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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.

and we will deliver it to their site. We thank you in advance for helping out.

West Colfax Association of Neighbors General Membership Meeting

6:00 pm, Tuesday Nov. 11, 2012

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- **6:00 Potluck Dinner**
- **6:20: Call to order and Announcement**
- **Police Officer Report**
- **Presentation by St. Anthony's Sloan's Lake Health Center located in the Raleigh Building**
- **Adjourn**

Make plans to join WeCAN for the November general membership meeting. Once again it is a **potluck** meeting... good food, good neighbors and a good meeting with a presentation by the St. Anthony's Sloan's Lake Health Center.

The **Set Free Church** at 10th and Perry St. **collects food** for the needy in our neighborhood. Every Sunday they give out over 35 boxes of food. The food pantry at the church is getting a bit low this time of year and we'd like to ask for your support in helping Set Free Church continue this important undertaking. If you're able, please bring non-perishable food items to the next WeCAN meeting



New playground equipment (above) has been installed in Nettie Moore Park at Utica St. and the Gulch.

WeCAN is an organization of volunteers and WeCAN is always looking way to involve more volunteers in our efforts to make our neighborhood a stronger and more sustainable community.

Volunteer Corner: Are you looking for ways to make a difference and help out in West Colfax? Here are a few ways you can get involved.

a. **Adopt-a-Stop:** WeCAN adopts the west-bound bus stop at Colfax and Perry. Once a week a volunteer goes out and picks up the trash on the ground and empties the trash can. Its a thankless job, but helps keep our neighborhood a bit cleaner. If you'd be interested in cleaning up the stop once a week or once a month, call or email Chad Reischl at 720-297-4481 or chadreischl@wecanddenver.org

b. **COP Shop** - More volunteer means more hours of operation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the COP Shop then you must go through the vetting process with the Denver Police Department. Please visit the Denver Police Departments volunteer website

<http://www.denvergov.org/PoliceDepartment/ProgramsServices/VolunteerProgram/tabid/441423/Default.aspx>, which can provide additional information, including a link to the application required to become a volunteer. You can also feel free to email wcfb.copshop@gmail.com to have an application forwarded to you as well.

c. Organize a **Neighborhood Watch**. One way to help reduce crime in our neighborhood (and meet all your really amazing neighbors) is start a neighborhood watch on your block. Contact Carolyn Billecci (wcfb.copshop@gmail.com) for more information on how to get this crime prevention tool started on your block.

d. Donate **metal for recycling** or other goods for resale. Our mainstay in this program, Bill Baker, will be out of action for a few weeks and we need someone to step up and fill his shoes for that period. Proceeds from this project are the life support for this newsletter.

e. Join the **WeCAN board of directors**. *WeCAN* currently has openings on our board and are looking for some new members. If you are at all interested in helping set the agenda for our membership meetings, plan neighborhood events, decide what issues get brought to our membership, vote on where and how we spend our funds and have fun getting to know the great folks already on the board, then please consider joining us. We have a monthly meeting on the 3rd Wed. of the month, and expect an hour or two of service to the organization every month. Its a great way to make your voice heard in the neighborhood. If interested contact Ben Stetler or Chad Reischl or attend our November board meeting on Nov 21st and check us out. Elections for the Board are in December.

Holiday Craft Fair help needed: The past two years Barbara Baker has run a Holiday Craft fair at Confluence Ministries. This event has been well attended by community members and has been a wonderful success. This year she cannot run it due to a scheduled surgery. If anyone would be interested in hosting this year's fair, please contact Barbara at 303-257-9808 and she'll help you get this set up.

WeCAN would love to keep this tradition alive in the neighborhood and does not want to lose the momentum from the last two years.

Did you receive bulbs from the **WeCAN Daffodil project**? Remember to plant the bulbs before the ground freezes for the winter. We look forward to seeing all these colorful additions to our neighborhood next spring

WeCAN membership drive. We are only about 50 people short of meeting our 500 member goal by the end of the year. In order to make that final push we are having a contest at our November meeting for the person who brings in the most new member registration cards. There will be gift cards from local businesses for the top 3 people. The person who brings in the most registrations gets first pick of prizes. Contact Suellen Mack, 1368 Utica St., 303-378-6310, Suellen@yourcastle.org to pick up some registration cards and get your neighbors registered.

Visite www.wecandenver.org para mirar el boletín *WeCAN* en español.

WeCAN Calendar - November 2012

Nov. 4 - National Election Day

Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day

Nov. 12 - Veterans' Day Observed

Nov. 13 - *WeCAN* General Membership meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman St.

Nov. 14 - Land Use Committee, 6:00pm, 1400 Osceola St.

Nov. 18 - Broncos vs. Chargers, 2:00pm, parking restrictions apply

Nov. 21 - *WeCAN* Board of Directors meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 1 - CHSAA Championships, Sports Authority Stadium at Mile High, 11:00am, parking restrictions apply.

Dec. 2 - Broncos vs. Buccaneers, 2:00pm, parking restrictions apply.

Don't forget to save **Box Tops for Education** coupons from your food and household products. These convert to funding for local schools. Leah Rounds collects Box Tops at general membership meetings and presents them to neighborhood schools.

