



Building a Stronger, More Sustainable Community

The West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) is the Registered Neighborhood Association (RNO) for the neighbors who live, work, or own property in the West Colfax neighborhood. WeCAN is a citizens group that meets the second Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm, in the main hall of the Confluence Ministries building, 1400 Quitman.

WeCAN's mission is that together WE CAN provide community support, safety, and education within our neighborhood through volunteerism, proactive programs, outreach, and kindness; all the while preserving our neighborhood's history, unique character, and vast diversity.

The next general meeting is
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
6:00-6:50pm, 1400 Quitman

Agenda:

6:00-6:10 – WeCAN Announcements
 6:10-6:20 – Report from Denver Police District 1 Community Resource Officer, Denise Gomez
 6:20-6:30 – Update from Sustainable Neighborhood Network Chair, Josh Patrick
 6:30-6:40 – Denver Digs Trees and The Park People Presentation
 6:40-6:50 – Bringing more street lights to West Colfax

Letter from the WeCAN Board of Directors

Please join us for our next **General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, February 9th, from 6:00-6:50 pm** in the main hall of the Confluence Ministries building at 1400 Quitman. The **Sustainable Neighborhood Network** Chair, Josh Patrick, will have an **update of upcoming projects and how you can get involved** (including Tree Planting on April 16th and the Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up Day on May 21st), and talk about how WeCAN earns points towards our Sustainability Certification.

Denver Digs Trees and The Park People will be at our general meeting to give information on how you can apply for free and low-cost trees for your yard. Trees beautify our neighborhoods, enhance property values (up to 10%), shade our homes, and help us conserve energy. Visit www.TheParkPeople.org for more info and to complete the online application or request a paper application by calling 303.722.6262. Applications are due February 15. Let's make our community an even better place to live, work, and play! If you would like to help canvas the neighborhood to let more neighbors know of this great program, please contact Josh Patrick at 303-578-6263 or jpatrick0611@gmail.com.

Our **Denver Police Department District 1 Community Resource Officer** will also be at our general meeting to share crime statistics, crime prevention tips, and to answer your questions. West Colfax's Community Resource Officer is Officer Denise Gomez. If you have NON-emergency issues about what is going on in the West Colfax neighborhood don't hesitate to contact her at 720-913-0566 or Denise.Gomez@denvergov.org.

WeCAN wants to bring more street lights to the West Colfax neighborhood! Adding street lights improves safety for drivers, bikers, and pedestrians, and helps prevent accidents. The process for getting new lights installed is having a petition signed by all members of your block requesting an additional light. These petitions are then submitted to the city. If you would be willing to be a block leader to get signatures on your street, please contact Leah@wecandenver.org or at 303-578-6263. Come to February's General Meeting to get more information and sign a petition for your block!.



West Colfax Neighborhood Events Calendar

February 2016

1-5 - Extra Trash (large item and cart overflow) pick-up by Denver Waste Management

6 - House District 4 Democrats meet, 9:00am, Argyle Senior Center (4115 W 38th Ave.)

9 - WeCAN General Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (main hall)

15 - Denver Police Department District 1 Commanders Advisory Group meeting, 6:00pm, 1311 W. 46th St.

15 - House District 4 Republicans meet, 6:30pm, My Brothers Bar (2376 15th St)

17 - WeCAN Board Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (basement), always open to the public

29-March 4 - Extra Trash (large item and cart overflow) pick-up by Denver Waste Management

March

1 - House District 4 Democrat and Republican Caucuses

8 - WeCAN General Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (main hall)

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Register to become a WeCAN
member (FREE to join):
<http://wecanddenver.org/join/>

2016 Presidential Caucus Information

The 2016 Presidential Caucus will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 for the House District 4 Democrats and Republicans. The Republican's Caucus will be held at Lake Middle School (1820 Lowell Blvd, Denver, CO 80204) at 7p.m. The Democrats Caucus time and location TBD (check www.denverdemocrats.org or call 303-830-8242).

If you would like to learn more about how to participate in the caucus on March 1st, please contact the House District 4 Republicans or Democrats (information below). The West Colfax neighborhood is in House District 4, represented by Dan Pabon. You must be a registered voter and affiliated with a political party to participate in the caucus. Register to vote or get more information on how to register to vote at www.govotecolorado.com or by calling 303-894-2200.

House District 4 Republicans meet the 3rd Monday of each month at My Brothers Bar (2376 15th St, Denver, CO 80202) at 6:30pm. Their next meeting will be February 15, 2016; all are welcome to come!
Connect with the Denver Republican Party at <http://denvergop.org/>, on Facebook as 'Denver Republican Party,' call 303-782-9555, email the DRP Chair Sue Moore (smoore@denvergop.org), or email HD4 Republican Co-Captains Jerry Koerber (hd4cocapjerry@gmail.com) and Rick Nevin (nickrevin@msn.com) for more information.

House District 4 Democrats meet the 1st Saturday of each month at the Argyle Senior Center (4115 W 38th Ave, Denver, CO 80212) at 9:00am. Their next meeting will be February 6, 2016; all are welcome to come!
Connect with the Denver Democrats House District 4 at <https://denverdemocrats.org>, on Facebook as 'HD4 Democrats - Denver, CO', or call or email the two local HD4 Democrats Co-Captains Sue Oakerson (303-433-6595 or wso@msn.com) and Betsy McDaniel (303-433-0818 or betsy1951@gmail.com).

Update from the January General Meeting: Dan Shah, Director of The West Colfax Businesses Improvement District (BID), presented at our January general meeting on their recent projects. The BID has been helping improve bike and pedestrian lanes, way-finding signage, new RTD bus shelters, and with partners put on the Re-Imagine West Colfax event in August 2015. Next, the BID is hoping to bring artists to the neighborhood in June to paint main crosswalks along W. Colfax Ave. There will be a BID event in March to kick-off planning for this event. Stay tuned to WeCAN for more information on this meeting and event, and **learn more about the BID at www.westcolfaxbid.org. Visit <http://discoverwestcolfax.com> to see photos, learn the history, and discover more about the West Colfax neighborhood.**

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How Can YOU Volunteer for WeCAN This Month? Attend the Monthly DPD Commanders Advisory Group!

Denver Police District 1's Commander Pazen holds a monthly Commanders Advisory Group (CAG) on the 3rd Monday of every month, 6:00pm, located at the District 1 building, 1311 W. 46th St., Denver, 80211.

If you can regularly attend these meetings and serve as a volunteer liaison between DPD District 1 and WeCAN please contact Nadia@wecanddenver.org or 303-578-6263

