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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 September 10, 2013**

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries  
Main Room**

#### **Agenda**

- 6:00 Healthy Potluck Dinner
- 6:20 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Presentation by Lisa Knoblauch on planning efforts around the Sheridan Light Rail Station – especially food access
- Presentation by Denver 311
- Adjourn

WeCAN will host another of the popular **Potluck general membership** meetings on September 10, 2013. An interesting agenda is planned and a bonus feature will be a drawing to award a basket of neighborhood-grown fresh produce, donated by WeCAN members, to one of the attendees.

Thanks for all who donated **school supplies** for our local public schools, WeCAN collected several bags and boxes of supplies which were divided and distributed to Cheltenham and Colfax Elementary Schools. We also collected \$50 to purchase some additional supplies from two generous donors at the meeting.

If you weren't able to make our last meeting, WeCAN will once again collect materials at our September meeting as the need for supplies for kids at our

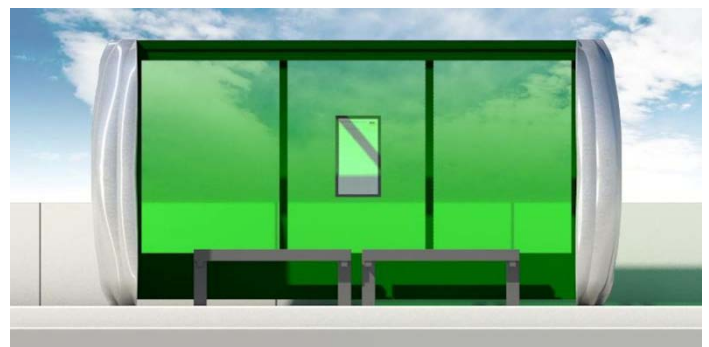
schools who need them most. Please bring a donation if you're able to do so.



Construction of the new **Del Norte Neighborhood Development** workforce housing project (above) is well underway. Also, the work on the new Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales library has resumed.

WeCAN is committed to **raising \$1500** for the **Corky Gonzales Library endowment fund**. This fund will go to support ongoing programming and materials purchases at the library. At the \$1500 level, WeCAN will get a large paver block placed on the site with our organization's name on it. WeCAN is hosting a private fundraiser in late September, but is also asking any members of the organization who'd like to donate to this worthy cause to either bring some extra cash to our next meeting, or send donations to President Emeritus, Barbara Baker at 1408 Osceola St., Denver CO 80204. All money we raise through this effort will go directly to the library to ensure that it is highly successful in the long run.

From the West Colfax BID August 29, 2013 newsletter:



"Our mobility project crossed an important milestone with the selection of designs for **six art**

**bus shelters** along West Colfax by Denver artist **Emmett Culligan**. For Prismatic, Culligan has drawn on both West Colfax's transportation history and its diversity. In the inflated stainless steel corner columns, he seeks to call to mind the "essence of car culture", while each of six shelters features a different colored glass, evoking the ethnic and cultural diversity of the area. Culligan designed the shelter retrofits with functionality for riders as prime consideration, as reflected in the fully enclosed glass structures, capped by a translucent roof to allow for night-time ambient light. The simplicity of the design and the ability to create a strong sense of continuity through the district were also important considerations in the selection. "

As summer wanes this year, the **Federal Boulevard BID** is sponsoring the first annual **Fun on Federal** event, Sep 19, 2013, to showcase many of our restaurants in and around the district. Fun activities for the whole family are also planned along W. 25th Avenue. Please stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

**Keeping Cool on a Dime: Denver's Autumn Air Pays Off** By Rebecca Sanchez, loan specialist, DURA

**Open Widows.** This may seem obvious, but there is more to it than you think. Now that the temperatures outside are pleasant, start by placing box fans in open windows on the north side of the house to pull cooler air in. Do the same on the opposite side of the house to push hot air out. Don't own box fans? That's ok too. Simply opening multiple windows will boost airflow and ventilation, and that cross-breeze is essential to bringing the crisp mountain air inside.

**Shut Out and Shade.** Close the windows and blinds if the temperatures outside start to become uncomfortable, which will help keep the climate indoors just right. Drawing the shades over the south and west sides of your home will block the hot afternoon sun from coming through and heating things up as well. Finally, if you have a green thumb, planting trees and shrubs will lessen the heat coming from direct sunlight with the added bonus of beautifying your yard.

**Keep it Tight and Light.** Check the insulation in your attic; a poorly insulated attic can lose as much as 40% of the cool air inside a house. Additionally, make sure your roof has proper ventilation and choose lighter-colored shingles when re-roofing to reduce heat build-up. Finally, reduce air leaks and prevent unwanted air infiltration in other parts of the

house with the help of caulk around window and door frames.

**Minimize "Hot" Appliances.** Start by keeping the lights off as much as possible and limiting the use of incandescent and halogen bulbs. About 90% of the energy used is converted into heat and only 10% actually supplies light. Instead, consider CFLs that use one-third the energy and last 10 times longer. Additionally, try to only use heat-producing appliances in the early mornings and late evenings. If you are a low or moderate-income homeowner, contact DURA for more information about funding for home repairs through our Emergency Home Repair (EHR) and Single Family Rehabilitation (SFR) programs at (303) 534-3872 or [renewenver.org](http://renewenver.org).

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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#### **WeCAN September Calendar**

**Sep 10** - WeCAN general membership meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman St.

**Sep 18** - WeCAN board meeting, 6:00 pm, 1400 Quitman St.

**Sep 18** - RTD schedule change public meetings, 12:00 noon & 6:00pm, 1600 Blake, Rooms T & D

**Sep 19** - Fun on Federal

**Sep 19** - Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, 2:00 - 3:00pm, COP Shop, Zenobia & Colfax.

**Sep 19** - RTD schedule change public meeting, 12:00 noon, Civic Center Plaza, 1560 Broadway, Room 1940

**Sep 21** - RTD schedule change public meeting, 9:00am Chaffee Park Recreation Center, 4580 Tejon



Bring your Box Tops for Education to WeCAN meetings. Leah Rounds will distribute to local schools.