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.

Join WeCAN for the March General Membership meeting beginning with a Healthy Potluck supper and followed by a presentation on urban food production and sales. While spring is so far conspicuous by its absence gardening is very much on the minds of WeCAN members. There will be updates on the West Colfax Community Garden and the potential of having a community garden at Cheltenham Elementary.

Donations for the West Colfax Community Garden: The West Colfax Community Garden at 12th and Utica is looking for donations to help them get some needed supplies (edging, gravel for paths, tools, tool shed, etc.) One of our members is working with Home Depot to get some donated materials and/or discounted materials for the garden and the Board has agreed to make a $200 donation from our funds. Now we’d like to ask you to help us raise the bar a little further. If you are able, please bring a couple bucks to the April meeting and place them in our collection jar at the sign-in table. We’ll pass this additional money on to them to make sure we have a wonderful community garden here in the neighborhood.

West Colfax is one of Denver's future "Sustainable Neighborhoods". Last fall WeCAN applied to Denver's brand new Sustainable Neighborhoods Program and was accepted into the program. The Sustainable Neighborhoods program was launched at the February WeCAN meeting with a presentation by the City of Denver Department of Environmental Health. Our neighbor to the west, Lakewood, instituted a successful Sustainable Neighborhoods program last year and WeCAN is fortunate to include its director, Jonathan Wachtel, among our members. Jonathan is also a member of the WeCAN Land Use Committee. Results from the survey taken during the past few weeks will be available at the next WeCAN general meeting. Follow the progress of our Sustainable Neighborhood program on the Denver Environmental Health website, sustainableneighborhoodnetwork.org.

Would you like to help plan a summer movie night in West Colfax? Dan Shah from the West Colfax BID has been working with Tom from Alamo Drafthouse Cinema and EFG about a summer event featuring an outdoor movie at Sloan's Lake on 6/21. They are also discussing beer sales, music and entertainment (esp. for kids) prior to the screening. Dan would like a representative from WeCAN to help with planning the event. He is looking to convene the first meeting in early March. If you’re interested please contact, Chad Reischl at chadreischl@wecandenver.org for more details.

With spring around the corner, we hope, just a reminder that both District 1 COP Shops have graffiti remediation supplies available. These include paint in several shades and graffiti removal scrubs. Graffiti is not a victimless crime. In the West Colfax area, a tagger who
goes by FAZER, has done an estimated $5,000 in property
damage. If you find graffiti please file either a police report
or an online report with denvergov.org. If you see
someone tagging please call 911 – it is a crime in progress.

The District 1 COP Shops are trying to increase the hours
of operations. For this to occur requires more volunteers.
You only need to commit to a minimum of 12 volunteer
hours a year. If you are interested in helping serve our
mission to build safer communities think about
volunteering with DPD and the COP Shops. For addition
information and an application please visit:
denvergov.org/dpdvip. The West Colfax shop is located at
5094 W Colfax and the Federal Blvd shop is located at
2635 Federal Blvd.

Hours of Operation: West Colfax COP Shop: Mondays
and Fridays 10 am to 2 pm and 3rd Thursdays from 1 p.m.
to 3 p.m. along with Councilwoman Susan Shepherd.
Federal Blvd COP Shop: Monday thru Friday 10 am to 2
pm.

Annual WeCAN Garage Sale. Start saving up your
donate-able used goods for WeCAN’s annual garage sale to
be held June 7, 2014. All proceeds from the sale go to
the ”WeCAN Cares Fund,” which works on special projects
in the neighborhood. Part of the profits this year will go to
help fund upgrades to the computer lab at Confluence
Ministries that are necessary for their successful ESL and
GED classes. Donations are tax deductible and receipts
are available upon request. Contact Barbara Baker, 303-
257-9808, thanksb@comcast.net, to make donations.

West Colfax Clean-up day and Picnic Lunch. Join
volunteers, May 17, 2014, from WeCAN, Extreme
Community Makeover, Groundwork Denver and the HD4
Democrats in cleaning alleys, painting graffiti and picking
up trash in the Lakewood Gulch. More details to come.

Totally Tennyson is back in its 4th year as an 80s
themed street crawl on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from
4:00-11:30pm along Tennyson Street between 38th and
44th. Totally Tennyson is both a fun neighborhood event
and area multi-school fundraiser, including WeCAN’s
neighborhood school of Colfax Elementary. Proceeds
from tickets sales bought through Colfax
Elementary go to help fund the school’s
counselors and therapists.

Buy your tickets before April 25th for $25 (day of tickets
will be $30). Online sales are already open
at http://www.totallytennyson.com/, and be sure to
choose West Colfax as your school affiliation. Tickets will
also be available for sale at the WeCAN General
Membership meeting on April 8th.

WeCAN is in need of 1 1/2 newsletter
carriers. WeCAN’s newsletter is our primary
contact with you our residents. We currently need
one new carrier and one of our carriers would like an
assistant to help him with half of his route. If you’re
willing to put in two hours at the beginning of each
month for a full route or an hour each month for a
half route, please call Bill Baker, 303.946.8230,
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