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Photo: Kids make holiday crafts during last year's Kris Kringle's CookieFest. The Annual event will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Erie Community Center.

# Erie Edition

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## Letter from the Mayor

### 2011 - Great Year for a Great Town



Looking back, I am both amazed and thankful for life led in Erie. 2011 was a year of great accomplishment in Erie in Public projects and enriched friendships among citizens (the latter being the inspired topic of this letter).

I was in awe as I drove by the Recreation complex early one evening on my way to an event at Redhawk Elementary. Under the lights, all the sports fields were packed with kids having fun and parents furthering their friendships with one another. I thought to myself, "I wonder if there is any one left for the Fall Festival at Redhawk?" There was. It was a packed house at the fundraiser! Laughter filled the room as kids towed their folks from game booth to game booth. Principal Cyrus Weinberger humbly took more than a few for the team, standing bravely as the target of

a hundred or more cream pies. My daughter Beth had staffed nearly all of the booths with family and friends - duty they all enjoyed. The face painter I sponsored had a line 10 deep, and Great Grandpa and Grandma were across the room, grinning ear to ear at the gleeful chaos! A great time was had by all and the school benefitted mightily from an amazing group of citizens who must be the most active, outgoing and energetic in Colorado.

In the following days, I attended the grand openings of two new business-

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## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

During a snow event, crews will remove snow and ice from major traffic arterials (Primary Routes) that are the critical routes providing access into and out of Erie. Snow removal efforts will be concentrated on the Primary Routes throughout a snow-storm. Minor arterials and collector streets (Secondary Routes) connecting the neighborhoods to the Primary Routes, will be plowed only after all Primary Routes have been completed.

When snowstorms leave large accumulations (12 inches or more) that are expected to remain for several days, plows go onto residential streets after completing service on the Primary and Secondary Routes. Residential streets are plowed down the center of the street (one pass) in an effort to avoid covering sidewalks, parked cars, and blocking driveways with snow.

### Emergency Access of Residential Streets

A resident who has a police, fire or medical emergency during a severe snowstorm should call 911. In the event it is necessary for the Erie Police, the Mountain View Fire Department and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to respond, the affected residential street(s) will be plowed to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Please visit [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov) to view **Snow Removal Policy & Maps** and **Frequently Asked Questions**,

Contact the Department of Public Works at 303-926-2880 for more information.

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## TOWN OF ERIE

## Landfill Gas to Energy Project



**The Town of Erie Board of Trustees, Waste Connections, Inc., Landfill Energy Systems and United Power are hosting the Town of Erie Landfill Gas to Energy Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Thursday, November 17, 2011.**

The purpose of this project is to utilize methane that is produced by decomposting waste materials within the landfills to produce renewable energy, in this case, renewable electricity. When complete, the project will produce enough electricity to supply approximately 3,300 homes which is the equivalent of 50% of existing homes in Erie. The project will provide a renewable energy source, and prevent the equivalent of approximately 30,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide from reaching the atmosphere each year through avoiding the use of additional fossil fuels.

**WHAT:** Landfill Gas to Energy Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 11:00 am

**WHERE:** Front Range Landfill - 1830 Weld County Rd 5, Erie, CO 80516

**EVENT PARKING:** Southwest corner of WCR 6 and WCR 7

**WHO:** Waste Connections; Landfill Energy Systems; United Power; Town of Erie

**RSVP:** If interested in attending, please RSVP to [nparker@erieco.gov](mailto:nparker@erieco.gov)

### QUICK FACTS:

- The project will capture methane from three different landfills; the Denver Regional North Landfill (closed), Denver Regional South Landfill and the Front Range Landfill.
- The project will provide a renewable energy source, and prevent the equivalent of approximately 30,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide from reaching the atmosphere each year through avoiding the use of additional fossil fuels.
- The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the CO2 emission reductions from the project are equivalent to planting 5,189 acres of trees or removing about 5,218 cars off the roads each year.
- The project will produce enough electricity to supply approximately 3,300 local homes which is the equivalent of 50% of existing homes in Erie.
- Economic Development: 3 to 4 local jobs will be created at the facility.
- Gas Utilization: Captured gas will generate up to 4.8 Megawatts (MW) of electrical capacity.



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# Board of Trustees

## Citizen Access Key to Town of Erie's Award Winning Website

### 2011 SAVVY Awards - Award of Excellence

"Digital Interactive-Overall Website" - Town of Erie  
City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA)

### 2011 Communicator Awards - Silver Award of Distinction

"Excellence in Government Communication" - Town of Erie  
International Academy of the Visual Arts

Creating and maintaining an award winning website is great. But even more rewarding is the feedback we've received from our citizens. Here's a sample:

*"I think the town does a wonderful job keeping their citizens informed and I appreciate all the effort that goes into this website and the continued efforts to better our town and government. Thank you to everyone for all that they do."*

*"Wow, I'm impressed. This is just a great idea. It's incredibly convenient and easy. It's a small demonstration of the transformative impact of technology."*

If you haven't visited [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov) lately, here's some of what you'll find:

**CITIZEN REQUEST TRACKER** allows you to report non-emergency concerns from any computer, anytime from anywhere. Simply create your profile then log in to submit a new request. Town staff endeavors to resolve requests within two business days. You may also view other pending requests, re-open a closed request or ask staff for additional information.

**IPHONE CITIZEN REQUEST TRACKER** is a free mobile iPhone app for when a citizen observes a nonemergency issue concerning a specific location such as a pothole, graffiti, or abandoned car. Citizens can quickly submit a photo and description of the problem and the app automatically pinpoints and sends the exact location of the concern. The request is routed straight to the appropriate department that can get the problem fixed; reducing costs and improving staff efficiency.

**MOBILE WEBSITE** Mobile devices can render some websites nearly unusable when accessed from their mobile interface. The Town of Erie has eliminated this problem. When accessed from a mobile device, the Town of Erie website automatically detects and displays the mobile version, fit to display on any mobile phone offering unprecedented citizen access to information.

**NOTIFY ME** module lets visitors sign up to receive email or text message alerts from several different distribution lists including: News and Announcements, Construction Projects, Emergency Alerts, Invitation to Bid, Parks and Recreation and Job Postings.

**INTERACTIVE MEETINGS and EVENTS CALENDAR** keeps residents up to date. Each event provides detailed information and the RSS and iCal subscriptions allow residents to receive calendar updates to their own calendar.

**EMAIL BILLING and ONLINE BILL PAY** add convenience, reduce costs, and save natural resources. Pay your utility bill by Visa, MasterCard or Discover.



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](mailto: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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Slices and Papa Johns, as well as the groundbreaking ceremony for CU's second major sports facility in Erie. It is a pleasure to serve such a vibrant and giving group of neighbors as your voice in Town Hall, advancing the concepts of sound fiscal policy, Community unity, and encouraging the "jobs and business" sector for growing a healthy local economy.

I cannot state with more conviction that Erie is truly the best place to raise families, build lasting friendships and start your enterprise.

Have a wonderful Holiday season!



Mayor Joe Wilson

## KRIS KRINGLE'S COOKIEFEST

Wednesday,  
December 21, 2011  
1:00 – 3:30 pm  
Erie Community Center

Have your 5-13 year olds join us for holiday crafts, card making, cookie decoration (and eating), and holiday movies! Parents are welcome to come with their child if they wish! All supplies will be provided! Please register at the Erie Community Center or online at [www.erieparksandrec.com](http://www.erieparksandrec.com) beginning November 18<sup>th</sup>. **Fee: R \$10 / NR \$12.50**



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Get those strings of lights out, decorate your house, and get into the holiday spirit! Enter your home into the Town of Erie Holiday Lighting Contest. All entries must be within Erie and entered into the contest to be eligible to win. There is no fee to enter. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place. Please pick up an entry form at the Erie Community Center or online at: [www.erieparksandrec.com](http://www.erieparksandrec.com) beginning November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Entries must be received by Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Houses will be judged the night of December 8<sup>th</sup>! Good Luck!



For more information, please contact: Erie Parks & Recreation at 303-926-2550.

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**Spend  
Your Erie Bucks  
at  
Erie's  
Country Christmas!**

Happy the Erie Buck says; "Spend your Erie Bucks at participating Downtown businesses during Erie's Country Christmas!" Hosted by the Erie Chamber of Commerce, Erie's Country Christmas takes place on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and is your best last chance to spend your Erie Bucks! Visit [www.eriechamber.org](http://www.eriechamber.org) for details. Erie Bucks cards are valid through December 31, 2011.

### 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.