

# ERIE EDITION

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## ERIE FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAYS, MAY 11 – SEPTEMBER 28 • 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

WELLS STREET – BETWEEN BRIGGS AND PIERCE (NEW LOCATION!)



**S**tarting in May, join the Erie Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings at their new location on Wells Street in Historic Downtown! The Erie Farmers' Market offers a wide variety of fresh local farm produce, including delicious Colorado fruits and grains. When you shop at your local farmers market you get to really know where your food comes from. Ask your local farmer how they grow what you eat. That's the beauty of shopping

directly from the person who grew it. You can look forward to local artisan breads, baked goodies and ready to eat foods, pickled products, organic coffees and teas, Colorado meats, artisan cheese, Colorado wine and much more! Plants and cut flowers are available all season. *The Erie Farmers' Market is a Town Endorsed Event. Visit [eriefarmersmarket.com](http://eriefarmersmarket.com) for more info and for a live music schedule of events!*

## STRENGTHENING ERIE'S COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECENTLY UPDATED THEIR GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS POLICY TO INCLUDE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL NON-PROFITS TO REQUEST FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

**AWARD CRITERIA:** Eligibility criteria has been established to assist applicants which are recognized community service organizations, organized and federally designated for tax purposes as non-profit corporations, and/or chartered chapters of state or national lodges or service organizations which engage in charitable or community service activities and public schools located in Erie. Applicants may request support through recognition as either a Town-Sponsored or Town-Endorsed event.

**Town Sponsored Event** – produced in Erie for the benefit of Erie Residents and visitors to Erie and is funded in whole or in part by the Town of Erie.

**Town Endorsed Event** – produced in Erie for the benefit of Erie residents and visitors and is not funded by the Town but is recognized by the Board of Trustees as

meeting the Award Criteria and is therefore eligible for in-kind promotional opportunities.

**PROCESS:** All applications will be reviewed based upon how well the stated purpose serves the Town's citizenry in relation to certain criteria which include but are not limited to the following:

- Celebration of the Town's culture, or heritage
- Observance of local, regional, or national historic dates or events
- Contribution to the general public good in areas of education, safety, health, welfare, or recreational activities
- Consistency of the applicant's promotional goals with the Town's character, values and service priorities
- The applicant's historical participation and association with community projects, events and continued willingness to participate.

Applications are available on the Town's website and in the Erie Town Clerk's Office. All requests must be submitted by August 1st to allow Board consideration during their annual budget process. Any requests submitted out of cycle (after August 1st) will be considered on a case by case basis.

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## 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](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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# BOND REFUNDING SAVES TAXPAYERS \$1,000,000!

A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON



**E**rie citizens just benefited to the tune of a cool million dollars. These benefits will come in the form of reduced tax revenue once scheduled for bond payments/debt service. Our culture of efficiency in Town Hall has paid once again. For the second time in 18 months, we spotted a window in bond restrictions that allowed us to refinance at historically low rates. This follows a similar situation

about a year and a half ago, when we refinanced water related debt to save taxpayers an estimated 5 million! I'm very proud of our Administration, staff and Board of Trustees for their superb commitment (and results) in effective business management on behalf of you, the citizens of Erie.

Kudos to all!  
 Mayor Joe Wilson

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### COLUMBINE APPLIANCE LOCATES NEW SERVICE CENTER IN ERIE

**We** recently asked managing broker professional **Norm DeHart** of Guidance Corporate Realty Advisors and his client Columbine Appliance owner **Doug Salmen** what he thought of the Town of Erie's business climate.

**Town:** Tell us about your business Columbine Appliance.

**Doug:** Columbine Appliance & Fireplaces has served Boulder County for 55 years and we employ 20 people. Our primary business and focus is repairing household appliances and gas fireplaces. We also sell gas fireplaces & barbecues. We have two gas fireplace showrooms with live displays — one in Longmont, and one in Boulder. We are excited about moving our Boulder store to Erie. (1020 Carbon Ct. Unit A).

**Town:** Why did Columbine Appliance decide to move? And why to Erie?

**Doug:** We are looking to provide increased service to the area. Erie's growth & home town feel are both reasons for our move.

**Town:** Norm, in what ways did the Town's Economic Development Coordinator assist you?

**Norm:** Paula Mehle, Economic Development Coordinator, was always readily available to answer any questions and has also made an active effort to help us market the vacant space in the building including introducing us to several prospects looking for space to lease. She was always positive and helpful.

**Town:** Thanks Norm, we hope to be able to work with you again. Thanks Doug, and welcome to Erie, we can't wait to come visit!

## ERIE PARKWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Erie Parkway is now open!** The Department of Public Works thanks motorists for your patience while Erie Parkway between 111th

Street and 119th Street was closed this spring. Road construction and the Erie Parkway Safety Improvement Project are now complete.

**Improvements made include:** storm-water improvements, roadway widening and turn movements, curb and gutter, bike lane and sidewalk connections.



### 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

# GET IN THE KNOW!

## MOSQUITO CONTROL!



The Town of Erie has contracted with Colorado Mosquito Control to provide the Town's mosquito surveillance and control activities for the 2013 season. Colorado Mosquito Control has been identifying and monitoring potential mosquito breeding sites. When sites are found with mosquito larvae, technicians apply larvicides to control the mosquitoes before they become adults.

### MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Colorado Mosquito Control will provide adult spraying services for Erie throughout the summer. Needs will be based upon a combination of Public Health Department

recommendations, residential complaints, mosquito population and the season's potential West Nile Virus activity. In advance of any residential spraying applications, the town will provide public notice and Colorado Mosquito Control will contact any community residents that have requested that they be notified.

■ *To be notified prior to spraying operations in your neighborhood or to report high levels of mosquito activity, standing water, or to add any potential breeding sites on private property into the surveillance program, contact*

**Contact Colorado Mosquito Control  
303-558-8730**



## MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE RESCUE

FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF ERIE ARE PROVIDED BY MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE RESCUE.

DURING A RECENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, MVFR PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING UPDATE ON THEIR ISO.

### FIRE INSURANCE AND YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### WHAT IS THE CONNECTION?

A Lower ISO Rating from your fire department means a lower insurance premium for you. Fire Insurance Premiums are based on your fire department's capability to respond with enough people and the proper equipment to a fire.

To learn more visit [www.mvfpd.org](http://www.mvfpd.org) to find all the information related to how your fire department saves you money.

## FIREWORKS SAFETY FROM MVFR

**Did you know that consumer fireworks cause 80% of emergency room visits involving fireworks?** We want you to enjoy your summer and holiday celebrations so please keep these tips on your mind.

- The best way to protect your family is to not use fireworks at home. Attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting of fireworks to the professionals.
- Kids should never play with fireworks. If you give kids sparklers make sure they are

- kept outside and away from the face clothing and hair.
- If you use fireworks, always use them outside in a clear open area away from all combustible material and never try to relight a dud.
- Always have a bucket of water and garden hose nearby. Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before discarding them.
- Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll become stressed, run loose or get injured.

## RETAIL ACTIVITY IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE BUSINESS DISTRICT

On March 20, 2013 the Town of Erie hosted a Broker Open House in Historic Downtown Erie to showcase available retail properties and commercial development opportunities. In particular, several retail properties located in the Historic Downtown Business District were featured, including the former fire station building located at 600 Briggs on the northwest corner of Briggs and Wells.

"The Open House was the perfect occasion to tell Erie's compelling story to real estate professionals – including those that have never been to Downtown," said Town of Erie Economic Development Coordinator, Paula Mehle. "Every broker that listens to our story will tell others, who will tell others and suddenly the word will get out that Erie is the right location for their client's business," Mehle said.

During the Open House, Mehle announced that the Town was seeking proposals for the lease/purchase and redevelopment of the 600 – 620 Briggs Street properties. "The Town is looking to partner with a strong business group to create an active facility that attracts visitors to Historic Downtown Erie," Mehle said. Submission requirements include a business plan, proposal for use of the property and improvements, as well as documentation as to how the party would finance the project. According to Mehle, several proposals were submitted prior to the deadline on April 12th. "The proposals are being evaluated on the likelihood the use will attract visitors, business experience, and ability to finance project," she said. It is anticipated that a letter of intent will be negotiated with one of the proposals by early May," she said. Stay tuned for updates!

### MORE DOWNTOWN ERIE NEWS:

- **Industrial Revolution Brewing Company** is currently on schedule to become Erie's first micro-brewery! IRBC anticipates opening their doors at 285 Cheesman Street in Historic Downtown in mid-July of this year.
- **Erie Farmer's Market** opens **Saturday, May 11th** at its new location on Wells Street between Briggs and Pierce.
- **Concerts in the Park** return to Historic Downtown in 2013. We will see you at Coal Creek Park on **Saturday, June 1st and Saturday, July 27th!**

# ERIE TOWN FAIR & BALLOON FESTIVAL

17TH ANNUAL ERIE TOWN FAIR & BALLOON FESTIVAL  
MAY 18, 2013 • HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE



The Annual Erie Town Fair is the largest event of the year put on by the Erie Chamber of Commerce. Historic Downtown Erie will play host to over 200 craft and food vendors. Performances on stage at the Coal Creek Park will offer a variety of entertainment by local groups. Garage Rats Car Club will host the annual Car Show attracting more than 60 cars and trucks, and traditional carnival games continue throughout the day at Coal Creek Park. Hot Air Balloons launch at 6:00am at Colorado National Golf Course, weather permitting, on Saturday and Sunday. *The Erie Town Fair is a Town Sponsored Event. Visit [www.eriechamber.org](http://www.eriechamber.org) for more information*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 6 AM Balloon Launch (Colorado National Golf Club)
- 8 AM Redline T.O.E. Adoption 5K
- 9 AM Garage Rats Car Show
- 10 AM Food, Craft, and Service Vendors  
Local Performing Groups  
Farmers Market  
Inflatables, Zip Line, WOW Bubbles,  
Petting Zoo, Mini Train Rides
- 11 AM Beer Gardens Open
- 4 PM Safeway BBQ
- 6 PM Headliner Band: The NACHO MEN  
Hot Air Balloon Traditional "Night Glow"
- 9:15 PM Fireworks

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

CELEBRATION AND FIREWORKS SHOW FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

**Where:** Colorado National Golf Course **When:** July 3, festivities beginning at 5:00 pm  
*This is a Town Sponsored Event. Visit [www.coloradonationalgolfclub.com](http://www.coloradonationalgolfclub.com) for more information.*



## CONCERTS IN THE PARK & MOVIES IN THE PARK



**JUNE 1**

**THAT EIGHTIES BAND**  
at Coal Creek Park



**JUNE 29**

**HAZEL MILLER**  
at Erie Community



**JULY 27**

**BOOGIE MACHINE**  
at Coal Creek Park

### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

In its 9th year, the Concerts in the Park are going to be the most exciting ever! A DJ will warm up the crowd starting at 5:00 pm with the main acts taking the stage by 7:00 pm. Come early and get a great seat!

- June 1** – That Eighties Band at Coal Creek Park
- June 29** – Hazel Miller at Erie Community Park
- July 27** – Boogie Machine at Coal Creek Park

### MOVIES IN THE PARK

Grab your blanket, friends and family, and head out to the Erie Community Park this summer to enjoy an outdoor movie! Movie surveys will be sent out several weeks prior to each event – check [www.erieco.gov/specialevents](http://www.erieco.gov/specialevents) to vote for your movie choices!

- June 15** – Erie Community Park
- July 13** – Erie Community Park

## THANK YOU PURE RISK SOLUTIONS!

ERIE'S #1 COMMUNITY SPONSOR

The Town of Erie would like to give big THANKS to Pure Risk Solutions for being a Community Sponsor for the 2nd year in a row! Their generous support allows for the Parks & Recreation Department to continue providing excellent programs and services to our community!

"We moved our insurance agency from Denver to Erie so that we could become a bigger part of the community we live in. Sponsoring the Town at the Community Partner level is a great way to get involved in everything from Youth Sports to the Concerts in the Park to the Firecracker 4K. The financial contribution is important but we've also had a lot of fun participating in the events."

— John Jacquat,  
President of Pure Risk Solutions

There are many opportunities for businesses to advertise at the Erie Community Center and Erie Community Park, as well as sponsor the many events that are hosted by the Town year round. Contact, Katie Jenkins, Communications & Marketing Coordinator, at 303-926-2763 or [kjenkins@erieco.gov](mailto:kjenkins@erieco.gov) for more information.



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