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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 JANUARY 2022 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 ~ Tuesday **Jan 18, 2022** 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 823 4609 7047 Passcode: 453186

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82346097047?pwd=SkNlSmRHVkt2bExycW94S1gxN0dqZz09>

*The Agenda will be posted on the website, the door of Town Hall, and the Post Office Bulletin Board 24 hours prior to the meeting*

\* Planning Commission Regular Meeting ~ Wednesday **Jan 26, 2022** 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 852 1551 4478 Passcode: 627123

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85215514478?pwd=SlZlRG01cVplZmpTWXU3SHVJR1MxZz09>

*The Agenda will be posted on the website, the door of Town Hall, and the Post Office Bulletin Board 24 hours prior to the meeting*

\*Planning Commission Master Plan Workshop ~ Monday **Jan 31, 2022** 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 837 1282 8942 Passcode: 310228

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83712828942?pwd=VU5FcVBCbm9ZYlF2MGhaY2VnVVhsQT09>

*The Master Plan can be viewed on the website: <https://townofempire.colorado.gov/master-plan-0>*

Clear Creek County is working with the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) to provide homeowners and renters in our community with weatherization and energy efficiency assistance. Two programs are available to Clear Creek County residents, Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE) and the federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). For more info, visit [Forum.clearcreekcounty.us/weatherization](http://Forum.clearcreekcounty.us/weatherization) or call 800-332-3669.

The official Town website is [www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov](http://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](mailto: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.

## ELECTION MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK:

The Town of Empire will hold a **GENERAL ELECTION** on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**. Nominations are open for the position of Mayor and six seats on the Board of Trustees, all serving a two-year term. Candidate Guidelines Packets may be picked up at Town Hall and must be completed and turned in by 5:00 pm on **Monday, January 24, 2022**. To serve, you must be 18 years old, have resided in the Town limits of Empire continually for the last twelve months, and be a registered voter.

Candidate Guidelines Packets include a nomination petition, affidavit to declare your candidacy, candidate instructions, affidavits for campaign contributions, general roles and responsibilities for the position of Mayor and Board of Trustees, and an election calendar. Please call for an appointment to come to Town Hall and pick up your Candidate Guidelines Packet and please bring your ID as you will need to have your signature notarized when picking up the packet.

Since we are a very small community, please be aware that as candidates, you may all be asking the same residents to sign your petition. And as residents, you may be asked by several candidates to sign their petitions. There is a limit to how many petitions a resident can sign, so candidates please do not be offended if someone declines to sign your petition.

Each resident is allowed to sign one petition for Mayor, and six petitions for Board of Trustees, because there are six available seats on the Board. The list of current Board members is always listed at the bottom of every Newsletter, so you know who is currently serving. Please use as much thought and care when signing petitions as you would for casting your vote, and please keep track of how many candidates petitions you have signed.

For questions, please call or email the clerk:  
303-569-2978, [Clerk@EmpireColorado.us](mailto:Clerk@EmpireColorado.us)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mayor appointed one new member to the Planning Commission: Eileen Wheelock.

A huge THANK YOU to Public Works Crew Chief Paul Whillock for his exemplary work. Paul is pursuing another career, but will still help out from time to time. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors!

Christian Straughn has been promoted to full-time as the new Public Works Crew Chief.

The Town has hired a new part-time Public Works Crew Member: Zach Hartman.

## THANK YOU:

Have you seen all the white trucks with "Asplundh" on the side? They are the contractors working for Xcel, doing the important and dangerous work of trimming trees around the powerlines. Every year, the Town is always happy to allow them to park overnight in our public parking areas while they are working in our area. And they have been gracious to help us with a few of our Town trees that needed to be cut down and removed. We appreciate the wildfire mitigation work they provide for our community! Give them a friendly wave to say Thank You!

## TOWN EVENTS:

Thank you to all the residents who braved the crazy wind to come to the **Christmas Celebration** in Minton Park. \$50.00 gift cards were purchased at the Evergreen Walmart and given to each child 17 and under (Empire residents only.)

## THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING DOOR PRIZES:

Yogi at Phillips 66 Gas Station: Flavored Popcorn

Amy Phan Widencamp at Pheastly Ltd.: Homemade Hot Chocolate mix

Emily Ratliff at Freewheel Coffee: Roasted Coffee Beans

Andrew Ratliff at Chase Fabrications: Metal Cutout Artwork of a Moose and Mountains

Steven at The Backwaters Café: \$25.00 Gift Certificate, and hot coffee at the event

Steve Skalski at Guanella Brewery: \$25.00 Gift Card, and pizza for the event staff

Safeway in Idaho Springs donated candy, water, and coffee cups.

Walmart in Evergreen donated goody bags, soda pop, and water bottles.



**The smile on the parents and kids faces is the gift we receive back!!!**

Board of Trustees: Wendy Koch Mayor, Linda Robertson Mayor Pro-Tem, Denise Tennant, Lisa Kunze, Susan Owen, Shannon Hickman, Lorry Singmaster  
Planning Commission: Sally Rush Chair, Wendy Koch, Denise Tennant, Tony Robertson, Eileen Wheelock  
Town Clerk: Jeannette Piel  
Police Chief John Stein; Officer Andrew Lorenz; Community Service Officer Trina Whillock  
Public Works: Christian Straughn, Zach Hartman