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ERIE POLICE USE INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE AT SCHOOLS

Recognizing increased school safety requires a broad range of innovative solutions, the Town of Erie has developed the School Safety Patrol - a new directive designed to increase police presence at local schools.

As part of the School Safety Patrol, Erie officers have been directed to complete many of their routine administrative tasks on school campuses. This directive increases police visibility at schools and enhances overall operational effectiveness. Specifically, it provides a more strategic approach to how and where officers write their reports, work from their computers, return phone calls, or speak with students, parents and school staff.

The public is advised that the School Safety Patrol initiative does not provide for designated uniformed officers to be present in and around schools on a routine basis. As such, patrol officers and their vehicles may arrive on school campuses un-announced. The Town seeks to reassure students, parents and the general public that the presence of police vehicles at or near schools does not necessarily indicate officers are responding to an emergency situation.

For more information, please contact Lt. Lee Mathis of the Erie Police Department at lmathis@erieco.gov or 303-926-2800.



MOVE TO THE CLOUD OFFERS INCREASED SECURITY AND EFFICIENCY

February marked the launch of the Town's new hosted Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system. The new system hosted by FluentStream of Denver will enable us to make the most of current technology, provide better service to you - our customers, lower our security risk level, and promote the use of Green Information Technology by reducing the overall energy footprint of the Town.

Ensuring that the Town has adequate resources to accommodate continuity of operations of our critical business functions is a priority. The new cloud-based solution offers a higher standard of both physical and digital security than can be provided on-premises. What's more, the savings and efficiencies provided by the new system include: a flat rate per-seat pricing

resulting in a predictable, fixed cost per user; faster provisioning and ability to add capability on demand and reduced costs related to the Town's data center hardware, software and operations. It is estimated conversion to the new cloud-based system will reduce costs by approximately 25% over the next 5 years.

Migration to a hosted phone system is not the Town's first use of cloud-based solutions. In fact, the Town's website, activity registration program, streaming video service, Enet and email are all cloud-based.

What's next in the world of hosted IT? The Town is currently reviewing proposals for a hosted Enterprise Resource Planning System to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness throughout the organization.

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A SAFE ERIE!

A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON



I'm proud to say this is a town where we are not shy or lethargic about addressing issues with factual data and taking action to sensibly protect our citizens while respecting precious freedoms.

THE FOLLOWING HEADLINES AND EDITORIAL EXCERPTS ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY:

Colorado Hometown Weekly 2/8/13: Erie police to increase presence at all schools

Erie police will be increasing their presence at all the town's schools through a new directive that places officers on school grounds while they do routine administrative work.

The Erie Police Department announced Thursday, Feb. 7, the formation of the School Safety Patrol, in which officers will be asked to complete reports and other tasks while stationed in parking lots at the elementary, middle and high schools.

Daily Camera: Erie's oil and gas agreements could serve as statewide model

Operators required to go beyond Colo. regulations on drilling.

Requirements of the MOUs include the use of steel-rim berms around tanks and separators, closed-loop systems for drilling and completion operations, and a more effective vapor recovery unit for new wells. The companies also agreed not to use hydraulic fracturing fluid products that contain diesel, 2-Butoxyethanol or benzene.

Denver Post 2/14/13: A closer look at Colorado air quality

"A new assessment of oil and gas drilling in Erie has concluded that even a lifetime of exposure to the emissions from a particular well site was

unlikely to produce health problems." "...it's not as if officials are piloting in the dark regarding health effects from drilling. They have many reasons for believing that energy development is not remotely the danger to the health of nearby residents that its most passionate opponents maintain."

"Back in Washington this week, Gov. John Hickenlooper...touted Colorado's regulatory record as a model for the nation. ...One mark of any good regulatory scheme is a dedication to serious science. And that's what the state's commitment to a long-term Front Range air-quality study indicates."

Colorado Hometown Weekly 2/12/13: Once again, Erie's air and water have shown to be clean -- very clean in fact.

The Town of Erie has just presented the third factual analysis of the second air quality test in less than a year, and with optimal results.

Colorado Department of Public Health's air quality tests conducted at the Canyon Creek well during frack and finish phases, show element and pollutant levels that are anywhere from "not present" to well within acceptable limits. To put it in context, the well produces roughly 500 times fewer emissions than pick-up and drop-off activity at the nearby school parking lot. Finding out the well site is safer than an elementary school should be important information to concerned residents.

One thing you can count on is for a majority of those in town hall to be vigilant in keeping the facts available to you the citizens, and common sense policies in place to serve your best interests. That's the Erie way.

Mayor Joe Wilson



TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2013

Town of Erie Property Tax Mill Levies for 2013: 17.095 • General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.807 (\$160.56*) *Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2013 would be \$475.04

SUMMER LAWN WATERING GUIDELINES

THESE EIGHT WATER CONSERVATION TIPS CAN HELP YOU AND ERIE CONSERVE WATER, ESPECIALLY DURING DRY YEARS.

1. WAIT TO TURN ON SPRINKLERS UNTIL AFTER APRIL 15.

Turf can stay dormant longer than you think and will green-up when you start to irrigate. Hand water trees as needed.

2. TRY TO WATER TWICE A WEEK TO MAKE TURF MORE DROUGHT TOLERANT.

Watering more deeply twice a week and supplementing with rain can make grass roots grow deeper and be more drought-tolerant. If you've got a sprinkler system, make sure water gets to the roots by cycling your run times to run each zone for shorter amounts of time of 2-3 hours instead of running each zone once for longer.

3. IF IT RAINS, WATER LESS.

Watch the weather and adjust watering days and times accordingly. If you've got a control clock, use rain sensors to shut-off irrigation during rain events.

4. WATER BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 7 A.M.

Watering during the day results in less water reaching your lawn. Water at night and in the early morning to prevent water loss due to evaporation and wind.

5. WATCH FOR IRRIGATION LEAKS.

Watch for broken sprinkler heads or damaged irrigation lines that cause water waste. Repair any leaks quickly.

6. INSTALL LOW-WATER LANDSCAPE WHEN APPROPRIATE.

Avoid installing landscaping during the hottest months, especially during dry years. Look for low-water, drought resistant turf, trees and xeric plants. Check with your water supplier for any additional lawn watering rules.

7. LET GRASS GROW LONGER BEFORE YOU CUT IT.

Raise your lawn mower blade and protect your lawn from heat by letting grass grow longer.

8. WATER PLANTS AND TREES, NOT SIDEWALKS.

Use a broom to sweep driveways and sidewalks. Avoid overspray from sprinklers that cause water to run into the street by making sprinkler adjustments.

BEYOND THE TAP - KEEPING COSTS DOWN, SERVICE HIGH

The following excerpt was written by Jerd Smith for Headwaters Magazine published by the Colorado Foundation for Water Education. The mission of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education is to promote better understanding of Colorado's water resources and issues by providing balanced and accurate information and education.

It is just after 8 a.m. on a bright fall morning in Erie. At the Lynn J. Morgan Water Treatment Plant, Evelyn Crocfer, a plant operator, and Bruce Chameroy, chief of operations, have been on the job for an hour. They work in a sunny, window-filled room that is part operations center and part gleaming laboratory.

Dozens of water samples taken from different sites around the system sit on a counter. As a quality control measure, Crocfer checks the samples for various constituents first thing, carefully recording results as residents begin their day.

Across the room, a large computer screen glows with diagrams of the water treatment plant and the delivery system. This supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system gives a detailed, underground view of everything waterrelated, from old town Erie out to its polished Vista Ridge neighborhood and golf course.

Chameroy and Crocfer check the computer and know almost instantly how much water is being consumed throughout the system, and what the capacity is in various storage tanks and reservoirs. This morning, the plant is quiet. It has adequate treated water stored to meet the day's forecasted demand of 1.5 million gallons. This is enough water for Erie residents to cook breakfast, shower and get their children off to school. By contrast, that number exceeds 7 million gallons on hot summer days when sprinkler systems kick into high gear, and the plant ramps up to run nearly at capacity.

Chameroy and Crocfer are members of a full-time staff of seven responsible for ensuring that Erie's rapidly growing population has enough water each day and that the precious liquid is safe to drink and tastes right. Their day starts with an inspection of this hypermodern water treatment plant, an automated facility that has sophisticated sensors, pressure gauges and filters that work around the clock so that Erie, population 20,000 and counting, can run its water system with a handful of people working 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. seven days a week, instead of the 24-hour staffing older facilities require.

To view the complete article visit www.cfwe.org and select "Headwaters - Winter 2013."

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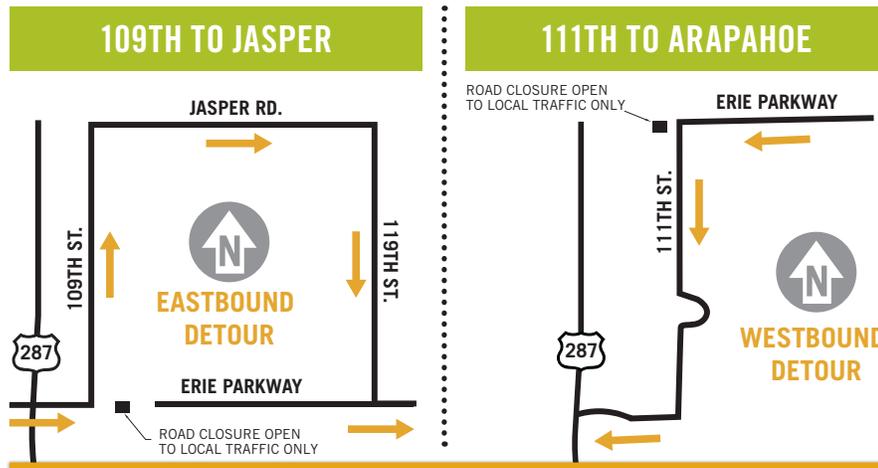
For more information on water conservation, please visit erieco.gov/water

PORTIONS OF ERIE PARKWAY CLOSED THROUGH APRIL

Beginning the week of February 18, 2013 through April 2013, Erie Parkway between 111th Street and 109th Street will be closed due to construction of the Flatiron Meadows subdivision and the Erie Parkway Safety Improvement Project. Eastbound traffic from Highway 287 along Erie Parkway, will be detoured north on 109th Street to Jasper Road. Westbound traffic from 119th Street along Erie Parkway, will be detoured south on 111th Street to Arapahoe Road. Detour and

traffic control signage, delineators and flaggers will be on site to enable motorists to move through the construction area in a timely and safe manner.

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists are urged to pay close attention to detour and traffic control signs, and flaggers. Please reduce speeds and, if possible, avoid the construction area. (see attached Maps)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE CHAMBER'S ANNUAL ERIE TOWN FAIR & BALLOON FESTIVAL WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013 IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE

There will be over 200 craft and food vendors, performances on stage, the annual car show, and traditional carnival games throughout the day. **Public hot air balloon launches** will be at 6:15 a.m., weather permitting, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning at the Colorado National Golf Course.



For info on all Town of Erie and community events, visit erieco.gov

9 HEALTH FAIR



Saturday, April 20, 2013
Erie Community Center

7:00 am – noon (Doors open at 6:30 am)

Medical Screenings available:

Colon Cancer Kits, Hearing, Lung Function, Metabolic Syndrome, Skin, Spinal, Vision, Blood Draw, Blood Pressure, Cardiac Risk Assessment, BMI,

NEW THIS YEAR: Gluten Sensitive Screening.

Save yourself time! Pre-Register online after March 1, 2013. Visit 9healthfair.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need medical and non-medical volunteers to help run the 9Health Fair. If interested contact Charles Tate at 303-926-2793 or ctate@erieco.gov

ARBOR DAY/EARTH DAY



Saturday, April 27, 2013
Leigh Park 10:00 am

Join Erie Parks & Recreation for the 16th Annual celebration of Arbor Day & Earth Day.

Be sure to check out Erie's community forestry website: erieco.gov/trees

SPRING CLEAN-UP



Saturday, May 18, 2013
7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Erie Department of Public Works will be hosting the Spring Clean-Up event at the Denver Regional Landfill. During the event, residents may dispose of any large household items as well as tree limbs or other yard waste **FREE OF CHARGE!**

Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley will be collecting donations of clean, working items at 150 Bonnell Avenue. They will be generally accepting everything in re-sellable condition except for sleeper sofas, mattresses & box springs, TV's, computers or computer accessories.

FISHING CLINIC



Saturday, May 11, 2013
Thomas Reservoir

9:00 am – noon

Learn all about fishing and become familiar with varieties of local fish. Registration is needed, but this is a free event!

Registration opens March 1, 2013.