

# West Colfax Association of Neighbors

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## A Great Day in West Colfax

Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, was highly eventful with the First Annual WeCAN Garage Sale, an Alley Cleanup Day and the Annual Confluence Ministries Block Party. Many thanks are in order for the coordinators and volunteers involved.



**First Annual WeCAN Garage Sale** a huge success, raising nearly six hundred dollars through sales and donations. The hot item of the day was the push mower which generated considerable questions, offers and “I’ll-be-back”s before selling to the man-with-the-cash (right). Thanks to Tina Smith, who chaired the sale, Brad Smith, chief lifter and toter and the volunteers that staffed the event.

**Volunteers from WeCAN, House District 4 DenverDems and Extreme Community Makeover** cleaned numerous alleys in the West Colfax neighborhood. A big “thank you and well done” to event chairman, Chad Reischl and to the volunteers of this very productive project.

**The Annual Confluence Ministries Block Party** was once again a successful, well attended event with an amazing day of fun and services for the West Colfax Neighborhood. Bands rotating on a stage at 14th Ave. and Quitman provided continuous entertainment. Volunteers grilled a free lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs and trimmings...even snow cones. Jumping, bouncing and sliding blow ups plus free bike repair, volleyball and soccer filled the street. Services from free haircuts, manicures, medical screening and clothing give-away blessed area residents.



One

of the WeCAN volunteer crews for alley cleanup (above) and one of the large numbers of Extreme Community Makeover crew s (below).

## Urban Foxes: A Problem?

There have increased sightings and encounters with urban foxes in the *WeCAN* area. It has come to our attention that these foxes are a protected species and must be treated as such. The effort to provide a seamless co-existence must start with the same rule as with any other wild creature: **DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE**. Complaints of problem wildlife may be filed with **Urban Wildlife...303-340-4911** and/or **Division of Wildlife...303-291-7227**.

The next scheduled **Large Item Pickup** for the *WeCAN* area is **July 12-16**. Put your large items out by July 12 to insure pickup. Let's keep our alleys clean.

## New West Colfax Library Site Selected

The Denver Public Library Commission selected the Avondale location as the new West Colfax Library site. The decision on the selected site will be final only after negotiation of sales terms and approval of a purchase contract by the City and the property owner. Various city agencies will conduct their due diligence on the preferred site within the next several months. After the property is acquired, an architect will be selected and will work with the community to design the building. Construction is scheduled to begin sometime in 2011 and the opening should occur in early 2013. The new library, along with the new branches at Stapleton and Green Valley Ranch, will be built with Better Denver Bond funds approved by voters in 2007.

A reminder: **Water** your new Denver Digs Trees plantings that occurred in April. The recent extreme heat can be harmful to new plantings and regular watering will help maintain the new trees health.

The next **District 1 Community Meeting** will be at 2727 Bryant St., Basement Meeting Room, Thursday, August 12, 2010, 5:30-6:30pm - Topic: Park Events

**Graffiti Cleanup:** KWAL "Big Brush Off" on Federal Boulevard, Saturdays, July 17 & August 21, more info on city website, [denvergov.org](http://denvergov.org).

**Report Weeds and Junk to City** A lot of folks are not aware that weeds, grass or any vegetation over 6 inches tall is a violation of city ordinance. It seems that a fair number of properties in our neighborhood are not being kept well this summer. If you have a neighbor with excessive vegetation, junk cars, trash, old furniture or abandoned appliances on their property, there is an

easy way to report it without dealing with your neighbor ...or maybe you don't even know the property owner.

*WeCAN* has a problem property complaint link on our website, [WeCANDenver.org](http://WeCANDenver.org). Click on the link and it takes you to Neighborhood Inspection Services to fill out a short report online. Or you can call 3-1-1 and ask for Neighborhood Inspection Services to make a report. Let's all work together to clean up and maintain our area.

## WeCAN Advertising Opportunities

Currently there are two different advertising opportunities with *WeCAN*. The first is a yearly sponsorship on our website. For only \$30 you can have a link to your webpage put on our sponsor page for the entire year!

The second advertising opportunity comes in the form of a newsletter sponsor. The monthly sponsor is responsible for printing the 1700 copy newsletter. The sponsor can either print in house or use a third party printing service. The newsletter sponsor will receive a business card size ad in the newsletter as well as a spot on our homepage under the "Featured Sponsor" spot. All advertising request can go to [Jessnoe@wecandenver.org](mailto:Jessnoe@wecandenver.org)

## WeCan Agenda

### General Membership Meeting

**6:00pm, July 13, 2010**

**Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St.**

- Call to order
- Denver Police Department, Officer Hicks
- Animal Control Representative
- Alley Cat Alliance Presentation
- RTD Representative
- WeCan Advertising Opportunities
- Treasurers Report
- Announcements