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Hi-lights April 16th Board Meeting

Finance/ Treasurer's Report

In Ed Bangel's absence, Chuck Troendle presented the year to date financials through the end of March 2012. YTD we are over a bit in expenditures, but that is mostly due to an early start on summer repairs to roofs and siding. The mild winter provided some savings for snow plowing and those savings have helped to cover early purchase of the roof and siding materials.

Manager's Report

Wynn Collins, Erie Village Maintenance Manager reported that siding projects are going very well. He also reported that he has walked the entire village to determine the paving and painting needs for 2012.

The Dunford trucks are already visible in the village as they try to get a jump on the seasonal painting schedule.

This year's paving projects will begin later in the summer

Residents will be notified in advance of both painting and paving schedules for purposes of removing items from deck and porch areas as well as parking arrangements. Fire Monitoring

90 letters were sent out to residents scheduled for smoke alarm inspection and cleaning. Work took place between March 16th and March 30th.

Another 90 systems will be inspected after Labor Day.

If you still have not set up a time for this service, please contact the HOA office at 656-5148 to schedule your appointment. It is extremely important that you comply with the request.

We will be painting the deck fascia boards of units on the 2012 painting schedule. The purpose is to provide uniformity for attached units. The color we are using is light gray to match the siding of the unit.

If you are planning on staining your deck this year, please refrain from painting or staining the fascia boards.

Also, please remember that you should only use a clear/ natural or gray stain on your deck.

Annual Meeting of the Erie Village Homeowners Association

By now you should have all received your annual meeting packet containing an agenda, ballot, resumes of candidates and the 2011 audited financial statements. This year's meeting will be held once again at Pine Grove Middle School 6318 Fremont Road. The date is Tuesday May 15th and meeting will begin promptly at 7PM. Please ensure that you complete your ballot for this year's election. You can mail it in advance to our HOA office, drop it off with a current board member or hand carry it to the meeting.

Also, don't forget to cast your vote for this year's ESM District School budget. The voting takes place at the high school the same day as our meeting.

Common Area Pruning / Trimming

Please refrain from trimming or pruning trees and bushes in our common areas. Although well meaning, trimmings have been left on the lawns and we have to pay a large fee to clean up the areas.

National Grid will be in the village to check the transformer boxes, finish cleaning out the areas, replace some and paint others.

Garden Committee

The Erie Village Garden Committee is always looking for volunteers to assist with our many beautiful seasonal planting beds. They need help with planting, weeding, mulching and watering during the growing season. If you enjoy gardening and would like to help us out, please contact either Millie Sitnik at 637-1370 or Peter Monteleone at 329-0181.

FEMA

Dick Sparrow, Board President informed the board members that Erie Village is not considered in a flood zone. Maps should come out officially in about 6 months.

Annual Trail Cleanup

The Erie Village annual trail cleanup project will take place on Saturday, May 12th from 9:30 to 11:30. We are looking for volunteers. Please bring gloves, rakes, short beak loppers, small tree saws, etc. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Meet us out on the trail path—the more volunteers, the quicker we can accomplish our task.

Beach Use

The beach area has already been roto-tilled for the upcoming swimming season which will be upon us before you know it. Although, we did have some brave souls who ventured in during our earlier warm spell at the end of March!

Remember, use of the beach is for residents only and their accompanied guests. Please be prepared to show ID if asked. Each of us as homeowners has the right to question anyone we feel may not live in the village.

This is for everyone's safety and protection.

The Town of Manlius Highway Department Projects in Erie Village

The Highway Department has dredged out and cleaned up the drainage "ditch" that comes from the old landfill, under Burdick Street and into our front pond. There is very little pitch leading to the pond, but this project should help alleviate the standing water problem in that area.

Wynn Collins is arranging for laying some topsoil in an adjacent low spot to complete the project.

The town will also move the boulders between Midlake Circle and Lane W to the sides of the pavement and install removable "Fire Lane" signs to allow emergency access through this area. This was a request of the Minoa Fire Dept. The area has been marked for underground utilities and signs have been made so this should be completed in the next few days.

The shoulders along Summerhaven Dr. South at the front entrance will also be worked on. Upon closer look this area is not suitable for placing gravel as it would take considerable work to dig it out so the gravel stays on the sides of the road and not on the pavement. The Town will fill and reseed it again and then stake it in an attempt to make it look better. If this doesn't work then they will consider a more intensive project in the future

Recycling News

Each week, Onondaga County residents do a terrific job of sorting their recyclable materials from their trash , and placing their Blue Bins at the curb for pick-up by their waste hauler. In fact, our community is on track to recycle another 40,000 tons of material this year through OCRRA's curbside blue bin program.

Perhaps you've noticed changes in how our Erie Village hauler is collecting and transporting our blue bin materials.

Have you seen a new or different type of collection vehicle picking up your recyclables?

Have you seen our hauler mix recyclable papers with other recyclable containers?

Please be assured that the materials you place in your blue bin each week are truly being recycled.

If you are unsure of what items should be placed in your blue bin, you can either go out to the OCRRA website at <u>ocrra.org</u>or by calling 453-2866.

Annual Community Garage Sale

Saturday June 9th 2012 9AM-4PM

Cost-\$3.00 per Garage

It's easy to participate. Just sign up before the 9th and we will take care of the advertising for you. Don't have enough to sell on your own? Team up with a neighbor and split the \$3.00

All you have to do the day of the sale is open up your overhead garage door and let the selling begin.

Please mail or drop off check (payable to EVHOA) or cash to Jean DeSantis, 35 Parkington Circle, E. Syracuse, NY 13057 with your name and unit number.

We will place ads in the Post Standard, PennySaver as well as place signs in and around Erie Village.

This is a very popular annual event and also a lot of fun!

If you are not participating, we ask that you keep your overhead door closed the day of the sale as to prevent any confusion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jean at 637-0018 (leave message).

Garage Sale Leftovers??

If after the garage sale you still have items you would like to get rid of, consider donating them to the St. Matthews "Second Time Around" store. You can conveniently call Mary Locaputo at 637-9058 and arrange to drop off items at her home. She will supply you with a receipt for your items. Mary cannot accept electronics including televisions or computers and also furniture.

She will also accept items any time during the year.

An option for larger items is the Rescue Mission. You can reach them by calling 474-1261, ext. 208.

Fayetteville Beautification Committee Garden Tour

Six Beautiful Fayetteville Gardens!

Saturday, June 16th 10:00AM-4:00PM

Tickets \$10.00

Tickets will be sold at the Senior Citizen Parking Lot 584 E. Genesee Street beginning at 9:00AM

Fayetteville Beautification Committee Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19th 9:00AM-4:00 PM

The Gazebo at Fayetteville Towne Center

Perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables and hanging baskets from Debrucque Greenhouses, providers of our flower pots

Money raised will go towards planting and maintaining the flower pots in Fayetteville

Disposing of Barbecue Propane Tanks	Lawn Repair Complete	
The small 1 pound empty (the little green ones used for camp- ing) can be placed directly in your trash. Please ensure that they are empty as contents under pressure can ignite and cause fire damage. Larger 20-pound tanks used with full size outdoor grills, can be refilled and reused repeatedly. Twenty pound (and larger) tanks should never be tossed into the trash or blue bin. If you would like to dispose of one of these larger tanks, there are a number of locations that will take them	Our snow plowing contractor has repaired all the win- ter plowing damage. New seed was spread in dam- aged areas and fresh soil along with hay. Please be careful when turning into driveways. These areas need to begin to take route. In addition repair work has been completed along pub- lic roadways where needed so try to avoid driving on lawns.	
Each location has different tank preparation requirements. The closest to Erie Village are:	We would like to avoid unnecessary cost to our residents by having to repair an area more than once.	
BJ's Wholesale Club, 2 Chevy Dr., E. Syracuse 434-9100		
Energy Gases, 5851 Butternut Dr., E. Syracuse 446-8400		

Gardening in Erie Village

Protect plants without pesticides: Garlic and cayenne can be used to deter pesky aphids. Coffee and eggshells can be sprinkled around the base of plants to repel ants, snails and slugs. Be sure to research any effects organic treatments may have on beneficial insects like ladybugs.

Gardeners Gold: The process of composting will turn your food scraps into nutrient rich soil to fertilize your garden naturally. Check your local gardening store or online at most garden websites for additional information on home composting.

Cold-Hardy Plants for Northern Gardening—Blueberries, both wild and many cultivated varieties, are winter-hardy favorites. Available in high and low bush versions, blueberries will produce fruit from early July through late August. If you don't pick the blueberries yourself, you can enjoy the many birds that will frequent your yard to pick them for you. A strong frost late in the spring may kill off some of the early buds and reduce the number of berries in a single year, but the plants will survive and produce for many years through the coldest winters.

Tiger Lily: These tough as nails perennials provide large bright orange flowers to brighten any landscape. Tiger Lilies will spread as the underground bulbs multiply. Established sets can be dug up and moved to new locations. No northern winter is too cold for this plant.

Instead of purchasing expensive landscape cloth, herbicides or spending hours on your knees pulling weeds, good old fashion newspaper is a great substitute to control unsightly weeds.

Use several sheets of newspaper as you would landscape cloth. Cover the paper with soil, mulch or landscape stones. It allows moisture into the soil and blocks most weeds for at least 3 years. The thicker the layer of paper the longer it will last. Eventually the newspaper composts into the soil.

Also, run old newspaper through your paper shredder and add it to your compost pile. It will turn to compost within a few weeks.

Does anyone have additional gardening tips?

Please send your suggestions as well as gardening tips that have worked for you to your editor for publishing in future newsletters.

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 information to Jean DeSantis, 35 Parkington Circle or email and reference Erie Village Newsletter in subject line to <u>imdparkev@juno.com</u>. For questions call 637-0018.

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.

LOST



Set of keys including a Toyota Key Fob attached to a small change purse. Please contact Jean at 637-0018 if you have seen it.

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.

OCRRA Scheduled Events

Shred-O-Rama—May 5th and September 22nd both to be held at Alliance Bank Stadium from 8am—noon

Household Hazardous Waste Day—May 19th, July 21st and October 6th all to be held at Ley Creek Station from 8am— 2pm.

You will need to sign up ahead of time for the Household Hazardous Waste events and also to get a list of items that will not be accepted prior to the dates listed either by going online to www.<u>ocrra.org</u> or by calling 453-2866.

Some other helpful recycling tips:

Soft cover telephone books can be placed in your blue bin for recycling.

Looking to dispose of fluorescent light bulbs any time during the year? Some of the locations that they can be dropped off are, Village ACE Hardware in Fayetteville, Manlius True Value in Manlius, Home Depot or Lowe's.

Need to get rid of old televisions, computers and other electronics? Well if your TV is still working and is no more than 8 years old, consider contacting the Salvation Army at 445-0520 ext. 320. The Salvation Army also accepts newer working computers and monitors (flat screen only).

Staples and Best Buy also accept items but check ahead of time because there are some restrictions.

Looking for Bottle and Can Donations

Danielle Dillon, Lorrie Hickox's granddaughter, is planning a class trip with her school to the Florida Keys with the Environ-



mental Club in June. While there, she will tour a marine reserve, study reef life and swim with dolphins. She will be collecting bottles and cans to help support her trip. If you can help out, please drop off your bottles and cans at 55 Parkington Circle or we can arrange pickup. Thank you. Lorries' number is 637-2838.

Pun of the Month

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still

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Board Members	Board Members		
Dick Sparrow - President			Erie Village Reads
Tom Callender - Vice President		WEBSITE	Book Discussion Group
Richard Lelong - Secretary		Don't forget to visit the	
Dick Clark		Erie Village website,	
Jim Kraus		www.erievillagehoa.com.	Book Club
Sally Oot		Ongoing additions and	
Fred Greenfield		refinements make it worth-	
Paul Franklin		while to take a look at it.	
Joan Hagenzieker		Any questions—contact	The Erie Village book group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We read fiction and non-fiction and we encourage
Ed Ihle Jean DeSantis		our Web Administrator	and warmly welcome new members. Please call Janey Pajak 637-1761
		Marj Schaff	pr email jpajak@twcny.rr.com if you would like to join our friendly group.
Ed Bangel - Treasurer			We welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and comments!
Committee Chairperso	ns:		
Architectural		ong and Sally Oot	At the April 11th meeting, we welcomed new member, Carol. We had an
Decks	Millie Sitnik		Interesting discussion about <u>Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight</u> by Alexandra Fuller, a memoir about growing up in South Central Africa.
Elections	Richard Lelo	ong and Sally Oot	We enjoyed Malva Pudding, a dessert that is commonly served in
Environmental	Environmental Millie Sitnik		Zimbabwe and South Africa. Try it, it's delicious! The recipe
Finance and Erie Link	s Liason – J	im Kraus	was created by Art Smith for the Oprah show.
Garden Committee	Peter Monte	leone	
Grounds Maintenance	ounds Maintenance Sally Oot and Joan Hagenzieker		Ingredients for Malva Pudding
Painting	Wynn Collin	-	3/4 cup sugar 2 large eggs
		Ed Bangel and Paul Franklin	1 tablespoon apricot jam (or preserves, chopped very finely)
Roads & Driveways		w and Tom Callender	5 ounces all-purpose flour
Rubbish			1 teaspoon baking soda
Snow Plowing	Tom Callender, Paul Franklin,		1/2 teaspoon salt
Fred Greenfield, Richa			1 tablespoon butter (a generous tablespoon) 1 teaspoon vinegar
Trees	-	-	1/3 cup milk
Website	Joan Hagenzieker and Bart Solenthaler		
website	Marj Schaff		3/4 cup fresh cream
Report Concerns to our Office			3 1/2 ounces butter 5 ounces sugar
•	All residential concerns should be reported to 656-5148.		1/3 cup hot water
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number so that we can contact you. Also remember that all written notification should be mailed to the Erie Village Home-			Directions
owners Association, 5900 N. Burdick St, Suite 110, E. Syra-			Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat or whip the sugar and eggs, preferably in a food processor, until thick and lemon colored. Then, add
cuse, NY 13057.			the apricot jelly (or jam) and mix thoroughly.
Wynn Collins—Maintenance Mgr. <u>EVHOA@cnymail.com</u>			
Website:www.ErieVillageHOA.com			Sieve together the flour, soda and salt. Melt the butter (do not boil!) and
vvebsile. <u>www.ErieVil</u>	lagenUA.co	<u>)111</u>	add the vinegar. Add this mixture, as well as the milk, to the egg mixture
	*** ***		in the processor, alternately with the flour. Beat well.
Erie Village "GO GREEN" Initiative			Pour into an oven-proof dish, and bake for 45 to 50 minutes. In a pot,
Please consider rece	Please consider receiving the monthly newsletter via		melt together the ingredients for the sauce. When the cake is half way
email. It's as simple as sending a quick email to your			baked, take it out of oven. Make holes in cake and pour the sauce over
			the pudding. Return to the oven. Read more: <u>http://www.oprah.com/food/Malva-Pudding#ixzz1rplSXRJu</u>
editor referencing in the subject line EV-GO GREEN at			
			Our upcoming meeting schedule is as follows: May 9 <u>The Book Thief</u> by
If you would like to have your newsletter mailed to you while			Markus Zusak, at the Fayetteville Library Community Room. June 13, the Payne residence, 330 Summerhaven discussing <u>Ben Behind His</u>
you are away, please provide self addressed stamped enve-			Voices, (author Randye Kaye who is a member's cousin). July 11 at the
lopes and we will make sure you are kept up to date on any			Peer residence, 56 Parkington discussing The Year of Pleasures author
news. Drop them off	•	· · ·	Elizabeth Berg. August 8 at the Ralph residence, 346 Summerhaven discussing The Madonnas of Leningrad author Debra
			Dean. September 12 at the Goldberg residence, 201
L]g			Summerhaven discussing <u>The Litigator</u> by John Grisham.

Sewing Thread

If you are doing some spring cleaning and find some sewing thread you no longer want, I'm interested. Any color, amount, or type is used in a variety of crocheted items that I make.

I am willing to pay a nominal amount (call Teresa at 637-3107) or if you just want to get rid of it, drop it off at 66 Midlake Circle. Thank you!

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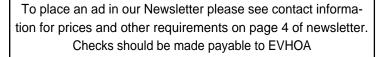


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Contact Patti Jewett at 699-0493 or 380-4714. pjewett@twcny.rr.com.



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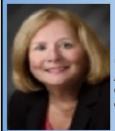
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