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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 March 10, 2015
1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries**

Agenda:

- **6:00 Healthy Potluck**
- **6:10 Call to Order and Announcements**
- **6:15-6:20 Police Officers Report**
- **6:20-6:30 Other reports & Clean-up Days update**
- **6:30-6:40 EarthLinks**
- **6:40-7:00 Josh Patrick will discuss the exciting activities WeCAN is partaking in to create and support a more Sustainable community.**
- **7:30 Adjourn**

March brings a potluck meeting for the WeCAN membership. Bring a dish and join us for a good meal and meeting.

Garage Space Needed - if you or a neighbor has any spare garage space that WeCAN can use to house items for the summer garage sale, please email Barbara Baker at thanksb@comcast.net. The garage sale will be June 6, 2015.

Among the happenings in the neighborhood this past month was the **city council approval of the zoning** change request for the NAVA project at 17th Ave. and Stuart St. A unanimous approval opens the process to build a multi-story condominium project on the site.



The **Grand Opening** of the new **Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales Library** is February 28, 2015 at Irving St.

and Colfax, opening at 9:00am with the ribbon cutting at 11:00am and entertainment and activities all day. WeCAN will have a table in the lobby all day. Be sure to visit the WeCAN study room on the second floor

Strong, Smart & Bold Beans, a social enterprise of Girls Inc. of Metro Denver (GIMD), opens March 5th in the lobby of the Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales Library Branch in Denver's West Colfax neighborhood.

Bold Beans will do the following:

- Sell coffee and espresso drinks;
- Provide teen girls with paid jobs and hands-on learning opportunities;
- Use profits to support GIMD programs that inspire girls be strong, smart and bold.

Bold Beans will be open during the following times: noon-8PM Monday and Tuesday, 10AM-6PM Wednesday through Friday, and 9AM-5PM Saturday. Coffee and espresso drinks, baked goods, snacks and bottled beverages will be available for purchase.

"This new business highlights the work of our organization, which has been serving the West Colfax neighborhood for over 30 years," said Sonya Ulibarri, GIMD President & CEO. "Girls Inc. is a place for girls to learn how to be confident and self-sufficient through college and career prep programs, entrepreneurial experiences, and training in economic literacy."

Bold Beans provides GIMD with a new revenue stream and a platform to deliver entrepreneurship curriculum to girls in grades 8-12. Participating girls

will explore various aspects of the coffee business, including coffee's origin and supply chain from farm to cup. They will learn about running a small business and be responsible for helping develop marketing plans and managing costs and inventory. They will develop customer service skills and more specialized skills like latte art. To start, the first group of six to eight individuals will be selected and trained as "Bold Baristas" to staff the cart during after school and weekend hours. During the summer, there are plans to hire additional girls.

NW Denver COP Shops

There was a posting on NextDoor recently asking if anyone heard gunshots in the neighborhood. Some people immediately told the poster to call 911 and report the incident. The reporter declined to do so because they felt it was probably nothing! In checking with DPD District 1, there were no shot reports or suspicious activities filed in that timeframe, we were lucky!

DHS sponsors a community awareness program called "See Something – Say Something" and though oriented toward reporting possible terrorist related activities it is equally applicable to keeping us safe in our communities.

Suspicious activity is any observed behavior that could indicate unusual items or situations: a vehicle parked in an odd location, an unattended package/luggage, a window/door open that is usually closed, or other out-of-the-ordinary situations.

Some of these activities could be innocent—it's up to law enforcement to determine whether the behavior warrants investigation.

To report suspicious activity and there is no crime in progress call DPD at 720.913.2000. Describe specifically what you observed, including:

* Who or what you saw; * When you saw it; * Where it occurred; and * Why it's suspicious.

If there is an emergency or a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.

Be safe and vigilant out there! NW Denver COP Shops, 720.865.2240.

Earth Day Returns To Civic Center Park April 22nd

The City of Denver will celebrate Earth Day in Civic Center Park on April 22nd from 10a-2p! This year's event will focus on interactive and educational displays and demos for the public. From learning how to compost, starting your own garden, or test driving a Tesla electric vehicle (that's right a Tesla), this year's event aims to engage the public in exciting ways. The event will also be 100% solar powered! Come grab lunch from local and sustainable food trucks, listen to music from KBCO and learn how to live sustainably! More at:

www.denvergov.org/earthday.

WeCAN is a non-profit registered neighborhood organization that charges no fees or dues. *WeCAN* raises funding for this newsletter through metal recycling which supplies 2200 copies for distribution throughout the neighborhood.

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 bigbuddy2@comcast.net

WeCAN March Calendar

Feb. 28 – Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales Library grand opening, 9:00am, 1498 Irving St.

Mar. 10 – *WeCAN* potluck meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman St.

Mar 18 – *WeCAN* Board meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman St.

Mar. 19 – Councilwoman Susan Shepherd office hours, 2:00-3:00pm, 5049 W. Colfax

Apr. 22 – Earth Day, Civic Center Park, 101 W. 14th, 10:00am-2:00pm

Jun 6 – *WeCAN* Garage Sale



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