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West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) is a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO). WeCAN holds general membership meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the main room of Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St. WeCAN is dedicated to the advancement and well being of the West Colfax neighborhood.

WeCAN General Membership Meeting

6:00PM, February 14, 2012,
Confluence Ministries Building
1400 Quitman St.

Agenda

- 6:00 pm Call to order and announcements
- WeCAN Do Great Things award & new member drawing
- Denver Police Officer Report
- Christine Smith-Dreier from "Lead Free Kids" will be presenting on free lead risk assessments and a free lead blood testing clinic coming up in March
- With all of the exciting projects our neighborhood in embarking on, WeCAN's voice is more important than ever. Councilwoman Debbie Ortega will speak on the importance of RNOs with respect to accomplishing community objectives.
- Adjourn



West Colfax Street Art Installed

On January 28th, two identical sculptures (one at Colfax and Irving and one at Colfax and Zenobia) were installed as part of the West Colfax BID's streetscaping project. Since the project was bond funded by the City of Denver, 1% of the funds were dedicated to providing public art.

Three members of WeCAN served on the selection committee for the art.

Joe Richie (the artist) used the cattail as a symbol representing the past present and future growth of West Colfax. It is a natural symbol attached to both Sloan's Lake and the Lakewood Gulch, but it is also a symbol of clean-up and revitalization as cattails are often used to naturally filter and clean up polluted waterways. The cattails as constructed also harkens to Colfax's auto-centric history as well. The heads of the cattails are made of an opaque blue acrylic resin that has been cast to look like tires. These heads have LED lights embedded in them and will glow and flicker at night. The stainless steel stems and caps are not only a durable material but reference the chrome detailing often associated with 50's and 60's automobiles.

West End Flats Construction on Schedule.

Sarah Vogl, project manager, stated recently:

"Construction is moving along very well and the building has reached its full height of five stories. We still expect to have a completion date of April 2012.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless continues to work with neighborhood representatives who are establishing the foundation for the COP Shop that will be located in the far West retail bay at 5094 W. Colfax.

We are now accepting applicant names for the West End Flats Waiting List. Applicant names and information may either be emailed to

rpmc@coloradocoalition.org, or please have interested persons call the RPMC message line at (303) 312-9900, and a member of the Property Management team will follow-up, and make sure that all necessary information is obtained."

Volunteers to staff the COP Shop should

contact Carolyn Bellicci, WeCAN Neighborhood Watch Committee chair: carolynbillecci@wecandenver.org or at 720-480-4949. Volunteers must be vetted and approved by the Denver Police Department. Explore this opportunity at <http://208.42.235.74/VIPHomePage/tabid/428742/Default.aspx>, which can provide additional information, including a link to the application required to become a volunteer.

Carolyn will, of course, aid in efforts to establish new, or renewed, Neighborhood Watch blocks. Neighborhood Watch is the most effective effort of citizens to curb criminal activities in our neighborhoods.

311 Gets Better, Faster and Stronger with New Mobile App

Available for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch, the 311 Mobile App provides citizens a new avenue to access city services while on-the-go. The new mobile app can be used to request assistance from Denver's 311 Help Center and track the outcome of a request. It offers the convenience of GPS recognition to help identify the location of a complaint, upload photos of a problem, and transmit requests on a wide range of topics. To learn more or to download the app, visit the iTunes App Store [HERE](#).

311 has also developed an upgraded online help system to make it easier for residents to request services, complete transactions and access general information online. Services and information on the upgraded system include:

- Recycling and trash pickup schedules;
- Motor vehicle registration and renewal requirements;
- Business licensing requirements; and
- Graffiti removal information.

The new 311 Online Help System can be accessed through your mobile device or Smartphone. Go to: www.denvergov.org/311.



WeCAN will be collecting Box Tops for Education for the neighborhood school of Colfax Elementary at the monthly general meetings. Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools raise money since 1996, and can be used to buy anything from playground equipment to classroom supplies. You can help by clipping Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and bring them to the monthly general meetings. If you would like to donate your box tops but are unable to make it to the meetings, please contact Leah Rounds at leahrounds@wecanddenver.org to arrange a drop-off or pick-up, or you can drop them off at the front office of Colfax Elementary.

Denver Digs Trees' Spring Street Tree Program is able to offer **FREE street trees to ALL residents of Denver**, regardless of their neighborhood of residence.

The City of Denver's *Mile High Million* tree planting initiative's funds for Trees for Energy Savings expire in August. We need to make use of this money for **free trees to be planted on the west sides of buildings** (front, side, back yards and street trees). This offer is also available to any Denver resident!

These 2 great offers present a powerful opportunity to get trees to thousands of people in *all* of Denver's neighborhoods. Tree Applications are available NOW and availability is limited. The **application deadline is February 15**. Go to www.TheParkPeople.org to apply or download the application.

Free Tax Help West Denver for families earning under \$49K

Emily Griffith Technical College, 1250 Welston St., Room 416

Saturdays, 9am-3pm Jan. 28-Feb. 25

Wednesday, 1:30-8:30pm, Feb. 1-29

Thursday, 5:30-8:30pm Feb. 2-April 12

(closed March 22 & 29)

Dial 2-1-1 or go to piton.org/eitc for other free tax site locations.

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Support WeCAN Fundraiser Recycling:

All scrap metal or items that can be resold on Craigslist are welcome. All donations are tax deductible, receipts on request.

Contact Bill Baker: 303.946.8230 or bigbuddy2@comcast.net

The **WeCAN Land Use committee** will meet Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 6:00pm at 1400 Osceola.

The **WeCAN Board of Directors** will meet February 21, 2012, 6:00pm at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman. Board meeting are open to the public and offer an opportunity for airing opinions.

WeCAN collects non-perishable goods for the food bank at Set Free Church, 10th & Perry. Bring your contribution to the next general meeting.