



VILLAGE DESPATCH

Winter 2010

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Upcoming Dates

Public Forum 7:30 pm
Feb. 4, Mar. 4, April 8,
May 6, June 10, July 8,
August 5, Sept. 9, Oct. 7,
Nov. 4, Dec. 9.

Business Meeting 7:30 pm
Feb. 8, Mar. 8, April 12,
May 10, June 14, July 12.

Planning Board* 7:00 pm
Feb. 9, Mar. 9, April 13,
May 11, June 8, July 13.

Zoning Board* 7:00 pm
Feb. 16, Mar. 16, April 20,
May 18, June 15, July 20.

* 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

County Tax Bills come out the first week of January. If you should have received a bill and did not, please call the village office. If you mail payment and include the whole bill, we will stamp it paid and return it back to you. That will be your receipt. If you have an address change, please call the village office.

Availability of Eyer Park can be checked on our website, www.eastrochester.org.

Keep in mind the mobile DMV is here on Wednesday only. We understand you don't always have what is required to make a successful transaction so we have made our fax available to receive faxes only. The fax number is 585-586-4792.

Big "Thank You" to Girl Scouts, Ambassador Troup 13 and Senior Troup 188. They fluffed and decorated 65 wreaths that adorned our village during the holidays. We purchased these wreaths at a discounted rate, using coupons, comparison shopping and closeouts. To further economize, we repaired broken lights and used recycled garland to decorate the gazebo in Edmund Lyon Park.

The DPW does its best to salt and keep our entrances ice and snow free. Please be careful and let us know if the entryways appear unsafe.

**The Next Three Bulk
refuse pickup weeks
February 1-5, 2010
April 5-9, 2010
June 7-11, 2010**

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 1, 2010

All new and renewal exemption applications must be filed in the Assessment Office by March 1, 2010. Applications filed by this date will receive a benefit on tax bills starting with the September 2010 School bill, the January 2011 County bill and June 2011 Village bill. This includes the STAR exemption application for homes purchased or built since the last application deadline of March 1, 2009. Most residential exemptions like STAR require that the property be owned and occupied by the applicant (s) on or before March 1, 2010. Proof of residency is required.

Renewal applications were mailed in mid-December for property owners with renewable exemptions. If you receive an exemption such as Enhanced STAR, Senior Citizen (age 65 or older) or a disabled person with limited income, please remember to provide copies of all income as required.

New York State law requires that any application received after the deadline of March 1, not be processed for the current year 2010. As a courtesy, we will accept such applications, but they will be held for processing in the following year.

Senior Citizens and disabled persons with limited income may apply in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon – 2 pm. Basic STAR applications may be mailed along with proof of residency.

Veterans may apply for the Alternative Veterans exemption or the Cold War exemption by completing the appropriate application and submitting a copy of their DD214 discharge papers.

For exemption applications and instructions or general assessment information, please call the Assessment Office at 585-381-5151 or visit our website at www.eastrochester.org.

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ER COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

On December 12, 2009, we held our annual Advent Craft Sale at the East Rochester High School Gymnasium. This is one of the major fund raisers from which the proceeds (the sale of spaces to vendors) benefits our local Community Resource Center's Food Pantry and Crisis Fund. The net benefit totaled about \$1,340. Associate Director, Pat Cragg, was the coordinator of this event.

Angel Food Ministries, which helps all families in stretching their food budgets, has been growing quickly and steadily. It is run by ER's First Baptist Church on 119 West Elm Street, and is open to everyone. Menu sheets may be picked up either at the Baptist Church or the ER Resource Center and may be ordered from either one. Food stamp orders must be taken at the Baptist Church. For more information please call 586-5287 or 586-0525, or visit their website at www.angelfoodministries.com. Order pick-ups are usually the third Saturday of the month at the Baptist Church.

Together with the ER Fire Department, and several sponsors, we helped 70 of our local needy families with food and gifts for Christmas. Each family received a large box filled with food for the whole day, from breakfast to dinner, and enough extra food to last them at least 4 days. Each child received gifts of clothing from St. Jerome Catholic Church's Giving Tree, toys and games from the Fire Department's Angel Tree, a Family Bag of all kinds of assorted items for everyone in the family, more toys, games and gifts from Hoselton's Car Dealership and East Rochester's Wegman's Food Market on Fairport Rd. and with **new** underwear and socks from the Resource Center. Many thanks, once again, to Gloria and Angelo Pascazi and their family for the tremendous job of coordinating the bags and bags of gifts and food baskets (boxes)!

The ER Community Resource Center was featured in the Diocese of Rochester's Catholic Courier the second week in December.

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:

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 businesses in East Rochester, 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), JP Motors, 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.

Please remember to dress properly for the cold winter weather (in layers from head to toe) to avoid hypothermia. Also, please use extra caution when cleaning off your car, driveway or sidewalk to avoid slipping on ice, causing a fall or injury.

On March 10, 2010, the East Rochester Ambulance Corps and the Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1 – 6 pm at 254 West Ivy Street. You may call the Red Cross to set up an appointment or simply walk in.

Coming soon:
Lemoncello Café,
featuring panini, tapas, wine bar, gelato and espresso drinks



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ER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Winter finally decided to make an appearance in East Rochester. The Fire Department hopes the residents of East Rochester have taken some simple yet important measures to have a safe and warm winter.

Have you checked your furnace or boiler to make sure it is running properly? Having your heating equipment inspected by a professional heating contractor may protect you from a serious illness or even death by carbon monoxide poisoning. This simple step may help you save money by making sure your equipment runs at peak performance.

If you use fireplaces or wood burning stoves, have you had your equipment and chimneys checked for possible leaks of harmful gasses which are the byproduct of combustion and hot embers that may spark a fire? Clean the chimneys and flue pipes at regular intervals during the heating season.

Another concern of the Fire Department is the disposal of ashes from wood burning appliances. People are surprised by how long ashes will smolder after it appears that the fire is out. That is why it is best to remove ashes from the appliances to a metal bucket and to store them out of the structure until you are sure there is no possibility of starting a fire. Make sure you do not store them in your garage or on the porch.

Most state or local codes do not recommend use of kerosene heaters due to the carbon monoxide gasses being given off without a means to vent them.

Do not use gas ovens or stoves to heat a house or a room. Remember that when gas is burned it also emits carbon monoxide gas which may build to dangerous levels when used for extended periods of time.

Do not start your car in the garage to warm it up. This can be lethal, particularly if the garage is attached to the house. This is due to carbon monoxide gasses being released. Carbon monoxide can be produced from many everyday appliances that we use. Therefore it is in everybody's best interest to have CO detectors in homes for safety.

Electric heaters are a very popular way to try to stay warm in the winter. These appliances also require a level of care when being used. Do not use extension cords with them or place them too close to combustible materials. These heaters are designed to plug into wall outlets only.

Propane cylinders should not be stored in your basement or in your attached garage.

Please adopt a fire hydrant for the winter. Keep the area free of snow that has built up around it due to snowfall and plowing. In the event of a fire, this will save us precious time in establishing water flow to protect your lives and property and also the safety of the firefighters.

On a warmer note: The 2010 Fireman's Carnival dates are: Wednesday July 21 – Saturday July 24

On behalf of the East Rochester Volunteer Fire department, I would like to wish all the residents of East Rochester a happy and safe new year.

Chief Dan Gekoski

JEAN DANIEL SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Happy New Year to all! Although the weather gets a little inclement, the Senior Citizens keep busy at the Center. Being with friends and enjoying fellowship together fills the long winter days, especially for so many living alone.

Our Singles Dinner Group has been meeting every other week for several months. The attendance keeps growing each time. Originally we went for dinner in the evening, but when the time changed, many of us cannot drive at night. Now we meet for lunch and choose a different restaurant each time. During the unpredictable weather season, we are choosing restaurants closer to East Rochester.

In February, we will hold our annual Valentine Dinner honoring all those members 50 or more years married (to the same partner) and all those 80 or more years young. We have a catered dinner followed by entertainment at the Center. All members are invited.

We will hold our annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner in March. This is a catered dinner at the Center followed by musical entertainment.

We have 2 routes for Meals on Wheels delivery from our Center. It is a challenging job to keep every day covered by volunteers who are willing to do this on a regular basis.

Line Dancing, Sit for Fitness, Choir, Card Tournaments and Bingo are scheduled regularly throughout the month.

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ER PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Exciting things are happening at the East Rochester Public Library! In addition to our normally scheduled Winter Drop-In Storytimes, Miss Nancy has some special programming this winter. Children aged 3 – 8 are invited to come to PJ Storytime with the Dollhouse Lady, who will bring **real** dollhouses on January 19 from 6:45 - 7:30 pm. Space is limited, so please register for this event by calling 586-8302.

For fun during February Break, (children aged 7 – 12), check out Drawing Dragons with Chris Pallace, a children's favorite. He will be teaching children the art of drawing their own dragons February 16 from 10 am - 11:30 am. Please register your child by stopping at the Library, or call 586-8302.

No registration required for Miss Nancy's regular storytimes, on the following days:

Babies' Fun Time:

Monday mornings : 9:45am

January : 25

February : 1, 8, 22

March : 1, 8

Drop-In Storytime for ages 5-7:

Monday afternoons: 3:15pm

January : 25

February : 1, 8, 22

March : 1, 8

Drop-In Storytime for ages 2-4:

Thursday Mornings: 10:30am

January : 21, 28

February : 4, 11, 18, 25,

March : 4, 11

Group, lead by Danette Weingarten, meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The following is a listing of Book Discussion selections for January through June 2010. Books are available to check out at the Library.

*January - **The Secret History** by Donna Tartt*

*February - **Bel Canto** by Ann Patchett*

*March - **People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks*

*April - **The Help** by Katherine Stockett*

*May - **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout*

*June - **Plainsong** by Kent Hauf*

Also, check out the new public computer terminals in the Library. The computers were installed December 8, and feature newly sized 19" monitors. The Library offers Internet access, and Microsoft Office 2007, including Microsoft Word and Microsoft Publisher.

It is with regret that we say goodbye to a long-serving member of the Library Board, Julia Nicolucci. She is stepping down from her position as Library Board of Trustees member, and we will miss her dedication and service to the Board.

In order to replace Julia, we will need a member of the East Rochester community who is interested in serving as Trustee to the Library Board. Interested candidates should submit resumes to Meredith Fraser, Library Director, at 111 West Elm Street, as soon as possible.



ER VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village Web site has now been active since February 2009. Thanks to village resident Erick Ovando for spearheading this important project. The site is updated frequently. The Channel 12 link feature is now active as well as the New 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.

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Former Deputy Mayor John Alfieri received a plaque of appreciation from the Village Board after decades of service. We will miss your expertise, John!



Allen Sparrow and his furry siblings celebrate the holidays!! His family wants to thank everyone for their support.



Crafters enjoyed each other's company and the festive atmosphere at the Advent Craft Festival, which benefited the ER Community Resource Center.



Village Staffers enjoyed Their Holiday party. Left to right, Mayor Jason Koon, DPW Superintendent David Bussey, Trustee Ted Conners, Judge Vicky Argento, and YAC Coordinator Barb Maine.



Nick Verzella acknowledges Veterans he knew during the ceremony to honor our servicemen at Edmund Lyon Park.



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ER YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

The East Rochester Youth Activity Center concluded 2009 on a successful and positive note. Over 185 youth visited the Center, for a total of 2,000 visits. They enjoyed training programs, parties, air hockey, billiards, ping-pong, television, X-box, foosball, computers and board games. New friendships were made and new skills learned. The shared camaraderie between youth and staff is a positive experience for both groups.

Starting early in 2010, we will be calling on businesses again, to take on youth for the summer. Salaries are paid under a Rochester Works Grant. The Summer of Opportunity Program 2009 was a success. Two students were permanently hired by the employers after summer since the students proved to be an asset to the business owners. Thank you to Valenti Sports for hiring Samantha Gonzalez and to Salvatore's Pizza for hiring Nick Garritano. Thank you to our local businesses that also joined the program: A Second Thought, ER Building Department, Department of Public Works, ER High School Guidance Office, ER High School Office, Linden East Condominiums, ER Local History Office, Penfield Place, Community Resource Center, Rubino's, Village Fair and the East Rochester Village Office. Business owners can earn a Tax Credit by hiring a youth through the grant program. To ensure your placement in the 2010 Summer of Opportunity program, call Barbara Maine at 586-1003.

Over 150 parents and goblins had a GREAT time playing games and enjoying donuts, cider and hot chocolate at the annual Halloween Party in Eyer Park. Thank you to Cub Scout Pack #67 and Leader Richard Chambers for their support and participation. Thank you to Mayor Jason Koon and his son Ethan (who came for fun), and to the Mayor who stayed to help the cleanup crew.

Youth As Resource Grant. Care Package for Local Troops / Pancake Breakfast

The Center is proud of Liz LaDelfa's and Committee members Katie Liquori, Toni Trovato, Zach Bussey, and Jesse Houck. If you see these youth in the community give them a smile, a big hello and thank them for their hard work. The Committee will host a Pancake Breakfast Saturday March 27, 2010 at the Senior Center 8:30 – 11:30 am. \$4.00 adults, \$3.00 Senior Citizens and children under 12. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the Youth Center starting January 15 during Center hours (see below for Center Hours). The Village Office and Senior Center will sell

tickets starting March 5. Proceeds from the breakfast will go directly toward the cost of the care packages. Service men and women stationed overseas and in the US will receive them. If you know a service person from ER please submit their name to the East Rochester Youth Activity Center on or before March 27. The first 15-20 Servicemen whose names we receive will be sent a package. We will be serving East Rochester soldiers first and may reach out to other neighboring towns if we do not have enough Village soldiers.

Come meet the YAC supervisors, St. John Fisher students Aaron Benton and Matthew Kelly. They have been working at the Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. Aaron is a St. John Fisher Service Scholar, math adolescent education major. He is from Gowanda, NY. He is on the St. John Fisher Baseball Team and he has won the IAABO Officials Sportsmanship Scholarship for basketball. Also, WIVB Channel 4 named him athlete for the month of March for all three sports he plays. He ranked #8 in his high school class with a 94.6 cumulative average. He was the first team All State Infielder in Baseball. Matthew Kelley is also a St. John Fisher Service Scholar and Liberal Arts major. His hometown is Seneca Falls, NY. Matt plays soccer at St. John Fisher, and was in the section 5 tournament, and was MVP. Matt will be at the Center every Wednesday after Christmas vacation, to help students (grade 3 and up) with their school work (all subjects) and to be a positive role model.

Special thank you to Senator James Alesi for \$5,000.00 and Assemblyman David Koon for \$5,000.00 for the year 2009 (Local Initiative money). Also thank you to a caring anonymous donor of \$500. We are extremely grateful for the kindness shown our youth. It is only through the generosity and big heartedness of the community that we are able to operate and serve your children in a safe, supervised and caring environment.

The Center is still accepting children's clothing sizes birth to 2 years of age, which we will donate to women in need, at the Women's Care Center.

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!

EAST ROCHESTER YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

242 W. Commercial St.

Hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:00PM – 7:00PM

(585) 586-1003

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ER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The East Rochester Chamber of Commerce has been formally launched and last met on December 2, 2009. The Chamber was formed through the efforts of President Joe Cavallaro and a group of local business owners. The current membership is now at 45 businesses. The goal is 50 members by year end and 100 members by June 2010.

The ER Chamber of Commerce will focus primarily on promoting business within East Rochester and plan to sponsor various community-wide activities. The group will work with government leaders in the Village and State to promote economic planning and growth for our area. The first Annual Holiday Networking event was held Tuesday December 22 at The Northside Inn.

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. For further information, or to become a member, please contact Joe Cavallaro at 234-2576.

ER CABLE CHANNEL 12

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ER Schools – Pre K and K-12 School events are videotaped throughout the school year. These include coverage with 1-2 Narrators for Football, Basketball, Soccer, Girls Field Hockey, Cross Country Races and Lacrosse. Also covered are many school functions such as Plays, Musicals, Choral and Band Concerts of the Elementary and High Schools, Moving Up Day and Graduation. ER School Board Meetings are covered every month and when special Budget Meetings are held.

We feel that this unique, substantial, and ever-expanding, library gives us the programming resources to draw upon. Very few other cable access stations in the area have our ability to provide both the quantity and quality of unique and interesting content to its viewership.

ER POLICE DEPARTMENT

DRIVE CAREFULLY-Now that winter is here, please take the time to go over the winter parking rules available on the Village website,

WWW.EASTROCHESTER.ORG. It is important to take your time while driving and be aware of the weather and road conditions. No matter what type of vehicle you drive, i.e., 4x4, front wheel drive, it still takes longer to STOP in snow and ice.

CALL 911! It is important to remember that if you need the Police to respond for ANY reason, you MUST call 911. Police Officer's jobs are generated by computer and given to the Officers over the laptops in their vehicles. Calling 911 directly makes the response time quicker, by using 911 technology to see the address that the call is coming from and other necessary pertinent information.

OFFICE ONLY REQUESTS: If you have a question or concern that can be handled over the phone or need a copy of a report, you can call the ERPD office at (585) 586-4399 between the hours of 8 am - 4 pm Monday thru Friday. If you respond to the Police Department and the door is locked, please pick up the phone on the outside of the building, and it will connect you directly to 911.

Fingerprinting is available at the Police department, Monday-Friday between 10 – 11 am; no appointment is needed. There is no charge for Village residents. A \$20 cash fee is charged for nonresidents.

Officer Scott Montcrieff is East Rochester's School Resource /DARE Officer. He is assigned to the East Rochester School Campus M - F from 10 – 3 pm or extracurricular if needed. Some of Officer Montcrieff's duties include patrolling the halls, monitoring activities during arrival, lunch and dismissal times. He makes himself available to any student who has been having any issues or concerns at home or at school. He also teaches DARE, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. In years past, this program only was available to the fifth graders. This year he has expanded the program and now teaches students in fifth and seventh grades. Officer Montcrieff is a great resource and has been a great role model for the youth of our community. Having Officer Montcrieff at the School has benefited our children and has improved communication between the School District and the Police Department.

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ER CABLE CHANNEL 12

ERCN (East Rochester Community News) has nearly 1000 programs archived and cataloged in its library. This is equivalent to more than 850 hours of broadcast time. This collection of programs has been entirely produced by ERCN volunteers and does not include any commercially produced (“canned”) shows.

At present, we draw from this library to assemble our weekly schedule of programming, in addition to new, locally produced, shows. This schedule contains, on average, a maximum of 12% of “canned” shows produced outside ER, 24% of new ER produced shows, and 64% of archived ER shows each week.

We have a Bulletin Board that, periodically, lists our scheduled programs and is updated weekly. This Bulletin Board consists of a “slide show” of graphics and text - including announcements of important Village events and services. Residents may submit birthday and anniversary notices. Dated events are automatically deleted after they occur. This bulletin board is assigned as a default to run in between regularly scheduled programming.

Our archive library consists of shows of interest to East Rochester and the surrounding areas. They are either historical in nature, documenting significant events, or are timeless stories that can be repeated periodically. [See attached database listing]. Some of the program categories include the following:

All About Town with Mary Cilento and Teresa Willette - Documentaries and interviews of ER Village residents, past and present, as well as ER businesses and organizations deemed to be of interest to residents.

What’s Cooking with Mel and George Battaglini – A cooking show videotaped in the Village featuring Village residents, prominent ER people and guest chefs.

One On One with Ralph Morabito – Interviews with interesting present and former ER residents by past Town Justice Ralph Morabito.

Talking Golf with Ralph Morabito– Programs featuring interviews at ER Golf Tournaments and Golf Professionals. This program describes the careers of (the exceptionally high number of) PGA professionals and golf course owners from the village of ER.

Bombs Away – A program featuring Host Joe Scalise and Coach Dennis Greco interviewing high school football players and discussing video highlights of recent games.

GOD With Us. A religious program featuring sermons from Pastors of Village churches in conjunction with the ER Association of Churches.

ER Senior Center Activities – This program features interviews with ER Seniors during their respective activities and trips and lectures and briefings presented to the seniors.

The Village Gardener with Ralph Morabito – Interviews with local residents on unique flower and vegetable gardens throughout the Village of East Rochester.

ER Events – This is a broad category of many of the activities throughout the Village of ER. Some of these activities include ER Veteran activities such as Memorial and Veteran’s Day parades and ceremonies, ER Firemen’s Parade and Carnival and fire drills. This category includes ER Village Board Meetings, dedications and presentations, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies, Easter Egg Hunts, concerts, fundraising activities and miscellaneous Village Mayoral and Trustee activities.

ER History/ Special Interest - Documentaries or events that record the legacy of ER are included in this category. Examples of these are programs assembled from photos and movies such as the 1971 Urban Renewal demolition of several Village blocks. Also included are documentaries of the Railroad Car Shops Factory and the Piano Works Factory, (which were two former major industries of ER). Also included are High School class reunions and neighborhood events.

Short And To The Point with Teresa Willette – A brief commentary on social, spiritual and political subjects that inspire people to think and look differently at day to day events and things that happen in their lives.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Department of Public Works FAQ's



Garbage pick up Q & A:

When can I put garbage out for collection? Your weekly trash should be placed at the curb no later than noon the day before your pick up day, and no later than 7:00 am the day of your pickup day.

What is the proper way to put out garbage for collection? All garbage should be properly containerized. Garbage cans can be no larger than 35 gallons, and cannot exceed 50 pounds per can, or plastic trash bags can be used, and cannot exceed 50 pounds per bag. Please do not place any items at the curb for pick up that are not properly containerized. Loose material is unsightly, and reduces the efficiency of our collection.

What do I do if my garbage was not picked up? First check to see if a yellow sticker was left on your can or bag. This sticker will explain why your items were left. We will not pick up illegal cans or bags for safety reasons. If there is a yellow sticker, please resolve the problem and call for a pick up. If there is not a yellow sticker, it is possible that it was put out after we came by, or we missed it. Please call us and we will return.

What types of items am I allowed to put out for pick up? Your weekly garbage pick up is for the trash you generate in a normal week. Simply stated, any item that you do not normally put at the curb every week, is considered bulk, and could result in a special pick up fee. Some of these items are: carpet, mattresses and bedding, furniture, wood debris, concrete, blacktop, dirt, sod, computers, large and small appliances, construction or demolition material. Household and outdoor chemicals, paints, cleaners, degreasers, or any other hazardous waste are not allowed at any time.

Can I call to arrange for a special pick up or do I have to wait for bulk week? You can call any time to arrange for either a special pick up, or to find out what other options are available to you.

Recycling pick up questions and answers:

When can I put out my recycling box for collection? The same rules for garbage pick up apply for your recycling pick up.

What can I put out for recycling? You can recycle all glass, plastic, and metal containers.

These items should be rinsed out before recycling. All paper items can also be recycled. Cardboard can also be recycled, but has to be no larger than 2 feet by 4 feet. Any item that contained food can be recycled as long as there are no food particles remaining on the item.

What is the proper way to put out my recycling? Your blue box should only contain recyclable items. Please do not mix in any non-recyclable items. All items should be properly rinsed, if necessary. We request that all paper items be put on the bottom of the recycling box, and all containers put on top of the paper. This eliminates the chance of the papers blowing away, and makes it more efficient for us to separate when we collect your recycling.

What do I do if my recycling was not picked up? First check to see if a yellow sticker was left on your recycling box. This sticker will tell you why we did not pick up your recycling. If there is a yellow sticker, please correct the problem and call us to return for your pick up. If there is not a yellow sticker, then it is possible it was put out after we came by, or we missed it. Please call us and we will return.

Why do I have only one recycling box? There is no rule that says you can only have one recycling box. If you have two boxes, please separate the paper products in one box, and the containers in the other, and place the box with the containers on top of the box with the papers. This will eliminate the papers from blowing away, and help us be more efficient with our collection.

How do I get another recycling box? Recycling boxes are available at the Village Office. You can purchase them from us at the same price we pay, or you can buy your own from any department store.

Bulk pick up questions and answers:

What is bulk pick up week? It is when you are allowed to put at the curb the items that are not allowed during your normal garbage collection. Please, at no time is any contractor's debris allowed. All contractors should remove their own debris. Some bulk items include: carpet, appliances, furniture, and concrete. Please call us if you are not sure what bulk items are.

When is bulk pick up week? Bulk pick up week is the first full week of the even months only, on your regular scheduled garbage day. We will only pick up your bulk on your regular scheduled garbage day.

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When can I put out bulk pick up items?

Bulk items can be put out no earlier than the Saturday prior to bulk pick up week. We allow this because we understand that there is not enough time for some people to put bulk items out the night before their regular pick up day. Only bulk items are allowed to be out before your regular schedule garbage collection day. Please do not put out any normal garbage with your bulk, as you could be charged a fee for the garbage items.

How should I put my bulk items out for pick up?

All bulk items should be kept separate whenever possible. All metal items should be in a separate pile, all wood items should be in a separate pile, all concrete, blacktop, stone, and dirt should be in a separate pile. There should be no garbage mixed with any bulk items at any time. We pick all types of bulk items separately for recycling, and these facilities do not allow different types of material to be mixed together. Please do not mix these items, as you could be assessed a fee for the unnecessary time we spend separating your items. Keeping item separate allows us to get all items pick up in a safe and efficient manner.

What if I have too much bulk to fit on my yard?

Please call us if you are going to have an excessive amount of bulk items so we can make other arrangements with you to have everything removed, and to discuss other options that are available to you.

Overnight truck usage questions and answers:

What is overnight truck usage? In certain situations, and for a fee, we allow residents to use dump trucks on an overnight basis. The truck is parked in your driveway on an overnight basis only, for you to load with the agreed upon material.

How do I get an overnight truck? You must call to schedule a truck, and to make sure we will provide a truck for your situation. There are some situations for which we will not provide trucks.

What is the cost for the overnight truck usage? Each usage is unique, but in general it is \$50.00 per use for a small dump truck, or \$75.00 per use for a large dump truck. There could be additional fees assessed if the truck usage rules are not followed.

Why would I want an overnight truck? Some people would rather load a truck in their driveway with items rather than wait for bulk week and carry the items to the curb. There are many usages that make it easier for a homeowner to use a truck.

Please call us for details if you are considering using our overnight trucks.

Snow plowing questions and answers:

What time of the day do you plow snow? Snow is plowed at any given time when more than 2 inches of snow has accumulated on the roadway. It normally takes us 3 hours to complete a plow run of the entire Village. That means that some areas of the Village will have more snow on the ground by the time we get to your street. If snow is falling at a rate of 1 inch per hour, there could be an additional 3 inches on the road after we have already plowed your street. Whenever snow is remaining on the ground at the end of the day, we will come back in at 3:00 in the morning to plow the streets again to clean up the remaining snow.

Why do you fill up my driveway with snow? Our job is to keep the streets and sidewalks free of accumulating snow. Unfortunately, as a result of our snow plowing, the snow is deposited into everyone's driveways. We do not enjoy filling up your driveways, but it is our job to keep the streets and sidewalks safe for traffic. Please remember we are only doing our jobs so that you can safely use the streets and sidewalks.

Why can't I park in the street in the winter? For snow plowing, we need all vehicles off the streets so we can clear the snow from curb to curb. During night time and early morning hours, it is very difficult to see a parked car, due to the amount of snow being pushed ahead of the plow. For safety reasons, we ask that all cars be removed from the street. Any cars left on the street will be towed at the owner's expense.

The Village has an approved snow removal policy that has been in existence for more than 30 years. As an added service to businesses, the DPW removes snow that has built up in areas that restricts residents from safely accessing businesses and services in our community. East Rochester was built in 1896, when there were no cars taking up space where snow accumulates today. A handful of parking spaces is the difference between a viable business and one that closes its doors. That same parking space is in high demand by residents who have physical challenges and need convenient and safe access to those essential services.

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To the left, crews begin removing snow at 3:00 am prior to the opening of businesses various times during winter.



Above, crews dump snow into loader to be hauled away.



Above, a view of Commercial Street, looking East from the front of Mac's Philly Steaks.



A view looking West toward St. Jerome's Church, showing a clean, safe street from the front of the Village Offices

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Why can't I park across the sidewalk in my driveway?

We also plow all the sidewalks in the Village. If there is a car across the sidewalk, the plow cannot get through. As a result, this slows us down as the sidewalk plow has to exit the sidewalk at the previous driveway and re-enter at the next driveway. This also caused larger amounts of snow to be left in the road and in your neighbor's driveways. Any cars blocking the sidewalk will be towed at the owner's expense.

Where can I put the snow from my driveway? All snow from your property must remain on your property. It is illegal to put your snow in the road, across the street or on anyone else's property. Try to plan ahead and have a snow storage location for your snow.

What do I do if a private snow plow contractor pushes snow into my yard or driveway? Try to get a license plate number or at least a description of the vehicle. Chances are they will return for the next round of plowing. Then notify the Police of the situation. It is best to let them handle this situation.

Miscellaneous frequently asked questions.

Why am I responsible for my sewer lateral? Per New York State Village Law, the sewer lateral from the house to the main sewer in the middle of the road is the responsibility of the homeowner. The portion of taxes you pay to the Village is for the use of the main sewer line on your street, and for the entire sewer system in the Village. The main sewer system throughout the Village collects the sewage from all houses in the Village. Since your house is the only user of your lateral, you are responsible for the maintenance of that sewer lateral. The Village is responsible for the main sewer system.

What do I do if I have a sewer problem? If you are having a sewer problem, please call us before you call a plumber. We will come out and check our main sewer, and let you know if the problem is ours or yours. There is no sense in paying a plumber to tell you your lateral is fine, and the problem is with the main sewer. If you need to call us after normal working hours, you must call 911. Inform them that the call is for a non emergency, and that you need someone from the village to check your sewer problem. They have a list of our names and numbers, and will call us right away.

What do I do if I notice a hazardous situation? Please call us if you see any type of hazardous situation, as we may not know about it. If you see any hazardous situation after normal working hours, and would like to report it, please call 911 and inform them of the hazard. A hazardous situation could be a sinkhole, debris in the road, or many other items. We appreciate your informing us of these

situations, so we can resolve the hazardous situation as soon as possible.

Who is responsible for the street lights in the Village?

All street lights are owned, operated and maintained by Rochester Gas and Electric. The Village does not perform any maintenance of street lights, including street lights that are not working. Please call RGE if you have a concern about any street light.

Who is responsible for the water mains and water meters?

If you have any questions relating to water main leaks, fire hydrants, your water meter or your water bill, please call the Monroe County Water Authority. The Village no longer has any control over the water system.

SENIOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Senior Citizen Police Academy is an eight-week program designed to give participants an understanding of the East Rochester Village Police Department and its operations. The program consists of a series of classes, discussions, tours held once a week and concludes with a graduation ceremony.

The program will inform seniors and enable them to:

- ◆ Meet and interact with several members of the East Rochester Police Department
- ◆ Learn crime prevention strategies for protecting themselves from crime.
- ◆ Develop an understanding of the Operations of the East Rochester Police Department
- ◆ Develop an understanding of Community Oriented Policing
- ◆ Be able to share crime prevention strategies with other senior citizens
- ◆ Avoid cons, scams, & frauds
- ◆ Review home & vehicle safety
- ◆ Learn about evidence collection process
- ◆ Drug Awareness Information
- ◆ Participate in tours: Public Safety Training Center, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Office of Emergency Communications Center (911)

There is no cost to participate; you need only a commitment and a desire to learn!

When: *March 3 – April 21(every Wednesday)*

Where: *East Rochester Senior Center*

Time: *9:30 am – 11:30 am*

For more information and applications:

Call 586-4399- Officer David Franz, ER Police Department, 254 W. Ivy Street