

ERIE EDITION

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2013 ERIE HOMEBUYER'S INCENTIVE PACKAGES

INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASERS OF NEW AND EXISTING HOMES IN ERIE

3-MONTH FAMILY PASS TO ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER* (Valued at \$189)
Limited to first 100 applicants in 2013.

COLORADO NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT* (Valued at \$2,250) One Free Golf Membership Initiation Fee (\$1500 value) and six months free dues with one year paid in advance (\$750 value)
(Associate Membership only)

WELCOME FLIGHT* (Value \$99) Free welcome to Erie flight provided by Vector Air. This flight will introduce new Erie residents to the airport and provide an aerial tour of Erie. Limited to first 10 applicants in 2013.

ONGOING TREE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (Value: \$300) Certificates are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all have

been claimed for the calendar year. Please call the Tree Hotline number (303-926-2739) to participate.

FREE IRRIGATION AUDIT (Value: \$110) Available on a first-come, first-served basis until all have been claimed for the calendar year.

HIGH EFFICIENCY WASHING MACHINE REBATE (Value: \$50) Good towards the purchase of high efficiency washing machines available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

ONE TIME FREE TREE PROGRAM* (Value: \$200) Each buyer of a new home in Erie receives a \$200 Tree Certificate good towards the purchase of trees at participating nurseries.



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** In order to receive the Erie Community Center 3-Month Pass, One Time Free Tree Certificate, Golf Discount, and Welcome Flight Coupon, applicants must complete an application and attach a copy of real estate transaction or closing document as verification of closing date.*

The Town of Erie makes no assurances regarding services or incentives offered by participating private entities. Please contact the individual business with respect to any particular questions or concerns.

Please contact Melinda Helmer at mhelmer@erieco.gov for program details.



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 OPPORTUNITY!

A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON



Happy New Year Erie and welcome to 2013! Two things we now know are true: The Mayan's prediction for the end of the world was more than just a little off and the future for Erie could not be brighter.

Reasons for our optimism are many and include demand for increased residential and commercial development in our outstanding community. Here is some great news; Judicious use of your 2013 budget dollars is looking to result in less expense than planned, helping us to pursue the balanced budgets you desire.

After going over the proposed 2013 Budget line by line during numerous Study Session and Trustees meetings, the Board of Trustees adopted a Budget based on conservative estimates. Our focus will continue down the path of maintaining Erie as a quality community and one that is financially viable for today and tomorrow. The Budget reflects the optimism that residential builders have rightfully placed in Erie. As a result - we are forecasting 150 residential building permits to be issued in 2013, compared to 140 budgeted in 2012. (By the way - we met and exceeded our 2012 Building Permit projections.) This activity supports and enhances the property values in our community as well as our budgets while keeping taxes low.

Commercial/retail development? We've got plenty of that on tap too. Sierra Vista includes 20 acres zoned Community Commercial - perfect for a major retail attraction. Also on Highway 7 look for a new convenience/gas retailer to open their doors adding to your local shopping options. Coal Creek Center is now fully occupied with the addition of a new Sports Shop located conveniently across from our Erie Community Park. Look for a new nano-brewery to add to liveliness of the Historic Downtown Business District. Join me in welcoming Columbine Appliance and Fireplaces the new owners of 1020 Carbon Court - they will be opening their new store and service center next to NAPA Auto Parts.

While all of this is good news, the even better news is that our newly hired Economic Development Coordinator will continue to put Erie in front of retailers and commercial builders and employers so that you may support your home town when buying the goods and services you desire!

There are challenges going forward to be sure. However, we are uniquely positioned and financially poised to meet them.

Thank you for being part of what makes Erie great.

Mayor Joe Wilson



TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2013

Town of Erie Property Tax Mill Levies for 2013: 17.095 • General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.807 (\$160.56*) *Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2013 would be \$475.04

DROUGHT UPDATE



ERIE WATER CONSERVATION

According to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), the water year ending October 31, 2012 saw below average precipitation; snow accumulation at 45% of average; and temperatures that are above seasonal averages. In response, many municipalities that implemented both voluntary and mandatory watering restrictions earlier in the year will keep the restrictions in place throughout the winter months. The Town of Erie is closely monitoring the situation and will update the public on specific action plans should drought conditions persist.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Town of Erie has a healthy and diverse raw water portfolio; efficient raw water delivery systems; and adequate water supplies in storage for the 2013 water year. The Town will continue to carefully manage its water supply based on the uncertainties of existing drought conditions throughout the state.

DO YOUR PART TO CONSERVE

Erie has established a demand management program consisting of three levels of watering restrictions designed to limit water usage. The Town encourages voluntary compliance with Level 1 at all times. Level 1 encourages lawn watering and drip irrigation twice per week between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am. Hand watering is allowed at all times. Level 3 calls for the highest amount of water savings and would only be required in times of emergencies. Please visit www.erieco.gov/water for more information.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY

Mount Pleasant Cemetery has both local and regional Historic significance. Buried at Mount Pleasant is a cross section of Erie’s citizenry, the first settlers, the foreign born, and many of the “local boys” who served in our Military. Many of these men and women were part of the mining industry which was the driving force behind Erie’s early development. Many of the names of the miners that appear on the Miners Memorial in front of Town Hall are buried along with their families in Mount Pleasant.

The Town obtained ownership of a portion of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery on June 20, 1881 when it was deeded to the Town by the St. Louis and Denver Land and Mining Company. In reading the deed, the legal description says “The boundary lines are due north, south, east and west on and surrounding the present site now being used as a Burying Yard or Cemetery for the inhabitants of Erie and Vicinity. How long it had been a burial yard is not known, however, there are burials on the hill at Mount Pleasant dating back to the 1870’s. In 1900 the Town was deeded the section due east of this first cemetery from the Union Pacific Railroad and

again in 1942 Union Pacific deeded to the Town the section to the north, this became the “New North” section. Mount Pleasant Cemetery is now a total of 14.2 acres.

There are many examples of classic Victorian headstone symbolism used in the late 1800’s. While headstones became more contemporary in the 1900’s there are still many unique and beautiful monuments to see. In reading these monuments you can get a sense of when the area was settled and names, origins and religions of the local residents.

Every year the VFW Post has a Memorial Day Service at Mount Pleasant and places American Flags on the Veterans graves.

Some call Mount Pleasant a Prairie Cemetery; some a Country Cemetery. Either way, it is most certainly a historic one and its existence holds symbolic meaning as well as practical historical meaning for the surrounding living community.

If you would like more information on the Mount Pleasant Cemetery please contact the Town Clerk’s office at (303) 926-2731 or nparker@erieco.gov.



For more information on the cemetery, please contact Nancy Parker at nparker@erieco.gov.

2013 SPECIAL EVENTS



JANUARY

5TH Erie Community Center 5th Anniversary

FEBRUARY

16TH Night of the Stars – Local Show

MARCH

Citizen's Police Academy

APRIL

20TH 9 Health Fair
27TH Arbor Day/Earth Day

MAY

4TH Spring Clean-Up

11TH Fishing Clinic
18TH Erie Town Fair & Balloon Festival

JUNE

1ST National Trails Day
1ST Concert in the Park
15TH Movie in the Park
19TH Bike to Work Day
29TH Concert in the Park

JULY

4TH Firecracker 4K/4 Mile Race
13TH Movie in the Park
27TH Concert in the Park

AUGUST

10TH Mighty Kids' Triathlon

SEPTEMBER

7TH & 8TH The Great Erie Outdoor Adventure
14TH Fall Clean-Up

OCTOBER

26TH Trunk or Treat

DECEMBER

11TH Holiday Lighting Contest
18TH - Kris Kringle's CookieFest

2013 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL NOTICE

Attention Commercial, Retail, Service Business or Home Occupation License

Holders: Your 2012 Business License with the Town of Erie, Colorado will expire on **December 31, 2012**. If you are seeking to renew your license for 2013, please complete and submit the Business License Application or Home Occupation License Application form mailed to you recently. If you are renewing a Home Occupation License, you do not need to submit a new letter, just the updated Home Occupation License Application.

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.

Questions? Call Hallie Sawyer at 303-926-2770, or email hsawyer@erieco.gov

★ FREE LANDSCAPE MULCH

The Town of Erie Parks Division's Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program:
December 26, 2012 - January 13, 2013

January 15 - March 4, 2013

Pick up free mulch on a first come first serve basis (weather permitting.)

Residents may drop off trees for recycling at Coal Creek Park located at the intersection of Cheesman and Kattell in Downtown Erie. The designated drop off area is located in the north parking lot and will be clearly marked.

Please make sure all ornaments and tinsel have been removed from your tree. Please note: The Town is not accepting bagged or loose leaves.

For more information, please contact Gary Hegner, Parks Superintendent at 303-926-2887 or ghegner@erieco.gov



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BURNS FAMILY!



Holiday Lighting Contest

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 WINNERS:

- 1st Place: Burns Family
- 2nd Place: Byrd family
- 3rd Place: Purcell family

Thank you to the residents who entered the 2012 Holiday Lighting Contest! The judges were blown away! From fun lights to synchronized music, and from snowmen to santas—it was a tough decision!

For info on all Erie Parks & Recreation programs and events, call 303-926-2550 or visit the website at www.erieparksandrec.com.