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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.

The Arroyo Project, a collaboration of the Dolores Project and Rocky Mountain Community, proposes to build a new 130-unit affordable housing facility at its Knox Court and 13th St. location. Oddly, the project will require a re-zoning to builder smaller than currently zoned.

**West Colfax Association of Neighbors
General Membership Meeting
6:00 pm, Tuesday April 14, 2015
1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries**

Agenda:

- **6:00-6:10pm Call to Order and Announcements**
- **6:10-7:10pm CANDIDATE FORUM—Join WeCAN and others as we learn more about our candidates seeking public office and the changes they hope to make if elected to office.**
- **7:10pm Adjourn**

Upcoming events for WeCAN are Clean-Up Day, May 16, 2015 and the WeCAN Annual Garage Sale on June 6, 2015. The Clean-Up Day will be the first of two scheduled for 2015, the second will be October 17, 2015. Make your plans now to attend and help in neighborhood cleanup.

WeCAN needs storage space to store items for the garage sale. If you have storage space to loan contact Barbara Baker, thanksb@comcast.net, 303.2057.9808. The garage sale funds WeCAN Cares projects.

It's never too early to plan your **Cinco de Mayo** activities and support your neighborhood schools. Colfax Elementary is hosting a Cinco de Mayo Carnival on Friday, May 1, 3:30-6:30pm, on the school grounds at 1526 Tennyson St. The carnival is open to all community members, and proceeds go directly to the school to pay for reading tutors. \$10/person gets you unlimited rides and games; and food, drinks, cotton candy, and snow cones will be available for sale to also benefit this great cause!

The April WeCAN meeting will feature a candidate forum for those seeking election in the City of Denver this May. This could be an interesting meeting, plan to attend.

There has been several interesting items happening in the neighborhood over the last month. The **retail marijuana license was denied** for the 4801 W. Colfax location by the Denver Department of Excises and Licenses. The location does have a medical marijuana license.

The **Autumn Arms Apartments**, 1516 Perry, was purchased in February by St. Anthony's Group, LLC and is in the process of being emptied of tenants to facilitate the restoration of the units.

This summer will see the opening of a brewery at 3610 W. Colfax. Ron Abbot will debut his **Seedstock Brewery**, a five-barrel operation, with eight on-tap and assorted bottled beer.

Northwest Denver Cop Shops

Recently there has been a significant worldwide increase in a cyber-crime referred to as "ransomware". This is when your computer is infected with an application that encrypts all of the files and sometimes the entire disk rendering the computer inoperable except for a message. This message provides details on how and where to send money ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars to get

your computer unencrypted. Unfortunately, about the only way to recover your files is to pay; if you don't have a current backup.

Protecting yourself from these types of attacks is a matter of being smart about using your computer.

1. Never open an email from someone you don't know.
2. Even if it is someone you get emails from you know and trust, if it doesn't make sense, or just seems strange don't. A "Hello Kitty" video from your bank shouldn't pass the smell test.
3. Never download an application from a link in an email. Always check the web site being linked (type the address into your browser) and then download the application from the site.
4. Make sure the sites you visit are safe. Free anything, online ordering prescription drugs, make money from home, win the lottery and anything similar usually is a haven for malware to do harm to your computer.
5. And finally, always, always, always have a current (do it daily!) backup of all files and applications on your computer, so in the worst case, you can erase and reformat your drive and recover your computer.

With April 15th sneaking up on us – remember the IRS will never call or email you about a tax issue (refund, amounts due, problems with your return, or anything else). The IRS only corresponds with parties via mail and after you respond to the IRS possibly fax. If you get a call from the IRS - hang up. It is just that simple.

Rebuilding Together Metro Denver (RTMD) is a nonprofit organization in Denver that offers crucial home repairs, safety modifications, and energy efficiency upgrades to qualifying homeowners. Our mission provides housing solutions to at-risk multi-generational families, older adults, veterans and people living with disabilities so they may live independently and safely in their homes. If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of assistance please call 720-524-0840.



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

This month's sponsor:

**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
CENTRAL DENVER**



**MEETING SUNDAY 10:00 AM @
CHELTENHAM ELEMENTARY
1580 JULIAN ST.**

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PASTOR GLENN (720)775-0726

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
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WeCAN April Calendar

Apr 11 – Pedestrian Safety Class, focusing on Senior Citizens, Community Room, 1311 W. 46th Ave., 6:00-7:00pm

Apr 14 – WeCAN General Membership Meeting, 1400 Quitman, 6:00-7:30pm

Apr 16 – Councilwoman Susan Shepherd, office hours, COP Shop, 5049 W. Colfax, 2:00-3:00pm

Apr 22 – WeCAN Board of Directors meeting, 1400 Quitman, 6:00-7:00pm

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

May 16 – West Colfax Clean Up Day

Jun 6 – WeCAN Annual Garage Sale

WeCAN is striving to publish a Spanish version of this newsletter online in our website: www.wecandenver.com. We will make this happen soon. Keep checking!