

ERIE EDITION

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RESOLVE TO BE READY

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Would you be ready if there were an emergency? 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.

STAY INFORMED—REGISTER TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS

Public safety agencies throughout Boulder County, including the Town of Erie are 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.

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ARE YOU PREPARED?

Visit the Town’s Emergency Preparedness page at www.erieco.gov to download your Emergency Preparedness Kit instructions and to register for Emergency Alerts.





BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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ERIE SETS THE BAR

A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON



Erie sets the highest safety standards for oil and gas operations in the country. Colorado is known for having the strictest standards for oil & gas development in the nation. Guess what? Erie just set the bar even higher. We accomplished this herculean task by successfully negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the two leading operators (EnCana and Anadarko) in Erie. The MOUs include an impressive list of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that go above and beyond existing state rules and regulations.

TOP 5 BMP LIST:

1. Install Vapor Recovery Units on new wells. (These VRUs routinely capture 99% of VOC emissions—that's a recapture rate 4% greater than what the State requires today!)
2. Prohibit use of fracturing fluid products containing diesel, 2-Butoxyethanol (2-BE) or benzene.
3. Utilize closed-loop systems for drilling and completion operations.
4. Maximize wellhead setbacks from occupied buildings and residences.
5. Utilize steel-rim berms around tanks and separators instead of sand or soil berms.

Best part? The new Executive Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has assured the Town that the terms of the MOUs will be included as a condition of permit approval and will be enforced by the State.

Mayor Joe Wilson

As we move forward—it's worth taking time to set the record straight. Over the past several months facts have not always driven the oil & gas debate in Erie. Instead, much of the dialogue has focused on exaggerated claims that operators are adversely impacting Erie's air quality. This assertion is patently false. The Town commissioned two separate air quality studies, one prepared by a scientist purported to be a "friend of the industry" and another by a firm recommended by the leadership of Erie Rising. Both studies concluded that oil & gas operations do not pose a public health threat to the community.

Similarly, we heard unsubstantiated claims about negative impacts to our water quality. In response, the Town purchased \$50,000 in source water monitoring equipment. Since May, Water Treatment staff has sampled and recorded data at the Water Treatment Facility, Erie Reservoir, Prince Reservoir, Boulder Feeder Canal and the Canyon Creek drainage basin which is close to the well site near Red Hawk Elementary. To date all test results have come back negative. No test results have indicated any kind of chemical spill whatsoever.

At the end of the day, Erie has been a leader in addressing concerns on all sides of this debate; Erie has set a new standard for quality; the Colorado energy economy continues to supply us with a clean, affordable fuel that is environmentally safe for our families. That's win, win, win. That's the Erie way!

TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2012

General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.858 (\$163.20*) *Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2012 would be \$477.68.



**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

The General Election will be conducted as a coordinated election in Boulder and Weld counties.

TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION YOU MUST:

- Be a United States Citizen.
- Register to vote no later than 29 days before the election.
- Be 18 years old on or before the date of the election.
- Reside in Colorado and at your present address at least 30 days before the election.

DEADLINE INFORMATION

You must register online, by mail, or deliver your Voter Registration to the Town or County Clerk and Recorder no later than 29 days before the election. Your eligibility to vote will be based on the date of online registration, postmark date, or the date you deliver the form in the Town or County Clerk and Recorder's office.

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

If you have a Colorado State driver's license or ID card issued by the Department of Revenue you may register online at www.govotecolorado.com.

IN ADDITION TO REGISTERING TO VOTE ONLINE YOU MAY:

- Request to receive your ballot by mail.
- Change your address on your current voter registration record.
- Change your party affiliation on your current voter registration record.

For more information, please contact Erie Town Clerk Nancy Parker at 303-926-2731 or nparker@erieco.gov.



SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works and Parks Divisions are ready with a snow control plan to keep streets and public areas safe and accessible during periods of snow and ice.

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 snowstorm. Minor arterials and collector streets (Secondary Routes) connecting the neighborhoods to the Primary Routes, will be plowed after all Primary are passable.

Depending on the severity of the storm(s) and at the discretion of the Public Works Director, when snowstorms are forecasted to leave large accumulations (12+ inches) that are expected to remain for several days, plows may go onto residential streets. 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.

SIDEWALKS

By Town ordinance, property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks of snow within 24 hours following each snowstorm. A citation and/or fine may be issued if the property owner fails to comply. Snow should not be shoveled into the streets.

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.

TO HELP OUR CREWS PERFORM IN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT MANNER:

- Travel at a safe distance from snowplows.
- Do not try to pass snow removal vehicles.
- Park off-street if possible.
- Do not shovel snow from your sidewalk and drive-way into the street.
- Do not attempt to stop a snow removal vehicle or obstruct its path.

TOWN ANNOUNCES NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The Town of Erie is pleased to announce Paula Mehle as Economic Development Coordinator. Mehle will be responsible for coordinating the Town's economic development efforts including retail attraction and primary employment recruitment. She'll also assist with the implementation of a variety of Urban Renewal Authority activities.

Mehle has a significant background in community planning and business development. She recently served as the Senior Vice President/Assistant Director of the Brighton Economic Development Corporation. Her background is focused on organizing and developing special projects, managing prospects, and working closely with both the public and private sectors to ensure positive outcomes.

"Paula possesses exactly the kind of skill set we need to fill this role," said Erie Town Administrator A.J. Krieger. "She will be tasked with growing our new department, and I think she is the right person to help us build one that is adaptable and value oriented."

Paula holds a Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona and recently received a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Visit www.erieco.gov/economic_development for more information.



Please visit www.erieco.gov to view the Town of Erie's Snow Removal Policy & Maps and FAQ, or contact the Public Works Department at 303-926-2872 for more information.

2012 UPCOMING EVENTS



TRUNK OR TREAT 2012

You have heard of going door to door, why not consider going trunk to trunk? Vehicles decorated by volunteers and area businesses will line the west parking lot of the Erie Community Center for this year's 7th Annual Trunk or Treat! Prizes will be awarded for best trunks. Event is FREE—no registration is required to attend.

TRUNKS WANTED! We need area businesses and volunteers to decorate their trunks or tailgates and provide candy or small prizes for the trunk or treaters. Please call 303.926.2550 for more information or to register your trunk after September 15.

Saturday, October 27 • 3:30-6:00pm
Erie Community Center • 450 Powers St.
(West Parking Lot)



CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIE PARKS & REC!

ERIE PARKS & RECREATION FINALIST FOR NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD

The Erie Parks & Recreation Department is a Finalist for the 2012 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management! The awards program is sponsored by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

The Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. Four finalists are chosen in each class (based on population) to compete for grand honors each year.

A panel of park and recreation professionals reviews and judges all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels. This year's finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this summer, and the recipients will be announced during NRPA's Annual Congress & Exposition in Anaheim, CA, October 16-18, 2012.

Erie Parks & Recreation's Gold Medal application focuses on the many ways it is achieving its vision of *creating a community where everyone participates in recreational experiences that engage, inspire and enrich lives*. Since the department was created in May 2007, the parks and recreation team has: launched the award-winning Erie Community Center and Erie Community Park Phase I; designed Erie Community Park Phase II; prepared the Parks,

Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan; delivered a wide range of popular community events; responded to extensive growth in program participation; hosted well over a million Community Center visits; coordinated the efforts of over 350 volunteers; and provided stewardship for 194 acres of developed parks and grounds, 500 acres of open space and 29 miles of trails.

The department is striving to achieve national accreditation in October 2012 by demonstrating compliance with 144 national standards of excellence in financial management, human resources, planning, programs and service management, facility and land use management, public safety, risk management, and evaluation and research. Only one other municipal parks and recreation agency in Colorado and only 104 agencies nationwide have earned accreditation.

! For info on all Erie Parks & Recreation programs and events, call 303.926.2550 or visit the website at www.erieparksandrec.com.