

# ERIE EDITION

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## RESOLVE TO BE READY! SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Would you be ready if there were an emergency this year? Be prepared: assemble an emergency preparedness kit, make your emergency plans, stay informed, and get involved in helping your family, your business, and your neighbors be ready for emergencies.

### ASSEMBLE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

If you are ready, you can play a part in effective response and recovery, and assist first responders, neighbors or family members. Ready Colorado reminds us all to prepare emergency supplies for the following situations:



- A disaster supply kit with essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days. This “READY” kit should be easy to carry and kept in a designated place in case you have to leave your home quickly because of a disaster, such as a flash flood or fire. Make sure all household members know where the kit is kept.
- You may be asked to “shelter in place.” Consider having additional supplies for sheltering or home confinement for extended periods of time.
- You should also have a disaster supply kit at work. It should be in one container and easy to carry in case you have to evacuate the building quickly.
- A car kit of emergency supplies, including food and water, to keep in your car at all times. This kit should also include flares, jumper cables and seasonal supplies.

Visit the Town's Emergency Preparedness page at [www.erieco.gov/emergencypreparedness](http://www.erieco.gov/emergencypreparedness) to learn more about Emergency Preparedness Kits and to register for Emergency Alerts.

### STAY INFORMED – REGISTER TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS

The Town of Erie is using an emergency notification system that allows residents to be notified of an emergency situation in a variety of ways. Once registered, you will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where, you pick how. Go online to register today!

## ERIE RANKED SAFEST PLACE IN COLORADO



For the second month in a row the Town of Erie has been called one of the safest places to live in Colorado! In July, Real estate company Movoto announced their **TOP 10 SAFEST PLACES IN COLORADO** and ranked Erie **#1!** In August, Erie was ranked **#9** on SafeWise Report's **30 SAFEST CITIES IN COLORADO** list.

In an interview with the Daily Camera, Erie Police Chief Marco Vasquez said while his department takes pride in the town's recent safety accolades, it can't take all the credit. "I think what is always important to keep in mind with these types of things is that we certainly don't do any of this alone," Vasquez said. "We have a very vibrant, very good community and we work in partnership with the community to keep the community safe."

Vasquez said Erie is poised to maintain its safety rating in the future, thanks largely to voters' approval in April of funding for a \$6.2 million, 17,000-square-foot police and municipal court facility to be built at the southwest corner of County Line Road and Telleen Avenue.

"We know that there's going to be challenges for us as we grow, but we're very confident in working with this community that we'll be able to keep Erie a safe place for years to come," Vasquez said. "We appreciate that investment and that confidence that has been placed in public safety by our Mayor and Board of Trustees and the voters in the Erie community."

Source: Daily Camera "Erie lands on another 'safest cities' list", 8/25/2014



## 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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## ERIE EDITION

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[ErieNewsUpdate@erieco.gov](mailto:ErieNewsUpdate@erieco.gov)  
or call 303-926-2763.

# HELP FOR SMALL BUSINESS

## A LETTER FROM MAYOR TINA HARRIS



You may know that Echo Brewing just opened the doors to their new Historic Downtown Erie location. But do you know just how instrumental the Town was in helping the Richards family achieve their business goal? Thanks to a unique lease/purchase agreement negotiated by the Town's Economic Development staff, Echo was able to make the necessary capital improvements to upgrade an old fire station into a brewery in exchange for free rent. After certain milestones have been met - they will have the option to purchase the property outright.

How the Town helped Echo Brewing expand their business should serve as a reminder that while large financial incentives are not always available for small businesses other resources are. The problem is often that business owners don't know where to go for help. That's why I am asking for your help in spreading the word about business assistance resources already available to Erie businesses. Here are some examples:

### TOWN OF ERIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Assists with identification of potential business locations; helps businesses through the permitting and licensing process; and refers to agencies and services that may guide businesses as they start out and grow.

### Historic Downtown Neighborhood Building Fee Waiver

is available for properties within Historic Downtown Erie allowing business and property owners to save money on any renovations or expansions of businesses and homes.

A **business resource committee** is being formed and will have its first meeting in October. The goal of this committee is to identify more free and low-cost programs and services, as well as funding resources that can be promoted to Erie businesses and the entrepreneurs in Erie looking to start a business. The committee will consist not only of the Chamber, SBDC, and the Town, but local banks, workforce agencies and colleges.

There are also opportunities for businesses looking to grow and invest in Historic Downtown Erie through assistance of the Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority (URA). The URA has the capability of assisting businesses looking to renovate existing or build a new buildings.

### SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The SBDC has office hours in Erie on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Erie Chamber of Commerce office to provide guidance and resources to start ups and small businesses, as well as providing workshops at the Erie Community Library nearly every other month.

### ERIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Erie Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting, promoting and growing the current and future Erie business community. The Chamber offers networking and trainings that are open to all businesses throughout the year.

### ERIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Erie Community Library offers numerous free business resources that may assist a business with research, management and writing a business plan. The library also provides several online services for businesses including the ability to download the latest demographics by community, distance or drive time from a specific location.

Please help spread the word so that we can continue to encourage the economic well-being of the existing businesses located within the Town as well as those considering relocating here.

Sincerely,

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.



# NAVIGATING ROUNDABOUTS

There are currently 6 roundabouts in Erie, with thousands of people driving through them daily. The Town of Erie Department of Public Works would like to advise pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers on navigating those roundabouts.

## MOTOR VEHICLES

### APPROACHING & ENTERING THE ROUNDABOUT

- When approaching the roundabout, follow the lane designation signs and choose the proper lane for multi-lane approach roadways, slow down and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Look to the left. Traffic in the roundabout has the right-of-way.
- Approach the yield line and enter the roundabout when there is an adequate gap in the circulating traffic flow.
- If another car is waiting at the yield line ahead of you, do not stop in the crosswalk.
- Keep the crosswalk clear for pedestrians.
- Bicyclists are permitted to ride within the roundabout and will be riding in the lane just as other vehicles do. Please do not pass a bicycle in the roundabout.

### EXITING THE ROUNDABOUT

- Once you have entered the roundabout, proceed counter-clockwise to your exit. You now have the right-of-way.
- As you approach your exit, turn on your right turn signal.
- Exit the roundabout, yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalk.



## PEDESTRIANS

- Stay on the designated walkways at all times.
- Cross only at the designated crosswalks.
- Never cross to the central island.
- Watch for cars; you have the right-of-way, but your best protection is your own attention.
- Cross the crosswalk one lane at a time, using the splitter island as a refuge area before crossing the next lane.



## BICYCLISTS



- If you are comfortable riding in traffic, take the lane and circulate like you are a vehicle, making sure you yield to traffic in the circle when entering.
- Ride at the speed of the circular roadway to discourage cars from passing you.
- When you exit the roundabout, use your right hand signal.
- If you are unsure about using the roundabout, dismount and walk your bike as a pedestrian at the designated crosswalks.

# NOTIFY ME!

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS AND ALERTS?



## GET IN THE KNOW!

The Town of Erie's website allows you to sign-up to receive notifications and alerts to help you stay informed on everything that is going on in Town!

## SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS ON:

- » Public Works
- » Economic Development
- » News & Announcements
- » Parks & Recreation
- » Police
- » Bid Postings
- » Calendar Items
- » **NEW!** Agendas for all Boards & Commissions

## HOW TO SIGN-UP



1. Go to [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov)
2. Click on the "Notify Me" button
3. Type your email address in the box and select "Sign In"
4. If you want to receive text messages, enter your phone number and select "Save"
5. To subscribe, click the email or mobile icon next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe

## NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014 • ERIE TOWN HALL



The Erie Police Department is participating in the 2014 **National Prescription Take Back Day** to aid Erie residents in removing potentially dangerous substances from their family medicine cabinets. To participate, please bring all substances to the main lobby at Town Hall on Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

A national prescription take back day provides a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted or unused controlled medications and other pharmaceutical substances to law enforcement officers for destruction.

### ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED FOR TAKE BACK:

- Needles and Sharps
- Mercury (thermometers)
- Oxygen Containers
- Chemotherapy/Radioactive Substances
- Pressurized Canisters
- Illicit Drugs

For more information on the Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please contact the Erie Police Department at 303-926-2800.

## DON'T FORGET!

GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

The November 4, 2014 General Election will be conducted as a coordinated election in Boulder and Weld Counties.

### OTHER VOTING & ELECTION RESOURCES

- [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com)
- [www.bouldercounty.org](http://www.bouldercounty.org)
- [www.co.weld.co.us](http://www.co.weld.co.us)



# 2014 SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE FALL EVENTS!

## ERIE BISCUIT DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE • 8:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

Come join the Erie Historical Society for biscuits and gravy on Saturday, September 20th, 2014 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon for the **12th Annual Erie Biscuit Day**.

Festivities will be held in Historic Downtown Erie on Briggs Street.

The day will feature Biscuits and Gravy, Homemade Stew, Live music, cake walk, raffle drawing, craft booths, historic photos and more.

### FOOD PRICES:

\$7 - 2 biscuits, 2 sausage, sausage gravy, your choice of coffee, milk or juice

\$4 - 1 biscuit, 1 sausage, sausage gravy, your choice of coffee, milk or juice

\$1 - Bottle Water



## MINER'S BLAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

ERIE COMMUNITY PARK • 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Miner's Blast is another family fun event hosted by the Erie Chamber. Over 1,000 pumpkins fill the man-made pumpkin patch. Children are allowed one free pumpkin each! Free hay rides at specified times. Garage Rats Car Club will host the event's car show. Autumn decorations and holiday gifts are available for purchase from the many participating craft vendors. Seasonal food vendors are on-site throughout the day. The Children's Pet Parade & Contest is a highlight, as is the annual Guns vs. Hoses Softball Challenge between the Erie Police Department and Mountain View Fire Rescue.



## EERIE ERIE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 • HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE

The world famous Eerie Eerie is a Halloween themed 5k and 10k race that runs through Historic Downtown Erie and takes advantage of new trail systems that weave through Erie's beautiful landscapes along Coal Creek Trail. The 10k passes by scenic Mount Pleasant Cemetery where our friendly spirits can't wait to visit this year's runners. The race starts and ends at Erie Middle School.

Registration and more information can be found at [www.erieoptimists.org](http://www.erieoptimists.org)



## 9TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 25TH • 3:30 - 5:30 PM  
AT ERIE COMMUNITY PARK

You've heard of going door to door, why not consider going trunk to trunk? Join us for the best Halloween event in Town! Vehicles decorated by volunteers and area businesses will line the Civic Green at Erie Community Park for this year's 9th annual event! Prizes will be awarded for the best trunk. This event is free, no registration is needed!

**TRUNKS NEEDED!**

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



For more information & the full Special Events Calendar, visit [www.erieco.gov/specialevents](http://www.erieco.gov/specialevents)



## PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

### EMERALD ASH BORER



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a very serious pest of ash trees. It was first found in Boulder, Colorado in the fall of 2013.

#### DO YOU HAVE AN ASH TREE?

Only Fraxinus species are susceptible. Find out at [www.eabcolorado.com](http://www.eabcolorado.com)

#### WHAT DOES EAB DO?

- Kills ash trees of all sizes!
- Larvae feed under the bark, eventually girdling the tree and cutting off nutrients.
- Trees are killed within 2-4 years of first symptoms, even previously healthy trees.

#### WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT THIS NEW PEST?

An EAB Response Team is managing this pest in Colorado with the goal to monitor and contain the spread of EAB in urban ash tree populations.

#### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Go to: [www.eabcolorado.com](http://www.eabcolorado.com)

- How close is EAB to you? Follow the management zone recommendations listed on the site.
- Plan appropriate action based on the EAB Decision Guide located on the site.

For more information, contact Town of Erie Arborist, Mike McGill at 303-926-2892.

#### CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



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