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All public business shall be conducted by appointment only.

Empire Town Hall: Clerk@EmpireColorado.us	303-569-2978
Empire Mayor: Mayor@EmpireColorado.us	303-994-7682
Empire Police Chief: Chief@EmpireColorado.us	303-257-1422
Empire Police Department:	303-569-2281

Website: [www.Colorado.gov/pacific/TownOfEmpire](http://www.Colorado.gov/pacific/TownOfEmpire)

# EMPIRE JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Stay connected with your Empire community on Facebook:

\* Town of Empire \* Empire Police Department \*

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**

**A Special Thank You** to Police Chief John Stein. He has taken on a tremendous workload as the Emergency Manager for the Town of Empire during the COVID19 Pandemic.

**A Special Thank You** to Vicki Hauser, our Empire Postmaster, for her exceptional service to the Town of Empire as an essential worker throughout the COVID19 Pandemic.

**A Special Thank You** to Friends of Clear Creek - Mojo Lucas, Margi & Tony Kaspari, Melissa Martin - for your continued dedication to our neighborhood food bank in participation with Clear Creek County.

## A LETTER FROM RETIRED MAYOR RICHARD SPRAGUE:

As some of you are aware, the winter possesses some serious issues in operating the water system due to low flow and very cold temperatures. Good news, you have cleared another winter season without going on the well. I wanted to make sure you are made aware of the folks who make this possible.

First Rob Connell, the water operator hands down had the biggest hand in getting you through the winter. He was constantly adjusting the system to maximize the amount of water Mad Creek was giving the town. Many times, he was required to venture out in terrible conditions to either verify or adjust the system after a conference call. I realize he gets paid to run the system, but I can assure you, it is much more than that to Rob. He cares very deeply about the town and its citizens.

Two others, Terry Gray and John Ishee also responded whenever called upon no matter the time or weather. They play a huge part in weekend testing and sand filter cleanings.

Finally, Sue Hauser, for her leadership concerning the water project which hopefully will result in the old well being removed as the sand filter backup.

As your past mayor, I know how hard it is to provide the town with an ample supply of water during the winter. When you see these folks, please take a moment to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Empire.

## THE EMPIRE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HOLDING A REMOTE MEETING:

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020 6:30 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83914308101?pwd=NUQ2ZVU3NUg1RmpDRHFYUzhlQ3JYQT09>

**Meeting ID: 913 634 5929**

**Password: 524711**

To join a meeting go to zoom.us and click on join a meeting. Enter the meeting ID, enter your name, click join, and put in the password. Hit OK. If you want to speak during the public comment portion, please indicate that next to your name. A computer will be set up at Town Hall for those who can't access the meeting from their location. If you have any issues, please notify Town Hall at 303-569-2978.

**MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF:**

**TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY IS SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH 2020, FROM 10 AM—2 PM.**

The town will provide dumpsters for your yard waste and large items on South Empire Road near the Ball Fields. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the Empire Police Department 303-569-2281.

We will be issuing citations for appliances left outdoors, trash, abandoned and junk vehicles, etc., starting this week. Please visit our website at [www.Colorado.gov/Pacific/TownOfEmpire/Ordinances](http://www.Colorado.gov/Pacific/TownOfEmpire/Ordinances) for detailed information on Ordinance 253 and Ordinance 255.

Ordinance 253, Article 3, Section 3: Unsafe Icebox Storage and Similar Items

Ordinance 253, Article 3, Section 7: Trash Accumulation and Removal

Ordinance 255, Article 1, Section 5: 1) Abandoned Vehicles, 2) Junk Vehicles

Ordinance 255, Article 3, Section 4: Parking in Excess of Seventy-Two Hours

**ATTENTION EMPIRE WATER CUSTOMERS:**

We have received our Consumer Confidence Report - Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019. The full report is available on our website, or available upon request from Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

For the latest COVID19 Emergency Information, please visit the Clear Creek County Website:

<https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1173/COVID-19-Coronavirus>

**STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS, WHICH INCLUDE NO SHOOTING**, are still in place for all lands in unincorporated Clear Creek County and National Forest Lands. The Town of Empire does not have a fire ban, but please be careful. Due to COVID19 first responders are not available to fight fires without the risk of spreading the virus.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Friends of Clear Creek**, in partnership with Clear Creek County, is sponsoring the **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Local Food Bank** located in Empire Town Hall. More Information is available on [www.FriendsOfClearCreek.com](http://www.FriendsOfClearCreek.com)

**Donation drop off:** Tuesday's 9-12 pm, Wednesday's 12-2 pm      **Distribution:** Wednesday's 2-4 pm

**Friends of Clear Creek Adopt-a Highway** starts on June 20th. Please see their website [www.FriendsOfClearCreek.com](http://www.FriendsOfClearCreek.com) for more info.

The official Town website is [www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofempire](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofempire). We are working to keep this website current and informational. If you have any suggestions feel free to email [mayor@empirecolorado.us](mailto:mayor@empirecolorado.us).

**CDOT INFORMATION – I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR PROJECTS:**

HOTLINE: 720-828-8299

TEXT ALERTS: Text wbi70 to 21000

EMAIL: [cdot\\_wbppsproject@state.co.us](mailto:cdot_wbppsproject@state.co.us)

WEBSITE: [www.codot.gov/projects/i70mtn](http://www.codot.gov/projects/i70mtn)

Mayor: Wendy Koch

Trustees: Sue Hauser, Denise Tennant, Richard McClellan, Linda Robertson

Town Clerk: Jeannette Piel

Police Chief: John Stein

Planning Commission: Sue Hauser Chair, Wendy Koch, Denise Tennant, Sally Rush, Buzz Chandler