

If You are Asked to Pay, Walk Away!

Are you worried about losing your home? You are not alone. But before you take action to prevent foreclosure, educate yourself on **“Foreclosure Rescue Scams.”**

A foreclosure scam artist will tell you that they can negotiate with your lender to save your house — if you pay them a fee first. They might tell you not to contact your lender, housing counselor, or credit counselor. They might tell you to let them handle the details. Then, once they have your money, they take off. You lose your money and your house!

Don't let yourself be a victim! Even if you are not behind on your monthly payments, contact a trusted housing counseling agency, the Southwest Improvement Council (SWIC). All services are FREE at SWIC. Call SWIC today at 303-934-0923!

Has Foreclosure Fraud happened to you? Report foreclosure fraud NOW!

Contact the Denver Better Business Bureau at 303-758-2100 or the Colorado State Attorney General at

http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/departments/consumer_protection/file_consumer_complaint

TAI-CHI and CHAIR EXERCISES FOR SENIORS!



Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in March. Sponsored by the **Arthritis Foundation** Call 303-934-0923 for more info.

Call **SWIC** at 303-934-0923. We are here to **HELP** you for **FREE!**



Look for the HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) Logo to be sure!

Want to know more about foreclosure prevention and how to spot a scam?

Make sure to come to SWIC's **FINANCIAL AWARENESS WEEK** at the Southwest Denver Community Center **March 15th—20th!**

Program topics include: budgeting, retirement, social security, fair housing, foreclosure prevention and more! FREE Breakfast and lunch will be served every day! Contact Ron at 303-934-0923 for more info!

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START YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

Explore your ideas, find your focus, and get serious about your business!



The Rocky Mountain Micro Finance Institute (RMMFI) is offering the workshop **“Exploring Business Ownership”** at SWIC! The first class was held on Wednesday February 23, 2010. Participants discussed their visions for small business and learned about what a small business can do for them.

RMMFI also provides loans (up to \$2500) for start-up businesses. Come to the next class for more information.

The next class is **March 31, 2010 at 5:30pm** in Eagle Bear Hall. Beginning this summer, classes will be held in English and Spanish. For more information on this event, contact **RMMFI Outreach Director Benjamin Weeda at 720-941-5037** or **Ron Cardenas at 303-934-0923**.

SWIC's Ongoing Programs

- ◆ **Foreclosure Prevention and Housing Counseling:** FREE! You do not have to be behind on your monthly payments. Call Ron at 303-934-0923 (English) Roberta at 303-934-4789 (Spanish) or Jenny at 303-934-8063 (Vietnamese)
- ◆ **VOA Hot Lunch for Seniors:** 10:30am—1:00pm Monday—Friday. Donations welcomed, never required!
- ◆ **Weekly Food Boxes:** 12:00pm — 3:00pm every Friday. \$2 donation suggested, never required!
- ◆ **Free Adult Exercise:** 7:00am — 11:00am every day. Weight room, gymnasium and Zumba! Call Jenny at 303-934-8063
- ◆ **Youth Programs:** 2:00pm— 5:45pm Monday — Thursday. Free Arts and Crafts and Open gym!

Spots Still Available in Cooking Class!

Operation Frontline's *“Side by Side”* Cooking Class has three more openings! Cook a healthy meal **every Tuesday evening at 5:30pm** and take home the groceries to make the meal at home! Starts March 9. See Beth or Ron to sign up! 303-934-0923