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Building a Stronger More Sustainable Community

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)

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

**West Colfax Association of Neighbors
General Membership Meeting**

6:00 pm, Tuesday February 12, 2013

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- 6:00 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Dan Shah from the West Colfax BID: Announcement about upcoming activities on West Colfax Ave.
- Presentation by EFG on St Anthony's Redevelopment
- Adjourn

The EnviroFinance Group (EFG) has completed its purchase of the St. Anthony's Hospital campus, paying 9.5 million dollars for the nineteen acres. The campus is now surrounded by construction fence and the demolition and abatement process has begun. EFG will present an update at the February WeCAN membership meeting.

The West Denver Branch Library project has encountered some foundation-related issues that may impact the building's foundation design. Options are currently being explored,

and may require some level of re-design to address the conditions. The current assessment is that construction will now be completed in March 2014 (original schedule fall 2013), with a projected library opening date in spring 2014. It is important to ensure that this new City facility, which will be an anchor and marquee project for West Colfax, is properly designed for the site conditions and for the long-term benefit of the City and library customers.

Free Trees applications are available online until February 15, 2013. Apply at www.TheParkPeople.org or call 303.722.6262 for more details. Contact WeCAN for assistance in pickup and planting.

The **West Colfax Community Urban Garden** is now the official name of the new garden plot located adjacent to Nettie Moore Park (Utica & the Gulch). Submit your name for the May lottery for a garden space to WCCUgarden@gmail.com. WeCAN applauds the efforts given to make this urban garden possible.

The **4th Annual WeCAN Garage Sale** will be held May 11, 2013 in the parking lot of the VFW parking lot at 4747 W. Colfax. The WeCAN board of directors is promoting a neighborhood-wide day of garage sales. Donate items and volunteer to assist by contacting Barbara Baker, thanksb@comcast.net or 303.257.9808. Please participate... funds generated are reinvested in a neighborhood project.

Crime Prevention Center. The schedule for the **West Colfax COP Shop** for February 2013 is as follows: Mondays 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Also, **Councilwoman Susan Shepherd** will be meeting with constituents from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on February 21st and the third Thursday of each month thereafter. Denver Police Department **Community Resource Officer Carlos Montoya** will be at the Shop from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesdays: Feb. 5, 19 and 26.

The schedule for the **Federal Blvd. COP Shop** is now as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers from the COP Shop continue to conduct community outreach in an effort to build awareness of the Shops and the purpose they serve. We are available to speak at community meetings so please contact us if you are interested in having us present at your next community meeting.

Remember, we still need volunteers for the COP Shops. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the COP Shop you must go through the vetting process 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 send an email request for an application to wcfb.copshop@gmail.com and an application can be sent to you electronically or stop by the COP Shop.

The Fastracks West Rail Line has completed construction and will begin full schedule testing soon. This project expects to initiate service on April 26, 2013. Opening day festivities will be announced as the event draws nearer.

Free tax preparation help is available for families with income under \$49,000 at the **Emily Griffith Technical College Site Schedule**

The fast and confidential service will be offered in room 416 on the 4th floor at EGTC during the following times:

- Saturdays, 9am-3pm, January 28-February 25
- Wednesdays, 1:30-8:30pm, February 1-Feb. 29
- Thursdays, 5:30-8:30pm, Feb. 2-April 12
- (closed March 22&29)

WeCAN Calendar - February 2013

Feb. 11 - 15 - Large Item Pickup

Feb. 12 - 6:00 pm WeCAN General Membership Meeting, 1400 Quitman St.

Feb. 15 - Deadline to apply for free trees. www.TheParkPeople.org or call 303.722.6262

Feb. 20 - 6:00 pm WeCAN Board of Directors meeting, 1400 Quitman St.

Feb. 21 - 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, COP Shop, 1490 Zenobia St.

Feb. 21 - Recycle pickup

Know someone in the neighborhood that does great things for the neighborhood. Nominate them for the **WeCAN Do Great Things** award.

Register to become a WeCAN member online: www.wecandenver.org. As of December 20, 2012 WeCAN had a membership of 469, missing the 2012 of 500 members. You may register online or at any general membership meeting.

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