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## **West Colfax Association of Neighbors**

### **General Membership Meeting Agenda**

**6:30pm December 14, 2010**

**Confluence Ministries building**

**1400 Quitman, Denver, CO**

- Share holiday desserts
- Call to order
- Police Report – Officer Hicks
- Councilwoman Paula Sandoval
- Election of 2011 Board of Directors
- “Focus on West Colfax & Irving – New Gateway” - West Colfax Business Improvement District, Urban Land Conservancy & Denver Public Library speakers are confirmed; Mi Pueblo grocery is pending.

**WeCAN continues to grow** as a strong and supportive neighborhood community group. At our November Potluck Meeting, we had seven new members, and a bounty of fabulous food. We are also doing a drawing for a Gift Card at each meeting, to encourage those who already know the benefits that *WeCAN* provides to bring a new neighbor. When asked how each of the new attendees found out about the meeting, most of them said that it was through receiving the newsletter on their door. We know the value of getting the word out, and we need sponsors to cover the cost of the newsletter and the gift cards each month. We also are requesting a small donation at the door, to help with printing costs. Please, know that we appreciate anything you can give and that no

one is turned away for lack of funds. Come join us for the fun and informative gatherings on the second Tuesday of every month, from 6:30 to 7:30pm, at the Confluence building ~ 1400 Quitman Street. Potlucks are every other month starting again in January, 2011. – Lin Erhardt

### **A Few More Volunteers Needed for WeCAN Board**

If you are happy with the wonderful progress that has been made during the last year in the West Colfax neighborhood, perhaps you would like to be a part of what will be happening during the next year. *WeCAN* still needs a couple of more board members who can volunteer 3-5 hours a month to help guide progress during 2011. If you are ready to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808, [thanksb@comcast.net](mailto:thanksb@comcast.net)

### **WeCAN Needs Rep to LiveWell Training**

As part of the *WeCAN* commitment to sustainable living, our partnership with LiveWell Denver is ongoing and important. LiveWell Colorado strives to inspire and advance policy, environmental and lifestyle changes that promote health through the prevention and reduction of obesity.

The next community training provided by LiveWell Denver is December 15, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at 2707 W. Mississippi Ave. An opportunity to learn about and provide updates on Healthy Eating and Active Living will be available. For more information contact [Jennifer.Wieczorek@dhha.org](mailto:Jennifer.Wieczorek@dhha.org) or 303.602.3711 and note if a vegetarian lunch should be provided.

**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)

### **RTD Fastracks Update**

With elections over and colder weather, one might think construction operations would have slowed down. That's not the case on the West Corridor! Unseasonably dry/warm weather the past month enabled crews to push through major activities that normally would have been set aside until spring. These completed operations have launched us one step closer to moving construction inside the guideway and a little further from your homes and businesses. For further information go to: [http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc\\_1](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_1)

**A reminder:** The neighborhoods around INVESCO Field have special parking restrictions during Bronco home games. Remaining homes games are on Nov. 28, Dec. 26, 2010 and Jan. 2, 2011.

**Urban Wildlife and family pets** are a heightened concern during cold weather. Reduced forage for wildlife increases the odds of family pets becoming prey. Feeding the wildlife does not reduce this concern but may instead cause wildlife to view pets as competitors and provoke more aggressive behavior. **DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE.**

**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.



### **WeCAN Neighborhood Watch**

**Coordinator**, Carolyn Bellicci, reminds interested parties to contact her to renew Neighborhood Watch groups or to form new ones. Call Carolyn at, 720-480-4949.

This month's printing sponsor:

### ***Insulation Rebates & Estimates***

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**Remember** a very dry late summer and fall makes it necessary to **water your young trees** throughout the winter months.

Also with the **snow season** upon us we need to remember that **residential walks** must be cleared within **twenty-four hours** of the end of snowfall and commercial within three hour.