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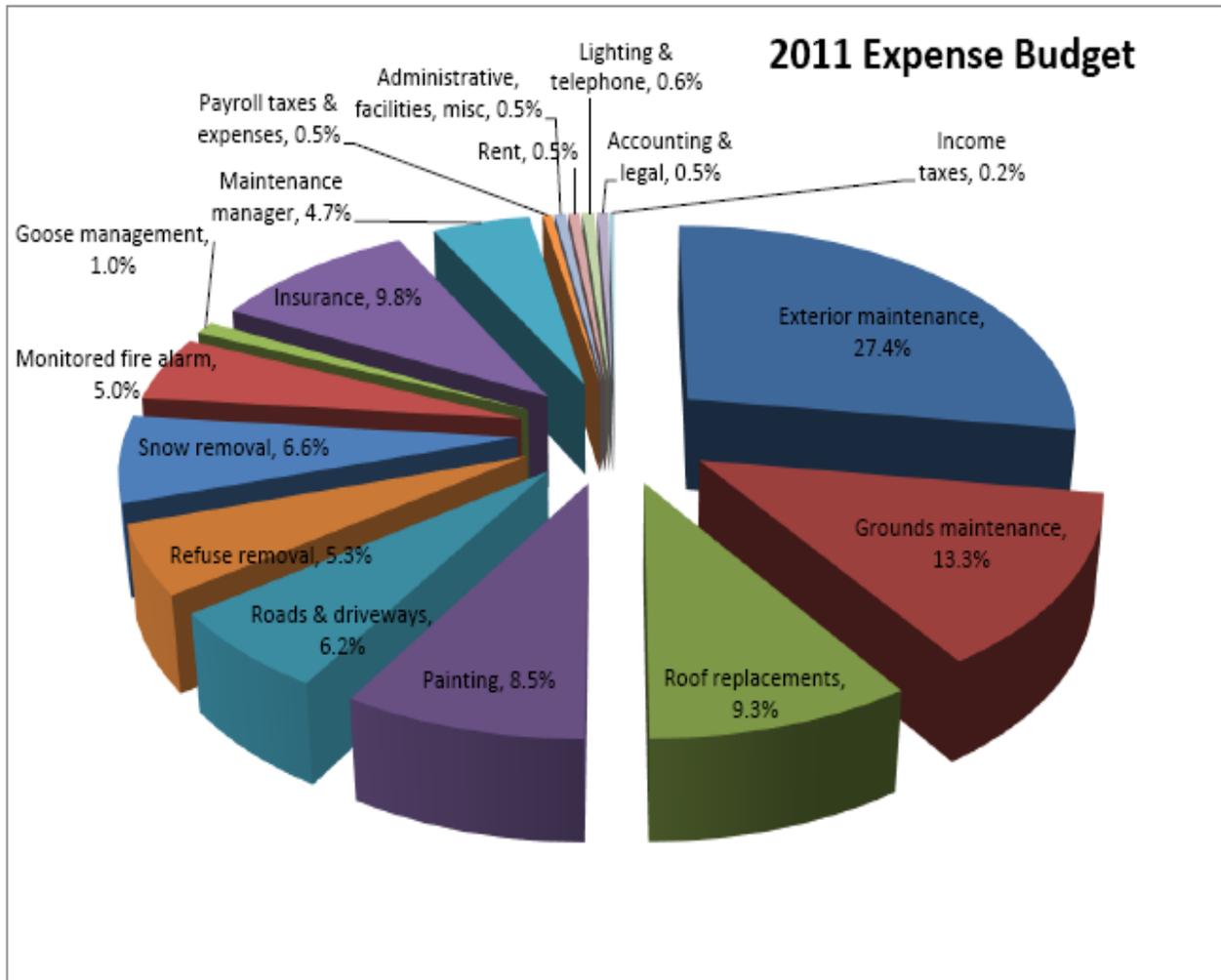
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Happy New Year from the Erie Village Association Board of Directors. We wish the very best to all our residents in 2011.

As in past years, we have included a breakout of the yearly budget in this month's newsletter. See page 2 for further details. 2011 looks to be a very challenging year all around. We continue to look for ways to better manage cost without reducing the level of service provided.



2011 Projected Income per Unit

Monthly Association Assessment	\$ 210.00
Interest	\$ 0.92
Rent, advertising	<u>\$ 0.68</u>
Total projected revenues	<u>\$ 211.60</u>

2011 Budgeted Expense

Expense	Budgeted Amount	Per Unit	Notes
Exterior maintenance	\$ 338,903	\$ 57.99	Includes general maintenance, siding repairs and replacements, garage door replacements Lawn care, trees, flowers, ponds and lake
Grounds maintenance	\$ 164,335	\$ 28.12	
Roof replacements	\$ 115,000	\$ 19.68	
Painting	\$ 105,000	\$ 17.97	
Roads & driveways	\$ 77,000	\$ 13.18	
Refuse removal	\$ 65,800	\$ 11.26	
Snow removal	\$ 82,000	\$ 14.03	
Monitored fire alarm	\$ 62,100	\$ 10.63	Monitoring, periodic inspection & replacement of smoke detectors
Goose management	\$ 12,015	\$ 2.06	
Insurance	\$ 121,532	\$ 20.80	Property, liability & worker compensation coverage
Maintenance manager	\$ 58,168	\$ 9.95	
Payroll taxes & expenses	\$ 5,631	\$ 0.96	
Administrative, facilities, misc	\$ 6,450	\$ 1.09	Office supplies, postage, bank fees, newsletter
Rent	\$ 6,600	\$ 1.13	
Lighting & telephone	\$ 7,195	\$ 1.23	Office telephone, entrance lighting, pond pumps
Accounting & legal	\$ 6,000	\$ 1.03	
Income taxes	\$ 2,886	\$ 0.49	
Total 2008 Budget	<u><u>\$ 1,236,615</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 211.60</u></u>	

LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR 2011 ELECTION

Are you interested in running for the Erie Village Board of Directors? Directors serve for a three year term. Responsibilities include attending monthly board meetings and chairing one of our many committees. If you are interested, please contact Chuck at 637-4585. Volunteers are also needed to serve on the election and annual meeting committee.

ChuckOwen1@mac.com or by mail at 109 Midlake Circle.

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 107 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.

Board Members

Dick Sparrow—President
Paul Franklin—VP

Dick Clark
Richard Lelong—Secretary
Jim Kraus
Sally Oot
Millie Sitnik
Tom Callender
Chuck Owen
Joan Hagenzieker
Ed Ihle
Ed Bangel—Treasurer

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit the Erie Village website, www.erievillagehoa.com. On going additions and refinements make it worthwhile to take a look at it. The Covenants, EVHOA forms and the Erie Village Newsletter can all be found in one location. Thanks to our Web Adminis-

Tree Recycling

This year's Christmas tree pickup will be on Saturday, January 15th. Please place your tree at the end of your driveway by early morning on the 15th.



Trees should NOT be placed in plastic bags. As in past years, any trees not out by this date are the responsibility of their owners to dispose of.

Report All Suspicious Activity

A number of residents have observed teenagers riding bicycles across the iced over ponds within the village. Not only is this dangerous and an increased liability to Erie Village, but they are trespassing on private property. If you observe any suspicious activity, please contact the Manlius Police Department. As always, a reminder to please stay off the ice. Being that these ponds are spring fed, there is no guarantee that the ice is thick enough to walk on. Also, with the changes in temperature, thawing occurs making it additionally hazardous.

2010 IN REVIEW

It was a wild ride in 2010! From the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" to the rescue of 33 miners in Chile after 17 days trapped 2,000 feet underground in a collapsed mine. A number of natural disasters also plagued 2010. The Haiti Earthquake in January, Chile in February, China in April and Indonesia in October. International air traffic was delayed for nine days in April when the Eyjafjallajokull volcano in Iceland erupted. Pakistan experienced serious flooding in July and of course the not so natural disaster of the Deep-water Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico. We had incidents of Cyberbullying and Wikileaks (who even knows what these are!). All in all, 2010 was a wild ride.

Locally in Erie Village, we survived a fire that damaged two townhouses, erosion damage from flooding after the end of summer heavy rains and the loss of two members of our swim group (Lois Kriesberg and John Laura).

On a lighter note, the summer of 2010 was one of the best in recent years locally. The stock market made a considerable comeback of over 2,000 points.

Let's all look forward to a Happy and Healthy 2011!

OCRRA RECYCLING SCHEDULE—2011

Household Hazardous Waste—May 21st, July 16th and October 15th from 8am—2pm. All dates at Ley Creek

Shred—O—Rama - September 24th at Alliance Bank Stadium from 8am—noon.

For Hazardous Waste days, you must make a reservation in advance either by calling 453-2866 or online at www.ocrra.org.

Flood Plain Decision Still Pending

The ball is still in FEMA's court in regard to the flood plain situation. We have prepared and submitted our challenge. Senator Chuck Schumer is reportedly working on a five year moratorium on implanting any changes. We are still awaiting the outcome of his proposed legislation.

Plowing in Erie Village

The month of December was a busy month for our plowing contractor. We do ask for some assistance though.

Please do not park in the lanes or streets as it impedes the snow removal operations.

As in any year there has been some minor turf damage resulting from plowing as the ground was still soft and not yet frozen at the start of winter. This damage will be repaired at the vendor's expense in early spring.

If you have any questions or issues concerning the plowing, please contact the Homeowners Association office at 656-5148.

Brown & Brown Once Again Awarded Insurance Contract

The master insurance for Erie Village has been renewed for 2011 and Brown & Brown Empire State has been retained as our broker for another year.

Conversation Café—Still Meeting!

The signs are still out for the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Meet your neighbors down at Panera Bread from 2-4PM for a cup of coffee and conversation.



Committee Chairpersons:

Architectural: Sally Oot

Covenants: Marj Schaff

Elections and Snow Plowing: Chuck Owen

Environmental: Millie Sitnik

Finance and Erie Links Liaison: Jim Kraus

Grounds Maintenance.: Sally Oot, Joan Hagenzieker

Painting: Wynn Collins

Risk Mgmt. / Insurance: Ed Bangel - Paul Franklin Co—Chairs

Roads & Driveways: Tom Callender & Dick Sparrow Co-Chairs

Rubbish: Tom Callender

Website: Marj Schaff

Decks: Millie Sitnik

Garden Committee: Barb Whitney

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

Website: www.ErieVillageHOA.com

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.

ERIE VILLAGE BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION



We begin the new year by discussing The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain on January 12 at the Thiras residence, 189 Summerhaven

Ernest Hemingway famously declared in 1935, "all modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called 'Huckleberry Finn'".

The Erie Village Book Discussion Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Discussions are friendly and informal with dessert and coffee afterwards. The book Group encourages and warmly welcomes everyone to participate in the group. Please call Janey Pajak 637-1761 (jpajak@twcny.rr.com) if you have any questions or if you would like to join. New members are most welcome!

A Little Winter Fun after the December Snowfall



Do you have any pictures of life around Erie Village? It might be fun to include a picture or two each month. Just email digital photos to the email address to the left.



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