



Erie, PA

Resident Newsletter

November, 2021



Prognosticators are not in agreement for the [2021- 2022 winter season](#) in Erie, PA. Consider using the old adage, "prepare for the worst, but hope for the best".

## Prepare for Snow

We've seen the early signs of winter coming on.

In case you're new to the area, you need to understand we're known as the "Snow Belt" because of the 101.4" average snowfalls we experience most years. The average for the nation is just 27.8".

Snow tires are very good to have on your car. Despite the name, all season tires aren't really for all seasons, especially in locations like Erie. The deeper tread depths on snow tires reduce snow buildup and provide better traction, expelling slush and water. Even roads that are plowed can be too slippery for those "all season" tires.

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## Thanksgiving Holiday

Our offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, 11/25 and Friday, 11/26.

We'll re-open on Monday, 11/29 at 8 AM.

Please call 814-833-6516, option 9 for any emergencies while we're away.

We're so thankful to have you with us!

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## Gift Wrap Center Open

One of your amenities with Maleno is our FREE gift wrapping center. Bring your gifts to our Property Management office at 2315 Jamestown Dr. We have gift wrap, ribbons, tape, and scissors here for you. All at no charge!



## Good Scents

Having company over and you're not sure if your home smells "fresh"?

Make it smell inviting with some simmering scents in a slow cooker. Choose items like orange, lemon and lime peels, put them in the pot, add water, and set on the lowest temperature setting. Replace water as needed.

Other scent options: cinnamon sticks, whole cloves, and vanilla extract.

Experiment and make your own signature blend!

**"The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time."**  
—Douglas Wood

## Keep Away from Fire Hydrants

According to the Statutes of Pennsylvania, Title 75, Section 3353 (a-2-ii), you need to be **parked at least 15 feet away from a fire hydrant.**

If you are unsure if you are parked too close to a fire hydrant, it is best to err on the side of caution and find a different parking spot. If you see a vehicle violating this law, please call Millcreek Police at (814) 833-7777.

**Protect Your Vehicle** – to prevent break-ins, do not leave anything visible in your car like purses & backpacks. Lock them in the trunk, if needed.

## Snow

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Now's a good time to remind everyone of your communities' snow policy.

To ensure all our residents are able to get out when needed, we need you to move your car for snow removal. Have your cars removed from all parking areas and from in front of your garage by 9:00 AM or you will get plowed in.

On weekdays, snow plowing will begin at 7:30 AM if snowfall is less than 2". Plowing will begin at 5:30 AM if snowfall is heavier. Areas around mailboxes and sidewalks will be shoveled daily.

If there is a snowstorm of 8" or more, additional equipment may be called in to make certain the snow is removed in a timely manner.

On weekends, the roads will only be done if there is 2" or more of snow. Plowing will begin at the same time as weekdays. Driveways and sidewalks will be done on weekends only if there is 5" of snow or more.

Although we make every effort to always keep the snow clear, you may want to keep a bag of salt and/or snow shovel on hand for your convenience. Snow plows can only get so close, after all.

## One-Off Community Reminders

If you're a Village on Pacific resident, remember the Valet Trash program is affected by the snow, also. Trash will not be picked up on snow days.

If you're a Shadow Pines resident, please do not park in front of garage doors on forecasted snow days. We will not be able to plow in front of garages, if blocked.







## Q &A for Quick Response

**“What’s the best way to get a quick response when I have problems or questions?”**

Whether you are leaving a message on our emergency line or submitting a service request through the portal in AppFolio, organization and clear communication are always the key to getting a problem solved quickly.

Make sure to be specific. Though a “please call me” will get you a call back, it might not come at a time when you’re available, and it might be just the first step if further action is required. A message that describes your problem, clearly states what type of action you’re looking for, and includes clear instructions as to when you’ll be available and at what telephone number will make it much easier to move forward efficiently.

For example, “this is Jane Doe at 123 Main St #203. The bathtub in our main bath is draining very slowly and I need help unclogging it within 48 hours. For further details, please call me at 555-555-1212 between 9 AM and 9 PM.”

That way, management can efficiently gather any additional information or schedule a maintenance visit, resulting in a quicker fix for you.



## Odds 'n Ends

When it comes to plumbing, always use an expert. If you're thinking of installing a bidet sprayer or bidet toilet seat, open a service request. Our maintenance techs will install at a small charge. Don't try installing these DIY items yourself; even simple plumbing tasks can become a disaster and cost you a lot more in the long run!

“It’s not whether you get knocked down, it’s whether you get up.” - Vince Lombardi

**Kitchen Cleanup:** Studies have shown clutter can cause stress and poor health. Walking into a messy kitchen first thing in the morning can put a damper on your day before it’s even begun. Wouldn’t it be better to be greeted with tidy countertops and an empty sink? Get into the habit of “closing the kitchen” after dinner by immediately putting away leftovers, washing dirty dishes, and wiping down surfaces. A nightly kitchen cleanup routine ensures you’ll wake up to a clean, calming space in your home.

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**Food Trucks:** Many of you let us know how much you enjoyed the food trucks on-site during the fall. The vendors were all impressed with the high traffic they experienced and complimented us on having "the nicest people" living here!

We plan to bring them back when the nicer weather returns in spring. If there's a particular food truck you'd like to see in the community, [let Wendy know](#), our Director of Marketing.

**Christmas Eve:** is National Egnog Day. The Huffington Post reports that **more than 135 million** pounds of eggnog are consumed each year!

## Easy on the Ears

Wearing headphones or earbuds is a popular way to listen to music and other content on personal devices. [San Francisco Audiology](#) provides some sound advice about using these go-to accessories safely.

How long and how loud you're piping your favorite tunes into your ears are the two listening habits you need to balance. To prevent damage to your hearing down the road, experts recommend:

- Use the 60/60 rule as a guide. Listen for no more than 60 minutes at a time at no more than 60% of your device's maximum volume.
- Take a break at least once every hour to give your ears a rest.
- Set your device's volume just high enough so that you hear your music or movie at a comfortable level. If you have ringing or buzzing in your ears or dulled hearing after using headphones, you've got the volume cranked up too high.
- Consider noise-canceling or noise-isolating headphones. These block background noise without you having to dial up the volume to drown it out.
- It's best to skip using headphones when walking, cycling or exercising outdoors. For safety, you need to hear what's happening around you in order to be alert and able to react.
- Headphones shouldn't be shared, and be sure to clean them regularly. At least once a week, wipe down the tips on earbuds and the ear cushions on headphones.

Got it? Good listening!

Source: <https://sfaudiology.com/headphone-safety-tips-for-preserving-your-hearing/>

## Christmas Tree Disposal

Some put them up early, some right before the actual holiday, and some don't have Christmas trees at all. In case you do, a reminder that Christmas trees are permitted in all apartment homes.

Please remove the tree when it dries out, as it becomes a fire hazard.

Our **garbage service will not accept the trees**. Lakeview, Shadow Pines, and The Village residents can drop off trees at the Millfair Compost Center.

Scenery Hills residents can check with the [Erie City Public Works Department](#).



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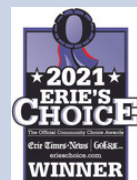
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## Award-Winner

Congratulations to the Maleno Custom Building & Remodeling team!

They were nominated for the 2021 Erie's Choice Award for Best Builder and won for the **fifth** straight year.

Our Property Management team is also proud to be a finalist for Best Apartment Complex, too!



## RECIPE CORNER

### Roasted Cranberry & Goat Cheese Flatbread

If you need a festive appetizer, this sweet and tangy flatbread will be a hit!

#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries
- 3 Tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 Tablespoon finely chopped shallots or yellow onions
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 flatbreads, any type
- 1 4-ounce package goat cheese, crumbled
- Fresh rosemary sprigs (optional)

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

In a square baking dish, combine cranberries, maple syrup, shallots or onions, thyme, and salt. Roast in oven about 15 minutes, stirring once or twice, until the cranberries burst and the mixture is bubbling. Remove from oven and stir to break down the cranberries.

Spread the hot cranberry mixture over the flatbreads, dividing evenly. Top each with goat cheese. Bake directly on oven rack for 8 to 10 minutes, until cheese is soft, and flatbread is crispy.

Cut each flatbread into small wedges and serve garnished with fresh rosemary, if desired.



Things to do in Erie in December  
<https://www.visiterie.com/winter/>



## Trivia Quiz

1. Peppermint is an herb that's a natural hybrid of what two plants?
2. Candy canes were invented in what country?
3. In the board game Candy Land, where does Mr. Mint live?
4. What figure in Greek mythology inspired peppermint's name?



ANSWERS:  
1. Water mint (*Mentha aquatica*) and spearmint (*Mentha spicata*).  
2. Germany  
3. In the Peppermint Forest, beyond the Peppermint Falls.  
4. MINTHE was a Naiad-nymph of Mount Mintha in Elis (southern Greece) loved by the god Haides. When she claimed to be superior to his wife Persephone, the angry goddess transformed her into a mint plant.

## Service Requests

If you have a maintenance emergency after hours, please call 814-833-6516, ext. 9.

For all other repairs, submit a request through the AppFolio portal or call 814-833-6516, option 2.



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