



**“Bringing Neighbors Together to Build Community”**

*The West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) is the Registered Neighborhood Association (RNO) in the city of Denver*

**WeCAN is a citizens group that meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm, in the main hall of the Confluence Ministries building 1400 Quitman. Everyone welcome!**

The next general meeting is **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 6:00-6:45pm, 1400 Quitman**

**Agenda:**

- 6:00-6:10 – Report from DPD District 1 Community Resource Officer Anderson
- 6:10-6:15 – WeCAN Announcements
- 6:15-6:30 – Denver Housing Authority, Senior housing and medical center at Colfax & Perry
- 6:30-6:45 – Natalie Ta, Operations Manager, CO Dragon Boat Festival

\*\*Diapers and wipes will be collected to benefit Bienvenidos Food Bank

**Know about an event happening in the West Colfax Neighborhood? Send it to [Leah@wecandever.org](mailto:Leah@wecandever.org). WeCAN will put it in our newsletter, on our calendar, website, and Facebook page. Help keep your neighbors connected!**

**Letter from the WeCAN Board of Directors**

Please join us for our next WeCAN **General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, May 10th, from 6:00-6:45 pm** at 1400 Quitman. At this month’s meeting there will be a **presentation from the Denver Housing Authority (DHA) on senior housing and medical center that is to be built** at Colfax and Perry. Also at this month’s meeting will be Natalie Ta, Operations Manager for the **Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, which will again occur at Sloan’s Lake Park July 30 & 31, 2016**. She will present information on parking, traffic control, street closures, specific times of festival events, event safety for the public, and answer any questions regarding the upcoming Festival.

**WeCAN is participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NW Denver Diaper Drive to benefit Bienvenidos Food Bank this year.** 1 in 5 kids in the Denver metro area are born into families earning at or below poverty level. Disposable diapers cost add up and Food Stamps and WIC program DO NOT cover the cost of diapers. Cloth diapering is difficult for low income families; many do not have their own laundry units and laundromats do not allow diapers due to sanitary reasons. **Please bring diaper and wipe donations to our General meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> to help support this great cause.** Donations can also be dropped off at the Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales Library (1498 Irving St.) during the month of May.

**How can YOU Volunteer in the West Colfax Neighborhood this month?**

**Come out for our Annual WeCAN Clean-Up Day!**



**WeCAN’s Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 21, 2016**

WeCAN will once again be partnering with Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) and Confluence Ministries to help beautify the West Colfax neighborhood!

- 9:00am-4:00pm. Come for the morning, afternoon, or whole day!
- Lunch included.
- Meet at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman St
- Children of all ages are welcome with an adult willing to work with and supervise them.
- We will be cleaning alleys, removing graffiti, helping neighbors with exterior home projects, and meeting new neighbors.
- RSVP to: 303-550-9853 / [Diana@wecandever.org](mailto:Diana@wecandever.org)



## West Colfax Events

### May

- 6 – Colfax Elementary Carnival fundraiser, 1526 Tennyson St., 3:30pm, \$10
- 7 – Denver Recycles Free Mulch & Compost Sale, 8:00am-2:00pm, Sloan’s Lake Park (17<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan)
- 7 – Miles for Moms 5k walk and race, Sloan’s Lake Park, 8:00am
- 10 - WeCAN General Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (main hall)
- 10 - Appeal of a Cease and Desist Order Hearing by Econo Auto Sales, 4404 W. Colfax Ave. Webb Building, 201 W. Colfax Ave, room 2H14, 11:00am
- 14 – Great Strides 5k race, Sloan’s Lake Park, 8:00am
- 15 – Colfax Marathon, along W. Colfax Ave. and Sloan’s Lake Park, 6:00am
- 16 - Denver Police Department District 1 Commanders Advisory Group meeting, 6pm, 1311 W. 46<sup>th</sup> St.
- 18 - WeCAN Board Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (basement)
- 20 & 21 – Girls Inc. Garage Sale
- 20 & 21 – Earthlinks Plant & Garden Sale
- 21 – **WeCAN Clean-Up Day!**
- 23-27 - Extra Trash (large item and cart overflow) pick-up by Denver Waste Management

### June & July

WeCAN is taking the summer off! There will be no General Membership or Board meetings in June and July.

Visit our Complete Calendar of Neighborhood Events at:

<http://wecanddenver.org/meetings-events/>

Stay connected to WeCAN! Become a member and receive the Newsletter in your inbox every month.

\*Register to become a WeCAN member (FREE to join):

<http://wecanddenver.org/join/>

\*Online at [www.wecanddenver.org](http://www.wecanddenver.org)

\*‘Like’ us on Facebook – WeCAN Denver

\*Contact us at: [info@wecanddenver.org](mailto:info@wecanddenver.org)

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**West Colfax Has a New Denver Police Department Community Resource Officer (CRO)!** WeCAN would like to welcome **Officer Bob Anderson**, now serving District 1 and the West Colfax neighborhood. Officer Anderson is a Denver native invested in the community and desires to work with the community members long term. He has been with the Denver Police Department for 12 years with experience in Patrol and Investigations. Officer Anderson is focused on Community Policing. Contact Officer Anderson with any non-emergency needs or questions at 720-913-0566 or [bob.anderson@denvergov.org](mailto:bob.anderson@denvergov.org).

### A Few Highlights of What is Happening in the West Colfax Neighborhood This Month:



- A reminder that the Colfax Marathon will once again be coming through the neighborhood the morning of Sunday, May 15. West Colfax Avenue will be closed starting around 6:00am to approximately 11:00am. More information about the race and maps at <http://www.runcolfax.org/>.
- Girls Inc. of Metro Denver (1499 Jullian) is a non-profit in the West Colfax neighborhood whose mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. They will be holding a Garage Sale May 20 & 21. If you have donations (clothes, furniture, household goods, toys, etc.) please contact them at 303-893-4363 ext. 114. Come out and shop these days to support this neighborhood non-profit. Learn more about Girls Inc. at <http://www.girlsincdenver.org/>.
- Earthlinks (2746 W 13th Ave) is a non-profit right next door to West Colfax that provides a work program for people who are homeless and low-income to learn skills and create Earth-friendly products that sustain people and the planet. They are holding their annual plant and garden sale on May 20 from 1:00-7:00pm and May 21 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Shop for organically grown flowers, herb, and vegetable seedlings as well as local hand-crafted gifts made by participants of the EarthLinks Workshop Program, including cards, candles, planters, vases, skin care products, honey and more. Learn more about Earthlinks at <http://www.earthlinks-colorado.org/>.

**WeCAN will be taking June and July OFF for summer break. There will be no General Membership or Board meetings in June or July.**

**Please join us Tuesday, August 9, 2016 for our next General Membership meeting.**

**We will once again be collecting donations of school supplies for the West Colfax school’s Colfax and Cheltenham Elementary.**



**WeCAN collects Box Tops for Education for Colfax Elementary to support their Reading Partners program.**

Box Tops are collected at each general membership meeting or contact [Leah@wecanddenver.org](mailto:Leah@wecanddenver.org) if you have a donation.

Clipping and saving Box Tops is an easy way to help support one of West Colfax’s neighborhood schools!



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