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WeCAN October Meeting

The WeCAN General Membership Meeting will be held at the **Barnum Park Recreational Center**, **360 Hooker**, **6:00pm**, **October 12**, **2010** and will be a candidate forum. The Concerned Citizens for Barnum (CCB) will host the meeting with four other neighborhood associations invited to attend. CCB has confirmation from the candidates for the state senate and representative races in our neighborhoods and a speaker to explain the various amendments to be voted upon in the general election in November.

It's not too late to **register to vote**. The sample ballot delivered last week by US mail contains a mail-in registration. A mail-in registration form may be downloaded at

www.denvergov.org/elections. Voter registration locations are found at the Denver Elections Division, all Colorado and Denver motor vehicle offices, military recruiting offices and offices providing state-funded services to persons with disabilities. Registration is open until 5:00pm October 4, 2010 for the November general election.

Fairview Youth Farmers Market will hold its annual Harvest Festival, Sunday, October 3 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. *WeCAN* will be sponsoring an informational booth with cold drinks and baked goods and is seeking additional volunteers to help out.

This urban gardening program offers excellent training for students at Fairview Elementary in Sun Valley: teaching the basics of gardening and offering a small salary for the work. The sale of garden produce and craft projects by the students aids in the support of the program. COME, ENJOY, BUY and support this amazing program!

Bronco Home Games in October will be October 17 & 24. Remember that parking restrictions are in effect during home games in the INVESCO Field area.



Hazel Court Pedestrian Bridge

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) celebrated the "Halfway to Opening Day" of the West Corridor light rail with the ceremonial opening of the Hazel Court Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge spans the Lakewood Gulch in Paco Sanchez Park and provides safe pedestrian access across the RTD light rail located in the Gulch. Phil Washington, RTD General Manager cited the West Corridor project at about 53% complete. The current estimate of the completion date is in 2013.



Nettie Moore, a West Colfax area resident since 1927, speaks at the opening of the Hazel Court Pedestrian Bridge. Ms. Moore, a community activist, has been a citizen advisor on the West Corridor light rail project from the beginning.

Carolyn Bellicci is our new **Neighborhood Watch coordinator**. To start, or re-activate, a Neighborhood Watch on your block contact Carolyn at 720-480-4949, or email: c.billecci@gmail.com

Police Non-Emergency Phone: 720-913-2000 This number will put you in contact with police dispatch for police sector 122 which encompasses Sloan's Lake to the Gulch, Sheridan Blvd. to I-25.

From the desk of **Councilwoman Paula E. Sandoval**:

At the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Hearing on August 12 there was overwhelming testimony from District 1neighbors opposing Admission Based Events at Sloan's Lake Park. Therefore, I felt compelled to take a position on the issue.

A couple of weeks ago, I spoke with Parks and Recreation Manager Kevin Patterson and asked that he consider removing Sloan's Lake Park from the list of potential admission based sites. Today, Manager Patterson did confirm that Sloan's Lake Park has in fact been removed as a location for Admission Based Events. Although some of you may not be pleased with this news, I feel the overwhelming majority of District 1 Residents will be happy to learn that this is the case. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

You may contact Councilwoman Sandoval at 303-458-4792 or paula.sandoval@denvergov.org.

Artist Co-op Forming For West Colfax

If you are an artist or someone who makes crafts or someone who rebuilds items and gives them a new life ...or perhaps you sew ...a new group is forming to cooperatively market in the West Colfax neighborhood. The focus will be to bring together artists and craftsmen who work with found/recycled materials and environmentally friendly mediums, but all artists and craftsmen are welcome.

The group's short term goal is to have a show with items for sale during the holidays. Long terms goals would include forming a nonprofit with grants and opening a retail space with studio/workshop space on West Colfax. For more information email Barbara Baker, thanksb@comcast.net or Melissa Schrank, magimoe@yahoo.com

Advance Auto Parts has opened its new store (#8693) at 4545 W. Colfax. Alex Haro, store manager, states the grand opening will be for the entire month of October. Haro and Advance Auto Parts extend an

invitation to come in and get acquainted. Store hours are 8a-9p M-Sat, 9a-8p Sun

Groundwork Denver, in support of 350.org, will bring neighborhood energy action to the West Colfax neighborhood in Denver. On Oct. 12, 2010 teams of two, volunteers will go to every door in the neighborhood changing out front porch light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs, providing information about reducing energy use, and signing up residents for recycling, free weatherization and street trees.

Volunteers should be comfortable knocking on doors and talking to residents, and have a desire to improve our environment and help people connect with resources and services. It's fun!

To register to volunteer please join the Groundwork Denver Meetup Group or call Groundwork Denver at 303-455-5600 or email info@groundworkdenver.org

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- www.wecandenver.org the website
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We welcome questions, suggestions and comments. Join us and become a member in this vital neighborhood association. You may register on the website or at one of our regular meetings.