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# From the Green

*Erie Station Village Community Newsletter*

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**Happy Spring!** One of the best things about our winters here is...when they end! Truly, though it can be difficult waiting for the really warm weather, there are few seasonal moments that rival that first breath of Spring.

And here to help you enjoy it is 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.

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.

While we can't promise to include them all, we will do our best to incorporate as many ideas as possible.

**We're on FACEBOOK too!**

<https://www.facebook.com/eriestationvillage>

## **\$ 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, April 8, 2016.
- Drawing will be held on April 11, 2016 and the winner notified on the same day.



## Just the FAQ's...

### “When will you open the pool for the season?”

Weather permitting, we will be open on weekends beginning 05/28/16 (Memorial Day Wknd) until schools let out (towards the end of June). After that, the pool will be open daily from 10am until 8pm through the summer.

### “Can I bring a guest to the pool?”

YES! You can bring 2 guests with you, but be sure to bring your pool pass!

### “Can I store personal items in the garage room?”

Unfortunately, no. Personal items should be

kept in your apartment, townhouse, or, if you have one, garage. There are free-standing garages for rent if you need one! Just call us for details.

“Can I hang pictures ?” Yes. As per your lease, you may hang posters, photographs, or paintings on the walls using appropriate picture hanging hardware.

However, **PLEASE** be aware that some walls contain plumbing pipes and/or heat ducts. Therefore, if you are trying to hang anything heavier than a normal picture (such as a flatscreen TV), you **MUST** contact us first for permission and assistance.

## A Few Words Your Concierge:

### The Sky's the Limit

One of our favorite aspects of being concierges at Erie Station Village is the variety of requests we get from our residents. Theater tickets? Check. Dinner reservations? Check. Airport transportation (our most common request)? Check!

Another common request we receive isn't related to arranging something – it's asking for examples of how to use the service.

First of all, you should know that ESV Concierge service is complimentary! The next thing we tell residents is that there's no "right way" to use the service, only what's convenient for you. The core of what we do is keep our fingers on the pulse of what's going on in the area so we can make up-to-date and relevant recommendations. But when we don't know the answer to your question right away, we dig until we can find it! And

finally, if desired, we'll make arrangements on your behalf. *(Please note that the purchase of any third-party products or services is the responsibility of the person making the request. For instance, we can research restaurants, recommend the best fit based on your needs, and make a reservation, but you would pay for the dinner.)*

That's the big picture.

*But what about some specific examples?* We're glad you asked! Here's a sampling of requests we've received that should give you a good idea of the scope of our services:

- Day trip options for family in town on an extended visit;
- Passport policies for crossing the border with children and procedures for obtaining documentation;
- Wine tours, including arrangements for transportation, tastings, and meals;
- Restaurant ideas for private college graduation dinner;
- Arrangements for pet sitting;

Venue scouting for a proposal; Family photographer research; "Typical" requests, like airport transportation, floral arrangements, dinner reservations, and theater/concert tickets.

*Is there anything you can't do?* We don't make official recommendations – especially when it comes to certain business categories like child care centers or physicians – but we do provide you with resources, ideas, and feedback so you can make your own decision. We also obviously can't help research or coordinate anything that's illegal. But other than that, you can use your imagination to put our skills to work and make your life easier.

If you have any questions or want to make a request, we invite you to contact the Erie Station Village Concierges at 585-244-2040 or [ESVconcierge@gmail.com](mailto:ESVconcierge@gmail.com)

*“The sun just touched the morning;  
The morning, happy thing,  
Supposed that he had come to dwell,  
And life would be all spring.”*

*-Emily Dickinson*

“NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR: Be a Good Neighbor”

**Be A Good Neighbor**

Here are some tips to being a good neighbor, submitted by...one of your neighbors!

Always stop at the stop sign. If you get in the habit of always stopping there will be no more close calls when a pedestrian is in the cross walk.

PLEASE pick up after your dog. No one wants to step in it and exposure to other dogs' waste can turn into a health issue.

Please don't litter.

Put your trash bag in the trash bin; don't just throw it inside the door of the garbage room.

If you are up very early or stay up very late, please tread lightly. Not everyone wants to get up at 5am or stay up all night.

During the hours of 10 pm to 8 am, please be kind to your immediate neighbors: ozzi arak don't run the dishwasher, vacuum, do a load of wash or have a loud party.

If your neighbor has planted a garden in front of their home please don't let your dog run and dig in it.

**THANK YOU!**  
-N2N

**LIGHT & SPRINGY Breakfast Porridge w/ Soft Egg and Pea Shoots**



- Ingredients:**
- 2 medium shallots, peeled, halved through root
  - 1 1" piece ginger, peeled, crushed
  - 1/2 cup brown rice, rinsed well
  - 1/2 cup red quinoa, rinsed well
  - 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
  - Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper
  - 2 oz young leafy pea shoots
  - 4 large eggs, room temperature
  - 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil, divided
  - 2 radishes, thinly sliced
  - Chopped unsalted, dry-roasted peanuts, fresh cilantro leaves, and sliced scallions (for serving)

**PREPARATION:**  
Bring shallots, ginger, rice, quinoa, and 8 cups water to a boil in a large saucepan, reduce heat, and simmer, stirring often after the first hour of cooking to prevent sticking, until mixture is thick like porridge and rice is very soft (should be starting to break down), 1 1/2-2 hours. Stir in more water as needed to achieve desired consistency. Discard shallots and ginger and stir in soy sauce; season with salt and pepper. Add pea shoots and cook just until shoots are wilted and tender, about 2 minutes.

Meanwhile, bring a large saucepan of water to a boil, then carefully add eggs. Boil 6 minutes (exactly), then transfer eggs to a large bowl of ice water. Let cool and peel.

Serve porridge, drizzled with oil and topped with soft-boiled eggs, radishes, peanuts, cilantro, and scallions.

**Do Ahead:** Rice and quinoa can be cooked 2 days ahead. Gently reheat with 2 Tbsp. water before adding soy sauce and remaining ingredients.

From Your Erie Station Village Staff

Please welcome Kara Izzo to the Leasing Staff! She will be helping out part time as we move into the busy season, so please be sure to give her a warm welcome if you see her or speak to her on the phone.



cations will soon begin. Please try and stay off these areas until the new grass is established.

Warm weather is arriving and residents are starting to bike their way around the area. We ask that you utilize the bike racks provided, and not leave your bikes in common areas or chained to the light polls, porch posts, or in the parking areas. This will assure safety for other residents, and protect your property from damage.

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 its time to trade in our plows for yard tools, top soil and grass seed appli-

If you see any 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.





## RESIDENT VIP PROGRAM

Don't forget, as a resident of Erie Station Village, you are automatically enrolled in our exclusive DISCOUNT program!

We appreciate that you chose 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 created the "Resident VIP Program". Over sixty local businesses have all agreed to extend a courtesy discount to you, our residents, which you can take full advantage of for as long as you live here.

Simply show the participating vendor your VIP Membership Card 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.

If you have any questions about the program, or for a complete list of vendors, please don't hesitate to call us!

**FIRST FRIDAYS ARE BACK!!**

**Starting May 6th, we invite you to come to the Community Center on the first Friday of every month for coffee, donuts and good conversation with your neighbors!**

**Starts at 7AM**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Resident Picnic:**  
**Saturday**  
**June 18th**  
 (stay tuned for details)

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**(Answers available at the Leasing Center)**

A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 × 9–square grid subdivided into nine 3 × 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 × 3 box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.



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