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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 January 14, 2014

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- **6:00 Healthy Potluck Dinner**
- **6:20 Call to order and Announcements**
- **Police Officer Report**
- **Presentation by Mayor Michael Hancock**
- **Adjourn**

WeCAN kicks off 2014 with a potluck and a presentation by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock on January 14 at 6:00pm. Join us for the first of several events in the West Colfax neighborhood in January.

West Colfax is one of Denver's future "Sustainable Neighborhoods" Last fall WeCAN applied to Denver's brand new Sustainable Neighborhoods Program and was accepted into the program along with two other Denver neighborhoods. As such WeCAN will be looking at promoting sustainability throughout the coming year. We will be kicking off our efforts at our February 11th General Membership Meeting. Before that, however, we'd like you to complete a short survey of sustainability topics that you're interested in. The Survey can be found at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G8DHYFX> Your

answers are important so we can address those topics that are most important to the neighborhood.

January 17th - Celebrate West Colfax 2014

Join WeCAN, Sloan's Lake Citizens Group and the West Colfax BID in a happy hour party from 4-7pm to look forward and celebrate the coming year.

The hour will be held in the 17th floor penthouse of Metro Manor on Colfax and Quitman St. (overlooking the St A's site and downtown). We will have micro-brew samples from Prost and Crooked Stave, appetizers, wine and some live entertainment.

January 18th. - Help promote the Denver Digs Trees Program

The Denver Digs Trees program provides low-cost shade trees for Denver residents. This spring West Colfax residents can get 6' tall trees for along the street or for their private property for only \$10. On January 18th from 9am-Noon.

Volunteers from the Denver Digs Trees Program will be walking our neighborhood and hanging flyers on neighbors' doors to promote the program. If you'd be interested in joining their volunteers for a light breakfast, some good exercise and a morning of easy community outreach (no door knocking necessary) please contact chad@theparkpeople.org or 720-297-4481

January 22nd. St. Anthony's Development Open House:

EFG-South Sloan's Lake will be hosting a development open house on January 22 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Confluence Ministries (14th and Quitman). The open house is an opportunity to learn more about the planned first phase of development, meet the developers, and see their preliminary building concepts. The first phase of development is expected to get underway in 2014 and includes new retail along West Colfax, the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Kuhlman Building, new apartment projects with ground floor retail, completion of the W 16th Avenue Chapel Plaza, and more. For questions about the event, please email StAnthonyProject@envirofinancegroup.com

City Planning Board Approves GDP for St. Anthony's Site:

After many months of planning, meetings and public input, on Dec. 18th the city planning board approved the General Development Plan for the former St. Anthony's Hospital. While there is still plenty reservation in some circles about the future of the site, passage of the GDP puts the general planning phase behind us and lets us focus on site-specific planning and real place making. This new development will make a significant impact on our neighborhood, providing us with neighborhood serving retail, high-end residences, new public plazas and a new walkable main-street for our community. Thanks to all of you who provided input into this planning process.

Denver Public Schools (DPS) is beginning its School of Choice for the 2014-2015 school year on January 16, 2014. All School of Choice Applications are due to schools by January 31, 2014. Please contact your neighborhood schools to get an application, tour the school, meet teachers and administrators, find out about after-school programs, or if you have any questions about finding the right school to fit your child and family. More information about the School of Choice process can be found at <http://soco.dpsk12.org/> or by calling 720-423-3493 or emailing schoolchoice@dpsk12.org

The DPS West Colfax neighborhood schools are:
Colfax Elementary, 1526 Tennyson St. (3yr old preschool - 5th grade). Contact Angelica Jimenez at 720-424-8740 or Angelica_Jimenez@dpsk12.org. More information on the school can be found at <http://colfax.dpsk12.org/>

Cheltenham Elementary, 1580 Julian St. (4yr old preschool - 5th grade). Contact the main office at 720-424-8810. More information on the school can be found at <http://cheltenham.dpsk12.org/>

Lake International School, 1820 Lowell Blvd. (6th - 8th grade). Contact Nadine Ritchotte at 720-424-0290 or Nadine_Ritchotte@dpsk12.org. More information on the school can be found at <http://lake.dpsk12.org/>

North High School, 2960 N. Speer Blvd. (9th - 12th grade). Contact the main office at 720-423-2700. More information on the school can be found at <http://north.dpsk12.org/>

Free Emergency Response Training Do you know what to do when an emergency strikes? You will learn how to plan for an emergency and basic response skills such a fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and emergency/ disaster medical operations. Learn more at Denvergov.org and sign up for the free Denver Community Emergency Response Training (Denver CERT) program. The next series of classes begin January 9 and will be held at Denver Police District #1, 1311 W. 46th Ave. Registration is limited to 40.

This month's sponsor:



WeCAN January 2014 Calendar

- 9 Jan** - Denver Community Emergency Response Training classes, 1311 w. 46th Ave.
- 12 Jan** - Broncos playoff game 4:40pm, parking restrictions will be enforced
- 14 Jan** - WeCAN general membership meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman
- 17 Jan** - Celebrate West Colfax 2014, Metro Manor, 17th floor 4:00-7:00pm
- 18 Jan** - Denver Digs Trees promotion, 9:00am-12:00pm
- 19 Jan** - NFL AFC Conference Championship, parking restrictions will be enforced
- 22 Jan** - St. Anthony's Development Open House, 1400 Quitman, 5:30-7:30pm.
- 29 Jan** - WeCAN Board meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

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.

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