

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.

January 22nd saw the long-awaited open house of **EFG-South Sloan's Lake** featuring the initial proposals for **vertical development**. Of particular interest to the estimated two hundred in attendance was the proposed Alamo Drafthouse Cinema to face W. Colfax, between Raleigh St. and Stuart St., and the boutique hotel proposed for the Kuhlman building. Both blocks expect to also feature restaurants and retail space. Rounding out the proposals are two blocks of residential development of four- and five-storey apartments. Further details are available online at sloansdenver.com.

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

6:00 pm, Tuesday February 11, 2014

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- **6:00 - Call to order and Announcements**
- **6:10 - Police Officer Report**
- **6:15 - Kick-off for Denver Sustainable Neighborhoods Program**
- **7:00 - Adjourn**

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.

WeCAN and the City of Denver Department of Environmental Health will be giving out a Free LED light bulb to the first 50 people at the February, 2014 meeting.



WeCAN kicked off 2014 with a standing-room-only meeting featuring a pot luck supper followed by a presentation by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock.

January 17th showed a large gathering on the 18th floor of Metro Manor (great 360 views) to belatedly welcome the New Year to West Colfax. The West Colfax Business Improvement District, WeCAN and Sloan's Lake Citizens Group hosted the event.

Are you interested in vegetable gardening and community supported agriculture?

Sprout City Farms is starting a new 1/2 acre farm inside Mountair Park (at 13th and Depew) just a few blocks west of Sheridan. They are looking for community members to serve on their Farm Advisory Committee to set the direction for the farm, help publicize events and educational opportunities, and ensure that the farm is an exciting resource for the local community. For more info: go to www.sproutcityfarms.org; questions can be directed to Alison Hatch (alison@sproutcityfarms.org) If you are interested in

being a part of the committee and reporting back WeCAN on this exciting project, contact Alison Hatch and/or attend an informational meeting at Mulholm Elementary (9th and Harlan St.) on Feb. 13th at 6pm. WeCAN would love to have a member on this committee and be a part of the growing community farm movement.

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.

There are changes coming to the **District 1 COP Shops**. The Denver Police Department (DPD) has hired a full time director to oversee the Volunteers in Policing Service (VIPS) who staff the COP Shops. We expect to see renewed emphasis on COP Shops as part of DPD community outreach activities. But more volunteers are always needed. You must be able to commit at least 12 hours a year to the VIPS program and the COP Shops. If you are interested in being a volunteer with DPD and helping serve our mission to build safer communities please visit:

<http://www.denvergov.org/police/PoliceDepartment/ProgramsServices/VolunteerProgram/tabid/441423/Default.aspx>

In upcoming events - DPD will be hosting a Polar Plunge for Special Olympics to take place in City Park on February 22, 2014.

The West Colfax shop is located at 5094 W Colfax and the Federal Blvd shop is located at 2635 Federal Blvd.


Hours of Operation: **West Colfax:** Mondays and Fridays 10 am to 2 pm and 3rd Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm along with Councilwoman Susan Shepherd
Federal Blvd: Monday thru Friday 10 am to 2 pm.

Free Tax Help in West Denver for families earning under \$50,000. Emily Griffith Technical, 1250 Welton St., Room 416. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan.25-Mar. 1. Wednesdays, 1:30p.m.-8:30pm, Jan.29-Mar.5, Thursdays 5:30p.m.-8:30pm, Feb.6-Apr.10. (Closed march 27 and April 3).



Bring your Box Tops for Education to WeCAN meetings. Leah Rounds will distribute to local schools.

This month's newsletter sponsors are:



Sunday Services 10:00 am in the auditorium at Cheltenham Elementary School, W. 16th Ave. & Irving St. Casual attire - Classes for children Free Food Distribution after services



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WeCAN February 2014 Calendar

Feb 11 - WeCAN general meeting, 6:00 pm, 1400 Quitman

Feb 19 - WeCAN Board meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

Feb 20 - Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, 2:00 - 3:00pm, COP Shop, 5094 W. Colfax.

Feb 24 - 28 - Large Item Pickup

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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