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Winter in Erie Village

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A definite sign of winter in Erie Village is when you see the orange plows parked. Holiday decorations are prevalent around our community and even though it doesn't seem like it, the geese are finally heading south (at least the migrators).

By now, owners should have received a communication regarding the 2023 monthly HOA fees. Due to rising costs as well as the need to replenish our reserves, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to raise them to \$335.00. If you currently are signed up for auto pay, you don't need to do anything. We would also like to encourage those not signed up for auto pay, to consider this option.

Maintenance work has ceased for the year. The office is only addressing serious issues such as roof leaks. Work will commence in the new year around the March timeframe, if not sooner. We already have a long list of required maintenance for 2023. 88 driveways are scheduled to be sealed plus a large area in front of 296-301 that was paved in 2022. 69 units are scheduled for painting and 12 units are scheduled to receive new roofs. In addition, we have some major paving projects on Parkington and Midlake Circle, two fairly large drainage projects and a number of driveways to be replaced. Residents will be notified prior to commencement of work on their unit or in the vicinity of their unit.

Erie Village will be implementing a new software program in 2023 called Tops. Our estimated "go live" date is May 2023. This software will be replacing our current work order system, which is no longer being supported, as well as quick books and many manual processes. Included in the software is an owner's portal. We will be working to load as much historical data as possible as to what work has been completed on your homes. Once we are live on the system, we

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Please call **315-656-5148** for residential concerns. Please leave your name, unit and a daytime phone number where you can be reached. You can also reach us at:

evhoa@cnyemail.com

Monthly Board Meetings

Each month the board of directors meets to discuss issues, concerns and the normal day to day activities of Erie Village.

The meetings are held on the third Monday of the month beginning at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise communicated) at our office in the basement of the medical center 5900 N. Burdick, Suite 110.

Normally, residents are welcome to attend but due to COVID restrictions, meetings are currently closed.

If you have an issue that you would like to discuss with the board, we ask that you submit it in writing ahead of time so that it can be added to the agenda. Please send to any of the following emails or mail to our office:

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EVHOA

EVHOA Committee Chairs

Grounds – Grass/Trees/Gardens – Debra Roberts

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If interested in joining any of the above committees, please contact the committee chair(s).

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will provide information to owners on how to log on and what information you will have access to. This is long overdue and should greatly help with efficiency.

The three front ponds will once again be treated in 2023 for algae. Unfortunately, we cannot add the middle pond or the one between lanes P and Q per the DEC because they both flow back to the golf course. This work will occur sometime between May 1st and July 31st.

Trash and Recycling

A few weeks ago, we had very high winds and of course it was on trash day. Blue bins and their contents were blown all over Erie Village and much of that trash ended up in our ponds and lake. In the future, if it is an extremely windy day, we ask that you hold

your recycling until the next week's pickup. In addition, please ensure that all trash bags are secured in your trash bins. If you only have one bag, consider asking your neighbor if you can place your bag in their bin. Do not leave garbage bags out at the curb outside of your trash bin, as crows and animals break the bags open and trash is then strewn all over the place.

Outside Lights

Replacement of outside light fixtures is done for 2022. If you are still interested in replacing your outside lights with one of the approved fixtures, you can find the request form on our website under the tab form. Again, these are the only approved fixtures for Erie Village.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Erie Village Homeowners Association

Insurance and Erie Village

Every so often we publish information regarding the type of insurance coverage needed for your home in Erie Village. The Erie Village Homeowners Association is covered by a: Single Entity Coverage policy. That's a type of commercial condominium insurance policy that covers more than the property's common areas. Even though each unit is individually owned, Erie Village would step in to fix additional builder's grade fixtures, and the Association's insurance would pay for things like damaged roofs, broken windows, or damage to outside walls. Single entity coverage policies are among the most resident-friendly policies on the market. Some alternatives just cover common areas – helping repair the offices, grounds, or common facilities. Don't let that

give you false peace of mind though. Commercial Homeowners Association policies don't often cover alterations made past the date of original construction, appliances installed/upgraded by the resident, or any personal property. You are on the hook for any unit upgrades, flood damage, or "loss of use" costs if your unit became uninhabitable. You need a tailored condo owner's policy.

Unit owners often purchase the more expensive homeowners (HO3) insurance policy, when really, they need a unit owner specific HO6 insurance policy. Check with your insurance agent for your individual situation.

What Tricks Scammers are Using

– Keeping You in the Know

Online Shopping - A scammer sets up a fake online store and asks you to pay in ways other than a credit or debit card, leaving you without recourse when the item doesn't arrive.

Pay Yourself - A person pretending to be a Chase employee asks you to transfer money to yourself to resolve fraudulent activity.

Grandparent - Someone impersonates a loved one in crisis like claiming their car broke down or they lost their wallet, and they need money right away.

Tech Support - A scammer requests access to your device to fix a technical issue, but really, they're collecting personal information.

Utility Shutoff - A person may pose as a utility employee saying your service will be stopped unless you pay them immediately.

Romance - A scammer creates a fake profile to gain your trust then asks for money for a health crisis or other bogus scheme.

Protect yourself

The following tips can help keep you and your money safe.

Guard your personal information

Don't offer information to someone who calls you directly, even if they say they're from Chase. When in doubt, call us.

Don't act immediately

Scammers may pressure you to pay them quickly and can have a demanding tone. Remember to take a moment, verify who they are and think about what they are asking for.

Use caution when sending money

Scammers could tell you to pay in ways where you may not be able to get your money back, like money transfers, gift cards or using Zelle®. Always verify who the recipient is before sending money.

The way you pay matters

Different payment methods offer different protections. Chase debit and credit cards can help give you peace of mind with protections like fraud monitoring for unusual purchases.

(Courtesy of Chase Bank)

Winter Driving Tips

Drive Slowly – Always adjust your speed to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice. Give yourself additional time to reach your destination.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly – Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for stoplights and stop signs. Remember, it takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

Increase your following distance to five to six seconds – This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you must stop.

Know your brakes – Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

Don't stop if you can avoid it – There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling

until a traffic light changes, do it.

Don't power up hills – Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry your speed and proceed downhill slowly.

Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car such as extra food and water, warm clothing, a flashlight, window scraper, blankets, medications and more.

Make certain that your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.

Always keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle.

Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.

Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface such as ice and snow.

(Courtesy of AAA of Western and CNY)

Erie Village Book Group

The Erie Village Book Club is still meeting via zoom, probably until Spring, when we hope to be able to meet in person.

The meetings are held monthly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M.

During this year we have read the following books:

- ◆ The Four Winds by Kristin Hanna
- ◆ The Women's March by Jennifer Chiaverini
- ◆ The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams
- ◆ The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
- ◆ The Lost Apothecary by Sara Penner
- ◆ The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis
- ◆ This Tender Land by Wm. Kent Krueger
- ◆ Simon the Fiddler by Jiles Paulette
- ◆ The Last Train to Key West by Chanel Cleeton
- ◆ The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towels

The book for January is Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict. Leaving her soon-to-be-

destitute family in Ireland, Clara Kelley boards a ship for America. Knowing their survival depends on her ability to find a job in America scares her and drives her to do all she can to help her father keep what is left of their dwindling farm. Boarding the ship with her meager possessions, Clara endures a rough voyage, landing in her new country a little worse for wear and, like her fellow passengers, eager to set foot on dry land.

Always ready for a fight, quick with her words and emotions, the travel conditions and loneliness leave her drained. Once the boat finally docks, her apprehension and anxiety get the best of her, and she trickles through immigration with her fellow passengers in a daze, hoping officials find no reason to hold her. When she is finally released, she stumbles into the street with hundreds of others, and the sound of her name being called pulls her out of her stupor. Genres: Historical Fiction, Biographical Fiction. Timeframe 1862-1900.

New members are always welcome. The books we choose are available at the library. Members do not have to purchase the books. Books are chosen by members.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me at Noonie9646@yahoo.com or 315-627-0206.



In the Village

2023 Christmas Tree Pickup

Our contract with Butler Disposal covers the pickup of Christmas trees in Erie Village. This year's date for Christmas tree pickup will be, Wednesday, January 14th. Please have your tree out at the curb by 7am.

No bags or decorations! You will be responsible for disposing of any trees after this date.

Outside Holiday Decorations

We all enjoy driving around and looking at all the beautiful holiday lights. A reminder that all decorations must be removed no later than January 31st, 2023.

Winter Reminders

Every year we try to put out a list of reminders to our residents to prevent any issues over the winter months.

- 1) Make sure you bring in your garden hoses and turn the outside water valve off.
- 2) Check and/or replace the batteries in your thermostat (if applicable).
- 3) Change your furnace filter to assist with better and cleaner airflow.
- 4) Check and replace any outside light bulbs as needed and if you have a light timer, it may need to be reprogrammed.
- 5) Keep a container of ice melt by your front door or by your overhead garage door in case your walkway or area in front of your garage get icy.
- 6) If you are going to be away for more than 2 weeks this winter, we suggest that you turn your water off to your home.
- 7) Make sure you leave a light on a timer in your home especially if you are going to be away.
- 8) Hire someone to shovel your walkway while

you're away so that it looks like someone is home.

9) You can contact the Town of Manlius Police Department to check on your home while you'r away.

10) Make sure you provide our office with a local contact in case of emergency.



ERIE VILLAGE RESIDENTS LUNCHEON AT THE MANLIUS SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTRE

Join us for lunch on Friday January 6th at Noon.

Start out the new year by having lunch with others from your neighborhood.

Cost: Members \$5.00 Non-members \$6.00

RSVP to the Senior Centre at 682-7889 by January 5th at 1:00.

Meet new friends, and old, from your neighborhood.

Hope to see you there!



Community Spotlight

Have an article, story or happy announcement you'd like to share with the community? Wedding announcement, birth announcement or promotion? Let us know! It could be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



Community Captures



Photo submitted by Heidi Wojdat



Photo submitted by Marcia Philipp

Editor's Note:

Thank you to all who have submitted photos. We're looking for more great photos taken in our village to feature in upcoming newsletters.

We're also looking for more pets to feature in *Our Neighborhood Companions*. Please include your pet's name and, if you'd like, any fun personality quirks you love about them.

Please send photos to Jean at jdesant9@gmail.com.



Photo submitted by Pam Kleine



Photo submitted by Diane Haller



Photo submitted by Kim Gilberti



Our Neighborhood Companions

Meet Pippa! One of her favorite activities is going with caregiver Colleen to off leash dog parks so she can run off her energy. She loves playing in the snow!



Do you have email?

If you have not already provided an email address or your email has changed, please provide updated information to our office.

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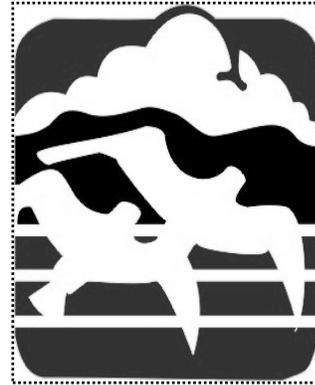
Please also consider updating your emergency contact information if anything has changed including names of renters, phone numbers and their email address.

Make sure you include your name and unit number.

Please check out our website at

www.ErieVillageHOA.com

There is a lot of valuable information including the Covenants, By-Laws and our Resident's Guide, which includes our rules and regulations. Forms are also available for direct debit and architectural changes.



Planning on Making Changes in 2023?

A reminder that any changes to the outside of your unit whether it's gutters, sidewalk, plantings outside the white fenced area or in some cases within the white fence, generators, high efficiency furnaces, gas fire places, changes to your deck, etc., must be approved in advance of work commencing by the Architectural Committee (ACC). **You can obtain a request form by calling the office at 315-656-5148 or by going to our website.**

Please supply as much information as possible such as contractor/installer name, drawings and if need be written consent from surrounding neighbors.

You can email your completed requests to: evarchitecture1@gmail.com

The EVHOA requires that all contractors working in common areas be insured and that a Certificate of Insurance be obtained and submitted prior to work commencing when an ACC form is submitted.

On the bottom left corner of the Certificate, Accord 25 Form, there is a block entitled Certificate Holder. In that block it MUST say:

**Erie Village Homeowners Association
5900 N. Burdick Street
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If that form is not properly completed the request for Architectural Change will be denied and the Form will be returned delaying action to approve the request.

It's better to be safe than sorry. We have updated the ACC form and provided examples of items that need approval prior to commencement of work. You may think that a small change doesn't require a form but you should always ask first—again—before any work commences.



Winter Pet Safety

For many of our furry friends living in the cooler parts of the country, it's the best time of year, frolicking in the snow and steering clear of the hot summer sun. Though they, and many of us pet parents, may be rearing and ready to get out in the winter weather, there's a few things to be weary of. Check out our top 10 cold weather safety tips to know what to watch out for and how you can keep your pets safe, happy and healthy through the winter months!

1. If it is too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet. Pets can freeze, become disoriented, lost, injured or even killed from being left outdoors in the cold. Keep your pets inside where they can stay cozy and safe. Also, don't leave pets in the car alone as it can act like a refrigerator and hold in the cold air, which can result in your pet freezing and could lead to serious health concerns, including death.

2. After each walk, make sure to wash and dry your pet's feet and stomach. You may also want to bring a towel on long walks to clean off irritated paws. While on a walk, your pet may step in ice, salt and chemicals—which can be very painful. Don't forget to check for cracks in paw pads or redness between the toes!

3. Massage petroleum jelly into your pet's paw pads before going outside to help protect from salt and chemical agents. Booties can be even more effective in covering and protecting paws when out on walks.

4. Keep your home humidified and be sure to towel dry your pet as soon as they come inside to avoid itchy, flaking skin. Repeatedly going into the cold and then coming back to a warm home can cause this skin reaction in pets. Again, paying close attention to their feet and in-between their toes will help prevent and treat skin irritation in the winter.

5. Never shave your dog down to their skin during winter. Longer coats provide more warmth, like wearing a winter coat! If your dog is long-haired, just trim them to minimize clinging ice balls, salt crystals and de-icing chemicals that can dry out their skin. And don't neglect the hair between their toes! If your fur baby is short-haired, try getting them a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtle-neck with coverage from tail to belly. Your pet will not only be warm, but stylish too!

6. Try not to bathe your pet as often during cold spells. Bathing too often can remove necessary essential oils and



increase the chance of developing dry, flaky skin. If you must bathe your furry friend, use moisturizing shampoo and/or rinse recommended by your veterinarian.

7. Thoroughly clean up any antifreeze spills. Antifreeze is lethal for dogs and cats and pet parents should be extra careful when using this chemical. Consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Additionally, cold weather chemicals like ice melts can be dangerous when ingested, so always be mindful and keep chemicals up and out of paws' reach.

8. Feed your pet a little extra in the winter months. Our pets work a little harder to stay warm in the winter and therefore burn extra energy. Feeding them a bit extra can provide much-needed calories—and they certainly won't complain! Make sure they are also drinking plenty of water, it will help keep them, and their skin, hydrated.

9. Ensure your furry companion has a warm place to sleep that's off the floor and away from drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

10. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm. Dogs can lose their scent in the snow and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure your dog always wears an ID tag.

Be sure to keep these tips top of mind this winter so that you and your furry friends can stay warm, cozy and safe.

(Courtesy of ASCPA)



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