



From the Green



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Hello, Neighbor!

We're back with the fourth 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

The Maintenance Staff at Erie Station Village would like to thank you for your cooperation during this past year with our efforts to maintain the buildings and grounds. After some delay, it appears that Winter may finally get started. We want you to know that our efforts to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks, patios, and parking lots will be one of our main concerns for the next few months. 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, and would be greatly appreciated. We also ask that you please alternate your parking spot choices during a storm, so that the lots may be plowed effectively.

Help keep our community safe and well-lit: if there are any light bulbs in your hallway or common areas that have gone out, please take a moment to notify the maintenance staff so we can replace them as promptly as possible.

Lastly, in our efforts to improve customer service, some of you may have already noticed that Stacey is now answering the Maintenance request line during normal business hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We are continually trying to improve our communications with all of you, so please don't hesitate to call should you need anything. We wish you the best in 2010!

Thank you for choosing Erie Station Village as your home, and Happy Holidays to you!



Liberty Pole, Downtown Rochester

Just the FAQ's...

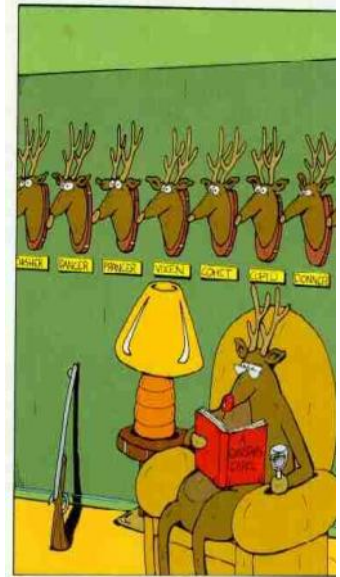
"Dear Management: Am I allowed to have a live Christmas Tree in my apartment?"

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 other similar device to prevent pine needles from littering common areas. Trees may be thrown in the dumpsters.

"Dear Maintenance: I am going home to Brazil 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, no 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.



All of the other reindeer USED to laugh and call him names...

Wrapping Up The Year

A Few Words from Erie Station Village Concierge:

As we say goodbye to 2009, and embrace the possibilities of what's to come, here are a few ideas about how to get the most out of Rochester in the next 365 days:

If you want to...

Connect with your roots: Visit the "Where We Live" exhibit at George Eastman House,

featuring hundreds of photographs of Rochester in honor of the city's 175th anniversary. If you're not from here, it's a great way to learn about the area and what makes its people tick.

www.eastmanhouse.org

Try Sushi: Go to Next Door Bar & Grill, the new Wegmans restaurant, which replaces Tastings (a Rochester favorite). Their selection of sashimi and rolls will please the palates of sushi veterans and newbies alike.

www.nextdoorbarandgrill.com

Give Back: Search openings for one-time or ongoing volunteer opportunities that match your skills and interests with the needs of dozens of

local non-profit organizations.

www.volunteermatch.org

Learn to Paint: Learn how to paint, draw, sculpt, watercolor, and make jewelry through the Memorial Art Gallery's Creative Workshops. Registration fees are quite reasonable and participants are taught by some of the best faculty in the area. New sessions start in the spring.

www.mag.rochester.edu

If you're looking for more ways to get out and about, call the Erie Station Village Concierge at 244-2040.

Happy New Year!



“Best Holiday Decoration Ever!”

"Good news is that I truly out did myself this year with my Christmas decorations. The bad news is that I had to take him down after 2 days. I had more people come screaming up to my house than ever. Great stories. But two things made me take it down.

First, the cops advised me that it would cause traffic accidents as they almost wrecked when they drove by.

Second, a 55 year old lady grabbed the 75 pound ladder and almost killed

herself putting it against my house and didn't realize it was fake until she climbed to the top (she was not happy). By the way, she was one of many people who attempted to do that. My yard couldn't take it either. I have more than a few tire tracks where people literally drove up my yard."

- Author Unknown



NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR: Neighbor-friendly Entertaining

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

A View From the Green...

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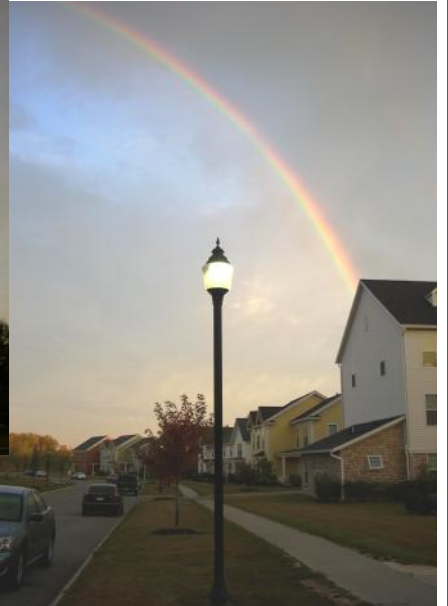
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Thank you to **Lauren Maskelony** for these beautiful pictures of a rainbow over Erie Station Village!

“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.*

