



VILLAGE DESPATCH

Spring 2010

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3rd Annual CleanSweep & Recycle Day 2010

The annual East Rochester **CleanSweep/GreenER** event, presented by the East Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Village/Town of East Rochester, was held on June 12th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. 143 volunteers donated more than 570 hours of community service.

EAST ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

In another example of East Rochester's efforts to "go green," since March 17, the ER Police Department has collected three filled/sealed receptacles of pharmaceutical waste. (see photo below)

On June 16, July 21 and August 18, the ER Police Department will provide a safe way to dispose of pharmaceutical waste. These may include outdated or unwanted prescription medications, over the counter medications, pill bottles, syringes and needles. Please **DO NOT FLUSH** unwanted medications down the toilet, because this is dangerous for the water supply.

The hours for Pharmaceutical waste drop off will be 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. For more information, please call 586-4399 or visit the Village website.

The next three Bulk Refuse pickup weeks:
August 2-6
October 3-7
December 6-10

Music & Arts SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES Edmund Lyon Park

This summer continues the revival of Music & Arts in East Rochester. All concerts begin at 7:00 pm. All movies begin at dusk.



Jeff Rialles Band

Wednesday, June 23
At the Eyer Building on Main Street

Sunday, July 11—Movie



Kickin Back

Wednesday, July 14
Edmond Lyon Park

Sunday, July 25—Movie



Watkins & the Rapiers

Wednesday, July 28th
Edmond Lyon Park



Its My Party Do Wop

Wednesday, Aug 4th
Edmond Lyon Park

Sunday, August 8—Movie



GET BACK (Beatles Tribute)

Wednesday Aug 18th
Location to be announced

Upcoming Dates

Public Forum 7:30 pm
July 8, August 5, Sept. 9,
Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 9.

Business Meeting 7:30 pm
July 12, August 9, Sept 13

Planning Board* 7:00 pm
July 13, August 10, Sept. 14

Zoning Board* 7:00 pm
July 20, August 17, Sept. 21

* A pending application is required and applicant must be on the agenda to participate.

How to Reach Us

Village of East Rochester
120 West Commercial St
East Rochester, NY 14445

Office Hours
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday

Department of
Motor Vehicles visits
every Wednesday
10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Phone 586-3553
Fax 586-4792
www.eastrochester.org



Chief Tando, Sergeant Monachino and Officer Tom Janus , with bin #3 of the Pharmaceutical drop off.

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ER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS.



The East Rochester Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. is in need of your help so that we may continue to provide our community with the best pre-hospital medical care available.

We currently have two different types of memberships available for persons 18 years or older:

1) Running Active Member – this member may become a driver or EMT/first medic and must be able to fulfill a minimum monthly requirement of 24 hours.

2) Auxiliary Affiliate Member – an applicant who is currently a member of any emergency services agency. This member may be a driver or medic and must be able to fulfill a minimum monthly requirement of 12 hours.

We offer a small stipend for taking calls and covering shifts.

Thanks to several East Rochester businesses (listed below), we are currently able to offer discounts on products and services from those businesses to any ambulance corps member.

Please support these businesses: Chateau Hair Design – (Amy Loughlin), Despatch Pizza Kitchen, Etna Bakery, Mac's Philly Steaks, Metro Health East Pharmacy, Johnson Property Management (Plowing and Landscaping), Pierce Automotive, Pat's Radiator Shop, Rubino's Subs, Salvatore's Pizzeria, Kate Gleason Memorial Pool, McShane Wellness Center, and Your Flower Shop.

For more information on the privileges and responsibilities of these two memberships or to make arrangements to visit our base and learn more about us, please call 586-5723 and leave your name and number. We will contact you to discuss this rewarding experience. We also offer an Explorer Post for young adults ages 14-21. If you are interested in joining, please call 586-5723.

The East Rochester Ambulance Corp. is a one hundred percent volunteer organization. The Ambulance Corp. is holding its annual fundraiser now. Please, help us so we can help you. Send donations to 254 W. Ivy Street, East Rochester, NY 14445.

ER COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



The ER High School cafeteria was the drop off site, to benefit the ER Community Resource Center.



Strader Caves and Chris Ross organized the "Scouting for Food Drive" for 2010

The East Rochester Community Resource Center holds its semi-annual clearance sale in mid-August. Please watch for signs so you can take advantage of our great deals on clothing, furniture and other household items.

Please call the Resource Center at 586-0525 if you would like to volunteer. Help is always appreciated and needed. We need drivers to take people to doctor appointments, pick them up for grocery shopping and delivering groceries to our clients who cannot get out on their own. If you want to volunteer, we have plenty for you to do!

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ER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Safety tips for a Safe Summer



The Easter egg hunt sponsored by the ER Fire Department was well attended as usual. This year, Despatch Pizza Kitchen donated ten \$10 certificates to put in special plastic eggs. Pictured is Margaret, 6, who came for her first Easter egg hunt and walked away with one of the golden eggs.

Summer season is here at last! Please take a few minutes to think about and practice some simple safety tips. Because lawn mowing season is here, think about the safest way to handle, use, and store gasoline. In the summer, gas expands and vents vapors in the storage containers as the temperature rises. These vapors are highly flammable and can ignite suddenly. When you plan on using your gas we recommend that you open the can outdoors. Take the can outside and open the vent first to relieve the pressure that may have built up in the can. This should prevent the gas from rushing out and spilling on your hands and clothing. When you need to refill lawnmowers and gas trimmers, allow time for the engine to cool off before attempting to refill the tank.

Mark your calendars for July 21 through 24, for the East Rochester Fire Department Field Days.

Schedule of events:

Wednesday 6-10 pm One price rides

Band 8-11 Mike & Sergei

Thursday 4:00 till GONE: Chicken BBQ

6-10 pm One price rides

Band 8-11 Fifty-Fifty

Friday 7 pm Karknocker 5K race begins

Band 8-11 Back in Time

8:15 Race Awards Presentations

Saturday 9 am. Revival of Kiddie parade!! Dress up and walk from Edmund Lyon Park to the carnival grounds.

12-4 pm One price for rides!

PARADE 6:30

Band 8-11 Northside Johnny

FIREWORKS 10 pm

For more information, call 381-1112.

When grilling that summertime barbecue, please make sure that you are a safe distance away from any structures that may start on fire if your food should go beyond the well done stage and the flames get out of control. DO NOT pour lighter fluid or gas onto a fire that has already been started. Do not fire up the grill on the porch, in the house or garage or right up against the side of the house. Have a bucket of sand or water on hand for small flare ups and call 911 for emergency fire assistance.

At this time of year we seem to have an increase in the number of recreational fire complaints. Please check with the fire marshal as to what is legal in regards to burning in the district.

On behalf of the members of the East Rochester Fire Department, have a safe and enjoyable summer

Chief Dan Gekoski



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ER PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Library's Summer Reading Program will be in full swing the last week in June. This year's theme is "Make a Splash in Your Library". Registration for Summer Reading begins Monday, June 28, 2010. The Reptile Guys will be stopping by the Library for the first program of the summer, June 28 from 1-1:45pm. They will be displaying their slithery friends for all. No registration is needed for the Reptile Guys.

The Library will be closed Saturday, July 3 and Monday, July 5. Happy Fourth of July!

Miss Nancy will begin her regular story times Thursday, July 8 for 2-4 year olds from 10:30-11:00am. Friday, July 9 from 2-3 pm will be Number's League with Chris Pallace. Registration is required for the event.

Special programs for the rest of the Summer include: Magic Moments on July 16 from 2-3pm (open to all), Bingo on July 23 from 2-2:45pm (open to all), Enchanted Puppet Show from 2-3pm (open to all) and an Ice Cream Social from 2-2:45pm, (open to all, ages 2-12).

Included below are the days and times for regular story times.

Babies' Fun Time: 9:45-10:15am Mondays July 12, 19, 26, and August 2nd

Story Time ages 5-7: 3:15-3:45pm Mondays July 12, 19, 26, and August 2

Story Time ages 2-4: 10:30-11:00am Thursdays July 8, 15, 22, 29, and August 5

Adult book discussion meets every third Thursday of the month at 7pm. The following are a selection of upcoming titles:

June - My Life in France by Julia Child

July - A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

August - The Piano Teacher by Janice Y. K. Lee

Book discussions are lead by Danette, our Adult Services Coordinator.

The Friends of the Library are planning book sales at the Book Nook throughout the summer! The Book

Nook will be open on the following days:

Saturday, May 22nd 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday, June 11th 12-4pm; Sat., June 12th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday, June 26th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday, July 9th 12-4pm; Sat., July 10th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday, July 24th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday, August 13th 12-4pm; Saturday, August 14th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday, August 28th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Watch for more dates in September, October, and November!(Donations accepted any time the Library or Book Nook are open.)

The Library Friends group is always looking for new members to help out with stocking the Book Nook, and working during open hours of the Book Nook. If interested, please contact the Library Director, Meredith Fraser, at 586-8302.

The Library will be holding a Fall Open House on Saturday, October 16th. The day will feature music, storytelling, crafts and food! Fun for the whole family! More details to follow.

The Library Board of Trustees would like to welcome its newest member, Laura Nagle Loria. Laura was selected by the board in April, and had her first meeting in May. Welcome, Laura! We wish her great success in her new position as Board member.

We feature Wi-Fi access for our laptop users at the Library, and three laptops are available for patrons to sign up for with Internet access. We also have six new computers with Internet and Microsoft Office 2007 access available on a first-come, first-serve basis. We hope to see you soon at the Library!

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When artist Chris Pallace visited the East Rochester Public Library during February break, Dawson Bathgate, a sixth grader, was happy to get tips on how to draw dragons.



Jillian Fox, 3, peers through the window of one of Dollhouse Lady's prize homes. Her sister Kaylie, 5, looks on.

The Village Web Site eastrochester.org

The Village Web site has now been active since February 2009. Thanks to former village resident Erick Ovando for spearheading this important project. The site is updated frequently. The Channel 12 link feature is active as well as the Video Tour Book. Please bookmark this site or set the village web site as your default. If you have questions, please use the *Contact Us* section on the main page: www.eastrochester.org.

ER Building and Code Enforcement

Permits are needed for the following home improvements:

resurfacing of driveways, roof installation, shed installation (over 47 square ft), fence installation, pool installation, deck and patio installation.

When applying for a permit, please bring a copy of your survey map or scale drawing of your lot and a picture of the structure you are installing.

All contractors need to provide certificates of Liability & Workers' Compensation Insurance.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Building Department at 385-3513.

JEAN DANIEL SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

The highlight of June was our Open House on Wed., June 9th from 6-9:00 pm. Many of our activities were on display and demonstrated. We encourage community members 55 or older to come see what we are all about. New members are always welcome and you must be a member to participate in our activities.

Have you ever played Mexican Train Dominoes? Come to the center and play this fascinating game.

The Single's Dinner Group has been very popular. We meet every other Tuesday for dinner together at a different restaurant. We car pool from the center.

Our program meeting for the month is on Thursday, June 18. Bring a dish to pass. The Penfield Singers will present a program of familiar old songs. The Craft Group will meet on Monday, June 21 at 11:00 am.

On Wednesday, June 23, enjoy a Strawberry Social at the center beginning at 1:00 pm. Pinochle, Euchre and Hand & Foot are played regularly as well as Bingo. The Choir meets every Friday morning until the end of June, when they will have 2 months off. Activities continue all through the summer. During July and August, the Center closes at noon. Our regular hot lunch meetings in July & August are held at Quinzi Lodge in Eyer Park.

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ER YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

YAR Grant Meetings were held March 3 and 24 in preparation for a Community Pancake Breakfast. This Breakfast was at the Senior Center on March 27. Approximately 60-70 people attended the breakfast. This was a way to honor our service men and women. A great breakfast was made by the Youth Center kids and volunteers from St. John Fisher College.

The Center is so proud of Liz La Delfa, and Committee members Katie Liquori, Tony Trovato, Zach Bussey, Jesse Houck, and Matt Kelly who were responsible for putting this together. Proceeds from the breakfast were used to cover the costs and send additional packages to our service men and women. There have been 10 packages shipped and we plan to mail six more. Among the many products sent, were food, paper products, hygiene products, a newspaper, and a disposable camera. March 29, a recognition picnic was hosted in acknowledgement for staff and volunteers who helped with the pancake breakfast. Volunteers from the Senior Center, committee members and volunteers from the Youth Center attended. Thank you to the YAR Grant committee for awarding our youth with this \$1,000.00 grant to fund this worthy project. YAR is funded by the Monroe County Youth Bureau and The Rochester Area Community Foundation.

March 15 at the YAC proved to be a day of surprises when Hoselton Auto Mall Managers visited. Mr. Drew Hoselton talked to the kids about the legacy of his grandfather, who believed in giving back to the community. Students opened gifts for the Center. Among the presents were ping-pong paddles and balls, two pool cues and balls, a 42" TV with stand and Wii. Mr. Hoselton, Sr. believed in giving back to the community and to those in need. The East Rochester Youth Center is and will be eternally grateful.

Our busiest time of the year now begins. We are hoping to place 30 youth between the ages of 14-21 at work sites in Village Departments, School District Offices and area businesses. Youths needed to apply for these positions by April 9. These participants will attend weekly Job Readiness training classes in the summer.

This is a program funded by a grant through Rochester Works! This program matches students with local businesses, (at no cost to the business) to provide experience and employment to the youth and extra help to local businesses. Job Readiness Training Meetings are held with youth participants the fourth Monday of each month. Presently our youth are working from the book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens". March 17, St. Patrick's Day party held at the Youth Center, 18 attended and the Center served green cake, cookies, drinks and more. The Center is accepting children's clothing sizes birth to 2 years of age, and can be dropped off here. If you need help with a household job call the Center. We have youth who will work for \$8.00/hr. The Village of East Rochester has been asked to be a "Small Talk, Big Difference" grassroots campaign site. We plan to support and spread the news. The basic idea is the golden rule. Treat others as YOU want to be treated. The call to action is for us, as adults, to engage children and teens by acknowledging and talking with them. Don't judge a kid by how they dress or what they look like. Say "Hi". Engage them in small talk. What a difference you can make in a child's/teenager's life, just by treating them as worthwhile individuals.

The Center will be entertaining two adult classes of The School of the Holy Childhood (adults with disabilities) two days in July. We will participate in a community service project and have lunch together. The community service project is to put together care packages for St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center Health Clinic. We are hoping to have enough supplies to put together 50-100 packages. We are looking for donations of personal size hygiene products (travel sizes) of the following: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tampons, sanitary pads, 2010 calendars, disposable razors and lotion. If you have these unopened products from a hotel stay, that is the perfect size for donation. Thank you to anyone who can donate to this worthwhile community service project.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Center or if you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, please call the Center at 586-1003. Both youth and adult members are needed. The time commitment is small-one to two hours a month. You can make a lifelong impression on a youth for a tiny time investment.

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The Youth Center depends on grants to cover the majority of program and staff costs. Due to the economy, we are faced with cuts to these grants. If you know of a fundraising opportunity/small business etc. which has worked or if you know of grants to apply for, please call Barbara Maine, 586-1003. Thank you for taking an interest in our YOUTH.

HEALTHY YOUTH, HEALTHY COMMUNITY

At the Youth Center we continue to build and support the 40 Developmental Assets.



Pancake breakfast workers



Opening gifts from Hoselton Auto Mall!!

EAST ROCHESTER YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER
242 W. Commercial St.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:00PM – 7:00PM
(585) 586-1003

ER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The East Rochester Chamber of Commerce has been formally launched through the efforts of President Joe Cavallaro and a group of local business owners. The current membership is now at 75 businesses. The goal is 100 members by July 2010.

Guest speakers visit each monthly meeting with useful information for small business. Frank Reynolds from SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business), Fire Chief Dan Gekoski and Nick Verzella have presented brief informational talks at the last three meetings.

At the end of each meeting, one Chamber member presents a seven minute overview of their company. This fosters understanding and gives the company a chance to show others what they have to offer. Members are encouraged to bring a guest to the next meeting, with no obligations except to learn what the Chamber can do for local businesses. The ER Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 am on the first Wednesday of every month at the Grapevine Restaurant on Main Street. All visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend.



Lemoncello Cafe
Co-Owner
Massimo
Albano
welcomes
Chamber
members.

Chamber of Commerce members held a mixer at the Lemoncello Cafe the day before it opened officially. Right- Joe Cavallaro, President speaks to a group of business owners



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Future meetings will include an August breakfast mixer at Quinzi Lodge in Eyer Park, and an October meeting at East Rochester High School, with breakfast catered by the Culinary Arts class.

For further information or to become a member please check the Chamber website at <http://www.erchamber.org>, or contact Joe Cavallaro at 234-2576.

LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT

In the late 1960's Lucille Saunders, recently retired from East Rochester High School, had visions of starting a collection of local history artifacts. The Village was 65 years old and many early settlers were still living. During 1947, the village celebrated its 50th anniversary. In conjunction with this event, many artifacts were collected for exhibition. These formed the nucleus of the Local History Department collection.

After two intense years of collecting local memorabilia, the village established a local history room. Mrs. Retta Fryatt, wife of the first businessman in the Village of Despatch, donated her stately home, 901 Main Street, in 1954.

The Public Library was housed in this building from 1957 to 1979 with the History Center occupying a room on the second floor. This setup continued until the mid 1970's when a new library was built in the village hall complex at 120 West Commercial Street. After the library moved, the youth activity center inhabited the building until they moved to a vacant building at 158 West Commercial Street. That left the building to the History Department on the first and second floors, two private apartments and the American Legion in the basement.

In the mid 1990's, the apartments were vacated. The History Museum and the American Legion occupied the whole building. At that time, the History Section started to energetically set up a museum of East Rochester artifacts. This has been a continuous process since then and involves many volunteers.

The building houses many exhibits and materials pertaining to the village. Among them are the Gagashoan (East Rochester High School's yearbook)

from the year 1927 to the present, bound East Rochester newspapers, bound volumes of ER sports, obituaries and events. We also have over 5000 photographs of the village through the years. Much of this material is entered into a computer for easy reference.

All the volunteers report to East Rochester Historian Jim Burlingame. He is always looking for people to help with various projects. Village residents are encouraged to donate anything that might be of historical interest to the village. Photographs can be copied and returned if necessary. The historian can be reached at 381-3023. The office is open Wednesday through Friday, 9am to 1pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm. All are welcome to stop in and see what we have to offer.

VILLAGE COURT RENOVATION

Once again the Town Court has been awarded a grant under the Justice Court Assistance Program. *JCAP was established by the New York State Legislature in 1999 at the request of the Unified Court System, to provide our State's town and village courts with the resources and equipment to fulfill their critical role in our justice system. Under the Court System's Action Plan for the Justice Court, JCAP has been significantly expanded, both in the level of funding and the scope of the projects funded.*

In 2009 ER Town Court was awarded \$26,000 which was used to expand the courtroom, move the Clerks' office, and purchase necessary equipment and furniture for both. It also provided for a new bench and work area for the Court Clerks in the courtroom. In March, the Court was notified that it has been awarded an additional \$21,275 to use for completion of those renovations.

An order has been placed for 95 chairs for courtroom seating, 2 office chairs for the court clerks, a bookcase and a lateral file for the courtroom as a result of our most recent award.

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2010



Master of Ceremonies Mr. Nick Verzella begins the Memorial Day program.



Lisa and Nick Verzella listen while Chaplin Jim Smith from Post 1917 leads the group in prayer.



Former Fire Chief Swagler steers the Antique engine during the Memorial Day Parade.



Sam Morano thanks all in attendance for their honor bestowed upon him.



Sam Morano, Sen. Alesi, Rep. Koon, Mayor Koon, Trustee Serrano, Trustee Connors and Trustee Florack pause for the Pledge of Allegiance



Civil War Fife and Drum band hoist Old Glory

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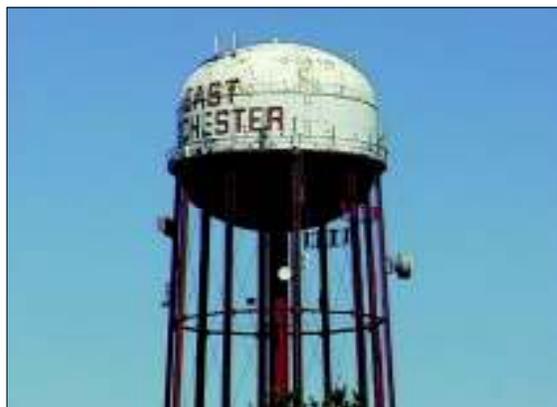
WATER TOWER RENOVATION 2010

The East Rochester water tower has undergone many changes in the town's history. When Despatch was first incorporated, the spring at the corner of Filbert Place and Lincoln Road was sufficient. Later, in 1936, the water tower was built to accommodate the growing village. The water was drawn from Artesian wells located behind the current Wegman's location. The pump house where Wells Landing now stands drew the water from the Artesian wells to the water tower. In 1992 East Rochester switched to Monroe County water after much debate, making the water tower obsolete for its original purpose. However, new technology needed a high tower for satellite dishes, cell phone stations and other electronic relays, and the water tower fit the bill. The Village rents out space on the water tower to augment the budget. Recently, the tower had a makeover, as seen in the photos at right.

JEAN DANIEL SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Our Open House on June 9 featured many of the activities that make the Center fun. Directed by Pat Cavatassi, the choir performed several numbers, and the audience joined in on the last, "God Bless America". The ER Senior Line Dancers danced to "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Waltz through Texas." Violet Castro and Pat Leeper advised people on the Day Tours, a popular aspect of the Center. Jean Rueben's, craft leader for 18 years, showed some examples of senior ingenuity. Pat Storrer displayed the quilt in progress which will be raffled off at the Christmas party. Throughout the evening, members showed off their "Funny Fashions", New members are always welcome.

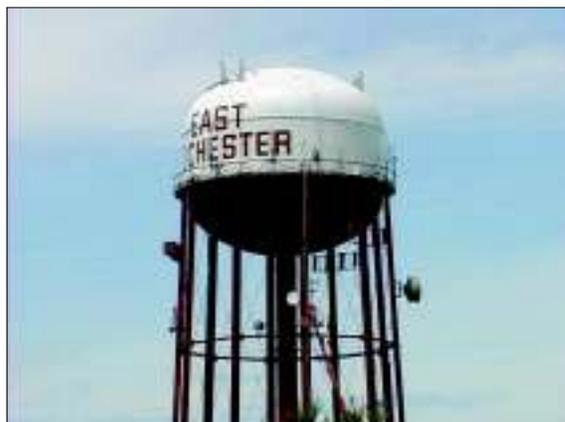
Call 385-3643 for more information.



Water tower Fall 2009 prior to renovation to the project starting.



Water tower Spring 2010 in the middle of project several weeks from completion.



Water tower June 2010 at the completion of the project. The tower is estimated to bring in 3.5 million in revenue over the next 30 years.