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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.

WeCAN needs **volunteers to deliver** the newsletter. Summer brings vacations and fill-in carriers are needed throughout the season. Routes usually will not take more than ninety minutes to complete and most require less time. Contact Bill Baker at bigbuddy@comcast.net or 303.946.8230 to become part of the WeCAN volunteer network.

**West Colfax Association of Neighbors
General Membership Meeting
6:00 pm, Tuesday May 12, 2015
1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries**

Agenda:

- **6:00-6:20pm - Potluck**
- **6:20-6:30pm - Call to Order and Announcements**
- **6:30-6:40pm Police Officers Report**
- **6:40-6:50pm - Tony Frazzini, Director of Motor Vehicles presents "Skip the Trip" to the DMV**
- **6:50-7:00pm - Earthlinks presentation by Carol Maclennan**
- **7:00-7:30pm—Southwest Alternative Care Recreational Cannabis License Discussion**
- **7:30pm - Adjourn**

May is a potluck month for WeCAN. Bring a dish and join us for an interesting meeting. Keep up with WeCAN events, news and projects and like us on Facebook: [WeCANDenver](https://www.facebook.com/WeCANDenver)

Food Co-op Movie Screening. Come watch **Food for Change** to learn more about food co-ops. Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday May 20th at 6pm at Confluence Ministries-1400 Quitman.** Follow on Facebook: [WestColfaxFoodCoop!](https://www.facebook.com/WestColfaxFoodCoop/)

Annual Plant Exchange: Saturday, May 16th, 2015 from 9-12 at 1445 Meade Street. Bring plants from your garden, home, or store to trade with neighbors and friends. Leave what you bring, take what you need. This is a free event. Light breakfast served. Call Heidi Newhart with RSVPs and questions, 303.902.3154.

May 16 bring the first **Clean-Up Day** of the season. Join WeCAN and Extreme Community Makeover from 9:00am - 12:00pm for a neighborhood workday cleaning up allies and painting over graffiti.

The Colfax Marathon events will be May 16 & 17, 2015. If you are participating designate [Team Confluence](#) as your charity and support this neighborhood nonprofit outreach program. As always, Sunday the 17th will bring road closures and disrupted traffic patterns in the morning. Be aware and take care!

The annual **WeCAN Garage Sale** will be on June 6, 2015. Storage space is still needed. If you have space that WeCAN may use until then please contact Leah Rounds, librarianleah@gmail.com. If you have items to donate also contact Leah. Donations have been slow this year but there is plenty of time to donate your unwanted but still usable items.

From Officer Denise Gomez, Community Resource Officer; Denver Police Department:

During the summertime **bike vs. motor vehicle accidents** are always a concern. I get it! It is so fun to go fast and feel the wind in your face! Just remember this:

-Bicycles are considered vehicles under chapter 54 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code and have all the duties that apply to motorized vehicles, including but not limited to obeying traffic signals and stop signs.

-Bicyclists are prohibited from using sidewalks unless the sidewalk is part of a designated bike route, they are within one block of preparing to mount/dismount at parking (6 mph) or are engaged in delivering newspapers.

-At night, bicycles should be equipped with a front white light visible to 500 feet and a rear red reflector visible when illuminated by head lights to 600 feet.

NW Denver COP Shops - A home burglary occurs every 15 seconds in the United States. Sometimes, in Denver, it seems like every 5 seconds. Your goal in securing your home is to make it both unappealing and hard for a potential thief.

1. **Get a Home Security Check:** A good place to start is to contact your Community Resource Officers in District 1 to conduct a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) of your home and property. They can give you tips on ways to protect and secure your property.

2. **Have Visible Window & Door Locks:** Burglars get into your home via the door or window, so providing a first-line deterrent like visible (and sturdy) locks is a step toward security.

3. **Always Lock Your Doors** (including your garage doors): At the last Citizen's Advisory Group (CAG) meeting Commander Pazen commented on the number of open garage doors that his officers had observed during their patrols. You should lock your doors even when you are home. If you want to keep your doors open in warmer weather you should have a good lock on your screen doors and use them.

4. **Install an Alarm:** A home alarm system is one of the top ways to deter burglars from targeting your home. In Denver, you will also need an alarm permit.

5. **Install Security Cameras:** Cameras, even good quality fakes, provide a level of deterrence. If you are away from home for extended periods you should invest in a system that records day and night activity over several days.

6. **Motion Activated Lights:** Illuminate shadowed part of your home and access points with motion-activated floodlights. Use flood lights for the widest viewing areas

7. **Strong Doors:** Almost 70% of burglars enter your home through a door. Install thick, solid wood doors that will be hard to kick in. If there is a window in the door make sure there is a

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.

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Join us for our 3rd Annual

Mother's Day Plant & Garden Sale

Saturday, May 9th, 2015

10 am - 3 pm

2746 W 13th Avenue Denver, CO, 80204



COLFAX
ELEMENTARY

Colfax Carnival

Friday, May 1st

3:30-6:00 p.m.

*Games *Prizes *Obstacle Course

*Bouncy House *Dunk Tank *Food

Wristbands are on sale for \$10 before & after school.

A wristband allows access to **unlimited** games, prizes, obstacle course & bouncy house.

A **drink** and **hotdog** are included!

***100% of profits will help us bring **Reading Partners** to Colfax next year. This will provide students with **one-on-one tutoring** during the day!

May WeCAN Calendar

May 1 – Colfax Elementary Carnival, 3:00-6:00pm, 1526 Tennyson St.

May 9 – Earthlinks Mother's Day Plant & Garden Sale, 10:00am-3:00pm, 2746 W. 13th Avenue

May 12 – WeCAN General Meeting, Potluck, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman St.

May 16 – Annual Plant Exchange, 9:00am-12:00pm, 1445 Meade St.

May 16 – West Colfax Clean-Up Day, 9:00am-12:00pm, meet at 1400 Quitman

May 17 – Colfax Marathon, expect street closures on Colfax Ave. and detours.

May 20 – Food Co-op Movie, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

May 20 – WeCAN Board meeting, 1400 Quitman, in basement.