

ERIE EDITION

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2013 ERIE EDITION • VISIT THE TOWN OF ERIE ONLINE AT ERIECO.GOV • ERIECO.GOV/FACEBOOK

OUR GIFT FOR ALL



Happy Holidays, Erie, to you and your family from your Municipal family in Town Hall!

We are working on a Christmas list for you, involving excellence in public service, well managed town business practices, and a balanced or surplus budget. Reasons for optimism are many and include demand for increased residential

and commercial development in our outstanding community. Here is some great news; Judicious use of your 2013 budget dollars is looking to result in less expense than planned, helping us to pursue the balanced budgets you desire. Flood mitigation will be a factor in finalizing 2013 performance, however FEMA emergency reimbursement can fill that gap, as we document the flood expenses in our application.

After going over the proposed 2014 Budget line by line during Study Session and Trustees meetings, the Board of Trustees looks to adopt a Budget based on conservative estimates. Our focus will continue down the path of maintaining Erie as a quality community and one that is financially viable for today and tomorrow.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

*Citizen Support Committee for
New Police Station & Court Building*



In preparation for the April 1, 2014 election, a citizen support committee is being formed to market the need for the new police station and court building. The committee needs help with a multitude of tasks including creation of a social media site, fundraising, meeting with residents and business leaders and campaigning in support of this ballot measure. A steering

committee has begun work and plans on hosting their 1st general meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 4:00 PM at the Erie Community Center.

The Budget reflects the optimism that residential builders have rightfully placed in Erie. As a result - we are forecasting 300 residential building permits to be issued in 2014, compared to 200 in 2013 (By the way - we met and exceeded our 2013 Building Permit projections). This activity supports and enhances the property values in our community as well as our budgets while keeping taxes low.

Erie's local economy is growing strong; Sales tax revenue is at an all-time high and there are a record number of businesses and employers now licensed in Erie!

While all of this is good news, the citizens of Erie can be proud of some recent awards for excellence:

- City-County Communications & Marketing Association: 2013 President's Award for Most Outstanding Marketing Program
- American Water Works Association: Best Water in the Rocky Mountain Region
- National Recreation and Park Association: 2013 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management

Of course there are challenges in our future, to be sure, however, your award winning staff, management and assets are uniquely positioned and financially poised to meet them.

Thank you for being part of what makes your award winning town, Erie, great!

Mayor Joe Wilson,

In the meantime, we are asking for your support by providing the following information:

- Are you willing to volunteer?
- Do you know of others who would be willing to help the committee?
- Are you able to attend the November 12th meeting?

Please contact the steering committee members:

- Tina Harris: tinalharris@msn.com
- John Jacquat: john@purerisksolutions.com
- Mike Mazzocco: michael.mazzocco@gmail.com

Visit www.erieco.gov/police or call 303-926-2800 for more information.



AWARD WINNING ERIE



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Erie Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall Board Room located at 645 Holbrook Street. Contact the Board via email at bot@erieco.gov or by calling 303-926-2777, extension 1. The trustee's individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

Mayor, Joe Wilson
jwilson@erieco.gov
 303-926-2777, Extension 2

Mayor Pro Tem, Ronda Grassi
rgrassi@erieco.gov
 303-926-2777, Extension 3

Trustee, Joe Carnival
jcarnival@erieco.gov
 303-926-2777, Extension 4

Trustee, Mark Gruber
mgruber@erieco.gov
 303-926-2777, Extension 5

Trustee, Vacant
 303-926-2777, Extension 6

Trustee, Janice Moore
jmoore@erieco.gov
 303-926-2777, Extension 7

Trustee, Vacant
 303-926-2777, Extension 8



ERIE EDITION

Erie Edition is a bimonthly newsletter published by the Town of Erie.

Send questions or comments to:
ErieNewsUpdate@erieco.gov
 or call 303-926-2763.

In 2013 the Town of Erie has been recognized many times for outstanding achievement. These awards demonstrate the hard work and dedication of Town Staff on behalf of our citizens.

We've Got the Best Tasting Water!



The Town of Erie was chosen as having the best tasting water in the Rocky Mountain Region at the joint conference of the Rocky Mountain Section of American Water Works Association and the Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association. The Town's entry was selected unanimously as the best water in the competition. It was reported by the judges as a landslide victory. As the winner of this competition, Erie will now go onto the national "Best of the Best" taste test at the annual American Water Works Association conference in Boston in June 2014.

Economic Development App Big Winner!



During the 2013 SAVVY Awards held on September 5th in Scottsdale, Arizona, the City - County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) awarded the "Town of Erie Economic Development Mobile Application" its highest honor, the 2013 President's Award for Most Outstanding Marketing Program. It was also awarded two SAVVY Awards for "Most Innovative" and "Marketing and Tools - Economic Development" and one Silver Circle Award for "Digital Interactive - Social Media".

The SAVVY Awards competition recognizes outstanding local government achievements in communications, public sector marketing and citizen-government relationships. The President's Award is presented to the entry that best reflects 3CMA's commitment to local government marketing. Each year a program is singled out that demonstrates dramatic results and raises the bar for all in communications and marketing. The 3CMA received 485 entries for this year's competition.

Parks & Recreation Earns the Gold!

The Parks & Recreation Department was awarded the 2013 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management on October 8, 2013. The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), awarded this honor to Erie Parks & Recreation during the NPRA Congress and Exposition in Houston, Texas.

Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. Four finalists in each class are chosen from across the nation to compete for grand honors each year. Erie Parks & Recreation won the Grand Award in Class V for agencies with a population of less than 25,000.



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.

ERIE UPDATES

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Erie will conduct our annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program beginning Thursday, December 26, 2013.

Residents may drop off trees for recycling at Coal Creek Park, located in Historic Downtown Erie at the intersection of Cheesman and Kattell. 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 12, 2014 only.

Please Note: The Town will not be accepting bagged or loose leaves, tree stumps, other yard waste or house waste.

Beginning Tuesday, January 14th (weather permitting), the Public Works Department will mulch the trees and leave the mulch on site for the public to remove and use free of charge. The mulch will be on a first come, first serve basis through Monday, March 3, 2014.

For more information, contact Gary Hegner, Parks Superintendent at 303-926-2887 or ghegner@erieco.gov

HOLIDAY HOURS

TOWN HALL HOURS
 Thursday, November 28: Closed
 Friday, November 29: Closed
 Tuesday, December 24: Closed
 Wednesday, December 25: Closed
 Tuesday, December 31: Closed
 Wednesday, January 1: Closed

ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS
 Thursday, November 28: Open 8 am - 3 pm
 Friday, November 29: Open Regular Hours
 Tuesday, December 24: Open 8 am - 3 pm
 Wednesday, December 25: Closed
 Tuesday, December 31: Open 8 am - 3 pm
 Wednesday, January 1: Closed

DON'T FORGET TO LICENSE YOUR DOG!

Dogs owned by residents in the Town of Erie must be licensed each calendar year. Every owner of a dog over 6 months of age shall have the animal licensed within 30 days after it is brought into the Town.



Provide the Following Information With Your Application:

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, visit the Licenses and Permit section of the Town's website.

For more information about Pet Licensing contact 303-926-2700.

2014 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

All 2013 Commercial, Retail, Service Business or Home Occupation Licenses with the Town of Erie, Colorado will expire on December 31, 2013. If you are seeking a new license or need to renew your license for 2014, please complete and submit the Business License Application or Home Occupation License Application form available online. Licenses for 2014 will not be issued until after January 1, 2014.

General Business Licenses are \$50.00 per year and Home Occupation Licenses are \$25.00 per year.

Please make checks payable to the Town of Erie. Credit card payments can be taken over the phone at 303-926-2700, but we will still need to receive the completed application. Payments received without an application will be returned to the sender.

Applications available: www.erieco.gov > Departments > Licenses/Permits

For more information, contact Hallie Sawyer at 303-926-2770 or email hsawyer@erieco.gov

FLOOD UPDATE

Since the September flood, Town Staff has been working continuously on assessing the damage, cleaning up the debris and working with engineers and contractors to restore infrastructure. Currently, we have identified 39 projects ranging in scale from minor parks repair to major restoration along our creeks. Staff is working with State and Federal agencies, including FEMA, to ensure compliance for reimbursement of eligible projects. While the process will take several months to complete, we want to share our progress to date with the community.

QUICK FACTS:

- The Town maintains over 122 miles of paved streets. Currently, only the half mile portion of Weld County Road 10 1/2 between County Line Road and Fletcher Drive remains closed.
- The Town maintains over 31 miles of trail corridors, currently, only a 1.75 mile portion of the South Coal Creek Trail remains closed.



A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the agencies who helped our community and our neighbors during Colorado's most devastating storm! We appreciate all of the hard work and long hours that the American Red Cross, Mountain View Fire Rescue, Town of Erie Police Department, Department of Public Works, Parks Division, Recreation Division and many other Town staff members gave to keep everyone safe.

ENGAGE ERIE



Engage Erie
engage.erieco.gov

The Town of Erie invites Erie residents to participate in our new social engagement site -- Engage Erie. This site is one additional opportunity in which we encourage you to share comments and suggestions that will help us shape the future of Erie.

Why Engage Erie? Because, when residents are civically engaged, they have taken the opportunity to participate in making Erie more livable for all. Erie's leaders cannot run the Town alone and Erie cannot run effectively if residents remain strangers with little to connect them. The Board of Trustees and Town Staff require the assistance of residents whether that assistance comes in tacit approval or eager help; and commonality of purpose among residents, facilities policies and programs that appeal to most and causes discord among few.

We know not everyone has time to attend public meetings or watch proceedings on streaming video. Engage Erie is one more opportunity for our citizens to speak and for us to listen. Engage Erie gives contributors a chance to share new ideas, second others' ideas, expand upon existing ideas and give feedback on initiatives.

Current Topics Include:



• **Retail Opportunities**
What retailers would you like to see located in Erie?



• **Civic Opportunities**
What types of volunteer opportunities are you looking for?



• **Emergency Preparedness**
Take our survey



• **Share Your Ideas**
Open forum for Erie Residents to post suggestions that do not fall under any other Categories or Topics



• **Capture Erie**
Share your pictures of Erie



ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER CORNER

HOLIDAY FITNESS CHALLENGE

Did you know the average Thanksgiving dinner consists of 3,800 calories?

The Erie Community Center staff would like to challenge you this holiday season to work off those "turkeys!" To participate, pick up your Turkey Challenge Journal from Guest Service.

On the back of the journal, you will find "turkey" points designated for different activities.

The goal of this challenge is to collect as many "turkeys" as you can between November 4 and December 20. You obtain a "turkey" by adding your "turkey" points up through the day/week/month. Once you have 50 "turkey" points, turn your Turkey Challenge Journal into Guest Service where they will post a "turkey" on the challenge wall.

New this year, we will be giving away a frozen turkey for 2nd place and a grand prize of a frozen turkey plus 3 personal training sessions to the overall winner!

FREE for guests to participate!

Call 303-926-2550 for more information

ANNUAL PASS PROMOTION

DECEMBER 15 - JANUARY 15



Start the year off right with an Annual Pass to the Erie Community Center!

10% off Annual Passes paid in full or 5% off Annual Passes paid on a payment plan.

Visit the Erie Community Center or call 303-926-2550 for more information or to schedule a tour.

CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



"Like" the Town of Erie on Facebook!
erieco.gov/facebook



Follow the Town of Erie on Twitter!
@ErieColorado

UPCOMING EVENTS

KRIS KRINGLE'S
COOKIE FEST



Join us for holiday crafts, cookie decorating and eating, games and much more!

Friday, December 20

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Erie Community Center

Ages 5-12

Pre-Registration is required. Register online or at the Erie Community Center.

Visit www.erieco.gov/specialevents or call 303-926-2550 for more information on events throughout the year!