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Building a Stronger More Sustainable Community

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

**West Colfax Association of Neighbors
General Membership Meeting**

6:00 pm, Tuesday, July 10, 2012

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

- 6:00 pm Healthy Potluck dinner
- 6:20 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Presentation 1: Update on the New Library at Colfax and Irving
- Presentation 2. Report on the Sports Authority Field Parking Study Presenters will be looking for community feedback on proposed options
- Adjourn

The July WeCAN general membership meeting will start with another of the healthy **potluck dinners** that have been so popular. Join us for what promises to be an interesting meeting. We look forward to hearing of the progress of the new Westside library construction.

The **June WeCAN meeting** provided some long anticipated information from RTD about the West Rail Line. They have set an opening date of April 26, 2013. The final phase was initiated with the groundbreaking for the Sheridan parking structure on June 29th. They will be conducting trial during the weeks preceding the opening to fine tune the scheduling. Rush hour schedules will begin operations with trains running every five minutes. This will be an exciting event for the WeCAN

neighborhood and will require some adjusting on our part. The beginning of rail traffic will impact the flow of foot, bike and auto traffic at Knox Court and Perry: anticipate substantial increases. We need to begin now to increase our awareness of this and to plan for safe travel in the neighborhood.

We expect major announcements concerning the **redevelopment of the St. Anthony's Hospital campus** over the during the month of July. It is believed that we will receive some very good news concerning a continuing medical presence in the West Colfax neighborhood.

The annual **Neighborhood Festival** organized and conducted by neighborhood stalwart Confluence Ministries will be held **July 14, 2012, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, at 17th and Perry**. To volunteer help or to make food, paper goods or drink donations or for further information call 303.377.3050. WeCAN will be manning a drink booth again this year. To volunteer to staff or to donate ice tea or lemonade mix contact Barbara Baker, thanksb@comcast.net or 303.257.9808.

The Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design (RMCAD) and the West Colfax Business Improvement District (BID) are sponsoring a temporary art installation, "Sustainability Oasis," during July in the parking lot at West Colfax and Vrain. Exhibitions will be shown on Fridays July 13, July 20 and July 27. The kickoff will be held 4:00 - 6:00 pm on July 13, 2012 in conjunction with an honoring of some of the champions of current West Colfax projects. Live music will be presented at the opening.

A reminder that **fireworks are prohibited and illegal** in the City and County of Denver. Substantial fines and/or incarceration may result for possession or use of fireworks. In light of the dry conditions in the state common sense tells us that fireworks should not be used.

The **Fairview Youth Farmer's Market** will kickoff July 8, 2012, noon - 2:00pm, 12th & Decatur. This highly successful program employs students from Fairview Elementary School under the auspices of Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) and teaches them to plant, maintain and harvest fresh produce and ultimately sell it to the public. For reasonably priced, quality produce stop by and make a purchase. Enjoy a student guided tour of the gardens while you are there.

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
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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 **10 de julio** (son cada 2ndo martes del mes). Generalmente aqui hay algunos asistentes biligues quien podran ayudar traduciendo los temas. Vengan! Nos encantara verlos!

WeCAN welcomes new Board Member At Large, **Jean McKay**. Jean has been serving on the Land Use Committee and will continue to do so. We thank her for her service.

***WeCAN* continues its membership drive.** Current membership as of June 26 is 347. The goal is to achieve 500 members by the end of 2012. Membership is free and adds to the influence the association can wield concerning issues that affect the neighborhood.

***WeCAN* t-shirts** are available at general membership meetings for a donation of \$10.00. Proceeds go to support the organization.

WeCAN Calendar: July 2012

July 8, 15, 22, 29 - Fairview Youth Farmer's Market

July 10 - *WeCAN* General Membership Meeting & Healthy Potluck Dinner

July 11 - Land Use Committee meeting, 1400 Osceola, 6:00pm

July 13, 20, 27 - "Sustainability Oasis" Art exhibit, West Colfax & Vrain

July 14 - Neighborhood Festival, 11am - 4pm, 17th & Perry

July 18 - *WeCAN* Board of Directors meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman, downstairs

August 6-10 - Large Item Pickup (LIP)

CONFLUENCE MINISTRIES PRESENTS
Neighborhood FESTIVAL
NEW LOCATION
REDEVELOPMENT SITE OF OLD
ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL
(17th and Perry St.)
JULY 14, 2012
11am-4pm

ENJOY FREE...
POPCORN AND SNOW CONES
MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
GAMES FOR KIDS, FACE PAINTING
CONTESTS & PRIZES
BIKE REPAIRS
BIKE GIVEAWAY
MEDICAL SCREENING
HAIRCUTS
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