



From the Green



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Hello, Neighbor!

Happy Spring!

We're back with the fifth edition of your community newsletter, "From the Green". We hope you will find it to be a useful vehicle for connecting with us and with your neighbors here at Erie Station Village.

Have a business? Want to share a recipe? Looking for a group to play cards or other games with? How about an editorial on current events? We encourage you to participate, so please feel free to email us or call

us with content suggestions.

While we can't promise to include them all,

this is your community and your newsletter, and we will do our best to incorporate as many ideas as possible.



From Your Erie Station Village Maintenance Team

Happy Spring! Bulbs are blooming, trees are budding, and we are sure you are as excited about the upcoming season as we are. Now that it is time to pick up our yard tools, we hope that you will begin to notice big changes. Top soil and grass seed applications will soon begin, so please try and stay off these areas until the new grass is established.

On another note, our pet community is growing. Two new pet clean-up stations are being installed on the property to accommodate the

increase. Please use them faithfully for the benefit of all residents. Also, when you call the maintenance line to make a work request, or submit one online, please let us know if you have pets inside your residence. This way, if you are not home on our arrival, we can take extra care to prevent a member of your family from escaping.

Warm weather is arriving and residents are starting to bike their way around the area. Bike racks have been installed in garage numbers 7,15,24,27, and 37 with addi-

tional racks planned to arrive soon in garages 33, 42, 46, and 17. We ask that you utilize the racks that are available, and not leave your bikes in common areas or chained to the light polls in the parking areas. This will assure safety for other residents, and to protect your property from damage.

If you see any unsightly areas around the community that need attention, please call the maintenance line, or submit an online work order, and the area will be promptly attended to.



Just the FAQ's...

"Can I plant some flowers and vegetables that I like around my apartment or townhouse?" Yes! As long as you fill out a Garden Permit and have it approved by the landscaping staff. The reason for the permits is so that all staff members have knowledge of what residents are growing, and young plants will not be mistaken for weeds and dug up by the landscaping crew. These permits will be available starting April 15th.

Please call 334-6958 and one will be delivered to your residence.

"Dear Maintenance: I will be moving out at the end of the month. Is it OK to drive the moving van on the lawn to get closer to our door?"

Please do NOT drive on the lawn. Significant damage can result and you will be charged for restoring it to its proper state. Depending on the time of year, the vehicle could also become stuck in the mud.



A Few Words from Erie Station Village Concierge:

Here are a few ideas for enjoying everything Rochester has to offer this spring:

Wrapping Up The Year

The Memorial Art Gallery's exhibit, *Leaded: The Materiality and Metamorphosis of Graphite*, closes March 29th, and *GlassWear*, a celebration of glass and jewelry, will be featured from April 19th – June 28th. General admission is \$10, and reduced to \$6 on Thursdays from 5-9pm. College students are \$6;

kids 18 & under are \$4.

The Geva Theatre Center's latest show, *Sweeney Todd*, runs through March 29th and full-price tickets are now 2-for-1. There are two more shows this season if you miss this one – *The Ladies Man* (4/7 – 5/3), and August Wilson's *Fences* (5/19 – 6/21). Tickets range from \$20 to \$63, and every seat is a good one.

First Friday is a convenient way to visit galleries in the city of Rochester, and to mix in dinner, live music, or dessert at a coffee house. On the first Friday of every month, non-profit, university, and commercial art venues stay open late. You can drive to the venues or take the shuttle, which is free of charge.

Take in a baseball game at Frontier Field. The Rochester Red Wing's season starts April 9th, and tickets range from \$6.50 to \$10.50. There are fireworks for every Friday and most Saturdays that there is a home game.

If you're looking to spend a day outdoors, try going to Mendon Ponds Park. There are several hiking trails, ponds for fishing, a sensory garden, and areas to have a picnic. It's the closest park to Erie Station Village, and just a short drive away.

Call the Erie Station Village Concierge at 244-2040 for additional information and more ideas!

*** We had quite a crowd at this month's mixer – thank you to everyone who attended. Keep an eye out for an invitation to another ESV Concierge event this fall. ***



WHAT'S NEW: The Resident V.I.P. Program

We are pleased to offer this brand new DISCOUNT program to all of our residents at Erie Station Village.

We appreciate your choosing to make your home here with us, and we will do everything we can to make your life here as convenient, comfortable and care-free as possible. Toward that end, we have created the "Resident VIP Program". Over twenty local businesses have all agreed to extend a courtesy discount to you, our resi-

dents, which you can take full advantage of for as long as you live here.

Simply show the participating vendor your VIP Membership Card (details below) and receive a terrific discount! On top of the savings, you can also be proud of supporting local neighborhood businesses and the community you live in.

Brochures and VIP Member cards will be



mailed to you in the near future. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to call us, or just stop in for a chat!

ATTN: BRIDGE PLAYERS!
 Jean Doyle is looking for you!
 Phone: 486-4916
 Address: 530-2 Gilmour St



Erie Station Village, Swimming Pool.

POOL OPENING

Believe it or not, but the pool will be open before the next newsletter comes out, so we get to talk about it now!

Weather permitting, we will be open on weekends only beginning 05/23/09 (Mem. Day Wknd) until schools let out (towards the end of June). After that, the pool will be open daily from 8am until 9pm through the summer. Lifeguards will hang an "Open" flag in plain view

whenever the pool is open, so just glance out your window or give the Leasing Office a call if you're not sure.

A note on parking: the cul-de-sac in front of the leasing office is a fire lane and parking there is prohibited. Unfortunately, the Town will not allow us to create a parking lot on the other side of the stream without connecting the end of Hendrix Rd through to

the "other" Hendrix Rd (near West Town Village). This will also require a new bridge and culvert to cross the stream, with railings and pedestrian crossings to make it safe for regular vehicular traffic. If we had included this additional scope to the pool project, it would have delayed it for another year or two.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to say hello to your neighbors,

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and make the short walk over to the pool. If you must drive, please park in an available space along Gilmour, or parallel park along the straight portion of Hendrix Road to avoid being towed by the Town.

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Happy Holidays to All...

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Spring Thaw in
South Hadley

by Mary Jo Salter

Old snows locked under glass
by last night's ice storm left
curatorial Winter, in
whose hands alone we'd hope
to find the keys,
jangling them in the trees—.

not merely in these pine
needles by the fistful
gloved in crystal, but,
from their boughs, the self-
invented digits of
icicles addressed

(in a manner reminiscent
of the insubstantial
finger of a sundial)
less to a point in space
than effectively to Time,
the frozen moment.

By noon, the ice as thin
as an eggshell veined to show
life seeping yellow,
one's boots sink in
with a snap; the sap
underrunning everything

may be nothing but water, yet
there's a sacramental
joy in how, converting
to its liquid state,
it's anything but gentle.
A crash from Abbey Chapel—

who cut the string
that sent the white sheets falling?
Nothing but the long
scissors of the sun
unwraps such thunder. Even
a modest A-frame

in a muffled instant sheds
its wrinkling roofs of snow:
black butterfly below.
As if to make
one more clean break above,
the sky—seconds ago

one continent of cloud—
follows the drift of Spring,
splits and refits like Ming
porcelain. The plate
tectonics alternate:
white and blue, blue and white.



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