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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.

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

**6:00 pm, Tuesday A, 2013**

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries Main Room**

#### **Agenda**

- 6:00 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Presentation from Lynn Crist on a proposed senior apartment project overlooking the Lakewood gulch at Sheridan Blvd.
- Presentation by the new principal of Cheltenham Elementary and a representative from Colfax Elementary.
- Adjourn

The August meeting the West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) will be the collection point for **school supplies** for neighborhood schools. Please bring your donations to the meeting. Don't forget your Box Tops for Educations coupons. Leah Rounds collects the coupons at any WeCAN meeting and presents them to the schools.

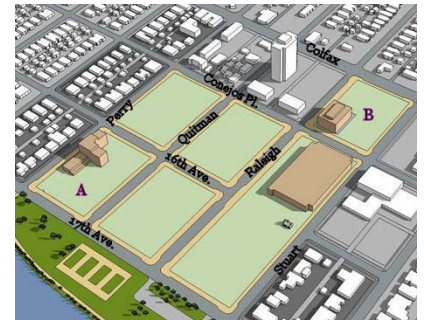
**Neighborhood schools** will hold registration on August 7, 2013, 8:00am - 5:00pm and August 8, 2013, 8:00am - 3:00pm. School starts August 26, 2013.

Among the many projects in the neighborhood, construction has begun on the **Avondale Apartments at Mile High Vista** (14th & Irving), a workforce housing project that will feature an on-site day care. The adjacent site where the new **Rudolfo**

**"Corky" Gonzales Library** is to be located is also seeing renewed activity with the completion date now anticipated as September 2014.

DURA (Denver Urban Renewal Authority) presented the proposal for the **St. Anthony's urban renewal project** at a July 16th meeting held at Confluence Ministries. The initial proposal calls for two areas within the site to be eligible (see map). The area (A) containing the Kuhlman building and the area (B) that faces on Colfax are considered to be the most likely candidates for TIF (Tax Increment Financing) at the present time. Other areas within the area bordered by Colfax, 17th Ave., Perry St. and Stuart St. will be eligible for consideration at the time when projects are presented. It was emphasized the "Eminent Domain" will not be authorized and was specifically written into the authorization for this proposal that it would not be used.

The proposal will be brought to the City Council and presented at the **August 5, 2013** council meeting, 5:30pm at the City Council Chambers, City & County Building, 1437 Bannock St.



**The water's supply situation** has greatly improved since Stage 2 drought restrictions were put in place April 1, thanks to an unexpectedly wet spring and citizens' reduced water use. As a result, the Denver Board of Water Commissioners adopted a resolution declaring a Stage 1 drought — which removes the two-day-per-week assigned watering schedule — effective immediately. Customers may water no more than three days per week and must follow Denver Water's annual watering rules:

- Water no more than three days per week (there are no assigned days).

- Do not water lawns 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. · Do not water while it is raining or during high winds.

**Public Comment: Amendment 64 Committee**

At its meeting on Monday, July 29, 2013, the Special Issues: Amendment 64 Committee will hold a public comment session concerning a proposed sales tax on adult use marijuana. Those wishing to speak may sign up between 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 in Room 391. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the City & County Building located at 1437 Bannock Street, Denver).



The always highly anticipated and well attended Confluence Ministries **Neighborhood Festival** will be held Saturday, August 3, 2013, 11:00am - 4:00pm, at the Paco Sanchez Park, W. Howard Place & Irving St. Kudos to Jude and Cindy del Hierro for their ongoing outreach programs in the West Colfax neighborhood.

This year will mark the inauguration of Denver Days, a nine day event, initiated by Mayor Michael Hancock. The goal is to encourage neighborhoods to hold events (like the Neighborhood Festival), perform service project and reach out to their neighboring communities to build stronger neighborhood networks. West Colfax welcomes the rest of Denver to this activity.

**Canning classes** are being taught in the Confluence Ministries kitchen during August, September and October. The July 27 class has been canceled. Further information, and registration, is available on the Confluence website: [www.confluenceministries.org](http://www.confluenceministries.org) or by contacting instructor, Barbara Baker, 303.257.9808 or [thanksb@comcast.net](mailto:thanksb@comcast.net). Donations of canning equipment and non-perishable supplies are being accepted. Perishable supply donations should be coordinated with Ms. Baker.

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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- Bikes and cars—same rights, same laws.** Obey stop signs, traffic signs and traffic lights. Set an example for everyone and wait for the green light!
- Take your place in traffic.** Ride your bike on the street. Sidewalks are reserved for pedestrians.
- Always ride with traffic.** Ride on the right (or left on one-ways) where drivers expect to see you.
- Be alert and be visible.** Steer clear of riding with earphones and use bike lights at night.

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**WeCAN August 2013 Calendar**

**Jul. 27 - 28** Dragon Boat Races, Sloan's Lake

**Aug. 3** Neighborhood Festival, 11am-4pm, Paco Sanchez Park

**Aug. 9-11** Denver County Fair

**Aug. 13** WeCAN General Membership meeting, 6:00pm, 14th & Quitman

**Aug. 15** Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, 2:00-3:00pm, COP Shop, Zenobia & Colfax

**Aug. 22** WeCAN Board meeting, 6:00pm, 14th & Quitman