



# Eiberhood News

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## ANNUAL EIBER COMMUNITY MEETING

Plan to attend the April 19 Eiber Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting!

Date and time: 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19  
Place: Clements Center, 16th and Yarrow  
Refreshments: Cookies and beverage

Have a cookie, meet other interesting people in your neighborhood, and hear the latest about what's going on!

Check out the displays and models:  
Light Rail Bridge and Station over Wadsworth Boulevard  
Richey Park Reconstruction Plan for this spring  
Whitlock Center Landscaping Plan

Learn about the new plan for the area around the Garrison Street Light Rail Station and how the latest developments about RTD's West Corridor Light Rail will affect us, including NOISE ABATEMENT WALLS information as available.

Hear about crime in our neighborhood and on Colfax from a Lakewood Police officer, and the latest news from the City of Lakewood, from our Council Representative

Get reports on recent accomplishments by your neighborhood association, and elect the new board of directors.

## Improvements at Lakewood High School

As many neighborhood residents are aware, Lakewood High School has been undergoing a \$30 million reconstruction project since January 2006. LHS Principal Ron Castagna is happy to report that the project is currently under budget and ahead of schedule by one month. I was given a tour of the construction area recently, and as an LHS class of '77 alumnus, I came away extremely impressed by the vision and emerging reality of the new school.

The reconstruction involves the wholesale replacement of the old LHS classroom wings, as well as the addition of a second gymnasium, and incorporation of shops, power plant, and temporary classrooms into the new building's footprint. The old auditorium and gymnasium will serve as cornerstones of the new school. The auditorium has already been improved with new seats, an orchestra pit, and boxes. The old gymnasium will be resurfaced after the new one becomes operational next year, and the existing cafeteria will be converted into an art center. (Cont'd p. 2)

The centerpiece of the new school will be the two-storey atrium at the entrance, which is flanked by a modern cafeteria at ground level on one side, and on the other side a community lecture hall on the ground floor and a new library above. The library will host 25 computer workstations, supplementing the computing resources that will be available in the new wireless computer technology center.

Outside, once demolition is completed, the north parking area will be enlarged, and ball field area added, including a girl's softball field and extended soccer field. A pair of detention ponds has already been installed at the east end of the property, which contain not only storm runoff from the high school property itself, but also the runoff from Kipling that historically has caused problems with drainage in the immediate neighborhood. As evidenced by the recent snow storms, this feature appears to be working quite well – a real enhancement to the neighborhood.

Upon completion of the new building in the summer of 2007, the old classroom wings will be demolished. Castagna says the Lakewood Foundation will hold a “garage sale” of surplus furniture, lockers and lighting equipment in April of 2007. Following initial demolition of the classrooms, building materials may also be available for reclamation. Castagna has already been approached by some LHS alumni interested in obtaining a piece of the old school – such as bricks – for posterity.

The new school is scheduled to open formally for the 2007-08 school year. There will be an open house in the fall of 2007, and Castagna wishes to extend an invitation to the neighborhood and alumni to come and celebrate the opening – stay tuned for the date and time. “We sincerely thank the taxpayers for funding this project, and our neighbors for their patience throughout this process”, says Castagna. “And we especially thank the students, who have been very supportive – even the seniors who won't benefit directly from it – in giving up their recreational space and in dealing with the mess. The result will be a first class school that this neighborhood, and the entire district, can be proud of.”

LHS boasted 29 National Merit Scholar finalists last year. The school's average combined SAT score of over 600 surpasses the national average by over 100 points. In addition to its local student population, LHS hosts over 900 students from outside the local area, and currently has a waiting list of 150 enrollees. With the culmination of this project, LHS will become a real gem in the heart of the Eiber neighborhood, something in which the city can be take great pride. Go Tigers!

## EIBERLIGHTS CONTEST

Due to the volume of snow on the ground over the winter holiday, we were not able to move about the neighborhood and determine winners for Eiberlights. We would like to thank **Café Del Sol** (6<sup>th</sup> and Garrison) and **Lakewood Heritage Culture and the Arts** for donating prizes for the Contest. Barring similar weather, we will be back with the contest next year.



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## LHS '77 Reunion Planned

The Lakewood High School Class of '77 is holding their 30<sup>th</sup> year reunion this summer, July 26-29. This year's reunion activities include: golf tournament on Thursday; social on Friday at the Buffalo Rose in Golden with live music and taco bar; Saturday afternoon tour of the new LHS, and evening semi-casual dinner at Rolling Hills Country Club; Sunday BYO picnic and sports at Morse Park. Tickets to cover the cost of both Friday and Saturday night events are \$100 per graduate plus \$50 per guest, and includes memory book and other select memorabilia. Early bird registration is due by May 15 – online registration and payment is available.

For information, contact the reunion committee at:  
<http://www.lakewoodhighschoolreunion.com>  
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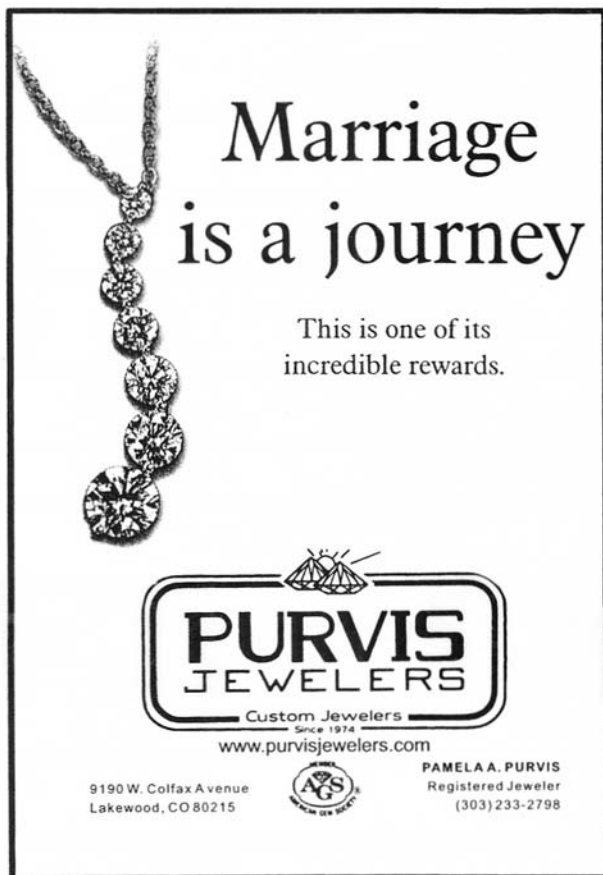
## EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT NOISE REDUCTION WALLS

The Eiber and Two Creeks Neighborhood Associations and the City of Lakewood are planning to sponsor a community informational meeting, where you will be able to find out about what noise reduction walls can and can't do, what design(s) might be available, how high they would be, where they would be located, how they could affect your property, and what choices would be available. There would be an opportunity to discuss the various options with others in this area that would be affected.

We hope that this meeting will take place in the near future, but don't yet have a date for the meeting. So stay tuned! We'll do our best to notify you. To be sure to be notified, please contact Fran Yehle, 303-237-0839, or Holly Boehm, [HolBoe@lakewood.org](mailto:HolBoe@lakewood.org) or 303-987-7507.

### LHS Demo Sale

Lakewood High School will be holding a "cash and carry" sale prior to demolition of the old school. Sunday, May 20 you may buy anything in the old school that you can personally remove and carry. Demolition will commence Tuesday May 22. For details contact LHS principal Ron Castagna.




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## Graffiti Update. . . .

In order to have tagging removed as quickly as possible from public property, homeowners, businesses and renters located in the Eiber area are encouraged to report graffiti on public property or to volunteer for the graffiti crew to: Municipal Court Graffiti Hotline 303-987-8781 or Eiberhood Graffiti committee (Vicki Stack) 303-233-2574.

## Park Improvements Foretell Change for Eiber Neighborhood

Unintentionally, coincidentally, and perhaps unknowingly, the authors of the Eiber Neighborhood Plan created what I call the Goal #3-cubed ( $3^3$ ) rule, which states that (1) there must be a hiking and bicycle trail through Eiber Neighborhood, (2) safety must be increased in neighborhood streets and parks, and (3) there must be investments in neighborhood parks. Each of these three items were taken from three sections in the Eiber Neighborhood Plan; each one is labeled Goal #3 in their respective section, which includes the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor section, Public Safety section, and Community Resources and Activities section. Consequently, we have the Goal #3-cubed rule. The concept that embodies the Goal #3-cubed rule is that when all of the three Goals are achieved, the result is something greater than the sum of its parts - that is, the result is many times better.

For example, if a park is improved yet unsafe, that is not very useful to anyone except for maybe criminals and vandals. On the other hand, when a park is easy to access, when visitors feel safe, and when it provides a variety of interesting textures and recreational options, this winning combination elevates the quality of life for everyone by enhancing property values, offering quality recreation, and beautifying the neighborhood.

The City of Lakewood Officials have proactively pursued these Goals, as is evidenced by the recent land purchase that nearly doubled the size Sunset Park, Eiber Neighborhood's largest, which was reported in the last issue of our newsletter. The present focus is on James J. Richey Park.

Richey Park is a typical neighborhood park with lots of grass and a few trees and amenities, like the horseshoe pits and the play gym. However, we will soon see a major transformation within and around the park. The City of Lakewood has a set of detailed plans for the park, which include the selection and placement of numerous kinds of plants, a rerouting of Dry Gulch Creek, which flows through (Cont'd p.4)

**Ward 1****Get-Together Mornings –Councilor Cheryl Wise**

Mondays, except holidays, Café del Sol, 608  
Garrison, 7:30 am

**Get-Together Meetings – Councilor Vicki Stack**

3rd Sat. of April & May, Lakewood Library, 20th &  
Miller 10:30-11:30 am.

**Ward 2****Get-Together Mornings –****Councilors Debbie Koop & Bob Murphy**

Mondays, except holidays, 92 Wadsworth Blvd, 7:30  
am

the park and the creation of a stormwater detention pond. Currently, Dry Gulch Creek runs through the park in nearly a straight line from west to east and there is sparse vegetation, except for one clump of willows and turf that grows clear up to the stream bank. In the new design, Dry Gulch Creek, which actually flows constantly throughout the year, is depicted as a stream that gracefully meanders through the Park. Near the eastern park boundary, the creek abruptly bends to the south and flows through a new culvert near the intersection of Carr Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Along the western park boundary, near the existing horse property, is the future pond site. The main purpose of the pond is to manage stormwater and sediment that originates from the upper reaches of Dry Gulch Creek. But a pond may provide habitat for birds and other critters that like to live near water bodies. Numerous varieties of plants shown in the design drawing are sure to liven up and beautify the park. Most will be planted along the creek channel, the pond, and the eastern and northeastern park boundaries. This will leave a large grassy area in the center and southwest part of the park.

The designers were mindful of maintaining safety in the park. Adequate lighting will be provided and the drainage improvements will minimize flooding. The park will no doubt receive the same high standard of maintenance that it currently receives from the City of Lakewood.

Since the park is adjacent to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the not-so-distant future it will be linked to the hiking and bicycle trail that will extend across the neighborhood with the west corridor FasTracks development. Richey Park is almost directly between two future light rail stations, the one planned for Wadsworth Boulevard and the one planned for Garrison Street. Access to and from either station will thus be very easy after the light rail construction is completed.

The park currently offers a number of surprises. For example, there are very nice horseshoe pits, a jogging trail around the periphery of the park, a very nice play gym, the creek, and a large, grassy field for activities like Frisbee, soccer, or maybe a simple game of catch. In the adjacent property, a glance in the wooded area to the west might fall upon a friendly horse. Near the park is the local Seven Eleven or, further away, Wendy's, where you might wish to purchase a snack to take to the park for a casual picnic. In the future, the park will provide all of these offerings and no doubt much more.

Not only is it very nice to have improvements to our parks, it is also very comforting that our city officials are cognizant of how FasTracks might effect the area, that they are expressing empathy for those who might be impacted by the changes, and are taking action to enhance our neighborhood. Within the last 12 months, Eiber neighborhood has gained over 5 acres of additional parkland adjacent to Sunset Park and now has a very respectable improvement design for Richey Park. Of course, we could always ask and hope for more; but one cannot deny that these are significant and tangible improvements that are happening figuratively right in our own back yard.

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