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EMPIRE MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Stay connected with your Empire community on Facebook:

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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**

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. Everyone is welcome to tune in.

- * Planning Commission Master Plan Workshop ~ Monday **May 9, 2022** 6:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85289699015?pwd=cHJ4aGRRcDV6RVZyUjhYUWdYWIBDdz09>
Meeting ID: 852 8969 9015 Passcode: 948911
The Master Plan can be viewed on the website: <https://townofempire.colorado.gov/master-plan-0>
- * Empire Officials Orientation & Training Workshop ~ Monday **May 16, 2022** 6:30 PM
In-Person for Board of Trustees and Planning Commission
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924777355?pwd=eG4vY2JiN2NFWXA4Z21NTkFwRUtFUT09>
Meeting ID: 869 2477 7355 Passcode: 707986
- * Board of Trustees Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday **May 17, 2022** 6:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86126268301?pwd=MFVZSIA4SWYvRzVnUhoNk1Zakl3QT09>
Meeting ID: 861 2626 8301 Passcode: 200957
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 Workshop ~ Monday **May 23, 2022** 6:30 PM
In-Person for Planning Commission
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782331969?pwd=cmYxVHBZYnVMQVAYWmZiZHNuMkZQUT09>
Meeting ID: 847 8233 1969 Passcode: 119138
- * Board of Trustees Supplemental Meeting ~ Tuesday **May 24, 2022** 6:30 PM
Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 265: An Ordinance of the Town of Empire, Colorado Adopting by Reference the 2015 International Code Series to Include the Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes for the Town of Empire with Certain Amendments to the Above Referenced Codes.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89989641678?pwd=VkvIMWJoc3FVTHhxSVJaU3dudDV3Zz09>
Meeting ID: 899 8964 1678 Passcode: 017001
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 **May 25, 2022** 6:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86546235961?pwd=bDZOTkJSV0puS05RbkFQbGxKTkE2QT09>
Meeting ID: 865 4623 5961 Passcode: 682575
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ELECTION RESULTS. Mayor: Wendy Koch. Board of Trustees: Shannon Hickman, Linda Robertson, Paul Whillock, Lorrain Singmaster, Susan Owen. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!** The newly elected Mayor and Board of Trustees were sworn in on April 19th, 2022. They will all serve a two-year term. Denise Tennant was appointed to the vacant Board seat and will also serve a two-year term. Thank you to our outgoing Board member, Lisa Kunze, we appreciate your service and wish you the best!

The EMPIRE DOG PARK will be closed for the month of May. Each year, we close the Dog Park for one month so we can add soil amendments and do maintenance. The soil becomes acidic from Dog Waste and needs time to rest, absorb the soil amendments, and come to a more balanced PH level. Doing this on a regular basis will extend the life of our Dog Park and keep it safe for animals and people. We will re-open the Dog Park on Friday, May 27, in time for Memorial Day weekend.

Flowers on Park Avenue. Glenda Guanella is spearheading this project! The Town displays flowers in hanging baskets, planter barrels, and ore carts throughout Town every summer. The flowers encourage travelers to stop and enjoy our quaint mountain town which helps our businesses to flourish. And the residents get to enjoy the beauty too! We need volunteers to help plant flowers, pull weeds, and keep our landscaping beautiful throughout the summer. Flowers will be planted in June. The Public Works crew will water and fertilize the flowers all summer. Every year we try to add more hanging baskets and planter barrels. If you can volunteer time or give a donation, we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact the clerk and I will pass your contact information onto Glenda. You can also sign up in the Post Office for **"Clean-A-Corner!"** Choose a corner along Park Avenue (HWY 40) to keep clean by pulling or cutting weeds and picking up trash after our notoriously windy days!

Adopt-a-Hydrant. Now that our wildfire season is year-round, it's important that we are all aware of our fire hydrants and keep a clear path and easy access for our emergency responders. We are starting "Adopt-a-Hydrant" in Empire. For each hydrant in town, we would like to have a resident adopt it, and be responsible for keeping the ground clear for several feet around the hydrant. This includes heavy snowfall in the winter, and weeds in the summer. If you have a hydrant close to your house and would like to participate, please email the clerk.

Town Clean-up Day & Fire Mitigation: We will be announcing our Town Clean-up Day soon. This is a great opportunity to clear trash and unwanted items out of your yard and dispose of large yard waste that won't fit in your household trash receptacle. If you have small live trees that you need to remove from your yard, please let the Town know. If it is small enough to transplant, we would love to find a home on Town property for any tree that needs a bigger space to grow!

Be Bear Aware! We have some **VERY** hungry bears awake and looking for food. Please keep trash inside until your pick-up day. Don't leave food on a porch or in your car. Lock your car doors, as bears can easily open a car door that is unlocked. Also be careful letting your dogs out at night without checking your yard first, and don't leave them outside unattended.

Military Flags will once again fly high on the Empire Visitor's Center as a tribute to honor our fallen heroes on Memorial Day and will remain until after Veteran's Day.

Empire Farmer's Market in Theobald Park: starting Memorial Day Weekend May 28, and continuing every other Saturday until September 17, or longer if weather permits. Please contact the clerk for more information.

Friends of Clear Creek and The Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District are teaming up for a **"Give Back Saturday Community Clean-up"** at **PAW Park** on Saturday, May 21 from 9 am to noon. PAW Park (Partners for Access to the Woods) is located ¼ mile west of Empire and was designed and established with help from Empire residents in 2013.

Our **2021 Consumer Confidence Report** is available to view on our website homepage and upon request at Town Hall. This report documents our water quality throughout the previous year.

Thank you to Bernie Hubner for assisting the Public Works Crew in replacing a damaged Street Light.

Thank you to Mojo Lucas for cleaning the outside windows on the door to Town Hall.

Board of Trustees: Wendy Koch Mayor, Linda Robertson Mayor Pro-Tem, Denise Tennant, Susan Owen, Shannon Hickman, Lorrain Singmaster, Paul Whillock

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