



From the Green



SUMMER 2012

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\$ 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!**

- All entries must be received by 5:00PM on Wednesday, July 11, 2012.
- Drawing will be held on July 12, 2012 and the winner notified on the same day.

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Hello, Neighbor!

Happy Summer!

The phenomenal weather continues, and its shaping up to be a bright and beautiful summer. We hope you have exciting plans for travel or other fun ways to take advantage of the warm weather!

Here is a little light reading for you in the latest 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.

Remember, it is YOUR newsletter. Have a busi-

ness? 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 Staff: Community Garden

We are very excited to remind you about Erie Station Village's Community Garden. It is located just behind the maintenance building (310 Davies).

Several of your neighbors have begun planting in it, but there is room for more, and its not too late! Here are the guidelines for using the garden:

- Maintain and weed your own garden plot;
- Pick up your clippings and remove plants from the plot at the end of the season;
- No taking plants/harvestable veggies from other residents plots;
- Supply your own tools/gloves;
- No pesticides, but organic treatments are acceptable;
- Residents supply their own plants/tomato cages/supplies



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

residence.

“Can I store personal items in the garbage room?”

Unfortunately, no. Personal items should be kept in your apartment, townhouse, or, if you have one, garage.

“Can I bring a guest to the pool?” YES! You can bring 2 guests with you, but be sure to bring your pool pass!



A Few Words from Erie Station Village Concierge:

Summer Festival Fun

It wouldn't be a Rochester summer without an abundance of festivals to enjoy! We'd take up the entire newsletter if we were to list them all, but here's a good sampling of what's coming up. We'll share additional festivals throughout the summer on our exclusive Facebook group, so be sure to join (log into your account, search "Erie Station Village Concierge", and select "join group")!

THE BIGGIES

Not-to-be-missed festivals, these are the ones all of Rochester comes out for, which means you're pretty much guaranteed to bump into someone you know. These free events feature live music, craft and artist vendors, entertainment for the kids, and your typical guilty festival food pleasures.

Corn Hill Arts Fest. (July 9-

10) www.cornhillartsfestival.com

Park Ave Fest (Aug 8-23) www.rochesterevents.com/festivals-events/park-ave-fest

JURIED FESTIVALS

Fundraisers for their host institutions, these do have admission fees, but also have a more selective set of vendors, who are chosen by committee to show at these festivals. sillE.evaD

Arts at the Garden - Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion (August 18-19) www.artsatthegarden.org

Clothesline - Memorial Art Gallery (September 8-9) www.mag.rochester.edu/clothesline

FAIRS

Fairs are always so much fun, between the carnivals, livestock, entertainment, food, and more!

Monroe County Fair (July 11-15) www.mcfair.com

The Great New York State Fair (Aug. 23-Sep. 3) www.nysfair.org

OTHER FUN ONES

An assortment of other festivals you might enjoy. Visit their websites to see all they offer.

Big Rib BBQ and Blues Fest (July 12-15) www.rochesterevents.com/festivals-events/big-rib-bbq-blues-fest

Ten Ugly Men Festival (July 21) www.tenuglymen.com
Canandaigua Art and Music Festival (July 13-15) www.canandaiguartfestival.com

Here to Help

And remember, we're always here to help you make the most of Rochester! Please don't hesitate to give us a call at **244.2040**, email us at esvconcierge@gmail.com, and post to the **Facebook group**.

*“In summer,
the song sings
itself.”*

*~William Carlos
Williams*



WHAT'S NEW: Vacation Budgeting

No matter your financial situation, we've got some tips to make that vacation happen sooner than you thought possible...

Planning is Key

Plan your trip as far ahead as you can. You'll get better rates and have more room to negotiate.

Take your trip in the off-season. Feb-May and Sep-Dec are the least expensive times to travel. This does not include peak holiday times (Labor Day, Christmas,

Thanksgiving) as the amount of travel at these times drive fares through the roof!

Be flexible on your destination. Having 2 or 3 possible locations in mind gives you a chance to compare features and rates and get the most out of your trip.

Do your research. Look into the place you want to visit and find out if there are any special discounts or rates. Ask for coupons to restaurants and attractions.

There are many tourist websites that you can register with in advance of your trip that will email coupons directly to you. Look for these in the Chamber of Commerce websites for your chosen destination. Also, register to have guidebooks sent to your home. Inside these you'll find a variety of coupons for everything from lodging and restaurants to shopping and spas.

Use a variety of booking services and compare rates. You might

visit a travel agent, go to several online travel sites and call a few hotels and airlines directly. The more options you have, the better off you'll be.

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ATTN: SENIORS!

On the first Friday of every month we invite you to come to the Community Center for coffee, donuts and good conversation with your neighbors!

Starts at 9AM



Erie Station Village, Swimming Pool.

NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR: Pool Vandalism

Normally, we try to keep the content of this newsletter light and (mildly) entertaining. Recently, however, we have had some vandalism occur at the pool, and we wanted to get the word out so that future damages and downtime can be prevented.

We are in the process of installing additional

motion-sensing lights around the pool area, as well as a couple of security cameras with night vision capabilities.

The cameras will be on timers, set to only turn on from dusk until dawn and will NOT be operational while the pool is open.

"What can I do?" you

ask? Please keep your eyes and ears open, especially if you live in sight of the pool. It should become very difficult for anyone to spend any time back there without tripping the lights and being caught on camera. If you do hear or see any suspicious activity there or anywhere else in the neighborhood, please call the police!

WIN \$150 RENT CREDIT
See "Treasure Hunt" on page 1

They have been notified of this problem and will be increasing their patrols of the area.

Thank you, and have a safe, happy summer!

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Vacation Budgeting, continued...

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Think outside the box. Can you stay with someone or rent a home from someone you know? If you do, don't outstay your welcome. Pitch in for food and other costs so that your hosts feel appreciated (and will want to have you back again!) If you don't know anyone that lives where you want to vacation, can you camp instead of staying in a hotel? Even just a few nights away from the hotel can save you hundreds of dollars as well as add a unique perspective to your trip.

Compare rates for transportation. Do you need to rent a car or can you use public transportation to get around? If you can drive to your destination, consider renting a fuel-efficient vehicle instead of driving your own car. Check with your insurance company since you are likely covered on a rental car and don't need to take out additional insurance. Another option is to rent an RV. Renting a car will save wear and tear on your own vehicle.

If your destination is chock full of pricey spas, shopping and fancy restaurants, don't give into the temptation of emptying your entire savings account. Look for alternate entertainment including local productions of plays, check out the music scene by visiting a restaurant or bar with live music. Go on a tour of the town, plan a hike or have a picnic.

Be Prepared

Many people spend extra money on things they forgot to pack. Bring an umbrella, clothes for all types of weather, a camera, bug spray, sunscreen, sunglasses, batteries, a first-aid kit, pain reliever, maps and directions, every possible toiletry you use on a daily basis, an alarm clock, music and DVDs and reading material. Don't feel the need to pack light. When your travel companions are singing your praises for those Band-Aids you conveniently brought with you, you'll be thankful for your foresight. Pack some snacks and other non-perishable food. You may be used to eating some cereal for breakfast every day, so why not do so on your vacation as well? Eat lunches and dinners out but eat your snacks and small meals on your own. You'll save money and avoid gaining weight, too!

Plan wisely. Sure, you'll want to see everything you possibly can see but be careful that you're not scheduling so many things during your days that you'll need a vacation from your vacation. Remember what you're there for. Take some time to relax!

Getting the most for your money is the best way to make your vacation an economical one and one you'll be able to cherish.

S U D O K U !

Brain Boilers

(Answers available at the Leasing Center)

A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 x 9-square grid subdivided into nine 3 x 3 boxes. Some of the squares contain numbers. The object is to fill in the remaining squares so that every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.

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		6				8		
9				4			5	
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