



From the Green



Winter, 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 or a free professional cleaning!**

- All entries must be received by 5:00PM on Friday, December 28, 2012.
- Drawing will be held on January 2, 2013 and the winner notified on the same day.

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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, it's time for the Winter Edition of "From the Green". Grab a mug of something warm, 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? This is YOUR community and

YOUR newsletter, so please feel free to **email us or call us with content suggestions and contributions.**



From Your Erie Station Village Maintenance Team

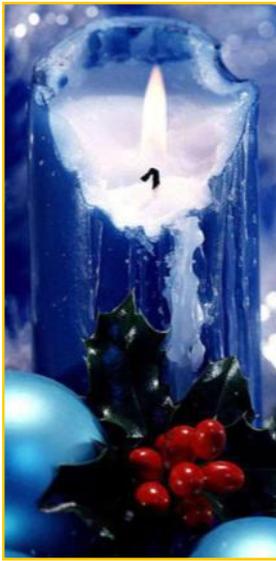
The Maintenance Staff at Erie Station Village would like to thank you for your cooperation during this past year with our efforts to maintain the buildings and grounds. We have had a very quiet start to the winter, but rest assured that our efforts to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks, patios, and parking lots will be one of our main concerns once 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, 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 you notice any lights out around the community, please take a moment to notify the maintenance staff so we can replace them as promptly as possible.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS:

PLEASE clean up after your pets. There are "pet stations" throughout the community for your convenience, and as a courtesy you are expected to dispose of your pet's waste immediately. Persistent neglect of this responsibility will place our "pet-friendly policy" in jeopardy.



"I'll have a blue Christmas, without you..."

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 Australia 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.



Santa visits The Gingerbread Family

Erie Station Village Concierge is on Facebook!

Your Virtual Concierge

Did you know that in addition to making concierge requests over the phone or via e-mail, we also have a Facebook group? If you lead a digital lifestyle, this is just one more way Erie Station Village Concierge can connect you to Greater Rochester!

"What's in it for me?" you ask?

We regularly post information

on local and regional events, unique business (think personal chefs and mobile oil changing services), run-of-the-mill businesses with exceptional reputations (like select tailors and florists), gift ideas, highly-rated restaurants, festivals, lectures, invitations to our semi-annual events...the sky is truly the limit.

will be able to see what you post!).

To join us, search "Erie Station Village Concierge" from your Facebook account, and click "request to join". We look forward to seeing you there!

As always, feel free to call or write to Monica with questions or to make a request ([244-2040/](tel:244-2040) ESVconci-erge@gmail.com).



"The Thinker—An Early Version" by Dominic Gabriel Infante

Have a question, but can't remember our e-mail address? Post it to the group.

Come across something your neighbors would find fun or interesting? Share it with them here!

Also, please note that it's *exclusive* to Erie Station Village residents (non-residents will not be able to join) and *private* (no one outside the group

P.S. Several residents asked for a birth announcement at our last event, so here goes! Monica and her husband, Peter, welcomed their first child, Dominic Gabriel Infante, on May 18th! He was 8 lbs. 2 oz. and 20.5" long, and has been a blessing since the moment he arrived.

“NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR: Be a Good Neighbor”

Somewhere along the line you’ve probably seen our slogan, “Welcome to the Neighborhood”. It is intended to evoke the architectural features of our “traditional neighborhood design”, but more importantly, it is also meant to promote the feeling of community that we hope our residents and staff will experience—as well as foster—while living here. So if you’re feeling a bit

disconnected or frazzled from the holiday crush, your job, or some other reason, tap into the wonderful support network that is all around you here at Erie Station Village.

- **Socializing:** With our busy schedules, we don't always see friends as often as we'd like. For a bit of socializing that takes only minutes out of your day, it's nice to

stop and chat with people for a few minutes on your way out to your car, or stop in and see us in the Leasing Office for a hot cup of coffee and a warm smile.

- **Pooled Resources:** Some people in well-established neighborhoods will share diners, minimizing the effort it takes to cook. Others trade fruit or vegetables from their gardens. A neighbor

who borrows a few eggs may come back with a plate of cookies that the eggs helped create. Knowing your neighbors increases everyone's ability to share.

- **Security:** Knowing the people around you can bring a sense of security. If you need something—whether it's a cup of something critical when you're cook-



ing, or someone to call the police if they see someone lurking in the parking lot--it's nice to know you can depend on those around you and they can depend on you.

- **Home Pride:** Knowing the people who live around you provides a strengthened sense of pride in your home and neighborhood, and coming home to a place where you feel you belong just feels nicer.

Be a good neighbor and a positive force for your community by getting more involved with those around you and taking pride in the area in which you live:

- **Get Out More:** Take advantage of our wide sidewalks and walking trails. It's a great stress reliever that also hta vroh yram allows you to get to know many of your neighbors, get an understanding of who lives where, and

feel more at home in your surroundings.

- **Smile:** It's simple enough, but if you're not in the habit of smiling and giving a friendly hello to the people you encounter in your neighborhood, it's a good habit to start. While not everyone will return the friendliness immediately, it's a quick way to get to know people and build relationships, even if you've lived close for years and haven't really

said much to one another.

- **Talk To Your Elders:** The more veteran members of the community often have the inside scoop on the neighborhood. You may be surprised at how much you can learn if you stop to take the time to talk to the sweet old lady at the end of the block.
- **Stop and See Us:** We adore visitors!

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This just in...

TREASURE HUNT SPECIAL OFFER!

In addition to the \$150 rent credit raffle, we're also throwing in a SECOND drawing for an hour's worth of professional cleaning from the Cleaning Authority as part of the prize (a \$75 value!). See "Treasure Hunt" on page 1 for details on how to enter the raffle.



Please join us at our BENEFIT for Lisa Sexton

Lisa is the wife of one of our maintenance technicians and is battling brain cancer.

- \$25 Donation
- Buffet Served
- Live Band
- Silent Auction

**Diplomat Banquet Center
Saturday, January 12th, 2013
from 12:00 to 4:00PM**

"Little Wing" - for the victims and loved ones of Newtown, CT

Fly, fly little wing
Fly beyond imagining
The softest cloud, the whitest dove
Upon the wind of heaven's love
Past the planets and the stars
Leave this lonely world of ours
Escape the sorrow and the pain
and fly again.

Fly, fly precious one
Your endless journey has begun
Take your gentle happiness
Far too beautiful for this
Cross over to the other shore
There is peace forevermore
But hold this memory bittersweet
Until we meet.

Fly, fly do not fear
Don't waste a breath, don't shed a tear
Your heart is pure, your soul is free
Be on your way, don't wait for me
Above the universe you'll climb
On beyond the hands of time
The moon will rise, the sun will set
But I won't forget

Fly, fly little wing
Fly where only angels sing
Fly away, the time is right
Go now, find the light...

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