

**West Colfax Association of Neighbors**

(WeCAN) is a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO). WeCAN holds general membership meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the main room of Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St. WeCAN is dedicated to the advancement and well being of the West Colfax neighborhood.

"food hub" that connects us all through food? We want to know! The City of Denver is studying the possibility of building a food hub in your community. We want to hear from you how this type of center could benefit you and your family, friends and neighbors. A King Soopers gift card (\$20) will be raffled off to participants. Please join us after the WeCAN meeting around 7:30 at Confluence Ministries and give us your opinions.

**May is clean-up month in the WeCAN neighborhood:** Be a part of building pride in your neighborhood, join in one of the neighborhood clean-up activities.

**West Colfax Alley/Graffiti Clean-up: May 19th, 2012.** Join volunteers from Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) to help clean up our neighborhood. ECM crews will be helping us out from **9am to 4pm**: please join us for the morning or the afternoon shift (or both). Lunch will be provided at 12:30 for volunteers. **Free lunch** to all volunteers at May 19th Clean up day... courtesy Confluence Ministries. ECM teams will be canvassing the neighborhood on May 5th, 2012 for specific projects.



**The West Colfax Mommies is hosting its first Park Clean-up and Picnic** on Saturday, May 26th, from 10:00am-1:00pm at **Nettie Moore Park** (12th and Utica). Join your neighbors and

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**General Membership Meeting**

**6:00 pm, May 08, 2012**

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries Main Hall**

**Agenda**

- 6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner
- 6:20: Call to order & Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Report from DUG regarding the design of the West Colfax Community Garden
- A Representative from Rude Park Rec Center and Parks and Rec will talk about summer recreation opportunities for kids and adults.
- Presentation on the Federal/Decatur Station Area Plan now under development. The planners will be asking for our feedback.

**Join the WeCAN General Membership** for a healthy potluck before the business meeting, May 08, 2012, 6:00pm at 1400 Quitman St. Bring a dish, eat and get to know your neighbors.

Encourage your neighbors who aren't WeCAN members to attend. Each general membership meeting features a gift certificate drawing for newly registered members attending their first meeting.

**Denver Public Health & Denver Livability Partnership** would like to hear from you. Food plays a big role in our daily lives and cultural traditions. What would you think about a community center or

meet some families as you help clean-up a community park. Bring a rake to clean the sand pit, gloves and tools to pull the weeds, and a picnic to eat when we're all done beautifying the park!

**The annual WeCAN garage sale** is a major fund-raising event for WeCAN projects. The proceeds will go to a Rebuilding Together safety remodeling project for a senior citizen. **WeCAN Annual Garage Sale, Sat., June 2, 2012.** For donation pick up call Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808, [thanksb@comcast.net](mailto:thanksb@comcast.net). Time and location still to be determined.

**Another WeCAN project** for this spring is the establishing of raised bed and container **gardening** at **Metro Manor**, the senior high rise. Donations of products and time are being accepted.

**Water rationing will go into effect** for the Denver Metro area May 1, 2012. The Denver Water Board has initiated a Stage 1 Drought declaration and is asking that customers to reduce outdoor water use and observe the following:

- Watering only two days a week, and using a day of rain to skip watering.
- Only watering the areas of your yard that are dry. For example, if shady areas look fine, only water the dry areas that get the most sun exposure.
- Watering early in the morning or in the evening to avoid evaporation.
- Adjusting sprinkler systems throughout the summer, starting with using less water this spring. Don't just set your sprinkler system once and forget about it.
- Watering two minutes less.

All regular summer restrictions are also in effect. Questions about vegetable garden and new sod watering may be handled through the Dial 3-1-1 service. Further information is available on the website [www.denverwater.org](http://www.denverwater.org).

**Two business closures** in the West Colfax neighborhood will affect residents. MacDonald's at Colfax and Perry has closed to commence its rebuild and will reopen at a later date. Papa John's at Colfax and Sterling has closed its doors permanently.

**Denver City Council has accepted** a voter redistricting map that splits the WeCAN neighborhood effective in 2015. East of Perry will be

added to City Council District 3 and west of Perry will remain in District 1. The parties opposing this map are expected to begin legal recourse have the map rejected.

The next **Large Item Pickup (LIP)** will be June 4-8, 2012. Have your large items beside your dumpster on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, for pickup.

The **street sweeping** season has begun. Avoid expensive tickets with a reminder from [www.Denvergov.org/StreetSweeping](http://www.Denvergov.org/StreetSweeping).

**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.

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**The WeCAN Board of Directors** will meet May 16, 2012, 6:00pm at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman. Board meetings are open to the public and offer an opportunity for airing opinions.

**The WeCAN Land Use committee** will meet Wednesday, May 09, 2012, 6:00pm at 1400 Osceola. All meetings are open to the public.

Estimados Vecinos!

Sabias usted que hay una organizacion en nuestra comunidad que se interesa por la calidad de vida de ustedes? Este grupo se llama West Colfax Area Neighbors (*WeCan*). *WeCan* quiere saber que piensa usted que ayudaria a mejorar nuestra comunidad.

Por ejemplo, tendremos una libreria en nuestra comunidad y estamos removiendo graffiti sin costo alguno para ustedes.

Desea escuchar mas sobre asuntos de nuestra comunidad o quiere compartir ideas, por favor venga a las juntas este 08 de Mayo (son cada 2<sup>do</sup> martes del mes). Generalmente aqui hay algunos asistentes biligues quien podran ayudar traduciendo los temas. Vengan! Nos encantara verlos!