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## **WeCAN General Membership Meeting**

**1400 Quitman St., Confluence  
Ministries Building**

**September 13, 2011 6:00pm**

- Healthy Potluck Dinner ...please bring a dish to share ...something from your garden
- 6:00 pm Call to order, announcements
- WeCAN Do Great Things award, new member drawing
- Denver Police Officer
- State Representative, Dan Pabon, information on legislation affecting our neighborhood
- Speaker from Denver Parks and Recreation

Topic: Adopt-A-Park, *WeCAN* would like to adopt the Nettie Moore Park At 12th Ave. and Utica.

- Sign up for a plot in the 2012 WeCAN Community Garden

**The September WeCAN meeting will** feature a potluck meal at 6:00pm September 13, 2011, with the general membership meeting starting about 6:15pm. The main presentation of the meeting will be by a representative of the Denver Parks and Recreation about Adopt-A-Park. *WeCAN* proposes to adopt the Nettie Moore Park at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Utica St. This is a high-use park and would benefit greatly from the clean-up efforts of volunteers. Nettie Moore, longest-term resident of the *WeCAN* neighborhood and acknowledged godmother of West Colfax neighborhood activism, will be in attendance.

**The West Colfax Mural Camp**, a youth project focused on instruction in mural painting and anti-graffiti education, was recently completed. A joint effort of the West Colfax Business Improvement District, *WeCAN* and Confluence Ministries provided the grant funding, coordination and facilities to enable the conduction of the month long project. The final stage was the production of a mural on the west wall of the Golden Manor at 4600 W. Colfax (see below).



A reminder: **Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) and WeCAN** will hold a Graffiti Clean-Up from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Further details and signup will be available at general meeting September 12.

**The West Colfax Business District (BID)** was recently informed by Downtown Colorado Inc. and the sponsors for Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence that their entry, "GreenFAX", has been declared the winner of the Best Sustainable Downtown Project. The award will be presented September 22, 2011. The judges stated: "The Colfax BID has accomplished significant improvements to the

overall sustainability of the West Colfax Business Improvement District. Through both forward-planning and proactive/targeted retrofits, the BID has structured a future plan for increased sustainability in building and construction, while also actively educating and supporting existing business owners in 'green' retrofits. The program has already shown significant, measurable progress, and their model for how to work with a BID to establish and implement sustainable goals could be easily adapted by other downtown districts.”  
Congratulations to Dan Shah and the BID!

**Chad Reischl**, WeCAN board member, recently completed training to become a **Volunteer Community Forester**. As such he's qualified to assist in the pruning of trees and shrubs that are blocking the streets and sidewalks in the neighborhood. If you are elderly or disabled and need help keeping your sidewalk clear of low hanging branches or have neighbors who do, please feel free to contact Chad at 720-297-4481 or by e-mail at [chad.reischl@gmail.com](mailto:chad.reischl@gmail.com). Let's all keep our sidewalks clear of tree branches so all are able to walk freely throughout our neighborhood.

**The recent move of St. Anthony's Hospital** has had an adverse affect on some local businesses. WeCAN encourages you to support your neighborhood businesses.

**Swift's Kitchen WeCAN Neighbor Coupon**

Mention this coupon to receive \$1.00 off (reg. \$5.50) a delicious

**Charcoal Grilled Mexican Hamburger.**

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**Adolescent Depression Study** recruitment extended through October, 2011. If you are interested in learning more about an adolescent depression study in Denver that is looking at the role exercise can play in the treatment of depression, please contact Jennifer, the Project Coordinator, at (303) 565-4321 x3673 or visit [www.DOSEforTeens.org](http://www.DOSEforTeens.org). The study is being funded by a grant from the National Institute of

Mental Health. DOSEforTeens is also on Facebook and Twitter.

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**Support WeCAN Fundraiser Recycling:**

All scrap metal or items that can be resold on Craigslist are welcome. All donations are tax deductible, receipts on request.

Contact Bill Baker: 303.946.8230 or [bigbuddy2@comcast.org](mailto:bigbuddy2@comcast.org).

**Sports Authority Field at Mile High** will host events in September that will bring special parking restrictions. The Broncos will have home games on September 12 & 18 and October 9. The Rocky Mountain Showdown, CU vs. CSU, will take place September 17. Take heed of special parking restrictions and avoid the fines and tows.



Aaron Miripol speaks at the Urban Land Conservancy groundbreaking at Colfax and Irving. The new West Denver Library and the Mile High Vista workforce housing are officially underway.