

# "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 2nd 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, April 12, 2016 6:00-6:45pm, 1400 Quitman

Agenda:

6:00-6:10 – Report from Denver Police District 1 Community Resource Officer

6:10-6:20 – WeCAN Announcements 6:20-6:45 – Presentation on Creating a New Public Realm for West Colfax

Know about an event happening in the West Colfax Neighborhood? Send it to Leah@wecandenver.org. WeCAN will put it in our newsletter, on our calendar, website, and Facebook page!

### Letter from the WeCAN Board of Directors

At the next WeCAN **General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, April 12th, from 6:00-6:45 pm** at 1400 Quitman, there will be a presentation on the recent findings and recommendations from a Rose Foundation study on **Creating a New Public Realm for West Colfax.** A few recommendations to the West Colfax neighborhood include better north-south connections, streetscaping along Colfax Ave., and a redo of the clover-leaf at Colfax Ave. and Federal. You can read more about these findings and see the full report at <u>www.walkdenver.org</u>. Also at our general meeting will be information on how you can get involved with our Tree Planting Day, April 16<sup>th</sup> and an update from our DPD Community Resource Officer.

### Save the Date for WeCAN's Annual Neighborhood Clean Up Day, Saturday, May 21,

9:00am-4:00pm, with lunch included. Come for the morning, afternoon, or whole day! Children of all ages are welcome with an adult willing to work with and supervise them. WeCAN will once again partner with Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) and Confluence Ministries to help beautify West Colfax. We will be cleaning alleys, removing graffiti, helping neighbors with exterior home projects, and meeting new neighbors. **Do you have a neighbor who could use some help with the outside of their home?** Contact our Clean-Up Day Chair, Diana, at <u>Diana@wecandenver.org</u> or 303-550-9853, to discuss project ideas and get registered for the day.

#### Do you know who your Colorado State Representative is?

The West Colfax neighborhood is a part of House District 4, represented by Speaker Pro Tempore Dan Pabon. Colorado's elected representatives make, amend, and repeal laws. Learn more about Colorado's State Legislature at <u>http://www.leg.state.co.us/.</u> **Connect with Representative Dan Pabon:** Office Location: 200 East Colfax, Denver, 80203 Phone: 303-866-2954 Email: <u>dan.pabon.house@state.co.us</u> Twitter: @Dan\_Pabon Facebook: Dan Pabon

## WeCAN Tree Planting Day - April 16th

The West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) has once again partnered with Denver Digs Trees to bring more trees to the West Colfax Neighborhood.

- Join WeCAN and your neighbors for a morning of tree planting and help beautify the West Colfax and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Donuts and coffee will be provided before setting off in groups to plant!
- When: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00pm Where: 1410 Stuart St.
- RSVP to Josh at 303-587-6263 or jpatrick0611@gmail.com



#### West Colfax Events

#### April

1 – STREET SWEEPING BEGINS! Check your street signs to avoid a ticket!

3 – Denver Police Women's Self Defense
 Class, 8am-12pm, Gonzales Library, 1498
 Irving St.

**6** - Planning Board Hearing for Rezoning in Villa Park, 3:00pm, Parr-Widener

Community Room #389, City and County Bldg. 1437 Bannock St.

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

16 – WeCAN Tree Planting Day, 9am-

12pm, meet at 1410 Stuart.

18 - Denver Police Department District 1
Commanders Advisory Group meeting,
6pm, 1311 W. 46<sup>th</sup> St.

**19** – West Colfax Goes Green in '16, WCBID event, 5:30-8pm, Seedstock

Brewery, 3610 W. Colfax Ave.

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

22 – Earthlinks Earth Day Concert, 7-9pm,Highlands United Methodist Church, 3131Osceola St.

**25-29** - Extra Trash (large item and cart overflow) pick-up by Denver Waste Management

**30** – Totally Tennyson, 4-10pm, along Tennyson St. between 35<sup>th</sup>-46<sup>th</sup> Ave. **Mav** 

10 - WeCAN General Meeting, 6pm21 - WeCAN Clean-Up Day

A Complete Calendar of Neighborhood Events is available at:

http://wecandenver.org/meetingsevents/

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): <u>http://wecandenver.org/join/</u>

Find us online at <u>www.wecandenver.org</u> 'like' us on Facebook – WeCAN Denver

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

#### The West Colfax Business Improvement District (WCBID) hosts: West Colfax Goes Green in '16 at Seedstock Brewery!

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:00pm, at Seedstock Brewery, 3610 W. Colfax Ave. Beer tasting, fresh food from the West Colfax Food Co-op, and music from the Working Man String Band! Come learn more about WCBID's new matching grants for businesses to install planters, and new art crosswalks coming to West Colfax this summer. More at www.westcolfaxbid.org.

#### EarthLinks' Earth Day Concert featuring MIDZI Marimba Band

On Friday, April 22, 2016, 7:00-9:00pm, Earthlinks invites you to their Earth Day Concert. Midzi plays traditional and contemporary music from Zimbabwe and South Africa on marimbas, mbira, and percussion, honoring the strong roots of their African teachers and growing new branches in Denver! Concert is at Highlands United Methodist Church (3131 Osceola St, Denver 80212). Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$20/Person and \$45/Family. Contact Earthlinks for more information and questions at info@earthlinkscolorado.org or 303-389-0085. Learn more about the Earthlinks on-profit organization at http://www.earthlinks-colorado.org/.

#### Totally Tennyson Returns to NW Denver to Benefit Neighborhood Schools!

The 6th annual Totally Tennyson returns on Saturday April 30th, 2016, 4:00-10:00pm. This '70s-'80s-'90s theme street crawl features destinations from bars, pubs, restaurants, shops, a party bus, and more! Your ticket includes complimentary 'tastes' of what Tennyson has to offer between 35th-46th Avenues. Proceeds of ticket sales go directly to local public schools, including the West Colfax schools of Cheltenham Elementary, Colfax Elementary, and Lake International Middle School. Tickets are \$35 and includes admission to the block party outdoor concert with Gin Doctors and 6 Million Dollar Band at the Oriental Theater! Learn more and buy tickets at

<u>http://www.totallytennyson.com/</u>. Be sure to choose one of West Colfax's neighborhood schools as your benefiting school. Tickets can also be purchased directly from the schools.

