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Hi-lights February 21st, 2011 Board Meeting

Treasurer/Finance Committee

Ed Bangel reviewed the financial statements for year ended January 31, 2011. Due to the heavy snowfalls this season we are over budget for that line item. It also looks like February will experience the same issue.

The EVHOA Annual Meeting Date has been set for Tuesday May 17th 2011.

Look for more information in the April newsletter.

Signs of Spring (?)

Believe it or not, spring is getting closer each day. As the snow melts and reveals litter that's been buried since last fall, take a minute and pick up some trash. Take a small plastic grocery bag with you on your walks to carry the trash home. If we all pitch in and pick up a piece or two our grounds will look great this spring.

It has been a long and difficult winter. Not only will trash be discovered as the snow melts, some lawn damage from plowing is sure to surface as well. Rest easy. Any damage will be repaired in the early spring and the repairs are paid for by the snow removal contractor, not Erie Village

Managers Report

As stated in last month's newsletter, Wynn is busy preparing a detailed plan and schedule of maintenance and repair projects for 2011. More information to follow as it becomes available such as the 2011 painting and driveway sealing schedules.

Please Do Not put your trash out before 6PM on the evening before pickup. We have had several instances of high winds blowing refuse around the village. Wednesday March 2nd was a perfect example of that and several blue bins were lost as a result of the high winds.

Please Stay off the Ice

As the warmer weather approaches, the ice on our lake and ponds is not safe. Please stay off the ice for your own safety.

Please remember that any suspicious activity should be reported to the Town of Manlius Police immediately. Waiting until the next day will not assist them in protecting the village.

Please Report Leaks Immediately

Ice backups have caused a few leaks in homes around the Village. Wynn and his staff of vendors have been kept busy making repairs and shoveling portions of roofs where leaks could occur. Once again, we have attempted to stay ahead of things by shoveling to prevent leaks. If you have a leak, please call the office immediately, so we can assess the situation before any additional damage occurs.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the difficult times.

Garage Door Preventative Maintenance

Although the cold weather and the considerable snowfall make it difficult for all of us to get out and about, there are a few things you can do to prevent problems with your garage door operation. At least a couple times a year, you should check the lug nuts on the door panels to ensure they are tight. Keep the chain and tracks and especially the lower wheels lubricated with either WD40 or a silicone spray. Keep snow and ice clear from the bottom of the door to prevent freezing. The additional strain of the door being stuck to a patch of ice can cause your garage door opener to malfunction. This is especially important if you still have a wood door. Also, if your door panels are damaged, please contact the EVHOA for repair and/or replacement.

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.

Snow Count 2011

Syracuse is once again the front runner to win the Golden Snowball Award. We have had 160.3 inches of snow as of March 1st. Last year at this time, we had a mere 106.1 inches. This is the 10th snowiest season.

With spring only a few weeks away, we can only hope that the worst is over for the season. But as many of you may recall, we have seen snow as late as Mother's Day!

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-

More Recycling Information

Soft cover books and #5 plastics are now accepted in your blue bin. #5's are wide-mouthed, tub shaped plastic containers that typically hold yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, etc. Check the bottom for a #5 symbol to be sure.

You can be assured that the #5's that you place in your blue bin are actually being recycled into new products like other #5 containers, flower pots, buckets, thermal underwear, reusable grocery bags, etc.

Resident Recognition

Occasionally we like to recognize and acknowledge the special efforts of some of our residents. A special thanks goes out to Mary Jane Young of Midlake Circle. Mary Jane has been seen out shoveling neighbors walks and also in front of the mailbox near her home. Your actions have not gone unnoticed!

A special get well note goes out to Barb Whitney, the head of our Garden Committee. We wish you the best and hope to see you outside gardening as soon as the weather warms up a bit!

As we approach spring I thought I'd try a new item for our newsletter—some recipes. Maybe something to test out for those "March Madness" and St. Patrick's Day parties.....

White Pizza Dip

1 envelope Lipton Recipe Secrets Savory Herb with Garlic Soup Mix (critical ingredient—no substitutions)

16 ounces sour cream

8 ounces ricotta cheese

1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

1 loaf Italian or French bread, sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a shallow 1 quart casserole dish (or a glass ceramic pie dish), combine soup mix, sour cream, ricotta cheese and 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes or until heated through. Serve with bread slices, as a dip or topping for the bread.

Salad Greens with Raspberries, Pears, Feta Cheese and Pecans

1 large package of salad greens 1 quart raspberries

2 medium pears, sliced in 8ths, then sliced again

1 quart feta cheese 2 cups roasted pecans

Dressing

1/3 cup raspberry balsamic vinaigrette 1/3 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons soy sauce 1 tablespoon parsley

1 teaspoon sugar 1 pinch of salt 1 pinch of pepper

Mix together the first 4 ingredients to make the salad. Mix together the last 7 ingredients to make the dressing. Roast pecans by baking at 325 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

Oven Porcupines

1 lb. ground beef

1/2 c. uncooked rice

1/2 c. water

1/2 c. onion chopped

1/2 c. green pepper diced

Salt & Pepper to taste

Celery Salt, to taste

Garlic Powder, to taste

1 (15 oz.) can Tomato Sauce

1 c. water

2 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce

Mix the 1st 8 ingredients in order given. Shape into balls and put into un-greased 8 x8 pan. Mix tomato sauce, water and Worcestershire sauce together and, pour over meat. Bake @ 350 degrees for 45 minutes covered and 15 minutes uncovered.

Snow Ball Cake

4 T. unflavored gelatin

dash salt

2 c. boiling water

8 c. Cool Whip Topping

2 c. orange juice

2 lg. store-bought angel food cakes

2 tsp. lemon juice

1 c. sugar

1/2 c. coconut

Line a very large bowl with waxed paper. Mix the gelatin and boiling water until dissolved. Add the orange juice, salt and sugar. Mix and chill until syrupy. When gelatin is chilled, add 6 cups whipped topping (Cool Whip). Stir in lemon juice. Break angel food cake into bite-sized cubes. (You can buy cherry or lemon angel food cakes if you want variety). Fold the cake pieces into the gelatin and Cool Whip mixture. Pour into prepared bowl. Chill until firm (about 4 hours). Invert onto plate and frost with the remaining Cool Whip. Sprinkle with coconut. Serves 15 and can be made ahead of time

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

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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 #

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



The light heart lives long.

(Irish Proverb)

The Erie Village Book Discussion Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM.

March 9 at the Schmidt residence (361 Summerhaven) to discuss the mystery, Faithful Place by Tana French.

April 13 at the Clark residence (144 Summerhaven) to discuss the novel The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell.

May 11 at the O'Brien residence (186 Summerhaven) to discuss the non-fiction book, Manhunt by James L. Swanson

We are also reading the memoir, Shanghai Diary by Ursula Bacon to be discussed at a later date to be announced..

The book Group encourages and warmly welcomes new members. Please call Janey Pajak 637-1761

jpajak@twcny.rr.com if you have any questions or if you would like to join.



February 19, 2011 snowstorm

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.

Wanted to Rent: Retired Florida couple looking to rent condo or home in Erie Village July 1–August 31
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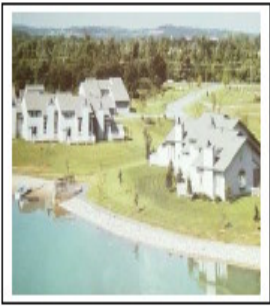


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