

# ERIE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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Hi-lights July 18th, 2011 Meeting

## Treasurer's Report

Ed Bangel presented the financial statements for period ending June 30, 2011. Revenues are right on plan while expenditures are still somewhat under due to a slow start to our planned maintenance activities because of the weather.

Insurance expenses are under year to date mainly due to the fact that the budget was prepared prior to the final figures coming in from our insurance provider. This may help to offset other areas.

Jim Kraus reported that there are two new members on the Finance Committee. Chuck Troendle and Mike Brick..

## Manager's Report

Wynn Collins, EVHOA Maintenance Manager reported that he is investigating the purchase of new signs to replace damaged or missing ones within the village. Hopefully by the August meeting we will have a decision as to how many are truly needed and where they will be placed.

Wynn also reported on fencing replacements both along walkways and decks. He is investigating vinyl fencing as a possible alternative to wood, which could cut down on maintenance in the future, but as with everything, there is an upfront cost. Currently, vinyl fencing has been installed at a few units within the village, two instances at the resident's request where they picked up the cost of the fencing and the Association covered the labor.

Currently, the preferred method is to repair the wood fences where damaged with the same material already there. More to follow in the next newsletter.

## Resident Issues Presented

Gerry Mahoney presented some issues and concerns to the board at the July 18th meeting. One concern was in regards to mulching around trees. It was suggested that the mulch be pulled back from the trunks of the trees to prolong their lives.

Gerry also raised a concern about the chemicals being used on the lawns. Pro-Scapes has assured us that the chemicals they use are safe. The question was raised as to the quantity and frequency of treatments. The Lawn Committee took note and will address the concerns with our vendor.

Residents Lorrie Hickox, Ro Day and Millie Sitnik presented issues concerning the beach. With the seasonally warmer than normal temperatures, the beach has been busier than in past years. Concerns were raised about non-residents using our facilities and unauthorized parking in designated residential spots adjacent to the beach. Five resident volunteers have been identified to assist in patrolling the beach area. They are tasked with confronting visitors to ensure that they truly live in the village or are with a resident. These volunteers have identification tags and may approach you if you are at the beach asking for proof of residency. We ask for your cooperation and assistance as this is not meant to offend anyone, it's a matter of liability. If you do not have a beach pass and would like one, please contact the office at 656-5148.

## Painting and Paving

Wynn reported that the painting is almost complete for the season. Paving started on July 18th and sealing will begin the 1st week of August. All painting, paving and sealing projects should be complete by mid September.

## Utility Boxes

Many of you are aware of a recent situation with a power outage and National Grid's ensuing power box cleanup in early July.

A transformer failed, resulting in a blown fuse on a power pole adjacent to Burdick Street. Several lanes, predominantly on the north side of the Village were without power for quite a few hours. At that time, National Grid was searching for the failed transformer and they encountered problems with overgrown trees and shrubs blocking their access.

They had to call in a special "forestry" crew apart from their regular line crews to clear out around the boxes. This added to the time residents were without power while they awaited the arrival of the special crew.

Fortunately after the overgrowth was cleared, they located the failed transformer at the first site they checked. At that time, we were informed that they would be back in the Village the following week clearing around all of the transformer boxes so they would not have similar problems in the future.

National Grid has a 10' rule policy and one that we have no control over in regards to plantings around power boxes. Over the years good intentioned residents have planted flowers, bushes and shrubs around the power boxes in an effort to shield them from view.

Unfortunately over time many of these plantings have grown resulting in the overgrowth problem. Some residents have planted shrubbery and flowers around the boxes to hide them from view. Unfortunately this is on common ground and most likely permission was not sought for these plantings. In any event, it is a National Grid policy and we have no recourse in the matter. We don't know if they ever publicized this rule and it never was a factor until they encountered this recent problem.

Not all the boxes ended up being cleared and some refuse was left behind. If any residents would like to volunteer to adopt a power box near their residence, we will arrange to pick up the debris. This would be a "one time" call for assistance to clean up what the forestry people left behind. Just leave the pile of debris next to the planting area and the HOA will arrange to have it removed.

## Boat Ramp

An area to the left of the dock at the beach has been cleared to allow boats to be launched. We ask that you try and keep watercrafts out of the roped swimming area. This is for both your safety and that of others using the beach.

## Poison Ivy Follow Up

Last month we provided some information concerning poison ivy which has been "popping up" around the village. If you believe that there are some patches near your unit, please contact either Sally Oot at 637-3866 or Joan Hagenzieker at 632-4928.

## Pets

Please keep your dogs leashed at all times while walking through the village. This is not only for their safety but for the safety of others walking, jogging or riding through the village.

Also, once again, please pick up after your pets. The common areas are utilized by many people including our lawn contractors who don't appreciate the messes left behind.

## Snow Removal

Although we are still in the midst of the summer season, specifications have been completed to send out for bid for the 2011-2012 snow removal contract. This year's bid includes specs for type of equipment, stakes, time and other requirements. The contract will be going out for four sealed bids.

## New Office Location

For those who are still mailing their monthly checks into the office, we have moved! The address is still 5900 N. Burdick St., but the Suite number is 110.



If you are interested in signing up for the auto pay option, you can obtain a form from our website or by calling the office at 656-5148. This is an extremely convenient way to pay your monthly fees and also saves the Association time and money.

## Gardening in the Northeast

Great-looking landscapes don't have to be a lot of hard work. If you pick the right plants, you can enjoy a yard that's filled with color from spring to fall -- without having to spend every weekend tending it.

**Astilbe**—Beloved for handsome foliage and dense colorful plumes of flowers, astilbe blooms in shades of pink, red, white, lavender in early summer. Many selections have bronzy foliage too.

**Veronica**—This versatile sun-loving perennial blooms through the summer in blue, purple, pink or white spikes.

**Miscanthus**—Perfect for any bed or border, ornamental grasses offer four-season interest. This plant is among the easiest to grow.

**Blue Star**—This extra-easy growing perennial takes heat and drought well, isn't bothered by deer or rabbits, and offers beautiful blue flowers in spring. It offers an extra bonus in that the foliage turns yellow before dropping in the fall.

## Gardening Continued

**Trillium**—Native to woodland areas of the region, trilliums love the shade and offer beautiful blooms in shades of white, yellow, or maroon.

**Coral Bells**—This slowly spreading plant is a hummingbird magnet; it produces spikes of bright red, pink, or white flowers in late spring and early summer.

**Bee Balm**—Bee balm is a beautiful regional wildflower that's adored by hummingbirds and butterflies. It will bloom all summer long and because of its mint smell many pests pass it by.

**Soapwort**—This relatively unknown plant deserves a lot more attention. It's a cinch to grow and features clusters of phlox-like pink, purple or white flowers in summer and fall.

More tips in next month's newsletter

## Summer Theatre Events—sponsored by the Town of Dewitt

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 thru August 22nd

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.

## 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.

## Board Members

Dick Sparrow—President  
Tom Callender—VP

Dick Clark  
Richard Lelong—Secretary  
Jim Kraus  
Sally Oot  
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](http://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

## REMINDER



Trash pickup will be delayed by one day  
Labor Day week..

Instead of Wednesday morning pickup,  
our service provider will not pick up until  
Thursday, September 8th

## 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 Home-  
owners Association, 5900 N. Burdick St, Suite 110, E. Syra-  
cuse, NY 13057.

Wynn Collins—Maintenance Mgr.

[EVHOA@cnyemail.com](mailto:EVHOA@cnyemail.com)

Website:[www.ErieVillageHOA.com](http://www.ErieVillageHOA.com)

### 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 #

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up to date on any news. Drop them off at 35 Parkington  
Circle.

### 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](mailto:jpajak@twcny.rr.com) if you would like to join.

#### ***Life’s short: Wake up and live.***

--Carlos Ruiz Zafon, Author

August 10 at the Goldberg residence, 201 Summerhaven:  
Is there a book that has left a deep mark on you as a  
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gust, you can read or re-read a personal favorite book of  
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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 mem-  
bers 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.



#### **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 recom-  
mended 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 Ben-  
ton Frank, Maine by J. Courtney Sullivan, Beach Lane by  
Sherryl Woods and Summer Secrets by Barbara Freethy.

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## WANTED

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 [jmdparkev@juno.com](mailto:jmdparkev@juno.com). For questions call 637-0018. To place an ad in our Newsletter please see above contact information for prices and other requirements. Checks should be made payable to EVHOA

## OCRRA RECYCLING SCHEDULE—2011

Household Hazardous Waste—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](http://www.ocrra.org).

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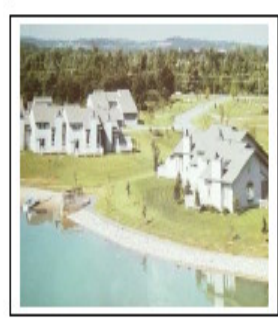
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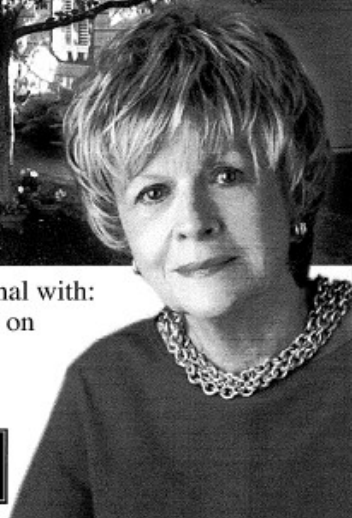
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