



VILLAGE DESPATCH

Winter 2011

EAST ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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(between Cable Channel 12 and GSR Associates) and Main Street.

We are also amenable to special requests. Permission may be granted to allow parking under special circumstances. We will take a telephone number where the person can be reached and officers will contact them to remove the vehicle in the event the roads need to be cleared of vehicles. When possible, officers have gone to residences in an attempt to get vehicles moved prior to towing. Regardless, people are advised that should plowing be needed, the vehicles will have to be moved or they will be towed. This especially holds true for disabled vehicles.

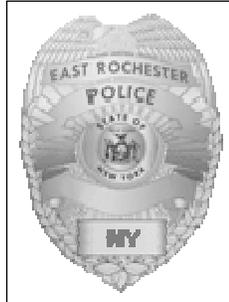
In the event that a State of Emergency is declared within the Town/Village of East Rochester for snow related reasons, all vehicles will be removed from the streets.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

ERPD

***To Protect and Serve the
Residents of East Rochester***

**The next three
Bulk Refuse pickup
weeks:
February 7-11
April 4-8
June 6-10**



Winter Parking Rules

The following outlines the procedures for ticketing and towing of vehicles from November 15 through April 15 when winter parking regulations are in effect per Village Policy and Law. Prior to November 15, the regulations are posted in the East Rochester Post. In addition, an ad is placed in the Community News and posted on Cable TV Channel 12. There are signs at the entrances to the Village outlining the regulation.

The East Rochester Police Department issues only warning tickets for the first week. After that, parking tickets are issued to any vehicle on the street between 3:00 am to 6:00 am whether or not there is inclement weather. This includes the Village Hall parking lot located at 120 West Commercial Street. In the event that it is necessary for snow removal, the vehicles are issued parking tickets and then towed.

There are a few exceptions. The first is alternate parking in 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 are the municipal parking lots on West Commercial St.

Upcoming Dates

Public Forum 7:30 pm
Feb. 10, March 10, April 7,
May 5, June 9, July 7

Business Meeting 7:30 pm
Feb. 14, March 14, April 11,
May 9, June 13, July 11

Planning Board* 7:00 pm
Feb. 8, March 8, April 12,
May 10, June 14, July 12

Zoning Board* 7:00 pm
Feb. 15, March 15, April 19,
May 17, June 21, July 19

* 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

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EAST ROCHESTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS.

When to Call 911

Is It An Emergency?

That's the million dollar question. While there are legendary tales of misuse, the majority of unnecessary calls are from well-intentioned people on the fence about whether the event qualifies as an emergency or not. Part of knowing when to dial 911 is knowing when not to. Strange as it sounds, some people would rather call the ambulance than their own physician. A man calls for an ambulance because he has a splinter in his toe. Another man wants to be taken to the hospital because a fish hook was lodged not too deeply in his finger. People call ambulances to take them to the hospital for doctor appointments or for minor surgery – after all, it's fast and it's free.

Years ago, emergency medical technicians said a person with a broken arm would be more likely to be driven to the hospital by a family member or friend. People generally had a clearer idea of what level of injury required an ambulance. An injury or illness that seems like a medical emergency to the person calling might not really require an ambulance. Some people misuse the system intentionally because they think that an ambulance will make a trip to the hospital through traffic more quickly or that they will be hustled into treatment before others in the emergency room. But arrival by ambulance doesn't guarantee anything.

The emergency room is not a first-come, first-served system and there is a common misperception that going by ambulance guarantees you will be seen faster. Everyone in an emergency room has to go through triage whether they come by ambulance or private vehicle. Patients are sorted according to the severity of their condition and the possible implications of their symptoms.

An ambulance on an emergency call is out of service for a total of two to three hours from the time the volunteers arrive for the call to the time the ambulance is cleaned and ready to roll again. If all of a district's ambulances are in use, sometimes on unnecessary calls, a second emergency requires calling on a neighboring district for back up, possibly jeopardizing the welfare of someone severely injured or ill.

We have to take everything on a case-by-case basis. There is always the chance that an illness or injury that doesn't

seem to need immediate attention, in fact does. A symptom that seems small may actually indicate that something is really wrong. It is not the job of emergency medical technicians to determine the validity of a person's request for an ambulance. There are no protocols in New York State that allow an emergency medical technician to decide that a patient who has called for an ambulance might not really need one. Eighty percent (80%) of the calls taken yearly don't really require an ambulance. However, every one of those calls needs to be answered.

Many people assume that ambulance crews are paid professionals. But the people who drop what they are doing to race to the site of an emergency are volunteering their time and expertise, sometimes at the expense of their families and jobs.

No one with a medical emergency or severe, mysterious symptoms should hesitate to call an ambulance. On the other hand, if the volunteer system becomes overtaxed, it may become necessary to hire paid professionals and that cost will come out of taxpayers' pockets.

Besides calling your primary care physician, there are three urgent care centers in our area that can be utilized for your emergency:

- **Eastside Urgent Care in Penfield**
- **Immediate Care East in Fairport**
- **Excel Care in Pittsford.**

All of these centers operate like an emergency room and normally the wait is less than 30 minutes.

The East Rochester Volunteer Ambulance corps. does bill the patient's insurance company for any patient that is transported to the hospital. The patient normally will pay a co-pay for this service. The ambulance corps began billing at the request of the East Rochester Village Board. The billing revenue is used to fund medical equipment and operating costs.

We are currently in need of more volunteers to help cover our calls. We have many opportunities available along with monetary incentives for your help. If you are interested in being part of an organization that has been in service for 73 years, please call us at 586-5723 or go to our website at www.erambulance.org.

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EAST ROCHESTER COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

by Teresa Quinzi-Willette, Director

The East Rochester Community Resource Center would like to thank all those who participated in our Christmas Program in December of 2010, especially for the sponsors who adopted a child, an individual or a whole family, and purchased gifts and food. Also, to all our local churches and businesses for their contributions and sponsorship and a very special thank you to the E.R. Fire Dept volunteers and the Pascazi Family for their partnership with us. This could never have been accomplished as it was, without all the wonderful volunteers. We thank you all and may God bless you with a happy and healthy New Year! We received a generous donation from St. Jerome's Catholic Church of donated paper products.

This year the Christmas Program served a total of 99 families, including 220 children and 143 adults, for a total of 363 people.

The East Rochester Community Resource Center and the East Rochester Fire Department volunteers delivered to 59 of these families.

Village Merchants, Scout Troops, Churches, other Families and Individuals sponsored 35 families. There were five more families who asked for help at the last minute and these were taken care of at the Resource Center.

MANY THANKS to all the folks who helped us to accomplish such a spectacular program:
St. Jerome's Giving Tree312 tags for gift cards and clothing..... ER Fire Dept Angel Tree.... for all children 12 and under for gifts of games and toys...
Hoselton's Car Dealer's Angel tree ...for all children over 12, Koinonia Fellowship....family bags for each family, ERCRC provided socks and underwear for all kids on the list Leo's Bakery for Cookies for the Christmas baskets...

Foodlink for about 30 % of the food from a grant to the ERCRC, and 70%, which was all the fresh and perishables purchased at Wegman's, who gave us a \$200 gift card toward the total, and the balance was split between the ERFD and the ER Community

Resource Center, (via Salvation Army budget). Also, a special thanks to all our sponsors who did so well for their adopted families for Christmas!

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Gloria and Angelo, Gina and Rick, for the hours spent in the sorting, wrapping and tagging of all the gifts and for the hours Gloria and I spent on the phone, checking every little thing...

The E.R. Chamber of Commerce donated a ton of food, and these great folks also donated food: U of R. Dermatology Group, ER's School Careers & Finance Class, Morgan Middle School Chorus. Special thanks to Beverly, Don and Dennis from Northside Inn who donated food and turkeys.

I am very grateful for their dedication to this program, year after year.....THANK YOU!

**** Of particular note; Outside of my time, (being part of my job), Not one cent of taxpayers dollars was used on this project! ****

If you have never seen this program in operation, volunteer firemen and women filling the boxes and bags of food, they line up the bags of gifts tagged for each family, the care taken to pick up the right bags to coincide with the right index cards, the loading and the deliveries, I'd welcome you to take the time to witness this wonderful labor of love among men and women who care enough to make something great and beautiful happen to bless others who are struggling, especially during the Christmas season.

***Scouting for Food takes place on March 26.
Thank you for your generosity and assistance!***

Watch for the spring clothing clearance sale at the ER Community Resource Center, located at 333 East Chestnut Street, at a time TBA.

This years ADVENT CRAFT SALE fund raiser net proceeds totaled \$ 1,070.

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MONROE COUNTY TREE PROGRAM

It's not too early to plan for your spring planting projects! The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District's Annual Tree and Shrub Program has begun, and it will be over before you know it. Help re-forest Monroe County! All proceeds from this sale go to support the conservation programs at the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The District now offers more than 55 species of bare-root conifers, hardwood trees, shrubs and groundcovers, as well as seed mixes and other products used in conservation projects. Packages range in unit size and price, from a bundle of 10 plants for as low as \$10, to bundles of 100 plants for an average cost of \$78. Some of the new selections for this year are: Blueberry, Ninebark and Black Gum. We've also increased our selection of multi-packs where homeowners can choose from 10 pre-packaged plant combinations that help accommodate common site needs. Rather than getting a pack of ten trees/shrubs of only one species, multi-packs include two each of five different species; perfect for the suburban conservationist!

All plants are bare-root stock making them much easier to transport and plant. This is a pre-order program and the DEADLINE date for ordering is MARCH 18, 2011.

Those interested may get order forms by logging onto the District's website:

www.monroecountyswcd.org

or by stopping into any Town Clerk Department in Monroe County. You may also contact the County Soil and Water Conservation District at (585) 473-2120 x101, M-F from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and they will fax, mail or email the forms to you.

THE VILLAGE WEB SITE

www.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 would like to suggest additions to the site or have questions, please use the *Contact Us* section on the main page: www.eastrochester.org.

JEAN DANIEL SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

The Singles Group continues to meet for lunch every other week. We leave the Center at 11:30 am to pool rides. Reservations are made at different restaurants.

In February, we have a special dinner when we honor all those who have been 50 years married (to the same partner) and all those 80 and more years young.

Monday, Feb. 21, Dr. Paul Merkel, podiatrist, will be at the Center, beginning appointments at 1:30 pm. Call to schedule an appointment in advance.



Members of the Senior Center selling their home-knitted and crocheted winter gear.

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EAST ROCHESTER CABLE TV CHANNEL 12

This November marked the 17th year that ERCN TV-12, East Rochester's Community Access Station, has been on the air. The station started as a very small operation run by volunteers and has emerged as a small, but prestigious station with a reputation for some excellent innovative programming dedicated to the interests of the people of East Rochester. Our mission has been to preserve the legacy of East Rochester with programs displaying snapshots in time, of events having taken place in the Village. Preparation for the station began a few years prior to our turning the switch to go on the air in the fall of 1993.

In 1987, Gene D'Ambrose noticed an ad from the Penfield Community Access Channel 12 offering classes about producing local community videos. He took the class and then became a volunteer, becoming familiar with camera operation, editing, and producing programs. Gene was eventually appointed to Penfield's Advisory Board for Video production. To broaden his knowledge, he also became a volunteer with "Fact 12" Community Access Station in Fairport. Over the next few years, Gene was able to use equipment from the organization to record events taking place in East Rochester. Some of the first shows were the Firemen's Parade and Dedication of the Bandstand, Football games, and the Cooking Shows from the "Food in the Works" in the Piano Works Mall.

At this time, the airwaves were shared by Penfield, Fairport and Pittsford. When Fairport and Penfield indicated that they wished to go independent, Gene approached the ER Town Board with a proposal and recommendation that ER establish its own Community Access Station. In order to satisfy the concerns of the ER Board, Gene was tasked to find ways to fund the station without the use of tax money, and to produce volunteers to operate the station. He then advertised for help and Jim Burlingame and Joe Russo stepped forward. They helped line up volunteers and a location for the station. Gene discovered that ER was only getting 3% of the cable franchise fees from

Time-Warner whereas, if we started a station, we would get 5%. This was presented to the Village Board, and it eventually granted permission to purchase basic equipment and start a station. At that time our volunteers had to manually load and remove tapes from the player for each program. The ER Station shared days on the air with Penfield, and Fairport, and later shared days with Pittsford only. Programs included Interviews with ER Village people, Cooking Shows, Golf, Football, Basketball, Track, Soccer, Lacrosse and Girls Field Hockey. We even tried a News Show. Our programming was augmented by a Bulletin Board of local events, plus listings of ER Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Jim Burlingame was appointed Station manager and held the position for many years, improving the station along with the help of many dedicated volunteers. Eventually Joe Russo succeeded him as Station Manager and has been leading the station as it has become one of the best, Cable Access Stations in Monroe County.

The station is funded with fees secured from Time-Warner, avoiding the use of tax money. The station also saves the Village money by producing income from copy charges and providing the bulletin board as a means of disseminating town business to the residents.

The station has converted all operations to Digital Technology to provide the best possible quality for programs. Our current archives consist of over 800 programs that are selectively re-used on a weekly basis. Our goal is to increase our programming time, from the current three days per week to a 24/7 format. ERCN is anxious to work with current ER School students to have them volunteer to produce any type of videos, on a casual, non-committal basis. Students would be free to choose their programming and would be taught to plan, edit and assemble new programming. Our energetic staff is the key to our success.

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EAST ROCHESTER YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

The East Rochester Youth Activity Center concluded 2010 on a successful and positive note. Over 248 youth visited the Center. They enjoyed training programs, parties, air hockey, billiards, ping-pong, television, X-box, foosball, computers and board games. The youth learned new skills and forged new friendships. The shared camaraderie between youth and staff is a positive experience for both groups.

It was with sadness we accepted the retirement of Phyllis Giambrone at the beginning of September. Phyllis has worked for the Center as Assistant to the Director for two years. She still plans on visiting us and helping out at times.

Congratulations to Liz La Delfa, who completed Digital Afternoon computer training through Rochester Works! Liz was on a mission trip to Costa Rica for about a month, but she has now returned to the Center. Chelsea Seward helped at the Center in Liz's absence. Chelsea will continue to work as needed.

Starting early in 2011, 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 2010 was a success. Presently if you own a business and are interested in hiring one of our youth, you can hire a youth and be reimbursed \$3.00 every hour for 120 hours through a grant through Rochester Works. This offer is for new hirers only. If you are interested in this new hire benefit or to ensure your placement in the 2011 Summer Youth Training and Employment program, call Barbara Maine at 586-1003. Business selection is based on a first come, first serve basis (no guarantees) and appropriateness.

We have three St. John Fisher students assisting at the Center as part of the Service Scholars Program. Francis Christiano is a sophomore, majoring in History and pursuing a minor in Pre-Law. Anthony Yockel is also a sophomore

pursuing a degree in Business Management. Daniel Przybylski is a freshman and is double majoring in English and Pre-Physical Therapy, while also pursuing minors in Modern Languages and Business Management. These scholars are at the Center Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3pm-7pm. FREE TUTORING is provided during the above times by the St. John Fisher College students and other supervisors. If you are interested in being part of the tutoring program or forming a study group, call 586-1003 and schedule.

On October 26, the Village of ER, ERYAC and Cub Scout Pack #67 sponsored a Halloween party at the Eyer Park Lodge for children in preschool through fifth grade. Over 248 attended. These kids participated in face painting, basketball, arts and crafts, miniature golf and bowling. People enjoyed classic Halloween food such as apple cider, donuts, and hot chocolate. The kids had a great time being in their creative and even frightening costumes, and we all had a great time.

The Youth Center hosted a Christmas Party on the December 17 from 3 till 6 pm. There were lots of food, games and time to socialize with friends. Special thank you to Assemblyman David Koon for \$5,000 for the program year 2010 (Local Initiative Money). In September 2010, the Center was faced with major funding cuts because of the Rochester Works and County grants, (about 50% of our funding has been cut). If you are familiar with grant opportunities, fundraisers that work or if you would like to make a donation, we would be extremely grateful for any information. It has only been 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.

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 small investment of time! The ERYAC promotes the 40 Developmental Assets and Small Talk Big Difference.

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EAST ROCHESTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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.

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.

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, call 911 to inform them of the situation. A hazardous situation could be a sinkhole, debris in the road, or many other issues. We appreciate your informing us of these situations, so we can resolve the hazardous situation as soon as possible.

Bulk pick up questions and answers:

What is bulk pick up week? Bulk pick up week 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 of the bulk items are: appliances, furniture, carpet, concrete, and many other items. 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.

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.

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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 items separate allows us to get all items picked 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.

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

All bulk items should be kept separate whenever possible.

EAST ROCHESTER OFFICE OF LOCAL HISTORY

The Office of Local History provides historical walking tours for the school, maintains a complete inventory of the Gagashoan (high school 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 historical nature. Jim Burlingame, Historian, urges the public to visit the website,

www.erhistory.com

and the museum at 901 Main Street as well. The Office of Local History is open from Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and on Saturday from 10 am to 1:00 pm.

EAST ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



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:

- Learn crime prevention strategies for protecting themselves from crime.
- Meet and interact with several members of the East Rochester Police Department
- 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

The Police pharmaceutical drop off has been extended for the entire year of 2011, every third Wednesday of the month, at 254 W. Ivy Street from 10-1. No appointment is necessary.

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VILLAGE CLERK NOTES

Attention, All Dog Owners:

As of January 1, 2011, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets terminated its involvement in the dog licensing program. Each town within New York State will now be responsible for the renewal of and licensing of dogs.

Dog owners are required to obtain a new tag with "Town of East Rochester" information on it. This new tag will be issued to you at the time of your renewal. If you are unable to renew your dog license in person at Village Hall, we will mail your tag to you after we receive your completed renewal form and check.

Please contact Village Hall at 585-586-3553 with any questions. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

MONROE COUNTY ENERGY WORKSHOP

Kimie Romeo, Environmental enthusiast, holds workshops across Monroe County to teach people how to save energy and money without large financial investments. It doesn't matter to Kim how many people who up at her workshops; even one person can make an impact.

Quizzes throughout the presentation were full of surprises. For example, which appliance uses the most energy? 1) dryer 2) refrigerator 3) microwave. If you first thought, "dryer", you would be right IF it ran all the time. The correct answer is your refrigerator.

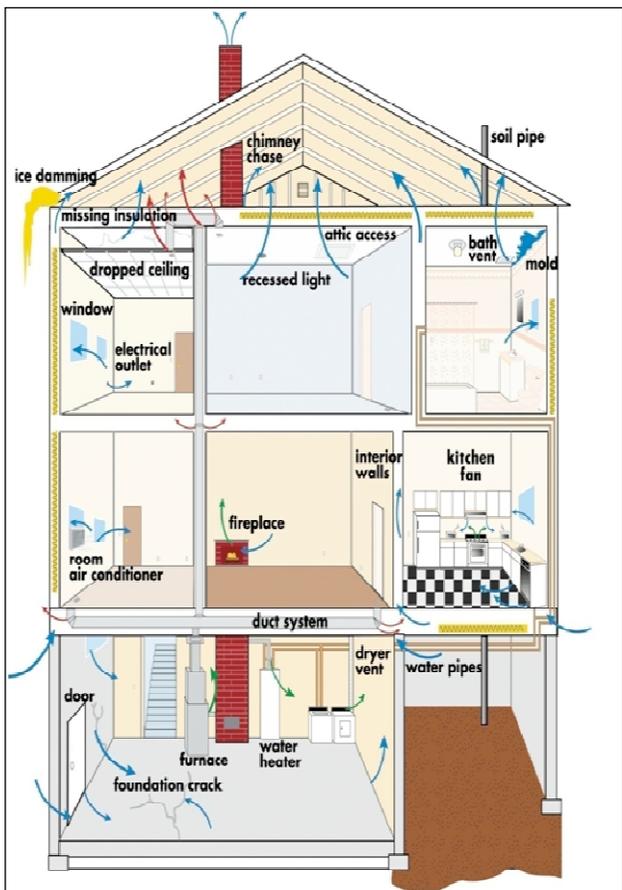
How many times have you heard "replacing your windows will save you money"? Probably only from window salesmen! Caulking windows to eliminate drafts is actually "greener". Included in an energy swag bag was a roll of clay-like weather-stripping, which was easy to apply and instantly eliminated a draft in the kitchen.

Energy efficient light bulbs and insulation for the outlets on outside walls were also in the swag bag. These simple steps may seem inconsequential, but every little improvement adds up.

Some suggestions to save hot water energy follow. Set your water heater temperature to 120 degrees F. Wash in cold water whenever possible. Fix any leaks. Install high efficiency showerheads and aerators.

More resources to help save energy are: Weatherization Assistance Program, EmPower New York, rebates from utilities and tax credits.

A slide show pointed out typical energy drains in homes. (see illustration at left).



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EAST ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library hosted our Annual Fall Open House on October 16 with the Gregory Street Jazz Band as entertainment. The event featured crafts, games, face painting and food as well. Thanks to all who participated in the event, as well as a special thank you to the members of the Friends of the Library for sponsoring our event. The Gregory Street Jazz Band played an interesting mix of music, including some rock and roll as well as jazz standards.

Winter is an exciting time at the library. We recently held a "Tail Wagin' Tutors" reading time. Students in grades K-8 came to read to the pooches who love to hear stories from young readers. Each child has 15 minutes in which to read to the dog of their choice. There will be more opportunities to read to the dogs on Thursday, February 24, from 3:30-4:30 pm and Thursday, April 21, from 3:30-4:30 pm. Please consider joining us! Registration is not required for this event.

On Tuesday, February 22, at 2 pm, the whole family can have fun at "It's Magic, of course", with Ted Burzynski. No registration is required for this.

Winter Storytime schedule has changed, with some moving from Monday to Tuesday, and registration is required for certain groups as noted below.

Babies Group, ages 6-24 months will now be on **Tuesdays from 9:45-10:30 am.**

There is no registration required. Join us for songs, rhymes, and stories.

January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8 2011

Grades K-2 will meet on **Tuesdays from 3:00-3:45 pm or from 4:00-4:45 pm. Registration is required, space is limited. Please contact the Library for more details, 586-8302.** Join us for stories and a craft.
January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8 2011

2-3 year olds will meet Thursdays 10-10:30 am for Drop-In story time. No registration is required.

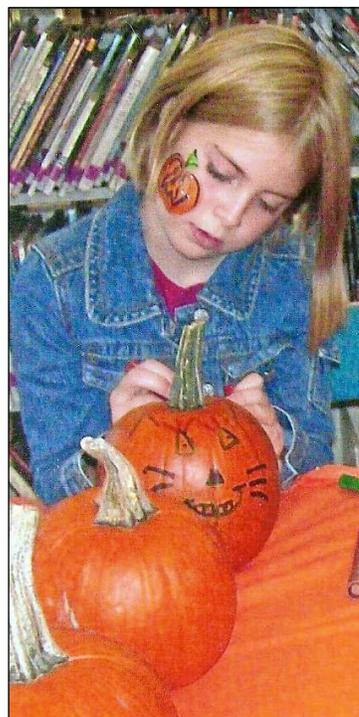
Join us for songs, rhymes, and stories on January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10 2011

3-5 year olds will meet Thursdays 10:45-11:15 am for Drop-In story time.

No registration required. Join us for songs, rhymes, and stories.

January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10 2011

Our Adult Services Coordinator, Danette has a book chat on February 17, Lottery by Patricia Wood. Join us for a great discussion of the book at 7 pm. More book selections will be coming soon!



Samantha Funk designs her pumpkin to match her face painting.

Mia, from East Rochester, reads a favorite dog themed book to a very attentive "Argent"



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EAST ROCHESTER TOWN COURT

Amy Monachino has been appointed to the position of Town and Village Court Liaison. Amy, who began her new position on December 22, brings several years of experience as a Town Court Clerk for the Town/Village of East Rochester. Special Counsel Maryclaire Donovan Frank and Hon. Alex R. Renzi (Supreme Court Justice and Supervising Judge for Monroe, Livingston and Stueben Counties) extended a warm welcome to Amy.

Kimberly Cammilleri also left her position as Town Court Clerk to assist Hon. Victoria Argento at her new position as County Court Judge.

To replace Kim and Amy at the Town Court Office are Kathie Schneider and Michon Ball. Welcome to East Rochester!

Hon. Terrence Brown-Steiner replaces Hon. Victoria Argento as Town Judge. She was elected County Court Judge in November, and began her term in January.



Judge Scott Odorisi welcomes Judge Terrence Brown-Steiner after his swearing in with his wife and son looking on.

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Volunteers are Bernie Allen, Dave Altman, Mel and George Battaglini, Al Buckner, Mary and Jerry Cilento, Gene D'Ambrose, Tom Dezio, Dennis Greco, Chris Knopp, Colette and Dave Morabito, Ralph Morabito, Jeff Renner, Joe Russo, Carmen Scalise, Steve Scalise, John Schroth, Mike Sirianno, Mary Tochelli and Teresa Willette. Without these energetic volunteers, Channel

EAST ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This winter season promises to test even East Rochester residents. The Fire Department reminds everyone to take ten simple yet important steps to a safe and warm winter.

- 1) Check your furnace or boiler to make sure it is running properly. This simple step may help you save money by making sure your equipment runs at peak performance.
- 2) Have your heating equipment inspected by a professional heating contractor to protect you from illness or death because of carbon monoxide poisoning. Have your equipment and chimneys checked for possible leaks of harmful gasses which are the byproduct of combustion.
- 3) Clean the chimneys and flue pipes at regular intervals during the heating season.
- 4) Dispose of ashes from wood burning appliances properly. Ashes smolder long after the fire appears to be out. Remove ashes from the appliances to a metal bucket. Store them out of the structure until you are sure there is no possibility of starting a fire. Do not store them in your garage on the porch.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Do not start your car in the garage to warm it up, even with the garage door open. This can be deadly, particularly if the garage is attached to the house. This is again due to carbon monoxide gas.
- 7) Carbon monoxide can be produced from many everyday appliances. Install CO detectors for safety.
- 8) Take care when using electric heaters. Do not use extension cords with them or place them too closely to combustible materials. These heaters are designed to plug into wall outlets only.
- 9) Propane cylinders should not be stored in your basement or in your attached garage.
- 10) 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.

VILLAGE DESPATCH

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EAST ROCHESTER ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The STAR Exemption is a New York State partial school tax exemption. All homeowners are entitled to a Basic STAR exemption on their primary residence. Once you apply for Basic STAR you do NOT need to renew it on a yearly basis unless you change your residence.

Senior Citizens age 65 or older are eligible to apply for Enhanced STAR. The amount of Enhanced STAR exemption received is based on income. To qualify for Enhanced Star the income limit is \$79,050 (adjusted gross income from 2009 tax return). Senior citizens who have lower incomes may qualify for additional exemptions. Enhanced Star Renewal applications will be mailed out in December 2010.

STAR applications are available at the Assessor's office or printed from the New York State Office of Real Property website at www.orps.state.ny.us/ (under exemption forms).

For more information call the Assessor's office at 381-5151.

**ALL STAR APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BY MARCH 1, 2011.**

NEW BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY SERVICE

McGraw's Irish Pub and Restaurant, located at 146 W. Commercial Street, opened in December of 2010. McGraw's offers more than food and drink, however. "Sessions" or informal jamming of traditional Irish music are held on Mondays for beginners and Wednesday evenings for intermediates. The sessions begin at 7 pm. Professional musicians come to entertain as well. One of the walls of the pub showcases famous local musicians, including Ted McGraw, a member of the Irish Music Hall of Fame, the owner's dad.

Nicole Pizzigrilli of Metro Health East reminds residents that Food Link distributes food every second Friday of the month from 11 am to 2 pm at the Commercial Street business. ER residents are given priority, and ID must be provided. She suggests bringing a bag or box to carry the food home.

The Chamber is happy to announce their schedule of monthly meetings and networking/social events. The new year is a great time to make new contacts and share ideas on how to grow our businesses in ER. Monthly Chamber Meetings are held at the Grapevine Restaurant located at 122 Main Street. All meetings begin at 8 am and end by 9:15 am. Meetings include coffee, guest speakers and a brief explanation of one of the member's businesses. The Chamber will meet on February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 of this year. Future meeting dates TBA.

Chamber members may register for networking and social events online at the website, www.erchamber.org. This year's events are planned for February 9 at the Images Unveiled Photography studio in Pittsford, March 9 at Perlo's Restaurant and April 13 at McGraw's Irish Pub.



Ed Parrone, Ray Parrotta, Jim Herko and Chief Dan Gekoski enjoy some Holiday cheer while waiting for Santa at the Village Office Holiday Party



Nick Morabito, Ray Parrotta, Judge Odorisi and Mark Leeper are all smiles after Santa's visit.