

# ERIE EDITION

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## ERIE, AGAIN!

### A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON



It's true; you live in the most recognized, awarded community of its kind in the region.

The list is impressive and your town is deserving. It's truly wonderful here!

Just take a look;

It was a pleasure, most recently, to stand in front of an appreciative group of professionals in Business and public policy as they deemed Erie 'Best in Class' for our accomplishment and direction in Economic Development. Upstate Colorado, one of Colorado's top economic analysis and promotion organizations, chose Erie as 'Community Partner of the Year', citing our empowering business policies, simple and sensible regulatory environment, as well as our win-win culture, for contributing to the fastest growing local economy in the area. Our economic development staff- Paula Mehle, Katie Jenkins and Mayor pro Tem Ronda Grassi looked on, as Upstate director Eric Berglund spoke of how these policies have nourished and attracted significant investment in the last several years, bringing hundreds of jobs here, including primary employment in engineering, construction and development- adding dozens of retail stores and new business projects that are open or due to do so over the next 24 months. The infrastructure investment & revenue that will be brought into Erie is, alone, estimated to be well over \$100 million in the next 2 decades. Erie is setting new records for sales tax revenue, employment and business licenses. Our economy is healthy.

Add to that several other awards recognizing Erie as "top 10 places to live in Colorado(#4)", for excellence in our parks and recreation departments, Erie's public works being recognized for delivering Colorado's healthiest and 'best tasting' water, our finance department for its expertise and efficiency and the town being awarded an amazing AA+ credit rating for fiscal responsibility and health, as well as a Police force that contributes to, by far, the safest environment of any of our neighboring cities. Our culture of quality public service and value in our municipal staff is evident and admirable. These are but a few of our official recognitions in the last few years.

The list doesn't even begin to stop there. The private sector in Erie has also racked up amazing wins resulting in awards and recognition for individual business, as well as record success by those caring individuals that organize the many amazing charity events that now prosper here.

It's been an honor to serve our exceptional community and it's warm, welcoming citizens.

As our town's successes and quality of life continue to grow in the future, it will be doubly true; - there is no better place to bring your family or enterprise than Erie, Colorado!

Mayor Joe Wilson,



## 2014 TREE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The 2014 Tree Incentive Program allows Town of Erie homeowners a redemption value of up to \$150 towards the cost of a tree to be planted on private residential property. For the year of 2014, there will be 300 certificates available on a first come, first served basis.

To participate you will need to contact the **Tree Incentive Hotline at 303-926-2739** and leave a message with your name, number and address. A voucher will be mailed to you shortly after. Contact Karen Esslinger at 303-926-2799 with any further questions.



## 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](mailto:bot@erieco.gov) or by calling 303-926-2777, extension 1. The Trustee's individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

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# APRIL 1, 2014: MUNICIPAL ELECTION

### WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

The Town of Erie will conduct its Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

- **During this election, registered voters in Erie will be electing a Mayor and five (5) Trustees.** The Mayor will be elected to serve a two-year term; three Trustees will be elected to serve four-year terms; and two Trustees will be elected to serve two-year terms.

- **Voters will also have the opportunity to consider ballot question 2A seeking approval for the funding and construction of a new police and court building. View the full ballot language online at [www.erieco.gov/vote](http://www.erieco.gov/vote)**

Background: The Town of Erie holds a Regular Municipal Election the first Tuesday of April in even-numbered years. Trustees serve four-year staggered terms; at every Regular Election there are three out of the six seats up for election. However, this year two Trustees elected in April of 2012 resigned from their positions creating two additional vacancies on the Board. The three (3) candidates for Trustee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for four (4) year terms, and the two (2) candidates for Trustee receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected for two (2) year terms.

During the January 28, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved a ballot measure for the April 1, 2014 election asking voters to approve construction of a new police station and municipal court building to improve the safety of our growing community and to replace the outdated workspace for the police and courts currently located at Town Hall.

### MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

The Town Clerk's Office will mail the ballots between **March 10-15, 2014**. Erie voters may mail their ballot or drop off their ballot at Town Hall any time during normal business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) and on Election Day from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Ballots must be received by 7:00 pm on Election Day. Registered voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail may request one from the Erie Town Clerk's Office.

### VOTER SERVICE CENTER

The Voter Service Center will be open at Town Hall from March 17 - April 1, Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. It will also be open on Saturday, March 29th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, and on Tuesday, April 1st from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. The Center will have Election Staff from both Boulder and Weld Counties to help register residents, update their registration information and change party affiliations. You may also drop off your completed ballot at the Center if you prefer.

**Do you need an absentee ballot or have more questions?**  
**Contact Erie Town Clerk, Nancy Parker at 303-926-2731 or [nparker@erieco.gov](mailto:nparker@erieco.gov) or visit [www.erieco.gov/vote](http://www.erieco.gov/vote)**



### TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2014

Town of Erie Property Tax Mill Levies for 2014: 16.567 • General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04\*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44\*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.279 (\$147.07\*) \*Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2014 would be \$461.55.



# SUMMER LAWN WATERING GUIDELINES

THESE EIGHT WATER CONSERVATION TIPS CAN HELP YOU 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. 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 have a sprinkler system, make sure water gets to the roots by cycling your run times to run each zone for shorter amounts of time 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 have a control clock, use rain sensors to shut-off irrigation during rain events.

## 4. WATER BETWEEN 7 PM AND 7 AM

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.

## 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.

### TOWN OF ERIE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

The Town of Erie offers **HIGH EFFICIENCY WASHING MACHINE REBATES, FREE DO-IT-YOURSELF IRRIGATION AUDIT KITS, IRRIGATION AUDIT PROGRAMS** and **FREE COMMERCIAL PRE-RINSE SPRAY VALVES** to Erie residents and businesses. Contact Bethany Peer at 303-926-2870 for more information.

## ERIE SINGLETRACK

Erie Singletrack Advocates has announced that the first **two miles** of trail have been completed at Sunset West in the open space at the east side of Erie!

The work was completed in partnership with the Town of Erie and by hundreds of local volunteers who donated over 1,400 hours during the 36 work days since the groundbreaking on September 7, 2013. Trails have been open and in heavy use by cyclists and runners even while volunteers have continued the work, demonstrating the demand for this amenity.

Future plans for the trails include building out an additional 3.5 miles of singletrack trail by the end of 2014 and events such as cyclocross racing, youth cross-country running and many skills development clinics for the local community.

For more information on the Erie Singletrack and the Erie Single Track Advocates visit [www.eriesingletrack.com](http://www.eriesingletrack.com)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The Town of Erie Board of Trustees is seeking citizens who are interested in volunteering their time in public service to the community by serving on various boards and commissions.

Applicants who have education and/or experience in any of the following areas are greatly encouraged to apply. To be considered for appointments effective May 1, 2014, applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm April 1, 2014. All Board and Commission members must be a resident of the Town of Erie. Applications, meeting dates and times can be found online at [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov).

The following Boards and Commissions have existing and potential vacancies:

### Board of Adjustments

The Board of Adjustment meets on an as-needed basis to consider such things as variances to the Zoning Code or setback requirements. The five members and two alternates are appointed by the Board of Trustees to rotating three year terms.

### Historic Preservation Board

The Town of Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board meets to discuss issues related to the preservation of historic structures, documents, and artifacts in Erie. The Board reports to the Board of Trustees in an advisory capacity. Members are appointed by the Board of Trustees to staggered four-year terms.

### Open Space and Trails Advisory Board

The Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB) advises the Board of Trustees on open space and trail related issues. The Board of Trustees makes the appointment of seven members to staggered four-year terms.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission reviews proposed land uses and forwards recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The seven members of the Planning Commission are appointed by the Board of Trustees to rotating four-year terms, which end in April of even numbered years.

### Tree Board

Erie is a Tree City USA, a designation granted by the National Arbor Day Foundation to municipalities who effectively manage their public tree resources and implement community forestry programs. The Board meets monthly to discuss these programs and related issues. The Tree Board consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Trustees in April of even-numbered years to serve four-year terms.

For more information contact Nancy Parker, Town Clerk, at 303-926-2731 or [nparker@erieco.gov](mailto:nparker@erieco.gov)

# 2014 SPECIAL EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATES!

### ARBOR DAY/EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Erie Community Park 10:00 am

Join Erie Parks Division, the Tree Board and OSTAB for the 17th Annual celebration of Arbor Day & Earth Day. Be sure to check out Erie's community forestry website: [erieco.gov/trees](http://erieco.gov/trees)

### 9HealthFair

OWN YOUR HEALTH

Saturday, May 3, 2014 • Erie Community Center  
7:00 am – noon (doors open at 6:30 am)

#### Medical Screenings Available:

Blood Chemistry Screening (Blood Draw), Blood Count Screening (Blood Draw), Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA - Men Only Blood Draw), Hemoglobin A1c (Blood Draw), Vitamin D 25-Hydroxy Screening (Blood Draw), Hepatitis C (Blood Draw), Colon Cancer Screening Kit, Blood Pressure Screening, Ask a Medical Question and Get a Referral, Height/Weight/Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening, Body Fat Skinfold Screening, Foot Screening, Cardiac Risk Assessment, Memory Screening, Metabolic Syndrome Screening, Nutrition Screening, Oral Health Screening, Skin Screening, Spinal Screening and Vision & Eye Health Screening

Save yourself time! Pre-Register online Visit [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need medical and non-medical volunteers to help run the 9Health Fair. If interested, contact Cindy Gerhardt at 303-926-2795 or [cgerhardt@erieco.gov](mailto:cgerhardt@erieco.gov)

### ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 3, 2014

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works Operations and Parks Divisions are partnering with area businesses to assist residents in disposing of unwanted household items, building materials, yard waste, unwanted electronics and shredding of unwanted documents during the 9th Annual Spring Clean-Up.

View more information about this event online at [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov). Contact Kris McDaniel at 303-926-2872 with any questions.



### FISHING CLINIC

Saturday, May 10, 2014 • Thomas Reservoir  
8:30 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, 2014.



For more information on Special Events visit [www.erieco.gov/specialevents](http://www.erieco.gov/specialevents)

## SUMMER LOOK AHEAD WITH THE ERIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### 18TH ANNUAL ERIE TOWN FAIR & BALLOON FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 17 • HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE  
10 AM - 4 PM • TOWN FAIR | 4 - 9 PM • BBQ & EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The Annual Erie Town Fair is the Erie Chamber's largest event of the year. Historic Downtown hosts 200+ craft and food vendors. Performances on stage at the Coal Creek Park offer a variety of entertainment by local groups. Garage Rats Car Club hosts the annual Car Show attracting more than 60 cars and trucks. Traditional carnival games continue throughout the day at the Coal Creek Park. Hot Air Balloons launch at 6:15 am, weather permitting, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The launching is at Colorado National Golf Club and is open to the public.

### ERIE BREWFEST

SATURDAY, JULY 5 • HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE • NOON - 4:00 PM

Back for a second year, the Erie Brewfest will be a great event to add to your Independence Day weekend! Join the Erie Chamber of Commerce as they host craft brewers from the region in Historic Downtown Erie.

### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

MAY 31, JUNE 28 & JULY 19

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE • 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Join the Erie Chamber of Commerce as they host the Summer Concerts in the Park Series in Historic Downtown Erie at Coal Creek Park.



JULY 19:  
THE SAMPLES



For more information on the Erie Chamber of Commerce events, please contact 303-828-3440 or visit [www.eriechamber.org](http://www.eriechamber.org)



## ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER CORNER



### CAMP ERIE: SUMMER CAMP MAY 27 - AUGUST 8 • AGES 5-14

Looking for fun activities for your children this summer? Send them to Camp Erie! Log onto [www.erieco.gov/camperie](http://www.erieco.gov/camperie) for more information, participant forms and more! Camp will start at 9:00 am and end at 5:00 pm. Before and after care is included in camp fees. Before care starts at 7:00 am and after care ends at 6:00 pm.

Please read the Parent Packet and complete the participant forms at least one month before attending camp. Participant forms must be completed once per calendar year.

Contact Megan Langerak, Camp Director, at 303-926-2797 for more information.



### INVEST IN YOUR HEALTH! 3-MONTH PASS PROMOTION MARCH 15 - APRIL 15

Come to the Erie Community Center between March 15th and April 15th to receive 15% off of 3-Month Passes!

#### What's included in a 3-Month Pass?

- Use of fitness and weight equipment
- Drop-in fitness classes (with over 65 classes per week)
- Open swim times
- Use of running track
- Open climbing times (with certification)
- Designated open gym times
- Racquetball courts (subject to availability)
- Use of locker rooms

Contact Guest Service at 303-926-2550 for more information.

### CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



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