

# Erie Station VILLAGE

## From the Green

Community Newsletter

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### *Hello, Neighbor!*

*We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours the very best during this holiday season! We hope that you have had a healthy, prosperous year and want to thank you for making Erie Station Village your home.*

As the year comes to a close, its time for the Winter Edition of "From the Green". Grab a mug of something warm (or, in the case of our winter so far, maybe something cold!), your favorite chair, and a few minutes to relax.

While we love hearing ourselves type,

we'd much rather hear from you. 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? Remember, this is YOUR community and YOUR newsletter, so please feel free to **email us or call us with content suggestions and contributions.**

### **\$ TREASURE HUNT \$**

Somewhere inside this newsletter is the name of one of our Erie Station Village staff, spelled backwards. Find it and let the office know who it is and we will enter your name in a drawing for a \$150 rent credit or a free professional cleaning!

- All entries must be received by 5:00PM on Friday, January 8, 2016.
- Drawing will be held on January 11, 2016 and the winner notified on the same day.



### Just the FAQ's...

**“Dear Management: Am I allowed to have a live Christmas Tree in my apartment?”**

Yes! However, please take the following precautions:

- 1) NEVER use real candles to decorate a Christmas Tree;
- 2) Make sure to keep your tree well watered to help reduce its flammability and to help keep it looking its best throughout the holiday season;
- 3) When it does come time to dispose of the tree, please use a tree disposal bag or another similar device to prevent pine needles from littering common areas. Trees may be thrown in the dumpsters.

**“Dear Maintenance: I am going home to China for the holidays and would like to keep my utility bills as low as possible. Is it OK to turn my thermostat to ‘Off’?”**

No! PLEASE never turn off your thermostat during the winter; your water pipes may freeze and rupture, causing considerable damage to your and your neighbors’ apartments. Please set your thermostat NO LOWER than 50 degrees while you are away.

### A Few Words Your Concierge:

#### A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Well into the holiday season, we’re having some weird (and pretty wonderful) winter weather. If you’re feeling unsure of how to get out and about, your concierges are here to help! You can always give us a call at 585-244-2040 for personalized concierge service, but we also want to make sure you’re in the loop on two resources that are available to residents anytime at the click of a button: **the Erie Station Village blog and social networks.**

Community Alerts: You’ll find important updates about day-to-day life at Erie Station Village on the blog and across our social networks. By staying tuned in, you’ll get updates about amenities, opportunities to earn rent credits, and help making the most of life in our community. This is also another way the leasing office gets vital information to residents.

Local News: Sometimes Rochester news impacts our residents, and Erie Station Village wants you to be in the know. It won’t replace your news outlets, but relevant updates from Henrietta, Rochester, and

Monroe County will be posted (including news events like road closures, legislation changes, and neighborhood business closings).

Social & Cultural Events: Rochester is Festival City and much, much more! As the ESV Concierges, we keep our eyes on the local event scene and let you know what’s going on near Erie Station Village and throughout the region...not to mention events put together by our own leasing staff. Not-to-be-missed events will be featured on our blog, and you can follow on Facebook to get a steady stream of event alerts.

Tips & Recipes: From hosting a holiday meal in your apartment to keeping warm with a savory stew, you will also find articles and how-tos to brighten up any season.

#### Connect with Erie Station Village online!

- Blog:** [www.ErieStation.net/blog](http://www.ErieStation.net/blog)
- Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ErieStationVillage](http://www.facebook.com/ErieStationVillage)
- Twitter:** [@ErieStationVlg](https://twitter.com/ErieStationVlg)
- Google+:** <https://plus.google.com/107062175117156006407>
- Pinterest:** [www.pinterest.com/ErieStationVlg](http://www.pinterest.com/ErieStationVlg)

Is a lack of snow keeping you inside? Want to see us contribute something to the social & cultural posts? Let us know – we’re always here to help you make the most of Rochester! Please don’t hesitate to give us a call at **244.2040**, or email us at **ESVconcierge@gmail.com.**

*“In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.”*  
-Albert Camus



“NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR: Be a Good Neighbor”

If you're hosting a party, you shouldn't forget that other people live in your building too. It takes little effort to be considerate when throwing a party, and it's a great way to maintain a respectful relationship with the people who live around you.

Here are some ways you can practice "neighbor-friendly entertaining":

**Keep your party inside your apartment.** You've probably been to a party or two that has gotten so crowded that guests started spilling out into the hallway.

Remember, your apartment is exclusively your space, but hallways are part of the common area that you share with all the other tenants. So, if you're having many guests over and the party starts creeping out into the hallway, be sure to entice your guests to move back inside.

**Don't test your neighbors' patience.** Neighbors are more likely to complain or take action if you overdo it. Picture a party going on in your neighbors' apartment while you're trying to enjoy a

good book or favorite TV show and adjust the volume of your music—and guests—accordingly.

**Don't let neighbors' complaints escalate into a feud.** If neighbors complain to you after a party, they're most likely not looking for a fight but for a resolution to their problem. Always hear them out -- You may be surprised to find yourself agreeing with your neighbor that what they're asking is reasonable.

**Consider inviting neighbors.** Of course, if you're having family over for dinner, this isn't a sensible option. But if you're throwing a general type of party, consider inviting some neighbors, especially if you could use more guests. They might drop by just to make an appearance or not even come at all. But your neighbors will appreciate the gesture, and if they don't come, they'll be less likely to feel contempt or complain about other parties you throw.

-N2N



**YUM!**

Here's a delicious recipe for one of our favorite comfort foods:

**Chicken Pot Pie**

Ingredients (original recipe makes 8 servings. 415cals):

- 1lb skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cubed
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 3/4 cups chicken broth
- 2/3 cup milk
- (2) 9-inch unbaked pie crusts

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
2. In a saucepan, combine chicken, carrots, peas, and celery. Add water to cover and boil for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, drain and set aside.
3. In the saucepan over medium heat, cook onions in butter until soft and translucent. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, and celery seed. Slowly stir in chicken broth and milk. Simmer over medium-low heat until thick. Remove from heat and set aside.
4. Place the chicken mixture in bottom pie crust. Pour hot liquid mixture over. Cover with top crust, seal edges, and cut away excess dough. Make several small slits in the top to allow steam to escape.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool for 10 minutes before serving.

**From Your Erie Station Village Maintenance Team**

We are pleased to announce that **Mike Degus** has joined the Erie Station Village maintenance team! Mike has worked for us at another property since 2014, and brings years of property maintenance experience along with him. Welcome, Mike!



buildings and grounds. Please be assured that removing snow and ice from the sidewalks, patios, and parking lots will be one of our main concerns as the White Stuff begins to fly again. We kindly ask you to remove any personal belongings from your patios and or walkways and place them in storage. Having unblocked access to these areas will help us remove snow as quickly as possible. We suggest you also ask that you please move your car during a storm, so that the lots and driveways may be plowed effectively.

Help keep our community safe and well-lit: if you notice any lights out, please take a moment to notify the maintenance staff so we can replace them as promptly as possible.

The Maintenance Staff would like to thank you for your cooperation during this past year with our efforts to maintain the

*"Listening"*  
by Joan Adams Burchell

*I like the quiet on a winter's day;  
it has so much to say.  
It brings with it new ideas that  
ordinarily wouldn't come my way.  
Stillness - broken only by the whistle of a  
far-off train or the ticking of the clock;  
Stillness is when my mind and I never  
feel the need to talk.  
Eyes see more; thoughts are new;  
wonder plays a part;  
For in the stillness I hear those things  
that are deep within my heart.*



May your  
holiday season  
bring you peace,  
joy,  
good health,  
and prosperity!

-The Staff at  
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