

West Colfax Association of Neighbors

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Fairview Community Garden



One of the better youth programs we've observed recently is the Fairview Community Garden, Youth Farmers Market. This enterprise is conducted under the auspices of Denver Urban Gardens (dug.org) providing the kids of Fairview Elementary (2715 W. 11th Ave.) an opportunity to learn how to garden and earn a wage during the gardening season. A visit to this project provides cheap vegetables and a chance for a guided tour by one of the youthful participants.

Sunday, August 22, the Youth Farmer's Market (open every Sunday 1 – 3 pm, June 27 – Oct. 3 at 12th & Decatur) posted the first sellout in its history. The season will culminate October 3, 2010 with the annual Harvest Festival. Free booth space is available for those wishing to vend their arts & crafts at the festival. The WeCAN Board of Directors has stated an intention to participate. Plan to attend and support this great project.

Denver Reminds Bronco Fans of Parking Restrictions Near INVESCO Field

DENVER, CO — August 20, 2010 – Denver Public Works and Denver Community Planning and Development are asking drivers to pay special attention

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when parking around INVESCO Field for Denver Bronco home games and special events at INVESCO Field.

On Street Parking

While specific residential parking restrictions on the streets surrounding INVESCO Field are ongoing, Denver Public Works Right-of-Way Enforcement will begin enforcing the seasonal posted parking restrictions that coincide with the Bronco's home game schedule on Saturday, August 21 (the date of the first pre-season home game), through the end of the football season.

The seasonal parking restrictions around INVESCO Field extend from 9th Avenue north to 29th Avenue and from I-25 west to Sloan's Lake. Restricted areas are marked with "No Parking Except A Permits" signs. If you are eligible for a Residential Parking Permit (RPP), now is a great time to make sure your permits are current. You are likely eligible for RPP if you have a sign with posted restrictions on your street. To find out more, call 3-1-1, Denver's customer service line.

Off-Street Parking (parking lots)

Bronco fans and other INVESCO Field special event attendees who choose to drive should also exercise caution when utilizing a parking lot in the area.

If you are not parking in one of the parking lots on INVESCO Field property, choose only those locations that 1) display an orange special event parking sign issued by the City & County of Denver, or 2) are existing, approved parking lots clearly managed by reputable companies.

The 22" x 34" orange signs display the seal of the City & County of Denver and include the address of the parking location. These signs were issued because of the proliferation of illegal parking lots taking driver's money, only to have the driver return to their vehicle to find it ticketed and/or towed.

When parking in a lot with the orange City & County of Denver sign posted, drivers can be assured that they will be parked legally and are not in danger of tickets, tows or

being "parked in" (blocked or trapped in a space by other vehicles).

West Colfax Educators and Youth

Workers will be the presenters of the September WeCAN general membership meeting. Joanna Martinez, principal of Colfax Elementary and Arthur Kerkezian, principal of Cheltenham Elementary, are scheduled to represent the neighborhood schools. Kathy Luna of the Boys & Girls Club and Patricia Ramirez of Girls Inc. are anticipated to represent two of the neighborhood youth organizations.

Citizen Emergency Response Training

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will present Citizens Emergency Response Training (Denver CERT) with classes September 16, 18, & 25, 2010 followed by a Class Exercise December 11, 2010. Further information is available at <http://www.denvergov.org/oem>.

Groundwork Denver

Groundwork Denver (www.groundworkdenver.org) will be in our West Colfax neighborhood with The Porch Light Bulb Project (<http://www.groundworkdenver.org/porch-bulb-project.html>) and we are looking for volunteers to help save energy. 2008 RESULTS: 790 Bulbs Swapped = 47 tons of CO2 per year avoided!

If interested, please sign up online at www.meetup.com/groundworkdenver or call Shane Wright: 303-815-7613 or 303-455-5600. There will be volunteers going door to door October 10th offering energy saving services and Groundwork Denver will also have their team of canvassers in the neighborhood going to every residence during the week before.

Call 311 to Report Illegal Dumping

In response to recent queries as to where to report illegal use of Denver Waste Management dumpsters it has been confirmed that you may report it through the 311 program. You may explore the 311 program further at www.denvergov.org or dialing 311.

School Supplies To Be Donated

WeCAN will be collecting school supplies donations at the September general membership meeting. These supplies will be dispersed among the neighborhood schools and youth organizations. Plan to make a donation at the meeting.

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AGENDA

September 14, 2010, 6:00pm

WeCAN General Membership Meeting

Confluence Ministries 1400 Quitman St.

Call to order

Denver Police Representative

Announcements

School and Youth Program Representatives

Question & Answer Period

Meeting Adjourned

Career Development Expo to be held Sept. 21

*In celebration of National
Workforce Development Month,
Denver Workforce Center staff to
highlight job search resources and
selected industries*

**DENVER, CO — Thursday, Sept. 9,
2010** — To educate job seekers about
selected industries and job search
services available through the public
workforce system, the Denver Workforce
Centers will offer a Career Development
Expo, September 21, from 9:30 a.m. to
3:30 p.m. in the Wellington E. Webb
Municipal Office Building atrium, 201
W. Colfax Ave. For more information
regarding the expo and the Denver
Workforce Centers, visit
www.milehigh.com.