



Fall Leaf Collection Schedule and Guidelines for Curbside Leaf Pickup

Curbside leaf pickup began in mid-October and will run until Dec. 15, weather-permitting. We collect your leaves from the curb in the following manner:

Large leaf piles: We collect your large piles of leaves at the curb using a leaf vacuum machine. Please place your leaf piles between the sidewalks and curb. Please do not place your piles in the road, as they pose a hazard for drivers and children and can clog up the storm drains. Please do not mix any yard debris, garbage, brush, or branches with the leaf piles, as they can damage our equipment. Please be patient with us when you put out a leaf pile – it usually takes us one week with two trucks to make one pass for the entire village.

Bagged leaves: Residents are encouraged to bag their leaves whenever possible, using clear plastic or recyclable paper bags. Bagged leaves will be picked up on your regular scheduled garbage-collection day, with a separate truck. Please be aware that wet leaves can be very heavy, and we have a weight limit of 50 pounds per bag. Each bag of leaves is hand-loaded onto a truck for disposal, so please be considerate of our workers when placing your leaf bags out for collection. Please do not place leaves in a garbage can, as we can't efficiently collect them.

Please consider your neighbors when putting items at the curb for pickup.

Placing items in a neat and orderly manner benefits everyone, and allows us to provide all residents with the best possible service.

Thank you for your cooperation!

– The Department of Public Works

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Upcoming Dates

Public Forum 7:30 pm

Dec. 8, Jan. 9 (with monthly business meeting), Feb. 9, March 8, April 5

Business meeting 7:30 pm

Dec. 12, Jan. 3 (annual organizational meeting), Feb. 13, March 12, April 9

Planning Board* 7 pm

Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14,
March 13, April 10

Zoning Board* 7 pm

Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21,
March 20, April 17

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

How to reach us

Town/Village of East Rochester

120 W. Commercial St.

East Rochester, NY 14445

phone 586-3553 fax 586-4792

www.eastrochester.org

Office hours

8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

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

Winter Parking Rules

The following outlines the procedures for ticketing and towing of vehicles from Nov. 15 through April 15, when winter parking regulations are in effect per Village policy and law:

Prior to Nov. 15, the regulations are posted in the *Fairport-ER Post*. In addition, an ad is placed in the *Community News* and posted on Cable Channel 12. There are signs at the entrances to the village outlining the regulations.

The ER Police Department issues only warning tickets for the first week. After that, parking tickets are issued to any vehicle on the street between 3 and 6 am, whether or not there is inclement weather. This includes the Village Hall parking lot, at 120 W. Commercial St. If necessary for snow removal, the vehicles are issued parking tickets and then towed.

There are a few exceptions. The first is alternate parking on the 200 block of Main Street – vehicles are allowed to park as long as they are in compliance with the posted signage. The second exception is the municipal parking lots on West Commercial (between Channel 12 and GSR Associates) and Main. Also, during Thanksgiving and Christmas we are extremely lenient, as there are many guests visiting from out of town.

We are also amenable to special requests. Permission can be granted to allow parking under special circumstances. We will take a telephone number where the person can be reached, and officers will contact him or her to remove the vehicle if the roads need to be cleared. When possible, officers have gone to residences in an attempt to get vehicles moved before towing. Regardless,

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* ADVENT TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY *

**5 pm Sunday, Nov. 27, in the gazebo
at Edmund Lyon Park (Main Street)**

Refreshments to follow!

*In case of inclement weather, the ceremony and refreshments
will be at the ER First Baptist Church, 119 W. Elm St.*

~ sponsored by the village of East Rochester
and the ER Association of Churches ~



The annual Veterans Day ceremony was held Friday, Nov. 11. The ceremony began at 11 am at the gazebo in Edmund Lyon Park. The village has a long tradition of honoring our servicemen and women, and this ceremony continues to be a point of pride in our community. Many thanks to all involved!

Library notes....

The East Rochester Public Library would like to welcome and introduce to you its newest member, Kelly Ehrich. Kelly is the new Children's and Youth Coordinator, and will be doing programming for the library's youngest patrons. Kelly will be conducting storyhours on Mondays and Wednesdays, and will have some surprises in store for ER youth. Please note the following days and times storyhours will be offered:

Babies storytime – 10-10:30 am Mondays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. Join us for music, stories, and playtime, especially for ages 0-2 years.

Crafty Kids storytime – 3 pm Mondays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. Join us for stories and crafts especially for kids 6-10. Registration is required; please call the library at 586-8302.

Pre-K storytime – 10 am Wednesdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7. Join us for stories and music, especially for ages 3-5.

We will have a special Winter event for the Crafty Kids on Monday, Dec. 19 during the usually scheduled storytime at 3 pm.

Danette Weingarten's Adult Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month, except December, and is discussing 'The Christmas Box' by Richard Paul Evans (November) and 'The Forgotten Garden' by Kate Morton (January). Please join us for lively and fun discussion about these books!

ER Community Resource Center

***120 W. Commercial St. (mailing) 333 E. Chestnut St. (site)
586-0525***

Teresa Quinzi-Willette, director Pat Cragg, associate director

The annual **Advent Craft Sale** will be held **Saturday, Dec. 10**, from 9 am to 3 pm at the East Rochester High School gym, Woodbine Avenue. Admission is free, and the building is accessible to all.

We feature handcrafted items of many kinds, including gifts for the holidays, decorative items, and baked goods. Coffee, doughnuts, and pizza will be available at the our table in the hallway.

The ER PTA Breakfast with Santa will also begin at 9 am; tickets are available in the Elementary School office.

Enjoy your breakfast with St. Nick, then shop at the Advent Craft Sale and visit with your neighbors and friends, new and old. For more information please contact Pat Cragg at 586-5593.

*The Advent Craft Sale is sponsored by the ER Association of Churches to benefit
the ER Community Resource Center, a non-profit agency serving the poor and needy of our community.*

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people are advised that if plowing is necessary, the vehicles will have to be moved or they will be towed. This especially holds true for disabled vehicles. If a State of Emergency is declared within the Town/Village of East Rochester for snow-related reasons, all vehicles will be removed from the streets.

– The ER Police Department
~ To Protect and Serve the Residents of East Rochester ~

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FAQ's for the DPW

SNOW PLOWING:

What time of the day do you plow snow?

Snow is plowed at any given time when more than two inches of snow has accumulated on the roadway. It normally takes us three hours to complete a plow run of the entire village. That means some areas of the village will have more snow on the ground by the time we get to your street. If snow's falling at a rate of one inch per hour, there could be an additional three inches on the road after we've already plowed your street. Whenever snow remains on the ground at the end of the day, we come back at 3 am to plow the streets again to clean up the remaining snow.

Why do you fill up the end of my driveway with snow, and where can I put the snow from my driveway?

Our job is to keep the streets and sidewalks free of accumulating snow. Unfortunately, as a result of our plowing, snow is deposited into driveways. We certainly don't enjoy blocking the end of your driveway, but it's our job to keep the streets and sidewalks safe for traffic. Please remember – we're only doing our jobs. All snow from your property must remain on your property. It's illegal to put your snow in the road, across the street, or on anyone else's property.

Why can't I park in the street in the winter, and why can't I park across the sidewalk in my driveway?

For snow plowing, we need all vehicles off the streets so we can clear the snow from curb to curb. When it's dark out it can be very difficult to see a parked car, due to the amount of snow being pushed ahead of the plow. Thus, 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. We also plow all the sidewalks in the village. If there's a car parked across the sidewalk, the plow can't get through. As a result, this slows us down – the sidewalk plow has to exit the sidewalk at the previous driveway and re-enter at the next driveway. This also causes larger amounts of snow to be left in the road and in your neighbors' driveways. Any cars blocking the sidewalk will be towed at the owner's expense.

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'll return for the next round of plowing. Then notify the ERPD of the situation; it's best to let them handle it.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Why am I responsible for my sewer lateral, and what do I do if I have a sewer problem?

Per NYS village law, the sewer lateral from a 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 sewage from all houses in the village. However, since your house is the only user of your lateral, you're responsible for its maintenance. The village is responsible for only the main sewer system. If you're 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's 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 you need someone from the village to check your sewer problem. They have a list of our names and numbers, and will contact us right away.

What do I do if I notice a hazardous situation?

Please call us if you see any type of hazardous situation, because we might 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 you informing us of these situations, so we can resolve them as soon as possible.

Why do I need a permit to repave my driveway or to fix my sewer?

Obtaining a permit is necessary for several reasons. Any time work is done within the village's Right of Way, we need to ensure all work is done per our specifications. The permit also notifies us you're having work done that needs to be inspected by us to ensure your contractor has installed the material properly, and you haven't been taken advantage of. This is for your protection, to ensure the job has been completed correctly.

Who's responsible for the street lights in the village, and who's responsible for the water mains and water meters?

All street lights are owned, operated, and maintained by RGE. The village does not perform any maintenance of street lights, including those that aren't working. Please call RGE if you have a concern about any street light. 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.

~ **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE DPW at 381-1565** ~

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ER Community Resource Center and ER Fire Department 2011 Christmas Program for the Needy in East Rochester

send, or bring, to ER Village Office at 120 W. Commercial St. or ER CRC at 333 E. Chestnut St.

* for families with children *

Last name _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____

Father's name _____ Mother's _____

(if living at home)

(if living at home)

child's name age gender size child's (reasonable) wish list or interests

<u>child's name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>gender</u>	<u>size</u>	<u>child's (reasonable) wish list or interests</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total household income _____ weekly monthly yearly
(circle one)

From: employment ____ public assistance ____ disability ____ unemployment ____ other ____

Application deadline is Saturday, Dec. 3 – Please return this form as soon as possible. (first come, first served)

If you have any questions, please contact the Resource Center at 586-0525 – thank you!

~ From the ER Fire Department ~

As we enter the late-fall season, there are a few steps you should be taking to ensure a safe and comfortable transition from the most colorful time of the year to the coldest time of the year. This is when residents should have their heating systems checked to make sure they're running safely and efficiently. This can prevent carbon monoxide poisoning due to use of a faulty furnace. The best practice is to have a professional service technician clean and inspect your heating units annually.

This is also the time of year many of us start using woodburning stoves or fireplaces to take the chill out of the air. Have you cleaned your flues and had a professional check your chimney for cracks? This is something that should be done at least on an annual basis. It's also important to use the fireplace screen when the fireplace is in use. When storing wood near a fireplace or stove, make sure it's a safe distance from the heat of the device. When cleaning the ashes from a fireplace or stove, make sure to use a metal pail with a cover to transport the ashes, which might still be hot, to the outside of the house. Every year, house fires are started when people have cleaned what they thought was a fireplace or woodstove that was out, only to find the ashes were still glowing and stored in the house or garage in something other than a metal container. Please store the ashes away from any combustible materials (ideally, outside in a covered metal container) until you're certain they're not smoldering.

When raking leaves, don't pile them up and burn them. In addition to being illegal, it's not a wise practice. Leaves are very light, and will readily travel with even the slightest breeze. When you factor in that the leaf might be burning when it becomes airborne, you have the potential for an unwanted fire at some other location.

October was Fire Prevention Month. This is the time of year we at the ERFD remind our students of the importance of being fire-safe at home. With just a few simple steps, we can all take the time to make sure our houses and loved ones are protected. The first step is to remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year, when you switch your clocks. The next step is to have a household evacuation plan in case of a fire, and to practice the plan with all members of the household. Finally, test the detectors at least once a month.

On behalf of the members of the ERFD, I'd like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable late-fall and early-winter season.

– Dan E. Gekoski, Chief

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News from the ER Youth Activity Center (for students in grades 6-12)

242 W. Commercial St. 586-1003 open 3-7 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

A few months ago we enrolled 13 young people for our **Summer Youth Training and Employment Program**. In June, participants were given a job description for each of 14 worksites, and were asked to rank the top three jobs they were interested in. All were placed at sites in their top three, and most were given a job at their first or second choice.

A Business Orientation was held on June 23, at which time we presented program elements, goals, and expectations. Parent/participant Orientation was June 27. At this time parents and their son/daughter received information on the program's goals and expectations, and what parents can do to support them. Participants also received their schedules. Participants were scheduled for six weeks of training. The six weekly topics were: job readiness, work ethics, and values; communication, preparation, and decision-making skills; self-esteem and self-concept; leadership and health/safety training; money and time management; and interview skills, resume writing, and program evaluation.

Each of the participants was also assigned a mentor, whom they met with for 30 minutes each week. This allowed time for the youth participants to work on their summer program goals (such as creating a resume and career searches).

Our youth were involved with these community-service projects: entertained School of the Holy Childhood students, washed ERPD cars at the beginning and end of summer, and helped direct traffic at the ER Karknocker 5K.

On July 12, one of our participants attended the **Summer Institute at St. John Fisher College**. All our participants who were juniors and seniors had the opportunity to attend. The session was on the following topics: "The College Search and Selection Process," "Financial Aid and Scholarships," and "Presenting Yourself in the College Application Process."

After the presentation, he went on a campus tour and had lunch.

Cooking Matters – We had a Cooking Matters class from 2:30-4:30 pm every Wednesday, for six weeks. Our youth received a cookbook and helped prepare a meal. They also went home with a bag of food, to prepare one of the things they cooked that day. This training was sponsored by Foodlink. (see photo at right)

YAR Project – Our Youth As Resources project was "Hope For The Homeless," and our youth were awarded \$1,000 to execute this grant. Participants had weekly meetings and planned the following: On July 26 and Aug. 2, they, along with two classes from the School of the Holy Childhood, put together 50 personal-care bags for the homeless, for donation to the Open Door Mission. On Aug. 1 we had a luncheon at the ER Senior Center. Those attending were asked to bring food for the ER Community Resource Center. In addition, a representative from the ODM came and gave a presentation on the growing problem of homelessness in Monroe County. On Aug. 18 participants celebrated the project's success with a BBQ. This was also the time participants received their summer yearbooks, and completed summer evaluations for Rochester Works and us.

Community Bikes Inc. – On July 21, we had a bike safety and repair training class. Our participants brought their bikes to class and were taught how to fix and maintain their own bikes.

Working Wardrobe – On July 25, Gail from Working Wardrobe came in and did a presentation on how to conduct yourself during a job interview. She also covered what to wear for the interview. She noted the names of all the participants who were interested in getting interview clothes, and returned the following week with the clothes. Two of our participants requested interview clothes, and both were very happy with what they received from Working Wardrobe.

Our youth participants worked at these sites: ERHS Guidance Office, Village Fair, ER Department of Public Works, A Second Thought, ER Department of Local History, ER Public Library, Linden East Condominiums, ER Youth Activity Center, Day Camp in the Park, ER Community Resource Center, and the ER Junior/Senior High School office.

On Sept. 22 the **junior/senior high school hosted its annual open house** for parents. They invited us to participate to spread word about what we can offer ER students. We spent the evening discussing with parents the options children have; many were pleased to hear we offer tutoring for students of all ages.

If you're interested in **volunteering at the center** or if you'd like to serve on our **Board of Directors**, please call us at 586-1003. Both youth and adult members are needed. The time commitment is small – only one to two hours a month! You can make a lifelong impression on a youth for a small investment of time!

The ERYAC promotes the '40 Developmental Assets' and 'Small Talk, Big Difference' initiatives.

– Barbara Maine, ERYAC director



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Our Office of Local History provides historical walking tours for the school; maintains complete inventories of the Gagashoan (ERHS yearbook) from 1931 to the present, full copies of the East Rochester Herald and Post and other newspapers; and is open for individuals to research matters of an historical nature. Jim Burlingame, historian, welcomes the public to visit their Website at www.erhistory.com, as well as and the museum, at 901 Main St. The Office of Local History is open from 9 am-1 pm Wednesday through Friday, and 10am-1 pm Saturday.

The next three bulk refuse pickup weeks are Dec. 5-9, Feb. 6-10, and April 2-6.

The ER Youth Activity Center is in need of a refrigerator. If you are in the market for a new fridge, please consider donating your old one to the center, if it's in good working order.

~ From the ER Volunteer Ambulance Corps ~

The ER Volunteer Ambulance Corps is the oldest active and entirely volunteer ambulance corps in NYS, and has been serving your community since 1938.

In order for us to remain a volunteer corps and provide the ER community with the best possible care, we need you! As a member of this unique group of people, you'll gain valuable knowledge and the great satisfaction of helping out in your community.

There is no cost to you, all equipment and training is provided, and we offer monthly rewards. Ask about our sign-on bonus for new members!

For more information, please call 586-5723 or visit us at erambulance.org.

WHERE SHOULD I GO: URGENT-CARE CENTER OR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT?

When you or a family member suddenly becomes sick or has an accident, where do you go for treatment? The first thing to do is take stock of the situation. It's probably an emergency if you think the condition could result in death or serious medical complications. Some examples of emergencies are chest pain with shortness of breath, serious or severe injuries, burns, electrical shock, broken bones, uncontrolled bleeding, seizure, unconsciousness, amputation, and poisoning. For any of these you should immediately call 911 or visit the nearest hospital emergency department.

Other situations are not life-threatening, but may require immediate attention. These are likely not emergencies. They may be uncomfortable and serious, but don't require the attention of an emergency department that's staffed, trained, and ready for many serious, life-threatening conditions. Examples of these types of situations are an illness you might see your regular doctor for, minor cuts, burns, strains, and sprains, removal of foreign objects in the eye, and high fevers. For any of these, consider the services of an urgent-care facility. These are typically open earlier and later than your doctor's office, and are usually much less crowded than emergency departments.

In any situation, try calling your doctor first, if available. Emergency departments are your best choice for life's worst medical situations. But if you don't have a serious life-threatening condition, an urgent-care clinic will likely save you money and time, and leave the emergency department free to handle more serious cases.

COLD AND FLU PREVENTION: WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON

- 1) **Eat healthy.** Eat antioxidant-rich foods, such as whole-grain cereals, walnuts, and artichokes, as well as foods packed with omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon.
- 2) **Exercise regularly.** Take a brisk walk every day. Any kind of moderate daily exercise, such as cycling, swimming, or working out at the gym, can improve lung and immune function.
- 3) **Drink lots of water.** Staying well-hydrated keeps the tissues of the respiratory system moist and helps the immune system work properly.
- 4) **Stay away from people who appear sick.** Stay three or more feet away from people who are coughing or sneezing.
- 5) **Stay home when you feel sick.** Stay home from work when you first feel ill. It's possible that work-related stress (not to mention commuting) could slow your recovery.