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Hi-lights from June 21st meeting

FLOOD PLAIN TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED

Dick Sparrow has appointed a task force to address the issues concerning the revised FEMA flood plain maps that have affected much of Erie Village. The task force's charter will be to determine the scope of the impact on the Village and look for ways we can effectively appeal FEMA's decision to include Erie Village in the revised scheme. They will also attempt to determine if a group appeal, will be the most expeditious way of mounting an appeal. The task force was purposely kept small so that they can focus their efforts on this issue in the relatively short amount of time we have to fight it. They will keep residents apprised on the issue and if there are any urgent developments they will communicate those issues by special letter to all residents if need be.

The current task force members and residents are Bernie Forth (chairman), Paul Keenan (an engineer), David Pajak (insurance and risk management expert), and Richard LeLong (board member and real estate agent).

Bernie presented a map showing the elevations of selected buildings and the proposed flood elevations. He stated that the basis change from previous FEMA maps is that the flood level has been designated 2 feet higher than previous maps. He also talked about his meetings along with board president Dick Sparrow with various local officials regarding how to proceed to contest the "water flow model" being proposed by the new FEMA regulations.

Treasurer/Finance Committee

Ed Bangel reviewed the financial statements for the 5 months ended May 31, 2010. Generally the association is on budget. Also, he was pleased to report that now 309 or 63% of residents take advantage of our pre-authorized debit program to pay their monthly maintenance fees.

ELECTION RESULTS (Correction)

For those residents that may have received a copy of the newsletter before an error was caught, below are the official ballot counts Total Ballots Received: 259 186—Jim Kraus
169—Joan Hagenzieker 158—Ed Ihle 143—Marj
Schaff 105—Helen Buck

And, Tom Callendar is still on the board—sorry for the misprint Tom!!

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.

Resident's Issues Presented to the Board

Residents of lane W expressed their concerns regarding last year's lane resurfacing. The board explained the effectiveness and cost rational for the products used to resurface lanes in the village. They agreed to have the contractor who did the work evaluate its effectiveness and make further recommendations regarding lanes that have been similarly resurfaced.

The owner of lots 180-181 presented a plan to build one single family unit on this site. They explained that the building would be designed to look like other buildings in the village. They will present their plan to neighbors and will proceed to obtain necessary building permits from the Town of Manlius. Construction could begin this summer. The board approved the owner's request to proceed with the building as presented.

Manager Report

Wynn Collins, Erie Village Manager stated that the chemical application to the small Midlake pond has been a success.

He also informed the board that painting in the village will be completed by the end of August and that all driveway sealing for this season has been completed.

Lane resurfacing is also completed. Driveway replacements and lane and roadway patching was completed by the end of June as was roof replacements.

Building residing should be done by the end of July.

Wynn will be on vacation during the following dates this summer: July 5th thru the 9th and August 26th thru September 6th.

Please be assured that repair work is reviewed and prioritized according to the severity of the issue, so we ask for your patience and understanding in the scheduling of work assignments especially during our busy summer season.

Architectural Committee

Three requests were presented to the committee. Two were approved and one was sent back to the requestor asking for more specific information. This committee handles all requests for changes to the outside of units. Those requests must be submitted in writing to the committee prior to the commencement of work.

Snow Removal

Dick Sparrow reminded the committee that it is time to prepare a proposed contract and consider vendors for next season's snow removal. The committee reported it is investigating a solicitation from a contractor that would be new to us.

Insurance and Risk Management

Reconstruction of the April 20th fire at units 332 and 333 Summerhaven is progressing. Total cost to date is \$91,000. The project is approximately 1/3 complete and is estimated to be completed by August.

Grounds Maintenance

The annual chemical application to curtail the grass and weeds growing on the nature trail will be completed within the next few weeks. The committee planned on holding a reorganization meeting on June 29th to review service contracts, assign responsibilities, review schedule of services and any other issues that fall within the scope of their responsibility.

Lighting District/Street Lighting

After some discussion and upon the recommendation of the committee, the board agreed to disband the lighting district committee.

All other committees had nothing significant to report.

General Topics

The board continues to inquire as to ideas for erosion control by the bench at the far side of the lake along the nature trail.

The memorial garden which was to be located by the flag pole continues to be tabled until the Town of Manlius completes the dredging of the ditch south of the flag pole.

Manager Additional Comments

Wynn Collins addressed a question as to our process of addressing exterior mold. He explained that the presence of mold on the exterior typically indicates that there is water behind the siding. Siding is removed and then evaluated as to how to proceed to correct the problem. This is an ongoing maintenance challenge.

Summer Season Reminders

Now that we are into the summer season, please remember that our beach facilities are for our residents. Any guests must be accompanied by a resident. If not, they will be asked to leave. It is the responsibility of each and every resident using the beach to challenge those who do not appear to be a resident. The board cannot be everywhere all the time and we need everyone's cooperation.

Also in regards to the beach, the latest laboratory report for our water testing program shows that the water quality is excellent and not problems were noted. So jump in and enjoy!

Erie Village Speed and Traffic Study

Dick Sparrow recently met with the Town of Manlius Police Chief Fran Marlowe and the Highway Superintendent Rob Cushing in regards to the traffic situation within Erie Village. Some residents have expressed concerns over speeding vehicles in the village and others have suggested lowering the speed limit and installing speed bumps.

The Town of Manlius Police in late May and early June conducted a traffic study in Erie Village monitoring the speed of 6,623 vehicles. In reviewing the collected data it was determined that 90% of these vehicles were within the posted speed limit and the average speed of all vehicles was 30 M.P.H., which is the posted speed limit. Chief Marlowe advised that he would continue to monitor speeds within the village over the next few months and compare that data with the information that has already been collected. He will also have a Town of Manlius Police Traffic Unit set up in the village from time to time to enforce the speed limits.

In regards to lowering the speed limit both Chief Marlowe and Superintendent Cushing indicated that based on the data collected to date it would not be feasible to do so since the average speed is at the current posted limit. In addition, the State of New York would also have to study and approve a change to the speed limit. With the current status of the state, such projects are not being accomplished at this time.

Chief Marlowe and Superintendent Cushing both advised against the installation of speed bumps. The devices usually result in more problems than they solve and they receive many complaints from the areas where they are installed. Some drivers tend to drive around the speed bumps, driving on the adjacent lawns to avoid them. The repeated installation and removal of the devices also results in additional damage to the roadway. In the past when speed bumps had been suggested in Erie Village, many negative comments were received by the board.

The Town of Manlius agencies will continue to monitor the situation and provide us with the data they collect while doing so.

Yard Waste Along Nature Trail

PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD YOUR YARD WASTE AND CLIPPINGS ALONG THE NATURE TRAIL AND THE EDGES OF THE WOODED AREAS.

It is unsightly and we may incur an expense in removing it. If you are not in the Town of Manlius brush collection district, you could go in with a neighbor who currently utilizes this service. The town picks up yard waste every other week. The cost is very reasonable and may be something to consider. As always, your cooperation is appreciated.

Gardening Committee

An omission to last month's newsletter recognizing committee member Dom Mercurio for his continuous support and assistance.

Also, thank you to those residents who have taken an interest in maintaining the beds near their homes such as the one at the corner of Summerhaven and K lane. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and are appreciated by all who pass by.

Want to place an ad in our Newsletter or do you have any items of interest or suggestions for our monthly newsletter?

Looking for someone who can provide items of interest and ideas for our newsletter.

Your editor welcomes articles and helpful hints on just about any topic, from maintenance to gardening. Even the occasional human interest story. Please submit information to Jean DeSantis, 35 Parkington Circle or email and reference Erie Village Newsletter in subject line to jmdparkev@juno.com. Checks for ads should be made payable to EVHOA. For questions call 637-0018.

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.

ERIE VILLAGE BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION NEWS



“ I don’t know what I think until I have read what I have to say.”

~~James Thurber

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 Erie Village Book Group encourages and warmly welcomes new members. Please call Janey Pajak at 637-1761 if you have any questions, or you would like to join.

Our meetings are as follows:

July 14th at the Pajak residence, 223 Oarlock, Sarah’s Key by Tatiana de Rosnay.

August 11th at the Eckweiler residence, 14 Parkington, The Help by Kathryn Stockett.

Happy Hour Moved to Bonefish



The Wednesday night gatherings are still at Bonefish Grill in Fayetteville Towne Center. Happy Hour drink prices are reasonable, the food is good and the company is great! Come out and join the group 5PM on Wednesdays.

Of course the group is always looking for alternate destinations if anyone has any suggestions.

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Jim Kraus
Sally Oot
Millie Sitnik
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Chuck Owen
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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.

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Painting: Wynn Collins
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Roads & Driveways: Tom Callender & Dick Sparrow Co-Chair
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Website: Marj Schaff Decks: Millie Sitnik
Garden Committee: Barb Whitney

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

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.

Annual Garage Sale a Success!

The Erie Village annual garage sale was a definite success despite a rough start with the rain on Saturday morning. It was decided to extend the sale through Sunday due to the weather. There were a total of 57 registered participants. The plan for next year is to again extend for the two days.

Reminder—OCRRA Household Hazardous Waste Day—July 17th from 8AM—2PM at Ley Creek. You will need to sign up ahead of time either online or by calling 453-2866. Ley Creek is located off 7th North near Rt. 81.

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