



Letter from the WeCAN Board of Directors

The West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) Mission:

“Bringing Neighbors Together to Build Community”

The West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) is the Registered Neighborhood Association (RNO) in the city of Denver 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. Please join us!

The next general meeting is **Tuesday, March 8, 2016 6:00-6:50pm, 1400 Quitman**

Agenda:

- 6:00-6:10 – Report from Denver Police District 1 Community Resource Officer, Denise Gomez
- 6:10-6:20 – Adriana Magaña, Aide to Councilman Paul López,, District 3
- 6:20-6:30 – WeCAN Announcements
- 6:30-6:45 – Angela Bomgaars, Extreme Community Makeover (ECM)

The WeCAN Newsletter will now be delivered to your door in January, March, May, August, and October. Join WeCAN today to get your Newsletter delivered to your inbox every month!



Please join us for our next **General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, March 8th, from 6:00-6:50 pm** in the main hall of the Confluence Ministries building at 1400 Quitman. **Extreme Community Makeover (ECM), Confluence Ministries and WeCAN are joining forces once again on May 21, 2016 to host a Clean-Up Day in our neighborhood.** Angela Bomgaars, founder and executive director of ECM, will be at our March general meeting to discuss the upcoming event and her vision for establishing closer ties with West Colfax through the ECM Neighborhood Team. Since ECM's start in 2008, over 21,000 volunteers have partnered with over 1,750 residents in Denver to complete day-long projects to improve homes and neighborhoods. Come learn more about ECM and/or visit its website at www.extremecommunitymakeover.org. We need your help to make May 21st a great day in the West Colfax neighborhood!

Aide to Councilman Paul López,, District 3, Adriana Magaña, will also be at our general meeting to share information on an upcoming Town Hall Meeting presented by Paul López, on Saturday, March 12, 10:00-11:30am at Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales Branch Library, 1498 Irving St. And 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.



Do you have a street light that is out, dim, or flickering? Xcel Energy maintains street lights in the City of Denver. You can report the outage for repair by using Xcel's outdoor lighting outage form located online at: https://www.xcelenergy.com/Outages_and_Emergencies/Report_Outage or you can report outdoor lighting outages by calling Xcel Energy Customer Care at 1-800-895-4999. Please provide Xcel with as much information as possible to locate the pole, such as: Nearest street address, nearest cross street, directional position of the pole (e.g., NE corner or south side of the alley), and facility tag number (9 or 13 digits) listed on the streetlight pole. This information is particularly helpful because Xcel's maintenance crews work mostly during daylight hours, when outages are not readily apparent.

Would you like to have more street and alley lights in the West Colfax neighborhood?

Adding street lights improves safety for drivers, bikers, and pedestrians. To get a mid-block or alley light installed you must have a minimum of 75% of the residents (must be the owner of the property to sign, not a tenant unfortunately) on your block sign a petition that is then sent to the city. The city works with Xcel to have these lights installed as budget allows. If you want to start a petition for your block please contact Leah at Leah@wecanddenver.org or 303-578-6263. After you have collected signatures from the neighbors on your block, WeCAN will submit the petitions to the city for you!

Great News Neighbors! Denver Digs Trees Applications for Free & Low-Cost Trees for your yard are now available!

Visit www.TheParkPeople.org for more info and complete the online application or call 303.722.6262.



**Applications Due: March 7th
Tree Pick Up & WeCAN Planting Day: April 16**

West Colfax Neighborhood Events Calendar

March

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

1 - House District 4 Democratic and Republican Presidential Caucuses

5 – Disaster Preparedness Training, 1-3:30pm at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St.

7 – Denver Digs Trees Free and Low-Cost Tree Applications Due

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

12 – District 3 Paul López Town Hall Meeting, 10:00-11:30am at Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales Branch Library, 1498 Irving St.

13 – Day Light Savings begins, Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour!

16 – Planning Board Meeting on Proposed Denver Zoning Code to Short-term Rentals, time and location TBD

16 - WeCAN Board Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (basement)

19 – NW Denver Historic Preservation Forum, sponsored by Councilman Espinoza, District 1, 9:00am, at Edison Elementary (3350 Quitman St)

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

April

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

16 – WeCAN Tree Planting Day

**Stay connected to WeCAN!
Become a member and receive the Newsletter in your inbox every month!**

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

**Find us online at
www.wecandenver.org
'like' us on Facebook –
WeCAN Denver**

**Contact us at:
info@wecandenver.org
303-578-6263
PO Box 12474 Denver, CO 80212**

Do you know who your West Colfax Denver City Council Representatives Are?

The West Colfax neighborhood is divided into Council District 1 (represented by Councilman Rafael Espinoza) and Council District 3 (represented by Councilman Paul López). District 1 is all neighbors residing West of Perry St. between 14th Ave. and 17th Ave, and West of Quitman St. between the Lakewood Gulch and 13th Ave. District 3 is all neighbors residing East of Perry St. between 14th Ave. and 17th Ave, and East of Quitman St. between the Lakewood Gulch and 13th Ave. See a map at www.denvergov.org/maps/map/councildistricts.

Denver City Council makes laws, budgets City money, and has authority to investigate City agencies. The Denver City Council has 13 members, 11 from districts and two elected at large. Council committees (Business Development, Finances & Services, Infrastructure & Culture, Neighborhoods & Planning, Safety & Well-being, and Governance & Charter Review), are each concerned with various areas of city government, and they meet frequently to discuss and prepare proposed laws. The full Council meets most Mondays in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers in the City and County Building. All Council meetings are open to the public. Learn more at <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-city-council.html>

How to Connect to Your Denver City Council Representative:

Rafael Espinoza, Council District 1

Follow District 1 online and sign up for the District 1 Newsletter at www.district1.net

Committees: Vice Chair, Neighborhoods & Planning, Committee Member of Infrastructure & Culture and Governance & Charter Review.

Council Aides to Espinoza: Rita B. Contreras and Amanda Sandoval (Aide covering West Colfax neighborhood: Rita B. Contreras at ritab.contreras@denvergov.org)

Phone: 720-337-7701 Email: rafael.espinoza@denvergov.org

Office location: City & County Building, 1437 Bannock St., Room 451, Denver, 80202

West Colfax Office Hours: Located at the NW Denver COP Shop, 5094 W. Colfax Ave. Thursday, 1:00-5:00pm, and Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. Staff is generally available, but if you want to meet the Councilman, please call in advance.

On Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram – CD1Rafael

Coffee In The Community – Every Friday from 9:30-11:30am at a different coffee shop in the district. Schedule available on Facebook, and listed in the monthly newsletter.

Paul D. López, Council District 3

Follow District 3 online and sign up for the District 3 Newsletter at <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-council-district-3.html>

Committees: Chair, Governance & Charter Review, Committee Member of Business Development and Safety & Well-being.

Council Aides to López: Jesús Orrantia at jesus.orrantia@denvergov.org and Adriana Magaña at adriana.magana@denvergov.org

Phone: 720-337-3333 Email: Paul.Lopez@denvergov.org

Office location: City & County Building, 1437 Bannock St., Room 451, Denver, 80202

West Colfax Office Hours: Located at the Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales, 1498 Irving St., third Thursday of every month, 3:30-6:30pm.

On Facebook – 'Councilman Paul D. López, City & County of Denver'

On Twitter and Instagram - @cmpaullopez

