

ERIE EDITION

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THERE'S A NEW CHIEF IN TOWN!

TOWN OF ERIE CHIEF OF POLICE MARC VASQUEZ, A CAREER OFFICER WITH A PASSION FOR COMMUNITY POLICING

Town of Erie Chief of Police Marc Vasquez has over forty years of experience in law enforcement and most recently served as the Chief of Investigations for the State of Colorado Medical Marijuana Enforcement Division. Though he enjoyed his role at the State, Vasquez will be the first to tell you his real passion is Community Policing. "I am by definition a career officer," Vasquez said. "I am most at home when given the opportunity to build collaborative partnerships between law enforcement and the citizens and organizations we serve," he said.

Since his arrival in May, Chief Vasquez has observed first-hand the Community Policing philosophy already embraced by Erie's officers. And because of this, he says, it will not be difficult to take the department to the next level. "For any police department to be successful at Community Policing, it must be focused on problem solving, partnerships and organizational change," Vasquez said. "Our department has the talent and desire and is very well positioned," he said.

For Erie citizens looking to stay or become involved with Community Policing in Erie, Vasquez plans on maintaining the existing Citizens Police Academy, re-invigorating the Neighborhood Watch and starting two new programs: Business Watch and Volunteers in Police Services program.

Business Watch will be, you guessed it, similar to Neighborhood Watch but designed specifically for businesses.

Volunteers in Police Services or V.I.P.S. is a program that allows for citizens to work directly with the Police Department. Volunteers will be matched with jobs and tasks that fit their interests. Once training is complete, they have the opportunity to volunteer directly with the department and give back to their community. "V.I.P.S. provides more transparency, allowing the citizens to get a front row seat on what is going on in their community," Vasquez said. "Most importantly, it gives the department more resources which in turn allows for the volunteers to provide more services in the community."



For more information on the Erie Citizens Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch or to apply for the Volunteers in Police Services program, please visit: www.erieco.gov/police.

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP

7:00 AM – 2:00 PM - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works and Parks Division are partnering with Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley and the Front Range Landfill to assist residents in disposing of unwanted household items, building materials and yard waste.

GREAT WAYS TO GET RID OF UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Drop Off Unwanted Items and Yard Waste at Front Range Landfill: The Front Range Landfill, will accept large household items and yard waste from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm **FREE OF CHARGE.**

Donate Used Home Supplies and Building Materials to Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley will have a collection center set up at the Leon A. Wurl Service Center in Erie for clean and working donations. All donations must be approved by Habitat for Humanity staff. Generally, they will accept everything in resellable condition except for sleeper sofas, mattresses & box springs, tv's, computers or computer accessories.

Recycle Electronics & Computer Waste: The Town is partnering with G&S Mountain Recyclers during the Fall Clean-up event to provide a place for residents to recycle their unwanted/unusable electronics, including all hard-drives.

A full list of acceptable electronics, along with associated fees will be available soon.

Brush & Limb Drop Off Service:

Brush/tree limb drop off service at the Leon A. Wurl Service Center. Staff will accept tree limb and brush drop off from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm at the LAWSC East entrance. No bagged or loose leaves, stumps, grass clippings, landscape debris, or non-organic materials will be accepted at this site.

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For more information on the Town of Erie Fall Clean-Up, please contact

Kris McDaniel at 303-926-2872 or krismc@erieco.gov.



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 by calling 303-926-2777, extension 1. The trustee's individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

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HELLO? NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALL CENTER NOW AVAILABLE!



A feature of the Town's new phone system enables the public to contact the Board of Trustees via an auto-attendant voice mail service. The new Board of Trustees Call Center provides a centralized phone number (303-926-2777) for the public to leave messages for the Board collectively or individually by selecting one of eight options.

For example, callers seeking to leave a voicemail for the entire Board, would select Option #1. All voicemails left in this mailbox will be forwarded as an audio file to the bot@erieco.gov email address. Callers who would like to be connected with or leave a voicemail for an individual Trustee, would select the appropriate option when prompted.

ERIE MOSQUITO CONTROL



REMEMBER THE 4 D'S: Avoid the outdoors from **dusk to dawn**, **drain** standing water outside your home, **dress** in long sleeves and pants, use **deet**-enhanced insect repellent



The Town of Erie has contracted with Colorado Mosquito Control to provide the Town's mosquito surveillance and control activities for the 2013 season.

Since May of this year, 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.

Colorado Mosquito Control will also provide any needed adult spraying services for the Town of Erie throughout the summer. Adult spraying needs will be based upon a combination of Public Health Department recommendations, residential complaints, adult mosquito population numbers and the season's potential West Nile Virus activity. In advance to any general residential adult spraying applications, the Town will provide public notice and Colorado Mosquito Control will contact any community residents that have requested that they be notified.

Residents who wish to be notified prior to spraying operations in their neighborhood may call Colorado Mosquito Control to be placed on their notification call list and/or shutoff list. Residents can also be notified from the Town via Notify Me by either email or text message. Sign up today if you would like to receive those notifications.

Contact Information:

To report high levels of mosquito activity, standing water, or to add any potential breeding sites on private property into the surveillance program, call Colorado Mosquito Control at 303-558-8730.

Call the toll-free Comment Line at 877-276-4306.

Town of Erie Mosquito Control website:
www.erieco.gov > Departments > Public Health & Environment > Public Health > Mosquito Control

Colorado Mosquito Control online:
www.comosquitocontrol.com

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.



WE'RE READY. ARE YOU?

SUMMER TIME MEANS AN INCREASED RISK OF SEVERE WEATHER. POWERFUL THUNDERSTORMS CAN PRODUCE LIGHTNING, HEAVY RAIN, STRONG WINDS, HAIL, FLASH FLOODING AND EVEN TORNADOES.

GET STARTED TODAY

A vital component of the Town of Erie's emergency planning is individual and family preparedness. Families may have to evacuate at a moment's notice. The Town advises all citizens to:

1. CREATE A PLAN

At its most basic level, being prepared means having a solid plan and access to the resources necessary to execute it. It's also about peace of mind: the fear, anxiety and loss that accompany a disaster are greatly reduced when communities, families and individuals are prepared.

2. BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

A disaster supply kit with essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days should be kept in a designated place and be ready to "grab and go" in case of disaster. Make sure all household members know where the kit is kept.

- Workplace

It is important to store a supply of water and food at work; you should not rely on water fountains or coolers. Women who wear high-heels should have comfortable flat shoes at their workplace in case an evacuation

requires walking long distances. All items should be in one container, ready to "grab and go" in case you have to evacuate the building quickly.

- On the Road

Keep a smaller kit of emergency supplies, including food, water, flares and jumper cables in your car at all times. If you become stranded, having these items will help you to be more comfortable until help arrives. Add items for severe weather during months when heavy snow or icy roads are possible such as salt, sand, shovels, and extra winter clothing, including hats and gloves.

3. REGISTER TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Public safety agencies in Boulder County, including the Town of Erie, provide an emergency outdoor notification system. This system allows all Erie residents and businesses (including those in Weld County) to be notified of emergency situations in a variety of ways, including phone calls (cell, home and work), text messages and emails. Notifications may include the need to evacuate due to a natural disaster or take other action in the event of a flash flood or critical law enforcement activity.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Erie community members who wish to receive alerts may sign up for these systems:

Emergency Notification Registration Boulder County Sheriff

Direct links to register for these alerts are all available at:

www.erieco.gov > Departments > Emergency Services > Emergency Preparedness

After online registration, please allow at least two weeks for your information to be verified and added to Boulder's 9-1-1 Emergency and Opt In's notification system. Your information will remain private.

You may choose to opt out of participating in the notification system at any time.

Community members who choose not to add additional lines or cell phone information will continue to receive notifications on their home landlines.

Visit www.erieco.gov for more information on Emergency Preparedness for your family.



WATER CONSERVATION

HOW ERIE PRESERVES THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE

During the heat of summer, we want to remind our residents of the water conservation measures we have in place to achieve targeted savings and preserve this most precious resource.

VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS

Erie's demand management program has three levels to limit water usage. Currently, the Town asks that residents voluntarily limit their outdoor water irrigation to twice weekly between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am.

FREE SPRINKLER INSPECTION

The Town has partnered with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide **FREE** sprinkler inspections to residents from June-August. Inspections include customized water schedule, learn do-it-yourself maintenance and tips on how to improve efficiency.

FREE INDOOR WATER INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Center for ReSource Conservation will offer an indoor water inspection program for residents. It includes evaluation of inside water use and water fixtures and an offer to install at least two aerators and one low-flow showerhead. Available March-May and September-December.

To schedule your **FREE** Sprinkler Inspection and/or **FREE** Indoor Water Inspection please call the Center for ReSource Conservation at 303-999-3820 extension 217! Space is limited and appointments will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

WASHING MACHINE REBATES

The 2013 High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate Program provides 80 \$50 rebates available on a first-come, first-serve basis. *One rebate per family account.*



For more information, please visit the Water Conservation page at www.erieco.gov/water.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY 13

MOVIE IN THE PARK "MADAGASCAR 3"

Head out to the Erie Community Park with your blanket or lawn chair to watch "Madagascar 3" for the last Movie in the Park of the season. Movie will begin at dusk (around 8:30 pm). Don't miss out on this free family event!



JULY 27

CONCERT IN THE PARK @ COAL CREEK PARK "BOOGIE MACHINE"

Don't miss the last concert of the 2013 Concert in the Park Series! A DJ will warm up the crowd starting at 5:00 pm, with the main act taking the stage at 7:00 pm - come early and get a good seat! This is a free event. Concessions, beer, wine, soda, and water are available for purchase. Outside alcohol and tents/canopies are not permitted.



AUGUST 10

MIGHTY KIDS' TRIATHLON

The ever popular Mighty Kids' Triathlon is back for its 6th year! Jump in the pool, hop on the bike and lace up the running shoes for this awesome event for kids ages 5-12. Event starts at the Erie Community Center and will finish at the Erie Community Park. Registration available online and at the Erie Community Center.

Age Divisions
Boys/Girls: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Distances
Ages 5-8: Swim (25 meters), Bike (1 mile), Run (1/2 mile)

Ages 9-12: Swim (50 meters), Bike (2 miles), Run (1 mile)

ERIE AIR FAIR

ERIE AIR FAIR • AUGUST 10

10:00 am - 4:00 pm • 395 Airport Drive

Free to Attend!

Attractions include: Aircraft Displays, Afternoon Concerts, Children's Activities, Food Vendors & Beer Garden, Local Business Displays & Exhibits - and more!

For more information on this event visit www.erieairfair.com

Erie Air Fair is a Town Sponsored Event.



Youth Annual Pass to the Erie Community Center on sale R \$99 / NR \$119.
What an amazing deal for the kids this summer!
*Discounted price available for purchase through August 14.
Only available for children ages 4-17.*



NATIONAL NITE OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

On Tuesday, August 6, 2013 the Erie Police Department invites neighborhoods in Erie to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide to celebrate National Nite Out.

NATIONAL NITE OUT

This national event is designed to have citizens become more aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and what impact citizens' participation can have on reducing crime, drugs and violence within the community. It strengthens police/community partnerships by sending a message to criminals that Erie's neighborhoods are organized in their efforts to prevent crime.

REGISTER YOUR BLOCK PARTY TODAY!

Each year, approximately 40 Neighborhood Block Parties register with the Erie Police Department and participate in a variety of community events. Register today and an Erie Police Officer will be scheduled to visit your event!

Contact the Erie Police Department for more information and to register your block party today! **303-926-2800.**

National Nite Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, the Colorado Neighborhood Resource Center, The Erie Police Department, and the Erie Community and Police Partnership and the Erie Neighborhood watch.

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