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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.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Sustainability Certification projects during 2014. This is an exciting milestone for our neighborhood!!

Denver Digs Trees applications for trees will be available in January and due Feb 15. This spring's distribution will include both affordable street and yard trees. For more info and to sign up to receive a notice when applications are available, visit www.theparkpeople.org/Program/DenverDigsTrees.aspx

West Colfax Association of Neighbors General Membership Meeting
6:00 pm, Tuesday January 13, 2014
1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries

Agenda:

- **6:00pm Healthy Potluck—Please bring a healthy dish to share and/or an appetite to enjoy**
- **6:00pm Coat Drive—Please bring any new or used and in good condition coat for our winter coat drive.**
- **6:20pm Call to Order and Announcements**
- **6:30pm Police Officers Report**
- **6:40pm St. Anthony's Redevelopment Update**
- **7:30pm Adjourn**

EFG and Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) will hold a SLOANS community update meeting on Thursday, January 8th, at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St.

Topics to be covered at this meeting are as follows: - EFG will give an update on activities at the site, and an overview of current planned development. - DURA will make a presentation detailing the proposed use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to support the redevelopment of SLOANS Block 7.

The January WeCAN meeting will be a potluck and a Winter Coat Drive. WeCAN is supporting the Winter Coat Drive as a Sustainability project in conjunction with the outreach program of All4Christ, a neighborhood church. The All4Christ outreach provided a hot lunch and warm clothing to about one hundred people at their December 20, 2014 session. WeCAN will receive Sustainability points for our efforts to support this program.

And this from Taylor Moellers, the Denver Sustainability Project co-ordinator: You've received 10 credits for reaching the initial goal of 15,000 pounds collected by 2014 (*please note that the proceeds from metal recycling pay for this newsletter*) and 10 credits for reaching the incremental goal of increasing awareness by adding two new partners for 2014. And with that, West Colfax has reached the 100 credit mark and is now an Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood!!!!

Denver Public Schools (DPS) is beginning its **SchoolChoice** for the 2015-2016 school year on January 16, 2014. All **SchoolChoice applications** are due to schools by January 30, 2015. 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 SchoolChoice process can be found at <http://soco.dpsk12.org>, 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/> and <https://www.facebook.com/colfaxelementarydenver>

Cheltenham Elementary, 1580 Jullian 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/> and <https://www.facebook.com/DenverNorthHS>

Northwest Denver COP Shops

As you read this we are in the season of making resolutions. We have a couple of thoughts for those needing ideas - Attending the Denver Police Department's Citizens' Academy or taking Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). Some of our volunteers had the opportunity to attend both programs and recommend them highly.

The Denver Police Department's Citizens' Academy is designed to promote a better relationship between the police department and the community it serves and to foster a clearer understanding of a police officer's duties, how the officer carries out those duties, and the end results of the officer's actions.

The instructors are comprised of Denver police officers, staff and city department members. The classes survey the basics of police training and give an overview of how the police department interfaces with the rest of the criminal justice system.

Subjects covered include: * History of the Denver Police Department * Use of Force * Firearms simulator * Communications Center * DUI and Traffic Enforcement * Community Policing * Drugs and Gangs * Criminal Law

The first academy class for 2015 starts on January 14th and meets once a week for six weeks. Enter 'Citizens' Academy' in the search box on the denvergov.org web site to link to the page with additional information and how to register.

Next, the Denver Office of Emergency Management provides CERT classes to educate people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and to train them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The next class starts on February 5, 2015, and meeting that night and two additional Saturday sessions, Feb 7th and 14th. For more information and to register go to the denvergov.org/oem web site and follow the links to CERT Training.

Both these opportunities are available to Denver residents and provided free of charge.

The NW Denver COP Shops wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year.

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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WeCAN January Calendar

Jan 8 - EFG & DURA, 6:00 pm, 1400 Quitman St., SLOANS update

Jan 11 - Broncos – Divisional playoff game, 4:40 pm. Parking restrictions in effect.

Jan 13 - WeCAN general meeting, potluck, 6:00 pm, 1400 Quitman

Jan 15 - Councilwoman Shepherd, office hours, 2-3 pm, COP Shop, 5049 W. Colfax

Jan 19 – Martin Luther King day

Jan 21 – WeCAN Board Meeting



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