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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.

the redevelopment and revitalization of the Kuhlman Block. **Meeting times** are: May 29, 1-2:30pm, May 30 and June 4, 5:30-700pm. Parking available in the lot on the northwest corner of Raleigh and Colfax.

West Colfax Association of Neighbors General Membership Meeting

6:00 pm, Tuesday June 11, 2013

1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries Main Room

Agenda

- Agenda for June
- 6:00 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Presentation from Cameron Burtron of EFG on the progress at St Anthony's
- Adjourn

Join WeCAN for its next general membership meeting to learn of the progress in the St. Anthony's campus redevelopment. As we are all aware the demolition has begun and should be completed by the beginning of 2014.

Keep up with WeCAN on Facebook! Like us to receive notifications of breaking events and reminders of scheduled ones.

The **WeCAN newsletter** is in need of a **carrier**. To volunteer contact Bill Baker at 303.946.8230 or bigbuddy2@comcast.net.

The **Kuhlman Block Alliance** will be holding focus group meeting at **Metro Manor, 1523 Quitman**, to allow the neighborhood to assist in determining the most desirable type of retail, hotel and apartment uses that might be incorporated into



Mobility Project Stakeholder Meeting: June 5th at 5:30-7pm at Confluence Ministries (1400 Quitman). Join

the West Colfax BID and Hyperform Design to provide input on preliminary wayfinding signage and locations in West Colfax and approach to art bus shelters.

On May 13, 2013 a SCAT team roll call was held at the **COP Shop**, located in the West End Flats, as a part of **Mayor Michael Hancock's** tour of District One with Councilwoman Susan Shepherd. Commander Paul Pazen spoke briefly to the purpose of roll call and to the introduction of a new policing program, DDACTS (Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety). DDACTS is a statistical approach to predicting when and where crimes and traffic problems will arise and initial applications have been highly successful.

On Monday, June 17 the **Denver Public Library Commission** is holding a community meeting (Denver Central Library, Level 7 Training Room, Broadway & 14th) to discuss the **2014 Library budget**, followed by a convening of the **Naming Committee** for the new Branch Library in West Denver. Both meetings are open to the public.

The Library expects the 2014 budget to be flat, with no changes to the current level of service hours. In 2013, the Denver Public Library expanded hours by approximately 40%, thanks to the Denver voters

overwhelming support of ballot measure 2A. To date, all Denver Public Library locations are open a minimum of 48 hours, with the exception of Westwood Branch Library, due to its location in a community center that is closed on weekends. The Library, along with all City Agencies is in the process of submitting their budget to the Budget Management Office, and expect final approval by City Council in November 2013.

Immediately after the budget discussion, the Naming Committee for the new Branch Library in West Denver, will meet in preparation of the recommendation they will make to the Library Commission on June 20.

The Naming Committee is considering all suggestions submitted by the public for the new Branch Library located at the corner of W. Colfax and Irving streets. Overall, nearly 225 letters of suggested names were submitted by mail and email, several petitions were received, and over 100 people attended two community meetings in May to propose names. The deadline for suggestions was May 15.

The Library Commission will meet during their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 20, at 8:30 a.m. at the Central Library (B2 Conference Center) to discuss the recommendation from the Naming Committee. All Library Commission meetings are open to the public.

The Denver Public Library will hold a **used book sale** on the north lawn of the **Central Library**, June 26: 10:00am-7:30pm, June 7 & 8: 10:00am-4:00pm and June 9: 10:00-1:00pm.

Denver Police Department reports a rise in burglaries as a result of unlocked doors and windows. They advise the following to deter such occurrences: * Lock all doors and windows * Don't advertise your absence * Pick up mail and newspapers * Install double cylinder deadbolts * Use exterior lighting: porch lights, front and back, and garage * Leave a radio or lighting turned on or attached to timer * Consider an alarm system * secure windows with wood dowel rods * Iron or Steel security doors with steel plate lock guards * Call District One & advise on any vacation absence dates * Have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail and paper * Have snow removed or yard cared for during absence * Log serial numbers on items inside your residence * Know who belongs on your block and

report anyone who appears suspicious * Join Neighborhood Watch.

To start or join a Neighborhood Watch contact District One Community Resource Officers: Carlos Montoya, 720.913.0461 or Carlos.Montoya@denvergov.org, or Aaron Kafer, 720.913.0453 or Aaron.Kafer@denvergov.org.

New Food Bank for West Colfax Neighborhood. Anyone in need of food assistance may contact Open Arms Community Church, Pastor Bob Phelps, 248-767-5179, or Associate Pastor Troy Robinson, 479-644-5214, at anytime. Food boxes are routinely passed out after Sunday morning church services, 10:00 am in the auditorium of Cheltenham Elementary School, 16th Avenue and Irving street. Please feel free to call if you are in need of food and this time is not convenient.

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 bigbuddv2@comcast.net

WeCAN Calendar - June 2013

June 1 - WeCAN Garage Sale, Colfax & Utica, 7:00am-3:00pm.

June 4 - Kuhlman Block Alliance, 5:30-7:00pm, Metro Manor, 1523 Quitman

June 6, 7, 8, 9 - Denver Public Library Used Book Sale, North Lawn, Central Library

June 11 - WeCAN General Membership Meeting, 1400 Quitman, 6:00pm

June 17 - Denver Public Library Budget & Naming meeting, 5:30-7:00pm, Broadway & 14th, Level 7 Training Room

June 19 - WeCAN Board Meeting, 1400 Quitman, 6:00pm

Effective 01 July 2013 electronics may no longer be placed in trash but must be recycled through specific sites. More on this in next month's newsletter.