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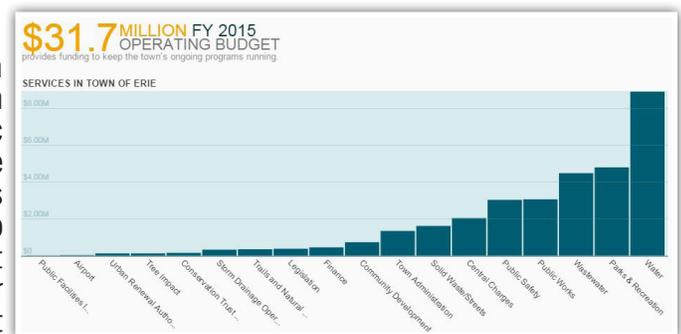
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“OPEN BUDGET” DRIVES GREATER GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

The Town of Erie has launched its easy-to-use financial transparency app “Open Budget” to drive greater government accountability and transparency. Rather than wading through hundreds of pages of scanned documents of financial information, citizens are now able to intuitively navigate through the Town’s operating and capital expenditures.



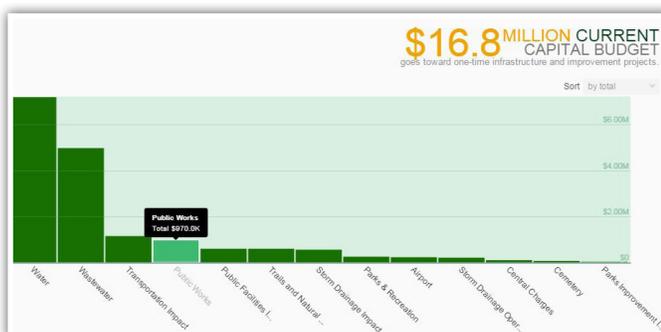
Publishing the Town’s budget in a consumer friendly way builds an essential bridge between public servants who live and breathe the language of the budgeting process and the taxpayers who simply want to better understand how their government works. Open Budget not only makes our financial data accessible, it provides a visual snapshot that makes that data easy to understand for everyone.



The Town of Erie’s Open Budget application provides an opportunity for the public to explore and visually interact with Erie’s operating and capital expenses. This application is in support of the Town’s overall transparency initiative and allows users with and without budget data experience, to better understand expenditures in these categories.

Features:

- Charts and visualizations showcase budget priorities and educate visitors
- Flow charts show funding sources and how funds are shared, combined or allocated
- Location-aware technology allows citizens to focus on capital projects by area
- Navigation helps users view allocations at the department, project and program level



BACKGROUND: On November 18th, the Board of Trustees adopted the Town of Erie’s Budget for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2015. Total revenues across all funds are projected to be \$46.1 million. Total expenditures across all funds are \$48.5 million, which includes capital and debt service expenditures. Total expenditures in the General Fund are \$17.0 million. Total General Fund revenues are \$16.9 million.

www.openbudget.erieco.gov

A LETTER FROM MAYOR TINA HARRIS



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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ErieNewsUpdate@erieco.gov
or call 303-926-2763.



This holiday season I made an effort to practice gratitude by simply taking time to acknowledge all that is good in our lives as Erie residents. As we welcome in the New Year, I would like to share with you some of the many accomplishments the Town achieved in 2014 for which I am grateful.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ **KING SOOPERS TO BREAK GROUND IN 2015!**
- ✓ **ERIE'S SKILLED WORKFORCE** Global Trade Magazine recognized Erie as one of America's best.
- ✓ **EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD** International Economic Development Council presented the Town with the Silver Excellence Award.
- ✓ **THINGS ARE LOOKING UP IN DOWNTOWN** Town Invested over \$61,500 in Historic Downtown improvements.
- ✓ **BUSINESS RESOURCE COMMITTEE LAUNCHED**
- ✓ **SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN** When you shop in Erie, you are simultaneously creating jobs, investing in neighborhood improvement and promoting community development.



PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- ✓ **KEEP ERIE SAFE COMMITTEE** Voters approved new police station set to open in July!
- ✓ **SAVVY AWARD** "Keep Erie Safe Video" wins 1st Place for best promotional video.
- ✓ **CERT** 26 Erie residents graduated from the Community Emergency Response Team training program.
- ✓ **NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS** Traffic signal at Erie Parkway & Meller Street operational since spring; traffic signals on Erie Parkway at Erie High and Colliers Blvd. to be activated this year.
- ✓ **CRIME STOPPERS** Tips from residents led to the arrests of several suspects last year.
- ✓ **DOMINIC GAETA** Black Rock Elementary Student, Dominic Gaeta raised money to rebuild his school's playground.
- ✓ **SAFEST CITY** Erie made multiple Top 10 lists of safest places to live in Colorado.
- ✓ **OPERATION CHILL** Erie Police "ticketed" kids with coupons for a FREE Slurpee when they observed them doing good deeds.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

- ✓ **Refinancing of \$32 Million Water Debt from 2005**
- ✓ **"AA" and "AA+" Ratings from Standard & Poor's**
- ✓ **Moody's affirms "A1" Rating on the Town's Water Enterprise Revenue Bonds**
- ✓ **Bond Sale for New Police Station** Sale of GO Bonds was successfully completed at a lower rate than approved by voters resulting in a savings of \$1.8 million to Erie residents.
- ✓ **Open Budget** Town launched new online application to drive greater government transparency.
- ✓ **New Online Utility Bill Pay Service**



COMMUNITY

- ✓ **NEW WEBSITE** Greater government transparency!
- ✓ **BEST PLACES FOR YOUNG FAMILIES** Erie ranked #2 by Nerd Wallet.
- ✓ **ERIE PROUD T-SHIRTS**
- ✓ **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES AD HOC COMMITTEE** Thank you for working to bring an inspirational sculpture to Briggs Street.
- ✓ **CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES**
- ✓ **TOWN FAIR**
- ✓ **ERIE FARMERS MARKET** Dynamic Farmers Market coming to Erie. Thursdays from 5 to 8 pm. Opening Day: June 18!
- ✓ **SOUTH COAL CREEK TRAIL REOPENED**

I am grateful for all that the Town accomplished last year and ask for your continued support and involvement in 2015.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mayor Tina Harris
Town of Erie

TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2015

Town of Erie Property Tax Mill Levies for 2015: **17.364**

- General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04*)
- Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44*)
- Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.198 (\$144.82*)
- Erie Police Station & Municipal Court Building Construction Bond: 0.878 (\$24.46*)

*Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2015 would be \$483.76.

ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

It is time consuming and costly to keep up with the trash that thoughtless people have dumped along our roads.

That's why we need your help!

Join the many other volunteers who help keep Erie beautiful by picking up litter along our roads.



WHAT'S REQUIRED?

The adopting group agrees to pick up litter from both sides of a road for a roughly two mile section at a minimum of two times per year.

The Town of Erie will provide the adopting organization with the following:

- Signage installed on roadway acknowledging the adopting organization
- Safety vest for each participant
- Trash Bags for each pick-up date
- Advanced Warning Signage

The Town of Erie Public Works Department will be responsible for collection and disposal of the trash bags along the roadside.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following people, groups and businesses who have volunteered their time and adopted a road in Erie!

- Blake's Auto Salvage
- County Line Autobody
- Erie Airpark HOA
- Erie High School Student Government
- Erie Rotary Club
- In Memory of Linda Wetzberger
- Jeff Stewart Properties
- Knights of Columbus
- Pat Wilkes Attorney
- Pure Risk Solutions
- Remax Vista

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Contact the Adopt-a-Road Program Coordinator at 303-926-2883 or visit www.erieco.gov/adoptaroad

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCH AVAILABLE!



Beginning Tuesday, January 13, 2015 (weather permitting), the Parks Division will mulch all of the Christmas trees that have been recycled and leave the mulch at Coal Creek Park (at the intersection of Cheesman and Kattell) for the public to remove and use free of charge. The mulch will be on a first come first served basis through Monday, March 2, 2015.

For more information, contact the Parks Division at 303-926-2887.

2015 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL NOTICE

Attention **COMMERCIAL, RETAIL, SERVICE BUSINESS** or **HOME OCCUPATION** License Holders:

Your 2014 Business License with the Town of Erie, Colorado expired on December 31, 2014.

If you are seeking to renew your license for 2015, please complete and submit the Business License Application or Home Occupation License Application form that was mailed to you recently.

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESSES:

Erie Municipal Code requires anyone doing business in the Town to be licensed by the Town. If you have not done so already, please complete and submit the applicable Business License Application or Home Occupation License Application today. 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.

Contact Hallie Sawyer at 303-926-2770 or email hsawyer@erieco.gov if you have any questions about Businesses Licenses in Town.



2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

JANUARY

14 - Public Works Open House

FEBRUARY

11 - Erie Community Showcase*

APRIL

18 - 9Health Fair

25 - Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration

MAY

2 - Spring Clean-Up Event

9 - Fishing Clinic

16 - Erie Town Fair & Balloon Festival*

30 - Concert in the Park*

JUNE

6 - National Trails Day

13 - Movie in the Park

13 - Erie Brewfest*

18 - Erie Farmers Market Begins*

20 - Concert in the Park*

24 - Bike to Work Day

* These events are endorsed or sponsored by the Town of Erie. All other events are coordinated by the Town of Erie.



JULY

3 - July 3rd Extravaganza at Colorado National Golf Club*

4 - Firecracker 4k/4 mile

11 - Concert in the Park*

25 - Concert in the Park*

AUGUST

1 - Mighty Kids' Triathlon

4 - National Nite Out

8 - Erie Air Fair*

15 - Concert in the Park

29 - Movie in the Park

29-30 - The Great Erie Outdoor Adventure

SEPTEMBER

4 - Coal Miners Classic*

19 - Biscuit Day*

12 - Fall Clean-Up Event

17 - Erie Farmers Market Ends*

OCTOBER

3 - Miner's Blast*

24 - Trunk or Treat

31 - Eerie Erie*

DECEMBER

4 - Country Christmas & Parade of Lights*

21 - Holiday CookieFest



PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

The Erie Community Center is now offering **SMALL GROUP TRAINING SESSIONS!** This is a fun, effective and affordable way to reach your fitness goals. These sessions are made by appointment only and consist of 3-4 people.

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

YOUTH SOCCER AGES 4-13

Registration is now open for **LITTLE KICKERS, 1ST & 2ND GRADE**, and **3RD - 8TH GRADE** spring soccer leagues! Join us outside to play soccer, meet friends and have fun!

View the program guide for more information on registration deadlines, fees and times.

CAMP ERIE SPRING BREAK CAMP • AGES 5-14

It is not too early to start thinking about **SPRING BREAK!** Join us for a week of fun at the Erie Community Center, with a field trip that Thursday! Activities will start at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. Before and after care is included starting at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Guest Service at 303-926-2550 for more information or visit www.erieco.gov/camperie.

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