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EMPIRE FEBRUARY 2024 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. Everyone is welcome to tune in.

* Board of Trustees Training & Work Session ~ Tuesday **February 6, 2024** 6:30 PM

Training at 6:30 pm. *Staff & Officials only at Training Session*

Work Session with Zoom link available at 7:30 pm. *The Public can observe, but cannot participate or comment at the Work Session*

In-person & Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83964341481?pwd=QlVXSU5BU3lhb1Rna2lMM211TVRadz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6434 1481 Passcode: 923008

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

* Board of Trustees Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday **February 20, 2024** 6:30 PM

In-person & Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87080309816?pwd=bG5tUGR1MU94a3JkUW9NTloxb21hZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 8030 9816 Passcode: 292144

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 **February 28, 2024** 6:30 PM

In-person & Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85371506703?pwd=RHZPMXUrU29hby9BVnNQKJKMWsvdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7150 6703 Passcode: 335972

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

Due to security and privacy issues for the public, the front door to Town Hall will remain locked. Please call or email to schedule an appointment with the Police Department or the Administrative Staff. We apologize for the inconvenience. You can call anytime to schedule an appointment. Please call dispatch if you need to file a police report immediately and the police officers are unavailable.

The Town of Empire will hold a **GENERAL ELECTION** on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024.**

Come and meet your candidates on Tuesday March 12th, at 6:30 pm in Town Hall.

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR: Wendy Koch

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Randy Horning,

Jacob Belcher, Denise Tennant, Lon Fulton

Ballots will be mailed beginning Monday, March 11th, 2024. To vote, you must be registered to vote in the Town of Empire, Colorado.

For questions, please call or email the clerk: 303-569-2978, Clerk@EmpireColorado.us

Excerpts from the Snow and Ice Control and Removal Policy

(You can locate the policy and the map on the Town Website)

HWY 40 is maintained by Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), not by the Town of Empire. By law, the town is not allowed to perform snow and ice control and removal operations on the highway except in extreme conditions by request of Emergency Services. For further information about CDOT maintaining HWY 40 please visit www.codot.gov/travel/winter-driving/snow-removal-and-safety. For comments, questions, or concerns for CDOT please submit a case online on the CDOT website contact page.

The practice of pushing snow onto or across the Town of Empire's roadways endangers the traveling public as well as plow truck operators. The Statutes of the State of Colorado make it unlawful to store snow on the public way. The Town of Empire's residents may receive a warning and/or summons for snow pushed onto the town's right-of-way from driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, etc. [C.R.S. 18-9-107](#); [C.R.S. 43-5-301](#).

The Town of Empire will address problem areas such as access to the HWY 40 crosswalk, isolated slick spots, etc. only after all town roads are open for traffic. The town provides a gravel mixture in Black Bins throughout town that are available for you to use on the streets, street intersections, or sidewalks when there is hazardous ice or slippery driving conditions. You can find the location of these containers on the Snowplow Route Map located on the website.

We understand the difficulty of CDOT leaving snow berms across our intersections each time they plow Hwy 40. We will clear the intersections at Main Street, Guanella Street, and Ball Street, in that order before we clear the other side streets. If you cannot pass through your intersection, please use the side streets to navigate to one of these three intersections which will be cleared off ASAP. If you have other questions or concerns, please email Clerk@EmpireColorado.us.

Welcome to our two newest Town Officials: Lon Fulton has joined the Board of Trustees, and Kim Hubert has joined the Planning Commission.

Are you an engineer, architect, landscape architect, work on road design and construction, or work on Park design? We are looking for a few volunteers to be on advisory committees; one for Roads and one for Parks. We are working on Master Plans for those two departments, and would appreciate having a few residents share your expertise with the Staff.

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