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Eiber Looks Back

West Rail Line Opens With Parties

By Ed Calmus

After years of planning and construction, the West Light Rail Line through Eiber opened on Friday, April 26th. The Grand Opening Ceremony in Golden was followed by free rides. The celebration continued Saturday with free rides and Station Parties all along the W Line. Three of the stations border or are within the Eiber Neighborhood.

At Wadsworth, neighbors celebrated Lakewood's past, present and future. Lakewood's history was showcased alongside live music, locally-owned and operated businesses and restaurants, sustainability information and a video booth to share memories of Colfax and Lakewood.

At the Garrison Station, the theme was Eiber - Great Neighbors! Visitors enjoyed a cappella and local school group performances, Native American storytelling, food, free cookies, and a historic Lakewood Police car on display. The Neighborhood Association shared information about what the Eiber neighborhood is doing to build a sustainable community.

The Oak Street Station hosted demonstrations and interactive fun with Lakewood's parks, recreation and art/crafts. Lakewood Community Resources highlighted fun things to do and see in Lakewood.

The trains were crowded with riders, the weather was beautiful, and the neighborhood was showcased by the station party activities.

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Eiber Elementary Literacy Program Grows

By Lois Witte

Many children attending our neighborhood Eiber Elementary school are growing up in poverty, without the financial resources and stability necessary to achieve success in school and life. Eiber neighbors are working together to change this and provide these children and their families hope for a better future.

In partnership with U.S. Department of Agriculture employees, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Eiber Elementary School, neighborhood residents are working with children at Eiber to offer a vision for a better future by mentoring students and providing literacy, math, and homework assistance. This is the third year of this partnership, and this year the program has really expanded. The school hired a part-time volunteer coordinator.

The program was invited to partner with the Edgewater Collective, a nonprofit organization providing hope through grassroots community development to students in low-income community schools, through the sharing of a volunteer literacy training funded by the Jefferson Foundation. It is never too late to join these efforts and build a better future for our neighborhood.

Share our dream of a day when all Eiber Elementary Children excel academically and thrive as inclusive, healthy, and strong future leaders of our community.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Lois Witte at loiswitte@gmail.com

Eiber Leads the City Toward Sustainability

By Carrie Sonneborn

In the past year the Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods Program was launched and Eiber was one of just two neighborhoods to blaze the trail on this new program. In so doing, Eiber became the first 'Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood' to be recognized by the City of Lakewood.

Eiber was recognized during the Aug. 12 Lakewood City Council meeting and will soon be prominently displaying 'Sustainable Neighborhoods' signage. According to the program guidelines, a sustainable neighborhood is one which enhances the livability of its citizens, promotes sustainability, and reduces the neighborhood's ecological footprint. U.S. Rep

Ed Perlmutter and State Rep. Max Tyler have each noted the neighborhood's accomplishment.

The City of Lakewood was honored for its Sustainable Neighborhoods program at the annual conference of the Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association in Vail in October. Community representatives of both Eiber (Carrie Sonneborn) and Belmar (Doug Wells) were invited to present at this conference along with city sustainability staff. The program has attracted a lot of attention from other municipalities, such as the City and County of Denver, which is interested in adopting the model.

A myriad of people and projects contributed to this success including the community garden project, Resilience Circle, the Eiber Elementary literacy project, BikeEiber, WildScapes, Eiber history, and a sustainability discussion group. Now the challenge is to maintain and improve our status as a sustainable neighborhood as Eiber continues to grow and evolve. Existing projects need input and volunteers and new projects need to be launched.

Individuals who have done the most to achieve the certification were recognized by the city, including:

Paul Ditson - Neighborhood Heritage, an analysis of development and subdivision patterns over the past 100 years

Tom Slabe - Native seed collection and distribution

Carrie Sonneborn - Resilience Circle

Bill Spriggs - Bike Eiber, a bicycle and pedestrian advocacy initiative

Lois Witte - a literacy program and community garden at Eiber Elementary

This is an annual certification, and the neighborhood will be working hard on sustainability initiatives in the coming year to maintain our sustainable neighborhood status.

Don't miss the next Resilience Circle which will be a special Thanksgiving potluck held at The 23rd Street Sculpture Gallery, near Sloan's Lake. We are encouraging everyone to bring a dish made with locally grown ingredients – and of course, bring friends, family and your great ideas.

Get all the news: If you would like to be on the Resilience Circle email list, just send an email to Carrie Sonneborn at SustainableEiber@gmail.com

Eiber Community Garden Digs In

By Lois Witte

We are excited to announce the construction of the Eiber Community Garden, located on the grounds of the Eiber Elementary School at 1385 Independence Street. The paths and garden beds are in place, and the garden will be ready for planting next spring. The Garden Steering Committee has been active this year, putting in place the organizational framework necessary to manage the garden.

This garden is one of many Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) community gardens consciously designed to grow community by using gardens as an extraordinary place for learning and healthy living. This garden will provide local Eiber Elementary students with hands on gardening experience and garden education programs, provide free vegetable seeds and seedlings for low-income families and fixed income seniors, and provide individual garden plots to Eiber neighborhood residents.

There are still plots available for gardening next year, provided on a first come first serve basis, so contact garden membership coordinator Jenniferloyd@yahoo.com. Look for the garden to provide free community gardening workshops next summer.

40 West Arts Plans Big Fall Show

By Julie Byerlein

Supported by individuals, businesses, and civic organizations, 40 West Arts' singular goal is to support arts and artists by creating community arts spaces and community arts events in order to bring the joy and energy of creativity to our community.

40 West Arts, designated an official "Emerging Creative District" by the State of Colorado in March of 2012, operates a gallery out of its headquarters at 1560 Teller Street, one-half block north of West Colfax. 40 West Gallery holds approximately four juried exhibitions per year. 40 West Arts is also an active partner with the West Colfax Community Association and the Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District in working to support existing creative enterprises in the corridor and to attract new ones that align with the shared vision of the three organizations: to bring renewed economic energy to the West Colfax Corridor.

For more information, visit 40WestArts.org.

Join us for our 2nd Annual Fall Arts Harvest Exhibition, showcasing art with an eye to the future—from space travel and scientific innovation to evolved environments and fanciful prospects for humankind. This juried show will explore the vast final frontier of space and time. The show will run for four consecutive weeks, Tuesday-Saturday (October 19 - November 10) from 12-4pm. There will be a special post-opening reception on Friday, November 1, from 4-7pm as part of Denver Arts Week. Visit us in December for our next Member Showcase. Please direct questions to info@40westarts.org.

Eiberhood Gets Very Social

By Merry Hansen

Eiberhood's participation in social media has taken off. We use social media to communicate with our neighbors, in Eiber and in other neighborhoods. Our website www.eiberhood.org is a great place to find out when and where our meetings are, how to contact our board members, find out what our last board meeting was all about and learn other interesting things about our neighborhood.

Be sure to "like" our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/eiberhood where we post current goings-on in the neighborhood and within the City of Lakewood.

Another way we communicate with our neighbors is through Nextdoor.com. It's a great way to advertise a yard sale, post a "lost cat" notice, find a babysitter, a carpenter, or any number of reasons to "ask a neighbor". Join in the conversations here: <https://10th-and-garrison.nextdoor.com/login/>

Here is a little more information about Nextdoor

Nextdoor.com provides a variety of benefits to Lakewood residents:

- Find a new home for an outgrown bike or borrow tools to complete a project.
- Organize a garage sale or neighborhood cleanup event.
- See posts on public safety from the Lakewood Police Department.
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name.
- See updates on traffic and construction projects from the City of Lakewood.

Help Lakewood build a stronger community and set an example of how good neighbors can improve and enhance the Lakewood community. Join Nextdoor.com, the modern way to be neighborly.

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