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Eiber Neighborhood Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 22 at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 10th and Garrison
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm — Open House and Neighborhood Meet and Greet
7:00 pm to 8:15 pm — Update on FasTracks Construction, Eiber Board Update and
LPD Graffiti Task Force Update

Going into our busiest construction summer for FasTracks, you won't want to miss the high-level schedule presentation and communication plan. In addition, Eiber board members will share all the neighborhood accomplishments and the Lakewood Police Department Graffiti Task Force will make a presentation on new tactics and tools plus what you can do to help. Please note - the Annual meeting is held in place of the regular Eiber Board Meeting in April.

This promises to be a fact filled informative night and we hope to see you there.

13th Ave Corridor Traffic Study Promised

In January, Mayor Bob Murphy signed a formal intent for a comprehensive traffic and safety evaluation study of corridors, neighborhoods, and pedestrian/bicycle paths impacted by the RTD West Corridor development in Lakewood.

After the light rail line opens in 2013, the City of Lakewood is expected to conduct a traffic analysis consisting of:

- pedestrian, vehicular, bicycle, and physically-challenged accessibility;
- walkability, diversion, volume, and safety issues;
- emergency response and mass-transit traffic; and
- two-lane and single-lane motor vehicle traffic scenarios for sections of 13th Ave, including accommodations for pedestrian and bicycle movement.

Mayor Murphy states, "The [Two Creeks and Eiber] neighborhoods are pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly and I understand that the residents oppose any change to this desirable community feature. This would be in line with the City's goal of being a more healthy, walkable community." The study will begin approximately six months after the light rail begins operation to allow time for traffic patterns to stabilize and for schools to open.

Time to Renew Memberships

A big thank you to the almost 40 charter members to the Eiber Neighborhood Association. For only \$10 a year, members receive a monthly email update of happenings in the area in addition to the biannual newsletters we all receive. Please consider renewing OR joining Eiber as a funding member — you can join via the web site at www.eiberhood.org or pick up a membership form at the annual meeting. Current members will be reminded of renewal via email. Thanks again for your support of Eiber.

Welcome to the Summer of Action – FasTracks Progresses

We are entering what promises to be the heaviest construction summer for our neighborhood in the overall project schedule. From end to end – the corridor will be buzzing with activity. Eiber is working closely with RTD, DTCG (RTD's contractor in charge of the construction work in our area) and City of Lakewood officials to stay on top of schedules, changes and plans during these very busy few months. We encourage all in Eiber to sign up for the West Corridor Newsletter mailing list at www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_1. Doing so will ensure you receive communication and updates throughout the project. Eiber will work to update its web site and send out occasional updates to our mailing list (please join by sending an email to secretary.eiber@gmail.com), but in order to be fully informed, we encourage you to reach out to RTD.

To help address the unique issues which come with this level of construction in a neighborhood, a new DTCG employee was hired to be the 'eyes and ears' for potential problems and help to avoid them or correct them quickly whenever possible. For example – if a road is closed to through traffic but open to local traffic, this employee will make sure a trash truck servicing the area can actually get through the closure signage. He can also help to ensure that the crews start and end on time (per the stipulations put on them by the City). If you do see an alarming issue or have a concern – please call Kathy Beruman from DTCG at 303 626 6762 or email her at kberumen@dtcgjv.com. This is our main contact to raise issues or ask questions.

The plan is to complete utility work and start the construction of the guideway (the elevated track area where the trains will operate). In addition many of the ballast and sound walls will be going up this summer. Next summer – most of the work will be up on the guideway, thus much less disruptive to the neighborhood. Finally, the summer of 2012 will see final road reconstruction along the 13th Ave. corridor in preparation for final testing of the light rail cars and opening of the line. Circumstances could change the week to week plans in the schedule so please sign up at West Corridor FasTracks to ensure you get the emails and notices that will impact you.

The Eiber board is extending a special outreach to those who live on 13th along the construction area from Oak Street to Wadsworth. Please contact us to be included in special correspondence via our email at secretary.eiber@gmail.com.

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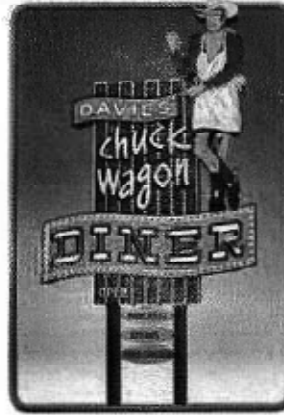
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Eiber Neighborhood Trivia Contest

Look for answers elsewhere in this newsletter!

1. What are the boundaries of Eiber Neighborhood?
a) Colfax, 6th Avenue, Sheridan and Kipling
b) 20th, 6th Avenue, Wadsworth, and Carr
c) Colfax, 6th Avenue, Wadsworth and Oak
d) Colfax, 6th Avenue, Wadsworth and Kipling
2. How many schools are in the neighborhood?
a) Two b) Three c) Four
3. What are their names?



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Eiber Joins Other Neighborhoods to Support Medical Marijuana Ordinance

In February, the City of Lakewood passed one of the most comprehensive and restrictive ordinances around Medical Marijuana caregiver facilities (also known as dispensaries and clinics) in the State of Colorado. Medical Marijuana was approved at a state level and when the federal government cited that it would not actively prosecute those with less than an ounce in their possession, the clinics arrived in droves.

The Lakewood ordinance requires medical marijuana caregiver facilities to obtain a City license, pass security and safety inspections from the Police Department, undergo a background investigation and operate at least three-quarters of a mile apart from each other. The new law also prohibits medical marijuana facilities from opening within 1000 feet of a school. The clinics can only be in commercially zoned areas.

There are several clinics open in and around Eiber (Wards 1 and 2). These will be assessed based on the new licensing requirements and we expect several on Colfax to close down based on the stipulations of the ordinance. Eiber worked with nearby Two Creeks Neighborhood Organization and Morse Park Neighborhood Organization on our joint presentation to the City Council public hearing before it was passed. We expressed general support for the ordinance and its restrictions and are pleased with the hard work that the City put into researching and asserting the safeguards to ensure these businesses contribute positively to the communities they are located in.

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A Brief History Lesson

Eiber Elementary, 1385 Independence Street, opened in 1955 and was named for George Eiber, who was a member of the Daniels school board for many years. Eiber settled in the Daniels area in 1920 after his arrival from Cleveland, buying a five-acre farm at West 17th Avenue and Simms Street.

He worked as a photo engraver at The Denver Post and also delivered milk to customers. The Eibers' son, Gary, opened a poultry farm on this same property in 1943.

George Eiber's interest in school affairs extended to his annual gift of candy to fill cornucopias for every Daniels School child at Christmas.

- Reprinted from The Lakewood Historical Society's Winter 2002 Newsletter

Light Rail Brings Benefits to the Community

Some in the area are not pleased with the prospect of light rail in the neighborhood. But, what about the positive effects?

- During the peak of construction (2011-2014) 10,300 jobs are expected to be created, contributing \$2.4 Billion to consumer spending; \$90 Million in state income taxes and 46 million in state and local sales taxes.
- If you live and work within walking distance (under 1/2 mile) of a light rail station, it has been estimated that you can save \$716 a month, or \$8,591 a year when compared with driving.
- There will be reduced emissions from traffic congestion, better air quality, and less land consumed by development; enabling the conservation of more open space.
- Reduced road and parking facility costs; less expense for public services such as fire and police protection to serve compact development; less time and money wasted by traffic delays. Economic development benefits include increased productivity, higher property values, increased property tax revenues, and greater attractiveness to highly skilled workers and the businesses that hire them.
- Social benefits include improved social cohesion through positive interactions among people in a community; improved fitness and health as a result of increased walking and biking, fewer traffic accidents, more and better transportation options, particularly for non-drivers. Rail also helps create a better labor market for employers and better access to job opportunities for workers. Neighborhoods are often revitalized by rail.

Excerpts from Meeting The Challenge Of Energy Independence, Transit Alliance, Denver Co, 2005.



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Answers to Eiber Trivia

1. c) Colfax, 6th Avenue, Wadsworth and Oak
2. b) Three
3. Lakewood High School, Jefferson County Open School, and Eiber Elementary School

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Eiberhood Board Meetings

7:00 pm 3rd Thurs of month
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Cops, Council and Community

As part of this series - the next quarterly event is scheduled for May 11th from 6 - 8pm at the Clements Community Center off of Colfax and Yarrow Streets in Lakewood. The topic will be focused on education around scams of all types, mail, email, phone, and provide tips on how not to become a victim.

CLIP AND SAVE

2nd Annual Eiber Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday June 5th – rain date June 12th

Sale hours - 8 am to 2 pm

10th and Garrison parking lot (St Paul's Episcopal Church)

Donations needed – Call Beth Wicht at 303 205 0163 to coordinate!

Collection of donations starts now! Have some gently used items you want to share – please call Beth. Your donations help to fund the communication and neighborhood events we all rely on and enjoy. As you start your spring cleaning, think about what you might want to part with and feel good knowing it will go to support your not-for-profit neighborhood association. We are especially seeking small furniture items and collectibles. Sorry – unable to accept large exercise equipment, children's clothing/toys, or upholstered furniture.

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