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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 March 12, 2013

1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries Main Room

Agenda

- 6:00 Healthy Potluck Dinner
- 6:20 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- West Denver Branch Library construction and design update
- Presentation by the Library Friends
 Foundation on a campaign to help
 support ongoing programming and
 material acquisition at the library.
- Adjourn

The April WeCAN general membership

meeting opens with a healthy potluck dinner. Plan to join us for a good meal and stay for the meeting. Representatives from the Denver Public Library (DPL) will be on hand to update us on the construction and design of the new branch library at Colfax and Irving. Also there will be a presentation by the Library Friends Foundation to give us an oversight in their support of programming and material acquisition for the DPL system.

WeCAN Garage Sale: The date to the *WeCAN* Garage Sale has been changed to **June 1, 2013**. The sale will be held in the parking lot of the VFW

Metal Recycling: In the two years since we started collecting scrap metal for WeCAN we've raised just over \$5,000! This money has been used primarily to support our monthly newsletter. If you have any old appliances, tools, car parts, tree stakes, chain link, etc. that you'd like to get rid of, consider donating them to WeCAN and keep our newsletter in circulation. Contact **Bill Baker**,

bigbuddy2@comcast.net or 303.946.8230.

Traveling Route 40: A traveling photo show celebrating the character of Colfax avenue is coming to Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St., April 4-9, 2013. There will be an opening reception on Friday April 5th from 5-7pm sponsored by the West Colfax Business Improvement District.

Hours: Thurs April 4: 9am-5pm, Friday April 5: 9am-7pm, Saturday April 6: 1-5pm, & Tuesday April 9th from 9am-8pm (This will coincide with our April *WeCAN* meeting, so you can swing by early for the art and stay for the meeting)



Testing at the Decatur-Federal Station

The "W" Rail: FasTracks reports the rail line to the west has been called West Corridor, West Rail Line, West Line, W Line, and W Rail. Which is the correct name? Technically, all are right. However, as we move into operation, it has been officially deemed the "W" Rail. The line takes on a new identity that you will begin to see more and more

leading up to and through Opening Day, April 26, 2013.

"W" Rail opens for free rides on Saturday, April 27th, and West Colfax is celebrating big! The West Colfax Business Improvement District (WCBID) has recruited the Justice League of Street Food for the kids-friendly event at Colfax and Raleigh. We've also arranged for a temporary B-cycle station and band at the Perry Station. Ride a B-cycle, stretch your legs or catch a shuttle from Perry to join the fun!

WeCAN will be involved in the grand opening at the **Perry Street Station**. Stay tuned for details and plan to lend a hand with staffing for a part of the day.

2013 West Colfax Mobility Project: Please join the WCBID and Hyperform Design Co-op to map neighborhood walking routes and assets for our 2013 mobility project. The project will consist of wayfinding signage, intersection improvements and art bus shelters. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th, 2013, 5:30pm at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St. We look forward to your input on these additions to the neighborhood.

Winter getting you down, dreaming of summer and gardening. You can still be eligible for the **West Colfax Community Urban Garden** drawing for one of the 38 plots in the newest urban garden at Utica and the Gulch. Send an email to

<u>WCCUgarden@gmail.com</u> with your contact information to enter the drawing. You may also call Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) at 303.292.9900 for further information about a plot.

As the **abatement/demolition phase** of the EFG-South Sloan's Lake LLC development of the old **St. Anthony's campus** begins we are advised that the truck routes to be utilized will be 17th to Federal and West Conejos Place to Perry to Colfax.

Current plans for the campus are to open the street grid extending Quitman and Raleigh streets to 17th Avenue and 16th Avenue to Raleigh Street. The chapel is to be preserved and the Kuhlman is expected to be redeveloped but that is not final. The EFG presentation at the February *WeCAN* meeting reiterated much of what had presented previously but with a

heightened sense of expectation as the way forward has become more visible. WeCAN continues to closely monitor this project and will become deeply involved as the project moves into its next stage and vertical developers begin to present their proposals.

Register to become a WeCAN member online: www.wecandenver.org or register at any regular general meeting.

WeCAN Calendar - March 2013

Mar. 6 - Land Use Committee, 6:00, 4400 W. 17th Ave.

Mar. 6 - Recycle pickup

Mar. 10 - Daylight Savings Time begins

Mar. 12 - *WeCAN* General Membership Meeting, 6:00, 1400 Quitman St. Potluck.

Mar. 20 - *WeCAN* Board Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman St.

Mar. 20 - Recycle pickup

Mar. 21 - Councilwoman Shepherd, office hours, 2:00 - 3:00pm, Cop Shop, 1490 Zenobia St. Enter on Colfax.

Apr. 4 - 9 - Traveling Route 40, photo show, 1400 Quitman.

Estimados Vecinos!

Sabias usted que hay una organizacion en nuestra comunidad que se interesa por la calidad de vida de ustedes? Este grupo se llama West Colfax Area Neighbors (*WeCan*). *WeCan* quiere saber que piensa usted que ayudaria a mejorar nuestra comunidad.

Por ejemplo, tendremos una libreria en nuestra comunidad y estamos removiendo grafity sin costo alguno para ustedes.

Desea escuchar mas sobre asuntos de nuestra comunidad o quiere compartir ideas, por favor venga a las juntas este 10 de Abril (son cada 2ndo martes del mes). Generalmente aqui hay algunos asistenstes biligues quien podran ayudar traduciendo los temas. Vengan! Nos encantara verlos!