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Annual Meeting Date Set

The annual meeting of the Erie Village Homeowners Association will be held on Tuesday, May 20th beginning at 7PM. The location will once again be at Pine Grove Middle School off Fremont Road (right before Kirkville Rd.). Reports will be presented by each of the committee chairs and election of new directors to the board will take place.

Annual meeting packets will be delivered the first week of May, along with a copy of our 2007 audited financial statements.

Please plan on attending!

A Note From Your Editor

This time of year, I'm always looking for some good articles on gardening to put in the newsletter. Especially tips on how to control the rabbits and other critters that tend to enjoy our garden areas.

In addition, I'm looking for new ideas to "soup up" our monthly newsletter. If you have any items of interest or any specific topics that you would like to see published, please don't hesitate to contact me. We've tried "ask around" and other series.

I've been doing this for 14 years and welcome any assistance I can get! Especially if there's something that would help others in the community. Jean DeSantis

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPENINGS

Interested in serving your community as a member of the EVHOA Board of Directors? There are 4 positions up for election this year. If so please contact Nominating Committee members Mike Bucci at 637-0021 or Syd Tenenbaum, 637-5528 to throw your hat in the ring for the May elections.

PARKING RULES:

Each unit has minimally, two spaces available for parking. The primary spot is the garage with the driveway as secondary. In some areas there is parking available for the use of guests. Please do not use these areas as your personal parking space. Boats, trailers or unregistered vehicles are not permitted in these areas or any other areas of the Village. Please respect your neighbors and do not block access to or egress from their driveways.

On street parking is prohibited year round, as access is needed for service and emergency vehicles. This complies with the regulations within the town of Manlius and adopted by the EVHOA in October 1999. It is your responsibility to direct parking for your visitors.

Please try to resolve parking issues with your neighbors. If a resolution can not be reached or either party chooses not to make such a complaint to the violator, then complaints should be forwarded in writing to the EVHOA Board of Directors. A warning sticker affixed to the windshield of the vehicle will notify the violator of the parking violation. The make, model and plate number will be logged. If the vehicle is not legally parked within 24 hours the vehicle will be towed. The owner of the vehicle can ascertain the location of the vehicle by contacting the Town of Manlius Police Department. It will be the responsibility of the owner to pay the towing fee to retrieve the vehicle.

Geese, Nests, Eggs & Border Collies

Our contract with Take Flight Goose Management is in effect April 1st through Nov. 30th. For those of you who are new to Erie Village, we contract a team of border collies and their handlers that begin the job of keeping geese out of our community as much as is reasonably possible. The border collies are highly trained and their handlers are experts in this field.

However, we need everyone to be on the lookout for geese that are nesting along the shoreline of the lake, ponds, wooded areas & reeds. They also nest along the creeks in the front area and the golf course. If you spot a nest, please call Lorrie at 637-2838 so that we may attend to it. We have a permit from both the DEC and US Wildlife Service. Simply leave a message as to the location or nearest unit # and your phone number. *Do not approach the nest as the geese will attack. Remember also that the feeding of geese is prohibited.*

Caution When Feeding Birds

Erie Village has a considerable amount of wildlife both welcome and unwelcome. It's fun to watch the different species that reside within our community and to place feeders out in and around our homes. Keep in mind that although the birds may enjoy stale bread thrown out on the lawn, it can be extremely harmful to them and can also attract rodents and other unwanted pests. If you are going to feed the birds, check with local feed stores for the proper seed to give them.

We are beginning to see a problem in the area with large crows and pigeons. Also there has been an increase of mice and bats in the area.

Golf Discounts at the Links at Erie Village

As part of our lease agreement with the Links, the following discounts are available:

HOA Members are entitled to a 15% discount from the posted regular daily fee rate for greens fees and posted and advance annual membership fee rates (exclusive of group rates).

HOA Members can also receive a 15% discount from the posted regular rate for golf cart rentals (exclusive of group rates).

In addition, HOA members can receive a 15% discount from the posted regular prices on any non-sale item for sale in the Pro Shop.

HOA Members shall also be provided a minimum of one (1) week advanced tee time reservation privileges and above the advanced tee time policy for other Season Pass holders or other golfing members.

Currently, the links is leasing 40 acres of land from the Homeowners Association between Limestone Creek and Fremont Meadows.

In addition to the golf discounts, residents have a "right of way" across the course to Stearns Bridge, which brings you onto the Canal Path. Please be reminded that bicycles should be walked across the path and courtesy should be given to golfers on the course.

Wanted—Gardeners!!

We are always looking for volunteers to join our many Erie Village Committees.

If you've enjoyed our many planting beds over the years, consider volunteering to help out! The garden committee is really in need of a few helpers. At present, the members are 4 older residents and a young person who is willing and able but somewhat time limited due to a full time job. One of the older members, although of willing heart, is no longer physically able to do garden chores such as snipping and digging.

The need in late April and early May is for help in snipping off the faded daffodil blooms and tying the leaves together into manageable clumps. As the season progresses, other needs are help with planting, weeding, watering, dead-heading, etc. If you currently live adjacent or near to one of our many planting beds, consider helping out by watering the flowers in the bed during the growing season and also trimming any dead growth off the plants.

To keep our flower beds looking well tended requires commitment. Please consider how you can help. The gardeners thank you for your interest in learning about the work of the committee. Please contact Barb Whitney at 637-2818, 385 Summerhaven or any member—Nancy Delasin, Peter Monteleone, Karen Ferrari and Megan Oakleaf.

Barbara and her committee would welcome any assistance that you can provide!

OCRRA SCHEDULE

TV Recycling—Saturday, April 19th, 8am—Noon. Cost is \$5.00 per TV set. You must complete a resident certification when dropping off your TV. Either go online to www.ocrra.org or call them at 453-2866. Location—Alliance Bank Stadium—enter via Grant Boulevard.

Hazardous Waste Day—Saturday, May 3rd, 8am—Noon. Please make an appointment ahead of time by contacting OCRRA by phone or online. Location—Ley Creek Waste Drop-off Station.

Earth Day—April 24th and 25th. Consider getting out and helping clean up your community. Again—register online or by calling 453-2866.

Battery Recycling—Used batteries can be dropped off any time during the year at your local Wegmans. In addition our local trash hauler will pick up batteries during the month of July provided that they are placed in the orange bags supplied by OCRRA. Call them today to get a supply of bags!

Conversation Café

What better way to meet your neighbors than over a cup of coffee?



Tuesday, April 8th

2-4 PM at Panera's

Fayetteville Towne Center

Next month's gathering will be
Tuesday, May 13th 2008

The Erie Village Annual Community Garage Sale date has been set!—Saturday, June 14th. Look for information in the next newsletter as to how to sign up. The cost is \$3.00 per garage—residents can go in together if they want.



Happy Hour Schedule



Come out and meet some of your neighbors at our weekly gathering. Until the weather warms up and we can be back outside on the deck at Traditions, we are enjoying The Craftsman Inn for another week and then back to Walter's Café. The group is there every Wednesday evening from 5-8PM.

If you'd like to be added to the email notifications, contact Tom Callendar at tcallend@twcny.rr.com.



Erie Village neighbors are welcome to join in our group's book discussions. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. After our book discussion, we enjoy refreshments. If you have questions or comments, please call Janey Pakak at 637-1761 or email: jpajak@twcny.rr.com.

April 9: The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand, Schmidt residence, 361 Summerhaven

May 14 The Life & Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: a Memoir, by Bill Bryson, Pajak residence 223 Oarlock

June 11 One Thousand White Women: The Journals of Mary Todd, by Jim Ferguson, Payne residence, 330 Summerhaven

July 9 The Secret Life of Josephine: Napoleon's Bird of Paradise, by Carolly Erickson, Thiras residence, 189 Summerhaven

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Report Concerns to our Office

All residential concerns should be reported to 656-5148. Please leave your name, unit number, and a daytime phone number so that we can contact you. Also remember that all written notification should be mailed to the Erie Village Homeowners Association, 5900 N. Burdick St, Suite 107, E. Syracuse, NY 13057.

Wynn Collins—Maintenance Mgr.
EVHOA@cnyemail.com

NEED A FORM??

ARE YOU PLANNING ANY CHANGES TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR UNIT? CALL THE OFFICE AT 656-5148 TO OBTAIN A REQUEST FOR CHANGE FORM. ANY CHANGES TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.



Mark your calendars! The 13th annual Futures Tour is once again back at The Links at Erie Village, beginning on Friday, July 18th thru Sunday, July 20th. This year, the pro am will be held over two days: Wednesday, July 16th and Thursday, July 17th.

This year's tournament, a Duramed FUTURES Tour event, promises to be bigger and more exciting than last year, especially now that the tour is owned by the LPGA, the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

As in the past, the organizers are looking for volunteers to assist in a number of areas. They need Cart Drivers, Marshals (Spotters/Timers), Scoring, Standard Bearers, Guest Starters, Hospitality/Volunteer Tent, Media Escort, Parking/Gate Attendants, First Aid, and also help with Pre-Tournament Activities.

Another much needed area is as a Housing Host Family. Tournament participants are in need of housing from approximately Wednesday, July 16th through the morning of Monday, July 21st. Players will provide their own transportation. Players will need to do laundry and ironing while staying with you and meals are not required, but you are welcome to include

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Players) in family meals.

Erie Village has always been a strong supporter of this event and we hope that you would consider helping out this year. Please feel free to contact Tina Malvasi-Moore, Tournament Coordinator, at (315)475-2579 or by email at golf@alliancebankna.com.

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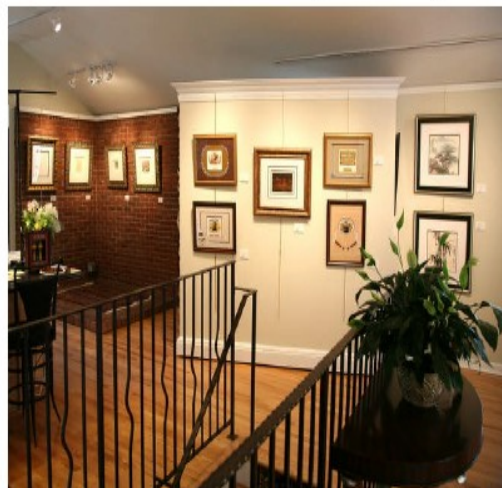


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