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the first Epic Empires after this crazy corona period has been finished for some time now. We are already actively in the planning process for the next event in 2023. Nevertheless, we want to give you some feedback this year.

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1. Winner 2022

Winner of the "B-Note": The "B-Note" 2022 went once again to the Luxuniter. Congratulations from us as well at this point. This victory was well deserved this year again, especially if you look at these great pavases!

The little "B-Note", which is awarded between the city districts, went this year again to the Messergasse which has been mentioned positively in many points! Congratulations to you too!

Great battle: The Luxuniter also shone here, who held the artifacts of the great battle the longest and emerged victorious. We are excited for your wish to the gods! Here as well: Congratulations!

As in the previous years you can get this information InTime on saturday night from 8:00 pm at the stage during the city festival.

The grants we unfortunately had to suspend during covid times. We are excited for the great projects you will submit next time.

The results will be published in our Hall of Fame: (<https://www.epic-empires.de/epic-empires-hall-of-fame/>).

2. Our feedback to your feedback (feedback sheet)

As always, we would like to respond directly to your feedback, which we received through the feedback forms.

If there is anything missing, we are still looking forward to your feedback, criticism and suggestions for improvement. You can send your feedback to: info@epic-empires.de.



City of Neu-Ostringen

Thanks for your detailed feedback to the city of Neu-Ostringen. As you know we want to keep developing the city, its districts and game offers and also make it a positive experience for all of you. Part of this development was that we have already moved the main entrance of the city to the meadow. The gravel path is still passable for armies but individual players and groups should pass through the city gate if possible. This way everyone gets through the districts and there is more ambience and play for both sides, city players as well as camp players. We are happy that especially the Messergasse as the main entrance to the market area has received a lot of positive feedback.

But there was also criticism of the city. Two points of it were the gaps in the city structure and the low number of traders. We would like to go into this in more detail. As it was to be expected, this year we had to deal with a lot of short termed cancellations due to illness, among other things. This has led to large gaps in the districts and city in general. Unfortunately, several of the traders did not turn up either, leaving their places empty. In order to avoid gaps in the future, we plan to approach the building of the city differently and coordinate it in close consultation with the districts. Due to the short termed cancellations and parallel events, we were not able to present a larp weapons dealer and a significantly reduced offer. In the past, we were spoiled by what the Trutzhavener field kitchen had to offer, so it has been difficult to secure a full caterer since then. It is also difficult for us to keep food stalls, as there is not much of an inflow into the city due to our concept and the expected turnover is not that high. Nevertheless, we will endeavor to find new stands or a full caterer for you.

Firewood

We were surprised and smiled at your feedback on the topic of firewood. As you reported to us some of you were overwhelmed by the sheer volume this year. We felt the same way and are very happy that we have a new and reliable provider.

Plot

You have often given us feedback on our plot, both positive and negative. As some of you have already noticed, we are planning a much stronger link with your camp and district plots in the future. The first calls with your camp and district orga teams will take place in the next few weeks. Let us surprise you.

Sanitary situation

The sanitary situation is unfortunately a constant issue. Therefore we would like to point out that the number of containers we have deployed are already at the logistical limits of the camp ground. Our cleaning crew went around at least twice a day and cleaned all sanitary installations. But when it's rainy and muddy no cleaning cloth in the world stands a chance.

The optical permeability of the urinal wall near the city has been criticized. We share that opinion and will optimize the privacy screens.

We will not set up any more dixie toilets because we do not have any capacity to camouflage them in a practical manner. Emptying these toilets on a regular basis would create quite some traffic on the road which we would like to avoid.

Date postponement

Some of you suggested the postponement of the Epic Empires into autumn. We have already discussed this topic several times. Due to the structure of our team we are bound to the summer holidays which would mean a postponement into October. And believe us, you do not want to be on UTOPION in October! The weather gets really nasty this time of year and especially construction and deconstruction is extremely demanding in this condition. Therefore we will not postpone the date.

3. Our feedback to Epic Empires 2022

It was a great pleasure for us to be able to organize EPIC EMPIRES again after the two-year break due to Corona. It gave us a lot of motivation and impetus that so many of you took part again after such a long time and rocked the event.

We are even more pleased that all of you were so relaxed about the overall situation and the requirements of the authorities and the understanding that the latter do not want to harm us, but are often bound by requirements and regulations themselves (see red-backed shrike and biotopes). Despite being on holiday the mayor came to greet us on his bike during the construction work in his spare time. We have a lot of love for the fact that every year, despite everything, you put so much heart and soul into this great event together with us and enrich it with your ideas!

These are the things we noticed particularly positively in 2022:

Our hygiene concept has obviously proven itself. As far as we know there has been no case of Corona during EPIC EMPIRES. This we owe to your responsible behavior. However at this point we cannot say what our hygiene concept for 2023 will look like, since we need to adapt this to the current situation.

Parking was really good this year, thanks to your exemplary parking behavior, with a few exceptions, and thanks to our motivated and now experienced parking attendants. Please keep up the good work so that we can accommodate all of you in our limited parking spaces.

The setup of the fire places as well as the fire watches worked much better this year for which we want to thank you. This was a very important factor especially during the extreme drought.

We will continue to improve the fireplace inspection so that hopefully in 2023 we will have a completely smooth inspection process. At least we are trying ;)

After the long break there was a lot of interest from various film teams this year. Sonja's Adventures, the OT Blase and Orkenspalter were out and about on the grounds. In the meantime all three teams have published their contributions to EPIC EMPIRES and they are really worth seeing. We were very pleased that you were so relaxed about them.

Even though there has been a lot of talk about the development plan in recent years, the UTOPION has finally reached a concrete phase. Last year Bexbach city council passed a resolution on the development

plan which means that it is no longer just a topic of conversation but is actually being developed. Even though the council agreed on some points in advance (use of the houses, etc.), we are looking forward to the result of the listing and to positive developments for the area and our event! Once again we would like to thank the mayor, Mr. Prech, the administration and all the residents of Bexbach who are positively disposed towards us!

Unfortunately, we can not avoid mentioning one small negative point. We have to mention the handling of fire extinguishers. Fortunately it only happened twice that the meadow burned and was damaged by pyrotechnics. In these cases we were able to intervene quickly enough with our team fire extinguishers. As the meadow was far too dry in all places we had to make sure, especially this year, that the fireplaces were safe (which worked well) and that extinguishing material was available. Here comes the criticism: please do not bring expired fire extinguishers. If they fail in an emergency we have a huge problem!

Overall, as in previous years, we rocked the event with a comparatively small team. To keep the event going in the future we still need your support. Anyone who wants to take a look at the organization is always welcome! Every helping hand keeps one of the most awesome community events in the larp scene running and gives us all epic experiences.

The hospice in Bous was again overwhelmed by your pledge donations (3539.44€) and was thus able to refinance a good part of their important and indispensable work. We should say a big thank you to you! The Stefan Morsch Foundation and the Homburger Tafel also send their greetings and look forward to working together every year. Together we can achieve epic things besides the LARP!

Feedback on your individual camps and districts has been received by your organs and should you have any questions please feel free to contact us through the usual channels.

4. And last but not least a big thank you

The two years that were canceled due to corona not only caused our reserves to shrink considerably but also cost us one or the other team member. At times we were not sure whether we would be able to organize an EPIC EMPIRES in 2022.

Your commitment and support were simply amazing! So many of you gave us a few hours of your time for setup and dismantling so that we were finished with the dismantling on Monday afternoon despite many absences in the team. This helped us a lot and showed us again what a great community we have. Thank you very much!

We would be happy if a few helping hands could be found again next year for the dismantling. And even if it's only 2 hours even that helps enormously.

And of course we have to say a second big thank you namely to all the buyers of the Solitickets. Thank you very much as well! We never expected so much positive feedback and it simply blew us away. In the end we were able to realize some additional projects, such as the awnings on the shower containers.

We are already looking forward to the next EPIC EMPIRES 2023 with you!

Please send your feedback to info@epic-empires.de.

We look forward to your feedback.

When will we meet again?

The date for EPIC EMPIRES 2023 is: 23 - 27.08.2023.

See ya!

Your EPIC EMPIRES Team