

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 April 8, 2014

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- **6:00 Call to order and Announcements**
- **6:10 Police Officer Report**
- **6:20 Report on potential changes to 6th Ave. at Lowell/Perry**
- **6:30 Update from EFG re: St Anthony's**
- **7:00 Adjourn**

Join WeCAN for its next general membership meeting. On the agenda is a report from the meeting called by CDOT to discuss a proposed closing of access to/from 6th Street to/from Lowell/Perry. Also not-to-be-missed is the update from EFG on the redevelopment of the St. Anthony's campus.



Dana Miller of Grow Local speaking at the March WeCAN meeting. Miller gave insight into growing local and marketing garden produce and other items under the Colorado Cottage Food Act.

The **West Colfax Community Urban Garden** will hold it "**Garden Kickoff**" Saturday, **9:00 am, April 12, 2014**, 12th & Utica St. Workdays will be the second Saturday of each month, 9:00 am to noon, and a work night each Wednesday evening from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm. Further information available by writing to WCCUGarden@gmail.com. April 5, 2014 at 10:30 am

WCCUG will hold a seed exchange and a garden planning class at the garden. At last report both WCCUG and Cheltenham Community Garden still have plots available. Contact Denver Urban Gardens for plot assignment: dirt@dug.org, 303.292.9911.

The Park People and Denver Digs Trees will be holding its annual **Earth Day Tree Sale** on **Saturday, The Park People and Denver Digs Trees** will be holding its annual **Earth Day Tree Sale** on Saturday, April 19th from 9am-12pm. At the Sloan's Lake Park Boathouse on the north side of the lake off Byron Pl. & Wolff St. They will have a selection of fruit bearing trees (peaches, plums, cherries and apples) and small ornamental trees for your yard. After 10:30 they may have a small selection of larger shade trees left over from their annual shade tree distribution. Trees will cost between \$45 and \$65 per tree. For more information and details go to <http://www.theparkpeople.org/Programs/DenverDigsTrees/YardTreeSale.aspx> or call the park people at 303-722-6262.

Earth Day celebrations will see the introduction of **Earthlinks, Inc.** to the area with a **fundraising concert** to be held in their newly acquired location at 13th and Decatur. The formal move from their current location on Larimer Street to the new site will occur in early summer. Join Earthlinks from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Friday, April 25, 2014 for dinner provided by Chipotle and Cake Crumbs and a concert of Americana family music by **The Okee Dokee Brothers**. Tickets are \$20/Family \$45 - call 303.389.0085 or www.earthlinks-colorado.org.

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.**

The Cities of Denver and Lakewood invite you celebrate the kick-off of their "**20-Minute Neighborhood project**" at the Sheridan St. light-rail station to **April 26,**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will include activities for kids, bike and walking tours, food and beverage trucks and music via KBNO radio station. The "20-Minute Neighborhood Project envisions redevelopment within a 20 minute walk from the station that includes neighborhood-serving retail, access to healthy food, new housing and job opportunities. Representatives from WeCAN have provided input into this project. Please join us in celebrating the kick off of the redevelopment plan.

The **West Colfax/Federal Blvd. COP Shop Residential Resource Center** will be holding its annual business meeting at 7 p.m. on April 24, 2014. The meeting will be held at the West Colfax COP Shop, 5094 W. Colfax Ave (between Yates and Zenobia). Members of the community are invited to attend and contribute their thoughts on what the focus of the organization should be in the coming year.

On May 15, 2014, at 11 a.m., the **Denver Police Department** will be holding their **Police Memorial** in recognition of officers who have fallen in the line of duty. Two names will be added to the list. This event will be hold at DPD Headquarters, 1331 Cherokee. This event is open to the public and is in conjunction with the opening of the Police Museum.

Volunteers are still needed to permit expansion of hours at the shops. DPD's VIPS program is also considering a mobile citizens patrol. Volunteering at the COP Shops would get you familiar with related public safety activities relevant to this new activity. For addition information and an application please visit: denvergov.org/dpdvip

Mark your calendars! **The Mile High 5** (5k, 5mile, & 5000ft 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>

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, tidying bus stops on West Colfax and picking up trash in the Lakewood Gulch. More details to come.

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

deductable and receipts are available upon request. Contact Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808, thanksb@comcast.net, to make donations.



Sunday Services 10:00 am in the auditorium at Cheltenham Elementary School, W. 16th Ave. & Irving St. Casual attire - Classes for children Free Food Distribution after services

WeCAN April Calendar

- Apr 5** - WCCUG seed exchange & garden planning class, 10:00 am, 12th & Utica
- Apr 8** - WeCAN General Meeting, 6:00 pm, 1400 Quitman
- Apr 12** - West Colfax Community Urban Garden Kick-off, 9:00 am, 12th & Utica
- Apr 16** - WeCAN Board meeting, 6:00 pm, 1400 Quitman
- Apr 17** - Councilwoman Shepherd office hours, 2:00 - 3:00pm, COP Shop, 5094 W. Colfax.
- Apr 19** - Earth Day Tree Sale, Sloan's Lake Boat House, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Apr 19** - Cheltenham School Community Garden, 17th & Irving, 11:30 am, Potluck & Very Basic Organic Gardening class
- Apr 25** - Earthlinks, Inc. Concert & Dinner, 13th & Decatur, 5:00 - 8:00, Okee Dokee Brothers.
- Apr 26** - Totally Tennyson, 4:00 pm - 11:30 pm, 38th to 44th along Tennyson St. Raises funds for schools including West Colfax Elementary
- Apr 26** - 20 Minute Neighborhood Project Kick-off, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Sheridan St. Light Rail Station.
- May 3** - Free Tree Mulch, Sloan's Lake, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, 17th & Sheridan
- May 3** - Mile High 5 Race & Fun Run, Sloan's Lake, 7:30 am - 11:00 am.

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

Check out the newly updated WeCAN website: www.wecandenver.org. Thanks to Alan Burch and Maria Todd for their efforts on this project.