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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 10, 2015
1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries**

Agenda:

- **6:00-6:10 Call to Order and Announcements**
- **6:10-6:20pm Police Officers Report**
- **Other reports 6:20-6:30pm**
- **6:30-7:00pm Denver Parks and Recreation presents Re-Imagine Play Project – Paco Sanchez Park**
- **7:30pm Adjourn**

Please join WeCAN for the February meeting. An informative presentation by Parks and Recreation on **Re-Imagine Play**, the concept to be used in the renovation of **Paco Sanchez Park**, will be the feature of the meeting. Re-Imagine Play is an innovative concept that goes beyond the traditional playground. It is intended to be a multi-generational activity and play area that gives park users of all ages the opportunity to remain active and enjoy a healthy lifestyle. The activity and play area will contain some traditional playground elements, but also will include custom-designed structures and landscapes to give more of a natural feel that encourages users to let their imaginations be their guide and create new and unique experiences every time they visit.

It has been called to our attention that **taggers** are becoming active in the **neighborhood alleyways** again. One suggestion to aid in the cleanup of graffiti is to place your house number on your garage. Stick-

on numbers are available at most hardware outlets for a reasonable price. This would enable any civic-minded passerby to take a phone picture and forward to 311 to add to the city graffiti removal schedule. You must give permission for the city to cover graffiti on your property. Download a graffiti removal form on denvergov.org.

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. WeCAN has committed money to be spent for trees for the neighborhood in honor of past president, Chad Reischl. Anyone who cannot afford a tree and would like one should contact WeCAN.

Electronic recycling can be a problem for all of us in terms of time, transportation and cost. WeCAN welcomes **Blue Star Recyclers**, 953 Decatur Street, to the area.

Join the **West Colfax BID, WeCAN and Sloan's Lake Citizen's Group** for our second annual early year FREE Happy Hour! **Thursday February 19th, 18th floor of the Metro Manor** (1523 Quitman) from 4:30-7:30pm. MICROBREWS from Joyride, wine and appetizers! INFORMATION ON 2015 West Colfax Healthy Living Projects: tactical urbanism/pedestrian mobility+ food co-op LIVE MUSIC: Working Man String Band.

WeCAN will continue its **winter coat collection** drive in February. Coats will be given to those in need. This project will earn points for sustainability certification for 2015. Bring coats to the general meeting or contact Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808.

The WeCAN newsletter is in need of a carrier to deliver 160 newsletters (could be two routes of 80). Contact Bill Baker, bigbuddy2@comcast.net or 303-946-8230.



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

Northwest Denver COP Shops

Oh no! You just got a text message that there is unusual activity regarding your bank account and it has been frozen. You need to call the number in the text message and verify the account activity. You call and a very nice customer service representative, with somewhat broken English, asks you a series of questions about you and your account. Seems innocent enough – name, address, mother’s maiden name, - date of birth? – That’s a little strange, and then they ask for your social security number and alarm bells start going off. You’re in the middle of a phishing attack.


Phishing is an attempt to gain personal and sensitive information, such as passwords, usernames, credit card information, and indirect access to money by pretending to be a trustworthy agent in electronic communications. In the worst case, you find yourself the victim of identity theft with someone opening bank accounts, taking out loans and credit cards, buying cars or even houses against your credit line. This will be a life-altering event in which you spend years getting things back to normal.

So how do you protect yourself? First in emails, verify the ‘from’ address is really who they say they are. Click on the ‘from’ address – is the email address from something like ‘service@yourbank.com’? If it says, for example, ‘yourbank@somemail.com’ it is most likely NOT from your bank!

If you think the email address is ok and you click on a web link in the message - look at the address box in your browser where the URLs appear. First, verify the address looks correct and has ‘yourbank.com’ as part of the address. Most financial institutions use a technology called SSL to secure their communications with you. There should be either a padlock icon and/or the URL will start with ‘https:’. Clicking on padlock will provide additional information to verify the identity of the website and the https indicates the link is secured properly.

If you get a text message or even a voice mail – never call the number back or a number included in the text message – only call a verified phone number you know and trust like those on a one of your checks or on a credit card.

If you are at all suspicious call you financial institution first. For more information on phishing and keeping you and your family safe online, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers a website called “On Guard Online” at <https://www.onguardonline.gov/> Be safe and smart out there and online! NW Denver COP Shops– 720.865.2240.



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CABINET IN THE COMMUNITY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2015
9:00AM - 11:00AM**


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2105 DECATUR STREET, DENVER, CO 80211**


Please join Mayor Michael B. Hancock, his cabinet and the department heads as they come together for their quarterly neighborhood cabinet meeting.

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Contact **Bill Baker:** 303.946.8230 or bigbuddy2@comcast.net

- WeCAN February Calendar**
- Feb 7** – Mayor’s Cabinet in the Community, 9:00am-11:00am, PPA Event Center, 2105 Decatur St.
 - Feb 10** – *WeCAN* general meeting, 6:00 pm, 1400 Quitman St.
 - Feb 15** – Denver Digs Trees free trees applications due
 - Feb 18** – *WeCAN* board of directors, 6:00 pm, 1400 Quitman
 - Feb 19** – Councilwoman Susan Shepherd office hours, 2:00-3:00pm, COP Shop, 5049 W. Colfax
 - Feb 19** – West Colfax Early Year Party, 4:30-7:30pm, 17th floor, Metro Manor, 1523 Quitman St.