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Letter from the Mayor

Our Neighbors, Our Heroes...



Do you know one or two that you'd like to have recognized?

-Read on;

I'm so very proud of our young people and the exceptional Givers that live all around us.

It is an honor for the Mayor and Trustees to publicly recognize people that make a dif-

ference in our community and to encourage standout children.

We like to start our meetings with a "Young Patriot" to lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

We've had Boy Scouts who've recently earned a Merit Badge to kids who simply know the pledge by heart and are active in school or sports. They stand up front with the Mayor, say the pledge of allegiance with all present, receive a certificate and get their picture taken. Fun and fast. If you know a youngster that we might spotlight and encourage, email myself, Nancy Parker our Town Clerk, or anyone on the Board with your suggestion, (please put "Young Patriot" in the subject line).

About 15 minutes into the meeting we have our "Presentations and Proclamations"

section where we regularly honor citizens who have made a difference in the life of a neighbor or neighbors. The "Mayors Award" or a Certificate read by the Mayor, along with a brief message about the person being recognized is presented and photos are taken with the Mayor and Board.

For your elected representatives, honoring our citizens is both a reminder of whom we serve and an inspiration to proceed with integrity. We welcome your submittals.

Mayor Joe Wilson

JWilson@erieco.gov



Outdoor Emergency Warning Siren Testing

The Boulder Office of Emergency Management (BOEM) conducts monthly testing of the county wide outdoor emergency warning sirens, including those servicing Erie. According to BOEM, this year the siren tests will occur twice on each testing day, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. During monthly tests, the Alert Tone will sound for one (1) minute.

Siren testing dates in 2011

- Monday, April 4th
- Monday, May 2nd
- Monday, June 6th
- Monday, July 4th
- Monday, August 1st

Outdoor emergency warning siren tests are intended to ensure that all systems and procedures are working properly during the season of peak flood danger. The tests also promote public awareness of the warning sirens located throughout Boulder County, including those in and servicing the Town of Erie. Should Boulder County experience severe weather during one of the planned audible tests, the siren tests for that day may be cancelled. For more information, visit www.BoulderOEM.com.

The public is reminded that outdoor warning sirens are designed to alert those outdoors to seek shelter immediately and to listen to local news radio or television for essential emergency information. Outdoor sirens are not intended to alert those indoors.

For more information, please visit www.erieco.gov and select "Emergency Preparedness."

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Erie Bucks Have Arrived!



The Town of Erie, Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Erie Economic Development Council (EEDC) are working together to encourage Erie residents to shop in Erie through a new program called "Erie Bucks."

Erie Bucks cards are good for one \$5 discount on a purchase of \$5 or more and may only be used once at one of the participating businesses.

Visit www.erieco.gov/eriebucks for more information and to view a list of all participating businesses.

Erie Bucks cards will be mailed beginning May 1, 2011. Erie utility customers will receive their Erie Bucks card with their April Utility Statement to be mailed by May 10th. All other Erie households will receive their cards directly through a separate mailing from Town Hall. These households include: Erie utility customers who receive their statements electronically, residents whose household is not connected to the Town's water/wastewater system and members of Homeowner's Associations that pay their member's utility bills directly.

WHY ERIE BUCKS?

Discover New Businesses - Erie Bucks helps customers and businesses connect and stay connected.

Buying Local Strengthens Erie's Economy - When shopping in Erie, you are simultaneously creating jobs, investing in neighborhood improvement and promoting community development.

Encourage Economic Development - Successful Erie businesses attract other businesses creating a healthy business culture.

Create Jobs - Erie businesses create more jobs locally, creating more opportunity for those wages to be spent in Erie.

Local Businesses Support Local Non-Profits - Erie businesses support local non-profits which make our community better.

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint - Buying local conserves energy & resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

Preserve Erie's Character - The unique character of Erie is what brought us here in the first place. By choosing to shop local, you help maintain Erie's diversity and distinctive character.

Keep Erie Dollars Recirculating in Erie - When you buy local, more money is kept in Erie because businesses often purchase from other local businesses, service providers and farms.



Board of Trustees

Be the Squeaky Wheel: *Report that Pothole*

Town of Erie Department of Public Works Launches New Program

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works has launched a new program called "Be the Squeaky Wheel" in an effort to make reporting potholes located within Erie easier for our citizens. Once a pothole is reported, Operations and Maintenance crews will strive to patch the pothole within two business days (weather permitting).

Three Easy Ways to Report a Pothole:

1. Citizen Request Tracker – Report potholes online via the Town’s website. Select "Service Request" from any page to be taken to the Citizen Request Tracker and then select "Public Works." When prompted, create a profile to log in and submit a new request. Once registered, this interface can be used for reporting other non-emergency concerns and viewing pending issues.

2. Mobile iPhone app for Citizen Request Tracker – Download the Citizen Request Tracker iPhone app from the homepage of the Town’s website. Once the app is loaded, you may submit a photo of the pothole by selecting the Town of Erie from the list provided. The request will be routed to the Department of Public Works to get the pothole fixed. The application automatically pinpoints and sends the exact location of the pothole. You will receive a confirmation e-mail and can view the status of your request along with comments posted by Town Staff.

3. Phone/Email - Contact our Town of Erie Public Works Department at 303-926-2872 or email pubwks@erieco.gov with the location of the pothole, your name, phone number and email address.

Pothole Pathology - Though the Town’s streets are in very good condition, spring is when potholes are most apt to appear. Potholes can form after water penetrates cracks in the asphalt. Cold temperatures turn the water to ice which expands the cracked pavement. Vibrations from vehicular traffic can further loosen the road surface exacerbating the formation of potholes.

So go ahead. Be the squeaky wheel and report that pothole!

Weekly Drawing - Make a service request to report a pothole, between April 25 and May 27, 2011 and you will be entered into a weekly drawing. One winner will be randomly selected on Monday of each week. The winning resident will be contacted through email and may choose to pick up their prize at Town Hall or have it mailed to them.

More Information:

Please contact Kris McDaniel at kmcdaniel@erieco.gov or 303-926-2872.



The Erie Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall boardroom located at 645 Holbrook Street.

Contact the Board via email at bot@erieco.gov or through the Town Clerk’s Office at 303-926-2731. The Trustees’ individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

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15th Annual Erie Town Fair Saturday, May 21, 2011

The Town of Erie offers historic small town character, a vibrant community, and a vital economy that provides an opportunity for longstanding residents, growing families, and businesses to prosper. The Erie Town Fair celebrates all of these. That's why the Town of Erie is pleased to once again sponsor the Erie Town Fair and Hot Air Balloon Festival hosted by the Erie Chamber of Commerce. We encourage you to join over 20,000 community members, friends and neighbors as we celebrate this premiere community event. Don't miss it!

HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL NEW LOCATION: Erie Municipal Airport

- 6:00 a.m. Hot Air Balloon Launch

Shuttle Bus Access Only: There will be free shuttle buses to take you to and from the Erie Municipal Airport as there is NO PARKING at the airport. Shuttle buses will run every 15 minutes from 5:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Shuttle Bus locations are St. Luke's Orthodox Church, the southwest side of the Erie Community Center, Erie Commons, and Vista Ridge Shopping Center. Look for signs!

EVENTS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE

LOCATION: Briggs, Wells, Moffat, & Kattell Streets.
Children's activities & games at Coal Creek Park.

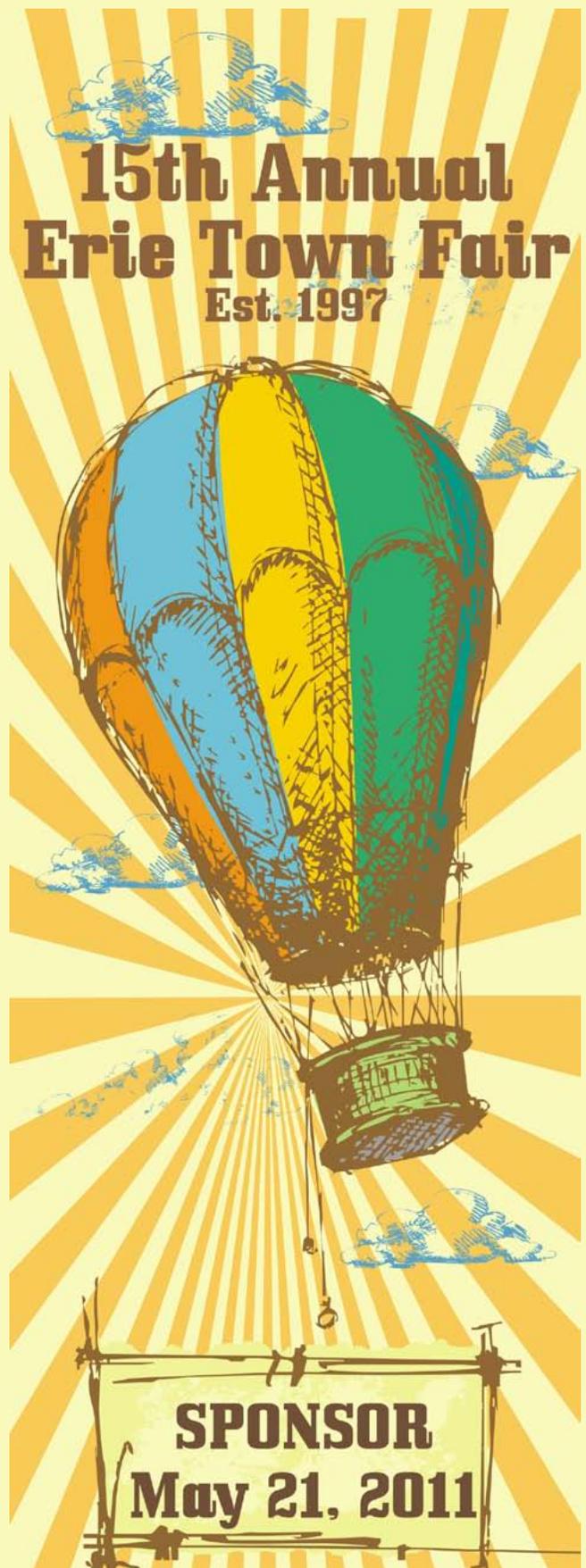
- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - DJ music
 - Craft and Food Vendors
 - Children's Carnival
 - Bungee Jump, Bouncy Castle, Inflatables
 - Garage Rats Car Show
 - Local Performers
- 1:00 p.m. Children's Candy Run at Carnival
- 3:00 p.m. BBQ
- 5:30 p.m. Setting up of Hot Air Balloon Night Glow
- 6:00 p.m. Joe Cool Band
- 9:15 p.m. Fireworks

WEATHER INFORMATION

The Erie Town Fair is held regardless of weather. Balloon & aviation activities are the only events canceled due to weather.

MORE INFORMATION

Call the Erie Chamber of Commerce at (303) 828-3440 or e-mail the Chamber at erie@eriechamber.org.



TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2011

- GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS: 7.288 \$203.04*
- TRAILS & NATURAL AREAS ACQUISITION: 4.000 \$111.44*
- ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION BOND: 6.088 \$169.62*

* Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2011 would be \$484.10.