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EMPIRE MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Empire Board of Trustees hold their regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meetings on the **Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Town Hall**
Empire Planning Commission hold their regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meetings on the **Last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Town Hall**

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

We have one candidate for Mayor, and four candidates for the six available seats on the board, so we will not be holding an election; we will appoint the candidates to their positions at the April Board Meeting.

Wendy Koch will be taking the duties of mayor as of April 18, 2020. She has served in the past and has considerable experience. I will be resuming my position as trustee. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as mayor. It has been a learning experience and a challenge. I would do it again if the need arose. *Mayor Sue Hauser*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The town still needs two more board members and a zoning officer. Please submit a letter of intent to the Mayor if you are interested in serving in either position.

**TOWN EMPLOYEES WILL BE IN TOUCH OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO ACTIVATE WATER METERS.
THEY WILL NEED ACCESS TO THE SENDING UNIT ATTACHED TO THE METER.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

ATTENTION EMPIRE WATER CUSTOMERS:

WATER CONSERVATION IS STILL VERY IMPORTANT

What's going on with the Water???

We are currently using Mad Creek water exclusively. As many of you are aware, our well does not provide quality water. Relying only on Mad Creek means when the weather is very cold, the creek freezes and our flow drops. When this happens, it is important to conserve as much as possible. If we can get through March, April should bring enough flow to sustain the Town. During high flow times, we can replenish our tanks and rely on them for supply during low flow periods

We are still out of compliance with our water, by state standards, and we will be until the new chlorine injection point is complete. The project is in the approval stage with the state, and we hope to have it completed by the end of April. The water is safe. We just can't meet the required contact time at the fire station and in the bathroom at the UV plant. By the time the water reaches the first user in Town, the contact time is more than sufficient.

The Town is in the process of finding funding to utilize the water storage we have available in Golden Reservoir. This will require a pipeline to our treatment plant, a pump station, and additional disinfectant stations. The total project will cost about \$1.5 million. We are hoping to achieve this through grants, low interest loans, and re-appropriation of revenue without an increase in rates. The goal is a secondary water source, so we don't have to rely on the well. We will keep you posted on the progress.

The target date for completion of this project is October of 2021.

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF:

Junk Vehicles, Abandoned Vehicles, and Parking Issues in Town (Highlights from Town Ordinance 255):

Article I. Section 3. (4) Each and every day, or portion thereof, that this Ordinance is violated, or permitted to be violated, shall be a separate offense, and such offenses shall be prosecuted accordingly.

Section 5 (1. Abandoned Vehicles) 1.2 Any vehicle left unattended on public property, including any portion of a street, highway or right-of-way open to the general use of the public within the Town limits, for a period of seventy-two (72) hours or longer.....

2. "Junk Vehicle" means any vehicle not able to lawfully travel, under its own power, on public streets and highways in the State of Colorado. A vehicle shall be presumed to be a junk vehicle if any of the following conditions are met;

- 2.1 No current license plate or registration is displayed on such vehicle; or
- 2.2 The vehicle or parts thereof, is placed upon jacks, blocks, chains or other supports not necessary for normal operation of such vehicle; or
- 2.3 There is an absence of one or more parts of the vehicle necessary for the lawful operation of the vehicle upon the streets and highways.

1. Article III, Section 4. (2. Parking) Parking in excess of seventy-two hours

2.1 It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of a vehicle to leave that vehicle parked in the same place on a public street continuously for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours. A vehicle shall be considered in violation of this subsection if it has not been moved at least one hundred (100) feet during the seventy-two-hour period of time, except as provided in subsection 2.3 below.

2.2 It shall be unlawful for the owner of a junk or abandoned vehicle, as defined in this Ordinance, to leave such vehicle parked on any public street in the Town of Empire for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours, regardless of location. The seventy-two-hour time limit includes the cumulative time spent on any public street in the Town of Empire. Junk or abandoned vehicles in violation of this section are subject to tow.

2.3 Personal vehicles may be parked on public streets directly adjacent to the dwelling occupied by the owner of the vehicle, unless posted parking signs designate otherwise. The lawful parking of recreational vehicles on public streets is addressed in Section 4, section 1.4, below.

2.4 Any vehicles left on a public street, not adjacent to the owner's house, for more than 72 hours, will be considered abandoned.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We are looking for volunteers to help with an Easter Egg Hunt and other Town Events. Easter is in April this year so maybe we won't have the weather issues we have had in past years. Please contact the clerk, Jeannette Piel, at Town Hall, 303-569-2968 or Clerk@EmpireColorado.us, if you are interested in helping with this or any other events.

April 1, 2020 Census Kick-Off Day: Wednesday, Remember to fill out your Census questionnaire!
Online ~ By Phone ~ By Mail

May 16, 2020 Town Event with Mobile Census Van: We will have tablets and a WiFi Hotspot to help those without internet to fill out their Census. Also, food and entertainment!



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CDOT INFORMATION – I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR PROJECTS:

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TEXT ALERTS: Text wbi70 to 21000

EMAIL: cdot_wbppsproject@state.co.us

WEBSITE: www.codot.gov/projects/i70mntn

Mayor: Sue Hauser

Mayor ProTem: Wendy Koch

Trustees: Denise Tennant, Richard McClellan, Shawn McElroy, David Jakobik, Linda Robertson

Town Clerk: Jeannette Piel

Police Chief: John Stein