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S&P RAISES TOWN OF ERIE RATING TO "A+" FOR WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE BONDS

This May, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its underlying rating (SPUR) on the Town of Erie's wastewater revenue debt one notch to 'A+' from 'A'. The upgrade reflects S&P's opinion of the Town's robust historical and projected debt service coverage (DSC). According to Town of Erie Finance Director Steve Felten, the Town's wastewater debt was last rated in 2011. "The upgraded bond rating to A+ reflects the confidence that S&P shows in the financial management of the Town's wastewater enterprise," Felten said.

According to the S&P Summary: **"The rating reflects our opinion of the following credit strengths for the wastewater utility system, specifically its:**

- **Stable residential customer base, coupled with very strong income and direct access to the Denver-Boulder metropolitan statistical area (MSA);**
- **Strong liquidity; and**
- **Strong DSC since fiscal 2013, albeit including tap fee revenue.**

The purpose of the wastewater debt issued since 2000 includes the construction of the North Water Reclamation Facility in an amount of approximately $23.1 million. As of December 31, 2014, the Wastewater Fund had $21.6 million in outstanding debt.

"The rating reflects well on the Town and its management team and indicates a strong capacity for the Town to meet its financial obligations," Felten said.

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MAPS & APPS

TOWN OF ERIE LAUNCHES NEW MAPS & APPS GALLERY

The Town of Erie Maps and Apps Gallery provides an opportunity for the public to visually explore the Town and its services. This gallery is in support of the Town's overall transparency initiative and allows users with and without GIS experience, to better interact with maps including:

- Construction Zones
- Economic and Demographic
- National Flood Hazard Map
- Parks & Trails
- Sales Tax Rates
- Centerline Ownership
- Zoning & Land Use
- Comprehensive Plan
- Residential Development Activity
- Street Guide

VISIT THE MAPS & APPS GALLERY TODAY! WWW.ERIECO.GOV/MAPS OR DOWNLOAD THE ERIE STUFF APP!

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

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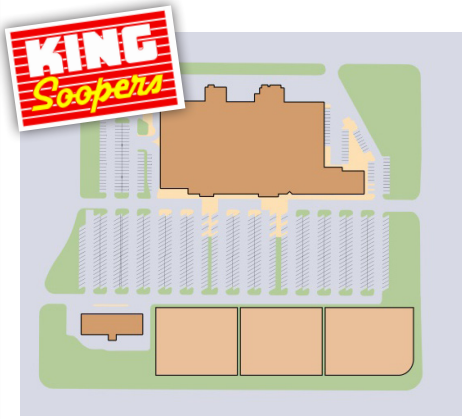
A LETTER FROM MAYOR TINA HARRIS

RETAIL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: King Soopers, Arapahoe & 287 and Four Corners

The number one question the Trustees and I are asked is about potential retail development. This month I would like to provide a retail development update in answer to those questions. The good news is Erie's reputation as a place to do business is growing every day. As proof – I'd like to share updates on three retail sites in Erie: King Soopers, Arapahoe and 287 and the Four Corners.

#1 KING SOOPERS MARKETPLACE ON HIGHWAY 7 AT SHERIDAN

I am happy to report that the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Site Plan for the King Soopers at Highway 7 and Sheridan at their July 15th meeting. In case you were not aware, in the fall of last year King Soopers chose to invest in Erie – a decision that will not only provide increased local shopping opportunities, but a decision that will bring in millions of dollars in sales tax revenue. Take a look at the conceptual site plan below to see how the 125,000 sq. ft. King Soopers MarketPlace will be situated on the 20 acre site. You'll notice that in addition to the MarketPlace there is an approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of adjacent inline retail; three separate retail pad sites and a fuel center. I will provide further updates – including groundbreaking information as it becomes available.



#2 ARAPAHOE & HIGHWAY 287

Many of you have noticed the dirt work taking place on the southeast corner of Arapahoe Road and Highway 287 and asked what the plan is for this site. It's a great question, as that's what we are working to determine right now. While we know the long term plan is to have a vibrant retail development on the site, we still need to work out the details. The Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority (TOEURA) and the Town are beginning the process of selecting a development partner for the approximately 45 acre site. Our goal is to select a developer who can work with us to determine the best use of the site and develop a specific plan. Staff and Trustees met with several qualified and interested firms during the annual ICSC convention this year. Therefore, I am confident we will have a good pool of applicants to select from. I will share updates with you as this project progresses.

#3 FOUR CORNERS MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

The Town has received an application from developers to build a commercial/residential mixed use development on the southwest corner at the intersection of Erie Parkway and County Line Road. These developers were involved in the Downtown East Louisville (DELO) and Steel Ranch neighborhoods. The developers have indicated that this site would accommodate retail opportunities such as a smaller grocery store and restaurants. Appropriately named "Four Corners," this project is an opportunity to bring the amenities we are looking for into the core of our community. Four Corners is now in the Sketch Plan phase and will come to the Planning Commission and the Board this summer.

Increasing retail opportunities for our residents while also increasing sales tax revenue remains a priority for this Board of Trustees. We've been saying for some time that Erie is a good investment. It's gratifying to see just how many commercial developers now share our enthusiasm. As important as these developments are, please know that as each moves forward, they will be held to the same, high quality standards that all development applications are held to.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tina Harris
Town of Erie

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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.*

REMINDERS FROM THE ERIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WITH SCHOOL OUT FOR THE SUMMER AND THE WEATHER GETTING WARMER THE TOWN OF ERIE POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEND A FEW REMINDERS TO RESIDENTS THIS SUMMER.

CURFEW REMINDERS:

The local curfew ordinance says: *It is unlawful for anyone under the age of 18 years old to be outside on any street, alley, park, playground, schoolyard, or other public area between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. For Friday and Saturday, the hours are between midnight and 5:00 a.m.*

The following are exemptions of the Curfew Ordinance:

- Engaged in lawful employment; or
- Accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person of the age of 21 years, when that parent, guardian or person has permission to have the custody and care of such minor from the minor's parent or guardian; or
- Accompanied by any person between the age of 18 years and 21 years, having in his or her possession written permission from the parent or guardian of the minor to have the care or custody of such minor; or
- Upon an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by the parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor.

SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

As the days become warmer and longer, many people like to spend their evenings and weekends outside either doing yard work or playing with the kids. Warmer weather brings some added risks that can be minimized or prevented with a couple of simple crime prevention tips.

1. Keep your garage door and any side entrance door to the garage closed and locked.
2. Be sure your garage door and any side entrance door are in good repair so that they close completely and lock. Double keyed dead bolt locks are best for side entry doors.
3. If you have an attached garage, keep the entry door from the garage to your home locked.
4. If you have windows that allow a view inside your garage, cover the windows.
5. Be a good neighbor. If you see a neighbor's garage door open and unattended, let them know.
6. Bicycles are a favorite item stolen from garages. Keep your bicycle locked to a fixed object while in the garage. Record the serial number, makes, and color of your bicycle. If possible, store your bicycle with a wheel or seat removed from the frame.
7. Lock your car while in the garage and do not leave valuables in your car including keys.
8. Do not leave items like golf clubs and ski equipment in plain view from the street.

Remember to report any suspicious activity. You can remain anonymous.
In an emergency call 911, in Erie for a non-emergency, call 303-441-4444.

Be safe, have a great summer and contact the Erie Police Department at 303-926-2800 if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to help you make your neighborhood safe and secure this season.

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 12, 2015

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works is partnering with 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 Fall Clean-Up.

As more information about this event is available it will be updated on the Town's calendar available at www.erieco.gov.

Contact Kris McDaniel at 303-926-2872 or krismc@erieco.gov with any questions.

NATIONAL NITE OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015 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 citizen 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 or slambert@erieco.gov

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.

2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS!

JULY 3RD EXTRAVAGANZA AT COLORADO NATIONAL GOLF CLUB
FRIDAY, JULY 3 • COLORADO NATIONAL GOLF CLUB • WWW.COLORADONATIONALGOLFCLUB.COM

SATURDAY, JULY 4
WWW.ONLYINERIE.COM

CONCERT IN THE PARK "THE NACHO MEN"
SATURDAY, JULY 11 • COAL CREEK PARK • 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. • WWW.ERIECHAMBER.ORG

CONCERT IN THE PARK "THE COUNTRY MUSIC PROJECT"
SATURDAY, JULY 25 • COAL CREEK PARK • 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. • WWW.ERIECHAMBER.ORG

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
WWW.ONLYINERIE.COM

NATIONAL NITE OUT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 • WWW.ERIECO.GOV/POLICE

ERIE AIR FAIR
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 • ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT • WWW.ERIEAIRFAIR.COM

CONCERT IN THE PARK "PHAT DADDY"
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 • COAL CREEK PARK • 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. • WWW.ERIECHAMBER.ORG

MOVIE IN THE PARK "MR. PEABODY & SHERMAN"
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 • ERIE COMMUNITY PARK

THE GREAT ERIE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 • ERIE COMMUNITY PARK

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 15TH!

For more information & to view the full 2015 Special Events Calendar, visit www.erieco.gov/specialevents

PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

SALE SALE SALE

"SALE" - A - BRATION!
10% Off Annual Passes
+ one month free! Offer valid from:
Wednesday, July 1 - Tuesday, July 7

JULY IS PARKS & RECREATION MONTH!
We are celebrating 30 years of Parks and Recreation Month with a throw back to 1985!

Join us as we celebrate this year by taking part in a "road trip" scavenger hunt around Erie, completed hunts get a totally rad prize!

Scavenger hunt not your thing? Snap a selfie and submit for a chance at even more prizes!

Don't forget to stop by the Erie Community Center for other exciting events in honor of parks and recreation month.

For questions, or more information please contact Ashley Burger at aburger@erieco.gov.

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