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ERIE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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October 21st Board Meeting Hi-lights

Residents in Attendance

New residents Larry and Terri Curran introduced themselves to the board.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Bangel presented the financial statements for period ending September 30, 2013. We have received additional funds from our insurance claim related to the spring storm damage. As stated in past months, the budget looks good overall. Expenses are under budget partly due to timing of spending as well as less spent on snow removal at the beginning of 2013. We still have the months of November and December, which could change that status dependent upon snowfall. Ed reported that accounts receivables are also status quo.

Finance Committee

Jim Kraus reported that the committee has been given the 1st draft of the 2014 budget. They are waiting for an update for October so that they have better data to finalize the 2014 budget proposal and

present it to the board for review and approval.

Manager's Report

Wynn Collins, Erie Village Maintenance Manager, reported that siding is progressing on units 81-84. Roofs have been completed for the season. There were a few skylight leaks which were repaired by the crew. Lane V road repair should now be complete.

Dick Sparrow asked Wynn about the status of the pond pumps. Wynn said that seals have been replaced and the one pump that sank now has a longer cord on it and the frame was repaired.

Grounds Maintenance

Joan Hagenzieker reported that as of the meeting that mowing was just about done for the season.

Joan received bids from 3 separate contractors for treatment of the Emerald Ash Borer Beetles (EAB). The committee decided to go with Pro Scapes. See page 2 for the plan going forward.

Architectural

Paul Franklin reported

that 5 requests have been approved over the past month and an additional 6 requests for tree replacement were received and also approved. One request involved the installation of a high efficiency furnace in a middle unit. Approval was needed and granted, as the furnace needed to be vented to the roof, impacting the structure.

Covenants

Richard Lelong reported that all revisions have been completed on the by-laws as well as the rules and regulations and a new resident's guide was approved by the board. The plan is to distribute to residents as well as place a copy of both on our website alone with the covenant changes previously approved.

Painting

Dick Sparrow reported that the committee received a proposal from Dunford Painting for the 2014 season. The board agreed to stay with Dunford who's contract is for another 3 years.

Fire Monitoring

Ed Bangel reported that

Our contract with Time Warner is up this year. There is a slight increase in cost per unit and the board is waiting for a formal draft contract. Overall, Ed mentioned that we have had a good success rate with inspections (minimal issues).

Annual Meeting/Elections

There will be four (4) director positions up for election in 2014. If you are interested in running for the board of directors, please contact any current board member. You will be required to submit a short resume to be included in next year's annual meeting voting material.

Brush Disposal

Wynn Collins mentioned that he has been finding a good deal of yard waste in the dumpsters that has to be removed. Also, a reminder that yard waste **should not** be placed in your gray bins. Our rubbish removal company is subject to fines if yard waste is included in our weekly trash pickup. The same goes for the dumpsters.

There are a couple of options. Yard waste can be dropped off at the Town of Manlius Highway Department at the corner of Clemons Road and Rt. 290 Monday thru Friday from 7AM—3PM. You can also sign up for the brush district thru the Town of Manlius for an annual fee of \$35 which will be included in your tax bill.

New Mailboxes

As of November 2nd, almost all of the new boxes were installed. Once installation is complete, the old boxes should be removed and our letter carrier will distribute new keys to residents impacted.

Thank you Mike Brick for going above and beyond to make this happen!

Ash Tree Removal

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is definitely in our area as confirmed by the Cornell Cooperative Extension, the DEC and the Town of Manlius Tree Commission. There are approximately 90 ash trees in Erie Village. If nothing is done we will eventually lose them all due to infestation.

With the assistance and guidance of the Cornell Cooperative Extension, three arborists and the ESF, our board of directors has developed a plan to remove those ash trees that are not going to do well for various reasons and inject the remaining ash trees this coming spring. Our plan is to repeat the treatment every two years.

There are 12 trees that have been identified by the above mentioned experts that should be removed. These trees have been marked with a green ribbon and removal has already begun.

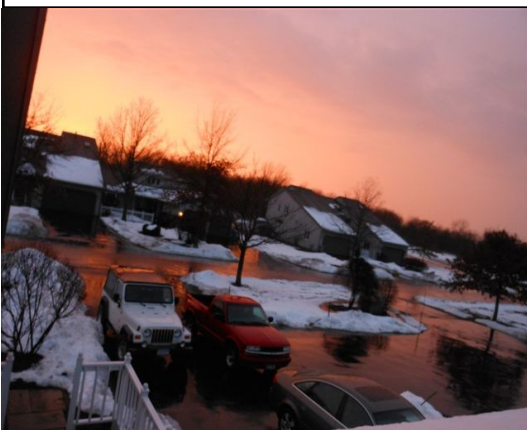
This has been a very difficult decision to make but we believe that we must be proactive in our approach in order to save as many trees as possible.

With the guidance of experts regarding the best trees to plant in our area, we hope to plant several trees in the future.

A very special thanks goes to Joan Hagenzieker for all the countless hours she spent researching this topic as well as the many phone calls, meetings, etc.



The Witches of Oarlock
Courtesy of Cindy Mahoney



Red Sky at Night
Courtesy of Lorrie Hickox



Somewhere Under the Rainbow
Courtesy of Dick Clark

Simple Safety Tips

Pilot Lights—If a pilot light repeatedly goes out or is very difficult to light, there may be a safety problem. **DO NOT** try to fix the problem yourself. It is strongly recommended that only a qualified service technician light any pilot light that has gone out.

You are taking the risk of starting a fire or an explosion if you light a pilot yourself. Carefully follow all of the manufacturer's instructions and warnings concerning the appliance before attempting to light the pilot

If you smell gas

Immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

You can't taste or smell carbon monoxide but it is a very dangerous gas, produced when any fuel burns. High levels of CO can come from appliances that are not operating correctly or from a venting system or chimney that becomes blocked.

CO can be deadly. High levels of CO can make you dizzy or sick. Carbon Monoxide sensors are inexpensive and easy to install.

Maintenance Tips

1. Test your garage door opener monthly to ensure that it reverses when it hits an obstruction or when its sensor beam is interrupted.
2. Vacuum the clothes dryer's exhaust duct at least once a year. If the duct is plastic, replace it (it's a fire hazard). Rigid sheet-metal ducting is best.
3. Replace furnace filters quarterly, or as recommended by the furnace manufacturer.
4. Test all GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) outlets monthly. Press the test button and use a voltage tester to make sure the power goes off.
5. Clean leaves and debris from the condenser of a central air conditioner seasonally.
6. Once a year, vacuum the refrigerator coils underneath the appliance.
7. Have your fireplace chimney inspected and cleaned annually if used frequently during the cold weather season.
8. Inspect window and door caulking and weather stripping yearly.
9. Replace the batteries in smoke detectors yearly (other than those installed by Time Warner).

Maintenance Continued

10. To prevent freeze damage, unhook garden hoses from spigots, empty water and store in garage or basement. Even drained hoses outdoors suffer from exposure, shortening use to a couple of years.

11. Bring leftover paint from summer projects indoors to a basement, heated garage or inside closet. Latex paints freeze and "look like cottage cheese" after they're thawed out. Oil-based paints fare slightly better if they freeze. They can be restored with paint thinner, but they should be indoors, too.

12. Portable, lightweight plastic lawn furniture goes inside. Heavier pieces, like wrought-iron, can be left out, protected by manufacturers' designed covers or large plastic bags from most hardware stores or online. Typically made of vinyl, some with a flannel backing, the bags have drawstrings or grommets for cords to secure against wind.

13. Pull up dead, potted annuals at summer's end, throw out the soil and store pots in a shed, garage or basement. Otherwise, terracotta pots left outdoors can freeze and plastic pots will wear out in a couple of years from exposure.

14. Dip shears, weeders, pruners, spades and other hand tools in sand mixed with motor oil to clean and lubricate before storing.

15. Limit holiday decorating to the roof's perimeter, at the eaves and gable ends where the fascia is typically installed. These wooden trim boards offer plenty of surface area for securing light strands and other ornaments. Note that there will likely be a "drip edge" on part of the fascia, a piece of sheet metal extending down from the roof. Don't puncture this drip edge, but install any mounting hardware about an inch below it instead.

The same advice holds true for the gutters, too: Don't perforate them with screws or other hardware. There are plastic clips that easily snap onto the gutters to hold lights in place. As an alternative, the gutter mounting hardware may provide sufficient space for attaching light strings with a cable tie (those nylon "belts" with built-in "buckles").

Do you have any maintenance tips or other information that might help others in Erie Village? Drop your editor a quick note as she is always looking for interesting articles.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Architectural	Michael Brick and Paul Franklin
Sub Committee - Decks	Millie Sitnik
Elections	Richard Lelong and Joan Hagenzieker
Snow Removal	Tom Callender
Rubbish	Tom Callender
Environmental	Mike Brick
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Roadways and Driveways	Dick Sparrow and Tom Callender
Finance and Erie Links Liason	Jim Kraus
Website	Paul Franklin
Covenants	Millie Sitnik
Painting	Dick Sparrow and Wynn Collins
If interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the committee chair(s).	

Your editor welcomes articles and helpful hints on just about any topic, from maintenance to gardening. Even the occasional human interest story. Volunteer reporters are always welcome!

Please submit to Jean DeSantis, 35 Parkington Circle or email and reference Erie Village Newsletter in subject line to jmdparkev@juno.com. For questions call 637-0018.

Erie Village "GO GREEN" Initiative

Please consider receiving the monthly newsletter via email. It's as simple as sending a quick email to your editor referencing in the subject line EV-GO GREEN at jmdparkev@juno.com. Please include unit #

If you would like to have your newsletter mailed to you while you are away, please provide self addressed stamped envelopes and we will make sure you are kept up to date on any news. Drop them off at 35 Parkington Circle.

Burdick Street Bridge Project

We received word thru one of our residents who spoke with Janet Dziergas who is a Design Engineer with the NYS DOT. Work to replace the bridge over the Erie Canal at the corner of N. Burdick and Cedar Bay will begin some time next summer. As we get closer to the actual start date, we will try to update residents of the plan. (Thank you Jim Cappon for the information).

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit the Erie Village website, www.erievillagehoa.com.

Ongoing additions and refinements make it worthwhile to take a look at it. Any questions—contact our Web Chair Paul Franklin or Marj Schaff

Parking Reminder

Each unit has minimally two spaces available for parking. The primary space is in the garage and the secondary space is the driveway. In some areas of Erie Village there are designated overflow parking spaces available for the use of residents and guests. No vehicles shall be parked at any place in the Village except in specifically provided parking areas.

Routine on street parking is prohibited as access is needed for service and emergency vehicles. Occasional, limited time parking for guests of a resident in the vicinity of the resident's unit for a social function is acceptable.

Please be courteous and not block your neighbor's access in and out of their driveway.

Planning on Making Changes This Year?

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, changes to your deck, etc., must be approved in advance of work commencing by the Architectural Committee.

You can obtain a request form by calling the office at 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. **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.**

Erie Village Book Discussion Group



The upcoming schedule for the Erie Village Book Group is as follows: We meet on November 13 at the O'Brien residence, 186 Summerhaven to discuss "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear. Tentative plans on the afternoon of December 15 for holiday lunch and movie of "The Book Thief". January 14, 2014 at the Payne residence, 330 Summerhaven to discuss "Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert. February 12, 2014 at the Peer residence, 56 Parkington to discuss "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walter.

The Erie Village Reads Book Discussion Group meets on

the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We read fiction and non-fiction and we encourage and warmly welcome new members. The book group is open to all Erie Village residents and we currently have 14 members. We began keeping records of our meetings in 1998 but the group started meeting even before that time, and we are still meeting regularly! Thank you for sharing your love of reading with us! We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting! Please contact Janey Pajak at 637-1761 (jpajak@twcny.rr.com) or Lenore Ralph at 627-0206 (LJR0906@yahoo.com) if you would like to join.

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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 6:30pm at our office in the basement of the medical center 5900 N. Burdick, Suite 110 next to DOOW Lumber. All residents are welcome to attend.

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.

Countdown to Quarterly Newsletters!

There is only one more monthly newsletter for 2013. In 2014 we will be going to a quarterly publication. January, April, July and October.

If there is a need to provide information on an off month, a short one page publication may be provided.

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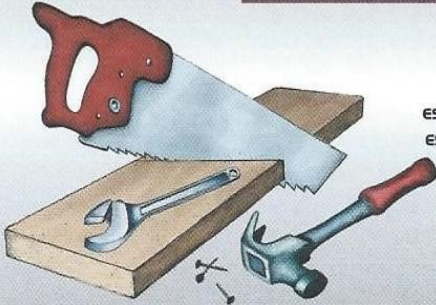
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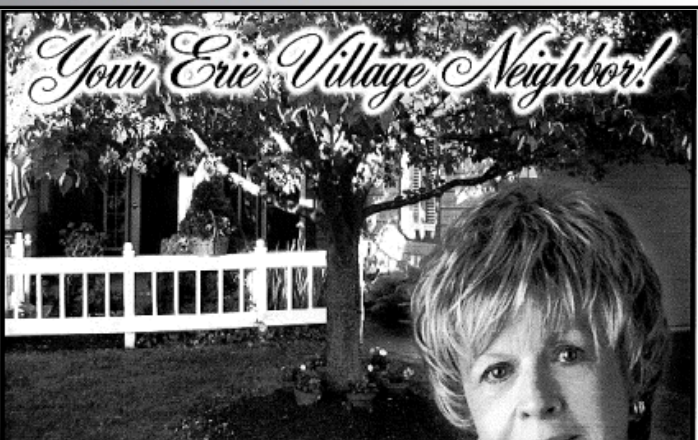


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