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# ERIE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## August 19 Board Meeting Hi-lights

### Resident's Comments

Bart Solenthaler, former board member and former chairman of the grounds maintenance committee along with his wife Shirley attended the August meeting to voice their concerns about the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. They have now been spotted in Central New York.

We have approximately 91 ash trees in Erie Village and they are in jeopardy of being attacked and destroyed by these beetles. They are extremely devastating and this would be a serious loss to Erie Village.

The board is already seriously looking at options to address the threat (see comments under grounds maintenance).

### Treasurer's Report

Ed Bangel presented the financial statements for period ending July 31, 2013. He reported that there is not much change to cash, with interest rates almost non-existent.

Ed did report that we have received an initial \$100K from our insurance carrier to cover the damages from the May storm.

In the area of revenues and expenses, we are \$103K ahead of budget. As stated in previous reports, much of this is due to the slow start of our maintenance season due to the weather, compounded by resources being redirected to repair storm damage.

### Manager's Report

Wynn Collins, Erie Village Maintenance Manager was on vacation for the August meeting, so Dick Sparrow presented his report.

Repairs associated with the storm damage are more than 90% complete. Painting is a bit behind due to the weather.

The painters are scheduled to be done by the end of September.

The new pads for the mailboxes are in and we are waiting for the Post Office to install the new boxes. Residents impacted will receive new keys at that time.

Dick also reported that he believes all of the Time

Warner issues previously reported in the August newsletter have now been resolved. Thank you to those residents who let us know that they were impacted. If you are still having issues, please contact Time Warner directly, but also let us know by leaving a message on our office line or emailing us.

### Grounds Maintenance

Joan Hagenzieker reported that chemical treatments to our lawn areas began on August 19th. Pruning as of the August meeting was just about complete for the 2013 season.

Joan also presented a report on the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. With 91 trees at risk, she stated that we may not be able to save all of them.

One option is to treat (inject) 25 trees next year and then 25 trees the following year. Each treatment is good for two years but extremely expensive. The remaining trees would more than likely have to be cut down and disposed of including stumps. Again, this would be a large expenditure.

**Grounds (continued)**

Joan is continuing to investigate options, checking with other communities and environmental organizations to see what can be done.

**Architectural Control**

Mike Brick reported that he received five requests for changes over the past month. One was for a gutter installation, and two for planting changes. All of these were approved. A request for a deck extension was just received which was also approved. A request to plant a tree between units on lane K was denied due to the size of the tree.

**Covenants Clarification**

Richard Lelong reported that we have received 340 yes votes to date to more than meet our requirement for acceptance. He is finalizing the paperwork with our legal counsel for the next step in filing them with the state.

Richard also reported that the changes to the by-Laws and

establishment of rules and regulations are just about complete. Once all changes have been made, they will be communicated to all owners and residents. These changes enable the board to enforce violations.

**Environmental**

Richard Lelong reported that he met with our legal counsel concerning the use of pyrotechnic guns for goose control. Due to liability issues, only our licensed contractor, Take Flight Goose Management should be using them.

Mike Brick reported that the July water sample report came back with positive results. The August sample was just sent off to the lab.

Jean DeSantis brought up another issue that is impacting our lake and ponds. Due to the large amount of rain compounded by extremely hot and sunny days, the lake weeds have become a problem.

They are starting to fill in areas and if you are a swimmer or boater, you can see that they are not contained to any one area on the large lake.

Options to remedy include chemical treatments, hiring a weeding machine or simply hand raking them out of the lake. These options have not been all that successful in other communities and are not a one time solution.

**If there is anyone in the community that has some knowledge or experience in this area, please contact Jean DeSantis at 637-0018.**

**Town of Manlius**

The Minoa Fire Department was once again in Erie Village the night of the board meeting for water rescue drills (see pictures).

Dick Sparrow reported that the Town will plow the Midlake Circle extension this winter. They are also going to do some work on the catch basin behind unit 455 as well as the one on Y lane.

**Other Committees/Matters**

There was nothing else of significance to report this month.



**Photos courtesy of Staff Photographer—Lorrie Hickox**

## Pet Responsibility

Dog owners can make a positive change in our community by cleaning up after their pets. This will help to keep local water resources clean.

When rain or snowmelt flows over land surfaces, it carries pet waste and other pollutants to storm drains and eventually flows into nearby lakes, streams, and wetlands. The polluted runoff contains harmful bacteria and nutrients such as phosphorous and nitrogen and can make lakes and streams unsafe for drinking and recreational use. Microorganisms found in the dog waste can cause human diseases and health problems from roundworms, Giardia and Salmonella, viruses, and parasites. Nutrients and phosphorus from the waste will also promote the growth of unwanted algae and rooted plants in lakes and streams.

One day's waste from a large dog can contain 7.8 billion fecal coli form bacteria.

Always bring a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog. Use the bag like a glove, pick up the pet waste, turn the bag inside out, and seal it. Place the bag in the trash or flush the un-bagged waste down the toilette.

**Scooping your dog's waste isn't just a courtesy for those walking behind you; it also keeps our water resources clean.**

## Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if every U.S. household replaced just one regular incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb, it would prevent 90 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, the equivalent of taking 7.5 million cars off the road. And the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that by replacing regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs at the same minimal rate, Americans would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes a year.

On top of that, replacing one regular light bulb would save consumers \$30 in energy costs over the life of the bulb.

CFL's use at least two-thirds less energy than standard incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light, and they last up to 10 times longer. CFL's also generate 70 percent less heat, so they are safer to operate and can also reduce energy costs associated with cooling homes and offices.

## Fall is Almost Here!

For Central New Yorkers, the end of the State Fair usually marks the beginning of the fall season. Children are already back to school and football season has started.

Here are some reminders to prepare your home and property for the upcoming "chilly" months.

Disconnect and store garden hoses to prevent freezing over the winter. If possible, shut off the water to outside faucets.

Check and close foundation vents (if applicable).

Check and clean your house gutters.

Add weather stripping to doors and windows as needed.

If you haven't already done so this season, consider staining and sealing your deck. Moisture getting into wood decks and freezing can do lots of damage.

Have your heating system checked and cleaned, and don't forget to change your furnace filter.

Wash your windows—get your windows washed before cold weather hits and you'll have a clear view this inter. In addition, dirty windows can reduce the amount of natural light coming through, and in winter, getting as much light into your home as possible is important.

Clean carpets and upholstery—they can harbor allergens and cause problems for you this winter, especially if a furnace or air handler is moving air around. You'll likely spend more of your time indoors than you do in other seasons, so you want your home to be as free as possible from dust, dirt and other allergens.

Check dryer vents and clean out an build up of lint.

Check to ensure that all of your windows are closed and latched.

Check outside lights and replace any burnt out light bulbs. Reset light timers if applicable.

## Bulbs (continued)

The only real drawback to using these bulbs is that each one contains about 5 mg of mercury, a toxic heavy metal that can cause serious health problems if inhaled or ingested over a period of time or in large enough doses. As a result, many environmentalists and other experts recommend recycling CFL's to make sure they don't end up in landfills.

To save the most energy and money by using CFL's, the U.S. EPA recommends replacing standard bulbs in areas where lights are used frequently and left on for a long time, such as family rooms, living rooms, kitchens, dining rooms and porches.

(Article from About.com writer Larry West)

## Upcoming Town of Dewitt Trips

### Vernon Downs Casino

Thursday, October 10th—Join us for a full day of gaming and fun! Price includes \$10 **free** slot play and buffet lunch at Champions Restaurant. Buffet is served from 11:00—3:00. You must have a picture ID with you. School bus leaves Town of Dewitt Parks Maintenance Facility at 9:00am and returns at approximately 5:00pm. \$15 to Dewitt residents and \$20 to non residents.

### Aladdin World Premier at the Ed Mirvish Theatre plus Royal Ontario Museum Toronto, Canada

November 13th—Join us this fall as we travel to the Sheraton Center—Toronto for the Premier of Aladdin, Disney's new Broadway-bound musical adapted from the hit film featuring some of the best loved music by Academy and Tony Award winning composer Alan Menken. There is an underground walkway from our hotel to the Eaton Centre. Dinner on the 13th is at the hotel.

On November 14th after a buffet breakfast at the hotel we board our bus for the Royal Ontario Museum. Don't miss this rare opportunity at the ROM to see first-hand 170 exceptional artifacts of Sumer, Assyria, and Babylon from the British Museum, plus many more, all gathered under one roof for the first time. You can witness the innovations of Ancient Mesopotamia that made our world what it is today.

Our trip includes Center Orchestra seats for Aladdin, admission to the ROM, one night at the Sheraton Centre Toronto, two meals including dinner and a buffet breakfast, Choice International Escort, round trip motor coach transportation and all taxes and gratuities  
Single \$474 for residents, \$489 for non-residents

Double \$384 for residents, \$399 for non-residents

Contact Town of Dewitt Recreation Department before September 13th for additional information including payment—446-9250 X 9.

### Holiday Shopping at Waterloo Premium Outlets

Thursday, November 14th. Join us for a day of “retail therapy” at the Waterloo Premium Outlets for some holiday or personal shopping. Departure from the Parks Maintenance Facility at 9am on a school bus. Lunch is on your own at the Outlets Food Court. Departure from Waterloo is at 3pm with a return to DeWitt by 4pm. Cost is \$7 for residents and \$12 for non residents.

### Monty Python's Spamalot

A new musical lovingly ripped off from the motion picture Monty Python and the Holy Grail retells the legend of King Arthur and his knight of the Round Table, and features a bevy of beautiful showgirls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits, and French people. Did we mention the bevy of beautiful showgirls? Starring Bob Brown and Cathleen O'Brien.

September 8th at the CNY Playhouse at 2:00pm, Shoppingtown Mall (located near Macy's on the 2nd floor). Followed by a family style dinner at Rico's Restaurant. Transportation on your own. \$43 for both residents and non-residents. Tickets passed out at 1pm in front of the Theater

### Come Join Us—Singing & Entertaining Throughout the Syracuse, NY Area

Dewitt Choraliers & Dewitt Guys & Dolls—Town of Dewitt's “talented” Sr. Chorus (55+): rehearsals Fridays, 10am – 12pm, Dewitt Town Hall. Choral, solos, duets & ensembles. No auditions—just lots of fun & laughs

For more information call 446-6335 or 446-9250 X 9.

## Volunteers Needed!!!

**Many residents enjoy the beach and lake during the summer season. We need your help! The beach rope is coming out shortly for the winter and needs to be cleaned before it is stored. If you are willing to donate an hour (or less) of your time, please give Jean DeSantis a call at 637-0018.**



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Architectural	Michael Brick and Paul Franklin
Sub Committee - Decks	Millie Sitnik
Elections	Richard Lelong and Joan Hagenzieker
Snow Removal	Tom Callender
Rubbish	Tom Callender
Environmental	Mike Brick
Grounds Maintenance	Joan Hagenzieker and Sally Oot
Sub Committee - Chemicals and Trees	Joan Hagenzieker
Sub Committee - Lawns	Sally Oot
Sub Committee - Bushes and Shrubs	Millie Sitnik
Sub Committee - Flowers and Gardens	Peter Monteleone
Risk Management/Insurance	Paul Franklin
Roadways and Driveways	Dick Sparrow and Tom Callender
Finance and Erie Links Liason	Jim Kraus
Website	Paul Franklin
Covenants	Millie Sitnik
Painting	Dick Sparrow and Wynn Collins

If interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the committee chair(s).

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](mailto:jmdparkev@juno.com). For questions call 637-0018.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Upcoming Newsletter Change

Beginning in 2014, the Erie Village Newsletter will go to a quarterly publication. January, April, July and October. If there is anything of importance that needs to be communicated in between a short version will be considered.

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit the Erie Village website, [www.erievillagehoa.com](http://www.erievillagehoa.com).

Ongoing additions and refinements make it worthwhile to take a look at it. Any questions—contact our Web Chair Paul Franklin or Marj Schaff

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### 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.

## Erie Village Book Discussion Group



Our August 2013 meeting format was a unique and fun! Each member chose a different Agatha Christie novel and at the meeting gave a brief plot summary and a personal reaction. Everyone had very positive things to say about Dame Agatha Christie's books. We all agreed that her books are entertaining. We were pleasantly surprised with the way the stories unfolded. One thing Agatha Christie is known for is being able to remove suspicion from the actual murderer before the final revelation. I think we all agreed that her books show what a master of the craft she was. We also watched an 8 minute short feature on the DVD "Murder on the Orient Express." Agatha Christie's grandson, Matthew, who runs Agatha Christie Ltd., taking care of all the royalties on all works, plays and movies set up after 1955, talked about his grandmother and showed some family photos. He said what he would like people to know about her was that she was a great listener; she was very good at understanding relationships; she was wise; and she had

the ability to make people put aside their cares for a while and be entertained. What he wanted people to know most was that he misses her, even after she has been gone for many years, he still misses her. Agatha Christie wrote some 80 novels, various plays and other works. She was 86 years-old when she died.

Our upcoming schedule is as follows: We meet on September 11 at the Ralph residence, 346 Summerhaven to discuss The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom; October 9 at the Whitney residence, 385 Summerhaven The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy; November 13 at the O'Brien residence, 186 Summerhaven to discuss Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear. Afternoon of December 15 tentative lunch and movie The Book Thief. January 14, 2014 at the Payne residence, 330 Summerhaven to discuss Moloka'i by Alan Brennert. February 12, 2014 at the Peer residence, 56 Parkington book to be decided, one suggestion Sand

Castle Girls by Chris Bohjalian.

The Erie Village Reads Book Discussion Group

meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

We read fiction and non-fiction and we encourage and warmly welcome new members.

The book group is open to all Erie Village residents and we currently have 14 members.

Neighbors formed the group in 1998 or earlier and we are still meeting regularly.

Please contact Janey Pajak at 637-1761 ([jpajak@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jpajak@twcny.rr.com)) or Lenore Ralph at

627-0206 ([LJR0906@yahoo.com](mailto:LJR0906@yahoo.com)) if you would like to join.



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## 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.**

### September Volunteer Recognition

Many of you have probably noticed the many beautiful planting beds around Erie Village. They are a direct result of the dedication of our gardening volunteers. In the month of September we would like to recognize the following volunteers: Everett Brazee, Rose DeSantis Arlene Brick and Peter Monteleone. If you see them out working in the planting beds, stop and say hello. Also, if you have someone you would like to recognize for their thankless work for the Erie Village community, please either call or drop your editor a note.



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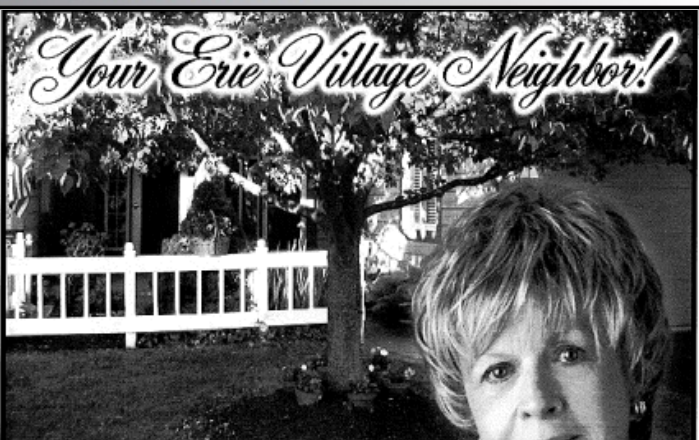


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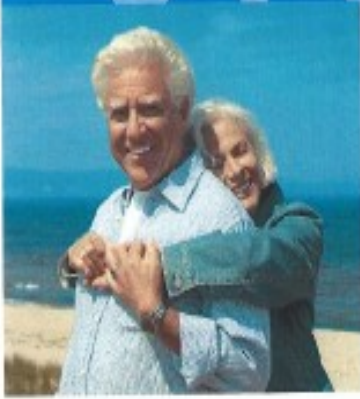
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