

# ERIE EDITION

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## FEES ARE HISTORY

### HISTORIC ERIE NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDING FEE WAIVERS

The Erie Board of Trustees has approved an ordinance waiving certain building permit fees for one year in the Historic Erie Neighborhood. The fees to be waived as per the Erie Municipal Code include the following:

- Building permit fee
- Electrical permit fee
- Mechanical permit fee
- Plumbing permit fee
- The following miscellaneous fees: Demolition fee, Fence fee, Re-Roof fee, Solar Energy System fee or Device fee and Plan Check fee.

The fee waiver will expire on October 5, 2013.

As directed by the Board, the fee waiver applies to remodels, additions or other enhancements to existing buildings or properties. The fee waiver does not apply to new residential buildings or new commercial buildings within the Historic Erie Neighborhood.

*For more information, please contact the Town of Erie Building Division at 303-926-2781 or Town of Erie Economic Development Coordinator Paula Mehle at 303-926-2769.*

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## ✈️ READY FOR TAKE OFF

### ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT UNVEILS THE MASTER PLAN

The Town of Erie has contracted with Airport Development Group to conduct the Erie Municipal Airport Master Plan. The primary purpose of the Airport Master Plan is to narrate and illustrate the planned phased development of the Airport as it grows over the next 20 years.

The Airport Master Plan will evaluate and develop master plan concepts and recommendations that are workable. The Master Plan is intended to be an integral part of the Town's overall planning, and is intended to ensure that development of the Airport

occurs in a coordinated manner that would enhance the Airport and make it a more valuable public asset.

The public is invited to attend a **Project Introduction Presentation for the Erie Municipal Airport Master Plan**. Opening comments by Mayor Joe Wilson will precede a 15-minute presentation. As of the printing deadline for Erie Edition, the exact date and time had not been scheduled. Notices announcing the date and location of this event will be distributed and posted on the Town's website.



For more information and updates, please visit [www.erieco.gov/airport](http://www.erieco.gov/airport).



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Erie Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall boardroom located at 645 Holbrook Street. Contact the Board via email at [bot@erieco.gov](mailto:bot@erieco.gov) or through the Town Clerk's Office at 303-926-2731. The Trustees' individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

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# ERIE OPPORTUNITY!

## A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON



**O**ur community provides a bounty of choices to enrich your life socially, physically and professionally.

Economically, Erie is providing a welcome environment and opportunities to the construction trades, commercial and private property investors and business employers. Did you know there are now no Building Permit fees in Historic downtown? How 'bout this: 1st time Business Licenses in Erie are only 1 dollar and 1 page (showing our welcome, ease and affordability for small business and employers)!

Our Urban Renewal Authority is being employed to minimize challenges and provide tools and a greater environment for success of those who invest in Erie. As unveiled earlier this year, we are underway to optimize such opportunities at key locations near Highway 287 and Arapahoe; all along Erie Parkway up to I-25; on Hwy. 52 and all along Hwy. 7.

Many of us have chosen to invest in the Erie area—will continue to do so—and whole heartedly encourage others to do the same.

Mayor Joe Wilson

Socially, upcoming events like the Holiday Lighting Contest, Kris Kringle's Cookiefest and the Erie Country Christmas and Parade give us forums to enjoy time with our friends and neighbors.



Physically, as we move indoors, stay fit and have fun at our Erie Community Center and the many private gyms and sports centers including the new "Crossfit" and "Elevate Fitness" facilities.

When Erie's culture of welcome, ease of doing business, recreation opportunities and community event calendar are considered, we are grateful our "Future is Here" in amazing Erie!



**TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2012**  
 General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04\*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44\*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.858 (\$163.20\*) \*Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2012 would be \$477.68.

ERIE ONLINE



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEW BLOG

The Board of Trustees Blog is an online resource that provides a way for Trustees to share information among themselves and make that information immediately available to the public.

When a Trustee adds a new blog or comment, those posts are immediately available for viewing on the Town's website at [www.erieco.gov/blog](http://www.erieco.gov/blog). The public may also subscribe to receive notices when new blogs and comments are posted by registering on the *Notify Me* section of the Town's website. As a "Designated Public Forum," public comments are not posted on this blog. Messages for the Board should be emailed to [BOT@erieco.gov](mailto:BOT@erieco.gov).



ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENT

Did you know the Town of Erie accepts water bill payments online? We do! You can pay your water bill using Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Please have a copy of your water bill available as you will need your account information printed on the bill. If you are paying more than one bill, each bill will need to be paid in a separate transaction.

After submitting your payment, you will receive an email confirmation. Payments made Mon-Fri before 10:00pm (except holidays) will be credited to your account as of that business day. Payments made after hours will be credited to your account as of the following business day.

*For more information, please call Utility Billing at 303-926-2700.*

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OH CHRISTMAS TREE  
TOWN OF ERIE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Erie Parks Division will conduct their annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program beginning Wednesday, December 26, 2012. Residents may drop off trees for recycling at Coal Creek Park located at the intersection of Cheesman and Kattell in Historic Downtown Erie. The designated drop off area is located in the north parking lot and will be clearly marked.

Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling through Sunday, January 13, 2013 only. Please make sure all ornaments

and tinsel have been removed from your tree. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Town *will not be* accepting bagged or loose leaves.

Beginning Tuesday, January 15 (weather permitting), the Parks Division will mulch the trees and leave the mulch on site for the public to remove and use free of charge, on a first come first served basis through Monday, March 4, 2013.

*For more information, please contact Gary Hegner, Parks Superintendent at 303-926-2887 or [ghegner@erieco.gov](mailto:ghegner@erieco.gov).*

 FREE INDOOR WATER CHECK-UPS AVAILABLE

We've partnered with the Center for Resource Conservation (CRC) to help residents conserve water and save money! Find out where you use the most water in your home and learn practical, easy ways to make your home more water efficient.

- Receive installation of low-flow shower heads as well as faucet aerators at no cost.
- Substantial savings and benefits to your home.
- Leak tests on fixtures to find where water is being wasted.
- Receive a personalized cost benefit analysis on switching to lower water use appliances.
- Do your part to conserve Colorado's water!

 Sign up today at [www.conservationcenter.org](http://www.conservationcenter.org) or call 303-999-3820 ext. 217.

# 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS



## SKATEPARK GROUNDBREAKING

The Town of Erie Board of Trustees celebrated the groundbreaking of the Erie Community Skatepark on Saturday, August 25 at the Erie Community Park. The project will deliver the first skatepark in the United States to include a Street League course which will imitate urban street features while reflecting Colorado's natural landscape. Features include a Topo Plaza with stair gaps, hubba ledges, flat ledges, grind rails and banks. Future features will include a Hipped Bowl, Wheels Course and Creative Skate Section.

While most users of the skatepark will prefer self-directed activity, the Town will also provide classes, clinics, camps, competitions, demonstrations and other special events.



**PROJECT  
COMPLETION  
SCHEDULED FOR  
THIS DEC (WEATHER  
PERMITTING).**

**!** For more information and to view a full scale image of the skatepark rendering, visit the Erie Community Park page on the Town's website.



## HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Get those strings of lights out, decorate your house, and get into the holiday spirit! Enter your home into the Town of Erie Holiday Lighting Contest. All entries must be within Erie and entered into the contest to be eligible to win. There is no fee to enter. Prizes will be awarded.

Detailed registration information will be available after November 1 at [www.erieco.gov/specialevents](http://www.erieco.gov/specialevents) and at the Erie Community Center!

Judging will be on December 19. Good Luck!



## KRIS KRINGLE'S COOKIEFEST

- Wednesday, December 19, 2012
- 1:00-3:00pm
- Erie Community Center
- Resident: \$10 / Non-Resident: \$12.50

Start your holiday season off with a bang at this year's event! Have your 5-12 year old join us for holiday crafts, cookie decoration and eating, games and much more! Parents are welcome to come with their child. All supplies will be provided. This event is included in the Camp Erie registration fee for December 21.

Registration is now available online at [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov) or at Guest Service.

**!** For info on all Erie Parks & Recreation programs and events, call 303-926-2550 or visit the website at [www.erieparksandrec.com](http://www.erieparksandrec.com).



## DON'T FORGET TO LICENSE YOUR PET

Dogs owned by residents in the Town of Erie must be licensed each calendar year. Every owner of a dog over six months of age shall have the animal licensed within 30 days after it is brought into the town.

### PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- 1) Proof of current rabies vaccination.
- 2) The name, physical address and telephone number of the owner of the dog.
- 3) Veterinarian proof of neuter or spay.

**FEES:** Spayed or neutered dogs: \$10  
Non-spayed or non-neutered dogs: \$15

To download an application, please visit the Licenses and Permit section on the Town's website. For more information, please contact Pet Licensing at 303-926-2700.