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Website: www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov

All Town Facilities are closed to the public during the COVID-19 local disaster emergency to protect the staff.
ALL PUBLIC BUSINESS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

EMPIRE NOVEMBER 2021 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**

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

The Town of Empire is holding hybrid meetings where the Board of Trustees and the public can be present at Town Hall but can also attend and make comments remotely. Meeting times and access codes are always posted on the website, on the door of Town Hall, and at the Post Office. Everyone is welcome to tune in.

***Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 2022 Budget Public Hearing, & Water Conservation Meeting ~ Tuesday Nov 16, 2021 6:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 852 4917 5271 Passcode: 971854
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85249175271?pwd=cmZDNm11QjZmR2k4QUc5bDNyRy9YUT09>

Town of Empire Notice of Proposed 2022 Budget

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 was submitted to the Empire Board of Trustees, Clear Creek County, Colorado on September 21st, 2021. The proposed budget has been available for inspection by the public at TownOfEmpire@Colorado.Gov and at Empire Town Hall, 30 E Park Ave.

The proposed budget, as amended through the review process, will be considered for adoption at a public hearing on November 16th, 2021, at 6:30 pm. All Town meetings are held by zoom, please see the website for meeting information or call Town Hall.

We encourage all residents to attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed budget. Comments can be submitted by email to Clerk@EmpireColorado.us or by mail to PO Box 100, Empire CO 80438. Any interested resident may file any objections to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget by the governing body.

If you would like to request Public Information that is not currently on the website, please fill out a CORA request (Colorado Open Records Act.) Form can be found on the website or in Town Hall. If you have questions pertaining to town business, please send written requests or questions by email to the Clerk so we have a record and can respond appropriately.

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 Clerk@EmpireColorado.us. You can always find the following information on the Town Website : Upcoming meeting dates with Zoom link; Meeting Agendas 24 hours prior to the meetings; Minutes from previous Board of Trustees Meetings; Monthly Bills; Newsletter; Master Plan; New Ordinances and Resolutions that have been adopted. Meetings and Agendas are also announced on the Town of Empire FaceBook page.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

It is that time of year again to think about water conservation. The amount of water available to the Town is limited by our water rights and the effects of the ongoing drought and potential freezing of Madd Creek in the winter. Listed below are some tips to help us all limit our water consumption. The Regular Board Meeting on November 16 will include a water conservation meeting; Michael Murphy from Ramey Environmental will be present to give us tips for water conservation and answer questions.

TIPS FOR WATER CONSERVATION

- Check your toilet for leaks.
- Stop using your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket
- Put a plastic bottle in your toilet tank
- Take shorter showers
- Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors
- Take baths
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth
- Turn off the water while shaving
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks
- Use your automatic dishwasher for full loads only
- Use your automatic washing machine for full loads only
- Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables
- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator
- If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing

TIPS FOR PREVENTING PIPES FROM FREEZING

- If you feel it is necessary to drip your faucet to keep your water pipes from freezing, make sure it is only a drip
- Install heat tracing on pipes under your residence with a light or indicator to show it is working
- Wrap all plumbing under your residence with insulation and make sure crawl spaces are not open to the elements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Town Board appointed three new Trustees for the remainder of the current term: Susan Owen, Shannon Hickman, and Lorry Singmaster. The Mayor appointed one new member to the Planning Commission: Tony Robertson. We have two additional residents interested in joining the Planning Commission.

TOWN EVENTS CALENDAR:

CONGRATULATIONS to our Chili Cook-Off Winners – 1st Place Christian Straughn,
2nd Place The Backwaters Café, 3rd Place Laura Talcott.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Trick-or-Treat in Theobald Park and the Chili Cook-Off a huge success. It was wonderful to see the community come together and enjoy our first indoor event for a year and a half.

THANK YOU TO:

Clear Creek Fire Authority for bringing the fire truck, Empire Police Department for bringing a patrol vehicle, and the Empire Public Works Crew for bringing our heavy equipment, all for the kids to explore and enjoy!
Empire Sweet Shop for Halloween treats, chili, ice cream, and providing the t-shirt for the winner of the chili cook-off.

The Backwaters Café for hot drinks and Halloween treats in the park and chili.

Yogi at Phillips 66 Gas Station for providing ice for our soda pop.

Trina & Paul Whillock for corn bread and other fixins, and Peggy Hubner for the delicious pies!

Laura Talcott for helping at the food table, and Bob Wise for taking photos.

Chris McMillian, and Jen & Lon Fulton & family for handing out Halloween Treats.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE EMPIRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!!!!

December 11th, 4-5 pm in Theobald Park & 5-8 pm in Town Hall *** Details to follow in a Christmas Newsletter