

News & Announcements

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Erie Board of Trustees Action Items – May 14, 2013

Echo Brewing Company Moves Forward with Plans to Open in Historic Downtown Erie - During Tuesday night's meeting, representatives from Echo Brewing Company announced that they have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the Town of Erie for the lease/purchase of the 600 & 620 Briggs Street properties in Historic Downtown Erie. Town Staff and Echo will now negotiate a lease agreement based upon the terms and conditions of the LOI which include but are not limited to the following improvements per Town design standards: roof and exterior facade improvements; construction of patio areas; landscaping improvements on Briggs and Wells and interior improvements.

Echo representatives informed the Board that they intend to be open by this fall pending completion of site improvements and federal licensing approval. Echo will be at their new location on the northwest corner of Briggs and Wells this Saturday, May 18th to greet the public during the Erie Town Fair.

Board Considers Recreational Marijuana Regulations - The Board considered on First Reading Ordinance 20-2013, a proposed ordinance enacting local regulations related to non-medical marijuana in response to Amendment 64 adopted in during the November 2012 general election. The proposed ordinance addresses possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana accessories and the growth and processing of non-medical marijuana.

Background: Amendment 64 permits persons twenty-one years of age and older to possess, use, display, purchase or transport one ounce or less of marijuana, or marijuana accessories and to grow and process limited amounts of marijuana. The Board of Trustees has determined that it is appropriate to enact local provisions related to the lawful possession of marijuana, marijuana accessories and the lawful cultivation of marijuana consistent with the provisions of Amendment 64. The Board is scheduled to consider this ordinance on Second Reading during their June 11, 2013 meeting.

National Trails Day is June 1st – A local event has been planned in honor of National Trails Day on Saturday, June 1, 2013. The Parks & Recreation Department, Erie's Open Space & Trails Advisory Board, and Erie's Cub Scout Pack 62 will participate with other volunteers to improve the trail and open space at Thomas Reservoir by removing weeds and trash from the trail and surrounding landscapes, mulching trees and shrubs, and adding crusher fines to uneven sections of the approximately .75 mile trail surrounding the reservoir. This is the fourth year Cub Scout Pack 62 has assisted Erie Parks & Recreation at this location!

Volunteer efforts will be overseen and supported by Parks Division staff who will be on hand to provide necessary tools and equipment. Participants should bring their own gloves and wear appropriate clothing, shoes and sun protection. Interested volunteers should meet at Thomas Reservoir by 8:45 am for an organizational/safety briefing, with work commencing at 9:00 am and concluding by noon. Details of this event are included on the National Trails Day web page at www.americanhiking.org and on the Town's [website](#).

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the Town Hall boardroom located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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