



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 December 10, 2013
1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- **6:00 Call to order and Announcements**
- **Police Officer Report**
- **Board Elections**
- **Presentation by UC-Denver urban planning Students on their latest project: "Next Steps for West Colfax"**
- **Adjourn**

WeCAN will be holding a **raffle drawing** at the December 10, 2013 meeting for a brand new **iPod Shuffle** (\$50 value) with all proceeds going to the West Colfax library endowment fund. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5 so bring along some cash and you could go home with a great little stocking stuffer in time for the holidays.

Cheltenham Elementary has a tree with gift suggestions for children that may not be getting much of a Christmas. Each ornament has "**a need**" and "**a want**" on it. Teachers and the school social worker have identified children in need. Stop by the school and pick up an ornament. Make a child smile this Christmas!

Outgoing Co-President **Ben Stetler** (right) speaks at November WeCAN meeting. Stetler has served the past two years and has help guide WeCAN through the initial stages of the redevelopment of the St.

Anthony's campus. WeCAN will hold **election of the 2014 officers and board** at the **December 10, 2013** meeting. The following is the proposed ballot. Please note that WeCAN **does not have a candidate** for the position of the second co-president. This is your chance to step up and make a difference in the neighborhood. Volunteer today!



Officers

President Emeritus: Barbara Baker
 Co-President: Chad Reischl
 Co-President:
 Vice President: Alan Burch
 Treasurer: Cindy Gallard
 Secretary: Leah Rounds

Members at large

Bill Baker
 Amy Burgan
 Shane Burgan
 Natalie James
 Suellen Mack
 Art Marek
 Ben Stetler
 Brittney Vernon

Mayor Michael Hancock will be in attendance at the January WeCAN general membership meeting. Details to be announced.

WeCAN 2013 Year in Review

The West Colfax neighborhood has seen a year busy with changes from the opening of the light rail "W Line" in April to the nearly completed demolition of the old St. Anthony's campus in December. Long awaited events such as the W Line came to fruition and other such as the new named Rudolfo "Rudy" Gonzales Public Library resumed construction.



April was the busiest month with the initiation of the demolition of the St. Anthony's campus. Following closely was the opening the W Line and the West Colfax Community Garden.



May brought a name to the new library, Rudolfo "Rudy" Gonzales Public Library and the summer brought a resumption of the construction that had been halted to correct and prevent foundation problems that became evident when construction was initially begun. This November picture leaves no doubt what is being built.



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The spring also brought the beginning of construction of the Avondale Apartments by Del Norte Neighborhood Development Construction



Corporation on the site immediately south of the new library. The Platinum LEED certified building will house eighty new 1-2-3 bedroom units as well as a 4 star, 5000 square foot childcare facility on the first floor and new offices for Del Norte on an upper floor. Construction is expected to be complete August 4, 2014.



June ushered in a new WeCAN Cares project with the installation of new windows for a senior citizen in need. Volunteers gathered to replace the windows and Extreme Community Makeover followed up with trim

painting.

August played host to the annual Neighborhood Festival organized by neighborhood stalwart, Confluence Ministries. This festival, always looked forward to by the neighborhood, was held in August this year to coincide with the newly celebrated citywide Denver Days.



Fall brought the General Development Plan for the Sloans Redevelopment Project and is still ongoing. The demolition of St. Anthony's Hospital nears

completion with the expectation of a boutique hotel occupying the remaining Kuhlman Building and the incorporation of the Chapel area into an open space.



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WeCAN December Calendar

- Dec. 3** - St. Anthony's GDP Public Meeting, Cheltenham Elementary School, 6:00-7:30pm, 1580 Julian
- Dec. 8** - Broncos vs. Titans, 21:25pm, parking restriction in effect
- Dec. 10** - WeCAN General Meeting, 6:00m 1400 Quitman
- Dec 12** - Broncos vs. Chargers, 6:25pm, parking restrictions in effect
- Dec. 18** - WeCAN Board of Directors meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman
- Dec 18** - Planning Board hearing of Sloans Redevelopment GDP, 3:00pm, 201 W. Colfax Ave., Rooms 4.F.6/ 4.G.2
- Dec. 19** - Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, 2:00-3:00pm, COP Shop, Zenobia & Colfax
- Dec. 23-28** - Large Item Pickup

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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