



School District and Community News



June-July-August 2016

TOWN/VILLAGE of EAST ROCHESTER

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Upcoming Town/Village Meeting Dates

Town/Village Business Meetings
7 pm Thursdays Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

Town/Village Board Workshop Meetings (if needed)
7 pm Thursdays Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Dec. 29

Planning/Architectural Board*
7 pm Tuesdays Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

Zoning Board*
7 pm Tuesdays Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

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

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HAVING TROUBLE FINDING ERCN CHANNEL 12?

We continue to get quite a few calls from viewers asking why they can't get the TV-12 broadcast, so I wanted to review the different ways to get our programming and what to do if you lose it.

TV-12 can be viewed three different ways: through Time Warner cable TV service, Web streaming, and ROKU.

Time Warner Cable: Our broadcast is seen by Time Warner subscribers in East Rochester, Pittsford, Fairport, and Perinton on all Time Warner cable TV packages, including the very basic \$9.95/month package. If you use a Time Warner cable box (or smaller Time Warner digital adapter for older TVs) you can view our broadcast on channel 12. If you run cable straight from the wall to your TV without a Time Warner adapter and you have a newer digital TV, you have to 'scan for new channels' using the menu in your TV setup, and our broadcast will be seen on either 5.12 or 94.8 (Time Warner has been shifting us back and forth between these two channels). If you used to get our broadcast on 94.8 but now don't see it, Time Warner has moved us and you'll have to 'scan for new channels' again. You'll then find us on 5.12. It's a good idea to scan for new channels every month anyway, as Time Warner is constantly changing channel designations and you might be missing out on new channels.

Web streaming: Our broadcast can be seen from anywhere in the world using a computer with a high-speed Internet connection. Just go to the Town/Village of ER's home page and click on the 'Watch TV-12' button. We also post video-on-demand of all our televised ERHS sports events, Town/Village events, School Board and Town/Village Board meetings, and other popular programs so viewers can watch them any time.

Roku: We now have our broadcast from Time Warner streaming in real time on Roku. So what is Roku? It's used to watch streaming Internet content on your TV instead of on your computer. You buy a hockey puck-sized unit for about \$45 (there are no other monthly or annual charges), connect it to your TV and your wireless computer router, and get more than 600 channels of programming for free. When you activate the service online, you choose what channels you want loaded on your Roku unit. Among the choices is PEG-TV (Public, Education, Government). Once you have PEG-TV loaded on the Roku unit, choose PEG-TV from the list of channels and do a search for stations in New York. Our station – ERCN – will show up near the top of the list. Once you go through the search process, you can have your remote memorize the station so you don't have to go through the search process every time you want to watch us (like bookmarking a web page).

If you're still having trouble getting our broadcast or have any other questions (or if you'd like to volunteer!), please don't hesitate to contact us at 641-0183 or ercn@eastrochester.org. Sincere thanks to everyone for their viewership and support!

– John Schroth, ERCN TV-12 Station Director

~ FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONCLUDES AUG. 24 ~

We hope you enjoyed Mr. Mustard (Beatles tribute), Back in Town (rock), Ruby Shooz ('50s and '60s), and That Party Band (oldies and new rock) in June, July, and early August. **Please join us for our last concert of the season: the country rock of Redeye Jack, set for 7 pm Wednesday, Aug. 24,** in the Town/Village lot, weather permitting.

Food and beverages from local merchants will be available – including the famous Alfieri popcorn!

Thank you for your support this summer!

~ NEWS from the LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT ~

A recent highlight here at the Department of Local History was the donation of artist Helen Smagorinsky's original painting 'Memories of East Rochester,' which depicts special places in the Village circa-1955. Many thanks to Jeanette D'Agustino Banker and her family for this extremely generous, and highly appreciated, donation! More than 1200 reproduction copies of 'Memories of ER' were sold as a fundraiser during our Centennial year, 1997, and we're proud that the original now hangs in the first-floor lobby of the Eyer Building.

Over the past few months, we at the History Department also made our annual visit to ER Elementary School for lessons on the history of our Town/Village with the second- and fourth-graders. We also collected memorabilia for the Aug. 14 celebration of our very own 1966 Boys Senior Little League World Series championship team for their induction into the Frontier Field Walk of Fame as this year's 'Team of the Ages.' In addition, the Louis 'Cabby' Providence collection continued to be delivered to us, and we sorted and recorded the many artifacts about this longtime *ER Herald* writer.

We are on the third floor of the Eyer Building. Stop in and see us from 9 am to noon Wednesday through Saturday. If you're coming from afar it's a good idea to call us at 381-3023 first, to make sure someone will be here!

– Jim Burlingame, Town/Village Historian

2016 BULK REFUSE PICK-UP WEEKS: Oct. 3-7 and Dec. 5-9

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Q&A ABOUT THE NEW STAR CREDIT PROGRAM

Has the STAR program been abolished? No. There have been some changes in how certain homeowners will apply for STAR and in how we distribute the STAR benefit to them, but the STAR program is still very much alive.

What are the changes? New applicants who qualify for STAR will register with New York state instead of applying with their assessor. If they qualify, they will receive a STAR credit in the form of a check, rather than receiving a property-tax exemption. The dollar value of the credit will be the same as the property-tax exemption.

I've been receiving the STAR exemption on my school tax bill. Do I need to register for the STAR credit? You need to register for the STAR credit if: (1) you purchased your home on or after Aug. 2, 2015, OR (2) you purchased your home between May 1, 2014, and Aug. 1, 2015, and (a) bought your home after the 2015 STAR application deadline, or (b) did not apply for the STAR exemption on your home by the 2015 application deadline. Otherwise, no action is necessary – you will continue to receive the STAR exemption on your school tax bill.

What was the 2015 STAR application deadline? It depends on where your home is. In towns outside of Nassau and Westchester counties, the 2015 STAR application deadline was March 1, 2015. In cities, and in towns in Nassau and Westchester counties, there were a variety of different deadlines. See 2015 STAR application deadlines to find the deadline for your city or town.

I've had a STAR exemption on my home for several years. Do these changes affect me? No. You will continue to receive the STAR exemption in the same manner and on the same terms as before, as long as (1) you received the STAR exemption on your 2015 school tax bill, (2) you applied for that exemption in your own name, based on your eligibility, (3) you still own the property, and (4) it's still your primary residence. You do not need to reapply. Your STAR savings will continue to appear as a direct reduction on your school property tax bill.

Did I receive the STAR exemption in 2015? Look at your 2015 school tax bill to see if it shows 'STAR tax savings.' You can also check the assessment roll to see if you're receiving the exemption.

I've been receiving a Basic STAR exemption since 2014. I turned 65 a few months ago and believe I now qualify for the Enhanced STAR exemption. Can I apply for it? Yes. If you've been receiving STAR since before the 2015 STAR application deadline, the STAR rules are the same for you as before. To have your Basic STAR upgraded to Enhanced STAR, you must (1) submit a paper application form (RP-425) to your local assessor, and (2) either enroll in the Income Verification Program, or reapply every year with your local assessor using Form RP-425-Rnw.

I've been getting the Enhanced STAR exemption on my home for several years. What do I need to do now? The rules are the same for you as before. That means if you're enrolled in the Income Verification Program, you don't need to do anything. However, if you're not enrolled in the IVP, you must either enroll in the IVP, or reapply every year with your local assessor using Form RP-425-Rnw.

I registered for my STAR exemption in 2014. Do I need to register again? No, not if you still own the same home and it's still your primary residence.

I purchased my home in 2015 after the 2015 STAR application deadline, but I received the STAR exemption on my 2015 school tax bill. Do I need to register? Yes. You received the STAR exemption on your 2015 school tax bill because the person who sold the home to you had qualified for the STAR exemption. You were entitled to the benefit of the seller's STAR exemption for the rest of the 2015-16 school year, but you're not entitled to keep the seller's STAR exemption beyond that and must register for the STAR credit in order to receive STAR benefits in the future.

How do I register? To register, see Register for the STAR credit or call 518-457-2036. Have your school tax bill handy when you call.

When should I register? We recommend you register as soon as possible after you purchase or move into your home. If you register by July 1, we'll make every effort to mail your check to you by Sept. 30. If you register after July 1, we'll mail your check to you as soon as we can. Registrations will be accepted for three years from the income tax filing deadline for the year the credit covers. For example, to claim the STAR credit for 2016, you must register by April 15, 2020. However, the sooner you register, the sooner you'll receive your STAR check.

Do I need to register every year? No. Once you've registered, we'll automatically review your eligibility for the credit every year after that for as long as you continue to own and occupy that home.

Will I be required to claim the STAR credit as income on my personal income taxes? We don't expect so. The income-tax implications of State tax credits are determined at the Federal level. Taxpayers who take the standard deduction (as most do) would likely see no impact at all. Taxpayers who itemize their deductions would likely need to subtract their STAR credit from the real-estate taxes they paid if they claim a real-property tax deduction. The resulting deduction would be equivalent to the impact of the STAR exemption, which reduces a taxpayer's property-tax bill by the same amount as the STAR credit.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE EAST ROCHESTER CHAMBER of COMMERCE?

Did you know that 62 businesses belong to the ER Chamber of Commerce? These members include restaurants, insurance agents, gas stations, hair salons, our Town/Village, realtors, a photographer, and many more types of businesses. As members of our Chamber, these businesses participate in various training sessions, networking opportunities, ribbon-cuttings, and greater Internet presence through our Website, www.erchamber.org.

Did you know that a member's Internet presence is enhanced by our Website? Our members can add their own business directory page to our Website. These pages are business owner-activated and can change at the discretion of the member. Each page uses Google Maps to locate the business, and allows the business to link to their site, load documents and/or images, and promote special opportunities.

Did you know that a member can receive free marketing via social media? Chamber members will have their own Facebook posts cross-posted to our Facebook page. Our Chamber also has a LinkedIn page that can also be used to promote our members' business.

Did you know that a member can host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to promote the opening of their business and/or their Chamber membership? We've had 15 ribbon-cuttings over the past several months. Many are businesses new to ER, others have been to celebrate a relocation, and still others are to celebrate a grand reopening.

Did you know that our membership dues are only \$100 annually? Our annual membership dues are paid once a year, in January. Our dues are used to support our operating budget, but also pay for many community services. Our Chamber supports our summer day camp program, our ER Youth Activity Center, the St. Nicholas Society, the ER Christmas Festival, our member breakfast and Christmas gathering, as well as a scholarship for a graduating ERHS senior.

Did you know that a portion of the money raised at our 19th annual Karknocker 5K Race & Walk is being donated to the Finger Lakes Regional Burn Association? 2016 is the first year we are partnered with the FLRBA. We did not designate the specific use of our donation, but are leaving it for the association to determine their most appropriate needs.

Did you know that the Chamber works with the Town/Village of ER to clean up our area each year during our CleanSweep program? Each spring before the annual Memorial Day parade, we sponsor/organize our CleanSweep program to clean up our streets and parks after the long winter months. This is a wonderful community event which helps show ER community pride.

Did you know that the pole banners that hang on the light poles along our streets and in our parks are purchased through the Chamber? Our pole banner program was started a year ago to help beautify our streets. Many ER business owners, as well as some families, have participated in this program. You don't have to be a Chamber member to participate. Our banners have a useful life of three to four years at a one-time cost of \$125.

The ER Chamber of Commerce has been growing organizationally and functionally over the past several months. We have an outstanding commitment to work with our businesses to help them succeed in our community. If you have any questions and/or would like to participate in our Chamber, please contact me at 348-7380 or 315-374-0506, or marybeth@lovejoy-photography.com. You can also reach us at info@erchamber.org. We look forward to working with you!

– Mary Beth Lovejoy, Vice President/Communications Director

Save the date! East Rochester Christmas Festival – Saturday, Dec. 10. Much more info to come as the date approaches!

~ NEWS FROM THE JEAN DANIEL SENIOR CENTER ~

The East Rochester Senior Citizens Center is open to anyone 55 or older. Membership is only \$5 per calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31), and you don't have to live in the Town/Village of ER to join. Our monthly calendar lists all our various activities, and is available at the Center and on the Town/Village Website.

In September, the Pittsford Senior Choir will be performing at our meeting. We hold meetings on the first and third Thursdays, with the first being designated a business meeting and the second for a program. A caseworker is here once a month to help with any issues, and blood pressures are taken monthly. A podiatrist visits once every three months, and Safe Driving courses are offered every two or three months. We also host a monthly pool tournament, as well as numerous card games and Bingo. Line Dancing continues every Monday morning, with Will Herzog directing. The Chime Choir meets every other Friday morning, with coloring and dot-to-dot on the alternate Fridays. Crafts will resume once a month in September.

An enthusiastic singles group goes out to eat every other week; transportation is available. During the nice weather we go to dinner at 5 pm Tuesdays, while in the winter, it's lunch on Wednesdays. Location suggestions are taken, as we like to visit various family restaurants in the community.

There will be a flu clinic at the Center from 9 am to noon Tuesday, Oct. 4, as part of ER's Health and Wellness Fair.

Literature is available for a tour to Cape Cod, with a day in Boston, set for Sept. 26-30. Our trips are open to anyone; you don't have to be a member. We are also planning an October trip to Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, in Delaware. Check with us at 385-3643 for more information.

LIBRARY NOTES.... The East Rochester Public Library would like to thank all our loyal patrons, who are great summer readers! We hope you were able to visit the Library in June, July, and August. There is still time to participate in the Summer Reading Program – ‘On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!’ – by joining us for ‘American Girl: Race Through History’ with Teresa Wood at 2 pm Friday, Aug. 12 and our grand finale ice cream social, 2 pm Friday, Aug. 19, in the Community Center (across from the Library). All ages are welcome to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading program.

We would also like to thank all our volunteers, both teen and adult, who support the programs at the Library. Teens worked very hard to help our Youth Services Librarian, Kelly, with summer programming. In addition, the Friends of the Library operate the Book Nook year ’round. It’s open for public browsing from 11 am-1 pm Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm Thursdays, and 11 am-1 pm Saturdays. Donations for the Library are accepted whenever the Nook is open. However, please call ahead (586-8302) if you have a large donation, to see if space is available to accommodate the items. The Friends are always looking for volunteers to help staff the Book Nook. If you’re interested, please contact Library Director Meredith Fraser for more information. In addition, everyone is invited to stop by the Friends’ meetings, which are held at 3 pm the second Thursday of the month, at the Library.

And speaking of the Friends. ... they’re busy planning a Book Fair fundraiser, with the help of Barnes & Noble in Pittsford Plaza, for 11 am-2 pm Saturday, Oct. 22. Save the date for this fun day at Barnes & Noble, just for the ER Library! There will be lots of activities for kids. The Friends will be given part of the proceeds from sales when you present your voucher, which can be obtained in advance at the Library, or at the event at the Friends’ table near the magazine section. Your generous support will result in more books and materials for the youth of ER. Stop by the store that Saturday, or you can buy at Barnes & Noble online between Oct. 22 and Oct. 27. Make sure you include our Book Fair ID number, 11854619. The Book Fair will be a great time to buy an early holiday gift or two (or more!), as well as support our local Library.

We continue to offer story times and programs for babies and children of all ages and abilities. Each story time is designed to support your child’s language and literacy development, encourage a love of reading, and seamlessly blend play with education in an informal learning environment. Baby story times (for babies/toddlers and a caregiver) start at 9:30 am most Mondays, and feature books, movement activities, rhymes, and songs. At Pre-K story times, held at 11:30 am most Wednesdays, preschoolers and their caregivers enjoy books, songs and rhymes, movement activities, and simple crafts. Looking for something for your kids to do after school? Crafty Kid story times meet at 3:30 pm most Mondays. Children listen to a story and then make crafts, conduct science experiments, or play games. Please contact the Library for exact story time dates, or check our Website for more information.

The Library will be showing ‘Shoulders to Stand On’ – a documentary by the Gay Alliance which highlights the struggle for LGBT rights in the Rochester community – at 6 pm Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the Community Center.

For more information about the Library or any of our programs, call us at 586-8302, visit our Website at www.libraryweb.org/erochester, or ‘like’ us on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you!



Congratulations to the **East Rochester High School Class of 2016** on graduating, and to **Claire Gears** for earning this year’s Frank King Memorial Scholarship! We wish you all the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

A sincere thank you to everyone who came out and supported our annual **Fireman’s Field Days and Carnival**. We sincerely hope your experience at the barbecue, parade, and/or carnival was fun and memorable, and we hope you’ll join us again next year!

We held our **biennial drunk/distracted driving demonstration** the rainy morning of Friday, May 13, at the school campus. I’d like to thank everyone who made this important learning experience for the juniors and seniors a great success: the school staff, Judge Vicki Argento, the ER Police Department, Rural/Metro Ambulance, Ricci’s Towing, Northside Salvage, and Harloff Funeral Home. The student participants also did a great job in showing the dangers of distracted driving to their classmates – thank you to Enzo A., Taylor G., Hannah H., Lauren M., Lindsey N., Hayden R., and Maddy W. Photos from the demonstration are at www.tinyurl.jewd99j.

We are extremely honored to have helped with the **Gold Star Families memorial monument dedication** at White Haven Memorial Park. It’s a wonderful tribute to the families of fallen soldiers. There are only a few in the country, and this is the first one in New York state.

Fire safety message: Grilling season is in full swing, so please remember to use caution and common sense when enjoying picnics and barbecues. Also be aware of dry conditions while using fire pits for recreational fires. For rules and codes regarding fire pits, refer to the Town/Village Website or call the Building Department at 385-3513 to speak with the Fire Marshal.

For more information about our department, please visit www.erfd.org.

FROM THE E.R. POLICE DEPARTMENT

~ to Protect and Serve the Residents of East Rochester ~

I hope everyone is having a great summer, as we wind down and begin preparing for another school year. Once September arrives, **please remember to obey the crossing guards and traffic monitor.** They are positioned around the Town/Village to make sure your children get to school safely, not to be verbally abused or put in danger by reckless behavior. If you aren't happy with, or have a concern about, any particular situation or incident, I ask that you contact the Police Department, not the school. The traffic personnel are employed by the ERPD, therefore we handle all complaints and comments. In a related matter, please keep the traffic flowing in and around the campus by obeying the signs and personnel. Stopping in the middle of the loop to drop off or pick up students only slows the process down for everyone. It's clearly marked at the school to unload or pick up passengers only in the drop zones and curbside. On behalf of the crossing guards and monitor, thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!

Time has gone by fast – **we're already embarking on our two-year anniversary of being in our facility in the lower level of the Eyer Building!** We are fully functioning out of the new location, and the transition has been great. Special thanks to the Department of Public Works not only for all they do when called upon to make necessary upgrades to our facility, but also for continually maintaining our fleet of police vehicles.

We continue to be busy with day-to-day Department operations, and as always **we encourage residents to report suspicious activity.** We truly rely on you to be active and aware, and inform us of any incident as you feel necessary. I've mentioned this before as it pertains to social media and/or other communication outlets. To report a crime or for police assistance, you need to call 911 or, from 8 am to 4 pm weekdays, our non-emergency line (586-4399). **Commenting or complaining on social media is unproductive,** since we have no idea you have an issue and need help.

The ERPD, like many other law-enforcement agencies, has a **pharmaceutical drop box** outside the department, near the main entrance. The public has access to this drop box whenever the building is open. This drop box is only for pharmaceutical pills and some creams – no needles. For needles, all other creams, and pills, we also have a pharmaceutical drop-off on the third Wednesday of every month – simply bring your items up to the window and the Police Clerk will take them for you.

If you need a copy of a filed police report, please contact ERPD Clerk April Thiel at 586-4399, or stop by the Department.

Identification will be necessary to process the request, and please give at least 48 hours notice for the paperwork to be completed.

If you have questions about these or any other issues, please contact us at 586-4399. Our **non-emergency hours of operation** are 8 am to 4:30 pm weekdays; we are closed on weekends and holidays.

– Steven J. Clancy, ER Chief of Police



Congratulations to ERPD Officer Earl Lergner, far left, on receiving the 'Top Cop' award from the Monroe County Stop-DWI program! With him are Town/Village Administrator Martin G. D'Ambrose, Mayor Fred Ricci, and ERPD Chief Steve Clancy.

~ NEWS from the CLERK'S OFFICE ~

The Town/Village of ER's Clerk's Office has been restructured. As of Monday, Aug. 1, the position of Clerk-Treasurer was eliminated with the retirement of Gerri Raschiatore, and replaced by the positions of Director of Finance (Brian Luke, CPA) and Village Clerk/Receiver of Taxes (Karen Smith). Visitors will still see the smiling faces of Clerks Janet Mandile and Sandi McLean. While there are now only two full-time clerks in the office daily, we believe it will operate as well as it always has, due to new processes and efficiencies.

Looking to book the Peter Quinzi Lodge or the Neal Marvel Pavilion in Eyer Park for a 2017 event?

Reservations will be accepted from Town/Village residents only beginning at 8:30 am Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the Eyer Building. The cost for a 10 am-10 pm rental is \$100 for the lodge or \$40 for the pavilion; cash or check only.

The 2017 calendar opens to non-ER residents on Monday, Oct. 3 at a cost of \$175 for the lodge and \$80 for the pavilion, cash or check only. Please call the Clerk's Office at 586-3553 if you have any questions.

Mark your calendar and save the date! The Town/Village of ER plans to hold its annual **Health and Wellness Fair** from **9 am to noon Tuesday, Oct. 4,** at the Eyer Building.

Among the numerous services available to all residents will be flu shots, blood pressure screenings, and chair massages. In addition, health and wellness professionals and vendors will be on hand to answer questions.

If you have any questions, or are a health/wellness professional who wishes to participate, please contact us at 586-3553.

E.R. COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

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

FALL CLOTHING CLEARANCE SALE – OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

9 am to 2 pm Wednesday, Sept. 28 only, at the Resource Center – \$2 a bag (we supply the bag)
suits and sport jackets \$2 each, shoes and sneakers \$1 a pair

We sell clothing only during clearance sales, and our price of \$2 a bag for most clothing has been consistent for more than 25 years. These sales are necessary to make room for incoming seasonal clothing, because of our limited storage space. In addition, many of our clients who are eligible for free clothing won't take advantage of this service. But they will come in when we have a sale, and take pride in knowing they paid for what they got – which is why we've kept the cost at a minimum for so long.

Families or individuals who live in ER and are in need of clothing or other services should call us to make an appointment.

ADVENT CRAFT SALE VENDORS NEEDED!

This year's event is set for **9 am to 3 pm Saturday, Dec. 10**, at ER Schools. Vendor spaces are going fast!
If you'd like to participate, please call the CRC for more information.

ER Community Resource Center and ER Fire Department
2016 Christmas Program for the Needy in East Rochester

send, or bring, to ER Town/Village Office or Public Library (317 Main St.) or CRC (333 E. Chestnut St.)

*** for families with children ***

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).

The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 25 – after this date, only a food basket can be guaranteed.

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

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (381-1565)

Curbside leaf pickup will begin in mid-October and run until mid-December, weather-permitting. We collect your leaves from the curb in the following manner: **Piles:** We collect your piles of leaves at the curb using a leaf vacuum machine. Please place your leaves between the sidewalks and curb, not in the road. Do not mix any yard debris, garbage, brush, or branches with the leaves. **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.

What do I do with my leaves in the summer? We use the large leaf vacuum trucks only in the fall. Therefore, in the spring and summer, all leaves must be bagged for collection. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

News from the E.R. Youth Activity Center (for students in grades 5-12)

317 Main St. 586-1003 open 3-7 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

The ER Youth Activity Center kicked off the summer right by opening the Center from noon-6pm every day. We have some new staff members to introduce for the summer! **Lori Pritchard** is an English teacher who started working part-time with us back in May. She has been mentoring some of the youth in our summer program this year, and is one of the teachers supporting the students working toward their High School Equivalency diploma. **Marie Deuel** has been with us since February, and has been a huge asset in putting the summer program together. She has been mentoring our summer youth and continuing her support of our older year-round participants. She also has a few other projects for the fall up her sleeve, so keep an eye out for those great events! Returning for his second summer is **Mark Loria**, who has been mentoring some of the youth in our summer program and helping teach the High School Equivalency class. **Brady Farnand** is returning as well, as an Assistant Director. He has been with us for many years, and enjoys helping the kids build lifelong skills they can take with them as they go. Last but not least, **Samantha Hook** has also been working as an Assistant Director this summer. She has been busy supporting all the youth in the program and running the Day Camp at Northside Park; call the Center for more details.

With 23 participants in our six-week **Summer Employment program**, it took a lot of effort to find placements for everyone. We'd like to thank the following worksites for helping provide this experience to our youth: Crust Pizza Kitchen, Day Camp in the Park, GrandeVie Senior Living Community, Linden East Condominiums, North Eastern Pool & Spa, Rubino's, A Second Thought Retail Shop, Sunoco, Wendy's, and the Town/Village Community Resource Center, DPW, and Public Library.

We were fortunate to get another opportunity from the ER Chamber of Commerce to put on a summer **Day Camp in Northside Park**. The camp runs from 10am-1pm weekdays, from Thursday, July 7 until Friday, Aug. 19. There are different crafts and sports every week, and food and drinks for the kids are provided! Come down and enjoy the fun! We thank the Chamber for again providing us funding to make this Camp available for the youth in ER.

This summer we have been focusing on an **anti-animal abuse campaign** with the youth in the program – discussing what animal abuse can look like, how you can prevent it, and who to contact if you suspect it. The participants are working with Holy Childhood to make informational bags to hand out to various organizations that work with animals.

We're proud to announce our **'Forever Packs' project** was a big success. The youth worked hard putting together 25 bags that were donated to the Monroe County Foster Care system for students who enter foster care without any belongings. A special thanks to Marie Deuel for monitoring the grant, and **Gavin C., Jessie G., Ashley H., Brianna L., Mady M., Holly S., and Hailey W.** for all their hard work planning and implementing the initiative.

Are you out of school and between the ages of 17-24? 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 High School Equivalency Diploma/TASC (formerly known as the 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 are 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! The ERYAC promotes the '40 Developmental Assets' and 'Small Talk, Big Difference' initiatives. – Barbara Maine, ERYAC director