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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 October 8, 2013

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- **6:00 Call to order and Announcements**
- **Police Officer Report**
- **Update from Del Norte on the Avondale Apartments (going up at 14th and Irving)**
- **Councilwoman at Robin Kneich – to talk about affordable housing in Denver**
- **Vote on change to the bylaws**
- **Adjourn**

The October WeCAN General Membership Meeting will include a vote to amend the bylaw:

Amendment to the bylaws: Currently WeCAN bylaws state that "co-presidents may only serve for two terms." Due to our current situation of both co-presidents being term-limited, the board has voted to change the bylaws to allow more flexibility in this time of transition. The new language will read as follows "In order to encourage fresh, new and innovative leadership within the organization, WeCAN co-presidents shall serve as a team for no more than two years. A single co-president may stay on for an additional (third) year,

however, in order to train an incoming co-president." This will allow one of our current co-presidents to stay on for another year in order to train an incoming co-president.

WeCAN continues its effort **to raise \$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.

"Next steps for West Colfax" Community Planning students from UC-Denver are working on a project identifying "next steps" for the West Colfax Neighborhood in response to the St Anthony's Redevelopment. **On Oct 22nd at 6:00 pm** they will be coming to **Confluence Ministries** to present some of their thoughts and ideas and get your feedback. Come help them practice running a public meeting and give them your thoughts, ideas and aspirations for the neighborhood. The class is planning to present their final project at our December membership meeting. Not only will this project help the students learn valuable career skills, but it will also be a great way for WeCAN to get some fresh ideas on how to better our neighborhood.

Volunteer This Fall: You know that fall is in the air when kids are in school again and

pumpkin spice lattes are back! This is also the perfect time to share a few hours a month to make a big difference in someone's life. Consider being a language mentor, assist an English teacher, tutor an elementary student, or assist in a MOPS group. Schedules are flexible and rewards are high. To sign up for more information call or visit us at atconfluenceministries.org

To explore other opportunities to volunteer as a mentor contact West Colfax Elementary or Cheltenham Elementary schools.

2014 Budget Hearings and City Council Approval Process

Over the course of the next month Mayor Hancock and City Council will be making important decisions about how your money will be spent in 2014. We know that budgets are not everyone's favorite reading material so we are going to be focusing in on the issues that you care about and helping you voice your support or opposition. We want it to be easy for you to follow along, so you can follow District 1 staff as they live-Tweet and Facebook using the hashtag **#yourcitybudget**. Coverage will begin on **September 24, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.** and will continue throughout the day on **September 25th, October 1st, and October 2nd**. Please tune in to [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) and/or send your budget questions to susan.shepherd@denvergov.org

This year we will be paying close attention to the following topics:

Green Transportation: How much is being spent on infrastructure, maintenance, and staffing to provide you better bicycling, walking and public transportation options.

Caring for Our Neighbors: What kinds of services will the City provide for the elderly and low income families in your neighborhood? Will there be improvements made to Police and Fire coverage? What steps will be taken to insure citywide affordable housing options?

Opportunities and Education: What will be Denver's plan for driving job growth and attracting investment in the Mile High City? What sort of

amenities and opportunities will be in your neighborhood - arts and culture, social services, education, parks, and green spaces?

Denver's 311 program continues to grow and improve:



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ONLINE www.denvergov.org/311	ASSISTANCE FOR HEARING IMPAIRED TTY: 720.913.8479
EMAIL 311@denvergov.org	WALK IN 311 Contact Center Wellington E. Webb Municipal Building 201 W Colfax Ave First Floor
PHONE Dial 3-1-1 or 720.913.1311	Hours of operation: 7am-8pm Monday through Friday 8am-5pm Saturday and Sunday Bilingual services available

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WeCAN October Calendar

- Sep 29** - Broncos vs Eagles, 2:25pm, parking restrictions in effect
- Oct 8** - WeCAN General Membership Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman
- Oct 16** - WeCAN Board Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman
- Oct 17** - Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, COP Shop, Zenobia & Colfax
- Oct 22** - Next Steps for West Colfax, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman
- Oct 17** - Broncos vs Redskins, 2:25 pm, parking restrictions in effect

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