



Eiberhood News

The newsletter of the Eiber Neighborhood Association. Please visit our website at www.eiberhood.org

Spring 2012

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7pm 3rd Thurs of month
Lakewood United
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Eiber Neighborhood Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars – the Eiber 2012 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10th and Garrison.

6pm to 7pm Meet & Greet/Resource Fair

Some of the organizations invited to participate include:

Lakewood Police Department
Lakewood Animal Control
RTD FasTracks team
Jeffco Action Center
40 West Arts District
Area elected officials

7pm to 8pm Eiber Annual Meeting Agenda

Eiber Annual Report and recruitment/election of new board members
Eiber Community Garden and Sustainable Neighborhood Updates
RTD FasTracks West Line Rail Activities Update
Questions and Close

Eiber Neighborhood awarded large grant for Sunset Park Playground Improvements

Last fall, Eiber applied for a grant under Lakewood's Neighborhood Participation Program (NPP) for the refurbishment of the playground area in Sunset Park located at the western edge of Eiber.

The current play area is covered with pea gravel that is unsafe and unsightly. There are several small pieces of equipment in poor condition. The central structure is in need of repair and paint.

The City recently met to consider proposals from neighborhoods throughout Lakewood and to make funding decisions. **Following a city staff recommendation to fund Sunset Park rehabilitation, the City Council agreed to provide \$50,000 funding toward this effort.** This is the maximum available under the grant rules. A team representing Eiber will coordinate with the City on final implementation specifics based on the funding.

We proposed replacing the pea gravel with a rubberized play surface. This surface could have a colorful design reflecting Sunset Park and providing a safe, vibrant and welcoming centerpiece for the park. Two of the smaller pieces of equipment could be replaced and two others could be removed to provide room for child directed play. The central structure could be repaired and painted to complement the new surface. An additional bench adjacent to the play area could be installed.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting project, please email secretary.eiber@gmail.com

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Eiber Neighborhood accepted into Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhood Program

Last year, the City of Lakewood launched a Sustainable Neighborhood Program and Eiber submitted an application for consideration, which was just accepted. The program encourages active citizen participation in workshops and initiatives with the goal of enhancing community sustainability in Lakewood's neighborhoods. Participation in the program can enhance the environmental and social strength of a neighborhood while demonstrating commitment to sustainability.

The Sustainable Neighborhood Program focuses on five broad goal categories and associated target areas. Participating neighborhoods use these goal areas to guide their selection of workshop topics and neighborhood initiatives.

The goal categories are: energy, air, water, land, and people. Activities and accomplishments earn 'credits' for Eiber which can lead to recognition by City Council, neighborhood signage, and designation as a certified sustainable neighborhood.

The team coordinating Eiber's efforts is just getting going and we would love to hear from you. Please email secretary.eiber@gmail.com if you are interested in participating and/or watch for the notice from the City of Lakewood announcing the first public meeting in our neighborhood to get us started.

Finally, be sure to watch the Eiber website at www.eiberhood.org for ongoing updates and information in the dedicated Sustainable Neighborhood section.

Eiber Springs Forward with Community Garden

Eiber Neighborhood Association, in partnership with Eiber Elementary School and Denver Urban Gardens is creating a community garden in the Eiber Neighborhood. We encourage you to join this effort and meet your neighbors.

Kathy Fiebig, an Eiber resident and Eiber Neighborhood Association board member, and Lois Witte, Eiber resident and volunteer at Eiber Elementary, are coordinating the effort to make a community garden a reality on the grounds of Eiber Elementary at 13th and Independence. This garden is a wonderful opportunity for both the residents of Eiber neighborhood and the many children who attend Eiber Elementary.

With 90% of the students attending Eiber Elementary eligible for federally assisted lunch, this is an outstanding opportunity for these children to enjoy fresh garden produce and sunshine. The garden can also be a valuable tool for hands on science education.

Many of these children live in apartments without access to garden plots or necessary tools and resources. Garden plots are not limited to Eiber Elementary families but will also be available to all Eiber residents interested in having a garden plot and contributing to the neighborhood garden.

Currently the Eiber Neighborhood Association is seeking grants to get the garden beds started. Community support is essential for success.

There are numerous ways to get involved as we prepare for the garden's creation and inaugural year. Some of the things people can do include:

Write a letter of support and send it to Eiber Neighborhood Association PO Box 260937 Lakewood, CO 80226 or email your letter of support to secretary.eiber@gmail.com (sample on our website at ww.eiberhood.org). Please be sure you include your address, email, and phone number on your letter of support.

Volunteer to research and write grants, or to approach Eiber businesses for financial support or in kind donations.

Sign up for a community garden plot. The dimensions are approximately 10 feet by 15 feet. The cost is estimated to be \$35 a season (final costs determined by the grants and final agreements to be put in place with the school and Denver Urban Gardens). Smaller plots/shared plots may also be available as the layout plan is finalized.

Sign up to sponsor a low income family, or to provide a scholarship for an Eiber class. Pledge to pay the plot fee, and provide funds for seeds and plants.

Support the community garden with an in kind donation - we will need tools, landscape materials, use of equipment and art work. Email secretary.eiber@eiber.com to indicate your interest in this area and as a list of needed supplies is developed we will contact you.

Volunteer to physically create the community garden. The initial start up and layout of the garden beds is labor intensive and this is a great way to involve your whole family in helping your neighborhood. Email secretary.eiber@eiber.com to indicate your interest and as we get the schedule in place we will contact you with options.

Volunteer for ongoing maintenance of the Garden: maintenance of paths and common areas, maintaining the water system, and removing trash and debris throughout the growing season.

Donate materials to build a communal tool shed.

Please consider how you might support this transformational effort - the benefits are truly too numerous to list and we are thrilled to be a part of this 'ground breaking' project!

Thank you in advance for your help and support.



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Eiber is proud to offer a full day kindergarten and a Dual Language Program. The 1-Way Dual Language Spanish/English Program is for students with a Spanish speaking background.

In January Eiber hosted two orientation sessions for parents and their children to learn how to be prepared for the first day of school and meet the kindergarten teachers.

If you missed the orientation dates in January please do not hesitate to visit Eiber or call with any questions you have about the school or their Dual Language Program.

Eiber is located at 1385 Independence Street. The phone number to the main office is 303 982 6406.

West Line Update - RTD FasTracks

Construction on the West Rail Line has slowed down for the winter months. Construction of the bike path continues, and the section between Kipling and Independence opened in mid-February, but the remainder of the bike path will not open until everything is complete – later this summer, due to safety issues. DTCG's contract will be completed by the end of the summer and BBRI will continue to work on the electrical and signals through 2012.

Testing of RTD's West Rail Line may begin on a limited basis in March. The testing process will have many phases and continue for many months until the line opens for passengers in May 2013. The initial testing will be a single rail car pulled along the tracks to test all clearances. There are hundreds of elements that require testing prior to opening the rail system including the track, the overhead electrical power system, the signals, the gates at street intersections, and continued clearance testing.

The contracts for the design and construction of the parking garages at Wadsworth and Sheridan were both awarded to Swinerton Builders. Wadsworth design has moved from 30% to 60% complete and construction is scheduled to begin in mid-March. Sheridan is following about three months behind the Wadsworth schedule, but both garages are scheduled to open with the West Rail Line in May 2013.

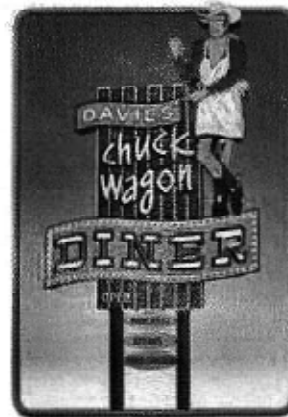
Public information meetings on the bus service changes that will take place when West Rail opens are tentatively scheduled for late March or early April. The current schedule shows taking the proposed changes to the RTD board this summer.

Starting in April, RTD will hold monthly construction tours again. Reservations will be available through the West Rail Line website www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_1

Eiber Elementary School is currently enrolling kindergarten students for the 2012-2013 school year

Requirements for enrollment are:
Students...

- must be five years old by October 1, 2012
- must have a legal birth certificate
- must have an up-to-date immunization record
- must provide 1 document that verifies your address



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Encouraging Slower Traffic Speeds in Eiber

Speeding traffic on our residential streets is a consistent concern for Eiber residents and a topic that has been discussed at the Eiberhood Board meetings on numerous occasions.

With few sidewalks, and several local schools in the area, many concerned residents have shared fears about the potential of speeding cars and pedestrians and/or bikes colliding. The speed on residential streets in Lakewood is only 25 mph but we have all witnessed those who choose to drive much faster than the posted limits.

There are several options to consider when attempting to 'calm' traffic. Streets that appear narrower tend to slow cars down so sometimes installing some landscape along the road can help. Unusual obstacles which shift traffic, like the 'Welcome to Eiber' sign at 10th and Wadsworth, can also contribute to a slowdown. Speed humps are also used in the City of Lakewood to encourage slow speeds.

A process is in place to request a speed hump analysis which involves local residents petitioning the City and committing to pay for half of the install cost. Important considerations, including the use of the street by emergency vehicles and the volume of vehicles on the street, must be weighed and a speed study is done in the area prior to approval.

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Encouraging Slower Traffic Speeds in Eiber, Continued

You can request a speed study for your street by contacting the City and/or request a speed monitoring trailer which helps make drivers aware of the posted speed and the vehicle's actual speed. These items are free of charge to residents and are provided on a first come first served basis.

You may also contact the Lakewood Police Department to request enforcement assistance.

For more information on exploring any of these options, please visit the City of Lakewood website at www.lakewood.org or contact City Planning and Public Works at 303-987-7500 and the Lakewood Police Department at 303-987-7150.

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