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CONGRATULATIONS!

MONEY Magazine Names Erie as One of the Best Places to Live in America!

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2015 CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

90% RATE ERIE AS AN EXCELLENT OR GOOD PLACE TO LIVE AND 4 IN 5 RESIDENTS RATE THEIR OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD!



ERIE, CO – The 2015 Citizen Survey reports that more than four in five residents rate their overall quality of life as excellent or good and that 90% rate Erie as an excellent or good place to live!



Furthermore, almost all residents rate their neighborhoods as excellent or good. 93% rate Erie as an excellent or good place to raise children – a rating higher than in comparison to communities nationwide. At least three in five residents give excellent or good ratings to the overall image/reputation of Erie; Erie as a place to retire; the overall appearance of Erie; Erie's overall natural environment; Erie's air quality and the cleanliness of Erie – ratings for all of these characteristics increased from 2013 to 2015.



Almost all residents feel safe in their neighborhoods and give high ratings to the overall feeling of safety throughout Erie – ratings higher than in comparison communities nationwide. All Safety services, including police, fire, ambulance and emergency preparedness are rated positively by a majority of respondents.



Ratings for the availability of paths and walking trails, travel by bicycle, travel by car, public parking and traffic flow are all higher than the national benchmarks.

Four in five residents are likely to recommend Erie as a place to live to someone who asks and plan to remain in Erie for the next five years.

In terms of public trust, a majority of residents give positive ratings to the value of services for taxes paid; welcoming citizen involvement; being honest and treating all residents fairly. 80% rate the overall customer service provided by Town employees as excellent or good. Additionally, the Town remains a trusted source for information. The most popular source of information is the Town's website (93%) followed by Erie Edition newsletter and flyers mailed with utility bills (84%).



With the current moratorium on retail marijuana businesses in Erie set to expire on December 31, 2015, the Board of Trustees wanted to know how much residents would support or oppose potential future types of retail marijuana businesses and potential locations. A majority of residents (62% to 67%) strongly oppose all types of retail marijuana businesses listed and a majority (60% to 74%) opposed all locations listed. Almost all residents (84%) opposed marijuana businesses in any residential neighborhood.

This scientific, statistically valid survey was conducted by the National Research Center (NRC) and mailed to 3,000 randomly selected households within the Town. According to NRC, the margin of error is no greater than plus or minus three percentage points.

View the complete survey results and NRC's presentation to the Board of Trustees by visiting: WWW.ERIECO.GOV/CITIZENSURVEY

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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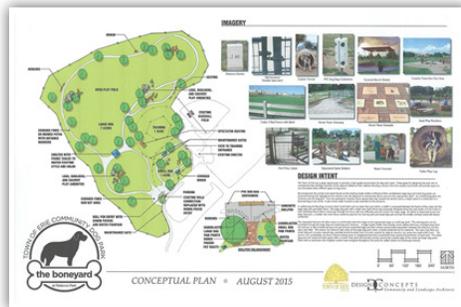


THE BONEYARD AT RELIANCE PARK

The Erie Dog Park Committee has been working overtime this summer planning fundraisers, developing a website and designing the layout of the park. Everyone on the committee is excited to bring this long-awaited recreational amenity for our K9 friends to Erie. Special shout-out to the following committee members for their hard work: Kit Lammers, Will Powers, Todd Bachmann, Robyn Bachmann, Dawn Frasier, Deb Coyle and Michael Gides.

If you haven't heard about the Erie Dog Park yet – don't worry, soon you will start seeing information everywhere! As we spread the word and our enthusiasm we hope you and your neighbors will be just as eager as we are to build Erie's first-ever dog park!

As a reminder, the dog park will be located at Reliance Park on Briggs Street just north of Historic Downtown. Appropriately enough, the name will be The Boneyard at Reliance Park. The dog park will be approximately 8 acres in size. By comparison, the park will be larger than Lafayette's dog park which is about 6 acres.



We have just launched a new website which contains everything you want to know about The Boneyard. Please visit us at www.erieco.gov/dogpark to view the conceptual plan and learn how you can participate.

Most importantly the committee is about to kick off our fundraising efforts. We hope to raise most if not all of the money needed to build the first phase. If you are looking to donate, several options are available for your convenience:

- Items will be available to purchase at the Erie Farmers Market, The Great Erie Outdoor Adventure, Trunk or Treat and from Town staff at the Erie Community Center. We hope to see you at one of these events! Items available for purchase include: dog toys, pupcakes (for dogs only), t-shirts and water bottles.

- If you would like to make a donation of any amount*, simply visit our website - www.erieco.gov/dogpark - and select the Paypal button. Your donation will be used to purchase various amenities for The Boneyard including: trees, benches, shade structures and various "play" features.

- And last but not least will be our Commemorative Brick Program – coming soon! The entryway to The Boneyard will be made entirely of bricks. These Commemorative Bricks will soon be available for purchase from a third party company and can be customized to your liking.

I hope you will join me and the Erie Dog Park Committee in supporting The Boneyard in whatever manner best suits you. And until next time remember the words of Ann Landers: "Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

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.

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Here's what they have to say:

Erie is sitting pretty—30 minutes from Denver and the international airport and just 15 minutes east of Boulder, it's in a perfect spot for workers wanting an easy commute to major employers like the University of Colorado and IBM. With the Rocky Mountains within view, it's a short drive to world-class hiking and skiing. While the former coal mining town is still small, it has some big numbers: 56% of residents have college degrees, and the median household income is upwards of \$100,000.

The steady stream of out-of-towners moving in find plenty to enjoy in Erie. The town has built a 20,000-square-foot library and a state-of-the-art community center, complete with a 32-foot climbing wall, and a two-story pool slide that lands in a splash tank. Housing developments are springing up like crazy, but the lack of big retailers means one still must drive outside of town for shopping. Still, Erie aims to keep its small-town feel with numerous events year-round, from the Air Fair at the airport to the Brewfest downtown.

View the full list online at: www.time.com/money

WEATHER REMINDERS: ARE YOU READY?

We are coming up on the 2nd anniversary of the September Floods that hit our region in 2013. As the fall approaches, be prepared for the ever-changing Colorado weather that we have here.



NOAA has released a climate prediction with findings that portray short-term and long term effects of a Strong El Niño phenomenon. This support predictions that indicate a wetter than normal summer/fall for our region and that we may be in for a much-needed period of heavy precipitation this upcoming winter.

BE PREPARED:

1. Prepare a 72-Hour Kit for your family and pets and be sure to have copies of important documents, such as insurance information, ready to go.
2. Prepare your home. Make sure your sump pump is working, clear debris from gutters and downspouts, anchor any fuel tanks, raise electrical components and move furniture, valuables and important documents to a safe place.
3. Visit FloodSmart.gov to find out what your flood risk is, contact an agent and get cost estimates. Keep in mind that there is a 30-day waiting before flood insurance goes into effect, so if you are at risk, get insurance now.
4. Keep informed. Watch out for weather that could cause flash floods and make sure that you listen to the news so you are aware of flood danger in your area.

Familiarizing yourself with the terms below may help with what to expect so you can properly prepare:

- » **FLOOD WATCH:** Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.
- » **FLASH FLOOD WATCH:** Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground; listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.
- » **FLOOD WARNING:** Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.
- » **FLASH FLOOD WARNING:** A flash flood is occurring; seek higher ground on foot immediately.

Learn more about Emergency Preparedness online at www.erieco.gov/emergencypreparedness



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 12, 2015

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 10th Annual Fall Clean-Up.

More information about this event is available on the Town's calendar available at www.erieco.gov.

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



ERIE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015

Join the Optimist Club of Erie as they host the annual Homecoming Parade in Historic Downtown Erie before the homecoming football game at Erie High School.

Visit www.erieoptimists.org for more information.

DON'T FORGET!

GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

The November 3, 2015 General Election will be conducted as a coordinated election in Boulder and Weld Counties.

OTHER VOTING & ELECTION RESOURCES

- www.govotecolorado.com
- www.bouldercounty.org
- www.co.weld.co.us

2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING FALL EVENTS!

ERIE BISCUIT DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE • 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
WWW.ERIEHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG



Come join the Erie Historical Society for biscuits and gravy on Saturday, September 19th, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the **13th 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 3
 COAL CREEK PARK • 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
WWW.ERIECHAMBER.ORG



This year Miner's Blast is having a complete "make over". Tickets will be sold at the entrance and will allow everyone the opportunity to get scared inside the haunted house, sling the "flying gourd", ride the hayride, get lost in the maze and much more!

But wait...before leaving the grounds, be sure to pick up your complimentary pumpkin! It's all a new look designed for fun and families at one reasonable cost! Be sure to visit the seasonal food vendors and root beer garden. Stroll down the streets filled with spectacular vintage cars at the annual Garage Rats Car Show.

10TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 • 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 10th 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 303-926-2793 for more information or to register your trunk.

EERIE ERIE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 • HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE
WWW.ERIEOPTIMISTS.ORG

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



For more information & to view the full 2015 Special Events Calendar, visit www.erieco.gov/specialevents



PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

You are invited to come check out the Erie Community Center's newest attraction:

CYCLE GARAGE!

The Cycle Garage is a dedicated space that will be programmed with indoor cycle classes only!

JOIN US FOR OUR CYCLE GARAGE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION!

CYCLE CLASS | BIKE FITTING | GREAT WORKOUT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Ride Class
 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Bike Set Up Orientations and Q & A Session
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ride Class
 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us in the new Cycle Garage for a couple quick rides and free bike set up orientations. We would love to show you our new space and answer any questions you might have.

COME JOIN THE FUN!



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