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**WeCAN General Membership Agenda**  
November 9, 2010, 6:00 pm  
Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St.

- **Potluck dinner** 6:00 to 6:30 pm
- Call to order 6:30 pm
- Denver Police Department, Officer Hicks
- Announcements
- Appeal for volunteers for the WeCAN Board of Directors 2011
- "Property Values, Trends & The Future"

Speaker: Charles Roberts, Managing Broker, Your Castle Real Estate Director - Denver Board of Realtors

- Presentation by Dan Shah

Director, West Colfax Improvement District about public art at West Colfax and Irving St., appeal to artists for designs

- Meeting adjourned

**Property Values and the Future of West Colfax**

With all of the changes happening in the West Colfax neighborhood...light rail, a new \$12M library, new affordable housing, new commercial space to be under construction very soon, a new grocery store, redevelopment of the St. Anthony's campus...with all of this moving quickly forward, many residents and property owners want to know how this will effect property values and what to expect within the next few years.

You will thoroughly enjoy the entertaining speaker, Charles Roberts, Managing Broker of Your Castle Real Estate, at the November 9 general membership meeting of WeCAN. Mr. Roberts has owned investment property in the West Colfax neighborhood for thirteen years and has a wealth of information and experience to share. Bring your questions to the 6:00 pm meeting at 1400 Quitman.

**Harvest Potluck at Nov. 9 WeCAN Meeting**

In August WeCAN hosted a healthy foods potluck that was such a success, residents asked that WeCAN schedule regular potluck dinners. What was so great about this potluck to make everyone want to repeat it? Sharing time together around the table and getting to know a neighbor...sharing different foods, recipes and ideas...sharing our neighborhood was very positive.

Please bring a dish and join WeCAN on November 9 at 6:00 pm at 1400 Quitman. New attendees to the November meeting will be entered in a drawing for a gift card. Bring that neighbor who's always saying "next time!"

**WeCAN Board Election in December**

As we enter the autumn season, it is important for our neighborhood to be thinking and planning for 2011 WeCAN leadership. A dedicated group took the helm last January, committing time and resources to guiding our neighborhood towards a stronger future. They have accomplished creating the structure for a thriving organization in a short time.

The people who make up the WeCAN Board of Directors are keys to our success. New blood, new ideas, diverse skills and talents in these positions will forge a stronger and more dynamic organization.

With all of the changes and new development happening in West Colfax, continually renewed leadership is integral. Please consider donating two or three hours a month to the progress of your neighborhood.

**On the Fax: New West Colfax Art Co-op to Hold Sale December 5, 2010.**

On the Fax, a new artists' cooperative group forming in the West Colfax neighborhood, has scheduled their first show and sale for Sunday, December 5, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman.

Holiday Art Sale *On The Fax* has asked all participating artists to bring only items that will be sold for under \$50....49 cents to \$49 is the sale motto. Items will include paintings, photography, metal and wood art, holiday baked goods, handmade fabric items like purses and tote bags plus a variety of other arts.

Please plan your holiday shopping for this event and support neighborhood artists. Also Enjoy live music, visiting with neighbors and Nestle corporate chef Walt Hawley's Cookie-A-Thon. Portions of the proceeds go to the Whiz Kids and the Colfax Elementary tutoring program.

All artists, crafters, bakers, photographers and the like are encouraged to participate in the sale and get involved in the co-op. For more information contact: Melissa Schrank, [imagimoe@yahoo.com](mailto:imagimoe@yahoo.com) or Barbara Baker, [thanksb@comcast.net](mailto:thanksb@comcast.net)

## Neighborhood Watch with Carolyn Bellicci

As the new Neighbor Watch Coordinator, I want to first take a moment to express my excitement in this opportunity to help facilitate such an important aspect to community crime prevention. Neighborhood Watch, as recognized in information provided by our local Community Resource Officer, is one of the most cost efficient ways for a community to reduce crime in their neighborhood. Among other information recently received from the Denver Police Department, regarding the West Colfax neighborhood, are statistics reflecting a 26.9% reduction in reported crimes from July 2009 compared to July 2010. Further, property crimes during that same time period have dropped 28.8%. These numbers are very promising for this neighborhood as it continues to go through transition.

It is my hope that we can continue to build a strong community network to reduce crime even further. Thus, I am eagerly seeking opportunities to meet with neighbors to dialogue about growing a Neighborhood Watch program on your street. Tennyson Street will hold its first meeting on November 1, 2010 and hopes to have its first Neighborhood Watch sign up as quickly as possible. These signs help indicate that the neighbors on the street are committed to reducing crime by communicating with each other and remaining vigilant to the daily activities on their street. However, there are many streets without signs recognizing this commitment, thus I encourage you to talk to your neighbors, discuss holding a meeting, and giving me a call to move forward on your commitment to this program. If you know of existing signs on your street, please call me as some of those signs could be taken down by the city if the neighbors are not actively holding Neighborhood Watch meetings. My contact information is Carolyn Billecci, 720-480-4949. I look forward to hearing from you.

### RTD West Corridor Sheridan Parking Structure

The next RTD meeting concerning the Sheridan Parking Structure will be held at Mountair Church, 1390 Benton, Thursday, Nov. 11, 6:00 – 8:00pm.

### Denver Leaf Drop-off Days

Sundays, Nov. 7 & Nov. 14, 10:00am – 3:00pm

- Sloan's Lake Park (NW Denver) – 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Sheridan Blvd.

**Large Item Pickup** will be next week, **Nov. 15 – 19, 2010** for the West Colfax area.

**Tutors Are Needed** by Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St., for children from Colfax Elementary School on Tuesday afternoons and evenings. Times will be either 4:30 – 6:00pm or 5:30 – 7:00pm. For further information call 303-377-3050 or email: [www.confluenceministries.org](http://www.confluenceministries.org).

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## Santa & Elf for Holiday Parties and

Family Gatherings for a small donation to *WeCAN* (*West Colfax Association of Neighbors*). A professional Santa Claus with over 25 years experience is donating his services to *WeCAN* as a fund raiser. For a \$25 - \$50



donation to *WeCAN*, depending on the size of the party, you can have this professional Santa and his Elf at your home gathering, office party, group social or stop by to let your children talk to Santa. Contact [bigbuddy2@comcast.net](mailto:bigbuddy2@comcast.net), 303-946-8230. Checks or cash to *WeCan*, West Colfax Association of Neighbors.

## New Library and Redevelopment Information

For those of you who have been waiting way too long to know what is going on with the new West Denver library, you will want to put December 14 on your calendar. The *WeCAN* December general membership meeting includes speakers from the Denver Public Library, Urban Land Conservancy and West Colfax Improvement District...possibly even someone from the new grocery store at Irving and Colfax.

Information about the new library, new work force housing and commercial spaces, street and streetscaping changes, public art and the new grocery store will fill the evening. So please set aside 6:00 pm December 14 and join *WeCAN* at 1400 Quitman for an information packed hour.