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2024 Scheduled Work

As mentioned in the January newsletter, we have a lot of work scheduled for this season. Due to the mild weather, siding crews have been working as well as roofers. Painting will begin late April or early May. The following units are on the painting schedule for 2024: Units 45,51-54 Parkington Circle, 60-62, 68-71, 93-98 Midlake Circle, 140-143,148-151,190-193,196-197,322-327,389-404, 407-114, 441-448 Summerhaven. Painting is on a 6-year schedule.

The following Laneways will be resurfaced in May: Lanes B, C, F, H, W, as well as the areas in front of units 183-193 and units 342-352. Paving and sealing projects will take place later in the summer and a communication will be sent out prior to commencement of work.

Annual Meeting

The 2024 Erie Village Homeowners Association Annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 21 st at 7PM. Location is Erie Links, 5904 N. Burdick St., East Syracuse, NY. Our annual elections will take place prior to the meeting electronically for those with registered emails, by mail for those without emails. Information will be forthcoming in the next 3 weeks. There are currently 4 Director seats up for election.

Erie Village

Homeowners Association

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Board of Directors

2023-2024

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erievillagepres@gmail.com

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Directors:

Mike Brick	Debra Roberts
Richard Gay	Jim Kraus
Dan Gover	Dave Tinker
Richard Lelong	Fred Greenfield

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:

Erie Village Accountant
evbookkeeper5900@gmail.com

Architectural Control
evarchitecture1@gmail.com

Grounds—Grass and Trees
Evtreesandgrass@gmail.com

Environmental (Geese, etc.)
evgeese1@gmail.com

Compliance
evhoaccr@gmail.com

Plowing
evplowing@gmail.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

Architectural—Dan Gover

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

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@cnyemail.com.

Why is the HOA taking down trees?

A great deal goes into the decision of tree removal. The primary reason that trees are removed, they are diseased and consequently poses a threat to buildings, cars and people. In addition, a tree is removed when the large root structure poses a threat to a unit's foundation and the tree has simply outgrown its location. We have over 1000 trees in Erie Village, many of which are quite old now. It is the obligation of the Association to manage the trees per the Covenants and keep the grounds safe for all.

Is the HOA going to re-plant another tree?

For the most part, No. Consider the Infrastructure in front of each unit: Sewer & Water lines, Cable and Phone lines. Tree roots **do not** mix well with these important services. Many trees in the front really should not have been planted there to begin with. The lawn area is very small in many cases and for the reasons just stated, does not warrant another tree in these locations. The Builder planted many of these trees, and the HOA is obligated to make the best decisions for the community with the assistance of the Arborist we work with, Rob Keeney. Rob has over 20 years experience and knows Erie Village and its trees well. He never recommends removing viable trees whenever possible.

What is the process?

When a tree is removed the area looks unfinished, because it is. Flags are placed at the site where the stump still remains for U-Dig (formerly Dig – Safe) to mark the utilities. Rob Keeney has 10 days to grind the stumps once he receives the okay from U-Dig. This is all done through a ticket system with U-Dig. He is typically back in here to grind stumps in 3-5 days.

After the grinding of the stumps, Rob cleans the area and spreads top soil and seed. The HOA depends on both mother nature and residents to water. Rob is the ultimate professional and meticulous in his work. The Association is fortunate to have him.

The Association receives many compliments on the beauty of Erie Village. Maintaining the trees contributes greatly to these comments.



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.



Item ID: 815225
Finish: Bronze
Width: 7.00"
Height: 13.25"



Item ID: 843866
Finish: Rubbed Bronze
Width: 8.50"
Height: 12.00"
Length: 7.50"



Item ID: 843898
Finish: Oil Rubbed Bronze
Width: 6.50"
Height: 13.25"

Happy Retirement!

Join us as we celebrate

**Wynn Collins, Maintenance Manager of Erie Village,
who is retiring after 25 years of dedicated service**

Thursday, May 16th, 2024 5:00 pm

Vito's Ristorante

320 East 1st Street, East Syracuse

**\$38.00/per person includes dinner
and money towards a retirement gift**

Cash Bar

**Meal includes: Garlic Pizza, Antipasto, Roasted Chicken,
Roasted Potatoes, Pasta, Meatballs, Sausage, Coffee/Tea**

**RSVP by May 6th with your check made payable to:
Marcia Philipp, 32 Parkington Circle, East Syracuse, NY 13057
(315) 436-2093, email: marphi@avenuew.com**

Open Flame Grills and Fire Pits

A reminder that open flame barbecue grills as well as fire pits are prohibited on decks and patios in Erie Village.

Section 308.1.4 of the 2015 International Fire Code (2015 IFC) states: Open-flame cooking devices. Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies, wood decks or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Our insurance provider Greater NY Mutual also advises against any grills on decks whatsoever. If you have a gas grill, we recommend that you move it to the bottom of your deck stairs when in use or if that's not feasible as far away from the house as possible. This is because we live in attached wood constructed units. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$150 and you could also be cited by the Town of Manlius Fire Inspector.

Decks

Many residents have been replacing their deck surfaces with composite. Any replacements require an Architectural Request form (ACC) which is available on our website. Cleaning, painting and sealing do not require an ACC form. Additionally, the below information was pulled from the Town of Manlius website.

“Deck construction, whether affixed to a structure or stand alone, requires a building permit. Modifications to an existing deck: replace rotted flooring, stair treads, railing tops, side spindles and general cosmetic repairs like painting/sealing do not require a permit. Questions on how to build a deck can be found on our website by going to: Planning and Zoning- Quick Links on right hand side- click on Prescriptive Residential Wood Deck Construction Guide.”

As we get further into the warmer weather, please take a serious look at your deck. Many in Erie Village require power washing and sealing. The approved colors are clear, cedar, gray and brown. Avoid a fine by taking care of this maintenance sooner than later.

HOW TO DEAL WITH SEWER BACK-UPS IN THE TOWN OF MANLIUS

Sewer back-ups are a rare but frustrating experience for property owners with public sewers. In the Town of Manlius, the property owner is responsible for maintenance of the sewer lateral from the clean out/vent (the black mushroom cap), usually located near the property line, to the house. The Town is responsible for maintaining the sewer main and that portion of the lateral within the public right-of-way.

The Town of Manlius has a maintenance contract with the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection. Through this contract, the County is the first responder to sewer problems in the Town and can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 435-3157. If the problem is a blockage in the Town owned portion of the lateral, County personnel can usually remedy it. If the problem is of a recurring nature or involves a defect in the Town owned portion of the lateral (root growth, broken pipe), the County will coordinate with the Town Engineering Department to determine a course of action. This course of action may include construction repair of the lateral. If it is determined that the problem is within the privately owned portion of the lateral, the property owner will be advised to contact a licensed plumber.

The County and Town will respond to and investigate all sewer back-ups and should be the first call made if a problem arises (435-3157). If there is a problem with the sewer main or Town owned portion of the lateral, the Town will make sure the problem is addressed and repaired as soon as possible.. These repairs and related restoration are completed at no direct cost to the property owner.



Reminder: This is a safety repeat from the January newsletter.

The posted speed limit in Erie Village is 30 MPH but many residents and visitors are driving well over the speed limit. We have many walkers with children, dogs, runners and bicyclists. Please slow your speed to prevent a potential accident. **Walkers, runners, bikers**—when out at night, please wear light colored or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight so vehicles are able to see you. Try to stay to the edge of the road as much as possible.

Walkers and runners—should be on the left-hand side of the road, facing traffic. **Bikers** ride with traffic, on the right hand side of the road.

Watch for cars entering or exiting laneways, parking areas and driveways. Don't count on the driver to see you.

Drivers—Please do NOT shine your high beams on pedestrians. Those lights are blinding.

Bottom line—both pedestrians and vehicles.....watch where you are going!

Erie Village Book Group

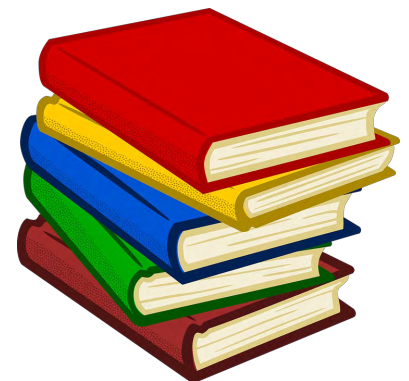
As the new coordinator of the Erie Village Book Club, I would like to thank Lenore J. Ralph, the outgoing coordinator, for her hard work and dedication. Lenore has been the backbone of this club. For the last eight years, she kept membership records; she ran the meetings and went to the library and ordered copies of books for the group. At times, she delivered books to those members who couldn't get to the library. She provided transportation to members who needed a ride to the meetings. At the meetings she took notes and emailed reviews to the membership. During the Covid pandemic, Lenore was able to organize Zoom meetings so that the members could continue to meet safely. We are fortunate that Lenore will remain a member of the club and help me as I take on this new role.

The Erie Village Book Club was founded over twenty-five years ago. Books are recommended and voted on by the club members. The books are made available by the Fayetteville Free Library and held under the account of the Erie Village Book Club. We read historical fiction, memoirs, and mysteries, etc.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Beginning in April 2024, meetings will be held in my home. The next book we will discuss is *A Traitor in Whitehall* by Julia Kelly. This is a historical mystery about a murder that takes place during World War II in Winston Churchill's underground cabinet war rooms.

If you would like more information about the book club, please contact me, Marsha Taylor, at 973 735-7721.

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



Trash Collection Reminders

Trash and recyclable collections are on Wednesday unless the holiday falls on a Wednesday. Collection will then take place on Thursday (see below for exceptions).

For a complete schedule, please check butlerdisposalsystems.com.

Each unit is initially provided with a gray trash bin for garbage and at least one blue bin for recyclables. All garbage must be contained in sealed plastic trash bags and placed in the trash bin. New approved smaller bins can be purchased at Home Depot (see picture)

It is the resident's responsibility to place the trash and recycle bins at the end of their driveways for collection no earlier than 6PM the night before pickup.

If you are unable to get your items to the curb, you can arrange that special service with Butler for a yearly fee by calling 315-342-0832.

Residents can sign up for the Town of Manlius Brush District for yard waste pickup. 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 bi-weekly and is performed by Syracuse Haulers.

For collection, brush, and garden waste as well as hazardous materials are not to be placed in the gray trash bins or blue recycle bins.

Christmas trees are picked up on a one-time basis in January.

Residents are allowed a once-a-year bulk pickup, which can be scheduled by calling Butler Disposal at 315-342-0832. Please note that some items may require a fee for pickup which individual homeowners are responsible for.



Are you looking for a smaller can? This is a picture of the approved wheeled cart with attached lid that can be purchased from

Home Depot for \$74.97.



Pictures from Pam Klein

Slam the Scam



Watch out! Scammers target everyone.

Recognize Scammers. They may pretend to be from an agency or organization you know, say there's a problem or promise a prize, pressure to act immediately, or tell you to pay a specific way.

How to avoid a scam:

Remain calm – talk to someone you trust.

Hang up or ignore the message. Do not click on unfamiliar links or attachments.

Protect your money. Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash.

Protect your personal information. Be skeptical of a contact you didn't initiate.

Spread the word. Share your knowledge of Social Security related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Visit ssa.gov/scam for more information.

Article courtesy of Social Security Administration.

Stay Connected, Stay Safe

Recent storms have prompted National Grid to send out the below information:



Before a storm hits, ensure you are prepared. Keep flashlights and extra batteries on hand and make sure mobile devices are fully charged so you can stay connected in the event of an outage. For more visit ngrid.com/outagecentral.

If you see a downed power line, keep away from it and anything it may be in contact with.

Downed lines should be immediately reported by calling National Grid at 1-800-867-5222 or 911.

Generators used to supply power during an outage must be operated outdoors to prevent the buildup of deadly carbon monoxide. Before operating a generator, be sure to disconnect from National Grid's system by shutting off the main breaker, located in the electric service panel. Failure to do this could endanger National Grid crews and your neighbors.

Customers who depend on electrically powered life support equipment, such as a respirator, should contact National Grid at 1-800-642-4272 for information on requesting designation as a life support customer. In a medical emergency, always dial 911.

If you lose power, turn off any appliances that were on when the power went off, but leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. Be sure to check on elderly family members, neighbors and others who may need assistance during an outage.

If you suspect a natural gas leak:

Get out – All occupants should leave the house immediately. Please do not use the light switches or telephone for any reason. Call 911 after leaving the house and reaching a safe environment, or National Grid's 24-hour gas emergency number at 1-800-892-2345. Do not return to your home until National Grid tells you it's safe.

Article Courtesy of National Grid

Community Captures



Pictures from John Heslop



From Marlene Reilly



From Elliot Lewis



From Syd Tennenbaum



**We need more
pics!**

Please send photos to
Jean at
jdesant9@gmail.com

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@cnyemail.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.

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.



Planning on Making Changes in 2024?

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



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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Important Phone Numbers

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 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 x3335
 Emergency 315-475-7061
 Sewer Issues 315-435-3157 (ask for dispatch)
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Sadly, having to put my own little ones down after 25 years, I'd love to pamper yours!

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