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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.

Reimagine Play at Paco Sanchez Park. Recently Denver Parks and Recreation has announced that they are making a huge investment in Paco Sanchez Park. (left:



Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock announces the redevelopment.) DPR would like to hear from the community as to what they'd like to see in the

park. On **Sunday, October 5 from 11:00pm –**

1:00pm DPR is planning a **Community 'Tailgate' Party** at Paco Sanchez Park. This event will not only be an opportunity to bring people out to the park and on-site but staff from Denver Parks, along with the design team, will be present to begin gathering feedback from the community on the type of amenities they would like to see in the park. Residents will be able to vote on priority features (i.e. picnic tables, climbing feature, jogging/walking path, etc.). Individuals of all ages are encouraged to attend and partake of free food and activities. This event will be the first of a series of community meetings to help guide this project.

DPR credited *WeCAN* for its early letter of support as a big factor in keeping DPR focused on Paco Sanchez Park in the early stages of consideration. *WeCAN* applauds this redevelopment as another major star in the redevelopment of West Colfax.

Fundraising for the new **Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales Library** has reached its goal and matching funds have been committed. Many thanks to the volunteers that worked so hard to achieve this goal. A big thank you to all who contributed to this effort. We will all enjoy this new facility more with what these funds will provide.

WeCAN thanks all who donated school supplies for the neighborhood schools. West Colfax received six point in the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program for this effort.

WeCAN is strictly a volunteer organization and needs volunteers in a couple of areas. There a Board **Member-at-large positions** empty and need filling. Member-at-large is an "entry-level" position that will enable volunteers

**West Colfax Association of Neighbors
General Membership Meeting
6:00 pm, Tuesday October 14, 2014
1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries**

Agenda:

- **6:00 Call to order and Announcements**
- **6:10 Police Officer Report**
- **6:20 Introducing "West Colfax Porch Light Safety Campaign"**
- **6:30 Report/update on West Colfax Sustainable Neighborhood Program**
- **6:45 A Representative from the Denver Mayor's Office of Sustainability will talk about Denver's citywide sustainability initiatives.**
- **7:00 Adjourn**

Please join *WeCAN* for the October meeting. As part of the "West Colfax Porch Light Safety Campaign," attendees will have the opportunity to get a free compact fluorescent light bulb for yourself and a neighbor to put out on your porch for nighttime safety.

It has come to our attention that **political campaigning** could result in the loss of non-profit status. Please respect that the **non-profit status** of both **Confluence Ministries** and *WeCAN* prohibits the promotion or distribution of materials promoting any specific political party or candidate.

to get a feel for what *WeCAN* strives to accomplish and to aid that accomplishment.

This **newsletter is distributed by volunteers** and is currently **in need of volunteers** to deliver this once-a-month publication. Smaller routes can be made available with more volunteers. Currently most routes may be accomplished in about an hour. Call Bill Baker at 303-946-8230 to volunteer.

WeCAN Board of Directors will hold its Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Thursday, November 20, 2014, 6:00 pm at 1368 Utica. Board members will provide covered dishes. Anyone who volunteered for any *WeCAN* activity during the past calendar year should make plans to attend.

The **NW Denver COP Shops** is providing the following list of phone numbers and web addresses, for community and emergency services, and believe it is something you should keep handy for future reference.

Denver Police Department, Fire and Emergency Medical – www.denvergov.org

* 911 - Emergencies and reporting of crimes in progress *
720.913.2000 – Non-emergency and general contact number

Denver City Services – www.denvergov.org

* **311** – Information and access to city government organizations, e.g., code violations, online police and accident reports, bicycle registration, waste management, office of the Mayor and city council members and any other City and County of Denver services. Other community services: * **211** – United Way, www.unitedwaydenver.org. Provides information on food, housing, utilities, emergency shelter and a host of other community needs. * **511** – Colorado road conditions, www.cotrip.org * **Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners** (formerly Metro Crisis Services), 844.493.TALK (8255), www.metrocrisiservices.org. Provides confidential support, information, and referrals on mental or emotional problems, getting into trouble with drugs or alcohol, having family or relationship problems, or problems at work or school. * **Veterans Crisis Line**, 800.273.8255 press 1, www.veteranscrisisline.net. Provides confidential help for veterans and their families

Be safe out there! West Colfax and Federal COP Shops – 720.865.2240

What Is The Denver Energy Challenge?

VERIFY - You must live in the City & County of Denver. *If you are unsure, use the Denver Address*

Locator to verify that you are within City/County boundaries.

CALL - Start by calling 720.865.5520 (Monday - Friday, 8am to 6pm) and we'll set you up with your own Energy Advisor.

ENERGY ACTION REPORT - Next, you will discuss with your Advisor what you'd like to accomplish in your home and what your current energy use is. Based on that conversation, we'll design an Energy Action report to get you from start to finish. *Interactive advising is also possible! You can Skype or Facetime with your Energy Advisor.*

OBTAIN & REVIEW BIDS - After you've reviewed your Action report, your Energy Advisor will connect you with qualified contractors and resources to help you upgrade your home. *They can even help you review bids.*

IMPLEMENT UPGRADES - Once you've decided what projects to implement your Energy Advisor will support you in applying for all applicable rebates/credits/loans to ensure the process is easy and affordable. Rather than spend hours or days researching options, contact your advisor and let them handle it for you!

West Colfax Business Improvement District (WCBID) and partners are sponsoring **Arts in Transition Fall Celebration** to celebrate new investments in pedestrian infrastructure and the corridor. **Please save Sunday afternoon October 19th from 2-5pm at the new renovation 3610 W Colfax (at Lowell)** for complementary buff dogs, brew and bubbly, games & prizes!

October WeCAN Calendar

Oct 3 – Senior Resource Day, 9:30am-1:30pm, Police Protective Association, 2105 Decatur St.

Oct 5 – Community Tailgate Party, 11:00am-1:00pm, Paco Sanchez Park

Oct 5 – Broncos vs Cardinals, 2:05pm, parking restrictions in effect.

Oct 14 – *WeCAN* General Membership Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

Oct 19 – Broncos vs 49ers, 6:30pm, parking restrictions in effect

Oct 19 – Art in Transition Fall Celebration, 2:00-5:00pm, 3610 W. Colfax

Oct 22 – *WeCAN* Board, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

Oct 23 – Councilwoman Susan Shepherd, office hours,