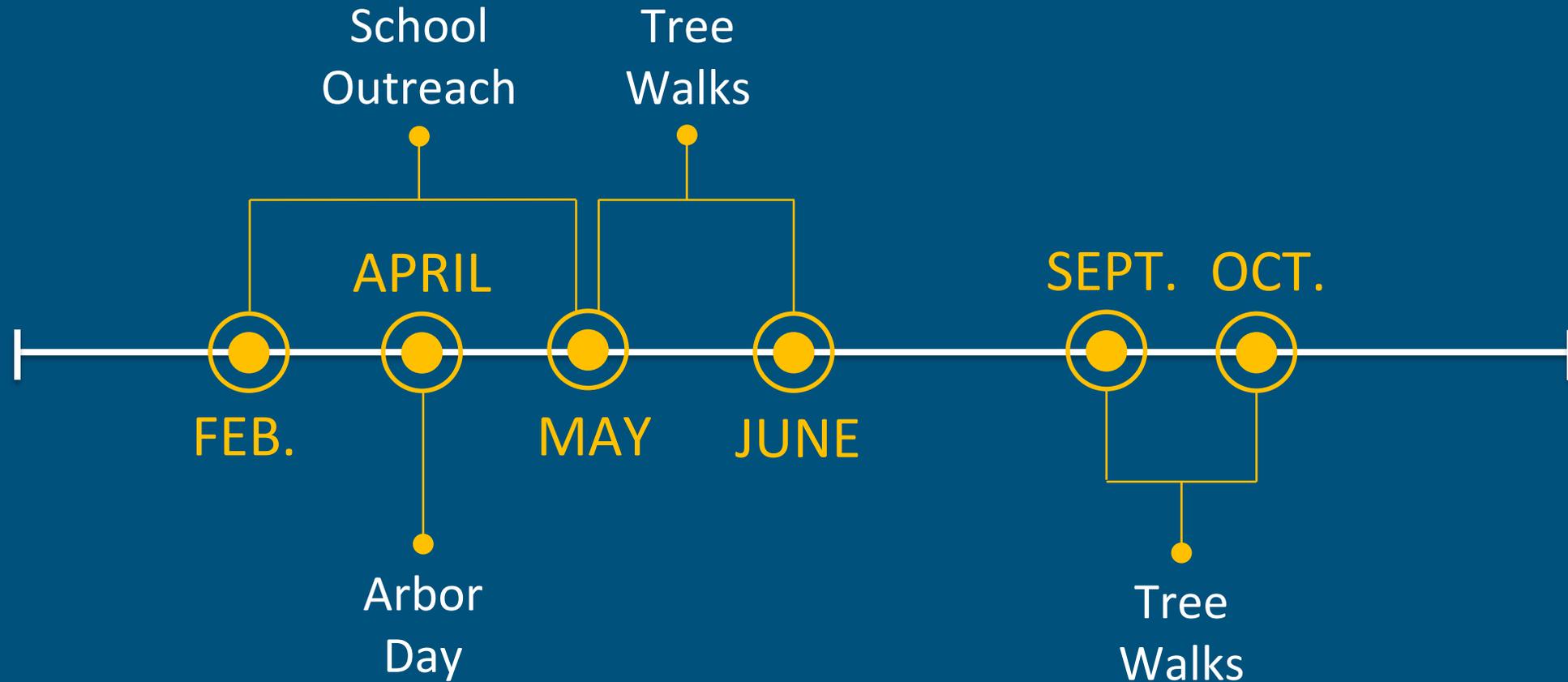




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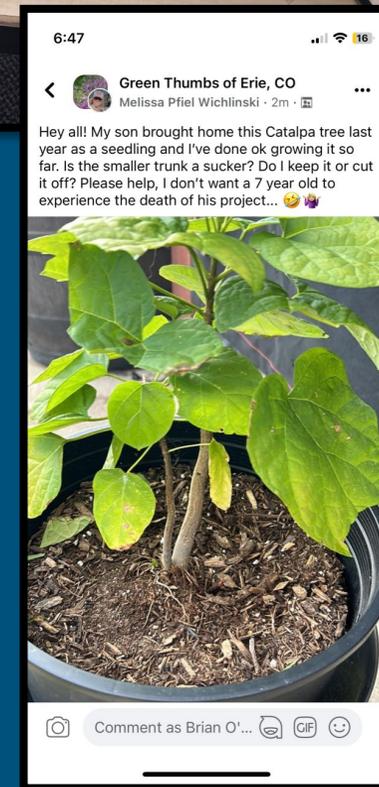
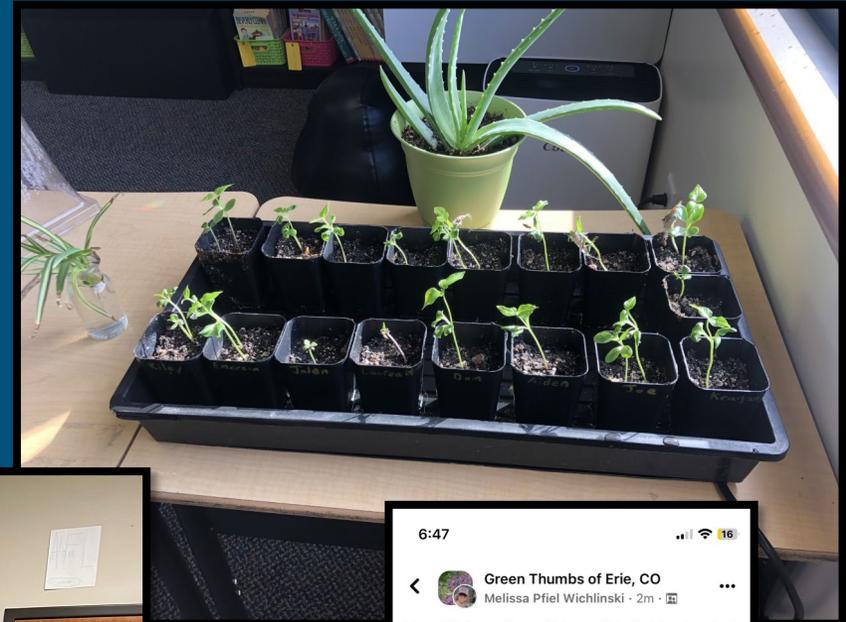
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2025 Calendar of Events



School Outreach

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade
- Teacher kits and in-person lessons



Arbor Day/Earth Day

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Erie Community Park – Post Pavilion

10-1pm



Trees Walks

- Educational opportunity with the Town Forester
- Friday, May 2nd at noon – Arapahoe Ridge Park
- Additional walks in June, Sept. and Oct.



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Welcome to our first edition of Tree Talk prepared by the Erie Tree Advisory Board. In this newsletter, you'll find expert tree care tips, discover the many benefits of trees, and learn about Erie's tree rebate programs and upcoming events. We hope you find this newsletter both informative and inspiring. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant, tree-loving community!

ABOUT THE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Erie is proud to be designated as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, recognizing our commitment to effective public tree management and community forestry programs. The mission of the Tree Advisory Board is to educate Erie residents on the importance of planting and maintaining trees on both public and private lands. We strive to uphold Erie's Tree City USA certification, plan and promote our annual Arbor Day Festival, and engage the community in our efforts. As a primary source of information about community forestry, we are dedicated to promoting the sound management of Erie's urban forest.



Join Us for Tree Walks

Interested in exploring some of Erie's unique trees? Join our Tree Walks! Hosted by the Tree Advisory Board and our Town Forester, these events offer a fantastic opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the trees that thrive in our environment.

Our next Tree Walk will be held at Lehigh Park at noon on Friday, Sept. 27.

INTERESTING IN PLANTING A TREE

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SUMMER TREE CARE TIPS



1) Prevent string trimmer damage
A common injury to trees, especially young trees, is damage at the root flare or trunk base caused by string trimmers. When trimming, we can get a little too close and end up slicing the bark, creating a wound that can affect the tree's vascular system and invite pathogens. To prevent accidental string trimmer damage, hand pull grass and weeds around the trunk and put down mulch to discourage trimming close to the stem of the tree.



2) Speaking of mulch Mulch is an urban tree's best friend. Organic mulch like wood chips or shredded bark retains moisture in the soil, moderates soil temperatures, suppresses weeds, and improves soil health as it breaks down. Plus, it creates a buffer zone, preventing damage caused by string trimmers and mowers. When applying mulch around a tree, aim for a ring about 3-5 feet wide and 3-4 inches deep, making sure not to pile it up against the trunk as this can facilitate rot around the root flare. When applying mulch around your tree, think doughnut, not volcano.



3) Staking your tree
Staking a newly planted tree is not always necessary as prolonged staking results in poor trunk taper, smaller root systems, and breakage or tipping after the stakes are removed. However, if your tree cannot stand upright on its own, was bare-root, top-heavy, or is located in a windy area, the extra support is beneficial while the tree establishes in the landscape.

One method to stabilize a tree is to drive a stake on either side of the trunk, outside of the root ball to prevent damage to the roots. Then use a strip of broad, smooth, flexible material, like a grommeted strap, to attach the tree to the stake. It's best to avoid using wire or any material that could potentially dig into the trunk. Attach the material as low on the trunk as possible while still providing support. Allowing the tree some flexibility in the wind encourages root development and good trunk taper. Remove the staking materials after 1-2 seasons to prevent potential girdling of the trunk.



Hi! My name is Claudia Smelko, and I am excited to be one of the newest members of the Tree Advisory Board. One of my favorite trees is the Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*). This majestic and resilient tree is perfect for the diverse conditions of the Front Range. With its large, heart-shaped leaves, striking white flowers, and distinctive bean-like seed pods, the Northern Catalpa brings both beauty and ecological value to urban and suburban landscapes. Its adaptability to the region's varied climate and soil conditions makes it an excellent choice for homeowners looking to enhance their outdoor spaces with a stunning and hardy tree.

Mature Height: ~50'
Mature Spread: ~35'
Shape: Pyramidal with rounded top, open structure
Fall Color: Yellow-green
Flower: White, in large clusters
Drought Tolerance: Moderate

Leaf Composting

Erie Recycling Center –
Open 7 days a week 8am -4pm

FOOD WASTE

FOOD SCRAPS / DESPERDICIOS DE COMIDA

Remove stickers, twist ties, rubber bands, and packaging.
Sin etiquetas, alambres de plástico, ligas, o empaquetado.



Coffee grounds and beans
(no filters)
Café molido y en grano
(sin filtros)



COMPOST BAGS
Small countertop compost bags
(3 gallons) accepted
BOLSAS DE COMPOST
Se aceptan bolsas de compost
chicas (3 galones)

THESE ITEMS ARE **NOT** ACCEPTED IN THIS BIN. PUT THESE ITEMS IN THE TRASH.
Estos artículos ya no se aceptan en el compartimento. PONGA ESTOS ARTICULOS EN LA BASURA.



NO FOOD SERVICWARE
including products labeled as
compostable
NO UTENSILIOS DE COMIDA
incluyendo productos etiquetados
como compostables



NO PAPER PRODUCTS
NO PRODUCTOS DE PAPEL



NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES
Trash greasy side and recycle
clean side.
NO CAJAS DE PIZZA GRASOSAS
Ponga la mitad grasosa en la basura
y la mitad limpia en el reciclaje.

When in doubt, give us a shout! 303-926-2734 ErieRecyclingCenter@erieco.gov
Si tiene alguna duda, comuníquese con nosotros!

YARD WASTE COMPOSTING



Grass clippings
Pasto cortado



Leaves
Hojas



Sawdust
Aserín



Flowers, plants, and weeds
Flores, plantas y maleza



Branches (less than 12" in diameter)
Ramas (diámetro menor de 12 pulg.)

KEEP'EM OUT / ¡MANTÉNGALOS AFUERA!



No soil or dirt
No echar barro ni
tierra



No sod
No echar pasto
con tierra



No rocks or gravel
No echar piedras ni
grava



No wood over 12" diameter
No echar madera con diámetro
mayor de 12 pulg.



No pet waste
No arroje desechos
animales

PLEASE COMPOST ONLY THE MATERIALS LISTED ABOVE. Call Eco-Cycle at (303) 444-6634 with questions.
COMPOSTE SOLO LOS MATERIALES INDICADOS ARRIBA. Llame a Eco-Cycle al (303) 444-6634 si tiene preguntas.



Existing Tree Programs

Residential Tree Rebate Program

Available to Property Owners

HOA Cost Share

Available to HOAs

School and Non-Profit Cost Share Program

Available to schools and non-profit organizations

For more information: Google “Town of Erie Tree Programs”
or visit: <https://www.erieco.gov/185/Tree-Incentive-Programs>



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Amy Demeyer

Patty O'Donnell

Claudia Smelko, Vice Chair

Jason Shimmel, Chair

Taylor Thomson (pending approval)

Leanne Vielehr, Secretary

Vacancy

