

THE VILLAGER

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Erie Village Homeowner's Association

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Erie Village Progress Report

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through 2023 already, and we have had a busy season so far despite the rain and Canadian smoke.

A total of sixty-nine scheduled units were painted. Sealing was completed on eighty-five scheduled driveways. In addition, the large area in front of units 296-301 Summerhaven, was sealed as it was paved last year. Twelve driveways were replaced as well as the area in front of units 56-58 Parkington, and an additional eight driveways had repairs. Additionally, Ken's Paving filled several potholes on Laneways. Roofing work was completed on thirty-four units, fully or partially replaced/repaired. Weather as well as unanticipated leaks has put us behind. Siding work has been done on thirty-three units through June. Spring/Summer tree work was completed in May with several dead and diseased trees being removed. Limited additional trimming will take place in the fall.

Still on our docket for this year are two scheduled drainage projects.

We do have a large unanticipated project to repair four catch basing (street drains) on laneways. These are not covered by the Town of Manlius as they are on private laneways. The estimated cost is around \$25K and was not planned or budgeted for 2023.

Overall, we are under budget year to date and should still be able to meet our total year budget if we do not have any additional unforeseen large expenditures.

Looking for Volunteer Treasurer

Our long time Board Member and Treasurer, Paul Franklin decided

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Board of Directors 2022-2023

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Office Contact Information

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@cnymail.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.

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:

Erievillagepres@gmail.com or Evhoavp@gmail.com or evsecretary5900@gmail.com



EVHOA Committee Chairs

Grounds - Grass/Trees/Gardens - Debra Roberts

Chemicals/Pesticides - Dan Gover

Snow Removal - Richard Lelong/Dave Tinker

Environmental - Dick Gay

Architectural - Dan Gover as Coordinating Administrator

Finance - Jim Kraus

Covenants - Richard Lelong

Elections/Nominating/Annual Meeting – Jean De-Santis/Richard Lelong

Rubbish - Mike Brick

Website – Jean DeSantis

Fire Monitoring - Jean DeSantis

Insurance/Risk Management - Dick Sparrow

Town of Manlius - Dick Sparrow

Compliance – Open

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

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not to run again this year, which leaves the position of Treasurer open. Thank you, Paul, for your many years of volunteering in our community. We are looking for someone with a good financial background who is also computer savvy. If interested, please send an email to erievillagepres@gmail.com.

Again, this is a volunteer position.

Beach Etiquette

Summer is in full swing, and the beach is starting to get crowded. Remember that you should always have your beach passes with you when you are at the beach. In addition, any cars parked along Summerhaven S., in front of the beach should prominently display your orange parking pass on your dashboard. Due to limited parking, please have family members and guests either ride with you or walk over. There is no alcohol or pets allowed in the beach area (which includes the water, dock area, sand, and surrounding grass). Only non-motorized watercraft are allowed on the lake which includes no battery powered trolling motors. Please be respectful of adjacent neighbors by keeping noise level down. When you leave, please have your children and grandchildren fill in any holes that were made in the sand. Lastly, please make sure that you take all personal items and trash when you leave. A reminder – the beach is for the use of residents and their accompanied guests only.

Maintenance of Decks, Walkways and Perimeter Plantings

Have you checked your deck to see if it needs power washing, sealing and/or staining? Have you attended to your courtyard, walkway, and perimeter plantings? Have they passed the Erie Village compliance test? The Compliance Committee has been out checking areas and sending letters to residents to address these areas. Areas of observance are weeds in planting areas,

overgrown or dead bushes, weeds growing up under decks. Approved deck colors are gray, brown, cedar, neutral or clear. The Town of Manlius Highway Dept allows free disposal of all yard waste located just off Clemons Rd. You can also sign up for pickup service through the Town of Manlius by calling (315) 637-8815 or contacting Sharon Lake, Trash & Brush Coordinator via email at slake@townofmanlius.org. The cost for this service is \$64.80 per calendar year and would be included in your taxes. Brush pickup is biweekly and is performed by Syracuse Haulers. Yard waste cannot be placed in your trash.

Gutters and Downspouts

This is a repeat of an article from April but worth the repeat. Gutters are the responsibility of the Homeowner. Malfunctioning gutters can result in flooding of your home's basement or crawl space, an accumulation of unwanted mold and mildew, and damage to the exterior siding and foundation. Make sure that downspout connections allow water to drain away from your home.

Experts recommend cleaning out your gutters at least twice a year, ideally in the spring and again in the fall. Keep in mind that if you live in an area that is heavily populated with trees, you may have to increase your annual gutter cleaning schedule as frequently as weekly to keep your gutters clear.

Splash guards should be installed at the base of your home's downspouts as well as on the roof to ensure that water is effectively drained away from the home and adequately protects your roof from unwanted mold and mildew

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damage. There are many local companies that provide this service.

If extensions are needed to direct water further away from your foundation, pipes should be buried, and since they will be in a common area, an Architectural Request Form is required.

Outside Lights

We still have plenty of lights to purchase for the outside of your unit. The cost is \$80 per fixture and Erie Village will install them. Below are the approved light fixtures. Order forms are available on our website at erievillagehoa.com.



Trash Cans

Are you looking for a smaller can? Below is an Erie Village approved wheeled can be purchased from Home Depot. 32 Gallon Outdoor Trash Can with Wheels and Attached Lid – cost is \$74.97.

Electric Vehicles

There have been recent concerns regarding Electric Vehicles (EVs) in Erie Village and the possibility of fires. Don Grevelding, Minoa Fire Chief spoke to the Board at the June 19th board meeting. Don provided the following information:

Before purchasing an EV, have a qualified electrician install a new dedicated circuit for your EV charging device. Older home wiring may not be suitable for use with EV supply equipment.

Level II charging devices (if that is your preferred method). This requires an ACC form in Erie Village and a permit from the Town of Manlius.

• Follow manufacturer's guidelines when charging your vehicle. Check with your local dealer if you need additional information.

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- Purchase a charging device that is certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Plug Level 1 EV chargers directly into an outlet designed to manage the amperage of the charging device. Never use a multiplug adapter or extension cord.
- Install a residual current device with the charging unit. It will turn off the power if a fault is detected and help prevent a fire.
- Place all charging device components out of reach of children when not in use.
- Maintain the components of your charging station according to the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines. Signs of excessive wear may indicate a potential shock hazard. Never use an EV charger with obvious signs of damage.
- Cover the EV charging station outlet to stop water from entering. Check the Manufacturer's guidelines to make sure it is safe to charge your EV in wet conditions.

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to several devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, and if not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

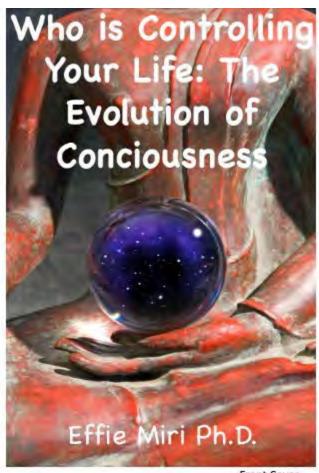
- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged. It is recommended that you do not leave your cell phone plugged in overnight.

- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32 degrees F or above 105 degrees F.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.
- Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises.
- If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire, call 9-1-1.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option. Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your Onondaga County Resource Recycling Agency for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

All Erie Village Townhomes are equipped with smoke detectors that are monitored by Doyle Security. You should also make sure that you have CO2 detectors and heat detectors in your home.

Adjacent Property to Erie Village

We recently communicated that the entrance to the Erie Village Lake path at the Parkington Circle was roped off. A land parcel between our path and the Erie Canal has been listed for sale and is attracting traffic from outside Erie Village. One individual attempted to drive down the path but was immediately stopped by a resident walking her dog. The parcel is landlocked and the only way to get to it is by going down our path or the canal path. The rope and stakes (at least until the winter) along with a Private Property sign will remain up.





Back Cover



I am dedicating my book, "Who is Controlling Your Life: The Evolution of Consciousness", to all the Iranians, Mahsas, Navids, 176 passengers of flight 752, Aban Mothers, and all other parents who have suffered at the hands of the Islamic regime of Iran. This book is for the parents whose children were brutally taken from them and for the children who were unjustly snatched from their mothers' embrace. The right to protest, express one's opinions, and gather on public Iranian streets should not come at the cost of one's life and livelihood. Thus, my work goes out to all men and women, in or out of prisons, defending the democratic rights of Iranian citizens. Your sacrifices are not in vain

unappreciated.
-Effie Miri Ph.D.

and do not go

BOOK DESCRIPTION

This book is about you, the most sophisticated and complex being on the Earth. It tries to look at the factors controlling and shaping you and your life time. We should be aware, however, that we are all being treated by the same law of existence as a Cosmic energy, no matter where on the same Earth each was born. That is, the law of Becoming and Actualizing as us, are identical for all of us. That is why we all breathe the same, our hearts beat the same, and our complex amazing brain centers (e.g. seeing, hearing, touching, and smelling) function in connecting us to the environment exactly the same.

You come to physical existence through living and growing in the womb of your mother - not from her of course. She feeds you but she is in continuous transaction with the Earth in obtaining her living necessities of food, water and air as if you and her both were living in the womb of Mother Nature. Therefore, the very real source of your identity is the Universal Cosmic energy. You enter on the Earth complete, joyful, and blessed.

Let's call this endless abundant predominating factor of your life the UNIVERSAL WORLD.

But what happens is that you move away far from your essence of a happy and compassionate you when you entered this Earth, while going through living on this Heaven, our Mother Nature. The environment, including people, the social systems and parenting, cultures, religions, big corporations, politics, and all other affecting factors that program your thoughts, beliefs, and skills and pull you to different directions which make you feel confused and scattered. You become so involved that you feel stranger to yourself. You develop unawareness and feel surprised at how your life is passing you by.

Let's call this huge controlling factor the PEOPLE'S WORLD.

So, what is this "struggling" for? What is your mission and purpose on Earth? The fact is that while every moment of your life is permanently connected to the Universal energy, you become unaware of this fact and concentrate on your survival within the PEOPLE'S WORLD and reach a state of unconsciousness, going through your life events automatically and habitually from one day to the other.

I am a Ph. D. psychologist with more than forty years of experience living in the state of New York. I have worked as a faculty member and have taught psychology courses at several universities during the beginning of my career. I have also been practicing psychological evaluations and psychotherapy with people of different ages, different cultural and bilingual backgrounds in order to increase their knowledge of their full potentials. In this book of short chapters, I have written about you and the many controlling and influencing elements affecting you.

This book is an attempt to increase your consciousness about you, about your internal resources, and about the abundance of Universal energy working within you, the knowledge of which brings the feelings of gratitude and happiness. I have also provided the steps to increase your knowledge about the external resources that control your life. The goal is for you to learn to engineer and alleviate or increase their impacts on your life. There are many updated references provided on each chapter for those of you who desire to enhance your information in that area.



Email: effiemiri@yahoo.com Website: effiemiri.com Available on Amazon.com

Erie Village Book Group

The Erie Village Book Club met on June 14, at the home of Effie Miri. Effie Miri holds a Ph.D. in psychology and has published two books: Who Is Controlling Your Life: The Evolution of Consciousness and IRAN-How a Culture Develops Pathology. Thank you, Effie, for opening your home for the Club.

The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. (except for December).

New members are always welcome. The books we choose are made available at the Fayetteville Free Library, 300 Orchard St, Fayetteville, NY 13066, under the name Erie Village Book Club. Members do not have to purchase any books. Books are chosen by the members. The Book Club started keeping records of books read beginning in 1998.

Our June book was Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano.

Our July choice is <u>The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel.</u> (Historical Fiction)

After being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe, a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies. Her solitary existence is interrupted, however, when she happens upon a group of Jews fleeing the Nazi terror. Stunned to learn what's happening in the outside world, she vows to teach the group all she can about surviving in the forestand in turn, they teach her some surprising lessons about opening her heart after years of isolation. But when she is betrayed and escapes into a German-occupied village, her past and present come together in a shocking collision that could change everything.

The book for August is <u>Horse by Geraldine</u> <u>Brooks.</u> (Historical Fiction)

Kentucky, 1850. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

New York City, 1954. Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

Washington, DC, 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, Horse is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information about the book club, please contact me at Noonie9646@yahoo.com or 315-627-0206. Thank you, Lenore J. Ralph

I like to travel in the summer, which is why I read.

In the Village

Erie Village Shred Day



This year's shred event will be held on Saturday, August 5th from 10AM-12PM. We will be using the first circle on Midlake by the mailboxes. Just drive up and drop off your shredding material.

Please ensure to remove all paper clips or larger elephant clips. Also please remove papers from binders.

On July 4th two floats escaped from our swimmers at the beach. Two, then three of our family started to swim out to retrieve them. But the wind was against them. They were strong swimmers but soon it became a daunting task. Then much to the their relief, someone in a kayak appeared and helped send them back toward the beach. Every one breathed a sigh of relief. Thanks so much to whomever you are for your insight and willingness to help.

Winnie Peer, 56 Parkington Circle, 315 632 4930.

Trash Collection Reminders

Garbage and recyclable collection is on Wednesday unless there is a holiday earlier in the week or on a Wednesday. Collection will then take place on Thursday. For a complete holiday schedule please visit butlerdisposalsystems.com. Each unit is provided with a gray trash bin for garbage and at least one blue bin for recyclables. Garbage must be contained in sealed plastic trash bags and placed in the gray bins for collection. Hazardous materials, brush, and garden waste are not to be placed in the gray trash bins or blue recycle bins. It is the resident's responsibility to place the trash and recycle bins at the end of their driveways for collection, preferably on the morning of pickup but no sooner than 6 pm the night before. Christmas trees are picked up on a one time basis in January. Residents may call Butler Disposal Systems (315-342-0832) to schedule a special, once a year, bulk pickup. Please note that some items may require a fee for pickup which individual homeowners are responsible for.

Important Phone Numbers

Doyle Security — 863-463-6953

Butler Disposal — 315-342-0832

Spectrum — 315-634-6000

National Grid:

Customer Service — 800-642-4272

Power Outages — 800-867-5222

Gas Leaks — 800-892-2345

Onondaga County Water Authority:

Customer Service — 315-455-7061 x 3335

Emergency — 315-475-7061

Sewer Issues — 315-435-3157 (ask for dispatch)

East Syracuse Post Office — 315-437-2113

Town of Manlius Brush Collection — 315-637-8815

Town of Manlius Police - both emergency and nonemergency calls — Dial 911



Community Captures

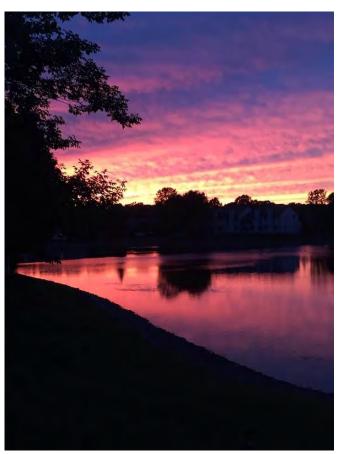


Photo submitted by Pam Kleine



Photo submitted by Kim Gilberti



Photo submitted by Diane Haller

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 Mike Berthoff



Photo submitted by Lori Lazipone

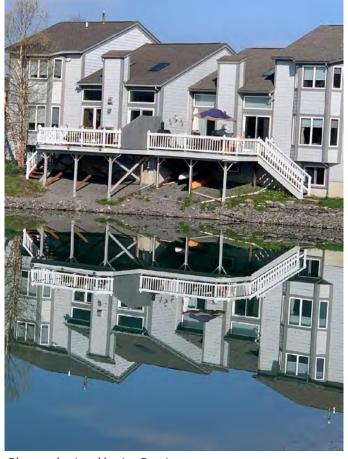


Photo submitted by Jay Procita

Battery Recycling Drop Off Locations and Procedures

The July curbside battery recycling program where residents leave alkaline batteries in yellow bags on top of their trash has ceased as of 2020. However, there are many year-round options to properly manage alkaline, rechargeables and button/coin batteries (including hearing aid and watch batteries). Batteries must be SORTED into these three categories before drop off.

1. Sort and Drop Off at:

- Wegmans (all Onondaga County stores; foyer area)
- Green Hills Farms (5933 S. Salina St., Syracuse)
- Civic Center (421 Montgomery St., Syracuse; basement by escalator)
- Wrightway Hardware (9236 Oswego Rd., Baldwinsville)
- Nightingale Tully Lakes True Value Hardware (6 Elm St., Tully)
- Nightingale Mills True Value Hardware (4086 South St., Marcellus)

Please separate rechargeable batteries from Alkaline and Button Batteries.

Please separate rechargeable batteries from alkaline and button batteries. Put each rechargeable in a separate plastic bag. Lithium-ion batteries may be alkaline OR rechargeable.

Check the label to determine the correct drop point. Any plastic bag will do, you do not need to use a yellow battery bag. With the July program ceasing, no yellow bags will be mailed to residents. If you have a LEAKING battery, contact Battery World at (315) 437-1404 for best management practices.

This drop off is for households only, batteries from businesses are not accepted.

2. RECHARGEABLE Batteries Have Additional Drop

Points

Over 50 local places accept rechargeable batteries (including lithium-ions that are labeled "rechargeable") for recycling at no charge, both from residents and businesses.

NYS Law mandates that rechargeable batteries be recycled. Trashing rechargeable batteries is an offense that can land you with a fine.

OCRRA and Call2Recycle teamed up to provide additional rechargeable battery recycling options to the community, while reducing operating costs.

3. Rechargeable E-Mobility Batteries

At this time, batteries found in e-bikes and e-scooters are not covered under the NYS law governing management of rechargeable batteries, though they are also rechargeable. These e-mobility batteries can be managed in various ways.

Alkaline batteries come in many different shapes and sizes. Many typical household batteries you would use in a remote control, radio, toy, smoke detector, etc. are alkaline. (AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V, etc.) Some alkaline batteries look a lot like rechargeables (including lithiumions) and the only way to tell the difference is to read the label.

Button and coin batteries are small, flat, circular batteries often found in hearing aids, watches, calculators, etc.

Rechargeables are found in power tools, laptops, phones, and other electronic equipment.

Also, some resemble alkaline, but are rechargeable. Check labels to determine if they are rechargeable. Rechargeable batteries can also be found in e-mobility devices such as e-bikes or e-scooters. These batteries cannot go in OCRRA collection bins. For more information visit: https://ocrra.org/



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.

At times we have important messages that need to be communicated and email is the quickest way to get those notifications out. You can contact us by email at evhoa@cnymail.com.

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

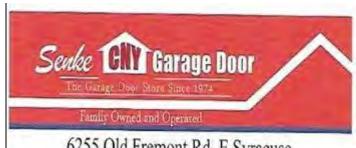
5900 N. Burdick Street

East Syracuse NY 13057

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.





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Dog Sitting/Kitty Care



Erie Village Resident would love to watch your precious four legged family member while you're away.

Sadly, having to put my own little ones down after 25 years, I'd love to pamper yours!

Available overnights, daycare, walks or just feedings. Call Debbie at 637-8856 and leave message



Ten Erie Village townhouses sold in 2022 by CedarBay. Visit our website for details on our 5 percent listing program and see townhouses currently for sale. www.cedarbayrealestate.com



Erie Village Resident Richard J. Lelong, GRI Licensed Real Estate Broker 315-243-6500 rilelong@gmail.com

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