



# Eiberhood News

The newsletter of the Eiber Neighborhood Association. Please visit our website at [www.eiberhood.org](http://www.eiberhood.org)

Sustainable Eiber Edition

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7pm 3rd Thurs of month  
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## Eiber Neighborhood Association Holds Annual Meeting

**When: April 18th 6-8pm**

**Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Garrison Street and 10th Avenue**

The Open House/Resource Fair begins at 6pm. It's a great opportunity to get information and have one-on-one conversations. Invited: West Metro Fire, LPD, Animal Control, City planning, Jeffco Action Center, RTD, WCCA, Sustainability Program

The meeting begins at 7 pm. Topics include the Grand Opening of the W Line, the Community Garden ground-breaking, and the neighborhood's continuing sustainability efforts. It's an informative and interesting meeting that you won't want to miss!

## Celebrate the W Line Grand Opening With Free Rides, Parties!

After years of planning, designing, and constructing, the West Rail Line will begin operating in April. You won't want to miss out on the weekend of Grand Opening celebrations!

### **Friday, April 26, 2013**

- Approx. 10:30 a.m. - Grand Opening ceremony at Jefferson County Government Center-Golden Station.
- Approx. noon - Free rides on West Rail Line following the ceremony

### **Saturday, April 27, 2013**

- All day - Free rides on the entire light rail system metrowide!
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Station Parties (3 in the Eiber Neighborhood)

### **Garrison Station**

*Eiber: Great Neighbors!* Colorado Christian University presents acts from it's musical production *The Music Man* at 10:00 am; St Paul's Episcopal Church provides a variety of singing and entertainment at noon; and Creighton Middle School and Lakewood High School provide musical entertainment after 2 pm. There will also be kid's activities, Native American storytelling, community garden and real estate information, and a 1970s vintage police cruiser provided by LPD.

### **Wadsworth Station**

*Celebrating Lakewood's Past, Present and Future: History and Sustainability!* Lakewood's history showcased alongside live music, locally-owned and operated businesses and restaurants, sustainability information and a video booth to share memories of Colfax and Lakewood. Come explore the social media tent!

### **Oak Station**

*Play Lakewood!* Demonstrations and interactive fun with Lakewood's parks, recreation and art/crafts. Lakewood Community Resources highlight fun things to do and see in Lakewood.

See <http://www.lakewood.org/W/> for a complete list of grand opening activities and other station party details.

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## Community Garden Breaks Ground

By Lois Witte

Spring is in the air, and it's time to think about gardening in our new Eiber Elementary Community Garden, 1385 Independence Street! The neighborhood association received a grant of \$29,000 from the City of Lakewood, making construction possible. We anticipate planting in mid-May, so look for our ribbon-cutting announcement and an invitation to the garden grand opening celebration!

A cooperative effort among the City, the Neighborhood Association, Jeffco Public Schools, and Denver Urban Gardens, the garden will enrich the academic programs and lives of Eiber students and their families. For many of these children, it will provide their first exposure to gardening and eating fresh produce picked from the vine. Many of the children attending Eiber have challenging lives, with high mobility rates and 90% participation in federally assisted lunch programs. The garden will provide these children with a healthy connection to the earth and to the food they eat. It will also give them positive childhood memories and help shape them as adults.

Individual garden plots will also be available to Eiber residents and will provide a place to gather, garden, and build community around sustainable and healthy fresh garden produce, flowers, and herbs. Everyone in the community is invited to grow in the garden. If you don't need a garden plot, you can still help and participate in community events. We look forward to having potlucks, celebrations, and educational events in the garden. Our first event will be on April 13th, when individuals from other community gardens will provide instruction on helpful topics, such as companion planting and organic pest control. The time and location of this event will be announced.

We will have a table at the Eiber Neighborhood Association Meeting on Thursday, April 18 and will be available at 6:00 p.m. to sign up volunteers and gardeners and answer questions. Come early and talk to us, sign up for a garden plot, and learn how you can volunteer and become involved with the Eiber Community Garden.

For more information, email [Eibercommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:Eibercommunitygarden@gmail.com), "like us" on our Sustainable Eiber Facebook page, or contact Lois Witte at 303.358.4910.



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## Garrison Station FAQ's

By Paul Ditson

### *Why Is There No Parking At Garrison Station?*

Garrison Station is, by design, a walk up station. Area side streets do not allow parking, and nearby parking lots are private. The intent from the beginning has always been for the station to be primarily for the benefit of the Eiber community, and to encourage using alternative forms of transportation to reach it. It is situated directly on the D-10 Bike Trail, allowing easy access for pedestrians and bicycles. Sidewalks have recently been completed on the east side of Garrison, providing safe, off-street pedestrian access from 6th Avenue to Colfax Avenue.

### *Where Do I Park?*

Park and Rides are provided at both the Wadsworth Boulevard and Oak Street stations. Wadsworth will have 1000 spaces in its parking garage, and Oak St will have 200 surface spaces. Parking at Wadsworth and Oak stations is FREE for all metro area taxpayers.

### *Once The Trains Start Running, Will It Be Noisy?*

Eiberhood is working closely with RTD and the City of Lakewood to address issues arising from early operations, such as the volume of crossing bells, station platform announcements, and other operational details. Please contact Eiberhood at [secretary.eiber@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.eiber@gmail.com) with your feedback once the W Line opens.

### *Will There Be Art Work At The Garrison Station?*

By opening day, the northern wall of the station will be adorned with a large tile mosaic mural by local artists, Mike Squared Mosaics. The theme is "Winds of Change", with tile patterns depicting a wind pattern blowing through time. The mosaic begins with prehistory, through early Native occupation, American westward expansion, local farming for Denver markets, and finally the various stages of the region's development as a suburb of Denver. The mural promises to be enticing and visually interesting, both from a distance and up close. Plan to spend some time studying this great piece of artwork!

## **Bike Eiber Is On A Roll!**

Bike Eiber held its first quarterly meeting on February 27, 2013. Nine folks showed up for an interesting presentation by Matt Harmon of Campus Cycles.

Mr Spriggs, Bike Eiber's leader, also led a presentation about the potential for students to embrace alternative transportation. Between downtown and the Jeffco Government Center, 55,000 students are attending classes along the W line.

Mr. Spriggs will be starting spring bicycle tours soon from the Eiber neighborhood east to Auraria Campus, returning via bus. He is also asking for volunteers to help with the tours.

For further info, or to get involved, contact Mr. Spriggs at [wspriggs2001@yahoo.com](mailto:wspriggs2001@yahoo.com).



## St. Paul's Goes Solar

Five years ago the governing board of St. Paul's Episcopal Church began to ask the question of how we could begin to be better stewards of the Earth. This led to the recycling of glass, plastic, aluminum and paper products. It led to using environmentally friendly cleaning products. It led to replacing old refrigerators and lighting fixtures. And it led to a dream of using the sun's energy to create electricity for the church building.

The Environmental Stewardship Committee began to explore the possibility of placing a photovoltaic solar system on our roof. We met with several solar companies to discuss how our dream could become a reality. We eventually picked a contractor and secured financing and all the necessary approvals.

Construction began in September and the system was officially in operation by November 1st. The system produces 125 kilowatt hours and is producing all of our needs for electricity. On April 21st we are dedicating the photovoltaic solar system with a community celebration. Look for more information coming soon.

## Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

by Carrie Sonneborn

Last year, the Eiberhood Association Board decided to participate in the City of Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhood Program. This involves originating projects in five broad areas - Land, Water, Air, Energy and People - reporting these activities and accumulating enough points in a year to be recognized as either a Participating Sustainable Neighborhood (60 credits) or an Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood (100 credits). Some of the projects that the Eiberhood has undertaken and received credit for include: the establishment of a Resilience Circle, developing a community garden and organizing Literacy Volunteers at Eiber Elementary School, starting a Sustainable Living Discussion Group, Wildscape education, promoting bicycle use through 'Bike Eiber' and setting up a 'Sustainable Eiber' Facebook Page.

To date, the Eiberhood has accumulated 88 points and is on track to become an Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood by Spring 2013. The Eiberhood will be awarded a plaque and we are planning to celebrate, so stay tuned for more information on when and where the big bash will be!! In the meantime, if you have a Facebook page, please go and 'like' us at 'Sustainable Eiber' and keep informed about upcoming events.

For more information and/or to be added to our email list contact: Carrie Sonneborn, [sustainableeiber@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableeiber@gmail.com)

## Do You Have Webpage Skills?

The Neighborhood Association is looking for someone to maintain its web page, [www.eiberhood.org](http://www.eiberhood.org). This person will receive content from Board members and post it to the website. The site is currently managed with Dreamweaver, but could be converted to Wordpress if you prefer. Expect to spend 2-3 hours per month on this volunteer task. If interested, contact Ed Calmus at [president.eiber@gmail.com](mailto:president.eiber@gmail.com).

## Resilience Circle Update

by Carrie Sonneborn

Sustainability implies preserving and keeping things the same but, in reality, change happens. Populations grow, habitats change, resources dry up, people and animals adapt or fail to adapt. While 'sustainability' has been the buzz word for some time, 'resiliency' is the up-and-coming one. Where we have not been successful in being sustainable, we will need to be resilient.

Resilient communities are ones that can 'bounce back' from stress, natural disasters and other changes. Local neighborhood connections are an important part of developing this quality. A Resilience Circle is, quite simply, a way to develop these local community connections. The Eiberhood Resilience Circle does this by meeting monthly, sharing ideas, joining together in community projects - such as those undertaken for the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program - and, perhaps most importantly, sharing good food and conversation and getting to know our neighbors. The Eiberhood Resilience Circle has been meeting monthly since Aug 2011 with pot luck suppers at a different person's home each month.

If you are interested in attending and / or being added to our email list contact Carrie Sonneborn, [sustainableeiber.com](mailto:sustainableeiber.com)

## JeffCo Open School Returns from Second Trip to Nicaragua

By Taylor Alishouse

Picking up where last year's students left off, 16 JeffCo Open (JCOS) students and two staff members, Nora Dumke and Mark Osmun, ventured once again to Ometepe, Nicaragua in early January 2013. The trip, which lasted 19 days, included home stays with families on Ometepe Island in Lake Nicaragua. "It's a huge opportunity to improve Spanish skills and make new relationships," said student Annie Oldenbrook. "It was difficult at times, but I loved every moment of it!"

Continuing the work that JCOS students began last year, students and staff worked along-side local community members to build a community center. Using dirt, sand, straw, water, and team spirit, they were able to create a cement-like mud that served as the center's walls.

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Help Lakewood build a stronger community and set an example of how good neighbors can improve and enhance Lakewood's neighborhoods.

Visit [www.lakewood.org/neighbors](http://www.lakewood.org/neighbors) to join.

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