

**WeCAN General Membership Meeting  
 Agenda**

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

**October 11, 2011 6:00pm**

- 6:00 pm Call to order, announcements
- WeCAN Do Great Things award, new member drawing
- Denver Police Officer
- Vote on bylaws addition: President Emeritus – the President Emeritus shall be a Past Co-President elected for the purpose of mentoring the new Co-Presidents and Board of Directors in an effort to provide consistent leadership to the organization and assist in developing strong new leadership.
- Presentation of WeCAN's First Two Years and small group planning for Future Projects "Where Do We Go From Here?"

**Make your plans now to attend the October WeCAN general membership meeting.** Your participation in this meeting is vital to determine the direction WeCAN will move in 2012 and to initiate the planning of projects to be accomplished in the coming year. Now is the time to volunteer to serve as an officer of WeCAN or to serve on the Board of Directors. In particular need is a bi-lingual volunteer to serve on the Board as the head of the Spanish Outreach committee.

**Denver Decides, a partnership of the Denver League of Women Voters, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation and Denver8 TV,** will sponsor 2 election forums in preparation for the November 1 election (all-mail ballot). The October 1, 2011 forum is at the Denver Community Church from 9:00am to noon. The October 12, 2011 forum will be at Merritt Memorial United Methodist Church, 2246 Irving St at 6:30pm and will be taped and re-aired by Denver8 TV several times.

**Denver Public Schools (DPS)** is hosting the **Middle & High School Expo** on October 19, 2011, providing families with the opportunity to visit with principals, teachers and students from traditional, magnet and charter schools. The event will take place from 6:30 pm to

8:30 pm at Infinity Park Event Center (4400 E. Kentucky Ave., Glendale, CO 80246). All families with children in grades ECE through 8th are encouraged to attend to explore middle and high school options within DPS. In addition, families will have the opportunity to learn about the new SchoolChoice enrollment process and access services such as Transportation, Gifted & Talented and Special Education. Interpreters will be available to provide language assistance. For additional information, please call (720) 423-3414 or visit <http://dpsk12.org/expo>.



**Graffiti Cleanup a Success:** A highly successful morning of cleaning up alleys and painting over graffiti was the result of a collaboration of WeCAN, Extreme Community Makeover (ECM), Confluence Ministries and Groundwork Denver. With over 30 volunteers, a donation of paint and brushes from our West Colfax Home Depot and a lot of enthusiasm, approximately 30 garages and as many dumpsters received paint to cover graffiti. One team of volunteers went door-to-door getting homeowners to sign up for city graffiti removal. Weeds and trash were cleaned up along the way. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers!

**Adopt-a-Park:** Chad Reischl is organizing a group of residents to do regular clean up at the Nettie Moore Park, 12th Ave and Utica, as a part of the city Adopt-a-Park program. Call Chad if you would like to participate, 720-297-4481.

**WeCAN collecting for food bank:** Starting with the October 11 general membership meeting, WeCAN will collect nonperishable food items that will be donated to the food bank at Set Free Church at 10th and Perry.



**A Project Rebuild Event was held** at the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless West End Flats construction site at Colfax and Zenobia September 20, 2011. The CCH has partnered with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to bring increased property values and revitalization to the area. Mercedes Marquez, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, HUD, was the featured speaker and spoke to the better home sales and lowered vacancy rates in neighborhoods that have experienced NSP involvement. "By investing in a neighborhood, you are saying to the residents, 'We've heard you. We believe in you, we will invest in you and you will stay,'" Marquez said.

**COP Shop Corner/Neighborhood Watch:** For all Denver residents interested in getting to know the law enforcement community better, the Denver Police Department will begin its Fall Citizen Academy on Wednesday, October 19th. The sessions will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and are designed to give citizens a close-up look at police work in Denver. The academy will be held at: 2155 N. Akron Way, Denver, CO and lasts 12-weeks. If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Police Technician Aaron Brill at 303-370-1500.

Although Citizen Academy is not a requirement to become a volunteer with the Denver Police Department, it is encouraged due to the wealth of information learned during the program. If, however, you are unable to commit to the program but are still interested in becoming a volunteer then please visit the Denver Police Departments volunteer website <http://208.42.235.74/VIPHomePage/tabid/428742/Default.aspx>, which can provide additional information,

including a link to the application required to become a volunteer.

Becoming a Volunteer in Policing with the Denver Police Department will allow a citizen to volunteer at the Denver COP Shops. WeCAN is seeking such volunteers to help operate the West Colfax COP Shop, scheduled to open in April 2012.

If you are interested in participating in volunteering at the West Colfax COP Shop, or if you have questions regarding Neighborhood Watch or Citizen Academy, please contact Carolyn Billecci, WeCAN Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, at 720-480-4949 or via email at [carolynbillecci@wecandenver.org](mailto:carolynbillecci@wecandenver.org).

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**Confluence Ministries** needs volunteers for their Whiz Kids after school tutoring program for children from Cheltenham Elementary School. Tutoring sessions are held on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm mentoring programs. Call 303.377.3050 for further information.

**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.com](mailto:bigbuddy2@comcast.com).

**The Denver Broncos** are at home on October 9 & 30. Parking restrictions will be in force. Avoid fines and towing fees by being aware of the restrictions in your neighborhood.

**Happy Hour for Cyclists:** The first happy hour gathering of the Guerrilla Bike Group met at the Viking Bar on Friday, September 23. With thirteen present, the focus was to promote improvements for bicycling enthusiasts in the West Colfax neighborhood. More info on upcoming events and monthly happy hours is at [www.wecandenver.org](http://www.wecandenver.org).

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