

# Eiberhood News

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## Colfax Avenue Overlay District Focus Group

The West Colfax Avenue Overlay District Focus Group has been meeting to discuss urban design issues as part of the implementation to the West Colfax Avenue Action Plan. Its goal is to revise the overlay district language to allow and encourage the development of a more pedestrian-friendly streetscape, as well as allow for mixed-use and residential buildings along Colfax Avenue.

The topics discussed so far include signage, streetscape, inclusion of pedestrian zones and amenities, and appropriate building heights. In November the group discussed ways to connect the Garrison Street light rail station to Colfax Avenue, both visually and physically. The Focus Group expects to complete its work in late spring of 2008.

The next Focus Group meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on December 6 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Public Works Conference Room. If you are interested in the future of Colfax and its effect on our neighborhood, please plan to attend. The agenda is expected to include continued discussion of the Garrison light rail station connection to Colfax, and review of draft overlay district language. For more information, call City planner Rob Smetana, 303.987.7745 or [robsme@lakewood.org](mailto:robsme@lakewood.org).

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Eiber Lights Contest – Get in the Holiday Spirit

Last year's Holiday blizzard made judging decorations a challenge, but once again, a contest will be sponsored by Eiberhood with prizes to the top entry in the following categories: 1) single family home, 2) apartment and townhome, 3) commercial, and 4) environmentally friendly. Entries will be judged by board members during the week of December 13-20. So that we do not miss your display, please call a board member or email your address to [pflood80215@yahoo.com](mailto:pflood80215@yahoo.com). For the environmentally friendly category, an explanation of your entry would be helpful to the judges.

## Arrival Announcement – [www.eiberhood.org](http://www.eiberhood.org)

Eiber Neighborhood Board of Directors is thrilled to announce the birth of the Eiberhood website now at [www.eiberhood.org](http://www.eiberhood.org). Though still under construction, residents and others interested in the Eiber Neighborhood happenings can now log on to review board minutes, read this newsletter, and keep up to date on a wide variety of topics including the latest on RTD FasTracks, neighborhood events, school activities, and lots of links to other area agencies. This is also an opportunity for YOU as Eiberhood residents to dialogue with the board about your concerns or to give kudos - we want to hear from you so log on and tell us what you think. This is YOUR website so content feedback is critical – check it out today! Special thanks to Yvonne Postin for her diligent work!



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**Black Walnut Trees at Risk**

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and healthy and have your trees assessed and treated this fall!

**FEDERAL CENTER UPDATE – WHAT'S UP?**

- Sept 19, 2007 – General Services Administration (GSA) sold 65 acres to the City of Lakewood, which in turn sold the land to St Anthony West for its new facility and to RTD for a bus/light rail station.
- Mid Oct 2007 – GSA finished its new boundary fence marking the border with its new neighbors, RTD and St Anthony's.
- Oct 19, 2007 – With a ribbon-cutting ceremony St Anthony West Hospital celebrated the start of development, with construction to start early in 2008 and finish in 2010. Some clinical services are likely to be provided at its current location on Colfax.
- Oct 2007 – GSA completed the Master Site Plan for the Denver Federal Center's next 20 years. The plan includes a mix of land use districts centered on a "Federal Quad," with higher-density development at the northern and western edges, tapering to lower-density along Alameda and Kipling, and integrating new development with existing uses. Natural systems and open spaces will be preserved.
- Nov 2007 – The Final Master Site Plan and Environmental Impact Statement will be reviewed by the public. Washington's approval of the plan is expected in early January 2008.

After that, GSA will be able to start implementing the plan. Although the plan is a long-term vision and will occur in stages over the course of twenty years, it sets forth a clear and exciting strategy and framework for meeting the current and future needs of both the Federal tenants and the larger community.

For more information go to [www.gsa.gov/dfcsiteplan](http://www.gsa.gov/dfcsiteplan). Click on the "Preferred Development Alternative" link to view the map. Or call Lisa Morpurgo, GSA Senior Project Manager, at 303-236-8000 ext. 5039.

**State-Record Catch –** Eiberhood resident Frank Stack caught an 18-1/2#, 28-1/2 inch long Cutbow (cutthroat-rainbow hybrid) at Antero Reservoir.

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### Where Light Rail and a Police Facility Might Meet

After a diligent search for a building the Lakewood Police Department may have found a new home-to-be for storing property and evidence. The rented storage building on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave near Quail St is not big enough for the growing amount of property required to be kept for unresolved crimes or for cases that might be appealed. A building owned by the City would not only provide needed space, but also save money and could be adapted for specialized storage such as DNA evidence.

The probable new home is an industrial warehouse at 1290 Harlan St, right next to the West Corridor Light Rail line! It would be one of the first buildings that riders of light rail would see in Lakewood. Residents of Two Creeks Neighborhood are delighted at the prospect, saying that a renovated storage facility at that site would be a wonderful improvement. The Police Department still needs to complete its "due diligence" research to be sure the property is safe and can be renovated within its budget of \$1.2 million. In the future the site might also be appropriate for a neighborhood police station.

### Neighborhood Grant Update

Several concerned Eiber neighborhood residents put forward a variety of requests and ideas for the board to consider as we prepared our grant request to the City of Lakewood as part of the Neighborhood Participation Program. Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas! For those suggestions which were not selected for submission this time, the board is reviewing them to determine other avenues to meet the needs and will be in touch with the submitters as next steps are determined. The two requests which were put forward by the Eiber board include an 'active' speed sign (which flashes each car's speed as it goes by encouraging traffic to slow down) on Garrison Street between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> streets and port-a-potty placement in Holbrooke and Ritchey parks in Lakewood (with permanent attractive screening around them) to provide park visitors convenient facilities during the busy summer months. These two proposals are under review by the City now and we expect details as to the outcome by the end of the year. Look for future reports on this and other Eiber pursuits for neighborhood improvements in coming issues and thanks again for your support and feedback!

### Graffiti Reporting

There has been a change in the graffiti reporting process. There are two options to report graffiti, file a report on-line or call the police non-emergency number.

- Online graffiti reporting --"Click the Green Stripe at Lakewood.org" and then select the "Report Graffiti". This is the quickest and easiest way to get to the online reporting form.
- The Communications Center non-emergency number is 303-987-7111.

This change in procedure has been made to eliminate multiple reporting points that were previously used by citizens (Police Department, Code Enforcement, Hotline, etc.)



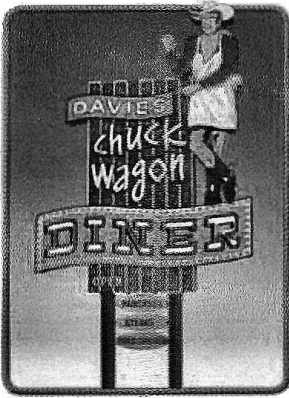
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## Calendar - Regularly scheduled meetings:

**Eiberhood Board**, 7:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month

**West Colfax Community Assn**, 7:30 am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of month, Rocky Mtn College of Art & Design, 1600 Pierce  
**1st Saturday Forum**, 9:30 am, our elected representatives of state, city, RTD, and school board, Lakewood Library

## Your Council Members:

**City Council Ward 1**, Vicki Stack <svstack@aol.com> and Karen Kellen <kark1022@msn.com>

**City Council Ward 2**, Debbie Koop <councilwomankoop.com> and Cindy Baroway 720.404.9116

## West Corridor Light Rail

Be on the lookout for invitations to several meetings that will influence what light rail will look like in the Eiber Neighborhood. The City of Lakewood and RTD will be in contact with property owners along the light rail line who are impacted by noise to discuss potential alternative solutions and choices about noise barriers. If you receive an invitation, plan to attend a meeting on one of the following dates:

- Nov 29, Thursday
- Dec 4, Tuesday
- Dec 10, Monday

The meetings will be from 6-8 pm in the City Offices. For more information, call 303-987-7507. Watch KLTU Channel 8 for a simulation of the light rail.

## City Services Web Site

[www.lakewood.org](http://www.lakewood.org)

Check out Lakewood's Green Line! With a few clicks you can get ezMaps, Cultural Center Tickets, report graffiti or a crime, or pay traffic tickets. The site offers easy access to all sorts of useful information about City services, including parks and recreation facilities.

## Recycle Yard Waste and Christmas Trees at Rooney Road Recycling Center!

With the beautiful mature trees that grace the Eiber neighborhood, many of us are all too familiar with numerous bags of leaves, bundles of branches and other yard waste generated this time of year. Rooney Road can be much less expensive than your traditional waste hauler AND the yard waste is recycled and redistributed to the residents in the spring as mulch. Don't forget them for environmentally friendly Christmas tree disposal after the holidays!

For more information: <http://rooneyroadrecycling.org/yardwaste.html>

## Support School Events

### Lakewood High School

Dec 11 (Tue), 4 pm: LPAC Barnes & Noble Night (Fund Raiser for Lakewood Performing Arts, portion of purchase to LPAC)

Dec 13 (Thu) & 14 (Fri), 7 pm and Dec 15 (Sat), 2 pm: Vocal & Instrumental Holiday Concert

### Creighton Middle School

Dec 7 (Fri), 6-8 pm: Chili Cook Off, an event to raise funds for Technology Needs.

Dec 18 (Tue), Choir Concert

**Public Notice:** See the attached link below to view the Public Notice for FasTracks - West Corridor, located in Jefferson and Denver Counties, Colorado. Within the notice are details on how to provide comments.

<https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/od-tl/pn/tlpublicnotices.html>

Matt Montgomery, US Army Corps of Engineers Denver Regulatory Office, (303) 979-4120

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