



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.

often heard comment at the Perry Street Station was that the West Colfax portion of the West Rail through the Lakewood Dry Gulch was the prettiest portion of the line. The Perry Street Station party was very successful and the West Colfax Business Improvement District League of Justice Food Trucks event at Colfax & Raleigh appeared to have gone beyond all expectations.

West Colfax Association of Neighbors General Membership Meeting

6:00 pm, Tuesday May 14, 2013

1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries Main Room

Agenda

- 6:00 Potluck
- 6:20 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Barbara Baker to speak about the upcoming WeCAN garage sale and how to participate.
- RTD Spokesperson to answer any questions/concerns regarding the light rail and talk about a possible neighborhood eco-pass.
- Adjourn

May is a **potluck meeting** month for the WeCAN general membership. Join us for dinner and updates on the garage sale and from RTD.

April 26th and 27th were big days in the West Colfax neighborhood with the opening of the **West Rail**, a long anticipated event. Free rides moved thousands through the West Colfax neighborhood and many stopped to spend a part of their day. An



A short walk west on the trail from Perry Street Station is the Nettie Moore Park. **The West Colfax Mommies** will host its annual **Nettie Moore Park Clean-up** on Saturday, May 18, 2013, 9:00am-12:00pm, 12th Ave. & Utica St. Come for the clean-up, stay for the picnic following.



Adjacent to the Nettie Moore Park is the new **West Colfax Community Urban Gardens**. Plots have been assigned and ground was being broke Saturday, April 27. There may still be a few plots available.

Another major step in the redevelopment of the **St. Anthony's Hospital Campus** was accomplished Monday, April 21, 2013 with the initiation of demolition of the structure. The demolition will be accomplished in phases and was begun with the blond brick portion that faces Conejos Place at Quitman St. An end to the demolition phases is expected by the end of 2013.



The response to utilizing funds from the **Annual WeCAN Garage Sale**, June 1, 2013 at the VFW parking lot, W. Colfax and Utica St, to assist someone in need with home repairs has been positive. In an effort to make this an ongoing project, the WeCAN Board of Directors has created the **WeCAN Cares Fund**. At any time during the year individuals, organizations and businesses may make donations to this fund. WeCAN is a 501-3C non-profit and all donations are tax deductible, just as for a

receipt. All proceeds from the 2013 Garage Sale are earmarked for this fund.

A project has been identified and the Board is in the process of finalizing a budget for this project. One resident has already offered a generous donation, but even with that amount the garage sale and additional donations will need to total at least \$1,000. This is a significant amount for our neighborhood, but West Colfax can do it.

Please contact Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808, thanksb@comcast.net, to schedule a time for someone to pick up garage sale donations, to reserve tables for the garage sale or to make donations to the WeCAN Cares Fund.

The Kaiser Permanente Colfax Marathon is coming through the neighborhood on Sunday, May 19, 2013! The runners love the crowd support and cheering of all the city neighborhoods the 26.2 mile marathon course takes them on. So grab a coffee, pull up a lawn chair, and find a noisemaker to cheer those runners on!

For more fun, make the jog on over to the south side of Sloan's Lake - near Perry - for live entertainment and dragon boats, generously brought to you by EFG-South Sloan's Lake, developer of the former St. Anthony Central Hospital site. 122 Charity Partners have runners out there running for a good cause - look for the bibs on their backs!

WeCAN will once again sponsor a water station on West Colfax. Volunteer to staff the water station!

Denver Water Declares Stage 2 Drought and Mandatory Watering Restrictions: Effective April 1, Denver Water customers may water no more than two days a week per this mandatory schedule: Single-family residential properties with addresses ending in even numbers: Sunday, Thursday. Single-family residential properties with addresses ending in odd numbers: Saturday, Wednesday. All others (multifamily, HOAs, commercial, industrial, government): Tuesday, Friday.

In addition, customers must follow these watering rules; do not water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., do not waste water by allowing it to pool in gutters, streets and alleys, do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt, repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days, and do not water while it is raining or during high winds.

Annuals and vegetables can be watered any day using hand-held devices. Spray irrigation is only allowed on assigned watering days. Trees and shrubs may be watered only on assigned watering days. Further information is available at www.denverwater.org.

The Denver Public Library will be holding two community meetings -- one in English and one in Spanish -- to accept suggestions from the public for the name of the new branch library in West Denver. The new branch library located on the corner of W. Colfax and Irving streets is funded by the 2007 voter-approved Better Denver Bond, and is scheduled to open spring 2014. The Library will consider all ideas for the new branch name including names of individuals, groups, geographic location or other entities that meet certain criteria outlined below. To learn more about the new branch library, visit <http://denverlibrary.org/bond>. Meeting #1 – **English**, May 7, 2013, 6-7:30 p.m., Cheltenham Elementary - Cafeteria, 1580 Julian St., Denver, CO 80204. Meeting #2 – **in Spanish**, May 8, 2013, 6-7:30 p.m., Cheltenham Elementary – Cafeteria, 1580 Julian St., Denver, CO 80204

The annual **Sloans Lake Plant Exchange** will be held Sunday, May 18 2013, 9:00am-noon, 1445 Meade Street. Bring plants, saplings, cuttings, bulbs, annuals, perennials, house plants, whatever you have to trade for whatever you need! This is a free event, light breakfast snacks provided.

WeCAN Calendar - May 2013

May 4 - Cultivating Community, 9:30am - 12:00pm, North High School

May 14 - WeCAN General Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

May 18 - Extreme Community Makeover working in neighborhood.

May 18 - West Colfax Mommies annual Nettie Moore Park clean-up, 9:00am-12:00pm.

May 18, 31, June 8 - Denver Outlaws at Sports Authority Field

May 19 - West Colfax Marathon

May 22 - WeCAN Board Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

June 1 - 2013 Annual WeCAN Garage Sale, VFW parking lot, W. Colfax & Utica St.

June 8 - Denver Triathlon, 6:00am - pm

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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