

# ERIE EDITION

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## ERIE: the good life!



### A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON

It's fantastic to see Erie has earned a top spot on the "Best places to live!" list, alongside perennial Champion Louisville. It's a testament to the efforts made by the town of 20,000 that it is on the right track and on the rise to provide a high quality environment to raise a family or start an enterprise in. The real treasure of Erie wasn't considered, though; it's warm, friendly, outgoing and fun loving residents. That might put it on top! They have seen their town become an innovative, regional leader.

Those same people responded to a recent survey in which, virtually, every resident expressed the desire for more commercial, retail and employment opportunities in their community. It was the strongest response on the questionnaire. They want to spend and make their dollars in their own town, supporting the local economy and infrastructure. Wisdom and local patriotism, -- add that to their list of attributes.

There is terrific news on that front for citizens too! In the past, prime commercial intersections and properties had been lost to other cities and county interests, with Erie taking the punches. A key factor was the controversial East Boulder county IGA (intergovernmental agreement) that tied Erie's hands while Boulder county commissioners acquired thousands of acres of prime commercial and highway frontage in Erie's planning area, creating a vast land bank for themselves (as landlords), while other surrounding cities developed healthy and thriving business districts at Erie's expense.

That should no longer be the case; Erie has boldly freed itself from that decidedly detrimental agreement and may now exercise her entrepreneurial potential, bringing about the overwhelming desire of her citizens for commercial development and a healthy, sustainable local economy. For the first time in

recent memory Erie has actually acquired prime parcels once thought lost and added several more.

Our economic development team has brought several new businesses to Erie, and our planning department and Board of Trustees have approved several building projects with retail, commercial and employment components soon to be underway.

As this economic transformation comes about in the near future, look for Erie to move up from #4!

Congratulations to the people of Erie for making the top 10!

Mayor Joe Wilson,

Joe Wilson serves as mayor to the 20,000 people of Erie

#### ERIE EDITION

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# THE RESULTS ARE IN!



The results of the Town of Erie 2013 Citizen Survey are in and there's plenty of evidence that the Town is offering services and amenities that work.

An overwhelming majority of Erie residents experience a good quality of life and believe Erie is a safe place to live and raise a family. Almost all rate the Town as an "excellent" or "good" place to raise children and a majority rate Erie as an "excellent" or "good" place to retire. Most feel that the local sense of community is "excellent" or "good." And almost all (94%) feel "very" or "somewhat" safe from violent crimes – a rating much above the national benchmark.

In terms of public trust, a majority of respondents feel that the value of services for taxes paid is "excellent" or "good." The overall quality of services delivered by the Town rates as "excellent" or "good" by 75% of survey participants. Town employees rate "much above" when compared to the national benchmark. In fact, 88% of respondents rate their overall impression of Erie employees as "excellent" or "good."

## COMMUNICATIONS

Survey results indicate the Town is a trusted source for information. The Town website [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov) and Erie Edition newsletter are the most frequently used sources for residents seeking information about the Town. 95% of residents consider the Town's website a major or minor source for information and 82% consider Erie Edition a major or minor source of information (both ratings are above the national comparison).

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

While an overwhelming majority of residents rate Erie as a great place to live, only 3% think there is ample shopping opportunities close to home. Not surprisingly, 98% of residents support the Town's efforts to increase local shopping opportunities.

## COMMUNITY DESIGN

Resident's opinion of the overall quality of new development in Erie is rated above the national benchmark. The three community design characteristics receiving the most favorable ratings are ease of car travel, traffic flow on major streets, and the availability of paths and walking trails.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Erie residents enjoy a high quality of life, are civically engaged, support proposed initiatives and demonstrate a willingness to make recommendations for improving our community. No wonder a majority of residents report they plan on staying in Erie for the next five years and would recommend living in Erie to others.

- ▣ The 2013 survey is the first Town of Erie Citizen Survey to be conducted since 1995.
- ▣ It was administered by mail to 1,200 randomly selected households within the Town. A total of 501 completed surveys were obtained, giving a high response rate of 43%. The margin of error is plus or minus four percentage points around any given percentage for the entire sample.
- ▣ To view the complete survey results visit: [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov) > Community > Citizen Survey



## 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.



# SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works and Parks Division are ready with a snow control plan to keep streets and public areas safe and accessible during periods of snow and ice.

During a snow event, crews will remove snow and ice from major traffic arterials (Primary Routes) that are the critical routes providing access into and out of Erie. Snow removal efforts will be concentrated on the Primary Routes throughout a snowstorm. Minor arterials and collector streets (Secondary Routes) connecting the neighborhoods to the Primary Routes, will be plowed after all Primary Routes are passable.

Depending on the severity of the storm(s) and at the discretion of the Public Works Director, when snowstorms are forecasted to leave large accumulations that are expected to remain for several days, plows may go onto residential streets. Residential streets are plowed down the center of the street (one pass) in an effort to avoid covering sidewalks, parked cars, and blocking driveways with snow.

## SIDEWALKS

By Town ordinance, property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks of snow within 24 hours following each snowstorm. A citation and/or fine may be issued if the property owner fails to comply. Snow should not be shoveled into the streets.

## EMERGENCY ACCESS OF RESIDENTIAL STREETS

A resident who has a police, fire or medical emergency during a severe snowstorm should call 911. In the event it is necessary for the Erie Police, the Mountain View Fire Department and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to respond, the affected residential street(s) will be plowed to accommodate emergency vehicles.

## TO HELP OUR CREWS PERFORM IN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT MANNER:

- Travel at a safe distance from snowplows.
- Do not try to pass snow removal vehicles.
- Park off-street if possible.
- Do not shovel snow from your sidewalk and drive-way into the street.
- Do not attempt to stop a snow removal vehicle or obstruct its path.

Visit [www.erieco.gov/snowremoval](http://www.erieco.gov/snowremoval) for maps and more information on snow removal procedures.

# BEFORE THE WINTER STORMS HIT

Winter storms vary in size and strength and can be accompanied by strong winds that create blizzard conditions and dangerous wind chill. Before the storm...

- Be familiar with winter storm watch and warning messages.
- Service snow removal equipment and have rock salt on hand to melt ice on walkways and sand or kitty litter to generate temporary traction.
- To keep pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of newspaper, then cover with plastic to keep out moisture.
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Locate water valves and know how to shut them off, if necessary.

Download the Emergency Preparedness Guide on the Town's website at: [www.erieco.gov/emergency\\_preparedness](http://www.erieco.gov/emergency_preparedness)

# “NOTIFY ME” TO NOTIFY YOU

Did you know that the Town of Erie has an email and text message notification service called **NOTIFY ME?** This service allows for fast and simple communication with registered users and the Town. It is very simple to sign up... visit [www.erieco.gov/notifyme](http://www.erieco.gov/notifyme) to pick and choose which notifications you would like to receive.

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** – news, alerts and announcements from the Town of Erie and the Board of Trustees

**PARKS & RECREATION** - news, alerts and announcements regarding all Town parks and trails, along with the Erie Community Center

**PUBLIC WORKS** - news, alerts and announcements regarding water, streets and construction projects

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – news, announcements, and events for business owners, real estate agents/brokers, developers and those interested in Erie's economic development

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – alerts, news and announcements from the Erie Police Department and Chief of Police

You can also sign up to receive notices about: Bid Postings, Available Jobs and Events on the Town Calendar.

Sign up today and stay current on everything happening in the Town of Erie!

[www.erieco.gov/notifyme](http://www.erieco.gov/notifyme)

\*Please note your e-mail address will be kept confidential and will not be sold, disclosed to others, or used for unsolicited mass mailings (spam).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## TRUNK OR TREAT

AT THE ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER

Saturday, October 26  
3:30 - 6:00 pm  
Erie Community Center  
450 Powers St.  
**FREE!**



You have heard of going door to door, why not consider going trunk to trunk? Vehicles decorated by volunteers and area businesses will line the west parking lot of the Erie Community Center for this year's 8th Annual Trunk or Treat! Prizes will be awarded for best trunks. Event is FREE—no registration is required to attend.

**TRUNKS WANTED!** We need area businesses and volunteers to decorate their trunks or tailgates and provide candy or small prizes for the trunk or treaters. Please call 303-926-2550 for more information or to register your trunk after September 14.

Visit [www.erieco.gov/specialevents](http://www.erieco.gov/specialevents) or call 303-926-2550 for more information on events throughout the year!



## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MINERS BLAST

Miners Blast (formerly Harvest Fest) is another family fun event hosted by the Erie Chamber of Commerce. Over 1,000 pumpkins fill the man-made pumpkin patch. Children are allowed one free pumpkin each! Free hay rides. Garage Rats Car Club will host the event's car show. Halloween and pre-Christmas gifts are available for purchase from the many participating craft vendors. Seasonal food vendors are on-site throughout the day. Don't miss the Guns & Hoses softball tournament and watch your local fire and police department compete for the trophy.

For more information visit [www.eriechamber.org](http://www.eriechamber.org)

The Miners Blast is a Town Sponsored Event.



Saturday, October 5  
Erie Community Center  
450 Powers St.  
**FREE!**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Thank you to the residents who participated in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. The Erie Police Department invited neighborhoods in Erie to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide to celebrate and become more aware of the importance of crime prevention programs. Citizens' participation can have a large impact on reducing crime, drugs and violence within the community. The goal of the event was to strengthen police/community partnerships by sending a message to criminals that Erie's neighborhoods are organized in their efforts to prevent crime.



To learn more about the following programs:

- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
- COMMUNITY & POLICE PARTNERSHIP
- CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY
- VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE

visit [www.erieco.gov/police](http://www.erieco.gov/police) or call 303-926-2800.

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