



Town of Empire
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All Town Facilities are closed to the public during the COVID-19 local disaster emergency.

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.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov

EMPIRE AUGUST 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**

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

DO YOU HAVE TOO MUCH STUFF? Empire residents, next month we are hosting a Town-Wide Garage Sale on Friday & Saturday of Labor Day Weekend. The Town will advertise in the Clear Creek Courant and supply signs at each end of town. Please provide your own signage at your residence. If you are participating, please contact Linda Robertson at 303-502-4691 so we know which streets to put signs on, and also for any questions.

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

- *Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
- *Public Hearing and Second Reading on Ordinance 231—Off-Highway Vehicles
- *Public Hearing on Guanella Pass Brewery Tavern License

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83175134784?pwd=T1VmYmE4dmpuYXpONEtRXhVWtnQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 7513 4784

Passcode: 003337

THE EMPIRE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE HOLDING TWO IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

- *Planning Commission Workshop to Discuss Annexation Possibilities

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 06:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9136345929?pwd=Zmk0b2dJTk5SU9OcnZqT05taDBxUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 1007 9133

Passcode: 109033

- *Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:30 PM

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.

IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE MEETING LINK: Exit out of Zoom. Sign in again using the instructions above.

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF:

BE BEAR AWARE

Bears that get too comfortable around people can destroy property or even become a threat to human safety. Habituated bears must often be destroyed. Please don't let bears die needlessly. Do your part to bear-proof your home and property and help keep bears alive and wild.

Much of what people throw away smells like food to a hungry bear. Standard metal or plastic trash cans won't keep out bears. Once bears learn where it's easy to get at the garbage, they'll come back again and again. Never leave trash or recyclables out overnight. Empty cans and boxes still smell like food. One study showed that simply putting trash out only on the morning of pick up cuts the chances of a bear visit from 70% to 2%.

If you must leave trash outside, buy a bear-proof container, build a bear-proof enclosure, or install an electric fence. To avoid attracting bears, clean containers regularly with ammonia or bleach.

Bears that learn garbage = food sometimes come inside homes looking for more.

Don't make it easy for bears to visit; keep bear-accessible windows and doors in your home and garage locked.

For more information please visit Colorado Parks & Wildlife:

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeWildBears.aspx>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK YOU TO CLEAR CREEK COUNTY FOR HAVING A MOBILE TESTING SITE IN EMPIRE. We had over 60 residents sign up for free COVID testing in July. You can still get tested within the county.

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

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

STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS, WHICH INCLUDE NO SHOOTING,

are in place for all lands in unincorporated Clear Creek County and National Forest Lands.

For the latest Fire Restriction Information, please visit the Clear Creek County Website:

<https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=Temporary-Stage-2-Fire-Restrictions-55>

It's not too late to respond to the CENSUS—save yourself a door-knock and respond right away:

www.my2020census.gov

(844) 330-2020 (English) ~ (844) 468-2020 (Español)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***Friends of Clear Creek Adopt-a Highway** meets on Aug, 15th. Please see their website www.FriendsOfClearCreek.com for more info.

*The National Association of Town Watch is hosting the **"37th Annual National Night Out"** on Tuesday, October 6th. Stay tuned for local activities from the Empire Police Department for this crime prevention event designed to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug, and violence prevention; safety; and neighborhood unity.

The official Town website is www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov. The Town has designated this website as the public place for posting all notices, and as a courtesy, notices will continue to be posted on the door of Town Hall and the Town's Post Office Bulletin Board. We are slowly updating this website and adding more information. If you have any suggestions feel free to email Mayor@EmpireColorado.us.

The Town will hold a photo contest in August for photos to be used on the Town website and Facebook site.

There will be a prize of a \$25.00 Visa gift card each for two photos. We are requesting panoramic photos of the Town and/or surrounding area to be used on the website homepage, and artistic photos of the streets, buildings, businesses, and local wildlife to be used throughout the website and also on the Town's Facebook page. All artists will receive credit for their photos if they are used. With your help, we want to showcase the beauty and charm of Empire! Please email submissions to Clerk@EmpireColorado.us, RE: Photo Contest.

CDOT INFORMATION – I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR PROJECTS:

HOTLINE: 720-828-8299

TEXT ALERTS: Text wbi70 to 21000

EMAIL: cdot_wbppsproject@state.co.us

WEBSITE: www.codot.gov/projects/i70mtn

Board of Trustees: Wendy Koch Mayor, Sue Hauser, Denise Tennant, Richard McClellan, Linda Robertson, Lisa Kunze, Michael Ellington
Planning Commission: Sue Hauser Chair, Wendy Koch, Denise Tennant, Sally Rush, Buzz Chandler, Lorry Singmaster

Town Clerk: Jeannette Piel

Police Chief: John Stein

Public Works: Terry Gray, Michal Fagrelus