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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.

monoxide detector...or significant like windows, doors and insulation. If enough applications are completed and local sponsored secured, the work will take place in July or August 2012.

Applications are available at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St., on the WeCAN website, wecanddenver.org or call Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808.

**West Colfax Association of Neighbors
General Membership Meeting
6:00pm, March 13, 2012
Confluence Ministries Main Room
1400 Quitman, Denver CO, 80204**

Agenda

- 6:00 pm Healthy potluck
- 6:20 pm Call to order & Announcements
- WeCAN Do Great Things award & new member drawing
- Denver Police Officer Report
- Presentations by Nicole Stahly with Denver Parks & Rec and Shannon Spurlock from DUG regarding the proposed West Colfax community garden (to be built in the Lakewood gulch near Tennyson St.)
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WeCAN is looking for neighborhood businesses to partner with on this project. Donated materials and volunteer labor would be the ideal situation. If you feel that this is something that your business, church or nonprofit could participate in or you would like further information, feel free to call Barbara Baker at 303-257-9808 or email thanksb@comcast.net.

This is an amazing opportunity for our community to help homeowners who just can't manage essential property maintenance. Please point this out to your neighbors and assist neighbors with applications.

Crime Prevention Corner

The opening of the new West Colfax COP Shop is approaching rather quickly. At this time it is important to start developing a list of citizens interested in volunteering at the new shop. To become a volunteer you must first submit an application with the Denver Police Department. Please visit the Denver Police Departments volunteer website

http://www.policevolunteers.org/programs/index.cfm?fa=dis_pro_detail&id=887, which can provide additional information, including a link to the application required to become a volunteer. You can also feel free to email me and I can forward an application to you as well.

Further, I am seeking interested residents to participate on the Neighborhood Watch Committee in an effort to grow this crime prevention tool in the West Colfax neighborhood. If you are interested in participating, please email me at carolynbillecci@wecanddenver.org or call me at 720-480-4949.

WeCAN Honoring Jefferson Park Leadership

Back during the holidays when all of us were busy, busy, the new management of the stadium that our neighborhood will always call Mile High, quietly submitted plans to the city for approval of new signage on the stadium. Neither, Sports Authority or stadium

Join WeCAN for the next general membership meeting. A Healthy Potluck dinner will held at 6:00 pm, March 13, with the business meeting following.

Free Home Repairs for Low Income Seniors, Disabled and Veterans

Rebuilding Together Metro Denver (RTMD), a national non-profit, is accepting applications from low income senior citizens, disabled individuals and veterans. There is a strong possibility that RTMD will be doing a joint project with West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN). At this point planning is moving towards doing no cost remodeling for 10-12 homeowners who are senior citizens, disabled individuals and/or veterans in need. Projects will focus on safety and health issues. They might be as small as putting grab bars in a shower or installing a carbon-

management contacted any of the local neighborhood associations about this request.

So when the information leaked down to our level, neighbors living close to the stadium took a stand against the signage (see January *WeCAN* newsletter and website for details) due to the size and lighting intensity. *WeCAN* was contacted by Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) who was leading the charge. *WeCAN's* Board of Directors and Land Use Committee voted to oppose the proposed signage and wrote a letter to the city to this effect.

It may have amounted to no more than neighborhood letters going in if JPUN leadership had not mobilized a small army of community leaders to speak at the Planning Review Board hearing...and pulled a lot of media attention to this issue. Long story short, we won, so there will not be giant signs on the rim of the stadium with red lights glaring until 2:00 a.m.

As a means of recognizing JPUN's hard work, *WeCAN's* Board of Directors voted to present the *WeCAN* Do Great Things Award in March to JPUN Leadership. Hats are tipped to a job well done and a reminder that grassroots movements and registered neighborhood associations are a mighty force to be reckoned with in our area.

Denver Police District One is seeking ways to improve communication with the communities we serve. District One generally serves the area between W 6th Ave on the South and W 52nd Ave on the North and Sheridan Boulevard on the West to I-25/Platte River on the East. Our goal is to establish precinct specific email groups that will allow us to communicate timely information to you on issues affecting your neighborhood. Your precinct is 122 the neighborhood name is West Colfax. Your precinct boundaries are Federal Blvd on the East to Sheridan Blvd on the West and W 17th/19th Ave on the North and Lakewood Gulch on the South. Email District One Community Resource Officer Carlos Montoya (carlos.montoya@denvergov.org) your name, home and work addresses, best contact phone number and a valid email address to become a part of this effort.

As City Council draws new Council Districts, community meetings are being held to gather input from the public on draft plans. Currently, there are three different draft maps showing possible changes to Council District boundaries that are being shared for input. Revised or additional maps may be shared at the public meetings. **Northwest area meeting:** Sat. March 10, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Historic Delmonico Hall, 3220 Federal Blvd. Further information available at <http://www.denvergov.org/citycouncil/DenverCityCouncil/Redistricting/tabid/442524/Default.aspx>.

Denver Recycles Action Network to hold training session. The next training will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 9-11 a.m. here at Denver Recycles (near Alameda and I-25). email their name, address, phone number,

neighborhood name and what they hope to gain from the training to DenverRecycles@DenverGov.org with the subject title, DRAN. **The Denver Recycles Action Network is a volunteer program designed to be flexible and take advantage of each individual volunteer's skills and connections within the Denver community. All we ask is that you commit to dedicating a minimum of 15 minutes a month to educating those around you about Denver Recycles and how they can reduce their waste.** How you achieve that goal is up to you. Denver Recycles will assist in your volunteer efforts by providing you with the training, informational resources and staff support you need. We'll communicate with you regularly about what special recycling events we have on the horizon and what results we are achieving together as an Action Network.

Northeast Denver Housing Center will be offering free lead testing for kids younger than 6 years and pregnant women. If you live in an old home and have children under 6 years old you should have them tested for lead. We have regularly scheduled **Lead Blood Tests** at the Focus Points Resource Center 2501 E. 48th Ave 80216. They are held on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2:30-4:30. Contact Northeast Denver Housing Center by **Phone:** 303-377-3334, **Fax:** 303-377-3327, **Email:** info@nedenverhousing.org

Xcel Energy, with the Governor's Energy Office, is offering free energy-saving services to some qualified customers. Services being offered are free attic and/or wall insulation, installation of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's), furnace safety testing, free replacement of appliances including replacement of an inefficient furnace or refrigerator and free recycling of old appliances being replaced. Contact Xcel at xcelenergy.com or call 1-800-462-0814 to find out if you qualify.

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, March 14, 2012, 6:00pm at 1400 Osceola. All meetings are open to the public.

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