

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, January 12, 2016** 6:00-6:50pm, 1400 Quitman

Agenda:

6:00-6:10 – WeCAN Announcements and Newsletter vote 6:10-6:20 – Report from Denver Police District 1 Community Resource Officer, Denise Gomez 6:20-6:50 - Dan Shah, Director of the West Colfax Business Improvement District (BID)

Letter from the WeCAN Board of Directors

Happy New Year Neighbors! We hope that you will join us for our next General Membership Meeting. It will be Tuesday, January 12th, from 6:00-6:50 pm in the main hall of the Confluence Ministries building at 1400 Quitman. At this general meeting we are pleased to bring you an update on all the business redevelopment that is coming into the West Colfax neighborhood. Dan Shah, the Director of the West Colfax Business Improvement District (BID), will be at our meeting to share the most current business updates on what is happening at the former St. Anthony's and all along West Colfax. Please join us to hear the latest and have an opportunity to ask questions. Learn more about the BID at http://westcolfaxbid.org/ or on their Facebook page. Stay up-to-date on news from the former St. Anthony's site at http://sloansdenver.com/.

Our **neighborhood DPD Community Resource Officer** will also be at our general meeting to share crime statistics, crime prevention tips, and to answer your questions. At this meeting there will **be a discussion and vote on how the WeCAN newsletter is delivered.** To support our sustainability efforts and accommodate volunteer carriers' schedules, a newsletter will still be written every month, but only delivered door-to-door in print every other month, and digitally delivered to member inboxes every month. You must be a member to vote! WeCAN is a FREE organization to join for anyone who lives, works, or owns property in the West Colfax neighborhood, sign up at http://wecandenver.org/join.

Get the WeCAN Newsletter delivered to your inbox!

Join WeCAN at: http://wecandenver.org/join/ and the Newsletter will be automatically delivered to your inbox every month.



West Colfax Neighborhood Events Calendar

January 2016

3 - Broncos game, 2:25pm, Sports Authority Field

4-8 – Extra Trash (large item and cart overflow) pick-up by Denver Waste Management

4-15 – Denver Waste Management citywide treecycle collection

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

18 - Denver Police Department

District 1 Commanders Advisory Group meeting, 6:00pm, 1311 W. 46th St.

20 – WeCAN Board Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (basement)

February

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

Stay connected to WeCAN:

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

Register to become a WeCAN member (FREE to join): http://wecandenver.org/join/ WalkDenver presented at the December General Membership meeting on their campaign, Denver Deserves Sidewalks. Currently Denver property owners are responsible for building and maintaining sidewalks adjacent to their property, which can cost thousands of dollars. A fee (\$5-\$10 per month for the average property under one proposal) would provide a sustainable funding source for building new sidewalks, repairing old sidewalks, and upgrading substandard sidewalks throughout Denver. WalkDenver has therefore launched a petition calling upon the City and County of Denver to assume responsibility for building and repairing sidewalks, and to establish a dedicated funding source (such as a property fee) for this purpose. You can learn more about this campaign at www.walkdenver.org/. The petition is available at www.change.org/p/denver-city-council-denver-deserves-sidewalks or access it through the WalkDenver website.

If you or any of your neighbors need assistance with snow shoveling this winter please refer them to Volunteers of America (VOA) – Snow Buddies program – 303-297-0408. The program is open to seniors and people with disabilities. They try to match a volunteer in their area to provide the assistance. In addition, if you would like to adopt a snow buddy and shovel a citizen's sidewalk you can sign up to help in your area. VOA are wonderful partners with the city and we appreciate all of their efforts. Learn more and email the program at http://www.voacolorado.org/volunteer-opportunities/snow-buddies.

From the NW Denver Cop Shops:

Some safety reminders for the winter season:

- In Denver, it is illegal to have an unoccupied vehicle, with the engine running, on a public street whether or not you have remote start or not.
- If you are having packages sent to you have them delivered to your workplace or other location where there is someone to receive them.
- The IRS will never call you concerning your taxes.
- And finally, the Denver Sheriff Department will never call you concerning a warrant.

The NW Denver COP Shop is located at 5049 W. Colfax Ave. and can be reached at 720-865-2240. Denver Police District 1'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.

How Can YOU Volunteer for WeCAN This Month?

Join one of the WeCAN Committees below to help bring ideas, lead projects, and build connections in the West Colfax neighborhood!

- Sustainability
- Community Engagement
- Communications
- Business, Non-Profit, and School Partnerships

Contact Leah or Nadia @wecandenver.org to get involved.