

# VILLAGE DESPATCH



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## Upcoming Meeting Dates

### **Public Forum and Business Meeting**

7 pm Mondays

Aug. 13, Sept. 10, (Tuesday) Oct. 9,  
(Tuesday) Nov. 13, and Dec. 10

### **Planning Board\***

7 pm Tuesdays

Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9,  
Nov. 13, Dec. 11, and Jan. 8

### **Zoning Board\***

7 pm Tuesdays

Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16,  
Nov. 20, Dec. 18, and Jan. 15

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

## How to reach us

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[www.eastrochester.org](http://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**

## ***ERCN-CHANNEL 12 OFFERING WEB STREAMING, VIDEO-ON-DEMAND!***

East Rochester Community News (Channel 12) is pleased to update the community on its Web streaming site. We consistently have more than 130 unique visitors to the site each month. Most of our visitors are from outside the local viewing area of ER and Pittsford, and about 45% of these non-local viewers are from out of state. We are also getting a nice following from people in eight different countries (Canada, Spain, the Netherlands, Greece, Italy, Great Britain, and two European Union countries) tuning in to watch ERCN on a regular basis. The average upload/viewing time is 35-40 hours each month.

Our video-on-demand section has also been a big hit. We are posting all monthly Village Board, School Board, and Chamber of Commerce meetings. We're also posting large events, historical content, and special school functions so anyone can watch the programs at any time. So if you want to see this year's Sing-Out, ERHS graduation, Festa Italia, or Memorial Day ceremony, or other shows of widespread interest, you can watch them conveniently at any time.

## **~ SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES ~**

*(held weather permitting, at 7 pm)*

Wednesday, Aug. 15 – Mr. Mustard (Beatles tribute and more);  
village hall lot

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

## **YARD WASTE COLLECTION:**

Yard waste/debris is collected by a separate truck on the same day your garbage is collected. Yard waste must be in either clear plastic bags or recyclable brown paper bags. Please do not put small piles of yard debris at the curb or mix it in with your garbage, as this will not be picked up and may incur a fee. Acceptable yard debris includes sod, leaves, small stones, twigs, weeds, hedge trimmings, and grass clippings.

## **BRUSH PICK-UP:**

Brush is collected every Monday. (If Monday is a holiday, it will be collected on Tuesday instead.) Please place brush and tree limbs between the curb and sidewalk in a neat, safe manner. Please do not mix any other material with your brush, as it will not be collected. If there are vehicles parked in front of the pile, we will be unable to pick it up; please call the DPW to make other arrangements.

## **LEAF PICK-UP:**

Leaf piles can be placed at the curb for collection by the large leaf vacuum truck from October through December ONLY. All other times of the year, leaves must be in clear plastic or recyclable brown paper bags. Your bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as your garbage, by a separate truck. Any leaf piles placed at the curb any time other than October through December will be subject to a fee for collection.

*For more details about DPW services and guidelines,  
please see the FAQ on pages 27-29.*

**Bulk refuse pickup weeks for 2012: Oct. 1-5 and Dec. 3-7**

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## **Library notes....**

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your community? **The Library Board of Trustees has an opening** for a fifth trustee. If you are interested in representing the library as a board member, please submit a cover letter and résumé, in care of Jeannette Pullano, to the ER Public Library, 111 W. Elm St., East Rochester, NY 14445. Trustees meet from 4 to 5 pm the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Village Hall. Please note this is not a compensated position.

The Friends of the East Rochester Public Library are continuing to hold **book sales** until late October. The Book Nook will be open from noon to 4 pm these Fridays: Aug. 24, Sept. 7 and 21, and Oct. 5 and 19 (bag sale). In addition, there are hours at the Book Nook from 10 am to 2 pm these Saturdays: Aug. 25; Sept. 8 and 22; and Oct. 6 and 20 (bag sale). The Friends are always looking for willing helpers to work at book sales, organize the Book Nook, and help with special programs at the library. If you're interested in working at the Book Nook, please contact Jeannette Pullano at 381-4528. The **Summer Reading program** has been a great success, with more than 100 child and teen participants. July was filled with many Summer Reading events, including the Zoomobile, the Genesee Storytellers, a pajama party, and an ice cream social. The top three readers were awarded Barnes & Noble gift cards at the ice cream social. We want to thank our teen volunteers for all their hard work this summer. The Summer Reading program would not have run as smoothly without them!

The Children's and Youth Coordinator will continue to offer **programming for children** in the fall. Please call the library to register your 5- to 10-year-old for 3 pm Monday storytimes. The babies' storytime is held at 10 am Mondays and the Pre-K storytime is at 10 am Wednesdays. Please contact the library for exact dates of the programs, as they are subject to change.

The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring an **Open House** from 10 am to 1:30 pm Saturday, Oct. 13! Join us for the Reptile Guys and music by Mike Kornrich, and face painting and crafts for the kids.

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 storytimes, special events, and library happenings and closings. Or, visit us at [www.libraryweb.org/erochester](http://www.libraryweb.org/erochester).

## **ER Community Resource Center**

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

**Teresa Quinzi-Willette, director Pat Cragg, associate director**

### **SEMI-ANNUAL CLOTHING CLEARANCE SALE**

9 am to 2 pm Wednesday, Aug. 22 through Friday, Aug. 24, at the Resource Center

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for ERSD students in need will, it is hoped, be available by the fourth week in August – just in time for the start of the new school year. If interested, please call the Resource Center at 586-0525 and give us the name of your child(ren) and the grade(s) they will be entering. We are also gratefully accepting donated school supplies! When you're buying supplies for your own children, perhaps you could get an extra set or two for a student in need and bring them to our East Chestnut Street facility. *Thank you!*

## **Marriage Licenses:**

To obtain a marriage license in the Town/Village of East Rochester, both potential spouses must be present. Both must show proof of identity (current name). We accept a photo driver's license, a DMV-issued photo non-driver's ID, an employee picture ID, original naturalization papers, a military photo ID, or a passport. Both must also show proof of birth/age; we accept birth certificates and baptismal certificates.

Married before? We **MUST** see all divorce decrees for each marriage (i.e., if you've been married twice, we must see the decrees from both marriages). In the case of a deceased spouse, please present the death certificate (or know the exact date of death).

After a marriage license is issued, it can be used after 24 hours and is valid for 60 days. The fee is \$40; we accept cash or checks (made payable to 'Village of East Rochester') only.

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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 (summer hours: 1-6 pm Tuesday through Friday)

Our staff – Sam Hook, Liz LaDelfa, Chelsea Seward, and Emma Woodward – have been busy making plans for the **summer youth training and employment program** and supporting the youth on their work experiences. With 17 participants in the program this summer, it took a lot to find placements for everyone. We would like to sincerely thank the following worksites for helping provide this experience to our youth: Mooseberry Café, the ER Community Resource Center, Good Smoke BBQ, Village Fair, the ER Junior/Senior High School main and guidance offices, Second Thought Resale Shop, Linden East condominiums, Sunoco, the ER DPW, and Day Camp in the Park.

New this summer, we had the opportunity to give our older youth an **internship experience** in fields they were looking into for a career. The following businesses took part in these internships: the Odorisi Law Firm, Unity Hospital, the Pieters Family Life Center, the ER Police Department, ERCN/Channel 12, and Good Smoke BBQ. Thank you to these businesses for giving our youth this job-shadowing experience!

The ER Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a **Day Camp in Northside Park** this summer. The camp is open from noon to 3 pm Tuesdays through Fridays through Thursday, Aug. 23. There are different crafts and sports each day, along with snacks. Come down and enjoy the fun! On Aug. 23 there will be an end-of-camp party. Hope to see you at the park!

This summer we have been focusing on an **anti-bullying campaign** with the youth in the program. Our youth wrote a Youth As Resources grant application entitled “The East Rochester Bully Busters,” and they won it – congratulations! Throughout the summer our youth have been researching bullying and ways to prevent it. They displayed this information at a booth at the ER Firemen’s Carnival.

Collaborating with School of the Holy Childhood, time was spent making signs for an anti-bully walk we held Tuesday, July 31, at Edmund Lyon Park. Holy Childhood students and staff came out and supported our cause by doing the walk with us. We will also be creating a movie based on bullying. The youth participants from the summer work program will be starring in the movie. The participants are also forming an anti-bully club that will start at school in the fall. If you are interested in being involved in this club or if you want additional information, please call us at 586-1003.

Some of our young people also participated in the **Cardboard City** event in Cobbs Hill Park July 31. They made their own cardboard houses and slept in them overnight to raise awareness about teen homelessness. We also participated in the different workshops set up by the Cardboard City committee.

The **Community Renewal Project** was a big success. We helped 12 senior citizens in the community with yard work and other needs. We had 43 youth involved in this community-service project which consisted of planning, designing the t-shirts, advertising, doing yard work, helping the seniors, and participating in the May 19 Clean Sweep. Thanks to Youth As Resources, the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau, and the Rochester Area Community Foundation for funding this wonderful service project.

Save the date – the annual **Halloween party** at the Eyer Park Lodge, for kids in pre-school through fifth grade, is set for Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Are you **out of school and between the ages of 17 and 21**? 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; call us 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

### **ER Building and Code Enforcement:**

Permits are needed for the following home improvements: resurfacing of driveways, roof installation, shed installation (over 47 square feet), fence installation, pool installation, and deck and patio installation. When applying for a permit, please bring a copy of your survey map or a scale drawing of your lot, and a picture of the structure you’re installing. All contractors need to provide certificates of Liability and Workers’ Compensation Insurance. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at 385-3513.

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**Peddler's Permits:** Peddling is governed in East Rochester by local law. In the town/village, each person going door-to-door must have a permit issued by the town. Currently, the permit is white and signed by the village clerk.

To obtain a peddler's permit to solicit in the town, an applicant must apply at the Clerk's Office at the Town/Village Hall. The application fee is \$25 for three days, and \$10 for each additional day. The annual fee is \$350. There is a waiting period after applying for a permit while a police check is completed on each applicant. We require copies of driver's licenses, and vehicle information including make, model, year, and plate number. Payment is expected when the certificate is issued.

## **139-8 Restrictions on Peddling and Soliciting**

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon private property for the purpose of peddling or so canvassing before the hour of 11 am of any day or after the hour of 6 pm of any day except upon the invitation of the householder or occupant.

It shall be unlawful for any peddler or canvasser in plying his trade to ring the bell or knock upon or enter any building whereon there is painted or otherwise affixed or displayed to public view any sign containing any or all of the following words: 'No Peddlers,' 'No Solicitors,' 'No Agents' or other wording, the purpose of which purports to prohibit peddling or soliciting on the premises.

No peddler or canvasser, shall peddle, vend, or sell his goods or wares within 200 feet of any place occupied exclusively as a public or private school or for school purposes, nor shall he permit his cart, wagon, or vehicle to stand on any public highway within said distance of such school property. No peddler/canvasser shall falsely or fraudulently misrepresent the quantity, character, or quality of any article offered for sale. No person shall by any trick or device or by any false representation obtain or attempt to obtain admission to the house or garage of any person or corporation in the town/village. No peddler/canvasser shall blow a horn, ring a bell, or use any other noisy device to attract public attention to his wares or shout or cry out his wares.

It shall be unlawful to create or maintain any booth or stand or place any barrels, boxes, crates, or other obstructions upon any street or public place for the purpose of selling or exposing for sale any goods, wares, or merchandise, or to operate in a congested area where operation might impede or inconvenience the public.

– *Raymond J. Parrotta, Clerk-Treasurer and Tax Receiver*

## ***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](http://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.

## ***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 pickup 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** ~