



School District and Community News



September-October-November 2014

TOWN/VILLAGE of EAST ROCHESTER

317 Main St. East Rochester, NY 14445

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Upcoming Town/Village Meeting Dates

Town/Village Business Meeting
7 pm Thursday, Dec. 11

Town/Village Board Workshop Meeting
7 pm Thursday, Dec. 18

Planning/Architectural Board*
7 pm Tuesdays, Dec. 9 and Jan. 13

Zoning Board*
7 pm Tuesdays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 20

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

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***FROM THE TOWN/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:
GRAND OPENING OF NEW OFFICES SET FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 4***

In 2008 the Town/Village of East Rochester received a substantial gift – the Eyer Building – from Techniplex Associates LP, courtesy of owners George Cefalu and William Mendick. As many of our residents and neighbors know, Town/Village staff have spent the past several years planning, renovating, and moving most offices and municipal services to this building, at 317 Main St. We have now relocated virtually all departments to one of this community's finest landmarks. (The ER Fire Department is still located two buildings to the south, at 415 Main St.; the Department of Public Works remains at 200 Ontario St.; and the Community Resource Center is still at 333 E. Chestnut St.)

Now it's time to celebrate, and get to know our new home! The Board of Trustees of the Town/Village of East Rochester cordially invites the community to attend the **Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony of the new municipal offices on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.** Immediately following the Ribbon Cutting, which will begin at 4:45 pm, all offices will be open for the community to visit. Refreshments, provided by Leo's Bakery and Deli, will be served in the Jean Daniel Community Center. Please join us! And please contact me directly if you need help or have any questions about Town/Village matters. My phone is 585-586-3553, my new fax is 585-419-8282, and my email address is mdambrose@eastrochester.org. It continues to be an enormous pleasure to serve the citizens, businesses, and visitors of the Town/Village of East Rochester. Thank you!

– Martin G. D'Ambrose, Town/Village Administrator

The Town/Village of East Rochester Clerk's office is now located in the newly renovated Eyer Building, at 317 Main St. Our office is on the second floor, directly across from the south elevator. You can access us from either the large main municipal parking lot or the Main Street entrance adjacent to the diagonal parking. The Clerk's office will continue to deliver the same services we have in the past; for more details please see our Website, www.eastrochester.org. Our hours of operation (8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays), phone number (585-586-3553) and fax number (585-419-8282) remain the same.

As always, it's a pleasure to serve the citizens, businesses, and visitors of East Rochester.

– Gerri Raschiatore, Clerk-Treasurer

***Save the date! Fourth-annual East Rochester Christmas Festival
10 am - 5 pm Saturday, Dec. 13***

Much more info to come as the date approaches – Please check www.erchamber.org for updates!

The East Rochester Christmas Festival will be held at several locations in and around the Town/Village, including the new Town/Village Hall, the Quinzi Lodge at Eyer Park, and the school campus.

The Festival is sponsored by the ER Chamber of Commerce, with assistance from the Town/Village of ER, the ER Association of Churches, the ER Alumni Foundation, the ER Rotary, and the ER School District. For the past three years, it has provided visitors with activities such as music and caroling, children's stories, food and item vendors, games and crafts for all ages, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, sales and giveaways by local merchants, and horse-drawn carriage rides.

*Organizers are working to make our fourth-annual holiday celebration even bigger and better!
We look forward to making this an event everyone will enjoy and we can all be proud of.*

BLOCK HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST RETURNS!

Have your neighborhood displays up by Saturday, Dec. 13; voting (on the Chamber's Website) runs through Wednesday, Dec. 24. The best-decorated block will receive a grand prize from Salvatore's!

~ LOCAL HISTORY OFFICE SETTLED INTO NEW LOCATION ~

The Office of Local History, previously housed at 901 Main St., relocated to the second and third floors of the Eyer Building around the end of August/beginning of September.

The lower level contains our storage area for artifacts not currently being displayed elsewhere in the building, and is climate-controlled to preserve the material.

The second floor houses an unattended exhibit area containing display cases of village artifacts, along with a revolving collection of historical photographs on the walls. We also plan to have a large-screen TV showing a continuously running program of highlights in village history from 1897 to the present. This area will be open during the normal office and library hours. In the future we plan to have large TV sets placed in strategic locations throughout the building, and to expand our static displays to other areas of the complex.

Our reference library and work area are on the third floor. This is manned by the dedicated staff of Assistant Historian Anita Mance, Photo Curator Barry Nenno, and numerous volunteers. **We're open to the public from 9 am to 1 pm Wednesdays through Saturdays**, and everyone is welcome to stop in and talk with us at any time during those hours. We look forward to your visits!

– Jim Burlingame, Town/Village Historian

Library notes....

The East Rochester Public Library is now officially open in its new location of 317 Main St., in the Eyer Building. We appreciate the public's patience during our transition to the new facility. We now have a private study room, which seats up to six, and eight public computer terminals with Internet and Microsoft 2010 access. There's also a large area for reading, and beautiful windows to look out and catch the afternoon sun!

Now is the time to return to story times and adult reading groups for the children, youth, and adults of our community. Looking ahead, we will be running story times on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mondays we will have Babies' story time (for babies 0-23 months, with caregiver) at 10:30am, and Crafty Kid story time (ages 5-10) at 3:30pm. On Wednesdays at 10:30 am, there is the Pre-K story time for kids 2-4 years old with a caregiver. Please call the Library to be sure the story time is running on the days specified above. New to our Library is the Teen Lounge, on the first floor. Teens are welcome to stop by and visit this private area set aside just for them. You can enjoy a great book, or have a chat with friends!

The Adult Book Discussion for November focused on *Silent Night* by Mary Higgins Clark. Stop by and pick up a circulating copy for a good night's read. There will be no book discussion group in December, but we'll resume the book chats in January '15.

The Library will host a healthcare navigator to help with the Open Enrollment Period from 9:30am-1pm Thursday, Dec. 11 and Thursday, Jan. 8. Please call 586-8302 to reserve your time.

The Library has also been working on its Website, to give it a fresh, updated look. Check us out on Facebook, too, for updated events and happenings.

The Friends of the Library will be opening the Book Nook at the following times: Wednesdays 11am-1pm, Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm, and Saturdays 10am-noon. The Nook is located inside the Library, in its own room opposite the children's area.

We will be closing for the Thanksgiving holiday at 5pm Wednesday, Nov. 26 and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28. Looking ahead, we will also close for the Christmas holiday at 4:30pm Wednesday, Dec. 24, and remain closed through Saturday, Dec. 27. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season! Make sure to stock up on plenty of reading material for those cold winter nights. *We look forward to seeing you at the new Library!*

NEWS FROM THE E.R. SENIOR CENTER

Welcome to our new home! Please feel free to drop in and visit our Senior Center. If you are 55 or older, you can participate in all the activities. **Membership** (per calendar year, January-December) is \$4 for East Rochester residents and \$5 for all others. Trips are open to anyone interested.

The **Singles Group** continues to grow. They meet for dinner at different local restaurants every other week, and transportation is provided for those who want it. *The fellowship and friendship are outstanding!*

ER COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

317 Main St. (mailing) 333 E. Chestnut St. (site) 586-0525
Teresa Quinzi-Willette, director Pat Cragg, associate director

**ER Community Resource Center and ER Fire Department
2014 Christmas Program for the Needy in East Rochester**

send, or bring, to ER Village Office at 317 Main St. or ER CRC at 333 E. Chestnut St.

* for families with children only *

Last name _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____

Father's name _____ Mother's _____

(if living at home) veteran? _____

(if living at home) veteran? _____

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

Total household income _____ weekly monthly yearly (circle one)

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

Please return this form as soon as possible. (first come, first served)

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

*** ADVENT TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY with LIVE NATIVITY SCENE ***

5 pm Sunday, Nov. 30, in the Nick Verzella Gazebo at Edmund Lyon Park (Main Street)

Tim Horton's Timbits, coffee, and hot chocolate to follow!

*In case of inclement weather, the ceremony and refreshments will be
in the Community Center at the Town/Village Hall, 317 Main St.*

~ sponsored by the ER Association of Churches, with participation from Town/Village leaders ~

~ PLEASE HELP A FAMILY IN NEED OVER THE HOLIDAYS ~

The Community Resource Center is turning to families, individuals, churches, and businesses in the East Rochester area, once again, to **please consider sponsoring a needy family for Christmas** – providing food and/or gifts for each family member. Those interested can call the Resource Center at 586-0525. We've been blessed with many sponsors (for both Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinner and gifts) in the past, and are always very grateful for their generosity. Thank you!

PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE DROP-OFFS

The ER Police Department accepts pharmaceutical waste (including undated or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter medications, needles, syringes, and pill bottles) from 10 am to 2 pm the third Wednesday of each month: Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and March 18. For more information go to www.eastrochester.org or call 586-4399.

VILLAGE DESPATCH – FALL 2014

~ ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN ~

The holidays are upon us! We would like to provide you, once again, the opportunity to help the poor and needy in our area, as well as others in emergency situations. A tax-deductible donation can be made for birthdays, anniversaries, or Christmas, in honor of someone who might not want or need material gifts, or in memory of a loved one. Acknowledgements will be sent as you direct. Certainly, you, as well as the person receiving such a special gift, will experience the true meaning of sharing, giving, and community spirit. With your donation we hope to provide some of the following:

- * support during emergency situations or personal crises
- * direct services to improve living conditions for disadvantaged families
- * outreach to struggling persons/families, helping them toward self-support
- * help to clients to focus on living situations and conditions, and low-cost meal planning and menu ideas
- * the direction of clients toward career planning
- * collaboration with other community service agencies to educate and empower low-income families, relieve food insecurity, and offer opportunities to improve their quality of life

Donations can be sent to ER Community Resource Center, 317 Main St., East Rochester, NY 14445.

Remember, "There but for the Grace of God go I."

~ FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ~

(circle one) In honor of In memory of For a gift

For: Name _____ Occasion _____
Address _____

From: Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

_____ Check if acknowledgment is necessary

ADVENT CRAFT SALE

The annual Advent Craft Sale will be held from **9 am to 3 pm Saturday, Dec. 13**, in the East Rochester High School gym at the school campus, Woodbine Avenue. Admission is free and the building is accessible to all. We feature handcrafted items of many varieties, including gift items for the holidays, decorations, and baked goods. Coffee, doughnuts, and pizza will also be available at the Community Resource Center table in the hallway.

The ER PTA's Breakfast with Santa will also begin at 9 am; pre-paid tickets are available at the ER Elementary School office. Enjoy your breakfast with St. Nick, shop at the Advent Craft Sale, and visit with your friends and neighbors, new and old.

The Advent Craft Sale is sponsored by the ER Association of Churches to benefit the CRC – a non-profit agency serving the poor and needy of our community.

In addition, these two annual events are now connected to the East Rochester Christmas Festival. There will be free bus service from other Festival venues to the school through most of the day, as well as a free taxi-style ride between the school's lower parking lot and the building. You will be able to take in all the Festival events without ever moving your car, which you can park in the new Town/Village parking lot on West Commercial Street (next to the Town/Village Hall at the Eyer Building).

Upcoming bulk refuse pickup: Dec. 1-5

FROM THE E.R. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



The East Rochester Fire Department has put its new Engine 323 into service. Above is the crew that took the truck on its first alarm. From left to right are Firefighters Rhett Travis, Pete Schenck, and Adam Nicolini, Past Chief Dan Gekoski, and President Doug Romach.

FIRE PREVENTION REMINDER

When you move your clocks back or ahead for Daylight Saving Time, please remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!

FROM RURAL METRO MEDICAL SERVICES...

To make it easier to get into houses during winter calls, please remember to keep your driveways and sidewalks clear of snow and ice so the ambulance crew can get to you as quickly and safely as possible. Also, those with elderly neighbors are asked to check on them and try to help keep their driveways and sidewalks clear as well. And please remember to always dress appropriately for the weather to avoid any unnecessary illness, or injury from falling. If you need to contact us for a **non-emergency**, call 381-3680. All **emergencies** need to be directed through 911. If you are mailing something to us, please send it to Rural Metro Medical Services, 254 West Ivy St., East Rochester, NY 14445.

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule and Guidelines for Curbside Leaf Pickup

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

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

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

Please consider your neighbors when putting items at the curb for pickup. Placing items in a neat and orderly manner benefits everyone, and allows us to provide all residents with the best possible service. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

Fishing and hunting licenses can be purchased at Town/Village Hall from 8:30 am-4:30 pm weekdays. For more information please visit www.eastrochester.org/departments/clerk/clerklicenseinfo.php.

Bulk Refuse Pickup:
Dec. 1-5

~ WINTER PARKING RULES ~

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

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

The ER Police Department issues only warning tickets from Nov. 1-14. After that, parking tickets are issued to any vehicle on the street between 3 and 6 am, whether or not there is inclement weather. This includes the Town/Village Hall parking lot, at 317 Main St. If necessary for snow removal, the vehicles are issued parking tickets and then towed.

There are a few exceptions. The first is alternate parking on the 200 block of Main Street – vehicles are allowed to park as long as they are in compliance with the posted signage. The second exception is the municipal parking lot on the 100 block of West Commercial. Also, during Thanksgiving and Christmas we are lenient, as there are many guests visiting from out of town.

We are also amenable to special requests. Permission can be granted to allow parking under special circumstances. Please be advised that if plowing is necessary, vehicles will have to be moved or they will be towed. This especially holds true for disabled vehicles. If a State of Emergency is declared within the Town/Village of East Rochester for snow-related reasons, all vehicles will be removed from the streets.

– The ER Police Department

~ To Protect and Serve the Residents of East Rochester ~