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Hi-lights June 20th, 2011 Annual Meeting

Prior Meeting Follow Up

Two residents from lane H were in attendance at the June 20th meeting. Wynn Collins brought them up to date along with the board on work progress on their units. The siding and roofing is close to completion. Wynn suggested installing footer drains off the back of the units which would help with the water issues in the area. The board approved the drainage project.

Finance

Ed Bangel presented the financial report thru the month of May 2011. At present we are tracking under budget due to weather delays, but we are now in full swing with summer projects, so expenses will catch up to the budget.

Ed also reported that 29 units are scheduled to have smoke detector heads replaced.

In addition, he introduced two new members of the finance committee, Michael Brick and Chuck Troendle.

Manager's Report

Wynn informed the board of 4 signs that need to be replaced. Two at the front entrances, one by the nature trail, one at the beach.

There were 3 drainage projects identified in addition to the one on Lane H. Behind units 21 and 22 Parkington which has already been completed, a drainage ditch adjacent to units 92 and 93 Midlake, and one at the north end behind unit 455 Summerhaven. This ditch needs to be dug out and re-pitched as there is standing water and growth building up. Both projects have been put on the schedule for early next year to complete.

Summer Painting has begun. 22 buildings were identified on the painting schedule. As of the meeting, 5 buildings were completed. Units scheduled are: 29, 30, 39, 40, 41, 42, 51, 52, 53, 54 Parkington. 63, 64 Midlake. 156, 157, 163, 164 Summerhaven. 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244 Oarlock. The following units have already been completed: 223, 224, 225, 226 Oarlock. 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490 Summerhaven.

Wynn also reported that the motor burned out on the pump in the front pond. It was sent out for repair and should be back in place shortly.

The annual treatment of vegetation in the pond on Midlake Circle has been completed and the water appears to be clearing up.

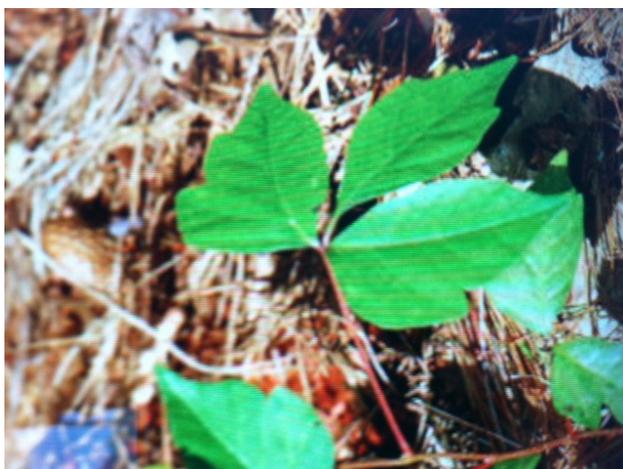
Grounds Maintenance

Joan Hagenzieker and Sally Oot walked the entire village on June 17th with our contractors and reported that overall, the area is in pretty good shape. Joan reported that the fragmites (the tall grass in the ponds) can be treated so it does not spread further but it's a bit late in the season to treat it as it requires a permit from the DEC. It was suggested that we address the issue early next spring.

Both Joan and Sally reported that poison ivy has been spotted around the area. Tim Sipfle from Pro Scapes provided the following



ing pictures to assist in identifying the plant.



Emerald Ash Borers

Bart Solenthaler reported on the progress of the Emerald Ash Borers. He stated that they have currently been spotted in western New York and are headed this way.

If a tree is infected, they will need to be removed including the stump and properly disposed of. There are currently two traps in Erie Village, one at the north end and one at the south. They are being monitored and will be checked during the month of July.

Ash trees represent 25% (93 identified) of the large tree population in Erie Village. There are 4 methods to immunize the trees. Option 1—Apply treatment by injecting into the soil around the trees. Option 2—Inject directly into the trunk. Option 3—a lower trunk spray. Option 4—spray to the main trunk and branches. This can be very hazardous. The most favorable option would be the trunk injection.

Timing to do this would be in early May to mid June. Treatment would last up to 2 years.

Architectural

One request was received from a resident looking to resurface the concrete patio area between their garage and front door. In addition, they would like to repair their garage floor.

Another request was received from a homeowner wanting to remove and replace dead bushes adjacent to their unit.

The last item reported was concerning a previous request where approval had not yet been given, but the homeowner went ahead with the work anyway.

The first two requests were approved and the third one is being reviewed and may require the homeowner to make modifications to the changes.

Again—a reminder—PLEASE make sure that your requests are formally approved PRIOR to start of work.

Paving and Sealing

Wynn presented three bids for paving and 5 bids for sealing. The board went with Wynn's recommendations to go with Ken's Paving and Jeff Gerald Construction for this year's contracts. Wynn also said that he wanted to take a look at which roads should be resurfaced next year. The feedback from this year's resurfacing project (use of micro slurry) have been very favorable.

Just a bit of information—there are 96,000 square feet of sealing on the schedule for this year.

Environmental

The first water test of the season came back very good. Samples are taken in and around the swimming area in the big lake. Another test is being conducted in early July.

New Office

The Erie Village Homeowners Association office will be relocating suites within the medical center on or around July 1st. The new office is directly accessible from the outside and is a little larger than the current space.

FEMA

The Board as well as the Town of Manlius have still not heard back from FEMA with the official word that maps have been changed. We will keep everyone apprised of the status as we receive information.

General

The office as well as board members continue to receive calls concerning trespassers on our property. The board is considering posting the northern property line. They are looking into the proper wording needed from the Town of Manlius Police prior to installing the signs. The police frequently patrol the village and have confronted teenagers in the back end of the village and have informed them that they were trespassing.

Please be Considerate of Your Neighbors

Living in close proximity to one another poses certain problems such as noise. Please respect your neighbors and try to keep the noise level down especially during the late evening hours.

If you see any suspicious activity in or around Erie Village, please contact the Town of Manlius Police directly. Their number is 425-2333.

Summer Theatre Events—sponsored by the Town of Dewitt

New York City Ballet at Saratoga—Square Dance, The Magic Flute, Stars and Stripes—July 7th

“Die Fledermaus” at the Lake George Opera—July 10th plus lunch at Gideon Putnam

New York City Ballet at Saratoga—Three one-act Ballets—Emeralds, Rubies, Diamonds, July 14th (wait list only)

Merry Go Round Playhouse—Cooking with the Calamari Sisters—July 15th

“Annie Get Your Gun” - Glimmerglass Opera—July 18th

Shaw Festival Niagara on the Lake: including “My Fair Lady”, “Candida”, and “The President” - August 16th and 17th

Skaneateles Lake Cruise—August 25th

Merry-Go-Round Playhouse—Do Black Leather Shoes Really Reflect UP? - August 26th

Merry-Go-Round Playhouse—The Marvelous Wonderettes—September 16th.

For more information contact the Town of Dewitt Recreation Department at 446-9250, ext. 9

Town of Manlius Summer Events

The following events will be held on Monday evenings from June 27th thru August 22nd

Mon. 7/11—“Papa Joe” Band Concert in the Park—7PM to 9PM at Lewis Park, Main St., Minoa

Mon. 7/18—“Miss E. and Dovetail Joint” Concert—7PM to 9PM, Towne Centre Gazebo at the corner of N. Burdick and Rt. 5

Mon. 7/25—“Dan Elliott & The Monterays” Concert—7PM to 9PM, at Lewis Park, Main St., Minoa

Mon. 8/1—“Tangled” Movie in the Park—8PM to 10PM, Manlius Amphitheatre, 1 Arkie Albanese Way, Manlius

Mon. 8/8—“How to Train Your Dragon” Movie in the Park - 8PM to 10PM, Beard Park, Rt. 257, Fayetteville

Mon. 8/15—“Toy Story” Movie in the Park—8PM—10PM, Towne Centre Gazebo at the corner of N. Burdick and Rt. 5

Mon. 8/22—“Secretariat” Movie in the Park—8PM to 10PM, at Lewis Park, Main St., Minoa

Concerts and movies sponsored by the Town of Manlius Recreation Department and Local Businesses.

Erie Village Herb Garden

The perennials are doing great. The annuals are growing nicely after a slow start due to the cold weather of a month ago.

The following herbs are there – thyme, oregano, chives, sage, tarragon, salad burnet, basil, flat parsley, curly parsley and mint. Located on Row T. Bring scissors and plastic baggie.

Any suggestions of herbs you might like can be given to Barb Whitney at 385 Summerhaven

Lost

One Geranium plant from the planting bed on the corner of Parkington Lane C. If please return it to its place in the bed. The empty hole is still there!

Doggie “Do’s” and “Don’ts”

With the good weather, more people are out walking, jogging, bicycling and of course taking their pets along with them. More and more discarded piles are evident along our roadways and nature trail. PLEASE—be considerate of other residents in the village by carrying a plastic bag with you on your walk and picking up after your pet. And of course, please keep your pets leashed while walking them through the village to avoid any potential injuries to your pet as well as other residents out enjoying the summer weather.

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.

Gardening Tips

You may have a pest infestation if you see brown or yellow spots on leaves. Carefully examine your plants for live insects above and below the soil's surface. Another way to test is to apply a soap flush. Add 2 teaspoons of dishwashing detergent to 1 gallon of water in a bucket. Pour the mixture over a 2' by 2' area of your garden's soil. The flush will irritate insect pests feeding below the surface, forcing them to rise to the surface. Once you have some specimens, place them in plastic bags and identify them.

Bug removal for a small number of insects is easy. Just carefully pick them off with gloved fingers. Many insects are easily repelled by soapy water applied with a sponge or a spray bottle. Also try refined nontoxic oil sprays for pest control; they're light, can be applied year-round and help rid a variety of garden pests.

For more organic pest control, use milky spore grub control formulas. A milky spore is a type of natural bacteria that infects different kinds of grubs. Apply milky spores in the spring and fall for best results. Milky spores are harmless to vegetables and flower gardens. Birds and other wildlife are also immune to the effects of this organic pest control.

Another remedy to try when battling pests is using a rubbing alcohol spray. It works on many different kinds of garden pests and is safe to use on most plants. Mix 1 or 2 cups of rubbing alcohol per quart of water, and apply using cotton swabs or a spray bottle. Since alcohol can damage some plants, always test your spray mix on a few inconspicuous leaves or plants first. If you don't see any damage or discoloration after 2 to 3 days, rubbing alcohol is safe to use on those plants.

Board Members

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Fred Greenfield
Paul Franklin
Joan Hagenzieker
Ed Ihle
Jean DeSantis
Ed Bangel—Treasurer

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit the Erie Village website, www.erievillagehoa.com.

Ongoing 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. Any questions—contact our Web Administrator Marj Schaff

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

Snow Plowing Tom Callender, Paul Franklin, Richard Lelong and Fred Greenfield
Covenants: Marj Schaff

Elections Richard Lelong and Sally Oot

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: Peter Monteleone

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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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 #

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ERIE VILLAGE BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION



The book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

The book group encourages and warmly welcomes new members. Please call Janey Pajak 637-1761 or jpajak@twcny.rr.com if you would like to join.

Life's short: Wake up and live.

--Carlos Ruiz Zafon, Author

July 13 at the Pajak residence, 223 Oarlock to discuss Paula Deen's memoir, It Ain't All About the Cookin'.

August 10 at the Goldberg residence, 201 Summerhaven: Is there a book that has left a deep mark on you as a reader...one that found its way into your heart? For August, you can read or re-read a personal favorite book of your own and then give a brief summary of why you like the book or why it's special to you.

September 14 at the Peer residence, 56 Parkington.

October 12 at the Thiras residence, 189 Summerhaven.

November 9 at the Bartow residence, 433 Summerhaven.

Start reading The Misadventures of Marvin by Marvin Druger. The local author will attend one of our future meetings, perhaps September or October depending on how things go with our schedules.

In honor of one of our dear Erie Village book group members who passed away this year, (Joan Eckweiler), we are reading one of her favorite books by author, Patrick Taylor, Irish Country Christmas. We have tentatively decided on reading this book for November's meeting.

The book group would like to thank our friend and neighbor, Jenaud, who recommended our June book and attended the meeting to facilitate the discussion of Shanghai Diary.



On-your-own reading for Summer:

When the days are long and sunny and the temperatures are hot, it's time to pour some lemonade and unwind on your deck or at the Erie Village beach with a great book. Here are some suggestions for summer reading recommended by "USA Today". These are beachy keen novels whose plot is set in a sandy locale: One Summer by David Baldacci, Folly Beach: A Low country Tale by Dorthea Benton Frank, Maine by J. Courtney Sullivan, Beach Lane by Sherryl Woods and Summer Secrets by Barbara Freethy.

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OCRRA RECYCLING SCHEDULE—2011

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

Shred—O—Rama - September 24th at Alliance Bank Stadium from 8am Waste days, you must make a reservation in advance either by calling 453-2866 or online at www.ocrra.org.

Once again in July OCRRA is partnering with local haulers to collect alkaline batteries from households in Onondaga County.

All you have to do is amass your old alkaline batteries and put them in a special yellow battery bag that can be obtained from the service counter at any local Wegman's or Green Hills.

Place the full closed yellow bag on top of your closed garbage bag or can any time during the month of July.

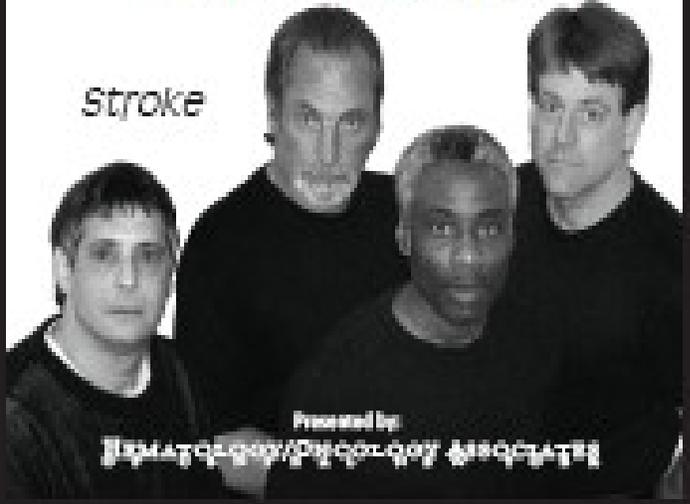
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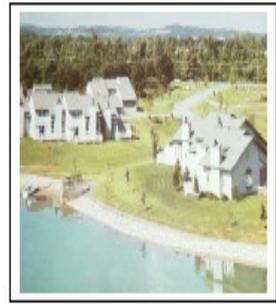
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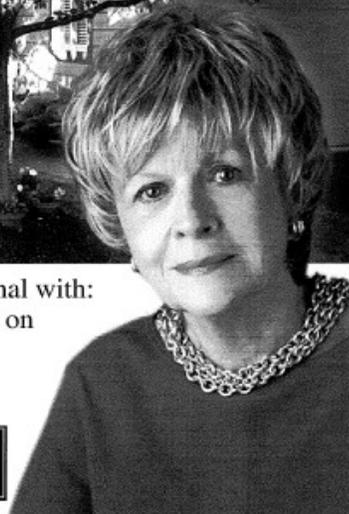
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