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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, Sep 11, 2012

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

- 6:00pm Healthy Harvest Potluck
- Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Presentation by the Board: "WeCAN: Where we've been"

The **September WeCAN** General Membership Meeting will start with the **Healthy Harvest Potluck** featuring food from our gardens.

And more in the spirit of healthy eating: **West Colfax Pop-Up Picnic:** Join your friends and neighbors for a healthy pot-luck picnic on Sunday Sept.16th from 11:30am-1:30pm. The picnic will be held at the Nettie Moore Park (between Tennyson and Utica in the Lakewood Gulch). Our picnic is part of a larger community-wide event sponsored by GrowLocal Colorado, Slow Food Denver and Healthy Realities, three local healthy-eating organizations, where picnics will be "popping-up" in parks around the Denver metro area. While you're at the picnic you can get a sneak peak at the West Colfax Community Garden which will be under construction nearby. WeCAN will provide water and ice-tea, but

please bring your own dinnerware and something to sit on.

The West Denver Branch Library official ground-breaking ceremony was held the morning of Friday, August 24, 2012 at the site on



the southeast corner of Colfax and Irving. Mayor Michael Hancock (above) and City Librarian Shirley Amore were among the speakers. WeCAN once again applauds the progress of the library construction and looks forward to this time next year and the grand opening of the library.

The next grand opening for WeCAN is the **West Colfax Cop Shop** located in the West End Flats building. An open house will be held September 18, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Entry to the Cop Shop is from Colfax Avenue. Anyone interested in volunteering to staff the Cop Shop should contact Carolyn Billecci, carolynbillecci@wecanddenver.org.

The **Tour de FasTracks - West Rail Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 starting at 9 a.m. at Oak Station located at 13th Avenue and Oak Street in Lakewood. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to take a leisurely ride on the newly constructed bike paths along the West Rail Line. The designated route will kick-off at Oak Station and end at Decatur-Federal Station where there will be a barbecue. WeCAN will be having a booth at the Perry St. Station to promote our neighborhood and our organization. If you can't make the ride, we'd love for you to be a part of the bike path celebration and wave on the visitors riding through our neighborhood. Please call Chad at 720-297-4481 if you'd like to help us at the booth.



Volunteers make large contributions to the West Colfax neighborhood. Above Extreme Community Makeover volunteers begin preparation to paint the trim on a house at 14th and Osceola.

An outstanding WeCAN volunteer is William H. "Bill" Baker. Bill's efforts in recycling scrap metal contributes greatly to the fundraising efforts of WeCAN. Bill will pick up any unwanted appliances, metal fencing, bicycle frames or any other metal you would like to have removed. All items are considered tax deductible donations and tax receipts are given. Also, any usable item that can be resold via Craigslist, etc. are welcome and are to be considered tax deductible donations. All proceeds go to WeCAN and are almost solely responsible for the cost of the newsletter publication. WeCAN is a no cost organization and is supported through donations and other fundraising efforts.

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.net

The election season is upon us and we remind you of the Denver City & County regulations for **political signs**: No signs may be placed in the public right-of-way. This includes median strips, highway entrance and exit ramps, traffic signs and posts, as well as utility poles. Political signs shall be limited to: wall signs, window signs & ground signs not more than six feet above grade. Political signs shall be maintained in a clean, order, and sightly

condition; shall not be illuminated, animated, nor shall flash, blink or fluctuate.

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Be aware that **parking restrictions** do apply on Bronco Sundays as well as other Mile High events. Right of Way Enforcement (ROWE): Parking in a restricted zone without a valid permit can result in serious penalties. A \$60 parking ticket and a \$100 tow fee can be expected. Towed vehicles must be claimed from the temporary Wastewater facility within 2 hours of the end of a stadium event or they will be impounded. This results in a second \$100 tow fee and \$12 per day for storage until claimed.

Denver, unlike many municipalities, doesn't automatically impound towed vehicles. Vehicles that are towed are often relocated to a nearby location and parked legally there. There is a \$100 tow fee incurred for moving a vehicle. If your vehicle's been towed, contact the Denver Police Non-Emergency line to locate it: (720) 913-2000 (when you get the recorded message, hit 0 for the operator, they will look up your vehicle's location)

WeCAN Calendar September 2012

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Fairview Youth Farmers Market, 12th & Decatur, 12:00- 2:00pm.

Sept. 3 - Labor Day - Be SAFE.

Sept. 11 - WeCAN general membership meeting

Sept. 12 - WeCAN Land Use Committee, 6:00pm, 1400 Osceola, public welcome.

Sept. 15 - Tour de Fastracks, 9:00am, Oak St. Station, Lakewood

Sept. 16 - Pop-Up Picnic, Nettie Moore Park, 11:30am - 1:30pm.

Sept. 18 - West Colfax Cop Shop Open House, West End Flats

Sept. 19 - WeCAN Board Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman, Confluence basement, public welcome.



**Paul Lopez,
City Councilman**



**Susan Shepherd,
City Councilwoman**



**Michael Hancock,
Mayor**



**Shirley Amore,
City Librarian**



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West Denver Branch Library Groundbreaking

