

# ERIE EDITION

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## BOARD APPROVES HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE PUBLIC ART



The Board of Trustees approved an Artwork Purchase Agreement with the National Sculptor's Guild (NSG) for the Historic Downtown Erie Public Art Project in the Amount of \$40,600.00. The Committee selected "Spirit" by artist Denny Haskew as the preferred sculptural artwork to be commissioned for installation in the town-owned landscaped right of way at 554 Briggs Street. As part of the Agreement, the NSG will work directly with the artist to manage the fabrication, casting, finishing and installation of the artwork.

The artwork is a multifaceted sculpture consisting of monolithic sandstone pillars at varied heights with a horse emerging from the tallest stone. This sculpture placement will utilize and enliven a large portion of the site. The two monolithic stones placed on site will range from 2ft. to 10ft in height. The 10 foot stone will have a cast bronze sculpted horse attached to the one side at an approachable height. The horse will face southeast toward the street. A 2-foot by 3-foot rough-cut stone ideal for reflective seating will be placed across from the sculpture.

## COAL CREEK TRAIL CONNECTION & NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE NOW OPEN!

The new trail connection and pedestrian bridge along Coal Creek is now open for use. This new pedestrian bridge joins the trail system on the east side of Coal Creek to the trails at Erie Commons and the sidewalks on Bonnell Avenue.



### TRAIL USERS!

As a courtesy to our neighbors, please use the newly constructed parking lot on the east side of the Leon A. Wurl Service Center (150 Bonnell Ave.) to park your vehicles.

## 4 MILLION GALLON WATER TANK CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE!

Construction of the 4 million gallon treated water storage tank has been completed on schedule and is now being filled. Once the tank is filled it will be brought online to help meet peak summer water demand. The tank was constructed adjacent to the Town's existing 1.5-million gallon tank located northeast of Vista Ridge and Colorado National Golf Club. The \$3.8-million structure will hold potable water to serve the Town's Zone 3 customers that includes the following neighborhoods: Vista Ridge, Vista Pointe, Orchard Glen, Canyon Creek, Colliers Hill and Compass.



View a video tour on YouTube! [www.youtube.com/ericolorado](http://www.youtube.com/ericolorado)

# A LETTER FROM MAYOR TINA HARRIS



**ERIE FARMERS' MARKET**

**THURSDAYS • JUNE 18 - SEPTEMBER 17  
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

Last April I met with Kelly Williams, owner and operator of the farmers' markets in Louisville and Lafayette to discuss opportunities to bring her expertise to Erie in 2015. Based on her analysis, Kelly has decided to host the Erie Farmers' Market on Thursday nights in Historic Downtown from June through September. The market will be located on Wells Street between Briggs and Pierce and feature locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, wines, artisan breads, honey, coffee, baked goods, fresh salsas, pastas, natural body care, massage and more. The new Erie Farmers' Market promises to be an exciting shopping experience in a friendly, family atmosphere. Hope to see you down there!

**CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES  
COAL CREEK PARK**

We heard you loud and clear when last summer you told us you wanted more concerts! So we've partnered with the Erie Chamber of Commerce to bring you 5 – count them 5 concerts instead of 3. All of the concerts will take place Downtown at Coal Creek Park. What an excellent way to spend a Saturday evening with your friends and family close to home. Here's the lineup:

- May 30th – That Eighties Band
- June 20th – Face
- July 11th – The Nacho Men
- July 25th – The Country Music Project
- August 15th – Phat Daddy

To view all of the special events in Town, visit [www.erieco.gov/specialevents](http://www.erieco.gov/specialevents).

Please accept my invitation to celebrate our wonderful community all summer long. I look forward to visiting with you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tina Harris  
Town of Erie



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Erie Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall Board Room located at 645 Holbrook Street. Contact the Board via email at [bot@erieco.gov](mailto: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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or call 303-926-2763.



**HISTORIC DOWNTOWN  
TAKES CENTER STAGE  
THIS SUMMER**

I want to say "Thank You" to all of you who have accepted my challenge to shop local. Your efforts to support Erie businesses are

one of the many reasons things are looking up in Downtown. Every day, more and more of us are discovering all that our newly revitalized Historic Downtown has to offer. The list of businesses keeps growing but as of today it includes: insurance agencies, brew pubs, restaurants, chiropractors, law offices, beauty and barber shops, nutrition experts, music and dancing lessons, a preschool, pizza, ice cream, coffee and more! Your continued support of these businesses benefits our community, our economy and our environment.

To all of you who fall into the category of someone who rarely or has never visited Downtown, I have a challenge for you. Take a look at the lineup of summer events, place your favorites on your calendar, invite your neighbors and head on down to Downtown!

**ERIE TOWN FAIR - MAY 16**

We know that one of the top reasons people call Erie "home" is because of our small town feel. And no single event celebrates this feeling better than the Erie Town Fair. What can I say? It's a classic that should not to be missed. I'm especially looking forward to seeing Hazel Miller. Shout out to the Chamber for bringing Hazel and her band back to Erie.

**ERIE BREWFEST - JUNE 13**

Tap into the growing craft beer scene and join us for the 3rd Annual Erie Brewfest on June 13th. Enjoy sampling beers from over 20 Colorado brewers and local food trucks. The Brewfest will be held on Briggs Street in the heart of Historic Downtown Erie.



**TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2015**

Town of Erie Property Tax Mill Levies for 2015: **17.364**

- General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04\*)
- Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44\*)
- Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.198 (\$144.82\*)
- Erie Police Station & Municipal Court Building Construction Bond: 0.878 (\$24.46\*)

\*Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2015 would be \$483.76.



# SUMMER LAWN WATERING GUIDELINES

THESE EIGHT WATER CONSERVATION TIPS CAN HELP YOU CONSERVE WATER, ESPECIALLY DURING DRY YEARS.

**1. WAIT TO TURN ON SPRINKLERS UNTIL AFTER APRIL 15.**

Turf can stay dormant longer than you think and will green-up when you start to irrigate. Hand water trees as needed.

**2. WATER TWICE A WEEK TO MAKE TURF MORE DROUGHT TOLERANT.**

Watering more deeply twice a week and supplementing with rain can make grass roots grow deeper and be more drought-tolerant. If you have a sprinkler system, make sure water gets to the roots by cycling your run times to run each zone for shorter amounts of time instead of running each zone once for longer.

**3. IF IT RAINS, WATER LESS.**

Watch the weather and adjust watering days and times accordingly. If you have a control clock, use rain sensors to shut-off irrigation during rain events.

**4. WATER BETWEEN 7 PM AND 7 AM**

Watering during the day results in less water reaching your lawn. Water at night and in the early morning to prevent water loss due to evaporation and wind.

**5. WATCH FOR IRRIGATION LEAKS.**

Watch for broken sprinkler heads or damaged irrigation lines that cause water waste. Repair any leaks quickly.

**6. INSTALL LOW-WATER LANDSCAPE WHEN APPROPRIATE.**

Avoid installing landscaping during the hottest months, especially during dry years. Look for low-water, drought resistant turf, trees and xeric plants.

**7. LET GRASS GROW LONGER BEFORE YOU CUT IT.**

Raise your lawn mower blade and protect your lawn from heat by letting grass grow longer.

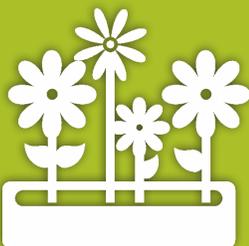
**8. WATER PLANTS AND TREES, NOT SIDEWALKS.**

Use a broom to sweep driveways and sidewalks. Avoid overspray from sprinklers that cause water to run into the street by making sprinkler adjustments.



## GARDEN IN A BOX PROGRAM

The Town of Erie is excited to announce our partnership with the Center for ReSource Conservation's Garden In A Box program. Erie residents are eligible to receive a \$25 discount off of these water-wise Garden In A Box kits, while supplies last. These gardens not only conserve water but also offer a beautiful garden of Xeric plants.



Garden In A Box offers a simple approach to learn about and plant water-wise gardens. Regardless of expertise, community members can save water and beautify their properties by purchasing a professionally designed perennial garden that uses Xeric (low water) plants, and includes a comprehensive Plant and Care Guide.

Pre-Registration is now open! Gardens are available to purchase beginning March 4, 2015. To register for this program and receive a \$25 discount, visit [www.conservationcenter.org/gardens](http://www.conservationcenter.org/gardens) or contact the Center for ReSource Conservation at 303-999-3820 x222.

## TOWN OF ERIE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

The Town of Erie offers many free programs for Erie residents and businesses to help water conservation!

HIGH EFFICIENCY WASHING MACHINE REBATES

FREE DO-IT-YOURSELF IRRIGATION AUDIT KITS

SLOW THE FLOW IRRIGATION AUDIT PROGRAM

SLOW THE FLOW INDOOR WATER CHECK-UPS

GARDEN IN A BOX PROGRAM

**WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE SEMINAR**

Tuesday, April 21 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Erie Community Center  
Topic: *Creating a Lush Landscape - 4 Seasons of Beauty*

Contact Bethany Peer at 303-926-2870 for more information.



# 2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS!



OWN YOUR HEALTH

**Saturday, April 18, 2015 • Erie Community Center**  
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.)  
[www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org)

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

An important change has been made to 9Health Fair requirements. Based on the most current research findings, the 9HF Medical Advisory Committee has determined that fasting is not required (optional) for blood screenings.

**SLEEP IN, SAVE TIME & PRE-REGISTER ONLINE!**

Since you no longer need to fast, we encourage participants to pre-register online at [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org), saving them time standing in line and coming to the fair at their convenience, anytime between 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We need medical and non-medical volunteers to help run the 9Health Fair. If interested, contact Michelle Mendoza at 303-926-2793 or [mmendoza@erieco.gov](mailto:mmendoza@erieco.gov).

### ARBOR DAY/EARTH DAY

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**  
Longs Peak Park • 10:00 a.m.

Join Erie Parks Division, the Tree Board and OSTAB for the 18th Annual celebration of Arbor Day & Earth Day. Be sure to check out Erie's community forestry website: [www.erieco.gov/trees](http://www.erieco.gov/trees)



### FISHING CLINIC

**Saturday, May 9, 2014 • Thomas Reservoir**  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Learn all about fishing and become familiar with varieties of local fish. Registration is needed, but this is a free event!

### ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works is partnering with Front Range Landfill and area businesses to assist residents in disposing of unwanted household items, building materials, yard waste, unwanted electronics and shredding of unwanted documents during the 10th Annual Spring Clean-Up.



View more information about this event online at [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov). Contact Kris McDaniel at 303-926-2872 with any questions.

### 19th ANNUAL ERIE TOWN FAIR & BALLOON FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, MAY 16 • HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE**  
10 AM - 4 PM • TOWN FAIR | 4 - 9 PM • BBQ & EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The Annual Erie Town Fair is the Erie Chamber's largest event of the year. Historic Downtown hosts 200+ craft and food vendors. Performances on stage at the Coal Creek Park offer a variety of entertainment by local groups. Garage Rats Car Club hosts the annual Car Show attracting more than 60 cars and trucks. Traditional carnival games continue throughout the day at the Coal Creek Park. Hot Air Balloons launch at 6:15 am, weather permitting, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The launching is at Colorado National Golf Club and is open to the public.

## PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

### CAMP ERIE: SUMMER CAMP

MAY 26 - AUGUST 7 • AGES 5-14

Looking for fun activities for your children this summer? Send them to Camp Erie! Log onto [www.erieco.gov/camperie](http://www.erieco.gov/camperie) for more information, participant forms and more! Camp will start at 9:00 am and end at 5:00 pm. Before and after care is included in camp fees. Before care starts at 7:00 am and after care ends at 6:00 pm. Please read the Parent Packet and complete the participant forms at least one week before attending camp. Participant forms must be completed once per calendar year.

Contact Guest Service at 303-926-2550 for more information.



### SHAMROCK SHENANIGANS!

#### 3-MONTH PASS SAVINGS

MARCH 17 - 23

Feeling Lucky? It's not every day you get to save on a 3 Month Pass to the Erie Community Center!

Stop by the ECC to pick a shamrock from our Pot o' Gold for a chance to win 1 of 3 prizes!

- Up to 20% off a 3 Month Pass
- One Free Month added to a 3 Month Pass
- One Free 3 Month Pass

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE CENTER?**

Renew or purchase a 3 month pass online for a 10% discount!

Promotional discounts are only valid during dates listed.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED IN A 3-MONTH PASS?**

- Use of fitness and weight equipment
- Drop-in fitness classes (with over 65 classes per week)
- Open swim times
- Use of running track
- Open climbing times (with certification)
- Designated open gym times
- Racquetball courts (subject to availability)
- Use of locker rooms

Contact Guest Service at 303-926-2550 for more information.

## GET SOCIAL WITH US!

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- Share your ideas and give the Town of Erie feedback  
[engage.erieco.gov](http://engage.erieco.gov)
- Watch the Town of Erie's videos  
[youtube.com/eriecolorado](http://youtube.com/eriecolorado)
- Learn more about working for the Town of Erie  
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- Visit us online  
[www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov)

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