



From the Green

Your Erie Station Village
quarterly update...

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Treasure Hunt:

Somewhere inside this newsletter is the name of one Erie Station Village staff member, 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 5PM on **Saturday, December 30th**.

The drawing will be held on **Tuesday, January 2nd** and the winner will be notified on the same day.



Hello, Neighbor!

Brrrr... winter has made its way to Rochester. It's time to bundle up, embrace the snow, and enjoy all the seasonal fun that comes with it. It also means a new edition of From the Green. In this issue, we share fun ideas for winter activities around Rochester, feature a recipe for bucatini with sausage and kale, provide 3 simple rules for growing succulents, and more!

Have something you want to share with your community? Reach out to the Leasing Office and we'll do our best to share your ideas on social media or publish them in our next issue. We'd love to hear from you!

A Few Words from Your Concierges...

Sure, it's cold and snowy, but there are loads of fun things happening in Rochester that we can only enjoy at this time of year. Here are just a few of them to add to your calendar!

Star Wars: A New Hope RPO Concert

If you're looking for an out-of-this-world way to kick off the new year, this is it! Watch the classic 1977 film *Star Wars: A New Hope* on the big screen at the Auditorium Theatre while the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra plays the musical score live. There's only one performance at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, January 3rd. For tickets and information, visit rbtl.org.

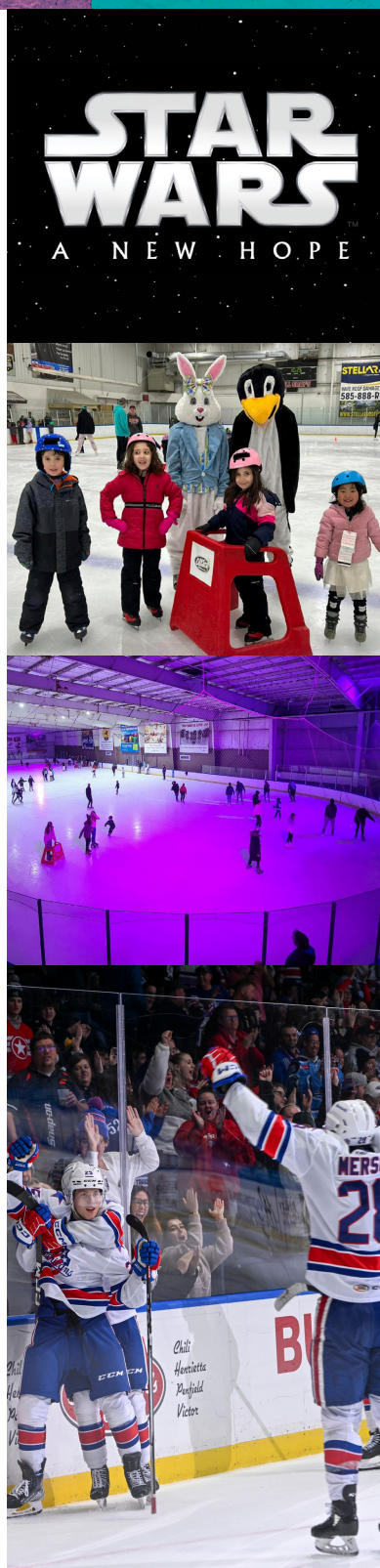
Open Skate at the Iceplex

Lace up your skates and hit the ice at the Tim Hortons Iceplex on the Monroe Community College campus. This 176,000 square-foot sports facility is home to 4 NHL-sized ice rinks! While they host loads of leagues and tournaments, they offer public skating time virtually every day. To see their schedule, get info on skate rentals, and check out their skating classes, visit timhortonsiceplex.com.

Rochester Americans Hockey

Winter in Rochester means catching a barn burner at the Blue Cross Arena. That's hockey lingo for a high scoring game with our own Rochester Americans! The team is playing regular season games at the Blue Cross Arena now through early April. If you haven't been in a while, it's one of the most affordable and fun nights out you can enjoy. For schedules, promotions, and tickets, visit amerks.com.

Call or write your concierges at 585-270-1617 or ESVconcierge@gmail.com for more ideas!



Community Reminders

- The leasing office is closed on Monday December 25th, Tuesday December 26th, and Monday January 1st.
- Please keep your thermostat set at 55° F if going away during winter.
- Please remember to pick up after your dogs.
- Change parking spots during snowstorms so maintenance can properly remove snow from all areas. Do not park in the spots where maintenance plows snow. Also, please make sure the front end of your parked vehicle is not hanging over the curb; snow removal personnel need to get by.
- The maintenance staff works hard all winter to keep our walkways and parking areas plowed, shoveled, and salted. Make sure to thank them when you see them out!
- Please keep cars locked at all times and never leave valuables in vehicles.

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Happy Holidays

Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyful holiday season and a happy new year!

- TheTeam at Erie Station Village



VIP Program Spotlight: Island Wraps

How can you feel like you're in the Caribbean when its winter in Rochester? Visit Island Wraps, our newest VIP Program partner! You'll find authentic Caribbean specialties like plantains, jerk chicken, tiger shrimp, oxtail, island grilled chicken, and more! They also offer delicious burgers, sandwiches, and salads. And the Caribbean vibes don't stop with their food, be sure to check out their island fresh ginger beer, hibiscus sorrel exotica, and citralicious orange lemonade!

You can find them at 5152 East River Road and online at islandwraps2go.com. Best of all, Erie Station Village residents get 15% off any purchase at Island Wraps!

Recipe Corner

Bucatini with Sausage & Kale

(MAKES 6 SERVINGS)

Ingredients

12 ounces of bucatini pasta
2 teaspoons plus 3 tablespoons
olive oil, divided
1 pound regular or spicy
Italian sausage

5 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
8 cups fresh kale (about 5
ounces), chopped
¾ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
Shredded Romano cheese

Instructions

1. Cook pasta according to package directions, decreasing time by 3 minutes. Drain, reserving 2 cups pasta water. Toss pasta with 2 teaspoons oil.
2. Remove sausage from casing. In a 6-qt. stockpot, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink, 5-7 minutes, breaking sausage into large crumbles.
3. Add garlic and remaining oil; cook and stir 2 minutes.
4. Stir in kale, salt and pepper; cook, covered, over medium-low heat until kale is tender, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Add pasta and reserved pasta water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until pasta is al dente and liquid is absorbed, about 3 minutes, tossing to combine. Sprinkle with cheese.



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3 Simple Rules for Growing Succulents

While they have a reputation for surviving the harshest desert climates, caring for succulents requires an approach that's different than most other houseplants.

Succulents have seen a big increase in popularity as houseplants. It might be because of their quirky shapes and varied textures. And it's also probably because they can survive some of the harshest conditions on earth. They're capable of living through lengthy droughts and extreme temperature changes better than most other plants. All of which makes them a good choice as a low-maintenance houseplant. But while they have a reputation for survival, that doesn't mean you don't have to follow a few rules, if you want yours to thrive.

Lots of Light

Succulents need light—lots and lots of light. When indoors, they prefer bright, indirect sunlight. A south or east-facing window is ideal. Given their natural desert habitat, you would think they need direct sunlight. However, direct sun through glass windows can actually cause them to sunburn. You'll know it if it happens because they get a whitish or brown discoloration. If you only have north or west-facing windows, you probably won't get enough light for succulents. In that case, you'll have to invest in a grow light for them.

Moderation in Watering

It goes without saying that any plant that loves the desert probably doesn't need much water. When it comes to succulents, overwatering is the most common problem. These plants store water in their leaves, which allows them to withstand drought. Indoors, they require watering only once the soil has completely dried out. Use your finger to test the soil's moisture level; if it's dry an inch below the surface, it's time to water. When you do, water thoroughly, allowing excess water to drain away.

Lightweight Soil

Succulents love a light, sandy, and well-drained soil to prevent root rot. You can buy soil meant specifically for succulents or make your own. Just mix potting soil with aroid ineb sand and perlite or pumice in a 1:1:1 ratio. This creates a porous medium that allows water to drain quickly and air to reach the roots. It's also important to make sure your pot or planter has drainage holes so excess water can escape. And while it's just for looks, it's nice to finish off the top of the soil with a thin layer of gravel or small crushed stones.



Remember, the key to succulent care is understanding their desert origins and mimicking those conditions as closely as possible. With the right light, watering schedule, soil mix, and pot, your succulents will be set up for success!



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