

### **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 Oct 9, 2012

## 1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries Main Room

#### **Agenda**

- 6:00 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Information regarding November ballot amendments
- "De-Brucing" presented by Susan Shepherd
- DPS Bond Proposal by Michael Kylee and Arturo Jimenez
- Adjourn

Make your plans now to attend the October *WeCAN* meeting to hear presentations for "de-Brucing" and the Denver Public School Bond proposal.

Also the October New Members drawing prize will be a **\$50 gift certificate from Door-to-Door Organics**. All first-time attendees of a *WeCAN* meeting are eligible for the drawing.

The West Colfax Business Improvement District (BID) invites you to keep abreast of their activities on their website (www.westcolfax.org) and Facebook http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-West-Colfax-Business-Improvement-District/133076893410605. The West Colfax BID will sponsor a photo contest aimed at aiding in the re-designing of West Colfax. Sign up for the BID newsletter on the website:

http://westcolfaxbid.org/category/news/.

WeCAN raised funds at a garage sale in June to assist a senior in need. Yuriy Kaykov, CSSI Plumbing, and West Colfax



resident, Nathan Parish, removed an inoperable hot water heater and installed a new hot water heater for a West Colfax senior citizen. The West Colfax Home Depot provided a significant discount on the hot water heater and parts and CSSI Plumbing installed at no cost. The senior citizen who received the hot water heater is very grateful to once again have hot water. *WeCAN*'s Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who donated resale items to the sale and those who volunteered their time to work on the sale. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to

assist with future projects.

The West Colfax COP Shop was officially opened September 18,



2012. In attendance (pictured) Denver City Councilman Paul Lopez, Denver Chief of Police Robert White, City Councilman Susan Shepherd, *WeCAN* Crime Prevention Chair and COP Shop Board President Carolyn Billecci and DPD District 1 Commander Paul Pazen.

The currently limited number of volunteers will limit the hours of operation to the following hour: Mondays 5:30pm-7:30pm (except Oct. 1st & 8th), Wednesdays 11:00am-3:00pm, Fridays 11:00am-3:00pm and every other Saturday starting September 29, 10:00am-2:00pm.

More volunteer means more hours of operation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the COP Shop then you must go through the vetting process with the Denver Police Department. Please visit the Denver Police Departments volunteer website

http://www.policevolunteers.org/programs/index.cfm?fa =dis\_pro\_detail&id=887, which can provide additional information, including a link to the application required to become a volunteer. You can also feel free to email me at wcfb.copshop@gmail.com and I can forward an application to you as well.

The volunteers at the COP Shop will be able to assist with the filing of basic reports such as stolen bicycles and minor traffic accidents. Among other things, the COP Shop will also have graffiti paint available and information for citizens interested in developing neighborhood watch on their street. Please stop by the shop just to speak with the volunteers and learn more about your new COP Shop.

The Federal Boulevard COP Shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00am-2:00pm.

The West Colfax Community Garden is progressing at its Nettie Moore Park location. Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) is searching for a few volunteers to lead the project and serve on the steering committee. If you are interested in being on the steering committee or playing a leadership role in some way for the garden DUG will host a meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 5:00pm at West End Flats Community Room, 1490 Zenobia. Please RSVP to Emily Frost (emily@dug.org or 303.292.9900) by Monday, October 8, 2012 if you plan to attend, also if you are interested but unable to attend. It is hoped that a meeting of all interested gardeners will be held by the end of October.

On Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 6:00-8:00pm, **Denver** Public Schools (DPS) is hosting the Middle & High School Expo at Infinity Park Event Center, 4400 E. Kentucky Ave, Glendale, CO 80246, providing families with the opportunity to visit with principals, teachers and students from traditional, magnet and charter schools. The event will take place from 6 pm to 8 pm at Infinity Park Event Center (4400 E. Kentucky Ave., Glendale, CO 80246). All families with children in grades ECE through 8th are encouraged to attend to explore middle and high school options within DPS. In addition, families will have the opportunity to learn about SchoolChoice, the DPS enrollment process, as well as Transportation, Gifted & Talented and additional student services. Interpreters will be available to provide language assistance. For additional information, please call (720) 423-3414 or visit <a href="http://www.dpsk12.org/expo/">http://www.dpsk12.org/expo/</a>.

**The Daffodil Project** has been initiated with the intent of neighborhood beautification. One thousand daffodil bulbs have been purchased and volunteer help divided them into packets of twenty-four. At the October meeting of *WeCAN* the packets will be given away. The aim is that

each recipient will plant a dozen on their property and give a dozen to a neighbor and help plant them also. Daffodils require little space to plant in fall, make an appearance in early spring bringing bright color to the gray end of winter and require minimal maintenance. Another great thing about daffodils is that all animals shun them, no worries about being eaten or replanted in unwanted places.



WeCAN volunteers staffed the Perry Street Station for the Tour de FasTracks, held September 15, 2012, serving water, lemonade and candies. The Tour was held to celebrate the opening of the bike paths along the RTD West Rail line from Oak Street Station on the west to the Decatur Street Station on the east.

#### WeCAN Calendar October 2012

**Sept 30** - Broncos vs. Raiders - parking restrictions apply

**Oct 3** - St. Anthony's Community Meeting, 5:30-7:30p, Auditorium Room.

Oct 8-12 Large Item Pickup

**Oct 9** - WeCAN General Membership meeting 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman

Oct 10 - Land Use Committee - 6:00pm, 1400 Osceola

**Oct 10** - Community Garden Volunteer Mtg. 5:00p, West End Flats, 1490 Zenobia

**Oct 17** - WeCAN Board meeting 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman.

Oct 28 - Broncos vs Saints - parking restrictions apply.

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