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EVHOA@CNYMail.com

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Board of Directors Message Regarding Snow Removal

The snow storm in early December was a heavy, wet snow that continued for almost two days and caused schools to be closed, flights out of Hancock airport to be canceled, and parts of I-81 south of the city to be closed. It was the first real test of our new snow removal contractor, Total Lawn Care. Over the course of the storm, all areas were plowed four times and there was an additional plowing to clean up.

As one might expect under these conditions, there were a number of complaints from residents about the performance of the snow removal contractor. Most of these complaints were presented in a cordial and businesslike manner and were resolved to the resident's satisfaction.

A few residents, though, chose to include in their complaint a threat to hire their own contractor and either withhold a portion of their monthly HOA fee, or bill the HOA for the cost of their contractor's services. Such threats are completely inappropriate and counterproductive to resolving the complaint.

The snow removal contract calls for snow to be cleared within six hours of the commencement of snow removal operations. Depending on the timing of when the snow accumulation reaches the three inch trigger point, all driveways may not be cleared by 8 am.

The snow removal priority is to clear the lanes first, remove snow from driveways, then return for cleanup. With a heavy snowfall, it is inevitable that lanes and driveways may not be cleared to their full widths on the first pass and snow may be piled too high at the ends of driveways and lanes. These issues are addressed by the contractor during the cleanup phase. TLC is aware of our expectations and we will continue to monitor their performance in future snowstorms.

Erie Village Homeowners Association Insurance

We have changed our insurance agency to OneGroup, Bailey Haskell Insurance. If your mortgage or lending holder requires a Certificate of Insurance from the Erie Village Homeowners Association, please contact Marina Jones at 315-280-6339 or mjones@BHLinsurance.com. Marina will be able to send a certificate.

If you have any other questions, please call me at 632-4100

Paul Franklin

Erie Village Risk Management Chairman

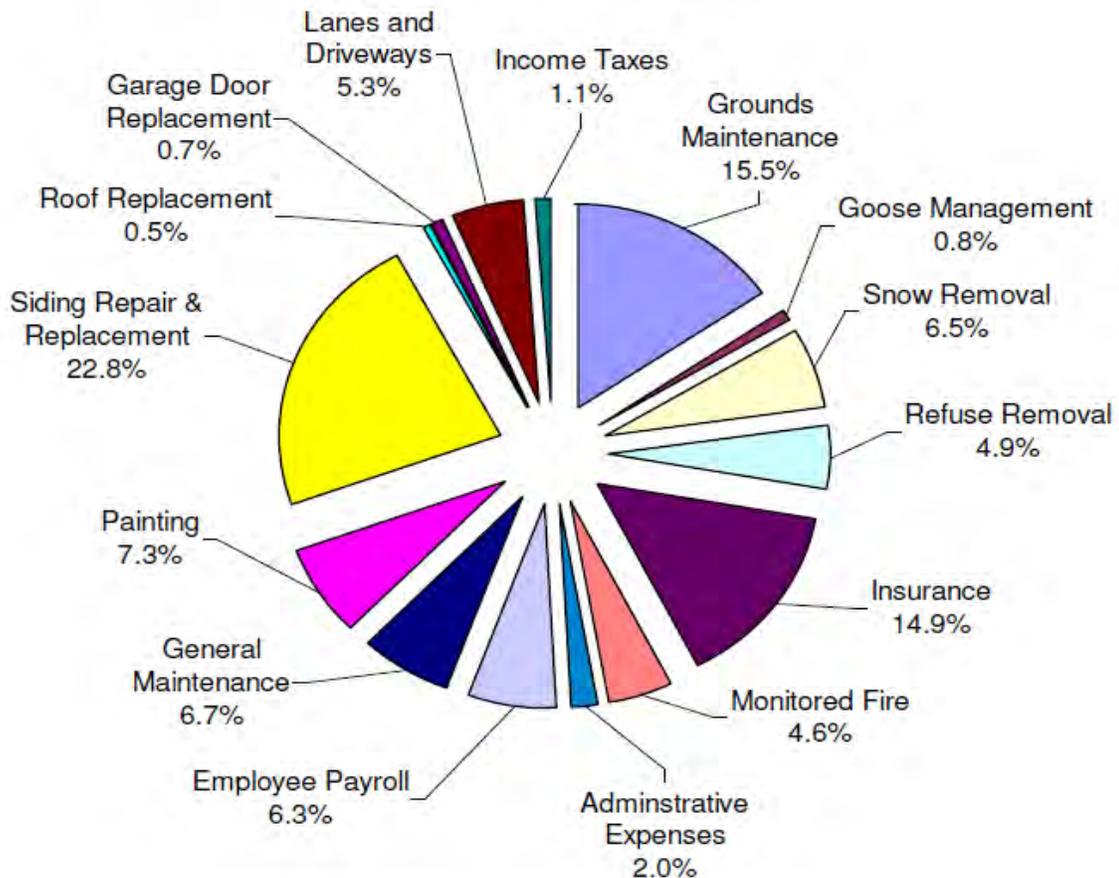
2015 Projected Income per Unit

Monthly Association Assessment	\$225.00
Rent, interest, advertising, other	\$7.62
Total projected revenues	<u>\$232.62</u>

2015 Budgeted Expense

Expense	Budgeted Amount	Per Unit	Includes
Grounds Maintenance	\$211,360	\$36.09	Lawns, ponds, common area plantings
Goose Management	\$11,016	\$1.88	
Snow Removal	\$88,800	\$15.16	
Refuse Removal	\$66,721	\$11.39	
Insurance	\$202,522	\$34.58	
Monitored Fire	\$62,261	\$10.63	
Administrative Expenses	\$27,430	\$4.68	Rent, office supplies, legal and accounting, miscellaneous
Employee Payroll	\$85,945	\$14.68	Payroll and related taxes and expenses
General Maintenance	\$91,500	\$15.63	
Painting	\$100,000	\$17.08	
Siding Repair & Replacement	\$310,000	\$52.94	
Roof Replacement	\$7,000	\$1.20	
Garage Door Replacement	\$10,000	\$1.71	
Lanes and Driveways	\$72,500	\$12.38	
Income Taxes	\$15,146	\$2.59	
Total Budget	<u>\$1,362,201</u>	<u>\$232.62</u>	

2015 Budgeted Expenses



Board Meeting Hi-lights

October 20th, November 17th and December 15th

Financial Report

10/20—Paul Franklin presented the financial statement for month ending September 30th 2014. Cash was down as of the same time in 2013. Prepaid material has decreased as supplies are utilized. On the revenues and expense side, some line items are over while others are under. Trees and flowers other—reflect the landscaping at the front entrances. Plowing is under but there are 2 payments due shortly. Siding expenses are over due to more work anticipated than planned. On receivables side, except for 3 liens, there are no issues.

11/17—Paul Franklin presented the financial statement for month ending October 31st 2014. Same story as September. Cash is down from one year ago and prepaid materials are being depleted. The 1st payment was made to our plowing contractor. Expenses were over revenue by \$58K to date. On receivables, there has been no change from the previous month.

12/15—Paul Franklin presented the financial statement for month ending November 30th 2014. Not much change on cash from previous months. Federal and State Income Taxes are a bit higher than 2013 due to taxes paid on Time Warner marketing rebate of \$40K. To date expenses are over revenues by \$96K. Paul anticipates that total year costs should come in close to budget.

Finance Committee

10/20—Jim Kraus reported on the committee's meeting prior to the board meeting. They reviewed the monthly financial report and have planned a special meeting to discuss the 2015 draft budget.

11/17—Jim Kraus reported that the committee reviewed the financial statements ending October 31st

2014. They also met and reviewed the draft budget for 2015. Based on the numbers, their recommendation was to increase the monthly fee by \$5.00.

12/15—Jim Kraus reported that the committee reviewed the financial statement for month ending November 30th 2014. They saw no issues. The committee also discussed the two proposals received for our 2015 insurance contract.

Manager's Report

10/20—Wynn Collins reported the work is finishing up for the 2014 maintenance season. There were still a couple outstanding projects yet to complete. The plan is to attach the major issues and let the others come up in the normal yearly maintenance cycle.

The ditch between the two front ponds was dug out and the water is flowing very well. The crew pulled the rocks out from the boat launch area to the left of the beach and used them to shore up the ditch.

11/17—Wynn Collins reported that everything is wrapping up for the year. He mentioned that he received a letter from unit 316 thanking the board for how repairs were handled on their unit. Dick Sparrow stressed that our work crews need to clean up their work areas and lock up tools and equipment. This was in response to recent reports of home break-ins in the Town of Dewitt.

12/15—Wynn Collins reported that it has been pretty quite. He had no reports of roof issues due to the recent heavy snowfall. He is working on figures for 2015 material orders. Wynn is anticipating siding costs to go up 6-8% by January 30th 2015.

Grounds Maintenance

Joan Hagenzieker reported that mowing for the season is about done dependent upon the cold and rain. Our tree contractor was in the village on October 20th to finish up scheduled work. The committee is

looking at proposals for gardeners and chemical treatment. A motion was made to hire "Girls in the Garden" contractor. After review of three proposals for chemical treatment, a motion was made to once again hire Pro Scapes.

11/17 and 12/15—Nothing to report

Architectural Committee

10/20—Mike Brick reported that he approved 8 proposals and denied 1. He had an inquiry from a resident asking about installation of solar panels. It was unanimously decided not to allow them at this time.

11/17—Mike Brick reported that he had 6 requests which were approved. Mike had some concerns about the requirement for proof of insurance from contractors performing work in Erie Village. Requests must provide all proper paperwork before they will be approved and prior to commencement of any work.

12/15—Mike Brick reported that he received one request which was approved.

Insurance

10/20—Paul Franklin reported that he spoke with our current broker and was told to expect a 10% increase for 2015. He was waiting for another bid before a final decision will be made as to who to contract.

11/17—Paul Franklin reported that he was still waiting to hear back from the two bidders on our contract.

12/15—Paul Franklin reported that he received information from both bidders and was reviewing the data. Once he has all the information he will send out the proposals for electronic vote.

Rubbish Removal

Dick Sparrow attended two town board meetings regarding a trash district. The town is looking for a way to exempt HOA's from the district. Dick was planning on attending the next meeting to

obtain a final decision on the matter.

11/17—A new list was provided of blue refuse containers that need to be replaced with gray ones. It was also suggested that we ask Feher Rubbish Removal to order 25 to have on hand as replacements are needed.

12/15—Nothing to report although Richard asked Wynn to check with Feher about recent oil spills on our lanes.

Time Warner

10/20—Ed Bangel reported the 314 units have had new smoke detector heads installed. Only 14 units have not responded.

11/17—Ed Bangel reported that Time Warner was making progress on the remaining 14 units needing

smoke detector head replacements.

12/15—Ed Bangel reported that he sent a letter to Time Warner regarding 2015 inspections. 100% of units in Erie Village are required to be inspected in 2015.

Environmental

10/20—Rosemary DeJoseph reported that she had some concerns with the water testing but was assured that everything was ok. She has also been in contact our goose management contractor. They asked to be notified 24 hours prior to lawn treatments to protect their dogs from any issues.

11/17—Nothing to report

12/15—We are still receiving lots of geese complaints. Our contract with

Take Flight Goose Management ended at the beginning of the month. We are looking to see if there are other vendors providing the same service.

Old News

10/20—Dick Sparrow and Paul Franklin met with Kristen Oot to settle our office lease. The lease was negotiated for another year.

New Business

12/15—A complaint was received about junk being stored underneath a deck on Oarlock Circle. Wynn spoke with the owner and asked them to remove the items.

Millie Sitnik mentioned that there is a renewed interest in a lighting district. Happy New Year to All!!



EVHOA

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.

Feher Rubbish Removal Holiday Schedule

Weekly trash collection will be adjusted by one day for the following dates:

The week of Memorial Day (5/25), Labor Day (9/7).

All other holiday weeks will have the normal Wednesday pickup schedule.

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.

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

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.

Erie Village Book Discussion Group



The book group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Members take turns hosting the group at their residence. Everyone gets a say in what books to select. We take a vote on whether or not we will read the book. You are not obligated to read a chosen book if it is not to your liking; come to the meeting anyway and tell us why and to hear the discussion.

After the discussion, we enjoy coffee and dessert.

There are currently 16 members. We always encourage and warmly welcome

new members so we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting.

Please contact Janey Pajak if you would like to join.

jpajak@twcny.rr.com

or 637-1761.

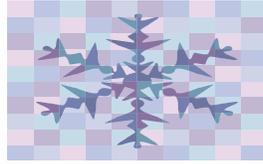
Upcoming: January – April 2015

January 14, 2015 at the Monroe residence, 94 Midlake to discuss George Washington's Secret Six by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yeager.

February 11, 2015 at the Peer residence, 56 Parkington to discuss Funny in Farsi by Firoozeh Dumas.

Books to be decided for March 11 at the Pajak residence, 223 Oarlock; April 8 at the Gavan residence, 104 Midlake.

Holiday Dinner 2014



The book group would like to thank Pat O'Brien for hosting the holiday dinner on Monday, December 15, 2014 and Joan Payne for her gift of book markers.

It was a lovely evening enjoying each other's company and delicious food and celebrating the holidays. Pat made the main dish Pasta Bolognese and each of us brought a dish or beverage to share.

In the group photo, we are showing off our pretty book markers from Joan.

We truly enjoy connecting and creating community through our love of reading. Thank you for keeping the group going strong!

PASTA BOLOGNESE (Carol Decker)

Ingredients:

- ¼ c or small can of mushrooms or quartered fresh mushrooms
- 1 small diced carrot
- 1 small diced onion
- 2 oz julienne sliced ham
- 1 lb. meat loaf mix
- 1 lb sausage
- 2 – 35 oz. crushed tomatoes
- 2 tbsp basil
- 2 tbsp oregano
- 1 minced garlic clove
- Pepper
- 1 lb spiral pasta

Combine vegetables and ham and cook 5 minutes uncovered in microwave. Cook sausage and break into chunks. Remove. In same pot, brown meat loaf mix and break into smaller chunks. Return sausage to pot. Add basil, fennel, garlic, and pepper. Add vegetables, ham and tomatoes. Cook 30 -40 minutes. Cook pasta and drain and return pasta to the pot. Pour most of sauce into pot and mix. Reserve some of meat sauce for table. Serve with parmesan.





Christmas Tree Pickup

This year's Christmas Tree pickup will be on Saturday, January 17th. Trees should be out at the curb the night before. Trees should NOT be placed in bags. All decorations should be removed.

A Message from our Postal Carrier

All the "snowbirds" are on the move. Please be sure to consider all surnames when forwarding your mail. Also, if you receive mail for Mrs. John Doe and your husband is deceased, be sure to check family rather than individual to ensure all mail is forwarded.

A key with your mail indicates a parcel. Parcel lockers are the large doors at the bottom of mail units. Please match the colored dots on key to the doors as your parcel may be in any of the lockers on any of the units at your delivery point. Key will remain in the locks after opening. Any really large parcels will be at your door.

I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and good health to all!

Best Wishes, Sandy

Annual Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 6th 2015

9AM—4PM

Cost remains the same at \$3.00 per participant to cover the cost of signs and advertising

It's easy! Just open your garage door when you want to start and close by 4PM (or earlier)

Please send payment beginning in May 2015 (checks made out to EVHOA) to Jean DeSantis, 35 Parkington Circle, E. Syracuse, NY 13057. For questions call 637-0018 or email to jmdparkev@juno.com

Erie Village Committees

Architectural	Michael Brick
Elections	Richard Lelong and Joan Hagenzieker
Snow Removal	Paul Franklin
Rubbish	Tom Callender
Environmental	Rosemary DeJoseph
Grounds Maintenance	Joan Hagenzieker
Risk Management/Insurance	Paul Franklin
Finance	Jim Kraus
Website	Paul Franklin
Covenants	Richard Lelong
Painting/Paving	Dick Sparrow and Wynn Collins
Erie Links Liason	Jim Kraus
If interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the committee chair(s).	

Please note that newsletter advertisements have been unsolicited by the Homeowner's Association and the Board of Directors.

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 Bible Study Group

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

7PM—9PM, 499 Summerhaven Drive

Open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the bible and Christianity. Refreshments provided. Very friendly group

Contact Steve at 632-6004 for more information



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Call Debbie at 637-8856



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