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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.

The WeCAN Board of Directors will not hold a public meeting in December.

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

6:00 pm, Tuesday Dec. 11, 2012

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- 6:00pm Call to Order & Announcements
- WeCAN Board of Directors Election
- Police Officer Report
- Denver Police & Animal Control - information on animal laws, q & a about animal trapping issues
- Presentation by Michael Miera - Denver Division of Business and Housing services on Colfax Mainstreet Coalition's Brownfield Assessment Program
- Bring holiday desserts to share



WeCAN Volunteers at the Alley Cleanup in May

WeCAN end-of-year update: WeCAN has been very active this year and we thought we'd give you an update on what we've accomplished so far. In 2012 we:

- Increased our membership to nearly 500 residents.
- Continued to deliver our monthly newsletter to over 1900 homes in West Colfax
- Rallied support to oppose new large-scale signage on Mile-High Stadium
- Cleaned up several alleys and painted over graffiti at our annual clean up event in May
- Held a community garage sale that raised over \$600. Proceeds went to a local senior citizen homeowner to install a much needed hot water heater
- Participated in the West Colfax Neighborhood Festival, Denver Pop-up Picnic and RTD's Tour-de-FasTracks bicycle event
- Opened the West Colfax COP Shop in close cooperation with the Denver Police Department.
- Worked with EFG Brownfield on the St. Anthony's redevelopment
- Worked with Parks and Recreation and Denver Urban Gardens to bring a community

The **WeCAN Board of Directors is elected** every December to serve through the following year. We still have some open seats on the board and would like to fill them with some new enthusiastic WeCAN members. Board members commit 2-3 hrs a month to help the organization, program meetings, plan events and make decisions that affect the organization and the residents of our neighborhood. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at Confluence Ministries. If you have any ambition to serve on the board, please let Co-President Chad Reischl know. You may reach him at chadreischl@wecandenvr.org or at 720-297-4481. We would love to have you on our board as its a great and fun way to serve the neighborhood.

garden to the neighborhood; this garden will open next spring

- Collected food for a local food bank and school supplies for neighborhood schools at our monthly meetings
- Recycled over \$2200 of scrap metal to support the organization.
- Represented the neighborhood at City Council, INC, Federal Blvd. Partnership, Federal/Decatur Station Area Plan and West Colfax BID meetings.

As you can see it was a busy year for *WeCAN*.

We look forward to another successful year in 2013 which will include:

- the opening of the West Corridor Light Rail line,
- demolition start of redevelopment on the St Anthony's site
- the completion of the new West Denver Branch Library
- more meetings, fun activities, and community building in West Colfax. We hope you'll join us in the coming year.



News From RTD: The testing of the light rail trains and systems will most likely start the week of January 1 or 7th and continue

until opening day.

Help with feral or stray cats is available! Have you seen a stray or feral cat or kitten and wondered how you could help? Do you currently feed cats at your house or in an alley way? There are resources available to help you control the cat population and prevent future suffering. We help with trapping, transport, spay/neuter and finding foster homes for adoptable cats or kittens. We only ask for a donation to go towards the cost of the surgeries.

Please e-mail: feralkittyhelp@gmail.com with your name, contact number, as well as a short description of your particular cat situation.

Mark your calendars, Sunday afternoon, January 27, **WeCAN/Digs Trees**, will have volunteers going door-to-door to sign up residents for free street trees, distribute more flower bulbs and get folks involved in neighborhood projects.

Starting January 17, 2013, 2:00-3:00 pm, Councilwoman **Susan Shepherd** will hold office hours at the Cop Shop at West End Flats, West Colfax and Xavier St.

COP Shop Corner: Applications to become a Denver Police Department volunteer are available at the COP Shop.

Get your **picture taken with Santa** at the COP Shop on Saturday, December 8 from 12:00pm - 4:00pm, West End Flats, Xenobia & Colfax. COP Shop entrance is on Colfax.

WeCAN needs an additional newsletter carrier. The *WeCAN* newsletter serves as our primary contact point to residents of our neighborhood and cannot go out without the help of numerous volunteers. If you have an hour or two you can set aside at the beginning of each month to help us get the word out about our organization and the happenings within our neighborhood, please consider helping us with this distribution. It's an easy way to help the organization and get a little exercise while you're at it. You might even consider partnering with a friend or neighbor to do it twice as fast and have some pleasant conversation while working. Please contact **Bill Baker** at **303-946-8230** if you're at all interested in this important volunteer opportunity.

WeCAN Calendar - December 2012

Dec. 1 - CHSAA Football Championships, Sports Authority Field, parking restrictions apply.

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

Dec. 6-8 - Denver Public Library Winter Used Book Sale

Dec. 10 - 14 - Large Item Pickup

Dec. 11 - *WeCAN* General Membership Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

Dec. 12 - Land Use Committee, 6:00pm, 1400 Osceola

Register to become a WeCAN member online:
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