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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.

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](http://sustainableneighborhoodnetwork.org).



**West Colfax Association of Neighbors  
General Membership Meeting**

**6:00 pm, Tuesday March 11, 2014**

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries  
Main Room**

**Agenda**

- **6:00: Healthy Potluck Dinner**
- **6:20: Call to order and Announcements**
- **6:30: Police Officer Report**
- **6:45: Presentation by Dana Miller from Grow Local Colorado on Urban Food Production and Sales**
- **7:00: Update on West Colfax Community Garden**
- **7:10: Information on a potential community garden at Cheltenham Elem.**
- **7:20: Adjourn**

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

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@wecanddenver.org](mailto:chadreischl@wecanddenver.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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

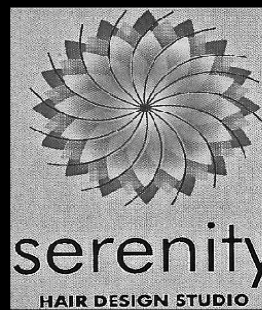
**WeCAN is in need of 1 1/2 newsletter carriers.** WeCAN's newsletter is our primary contact with you our residents. We currently need one new carrier and one of our carriers would like an assistant to help him with half of his route. If you're willing to put in two hours at the beginning of each

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Casual attire - Classes for children  
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**By Appointment Only**

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)

#### **WeCAN March 2014 Calendar**

**Mar 9** - Daylight Savings Time begins

**Mar 11** - WeCAN general membership meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

**Mar 19** - WeCAN Board meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

**Mar 20** - Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, 2:00 - 3:00pm, COP Shop, 5094 W. Colfax.

**The Mile High 5** (5k, 5mile, & 5000ft fun run) is **Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Sloan's Lake**. This race is a fundraiser for several Denver Public Schools in Northwest Denver, including WeCAN's neighborhood school of Colfax Elementary. Race registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors before April 27th, with proceeds going to Colfax Elementary and other Northwest DPS schools. More information on the race and registration can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/MileHigh5>