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ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORS

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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.

West Colfax Association of Neighbors General Membership Meeting

6:00 pm, Tuesday August 12, 2014

**1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries
Main Room**

Agenda

- **6:00 Call to order and Announcements**
- **6:10 Police Officer Report**
- **6:20 Meet the new principal of Colfax Elementary**
- **6:30 Update on West Colfax Sustainable Neighborhood Program**
- **6:45 Denver Solid Waste Management on future changes to trash pickup (from Tennyson to Sheridan)**
- **7:00 Adjourn**



Chad Reischl, WeCAN co-president, welcomes members the July general membership meeting and picnic.

Join WeCAN for the August 12, 2014

meeting. The agenda includes meeting the new principal of the Colfax Elementary School, changes in trash pickup from Tennyson St. to Sheridan Blvd. and an update on the Sustainable Neighborhood Program. **School supplies** will be collected for distribution to neighborhood schools.

THE WEST COLFAX CONFLUENCE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

Neighborhood FESTIVAL

PACO SANCHEZ PARK
Main Entrance- W Howard Pl & Irving St
West Entrance- 13th Ave & Knox Ct

AUGUST 9, 2014

11am-4pm

ENJOY

- FOOD, POPCORN & SNOW CONES
- MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
- GAMES & FACE PAINTING FOR KIDS
- CONTESTS & PRIZES
- BIKE REPAIRS & GIVEAWAY
- HAIRCUTS & MANICURES
- MEDICAL SCREENING
- PET WELLNESS CLINIC

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MAYOR MICHAEL B. HANCOCK & DENVER DAYS

info? **303.377.3050**
www.confluenceministries.org

WEST COLFAX WELCOME

COME EXPERIENCE AN INTERACTIVE ART PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to hand out cold drinks, set up and take down the **WeCAN** area for the Neighborhood Festival. Please call Barbara Baker, 303-257-9808, or thanksb@comcast.net to arrange a two hour volunteer time.

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

This program now earns points toward certification in the Sustainable Neighborhood Program.

WeCAN is holding its **annual school supply** drive for the neighborhood schools of Colfax Elementary and Cheltenham Elementary. We will be collecting school supplies at the August 12th and September 9th General WeCAN meetings to help our local school. Any and all school supplies are welcome (especially those listed below), as well as cash donations to purchase supplies.

#2 pencils*Large pink erasers*Tissues and paper towels*Dry erase markers*Hand sanitizer and hand soap*Zip-lock bags and containers*Wide-ruled spiral or composition notebooks*Wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper*Crayons, Markers, and Colored pencils*Glue and Glue sticks*Kid's scissors*Folders*Index cards*Highlighters*3-ring binders

Thank you for your support in making our neighborhood schools great! Any questions can be sent to Leah Rounds at LeahRounds@wecandenver.org

It's back-to-school time! Denver Public School's students return to class on Monday, August 25th. There is still time to enroll at your West Colfax neighborhood schools, please contact the main office of each school to fill out an application, tour the school, meet teachers and administrators, find out about after-school programs, or if you have any questions about finding the right school to fit your child and family.

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The DPS West Colfax neighborhood schools are:
Colfax Elementary, 1526 Tennyson St. (3yr old preschool - 5th grade). Main Office: 720-424-8740
More information at <http://colfax.dpsk12.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/colfaxelementarydenver>

Cheltenham Elementary, 1580 Julian St. (4yr old preschool - 5th grade). Main office: 720-424-8810
More information at <http://cheltenham.dpsk12.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/cheltenhampride>

Lake International School, 1820 Lowell Blvd. (6th - 8th grade). Main Office: 720-242-0260
More information at <http://lake.dpsk12.org/>

North High School, 2960 N. Speer Blvd. (9th - 12th grade). Main office: 720-423-2700
More information at <http://north.dpsk12.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/DenverNorthHS>

Northwest Denver COP Shops This month we would like to talk a little bit about scams. Many times people say "if it sounds too good to be true it probably is". However, the scammers are getting more sophisticated and it sometimes is hard to identify a real offer from a fake opportunity.

Here are some telltale signs it may be a scam: **1.** Is the person using high-pressure sales tactics? Scammers often say things like, "Limited or onetime offer" or "this will be your only opportunity". **2.** Are you being asked to pay fees or use a convoluted payment method like a pre-paid card? Lottery and sweepstakes scams often employ this tactic. If you really won something the fees can be taken out of your winnings. **3.** Are you being told that you won a contest that you didn't enter? You can't win a contest that you didn't enter. **4.** Have you been scammed in the past? Some scam victims have their personal contact information sold to other con artists. You may get unsolicited calls from people promising to get your money back or provide other remedies or offers. These are scams. **5.** Did you receive unsolicited mail, emails, or phone calls for services that you were not seeking? Research the companies that you want to employ. Many scams begin with someone knocking on your door offering services, or sending out promotional materials. This often happens in the case of home repair scams. **6.** Are the police contacting you by phone? Verify that they are who they say they are by calling (720) 923-2000 (Denver Police Non-Emergency Line). Some scams begin with a person pretending to be a police officer who tells you that they are concerned that you have been a victim of a crime. They then proceed to solicit your personal information. The police will contact you in person if they have questions for you or believe that you have been a victim of a crime. **7.** Are they claiming to be from a federal government agency like the IRS either by phone or email? Most federal agencies have a policy of contacting the public only by regular mail and will not solicit information by phone or email.

If you do get scammed contact the Denver District Attorney's Fraud Line (720) 913-9179

WeCAN August Calendar

- Aug 9** - Neighborhood Festival, Paco Sanchez Park, W. Howard Place & Irving St., 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- Aug 12** - WeCAN General Membership Meeting, 1400 Quitman, 6:00pm. School supply drive, bring donations.
- Aug 20** - WeCAN Board Meeting, 1400 Quitman, 6:00pm
- Aug 21** - Councilwoman Susan Shepherd office hour, 2:00-3:00pm. 5049 W. Colfax (COP Shop).
- Aug 25** - Denver Public Schools open the school year.
- Sep 1** - Labor Day
- Sep 2 - 6** - Large Item Pickup - Put out your large items for Denver Solid Waste pickup



Bring your Box Tops for Education to WeCAN meetings. Leah Rounds will distribute to local schools.