website, or by calling us at 720-913-8888.

Cheltenham Elementary Earth Day activities to be held in April. Maureen Hearty, programs director of Butterfly Hope informs us of the following:

On Wednesday, April 20 from 12:45 – 1:45 there will be a school campus clean-up and then each class will work on illustrated poetry about earth day. They will be entered into a contest and the winners will get an award. We are working on getting a tree donated and if so the winners will get to plant the tree.

On Thursday, April 21 from 3 – 4:00 we are doing a recycled art project with some families. Right now we are thinking about making jump ropes out of plastic bags. Adult volunteer help will be great for this activity.

Also, Garden Club is starting on Tuesday, April 5 from 3 – 4:30 and will run until May 17. We would love any volunteers for this club. (You will need to do a DPS background check.) Volunteer at 303.455.0684.

Northwest Community Committee initiates survey to chart community expectations of public school. The Northwest Community Committee (NWCC) has been charged with analyzing North Denver public schools and making recommendations to the Denver Public Schools Board in November of 2011. In pursuit of this goal NWCC has begun an online survey. The survey was compiled with input from DPS administrators, data analyst, community members and parents. To participate in the survey go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VX7KJD7> A Spanish version will be posted in the near future.

Home Buying Assistance Available

Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Denver-based Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corporation, NEWSED, and Northeast Denver Housing Center have been awarded Homebuyer Assistance Funds as part of the Federal NSP2 Program. These partners are a part of a nationwide consortium through Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. of Arizona that was awarded federal funding to revitalize neighborhoods.

NSP 2 allows qualified, low-to-moderate income individuals and families to receive up to \$15,000.00 in assistance to purchase homes located in select census tracts within Denver.

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Help Your Neighborhood Association: Donate Metal for Recycling

Donate old appliances, bicycles, lawnmowers, cars, car parts, old metal doors, desks...anything metal no matter the size will be hauled away free of charge. All proceeds will go to WeCAN for neighborhood development and newsletter printing costs. Call **Bill Baker, 303-946-8230**.

West Denver Library Meeting Held

The Denver Public Library held its first community meeting March 23, 2011 at Lake Middle School. The very-well-attended meeting was the first of three to be held to gather input to determine what the community would like to see in the new library.

This initial meeting presented by Studiotrope Design Collective addressed the new library in broad strokes. The attendees broke into small groups to generate concepts to be developed into more concrete forms by Studiotrope for further consideration at the later meeting, times and places to be announced.

Estimados Vecinos! Sabias usted que hay una organizacion en nuestra comunidad que se interesa por la calidad de vida de ustedes? Este grupo se llama West Colfax Area Neighbors (WeCan). WeCan quiere saber que piensa usted que ayudaria a mejorar nuestra comunidad.

Desea escuchar mas sobre asuntos de nuestra comunidad o quiere compartir ideas, por favor venga a las juntas este 12 de abril (son cada 2ndo martes del mes). Generalmente aqui hay algunos asistentes biligues quien podran ayudar traduciendo los temas. Vengan! Nos encantara verlos!