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 June 10, 2014
1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room

Agenda

- 6:00 Call to order and Announcements
- 6:10 Police Officer Report
- 6:20 Short Presentation by EFG on a requested zoning amendment for St. A’s
- 6:30 Vote on support of amendment
- 6:35 Announcement of a new “Solar Garden” in Denver and announcement of upcoming solar power and energy efficiency fair in West Colfax
- 6:45 Presentation by Denver Neighborhood Inspection Services.
- 7:00 Adjourn

Join WeCAN for the June General Membership meeting and mark your calendar for July meeting now: July's General Membership Meeting (July 8) will be a barbecue and potluck dinner (WeCAN will supply burgers and brats). There will be no real agenda other than a chance to get to know your fellow members over dinner.

The 4th annual WeCAN Garage Sale is rapidly approaching and many good donations have been received. Donations are still being accepted. This year we will be raising funds to assist with necessary upgrades to the computer lab at Confluence Ministries, 14th Ave. and Quitman Street. Last year 55 residents graduated from the GED program at Confluence. The lab is also utilized for ESL, Whiz Kids, a tutoring program for Colfax Elementary School and adult citizenship classes.

The Annual Garage Sale will take place Saturday, June 7, 8:00 am-3:00 pm in the parking lot on the SE corner of West Colfax and Vrain St. Donations of all kinds of used and near new resalable items and household furnishings are needed. Volunteers to assist with sorting donations now and working the day of the sale much needed. Please contact Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808, thanksb@comcast.net.

June will bring two significant events from EFG and the redevelopment of the old St. Anthony’s campus. A groundbreaking to commemorate the start of new construction will be held Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 11:15am-12:00pm.

The evening of June 21, 2014 will feature a free family film sponsored by Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, West Colfax BID and EnviroFinance Group, LLC. The gates will open at 5:00pm on the south side of Sloan’s Lake Park at 17th Ave. and Utica St. Food trucks will be on site. Beer will be available with proceeds from beer sales to benifit Escule Tlatelolco. Special events will begin at 6:00pm.

The featured film will be "The Sandlot" starting at dusk (approx. 8:30pm) and run for ninety (90) minutes.

Affordable Solar and Energy Efficiency Open House

Are you wondering if you can afford solar energy? Would you like to save by cutting energy costs? There are many ways to save energy, save yourself some money and reduce our neighborhood's contribution to climate change!

Please attend the Affordable Solar and Energy Conservation Open House on Saturday, June 28th from 2-5pm at Confluence Ministries. Brought to you by the West Colfax Sustainable Neighborhood - Shrink Our Footprint Team!

Northwest Denver COP Shops

With the warmer weather more of us are riding our bicycles. Just like during the winter however, when there is a sharp increase in stolen vehicles left running unattended, now is when bicycle thefts increase. So here are some reminders on keeping your bicycle safe:

* Always lock your bicycle wherever you leave it – it only takes seconds to steal an unsecured bike.
* Lock the bicycle in a well-lit public area with lots of people passing. Bicycle racks are available in many commercial areas in Denver.

* Ensure you don’t impede traffic – you’d be surprised how many 16th Street Mall shuttle buses have hit locked bicycles.

* Only use a good quality U-lock. Never use a thin wire type lock or a lock that is very loose when the bicycle is secured.

* Always lock your bicycle to something immovable, an object a bicycle cannot be lifted over and that cannot be broke, cut or removed, i.e. chain link fencing, grilles, gates or trees - check the object is fastened to the ground.

* If you can, use two locks, one to secure the frame and the other to lock wheels to the frame. * Register your bicycle at https://www.denvergov.org/bikeprogram/.

* Take a picture of the bicycle, record the serial number, keep the sales receipt safe, write down your name and contact information on a slip of paper and put it in your seat post.

As many as half of all bicycles are stolen from the owner’s home, so always lock your bike at home even when it is a garage, an apartment or the halls of a residence. Keep it out of the view of observers and keep your garage door closed!

The Northwest Denver COP Shops are still looking for a few good volunteers! If interested leave a voicemail at the office: 720.865.2240.

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

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**WeCAN June Calendar**

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**Jul 8** - WeCAN General Membership Meeting - BBQ & Social, 1400 Quitman, 6:00pm

**Aug 8** - West Colfax Neighborhood Festival, Paco Sanchez Park, 9:00am-4:00pm

**Food Bank Assistance in West Colfax Area**

* Bienvenidos Food Bank, 303-293-8995, has food distribution at W. Colfax and Winona Ct. (VFW parking lot) the third Thursday of every month. May 15th is the next distribution.

* Open Arms Community Church meets at Cheltenham Elementary School every Sunday, 10:00 am, 16th Ave. & Julian