



# School District and Community News



December 2013 – January-February 2014

## ***TOWN/VILLAGE of EAST ROCHESTER***

***120 W. Commercial St. East Rochester, NY 14445***

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### **Upcoming Town/Village Meeting Dates**

#### **Town/Village Business Meeting**

7 pm Thursdays March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, and July 10

#### **Town/Village Board Workshop Meeting**

7 pm Thursdays March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26, and July 31

#### **Planning/Architectural Board\***

7 pm Tuesdays March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, and July 8

#### **Zoning Board\***

7 pm Tuesdays March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, and July 15

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

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### **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***

## 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 Youth Activity Center had a very successful year: a total of 246 youth attended the Center in 2013. Seven of our students attended classes at the Center this past year to work on studying for their GED/diploma. We are very proud of them for their hard work and perseverance. **Six students obtained their GED and one received his high school diploma.** On Thursday, Nov. 21 we hosted a graduation ceremony and party for our first class of graduates, at Quinzi Lodge in Eyer Park. The Center enthusiastically congratulates the following on their awesome accomplishments: Jacklyn Courtright, Robert Dupont, Kayla Johnson, Patience Jones, Mitchell Parrotta, and Danielle Peets (GEDs) and Jordan Metz (diploma). These young people are now looking into attending college in the spring or fall.

The Center hosted a **Christmas party** on Friday, Dec. 13. Thank you to Leo's Bakery for donating Christmas cookies, which our youth enjoyed decorating. On Friday, Feb. 14 we hosted a **Valentine's Day party**. Those in attendance enjoyed food, games, and socializing with friends at both events.

Now that February break is over, our focus has been on our many projects throughout the school year. The staff has been helping the 20 young adults we have in our **year-round program** with the specific goals they've identified. If you are out of school and between the ages of 17 and 21, we can help you! Whether it's looking for a job, choosing a career path, getting your GED, looking into and applying for colleges, or getting your driver's license, we can help. You decide what you want to work on.

Our youth have been awarded another grant from Youth As Resources. Our grant this past summer, 'Backpacks for Buddies,' was a huge success for our youth and the community. **The students' new grant, 'Warm Wishes,'** seeks to help children and young adults in long-term care situations in local hospitals. Thank you to YAR for awarding us a \$1,000 grant to execute this project, the goal of which is to provide comfort and joy to those in long-term care. YAR is sponsored by the Youth As Resources Program, the Rochester Area Community Foundation, and the Monroe County Youth Bureau.



ER School psychologist Dan O'Leary (far left) and counselor Bill Kelleher (back, second from right) with the honorees.



Our GED and diploma recipients at their Nov. 21 ceremony and reception.

Students and adults who would like to volunteer to contribute to this project should contact the Youth Center. We look forward to the benefit the students will be to their community.

We are again looking for businesses to take part in our **Summer Youth Training and Employment Program**. Youth participants work approximately 120 hours over six weeks, and their salaries are paid for by a grant. 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 also assigned an adult mentor to guide him or her through the program expectations. If you are a business interested in taking part in this wonderful opportunity, please call the Youth Center. If you are 14-15 years old (or in high school) and are looking for a job this summer, we are accepting applications: please contact us by Friday, Feb. 28; find us on Facebook under East Rochester YAC.

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Our **summer program video** will be shown on Channel 12 for all to see! Make sure you check out the video to witness firsthand what we did last summer and what the summer program can provide for your child.

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



*One of our GED/diploma recipients working on his required assignments.*

**2014 Bulk Refuse Pickups: March 3-7, April 7-11, May 5-9, June 2-6, Aug. 4-8, Oct. 6-10, and Dec. 1-5**

### **ER CHANNEL 12 NOW BEING BROADCAST IN FAIRPORT/PERINTON!**

ERCN TV-12 (East Rochester Community News) has exciting news to share with the community! On Monday, Oct. 21, we began transmitting our broadcast to both Fairport and Perinton. This new addition to our previous broadcast area of ER and Pittsford makes our little cable-access station one of the largest in Monroe and surrounding counties in terms of viewership. Until recently, Fairport was responsible for the broadcast feed to Fairport and Perinton. This new relationship between ER and Fairport gives Fairport a new avenue to continue to air its Village Board meetings on Time Warner Cable and gives ERCN a whole new audience to share its programming with. The new arrangement is also actually what community-access programming started out as some 20 years ago – the same programming feed to all four communities, with all the communities contributing.

As a reminder, there are two ways to watch TV-12: via Web streaming or on Time Warner Cable. For those who don't get Time Warner, Web streaming can be accessed by clicking on the 'Watch TV-12' button on either the Village of East Rochester's or Village of Fairport's home page. For those who do get TWC and have a cable box or digital adapter, ERCN is on Channel 12 (older analog TVs now need a cable box or digital adapter). Those who have a new digital TV and Time Warner service without the cable box need to rescan for all channels, and can then find ERCN on channel 98.4. For either channel (12 or 98.4), ERCN is still part of Time Warner's basic cable package.

If you have any questions, or problems getting our broadcast, contact John Schroth at ERCN TV-12 via email ([ercn@eastrochester.org](mailto:ercn@eastrochester.org)) or phone (641-0183).

### **FROM the ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE**

**All dogs living in the village need to be licensed on a yearly basis!** Please call the Village Hall at 586-3553 or Animal Control at 381-4360 for more information.

This time of year we get many phone calls about pets barking for long periods of time, left outside without water, or running unleashed. The village has a leash law, and dogs need to be leashed at all times. There is also a noise ordinance in effect regarding animals. For details, see the Village Code on our Website ([www.eastrochester.org](http://www.eastrochester.org)) under Government, Town/Village Code, Chapter 123-11 (M). Please be courteous to your neighbors!

#### ***SPAYS for STRAYS!***

Habitat for Cats is offering to spay or neuter, vaccinate, and treat for parasites all stray, homeless, and feral cats in East Rochester free of charge. This project is made possible by a grant from PetSmart Charities. There are also a limited number of free appointments available for pet cats of low-income owners at a vet hospital that has partnered with Habitat for Cats. Too often, pet cats are abandoned outside or are allowed to have kittens that add to the feral cat population. To help prevent this problem, we have arranged to have pet cats whose owners can't afford to spay or neuter them spayed and vaccinated for free. The owners and cats must reside in ER to be eligible for this free service. Please call 234-2894 to schedule an appointment.

## FROM the E.R. SENIOR CITIZENS

December was a very busy month for the Seniors. Their two day tours – a Stocking Stuffer in Syracuse and to Seneca Niagara Casino to attend the Tony Orlando Christmas Show (great performance!) – were very popular. The highlight for the month was our Christmas dinner party at the Green Lantern. Entertainment was by the Oasis Tap Dancers, and the drawing for the quilt was won by Norma Pataccoli. Programs for 2014 are in the planning stage. In January, the Comedy Fashion Show was performed at Perinton Park Manor, and we hosted an AARP Safe Driving Course on Wednesday, Jan. 15. In February we hosted podiatrist Dr. Merkel at the Center. On Feb. 14 we held our annual special Valentine's Dinner honoring all couples who have been married 50 or more years, and those who have had 80 or more birthdays. Income tax counselors will be at the Center from 9 am to noon every Tuesday until the second week in April. Appointments are required – please call 385-3643. Line Dancing continues every Monday morning, and Sit for Fitness on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Also, the Singles Group meets at noon every other Wednesday for lunch. Please watch our monthly calendar for other activities!



*Quilt raffle winner Norma Pataccoli*



Town/Village Historian Jim Burlingame was recently presented an Appreciation Award by the American Legion Post 1917 for his many contributions to veterans and the East Rochester community. He certainly is extremely deserving of this award.

*– Past Commander Richard Bird*

### ~ 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 120 W. Commercial St. If necessary for snow removal, the vehicles are issued parking tickets and then towed.

There are a few exceptions. The first is alternate parking on the 200 block of Main Street – vehicles are allowed to park as long as they are in compliance with the posted signage. The second exception is the municipal parking lots on West Commercial (between Channel 12 and GSR) and Main. 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. We will take a telephone number where the person can be reached, and officers will contact him or her to remove the vehicle if the roads need to be cleared. When possible, officers have gone to residences in an attempt to get vehicles moved before towing. Regardless, people are advised that if plowing is necessary, the vehicles will have to be moved or they will be towed. This especially holds true for disabled vehicles. If a State of Emergency is declared within the Town/Village of East Rochester for snow-related reasons, all vehicles will be removed from the streets.

*– The ER Police Department*

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

### *Library notes....*

The East Rochester Public Library hosted a **Martin Luther King, Jr. story time** on Monday, Jan. 13 to celebrate the life and legacy of one of the foremost civil rights leaders of our time. Children watched a film on Dr. King's life and heard stories relating to his work. The Library celebrates Black History Month in February, in keeping with the themes of Dr. King's life and legacy.

**Story times for the Babies' Group** (ages 1-23 months and their caregivers) continue at the Library at 10:30 am Mondays. Support your child's early language development by joining us for nursery rhymes, puppets, movement activities, and books. There are also **story times for ages 5-10** on Mondays, at 4 pm. Check with the Library for the events scheduled, as activities rotate between movies, crafts, stories, and more! Wednesdays at 10:30am we have **Pre-K story times**, for ages 2-4. Start your child's literacy off right in the new year and help him or her get ready to read by joining us for fun stories, finger plays, and a simple craft. (Children, and any siblings who also wish to attend, must be accompanied by a caregiver.)

Check out the Library's Website, [www.libraryweb.org/erochester](http://www.libraryweb.org/erochester), for the latest information on our **Adult Book Discussion Group** and upcoming Library events!

The Library has **many new books and DVDs available for loan**. New DVDs include BBC TV's 'Sherlock' (seasons 1 and 2), 'The Lone Ranger' starring Johnny Depp, 'Fruitvale Station' (the story of the senseless shooting of Oscar Grant in a subway station), 'Enough Said' (the final movie by renowned actor James Gandolfini), and Academy Award contender 'The Butler,' based on the true story of a longtime White House staff member.

New mystery stories include 'The Dead in Their Vaulted Arches' by Alan Bradley, 'Beewitched' by Hannah Reed, 'Strangling on the Stage' by Simon Brett, 'Standup Guy' by Stuart Woods, and many others! Great fiction reads include Catherine Coulter's 'Second Shot,' Jennifer Chiaverini's 'Mrs. Lincoln's Rival' and 'Master Quilter,' 'Invention of Wings' by Sue Monk Kidd, 'Belle Cora' by Phillip Margulies, and Fern Michaels' 'Kiss and Tell.'

Non-fiction for the new year, new you includes 'Wheat Belly 30 Minute (or Less!) Cookbook', 'The Juice Lady's Big Book of Juices and Green Smoothies,' 'Super Shred: the Big Results Diet,' and the cutting-edge '50 Shades of Kale Cookbook.' And for those interested in investment advice, try Jim Cramer's 'Get Rich Carefully.'

Come and check out all the Library has to offer! Ebooks are available for download now on the Monroe County Libraries site, at <http://www3.libraryweb.org/download.aspx?id=41>. Enjoy all the formats of books your Library provides for free!

### ***FROM the BUILDING DEPARTMENT***

**Grass, Weeds, and General Property Maintenance:** Town/Village Code requires that grass be maintained at a height less than 6 inches. New York state Property Maintenance Code also addresses maintenance of structures and surrounding property areas. All structural components such as roofs, gutters, protective treatment (paint, siding), doors, windows, and porches must be maintained and in good condition. Exterior property areas must be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition.

**Building Permits:** Permits are required for sheds (larger than 47 square feet), fences, decks, roof replacement, plumbing, retaining walls, driveways, pools, building additions, and new construction. Any pools (including blow-up pools) are subject to NYS law if they are capable of holding water at a depth of 24 inches. The Building Department is the best place to research your future projects to see if permits are required. We act as an independent third party between you and the contractor to ensure that both parties' interests are protected. We will review and inspect your project to ensure it is built correctly and satisfies all NYS code requirements. Permit requirements and forms can be found on our Website. 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.

Please call the Building Department at 385-3513 with any questions; much more information is also on [www.eastrochester.org](http://www.eastrochester.org) – under the 'Departments' pull-down menu, click on 'Building Inspector.'

The **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION** program is temporarily discontinued.  
For more information call the ER Community Resource Center at 586-0525, or watch Channel 12.  
Please note this particular distribution is for ER residents only. *Thank you!*



Above left, Ted Conners, and above right, Amy Monachino are sworn in as Town/Village Trustees.

### **SNOW PLOWING FAQ's for the DPW**

*What time of the day do you plow snow?*

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

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

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

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

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

*What do I do if a private snow plow contractor pushes snow into my yard or driveway?*

Try to get a license plate number, or at least a description of the vehicle. Chances are they'll return for the next round of plowing. Then notify the ERPD of the situation; it's best to let them handle it.

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

### **PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE DROP-OFFS**

The ER Police Department (254 W. Ivy St.) 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: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17. For more information go to [www.eastrochester.org](http://www.eastrochester.org) or call 586-4399.



***A FEW SCENES FROM THE  
E.R. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL...***

*The town/village was a proud sponsor of the third-annual East Rochester Christmas Festival, held at several locations Saturday, Dec. 14. At left, two young guests visit with Santa at the ER Community/Senior Center; and below, Mary Cilento chats with former Trustee John Alfieri, Joanne Alfieri, and Village Engineer Ed Parrone for ERCN-Channel 12.*



*Above left, a shopper browses through some of the handmade merchandise at the craft sale at Piano Works Mall; above, visitors take a carriage tour around Edmund Lyon Park; and at left, ER junior Dan V. (left) and sophomore John A. perform a little holiday karaoke at the Eyer Park lodge. More photos from the day are at [www.tinyurl.com/kerct6x](http://www.tinyurl.com/kerct6x).*