

VILLAGE DESPATCH



ER: ON THE ROAD TO BETTER HEALTH!

The Town/Village of East Rochester cares about its employees and is continually making improvements to make ER a great place to work and live. We have teamed up with MVP Healthcare, and this year we are implementing many strategies to promote healthy living.

Our wellness committee consists of people from each department who have shown interest in and commitment to researching what will promote a healthy workplace. We have introduced a Fruit of the Month program, through which a basket of chosen fruit is delivered to all departments to promote healthy eating.

In April we started a fitness/walking challenge. Pedometers were made available for all employees who wanted to keep track of their steps for a six-week competition, which started late that month. East Rochester is competing with other municipalities in the Finger Lakes Municipal Health Insurance Trust to promote healthy activity, and prizes will be awarded for numerous activities in June, at the end of the contest.

Push Fitness Center has given all ER employees a substantial rate reduction to join its new state-of-the-art facility on Fairport Road.

A fall Wellness Fair, set for Tuesday, Oct. 16, will provide our employees with special programs, information, personal health screenings, healthcare professionals, and literature to continue on a healthy path.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

Public Forum and Business Meeting

7 pm Mondays

June 11, July 9, Aug. 13,
Sept. 10, and (Tuesday) Oct. 9

Planning Board*

7 pm Tuesdays

June 12, July 10, Aug. 14,
Sept. 11, and Oct. 9

Zoning Board*

7 pm Tuesdays

June 19, July 17, Aug. 21,
Sept. 18, and Oct. 16

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

How to reach us

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Office hours

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

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

~ SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ~

*(weather permitting, all start at 7 pm in the Village Hall lot,
unless otherwise noted)*

Monday, June 4 – 'Jazz at the Park,' featuring ER student ensembles;
Mr. V's food cart will be available (Edmund Lyon, 5:30)

Wednesday, June 20 – Wild Horses (Rolling Stones tribute); Main/Maple

Wednesday, June 27 – It's My Party ('50s and doo-wop)

Wednesday July 11 – Jive Street Five (jazz, swing, and Latin)

Wednesday, July 25 – Join us at the ERFD carnival!

Wednesday, Aug. 1 – Reporter (rock covers)

Wednesday, Aug. 15 – Mr. Mustard (Beatles tribute and more)

Wednesday, Aug. 29 – Smokehouse (rock covers); location TBA

Summer will soon be upon us. If you're looking for some activities for your children this summer, **Vacation Bible Day Camp**, set for July 23-27, may be a new option, with an opportunity for learning, ministry, and fun! The camp, sponsored by the ER Association of Churches and the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, is a week filled with fun, worship, Bible and nature study, games, crafts, singing, recreation, sharing, and meeting new friends. It's held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1008 Main St. in ER. Vacation Bible Day Camp, which is staffed by trained counselors from LCLC working in consultation with a steering committee and volunteers from our local community, is an American Camp Association-accredited site and program. Our days will run from 8:45 am to 3 pm, with lunch and snacks provided. We have a kitchen staff that creates amazing lunches the children LOVE! There is no cost, and the program is ideally suited for kids entering first- through fifth-grade. If you are looking for a fun, educational alternative this summer, Vacation Bible Day Camp is the place to be.

Please contact Kathy Hennelly at 385-2249 or khennelly2001@yahoo.com for registration information.

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Library notes....

The East Rochester Public Library sponsored some fun and exciting events this spring!

Children's events included a Baby Sign Language class with Linda Schmackpfeffer. Linda offered a session of Sing, Sign, and Play, which included a fun class using books, music, and playful activities to teach babies pre-verbal communication using American Sign Language signs. The class, held Monday, April 23, was enjoyed by all who attended. (Moms and dads learned something, too!)

The Library also hosted a Garden Party, with games and a planting project for elementary-age children, on Monday, April 9, over spring break. The kids made planters out of egg shells, which was a great recycling project. Also over spring break was a visit from the Therapy Dogs on Friday, April 13. Always a favorite with the children, reading to a non-judgmental pooch helps children with their reading skills, and is fun for the kids and dogs alike.

The Youth Program Coordinator will continue to host Story Times for babies at 10 am Mondays, preschoolers at 10 am Wednesdays, and kids age 6 to 10 at 3 pm Mondays. (Registration is required for the 6- to-10-years-olds.) Please contact the Library at 586-8302 for exact dates and to register your child. To conclude Story Times for the school year, children are invited to a Skippyjon Jones Party, planned for 3 pm Monday, June 4. Children can play games, make a craft, and snack on some treats, all inspired by Judy Schachner's 'Skippyjon Jones' books.

This summer our Youth Program Coordinator will also be spending a few Wednesday mornings in the Edmund Lyon Park gazebo for the preschooler story times. Weather permitting, she will run story times there at 10 am on three Wednesdays – July 11 and 25, and Aug. 8. Join us for stories in the park!

New for the Summer Reading Program.... Young readers from preschool to high school are invited to explore the night during the 2012 **Summer Reading Program**. Young children can participate in the 'Dream Big – Read!' program, while teens can participate in the 'Own the Night' program. We'll explore all things nocturnal – dreams, stars, outer space and aliens, bats, owls, spooky stories, and more! Summer reading is a great way to keep kids' brains active all summer long, and enter fall ready to learn and succeed. Registration starts on Monday, June 25, with a visit from the Wegmans Zoomobile at 2 pm. The entire summer will be filled with special night-themed events, such as a class from the Rochester Museum & Science Center, and a pajama party. Check out www.libraryweb.org/erochester or 'like' us on Facebook for more information.

The Library has been working on its **Facebook** page to make it a reliable source of information about our events and programs. By 'liking' our page, you'll get reminders about story times, special events, and Library happenings and closings.

The Library is working on a **Teen Volunteer Program**. Teens are encouraged to participate by filling out an application and volunteering at the Library. Volunteering looks great on college applications and résumés. Stop by the Library for more information. Our **Adult Book Chat** continues on the third Thursday of every month, with books available in the Library for checkout. This has been a wonderful group, with members sharing and expressing their feelings about our monthly book discussion pick.

The **Friends of the Library book sales** have been in full swing since May 4-5. Upcoming dates and times are as follows: Fridays from noon to 4 pm: June 1, 15, and 29; July 13 and 27; Aug. 10 and 24; Sept. 7 and 21; and Oct. 5 and 19 (bag sale). Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm: June 2, 16, and 30; July 14 and 28; Aug. 11 and 25; Sept. 8 and 22; and Oct. 6 and 20 (bag sale).

New Library Friends members are always welcome. Come support your local Library by volunteering for a shift during the book sale, or attend our meetings at 4 pm the second Thursday of the month.

Save the date! **Library Open House**, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm Saturday, Oct. 13! The Reptile Guys will be here, and there will be music by Mike Kornrich, and face painting for the kids!



3-year-old Jayanna D. with the eggshell planters she made at the Children's Garden Party.

Bulk refuse pickup weeks for 2012: June 4-8, Aug. 6-10, Oct. 1-5, and Dec. 3-7

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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

The ER Youth Activity Center began 2012 on a successful and positive note! The youth are enjoying air hockey, ping pong, Wii, Foosball, pool, computers, and board games. New friends have been made and new skills learned.

Two students from St. John Fisher College continue to help with ERYAC activities as part of a Service Scholar program: Francis Christiano (a history major pursuing a minor in pre-law) and Anthony Yokel (who's pursuing a degree in business management). Daniel DeLahunta, who recently earned a degree in physics from the University of Rochester, also volunteers. These three are at the Center from 3-7 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to supervise activities and help with free tutoring, which is offered to students in grades 3 and up.

Our **Community Renewal Project**, which was funded by a Youth as Resources grant, was combined with ER's Clean Sweep on Saturday, May 19. It started with a t-shirt design contest at the school in March. Congratulations to seventh-graders Leah A., Allison R., Christine T., and Madilynn W. for winning the contest. This project was organized and executed by youth; meetings were held Wednesdays leading up to the day of the event. T-shirts were given to the participants who contributed to and attended the community-renewal event, and a celebration party is being planned for all those who were involved in this successful service project.

We are looking for businesses to take part in our **Summer Training and Employment Program**. This is not just an employment program: our youth attend an orientation and weekly job-readiness training workshops for six weeks, and have an opportunity to become involved in community-service activities. Each youth participant is assigned an adult mentor to guide them through the program expectations. Youth applications had to be in by the end of March to apply for the 20 job slots. By providing the youth in town with summer work experiences, we place the youth in businesses so they have hands-on involvement doing a specific skill. We also place older youth at job-shadowing sites to determine possible career interests. If you are interested in having our youth help your business, please contact us ASAP. We are interested in working with businesses that will teach our youth to be positive role models and mentors. This program is funded by a Rochester Works grant, which pays youth participants salaries (15 hour a week at a site) for the summer. They also have an additional five hours a week that is spent in job-readiness training and community service.



The winning Community Renewal t-shirt design!

The next YAR grant our youth will be writing is for an **anti-bullying project**. If we win this grant we will be making a video, doing a community walk, and forming an anti-bullying club with the youth in the summer program. These events will take place throughout the summer. Please contact us if you have an interest in working on this worthy cause.

Are you out of school and between the ages of 17-21? Are you stuck in a rut when it comes to where your future is going? We can help you find a job, choose a career path, get your GED, look into colleges, apply for your driver's license, and whatever you need to get you on track for a successful future. Slots are going fast, so call us today while they're still available!

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 – just one or 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

FROM the BUILDING DEPARTMENT

REMINDER: Please call the Building Department (385-3513) before starting any **construction project** to find out if a permit is required. A list of the most common permits needed can be found on www.eastrochester.org under Departments/Building Inspector/Building Permit Information (on the left side). Building permits can be acquired at our office from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays. The contractor performing the work must apply for the permit, and proof of General Liability and Workers' Compensation insurance must be supplied before the permit can be issued.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, the villages of East Rochester, Fairport, and Pittsford, and the towns of Perinton and Pittsford joined forces to hold an appointment-only Household Hazardous Waste collection at the Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobbs Lane, on Saturday, May 19.

Most HHW (paint, flammables, and other chemicals from home use) is safe when used and stored properly. However, when they become unwanted and are disposed of improperly, these household wastes can become environmental hazards.

Accepted for recycling at this event was old computer and electronic equipment (computers, laptops, modems, servers, peripherals, GPS units, cell phones, copiers, fax machines, CD players, and IT, audio/visual, and telecommunications equipment). No appointment was necessary for those only recycling electronics. Personal (residential only) document shredding was also offered free of charge, however, waste from businesses was not accepted.

If residents were unable to take advantage of this one-day HHW collection, the county offers other collections throughout the year. For more information, or for business-waste disposal options, call DES at 753-7600 (option 3), or go to www.monroecounty.gov/hhw.

To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, appointments are required at all HHW collections. To schedule an appointment, ER and Pittsford residents can call 248-6250, and Perinton and Fairport residents can call 223-5115; or go to www.monroecounty.gov/hhw. This collection is open to all Monroe County residents.

Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- * oil-based/latex paint (for 1/3-gallon or less of latex paint: discard lid, add cat litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- * wood stain and preservatives * pesticides and fertilizers * driveway sealer
- * automotive fluids (antifreeze; and brake, power steering, and transmission fluids)
- * flammable products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents) * pool and photo chemicals
- * household cleaners (liquid soaps and waxes, drain cleaners, etc.) * rechargeable (ni-cad) and button batteries
- * mercury (thermometers, thermostats) * syringes and sharps (safely packaged)

Do not bring: used motor oil and vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer), pharmaceutical wastes, propane tanks (bring to a permanent HHW facility only), cans with dried paint (if it rattles when shaken, remove lid and place in trash), empty containers (trash or recycle), everyday alkaline batteries (trash), or glazing/spackle and joint compounds (trash).

FAQ's for the DPW

GARBAGE PICKUP:

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 pickup day, and no later than 7 am the day of your pickup day.

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

What do I do if my garbage wasn't 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's a yellow sticker, please resolve the problem and call for a pickup. If there isn't yellow sticker, it's possible 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 pickup? Your weekly garbage pickup is for the trash you generate in a normal week. Simply stated, any item you don't normally put at the curb every week is considered bulk, and could result in a special pickup fee. Some examples of bulk items are carpet, mattresses and bedding, furniture, wood debris, concrete, blacktop, dirt, sod, large and some small appliances, and construction or demolition material. E-waste, 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 pickup, or do I have to wait for bulk week? You can call any time to arrange for either a special pickup, or to find out what other options are available to you.

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RECYCLING PICKUP:

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

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's the proper way to put out my recycling? Your recycling bin should only contain recyclable items; please don't mix in any non-recyclables. All items should be properly rinsed, if necessary. We request that all paper items be put on the bottom of the bin, 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 wasn't picked up? First check to see if a yellow sticker was left on your recycling box. This sticker will tell you why we didn't pick up your items. If there's a yellow sticker, please correct the problem and call us to return for your pickup. If there isn't a yellow sticker, it's 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 bin? There's no rule that says you can have only one bin. If you have two, please separate your items (paper products in one and containers in the other), and place the box with the containers on top of the one 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 or home-improvement store.

BULK PICKUP:

What's bulk pickup week? Bulk pickup week is when you're allowed to put at the curb any items that aren't allowed during your normal garbage collection. Please, at no time is any contractor's debris allowed – all contractors should remove their own debris. Examples of bulk items are large appliances, furniture, carpet, and concrete. Please call us if you're not sure what constitutes a bulk item.

When is bulk pickup week? Bulk pickup week is the first full week of every month except July, September, and November, on your regular scheduled garbage day. We will pick up your bulk only on your regular garbage day or sooner; any bulk put out after your normal day will incur a collection fee.

When can I put out bulk items? They can be put out no earlier than the Saturday before the bulk pickup week. We allow this because we understand there isn't enough time for some people to put bulk items out the night before their regular pickup day. Only bulk items are allowed to be out before your regular garbage collection day. Please don't 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 pickup? All bulk items should be kept separate whenever possible. All metal items, all wood items, and all concrete/blacktop/stone/dirt should be in separate piles. There should be no garbage mixed with any bulk items at any time. We pick up all types of bulk items separately for recycling, and these facilities don't allow different types of material to be mixed together. Thus, please don't mix these items, as you could be assessed a fee for the unnecessary time we spend separating them. 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're 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 available options.

Why aren't TVs, computers, printers, and other electronic items picked up free any more? As of January 2012, new laws state all electronic waste must be recycled at an approved facility and is no longer allowed at the landfill. You will be charged a fee for any e-waste placed at the curb for regular or bulk pickup and collected. You can avoid these fees by bringing your e-waste items to the DPW garage for no charge.

BRUSH PICKUP:

When is brush pickup? Brush pickup is normally done for the entire village every Monday. If Monday is a holiday, we'll collect brush on Tuesday.

What can I put out for brush pickup? Brush is considered any tree limbs or bushes you remove from your property. It could also be an entire tree, as long as you removed the entire tree. We will not pick up any trees or bushes that were removed by a hired contractor; he or she is responsible for removing the debris.

How do I put out my brush for pickup? Place your brush between the curb and sidewalk in a separate pile, in a neat and orderly manner, making sure you don't obstruct the sidewalk or infringe on the roadway. It's very difficult for people walking or driving at night to see any tree limbs that might be a hazard. Please don't place tree limbs or brush in garbage cans, as we must recycle the brush. This reduces the efficiency of our collection and can add to unnecessary landfill fees.

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What if I have too much brush for this area? If you're going to have a large amount of brush, please call us so we can arrange for multiple pickups, or to discuss other options available to you.

Will I get fined if my brush is out during the week? You can put out your brush whenever is convenient for you. You won't incur a fine if your brush is out during the week, however, we won't pick it up until the next Monday. The only time you'd get a fine for brush is when we have to pick it up due to an obstruction of the sidewalk or roadway, or another hazardous condition exists.

LEAF PICKUP:

What is leaf pickup? Leaf pickup is when we collect your leaves from the curb in the fall. We can either remove your leaf piles with a large vacuum truck, or pick up your bagged leaves.

When is leaf pickup? It usually begins in October and runs until the weather no longer allows us to collect leaves.

How should I put out my leaves? You can put your leaves out for removal in two ways. You can place your large leaf piles between the curb and the sidewalk for pickup by the leaf vacuum, or you can gather your leaves into clear plastic or recyclable paper bags. If you place your leaves in a pile for the vacuum truck, please don't put the piles in the road. This obstructs traffic, clogs storm drains, and can create a hazard if children play in the piles. In addition, please don't mix any other material with the leaf piles, as it can damage our equipment.

Why do I have to use clear plastic or recyclable paper bags? These types of bags are required for two reasons. Clear bags allow us to distinguish between leaf bags and garbage bags. We recycle all the leaves we collect and don't want to accidentally throw your leaf bags into the garbage truck, and thus pay unnecessary landfill fees. Recyclable paper bags allow us to recycle the bags along with the leaves.

When will my leaves be picked up? If you bag your leaves, they'll be picked up on your regular scheduled garbage day, by a separate crew. Your leaves will not be picked up by the garbage truck, because we recycle the leaves. If you place your leaves in a pile at the curb, they'll usually be picked up once a week. It takes us at least six days, including Saturdays, to make one complete pass of the entire village. We won't return to your neighborhood until the entire village has been covered. It's hard to predict when we'll be in your area, as leaf collection is time-consuming and dependent on how much is out on a given day.

What do I do with my leaves in the spring? Many times the weather doesn't allow residents to finish raking their leaves, or us to finish picking them up, by the time winter sets in. We use the large leaf vacuum trucks only in the fall. Therefore, in the spring, all leaves must be bagged for collection. We remove the leaf boxes from the trucks after fall collection to use the trucks for snow plowing, and in spring and summer we use the trucks for road work and bulk pickups. If you place your leaves in a pile at the curb in the spring, they won't be picked up until the next bulk week, and you may be subject to a fine for pickup.

NEW ELECTRONIC WASTE POLICY

Beginning Jan. 1, 2012, the Town/Village of East Rochester has instituted new collection rules pertaining to all electronic waste, to comply with the new statewide electronic waste collecting law. As part of this new law, **landfills are no longer allowed to accept any electronic waste** collected by the Town/Village at their disposal sites.

Also as of Jan. 1, any form of electronic waste placed at the curb for collection, for either regular or bulk pickup, will incur a fee of \$25 per item if collected by the Department of Public Works. Any such disposed electronic waste items will be left at the curb by the regular or bulk refuse collection crew, and a separate crew will return in the afternoon to collect those items which remain at the curb. Upon collection, these items will be brought to the DPW garage, where we will have an electronic waste collection facility. We have partnered with Sunnking Electronics Recycling to comply with this new law.

To avoid the fee for curbside collection, any residents wishing to dispose of any electronic waste can instead bring their items to the DPW garage, 200 Ontario St., from 10 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. Although residents will be asked to sign in for this process, there is no fee for this drop-off service. In addition, it's available to all residents regardless of whether they have refuse service provided by the Town/Village of ER.

Examples of electronic waste (e-waste) are computers (towers, laptops, PDAs, tablets), monitors (CRT, LCD, LED), printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines, televisions, VCRs, CD/DVD players, stereo equipment, cell phones, telephones, and anything else with an electronic circuit board.

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