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NEW WEBSITE IS MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY FACE.

You've been asking us to change for years. Now, after months in the making, the new website is here!

We think our new colors, fonts and images better reflect who we are today. But as you know, there's more to www.erieco.gov than just our good looks. When we asked you what you thought of our old website, you didn't just say go out and get a superficial makeover. Sure – you liked our content, but you had to struggle a bit to get what you wanted. You asked us to change a bit on the inside.

WE LISTENED. WE HEARD YOU. YOU WERE RIGHT.



Perhaps our best new attribute is the **TRANSPARENCY** tab in the upper right hand corner of our global navigation bar. From here, you are one click away from viewing and downloading Agendas & Packets, Financial Reports, Streaming Videos of meetings and more. The Transparency tab is also home to new features you asked for such as quick links to Public Notices, Development Activity Reports and our Development Activity Map.

If vertical navigation is your thing, then check out the green bar on the left side. But, for those of you who would rather just type and click instead of navigate through tabs, we've added a larger Search Engine right in the middle of the page.

The six buttons below the slideshow make it quick and easy for you to search Employment opportunities with the Town; Pay Your Bill; Register for a Class; view Construction Projects; register for Notify Me and submit a Service Request.



There's so much more to explore, we can't fit the whole website and all of our new features in one article. Come check us out!

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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:

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

TRANSPARENCY & THE QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCESS

A LETTER FROM MAYOR TINA HARRIS



government in action.

As many of you are aware, the Morgan Hill residential development was recently presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration. A large number of citizens from Northridge had concerns about the impact the proposed development could have on their established neighborhood and they wanted to share those concerns with the Board prior to any vote. But when they sent emails to the Board expecting a response, what they received instead was a reply stating that due to the fact that this was a quasi-judicial proceeding, the Board's capacity to comment on the matter outside the scheduled Public Hearing was limited.

Needless to say residents were upset by the perceived lack of communication on our part. Believe me when I say we shared their frustration. But ultimately, as the quasi-judicial process proceeded, I think citizens realized they did in fact have an opportunity to participate. In the end, the applicant was given a fair hearing; all voices were heard; and the Board made an informed decision.

I'm pleased to announce that the Town's new website has a "Transparency" tab which includes a FAQ section to help all Erie residents better understand how the quasi-judicial process works. Below are a few excerpts from that section:

Occasionally, the Board of Trustees acts in an adjudicatory, or "quasi-judicial", manner. In that capacity, the Board operates, not as a legislature, but more like a court. In a quasi-judicial proceeding, the Board is not setting new policy, but applying the standards in an existing ordinance, statute or regulation to facts

presented at a hearing, similar as to how a judge would act. In other words, much like a court would at a trial; the Board is applying the law to the facts gathered at the Public Hearing to arrive at its decision.

For example, when the Town Board hears a land use application on a specific property or development, it is generally operating in its quasi-judicial, or adjudicatory, capacity.

In making quasi-judicial decisions, due process generally requires that the Board only consider evidence and testimony that it receives at the Public Hearing on the matter.

Town Board members are free to discuss legislative matters with citizens at any time. However, Town Board members should not receive evidence or argument on a pending quasi-judicial matter outside of the official Public Hearing on the matter.

If you wish to express your opinion or communicate information on a quasi-judicial decision, you have only to appear at the appropriate time at the Public Hearing. If you cannot attend the Hearing, you may submit your concerns in writing.

I hope this explanation will alleviate future frustrations and answers questions regarding the quasi-judicial process. I promise you we are listening to your concerns. Please keep communicating with us. We have made a promise to communicate, be transparent, and put the citizens of Erie first. Please continue to hold us accountable to maintaining our promise.

Mayor Tina Harris,

Town of Erie



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.



SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 13, 2014

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works is 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 Fall Clean-Up.



As more information about this event is available it will be updated on the Town's calendar available at www.erieco.gov.

Contact Kris McDaniel at 303-926-2872 or krismc@erieco.gov with any questions.

ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM



The Adopt-A-Road program is a volunteer opportunity that encourages community involvement for all involved. The Town of Erie has offered the Adopt-A-Road program since 2001 as a way to help maintain litter-free roadways.

The program is open to any organization willing to commit to an assigned road location for a minimum of one-year.

REQUEST INFORMATION

Are you or your business interested in participating? Contact the Department of Public Works at 303-926-2883 for more information.

LEASH LAWS & DOG LICENSES

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.

Dog License Applications are available online or at Town Hall.

Contact 303-926-2700 for more information on Dog Licenses.



DID YOU KNOW?

When you are taking your dog out for a walk they must at all times be restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six feet (6') in length.

SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

As the days become warmer and longer, many people like to spend their evenings and weekends outside either doing yard work or playing with the kids. Warmer weather brings some added risks that can be minimized or prevented with a couple of simple crime prevention tips.

1. Keep your garage door and any side entrance door to the garage closed and locked.
2. Be sure your garage door and any side entrance door are in good repair so that they close completely and lock. Double keyed dead bolt locks are best for side entry doors.
3. If you have an attached garage, keep the entry door from the garage to your home locked.
4. If you have windows that allow a view inside your garage, cover the windows.
5. Be a good neighbor. If you see a neighbor's garage door open and unattended, let them know.
6. Bicycles are a favorite item stolen from garages. Keep your bicycle locked to a fixed object while in the garage. Record the serial number, makes, and color of your bicycle. If possible, store your bicycle with a wheel or seat removed from the frame.
7. Lock your car while in the garage and do not leave valuables in your car including keys.
8. Do not leave items like golf clubs and ski equipment in plain view from the street.

Report any suspicious activity. You can remain anonymous.
In an emergency call 911, in Erie for a non-emergency, call 303-441-4444.

Be safe, have a great summer and contact the Erie Police Department if there is anything we can do to help you make your neighborhood safe and secure this season.



COLORADO SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Are you thinking of starting a new business or do you want to grow your business?

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) team works to grow the small business community by providing free and low-cost business services to emerging and existing entrepreneurs with a mission to foster successful start-up and existing businesses.

The SBDC is in Erie every first and third Wednesday of each month at the Erie Chamber of Commerce office on 235 Wells Street, Erie.

Contact the SBDC for free and low-cost business services.
970-352-3661 • neecco@coloradosbdc.org • www.coloradosbdc.org

2014 SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!

Mighty Kids' Triathlon



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK • 7:45 - 11:00 AM

You don't want your kids to miss this! Jump in the pool, hop on the bike, and lace up the running shoes for this kids event for ages 5-12. Events start at the Erie Community Center and will finish at the Erie Community Park. Pre-Registration is needed and is available online or at the Erie Community Center.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Gather your neighbors and organize a block-party to kick-off the end of summer and celebrate National Night Out with the Erie Police Department. Erie Police Officers and other safety personnel will make an effort to visit all registered block parties with police cruisers and firetrucks!

The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", in 1984 began in an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out now involves over 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

Contact the Erie Police Department at 303-926-2800 for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
ERIE COMMUNITY PARK

Join us for the 5th year of "The Great Erie Outdoor Adventure" on September 6 & 7! This is an outdoor and nature-based event where participants enjoy overnight camping in the Erie Community Park plus other activities such as a climbing wall, kayak tanks, mountain bike course/demo, and a variety of environmental education vendors. Community dinner, outdoor movie, and many fun contests too! View more information and registration details online at www.erieco.gov/specialevents.



DON'T FORGET...

Saturday, July 19
Concert in the Park - "The Samples"
at Coal Creek Park

August 9
Erie Air Fair at Erie Municipal Airport

September 5
Coal Miner's Classic
at Colorado National Golf Club

For more information & the full Special Events Calendar, visit www.erieco.gov/specialevents

ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER CORNER

FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

The 2014 Fall Program Guide will be available online and at the Erie Community Center on Friday, July 25. This guide will cover sports, programs, activities and events from September 1 - December 31.

Registration will open on Saturday, July 26 for Residents and Saturday, August 2 for Non-Residents.

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

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WEEK

The Erie Community Center will be closed beginning on Saturday, August 16 through Sunday, August 24 for maintenance. Work that will be completed includes: resurfacing of the gymnasium floor, new cardio equipment installation, deep cleaning and fresh paint!

We look forward to seeing you at the ECC when it re-opens with regular hours on Monday, August 25.

BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

Let us do all the work for you at your next birthday party!



All parties include one hour of activity and one hour in the party room. Activities include admission to the indoor playground, swimming pool, or climbing wall for up to 10 children. We will also provide a quarter sheet cake, candles, juice, balloons, plates, tablecloths, napkins and silverware. Pizza is available for an extra fee.

Contact 303-926-2553 for more information & to book your party today!

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