



Town of Erie News Flash

News & Announcements

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Erie Board of Trustees Action Items – January 14, 2014

Board Approves Construction Contract for the NWRF Reuse Reservoir Flood Damage Repairs – During Tuesday night's meeting the Board of Trustees awarded a construction contract to repair the North Water Reclamation Facility (NWRF) Reuse Reservoir to Fiore & Sons, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$329,100.00. Damage was sustained to the Reuse Reservoir during the September 2013 floods. Repairs include the removal of material, repair of breach, and repair of damage to bank and liner in multiple areas. All work will be in coordination with the FEMA relief funding. Construction is expected to be complete by May of 2014.

Board Approves Rebate Program for High Efficiency Washing Machines – The Board of Trustees approved the Town of Erie High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate program for the 8th year in a row during Tuesday night's meeting. As part of the Town of Erie's Water Conservation Plan, the Town can distribute \$50 rebates to Erie citizens for their purchase of eligible washing machines.

North Water Reclamation Facility Honored Again – During Tuesday night's Board Meeting Director of Public Works Gary Behlen presented Mayor Joe Wilson with the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) Award for the North Water Reclamation Facility. DBIA national awards are given out annually for exemplary projects that not only achieve budget and schedules goals, but that also demonstrate advanced and innovative application of total integrated project delivery, including design-build best practices. The North Water Reclamation Facility Design Build team received an honors award from the Rocky Mountain region of the DBIA in 2012, and received the national honors award on November 5, 2013 at the annual DBIA national convention.



Photo: Representatives from Burns & McDonnell; Mayor Joe Wilson; Jon Mays, Water & Wastewater Division Manager; and Gary Behlen, Director of Public Works.



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National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in the Field of Parks and Recreation Management –

Mayor Joe Wilson was presented the 2013 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), awarded this honor to Erie Parks & Recreation Department during the NRPA Congress and Exposition in Houston, Texas.

Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. A panel of five parks and recreation professionals assesses all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels. Four finalists in each class are chosen from across the nation to compete for grand honors each year. Erie Parks & Recreation won the Grand Award in Class V for agencies with a population of less than 25,000.



Photo: Cindy Gerhardt, Active Adults Coordinator; Terri Brustad, Administrative Coordinator; Megan Langerak, General Recreation Coordinator; Scott Hickman, Facilities Foreman; Mayor Joe Wilson; Rod Tarullo, City of Golden's Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf; Charlene LeRoy, Guest Service/Member Relations Coordinator; and Avalon Mays, Head Lifeguard.

2013 Rocky Mountain Water Tasting Award – Water & Wastewater Manager Jon Mays presented Mayor Joe Wilson with the 2013 Rocky Mountain Best Tasting Water Award. During the joint conference of the Rocky Mountain section of American Water Works Association (RMSAWWA) and the Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association (RMWEA) in September of 2013 the Town of Erie was voted as having the Best Water in the Rocky Mountain Region. Every year the RMSAWWA sponsors a potable drinking water taste test that water purveyors can participate in. The water purveyor provides 2, one-liter samples of their drinking water. The samples are kept for one day by the RMSAWWA and all brought to the same temperature. A Panel of 5 judges taste and judge the different waters in a blind test. The panel was led by Tyson Engels, lead Drinking Water Engineer for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Two other panel members were from the media and two were water professionals. The Town of Erie's entry was selected unanimously as the best water in the competition. It was reported by the judges as a landslide victory. Second place was the City of Pueblo. Third Place was Denver Water.

As the winner of this competition, Erie will now go onto the national "Best of the Best" taste test at the annual American Water Works Association conference in June 2014.



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Photo: Zach Gilbert, Plant Operator; Elliott Fulton, Plant Operator; Jon Mays, Water & Wastewater Division Manager; Mayor Joe Wilson; Gary Behlen, Director of Public Works; Representative from RMWEA; John Taylor, Utility Maintenance Technician; David Burke, Plant Operator; Bruce Chameroy, Chief Waterplant Operator; Evelyn Crocfer, Plant Operator

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Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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