

# ERIE EDITION

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## ERIE MOVES FORWARD WITH 3 NEW RETAIL CENTERS!

THE RETAIL WE'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD TO ATTRACT IS ON ITS WAY! IN FACT, DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, ERIE MOVED FORWARD WITH 3 NEW RETAIL CENTERS.

### KING SOOPERS AT VISTA RIDGE MARKETPLACE 20 ACRE RETAIL CENTER TO OPEN FALL 2016



The Board of Trustees approved agreements resulting in the purchase of an approximately 20 acre site for the King Soopers at Vista Ridge Marketplace shopping center to be located at the

northwest corner of Highway 7 and Sheridan. The Marketplace is set to open in advance of the holidays in 2016!

The King Soopers at Vista Ridge Marketplace shopping center will be approximately 125,000 sq. ft. - more than twice the size of their conventional store and is designed as a one-stop "lifestyle" shopping destination. The Erie store will be the first to feature King Sooper's new "Click List" offering online shopping where customers can schedule their pick-up time, go to a special drive thru lane and have a personal assistant load their groceries. This store will also include "Kitchen Place" offering utensils, dishware and appliances; "Home Center" serving as a quick alternative to the larger home stores; Apparel section including changing rooms; "Optimum Wellness" supplied with nutrition products and wellness supplements and "Little Clinic" for walk in health and wellness visits. In addition to the Marketplace, there will be 7,100 sq. ft. of immediately adjacent retail stores; three stand-alone retail pad sites (each over 1 acre in size) and a King Soopers fuel station.

According to Town Administrator A.J. Krieger, the final approval for this retail center has been a long time coming. "The King Soopers at Vista Ridge MarketPlace will begin to diversify our revenue base and generate some annually renewable sales tax revenues," said Krieger.



### HIGHWAY 287 & ARAPAHOE 50 ACRE "NINE MILE CORNER" GIVES NOD TO HISTORY



The Town has selected Evergreen as development partner for the Highway 287 & Arapahoe retail center located on the southeast corner of the intersection.

Evergreen's "Nine Mile Corner" project concept supports Erie's economic growth plans and celebrates the community's history.

According to Tyler Carlson of Evergreen, Nine Mile Corner is significant not only in its prominent location, but in the tone the development will set for the community in the future. "The shopping center formula is being repackaged to not only enhance the retail experience, but also create a sense of community associated with traditional main streets and downtowns," Carlson said.

### FOUR CORNERS 14.5 ACRES OF COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL



The Board approved the Four Corners Urban Renewal Area Plan for this 45 acre proposed mixed-use development located at the southwest corner of Erie Parkway and County Line Road. Four Corners includes a variety of housing types plus 14.5 acres of Community Commercial to accommodate

the type of neighborhood retail the community has been craving for years.

The Four Corners Sketch Plan presented by Justin McClure of RMCS, LLC earlier this year represents the developer's layout of the site. RMCS was involved in the Downtown East Louisville (DELO) and Steel Ranch neighborhoods. Mr. McClure has indicated that this site would accommodate retail opportunities such as a smaller grocery store.

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# A LETTER FROM MAYOR TINA HARRIS

## TOWN TO SAVE \$1.2 MILLION BY REFINANCING '07 WATER DEBT



### 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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**MOODY'S ASSIGNS "A1" RATING TO ERIE'S WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS**

During our Tuesday, October 13, 2015 meeting, the Erie Board of Trustees approved an ordinance allowing the Town to refund existing debt by issuing approximately \$12,600,000 in Water Enterprise Revenue Refunding Bonds. These Water Revenue Bonds were issued in 2007, primarily to finance construction of various waterlines and the water treatment plant. I am happy to share with you the good news that **this refinancing is projected to save the Town \$1,262,000 in interest costs** over the life of the bonds, a savings of 7.3%.

I am also happy to report that on October 12th, Moody's Investor Services issued their investor rating in anticipation of the Town's refunding. Analysts from Moody's reviewed a full-range of the Town's creditworthiness, which included: Town management, financial position, debt management and economy and community demographics. As a result, Moody's assigned the Town of Erie, Colorado, Water Enterprise Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2015 with an "A1" rating. According to Moody's: "The "A1" rating reflects the water enterprise's growing moderately-sized, affluent customer base and, solid debt service coverage."

I would like to commend our Town Administrator A.J. Krieger, Finance Director Steve Felten, our underwriters Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, our financial advisors First Southwest Co. and our bond counsel Butler Snow, LLP for their role in securing this rating for the Town. This week's refunding is the most recent example of how Town staff implement the Board's conservative yet prudent approach to managing the Town's finances. As you may recall, this is the same team that during the spring of this year announced that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its underlying rating on the Town's wastewater revenue debt one notch to 'A+' from 'A'.

**These favorable ratings are attributable to the overall economic health of Erie** and reflect the confidence that Moody's and S&P have in the financial management of the Town's water and wastewater enterprise funds and the Town's management team.

There is so much good news to share about Erie.

It is an honor to serve as your Mayor.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tina Harris  
Town of 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.

# APRIL 5, 2016: MUNICIPAL ELECTION

## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

The Town of Erie will conduct its Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. **During this election, registered voters in Erie will be electing a Mayor and three (3) Trustees.** The Mayor will be elected to serve a two-year term and three Trustees will be elected to serve four-year terms.

Background: The Town of Erie holds a Regular Municipal Election the first Tuesday of April in even-numbered years. Trustees serve four-year staggered terms; at every Regular Election there are three out of the six seats up for election.

## MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

The Town Clerk's Office will mail the ballots by the **week of Monday, March 14, 2016.** Erie voters may mail their ballot or drop off their ballot at Town Hall any time during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Registered voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail may request one from the Erie Town Clerk's Office.

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Monday, January 4**

Candidates informational meeting

**Tuesday, January 5**

Candidate packets are available

**Monday, January 25**

Candidates petitions are due

**Monday, March 14**

Ballots will be mailed this week

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION & DEADLINES

- Erie residents interested in running for the Board of Trustees may pick up a Candidate's Packet from the Town Clerk's Office beginning on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016.**
- Each petition requires a minimum of ten signatures from registered electors within the boundaries of the Town of Erie. Registered electors may only sign one petition for the Mayoral candidacy and up to three petitions for the Board of Trustees candidates (only one signature per candidate. Completed petitions must be filed no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016** with the Town Clerk's Office.
- The Town Clerk's Office has scheduled an informational meeting on **Monday, January 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** This meeting is not mandatory, however, information will be provided from the Secretary of State's Office regarding the Colorado Campaign and Financial Practices Act as well as other important candidate information.
- The last day for candidates to submit petitions to be included on the April 5th ballot is **5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016.**



## VOTER REGISTRATION

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE OR DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION?**

### TO REGISTER TO VOTE YOU MUST BE:

- A United States Citizen
- Be 18 years old on or before the date of the election
- Reside in Colorado and in the municipal election precinct for at least 22 days before the election
- Registration is permitted on any day up to and including the day of the election

### DEADLINE INFORMATION:

You may register either online, by mail or in person. Registration options are:

- Up to 8 days prior to the election voter registration is available via the Secretary of State's online voter registration system [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com)
- Prior to and including the day of the election voter registration can be conducted by your County Clerk and Recorder or Town Clerk

### IN ADDITION TO REGISTERING TO VOTE YOU MAY:

- Change your address on your current voter registration record
- Change your party affiliation on your current voter registration record

For more information, please contact Erie Town Clerk, Nancy Parker at 303-926-2731 or [nparker@erieco.gov](mailto:nparker@erieco.gov) or visit [www.erieco.gov/vote](http://www.erieco.gov/vote)



# 2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE WINTER EVENTS!



## COUNTRY CHRISTMAS & PARADE OF LIGHTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE • 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

The Country Christmas Parade of Lights is a beautiful hometown holiday event hosted by the Erie Chamber of Commerce. The celebration consists of a living nativity scene, choirs performing, free wagon rides, a fun Parade of Lights, and local businesses serving hot chocolate and offering Country Christmas specials.

Visit [www.eriechamber.org](http://www.eriechamber.org) for more information.

## HOLIDAY COOKIE FEST



MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER • 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Start your holiday season off with a bang at this year's event! Have your 5-12 year old join us for holiday crafts, cookie decoration and eating, games and much more! This is a child drop-off event. All supplies will be provided. This event is included in the Camp Erie registration fee for December 21. For those not participating in Camp Erie, pre-registration is needed. Register online or in person at the Erie Community Center.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### TOWN OF ERIE HOLIDAY HOURS

#### TOWN HALL HOURS

Thursday, November 26: Closed  
 Friday, November 27: Closed  
 Thursday, December 24: Closed  
 Friday, December 25: Closed  
 Thursday, December 31: Closed  
 Friday, January 1: Closed

#### ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Thursday, November 26: 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Friday, November 28: Open Regular Hours  
 Thursday, December 24: 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Friday, December 25: Closed  
 Thursday, December 31: 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Friday, January 1: Closed

## STREET LIGHT OUT?

Here is how to report a street light outage in your neighborhood:



All street lights in Erie are owned and maintained by the power companies. The best way to get a street light outage repaired is for you to directly report it to the power company that you pay your bill to (United Power or Xcel Energy).

To expedite the process, you should have the pole number and nearest intersection/street or cul-de-sac.

You can call or submit the request via their website:

**United Power**  
[www.unitedpower.com](http://www.unitedpower.com)  
 303-659-0551

**Xcel Energy**  
[www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com)  
 1-800-895-4999

For more information & the full Special Events Calendar, visit [www.erieco.gov/specialevents](http://www.erieco.gov/specialevents)

Stay tuned, the 2016 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR will be posted soon!



## PARKS & RECREATION CORNER



## THE GIFT OF HEALTH!

Not sure what to get your loved ones? Why not give them the gift of health? Gift Certificates in any amount are available at the Erie Community Center. Stop in today to get one!

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Erie will conduct our annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program beginning on Saturday, December 26, 2015.

Residents may drop off trees for recycling at Coal Creek Park, located in Historic Downtown Erie at the intersection of Cheesman and Kattell. The designated drop off area is located in the north parking lot and will be clearly marked. Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling through Sunday, January 10, 2016 only.

Please Note: The Town will not accept bagged or loose leaves, tree stumps or other yard waste or house waste. All Christmas trees must be free from hooks, string, tinsel, beads and ornaments.

Beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2016 (weather permitting), the Parks Division will mulch the trees and leave the mulch on site for the public to remove and use free of charge. The mulch will be on a first come, first served basis through Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

For more information, contact Parks & Open Space at 303-926-2887.



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