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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.

to learning and staying active. Make sure your child has this card!

The West Denver Branch library is now officially named the **Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales Library**. The Denver Public Library board announced its decision June 13, 2013 to name the branch library after the activist and poet, Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales (1928-2005).

West Colfax Association of Neighbors General Membership Meeting

6:00 pm, Tuesday July 09, 2013

1400 Quitman, Confluence Ministries Main Room

Agenda

- Potluck Dinner—6:20 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Presentation from Ken Schroepel, AICP; Instructor, Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program College of Architecture and Planning | University of Colorado Denver: address smart growth development in our neighborhood
- Adjourn

The **WeCAN Cares** project for 2013 was a **window installation** for a senior citizen with a limited income and high utility bills. WeCAN Cares funds purchased eighteen new windows from project partner Home Depot at a substantial discount and a large group of volunteers (below) spent Saturday, June 15, 2013

installing. Funding for the project was raised through a generous donation and the annual WeCAN garage sale. A



supplemental garage sale was held Sunday June 23 raising the amount raised from garage sales to about \$1200. Many warm thanks to the volunteers who participated in the planning, sales and installation.

Once again the West Colfax Association of Neighbors will hold a **potluck dinner** to open the **July 9, 2013** general membership meeting. The every-other month event is known to attract large gatherings.

Plan to attend, enjoy the dinner and hear a presentation on Smart Building. Friend WeCAN on Facebook to keep up to date on events

Denver voters' overwhelming support of Measure 2A in 2012, has given **all Denver students ages 5 to 18** a free, year-round access to the city's 26 recreation centers and 29 pools with the MY Denver Card. The **MY Denver Card**, sponsored by United Healthcare, will also serve as your child's Denver Public Library card, giving Denver's children the keys

Confluence Ministries and WeCAN will bring a collaborative effort to the neighborhood starting July 27, 2013 with a series of **canning classes**. Classes will be taught by veteran canner, Barbara Baker, in the Confluence professional kitchen. Learn to process your vegetables and fruit and enjoy the bounty all winter. Enrollment may be made on the Confluence website,

<http://www.confluenceministries.org/what-we-do/community-development/confluencecuisine/> or contact Barbara at 303.257.9808 or thanksb@comcast.net for questions or enrollment forms.

Car2Go Car-sharing is launching in our neighborhood. What does car sharing mean? It means free parking at Denver meters, Vehicle Maintenance, Fuel and Driving Insurance. ALL this is included with this hot new car sharing service that just launched in Denver this June.

Car2go offers a fleet of 300 smart vehicles that move around the city in public parking and can be used on-demand. Locate a vehicle near you with car2go's mobile app, swipe your member card on the windshield and you will instantly gain access to a vehicle for your personal use! For a limited time, car2go is offering a free lifetime membership and 30 minutes of drive time with their service, which can be throughout Denver and in the six other US cities car2go operates in. Register on their website [www. Denver.car2go.com](http://www.Denver.car2go.com) with the promo code ROCKIES to receive this promotion. Share it with your family and friends!

From Angela Bomgaars of ECM: **Denver Days** will be held in Denver for the first time this **August 3-11!** The goal is a new citywide tradition aimed at creating stronger neighborhoods by fostering community service projects and neighborhood gatherings. Extreme Community Makeover has been part of the planning team for the event. A press release is attached, along with a description of Denver Days that you can send out to folks who would be interested in throwing a block party, organizing a service project, or hosting a social activity. You can learn more and register your project at this website - <http://www.denvergov.org/mayor/MayorsOffice/ProgramsInitiatives/DenverDays/tabid/444458/Default.aspx>.

And as all the West Colfax neighborhood knows Confluence Ministries has held it's **Neighborhood Festival** for several years now. This year's festival will be held on **August 3, 2013, 11am-4pm at Paco Sanchez Park** at Howard Place and Irving St. Always a good time, plan to attend this event and welcome the rest of Denver to the neighborhood bonding.

August will bring the return to school for the *WeCAN* neighborhood children. Each year *WeCAN* collects donated **school supplies** and this year's collections will take place at the August and September general membership meeting, **August 13 and September 10**. Any and all school supplies are welcome, especially these listed items:

- #2 pencils
- Large pink erasers
- Tissues
- Dry erase markers
- Hand sanitizer
- Zip-lock bags and containers
- Wide-ruled spiral or composition notebooks
- Wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- Crayons, Markers, and Colored pencils
- Glue and Glue sticks

- Kid's scissors
- Folders
- Index cards
- Backpacks
- Reward stickers
- Craft supplies
- Staples

Thank you for your support in making our neighborhood school great! Any questions can be sent to Leah Rounds at LeahRounds@wecandenver.org

All parents and guardians of school-aged children in the neighborhood are invited to sign up to be a part of the West Colfax Mommies Group, a subgroup of the larger Highlands Mommies. It is a great forum to exchange information, advertise events and coordinate gatherings with other families in the neighborhood. Parents can sign up at <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/himom> and then be sure to join the West Colfax Mommies subgroup. Please contact Leah Rounds (the moderator of the group) at LeahRounds@wecandenver.org if you have any questions.

"Box Tops for Education" Bring your box tops to WeCAN meetings and Leah Rounds will take them to the local schools to support their programs.

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.

Contact Bill Baker: 303.946.8230 or highuddv2@comcast.net

WeCAN Calendar - July 2013

July 1 - Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales Library Fundraising Committee, Girls Inc. 5:30pm

July 9 - WeCAN General Membership 600pm, 1400 Quitman

July 17 - WeCAN Board of Directors, 1400 Quitman, 6:00pm

July 18 - Councilwoman Susan Shepherd office hours, Cop Shop, 1490 Zenobia, 2:00-3:00pm

July 27, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 12 - Canning Classes, 1400 Quitman, 9:30am & 1:00pm

Aug. 3 - Neighborhood Festival, Paco Sanchez Park, 11:00am - 4:00pm