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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.

spring. If participating, remember to make sure leaves do not contain branches or other materials. Dropping off leaves at any other time is considered public dumping and is illegal.

On September 26, 2013 WeCAN held a private fundraiser for the future **Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales Library endowment fund**. At that event WeCAN raised \$1350 and received a \$1000 matching donation from the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation for a total of \$2350. Spurred on by this success, the board and membership of WeCAN decided to charge ahead and attempt to raise an additional \$2650. This additional amount would allow WeCAN to have a reading room named for the organization. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help us reach this goal.



The Loran Strings play at the library endowment fundraiser. (Photo courtesy of Denver Herald Dispatch)

**West Colfax Association of Neighbors  
General Membership Meeting**  
**6:00 pm, Tuesday November 12, 2013**  
**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries  
Main Room**

**Agenda**

- **6:00 Healthy Potluck Dinner**
- **6:20 Call to order and Announcements**
- **Police Officer Report**
- **Appeal from Amy and Shane Re: zoning variance**
- **Presentation by Nathan Stern Re: his proposed coffee shop**
- **Presentation by Cameron Bertram Re: St Anthony's redevelopment**
- **Adjourn**

Join WeCAN for a **Potluck** meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at **Confluence Ministries**, 1400 Quitman. Confluence does amazing outreach programs in the neighborhood, i. e., GED and ESL programs, a mentoring program - Whiz Kids and other high value programs. In addition Confluence Ministries has provided a free meeting place for WeCAN since its formation. WeCAN would like to return the favor and will be taking up a collection at the November meeting to aid Confluence with its operating expenses (i.e, gas, water, electric, etc.). Please, donate what you can and help our neighbor and neighborhood.

The **General Development Plan** for the former St Anthony's site will go up for final planning review in **late November**. This is the final hurdle before construction of any new buildings and streets can occur. EFG (the developer) is hoping to get approval from the city, finish demolition by the end of the year and get started laying out the streets early next spring. EFG will be at the December WeCAN meeting to answer any questions you might have about the development. For now, however, an overview of the St. Anthony's Development can be found at [www.sloansdenver.com](http://www.sloansdenver.com). WeCAN is planning to put out an e-mail survey regarding your support or non-support of the development early in November so that we can present that information to the planning board, so keep your eyes

Denver will hold its annual **leaf drop at Sloan's Lake Park November 10, 17 & 24**, 2013 from 11 AM to 3 PM. These leaves are composted by the city (keeping them out of the landfill) and the compost is sold to residents in the

peeled for that message in your inbox. If you're not on our mailing list, please sign up at [www.wecandenvr.org](http://www.wecandenvr.org).

Volunteerism is the life blood of a successful neighborhood. The following items offer opportunities for you to volunteer:

**Cheltenham Elementary School**, 16th Ave. and Julian St., has a wonderful program to include residents in a **reading program** at the school. You can volunteer to read in the classroom with children 15-30 minutes at a time. What a great way to have close up contact with children with not much of a time commitment. Call 720-424-8812 for more info. FYI: Cheltenham will have a Giving Tree in their lobby soon. Ornaments provide specific information about gift ideas for individual children in need (i.e. This child needs a new pair of jeans. This child wants a board game for Christmas). This is a way you can help a child in our neighborhood have a happier holiday.

Cheltenham Elementary students will be doing a "Penny Harvest" commencing Halloween and continuing for three weeks. The pennies will be used in the classroom for math problems and then donated to the new Corky Gonzales library.

**Extreme Community Makeover** (ECM) will have a group of around 50 volunteers who will be working in our neighborhood on Sunday, November 24 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Angela Bomgaars from ECM would like to put these volunteers to work **raking leaves for seniors** who are having trouble maintaining their yards. If you know someone who needs help, give Bomgaars the name, address, and telephone number of the person and she'll make the list of houses on a first come-first serve basis. Bomgaars can be reached at [angela@extremecommunitymakeover.org](mailto:angela@extremecommunitymakeover.org) or via phone at 720-235-8847.

Denver Police District One will have a limited number of free anti-theft devices, "Clubs", for mid-90s Honda, Jeep and other vehicles starting October 28, 2013. They will be available on a first come, first serve basis. You pick one up at District One headquarters, 1311 W. 46th Street by presenting a valid vehicle registration with a District One address. The "Clubs" have been provided by The Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority and the Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force. For questions or direction call 720.913.0400.

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.

Contact Bill Baker: 303.946.8230 or [bigbuddy2@comcast.net](mailto:bigbuddy2@comcast.net)

## Place Your Ad Here

With circulation of 2000 residences and businesses in the West Colfax neighborhood, purchasing a small ad to promote your business is a wise move and supports the neighborhood association.

**Business card ad** - 3.5" x 2.5" - \$30/month

**Double ad** - 3.5" x 5.5" - \$50/month

Both size ads include newsletter, [wecandenvr.org](http://wecandenvr.org) website front page for 1 mo. & supporter page for 11 months. There are no contracts. You can run an ad for just one month, but three to four months would be more effective. Please share this information with small business owners who would like to get the word out about their businesses and services. For more information call Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808 or email [thanksb@comcast.net](mailto:thanksb@comcast.net)

### WeCAN November Calendar

**Nov. 3** - Daylight Savings Time End, fall back 1 hour

**Nov. 5** - Election Day

**Nov. 10** - Broncos vs. Chargers, parking restrictions enforced

**Nov. 11** - Veterans Day - Thanks to all who served

**Nov. 12** - *WeCan* General Membership meeting, 1400 Quitman, 6:00pm

**Nov. 17** - Broncos vs. Chiefs, parking restrictions enforced

**Nov. 20** - *WeCAN* Board meeting, 1400 Quitman, 6:00pm

**Nov. 21** - Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, COP Shop, Zenobia & Colfax, 2:00-3:00pm



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