

THE VILLAGER

The Newsletter of Erie Village

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Erie Village Progress Report

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Inside this Issue:	Fall is here which means we are now nine months through the year. Work is also
	winding down for the season. The following are complete for 2023:
Page 2:	Lawn and pond treatments.
Board of Directors and	Painting, paving and driveway sealing.
Contact Info.	Major siding activity. Minor repairs will continue for a few more weeks in
	preparation for the 2024 painting season.
Page 5:	Roofing is almost complete with only a few more scheduled units to finish
Things to do in Central	up. The beach is closed for the season.
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	Left to do for the fall:
Page 6:	Fountains and bubblers to be removed by the 2 nd week of October.
Book Club Information	Fall lawn cleanup.
	Complete project to add electricity to the shed.
	Fall tree trimming and removal.
Page 7:	Mowing through the beginning of November.
In the Village	Our summer crews will be moving on to other work outside of Erie Village and
	will only handle emergencies if needed.
Page 8:	As of September, we are under budget and expect to have a small surplus, which
Community Captures	will automatically roll into our reserves. Although some line items are over budg- et, there are other line items that are under.
	We are in the process of preparing the 2024 budget. So far, quotes coming back
	to us are showing increases. Roofing and siding material are up 20% and labor
Erie Village Homeowners Association	associated with those activities is also up. Based on reserve schedules for 2024,
5900 N. Burdick Street	167 driveways are up for sealing, 76 units are scheduled for painting and 17
	roofs are scheduled for replacement. We also have quotes to replace several
Suite 110 East Syracuse, NY 13057	driveways including the laneway in front of units 120-125. Treatment of our ash trees is also scheduled for 2024.
Www.erievillagehoa.com	
315-656-5148	As much as we would like to keep the monthly fees the same as 2023, an in-
515-050-5140	crease is anticipated. The final 2024 budget will be sent out by December 1 st .

Board of Directors

2023-2024

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Dan Gover	Dave Tinker
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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 6:00 pm (unless otherwise communicated) at our office on the right side of the medical center at 5900N. Burdick St., 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, evhoavp@gmail.com, evsecretary5900@gmail.com.



Important Email Addresses:

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Office Contact Information

Please call 315-656-5148 for all residential concerns. Leave your name, unit number and a daytime phone number where you can be reached. You can also reach us at evhoa@cnymail.com.

EVHOA Committee Chairs

Grounds-Grass/Trees/Gardens—Debra Roberts Chemicals/Pesticides—Dan Gover Environmental—Dick Gay Snow Removal—Dave Tinker/Richard Lelong Finance—Jim Kraus Covenants—Richard Lelong Elections/Nominating/Annual Meeting—Jean DeSantis/ Richard Lelong Rubbish—Mike Brick Website—Jean DeSantis

Fire Monitoring—Jean DeSantis

Insurance/Risk Management—Dick Sparrow

Town of Manlius—Dick Sparrow

Compliance—Bob Bellandi

If interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the committee chair

Fall Maintenance Tips

Check your dryer vent to make sure it's not clogged with lint and other debris. If you are unable to do this, there are companies that you can hire.

Check your outside lights to make sure all the bulbs are working. If you have a light timer, you will probably need to adjust the time the lights come on and go off. Dusk to dawn bulbs are considered a better alternative to light timers and do not use very much electricity.

An old plastic spatula makes a great tool for **cleaning debris from gutters**. It doesn't scratch up the gutter, and you can cut it to fit gutter contours with snips. Grime wipes right off the spatula too, making cleanup a breeze. Don't feel like putting in that much elbow grease? There are companies that you can hire to do this for you.

With furnaces turned on, the windows closed and portable heaters humming along, fall is a great time to **make sure your CO detector is working**. Check batteries and expiration dates – CO detectors usually last for about six years.

Paint doesn't handle extreme temperatures very well. So, add this to your fall chore list. **Bring latex/ acrylic paint into the house**. And don't forget the latex caulk. Freezing ruins both latex paint and caulk.

Drain your garden hose before putting it away for the winter. Usually, it's not a problem, but occasionally, freezing water splits a hose open. Blast out the water with an air compressor or stretch it out on a sloped yard or driveway. If you need to buy a new garden hose, learn how to do a simple test right in the store to see if the hose will be kink free.

Don't forget to take steps to **prevent your outside faucet from freezing**. First, close any shut-off valves serving outside faucets and open the outside faucet to drain the line. There may be a small cap on the faucet you can loosen to facilitate draining. If you don't have a shutoff valve and your faucet is not "freeze proof", you might benefit from Styrofoam faucet covers. They are inexpensive and can be purchased at any hardware store or home center.

Once a year, it's a good idea to **have your heating system inspected by a professional**. To avoid the last-minute rush, consider scheduling this task in early fall before the heating season begins.

Changing your furnace filter is one of the easiest things you can do to keep your furnace in good shape. If you haven't changed it in a while, make sure you have a fresh one before you turn on your furnace for the first time.

If you don't already have one, consider **purchasing a fire extinguisher**. If you do have one, check the pressure gauge indicator to ensure it is charged. The lock pin should be intact and firmly in place, and the discharge nozzle should be clean and unclogged. If the extinguisher is damaged or corroded in a way that could affect function, or if it is older than six years, it's time for a replacement.

Heat loss through windows and doors can account for up to 30 percent of home energy use, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. To keep heat in the house, look for cracks or gaps in the exterior caulking, check seals around exterior doors and add caulking or weather stripping as needed. While these DIY fixes can reduce heat loss, a professional energy assessment can provide additional insights into areas where you may be losing heat and recommend fixes. Call National Grid to ask about their services or to get a recommendation for a pro.

Spending a few extra hours tackling these home improvement projects this fall will keep you warm and safe all winter long.

Paint Recycling

New York now has a program, PaintCare, that makes recycling unwanted paints and paint products even easier by offering more free drop-off locations. The PaintCare program is free and open to all residents and business in Onondaga County. Up to 5 gallons accepted per visit (some locations take more).

Sherwin Williams 2380 Erie Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13224

(315) 446-1762

Paint is accepted during regular business hours. Call ahead for hours and to make sure the store can accept the amount and type of paint you would like to recycle. Limit: 5 Gallons per visit. This site accepts latex and oil-based house paint, stains, and varnish in containers up to 5 gallons in size. This site does not accept aerosols (spray paint or other spray products), containers without original labels, or containers that are leaking or empty.

Recycling of Takeout Containers

While walking around Erie Village on trash day, many of the blue bins are full of takeout containers. Whether these are from a restaurant or even a grocery store, these takeout containers are not recyclable: even if they are plastic and have a recycle symbol / number on the bottom, even if they are paper. This includes fruit containers. Most paper takeout containers have a coating or internal treatment that prevents them from leaking, so they are not recyclable. Perhaps this will change in the future as markets develop, but currently these items should go in the trash if they cannot be reused. Some restaurants will allow you to take leftovers away in a reusable container you bring in yourself, consider asking at your favorite spot!



Trash Cans

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



Recycling Event

On Saturday, October 21st from 8:00AM-12PM at Great Northern Mall, Assemblyman Al Stirpe is hosting a free paint recycling event, in partnership with Empire Recycled Paint Inc. You must sign up for this event ahead of time by visiting <u>tinyurl.com/October21paint</u>. You can bring interior and exterior architectural paints, latex, acrylic, water-based alkyd, oil-based, enamel, deck coatings, floor paints, primers, sealers, under coaters, stains, shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component), waterproofing concrete/ masonry/wood sealers and repellents, metal coatings, rust preventatives and field and lawn paints.

Al Stirpe is also holding a free electronics recycling event in partnership with Sunnking Electronics on Saturday, October 14th from 8:30AM – 2PM, at Great Northern Mall. You must sign up ahead of time at <u>ti-</u><u>nyurl.com/October14electronics</u>. You can bring computers, tablets, cell phones, televisions and monitors, cameras, copiers, digital music players, video game consoles, Audio/video (AV) equipment, fitness trackers and smartwatches, GPS devices and rechargeable batteries. Note – limit 4 CRT TV's or monitors per vehicle.

Fall Things to do around Central New York

There are plenty of things to do around the Central New York area this time of year. Here are just a few:

Fall Foliage at Green Lakes State Park

There's nothing like the changing leaves reflected on the stunning turquoise waters of Green Lakes State Park. Enjoy leisurely laps around the meromictic lakes throughout fall to experience the change of season for yourself. Make sure to bring your camera to capture its fall splendor.

Pick the Perfect Pumpkin

Fall isn't complete without pumpkin picking. Find the perfect pumpkin to carve at one of the many pumpkin patches in Syracuse. Check out Plumpton Farms for fresh corn stalks, bails of decorative hay, and pumpkin picking. Spend an evening at Tim's Pumpkin Patch, where you can pick your perfect pumpkin and celebrate with a drink in their brew barn or a sweet from their bakery. Another staple, The Pumpkin Hollow offers hayrides, animal feeding, apple-inspired treats, and...of course pumpkins! Why limit yourself to one patch?

Visit Beak & Skiff Apple Orchards

Beak & Skiff Apple Orchards was established in... you guessed it 1911, and for over 100 hundred years they've been producing quality and a variety of apples, an upstate New York staple fruit. The Beak & Skiff Apple Campus is a popular destination for fall. Start your trip off by exploring and picking apples in their apple fields, next head to the quaint country store and shop crafts, cheeses, candles and so much more, and then finish off the fall adventure by heading over to the 1911 tasting room and tavern, where hard cider and spirits are served to guests. Between the cider donuts, the apple picking, and cider and cocktails, you'll be sure to be a repeat visitor!

Halloween at the Park

Celebrate the season with Halloween at the Park at Long Branch Park in Liverpool, a family-friendly drive-thru experience. Vehicles will be able to follow a lighted path and view festive Halloween-themed displays along the way. The drive-thru is not spooky but instead brings to life a fantasy Halloween world through large wooden structures, LED light displays and costumed actors. Stayed tuned for 2022 events details.

Learn Local History with a Spooky Twist

The Onondaga Historical Association makes it more exciting than ever to learn the history of the region with "ghost walks" in historic locations throughout Onondaga County. Keep a look out

for calendar dates to register for and take this popular guided tour that includes engaging with actors dressed up as important individuals from Syracuse's past.

Sample Autumn-Inspired Ales & More

Craft beverages pair perfectly with fall. There are plenty of breweries, wineries, distilleries, and cideries throughout the region that offers seasonal creations with fall flavors. Did someone say Pumpkin Ale from Middle Ages Brewing or Cranberry Cider from Critz Farms? Yes, please!

Dine in the Crisp Autumn Air

A light autumn breeze and sunshine create the perfect atmosphere to enjoy a meal outdoors. Savor the comfortable weather while you can and check out what restaurants offer outdoor dining in downtown Syracuse throughout the fall season.

Warm up with Fall Lattes

Get cozy and warm up with a delicious latte from a local coffee shop. There's nothing like a pumpkin spice latte or a maple spice latte on a fall day. Freedom of Espresso, Kubal, Cracked Bean Roastery, Spill the Tea, Cafe Be You, Cafe Blue and other local cafes all put their original spin on these famous fall beverages.

See Scenic Skaneateles

Skaneateles Lake is a great spot to catch picturesque views all year round. Discover unique fall offerings from local businesses and take in the gorgeous lake views as summer turns to autumn.

Fright Nights

1 LePage St. Syracuse, open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the month of October! Fright Nights is a one-of-a-kind haunted experience right here in Syracuse. If you're brave enough, venture through 5 different themed haunted houses including a Jurassic Dark dinosaur attraction and the Devil's Dungeon Slide to Hell. Tickets can be purchased per house of for all 5 at once. Food and drinks can be bought there as well. Get ready for a scare!

Zoo Boo-Weekends in October

Visit the Rosamond Gifford Zoo during weekends in October between 15- 30th for Zoo Boo. This "kooky not spooky" Halloween event includes all the fun of the zoo plus trick-or-treat stations, games, activities, keeper chats and more. Costumes are encouraged for all ages. The themed weekends include, superheroes, Witches & Wizards, and Your favorite movie character.

Erie Village Book Group

For the Fall and Winter months the Erie Village Book Club will be meeting via zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM (presently) every other month. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM (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.

The book for the November meeting is A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum.

This debut novel by a Palestinian-American voice takes us inside the lives of a conservative Arab family living in America. In Brooklyn, eighteen-year-old Deya is starting to meet with suitors. Though she doesn't want to get married, her grandparents give her no choice. History is repeating itself: Deya's mother, Isra, also had no choice when she left Palestine as a teenager to marry Adam. Though Deya was raised to believe her parents died in a car accident, a secret note from a mysterious, yet familiar-looking woman makes Deya question everything she was told about her past. As the narrative alternates between the lives of Deya and Isra, she begins to understand the dark, complex secrets behind her community. This is a novel, but its based on the author's life.

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.

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In the Village

Can you help?

Driver (with sedan not SUV) Needed to transport me from Erie Village to Physical Therapy (next to Kinney's Drugs) two days/ week. Will pay for services. Call Effie at 914-882-3131.



Courtesy of Pamela Kleine

Trash Collection Reminders

Garbage and recyclable collection is on Wednesday unless there is a holiday earlier in the week or the holiday falls 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 place in the trash bin. For collection. Hazardous materials, brush and garden waste are not to be place 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 6PM 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

Important Phone Numbers

Doyle Security—866-463-6953 Butler Disposal—315-342-0832 Spectrum—315-634-6000 National Grid:

emergency calls Dial 9-1-1

Customer Service—800-642-4272 Power Outages—800-867-5222 Gas Leaks—800-892-2345 Onondaga County Water Authority: Customer Service 315-455-7061 x3335 Emergency 315-475-7061 Sewer Issues 315-435-3157 (ask for dispatch) East Syracuse Post Office 315-437-2113 Town of Manlius Brush District 315-637-8815 Town of Manlius Police - Both emergency and non-



Community Captures



Courtesy of Barb Garr



Courtesy of Claire Reichl



Courtesy of Syd Tennenbaum

Editor's Note

Thank you to all who have submitted photos. We're looking for more great photos taken in our community 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





Courtesy of Karen Curulla

Courtesy of Pamela Kleine



Courtesy of Diane Haller

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 addresses.

Make sure you include your name and unit number on your communication to us.

Planning on Making Changes in 2023?

Please check out our website at

Www.erievillagehoa.com

There is a lot of valuable information including the Covenants, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and General Information. Forms are also available for direct debit, Architectural Requests, Light Requests etc.



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 fireplaces, EV charging stations, 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, Suite 110

East Syracuse, NY 13057

Architectural Change Request

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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Ads are \$20 per quarter and checks should be made out to EVHOA and mailed to our office. Ads should be emailed to jdesant9@gmail.com

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



Erie Village Specials

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