The Erie News

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Township News and Updates



Erie Township Military Service Memorial



A ceremony to rededicate the refurbished Military Service Memorial in front of the Erie Township Hall and Library was held November 9, 2017 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars., Erie Post 3925.

The memorial was built 20 years ago by the community as a tribute to members of the U.S. armed forces serving their country. Volunteers have worked to restore the memorial by removing brush that had overgrown and improving the landscaping. A bench was added to the site, along with a section for Memorial Bricks.

A total of 126 commemorative bricks have been laid and are being sold for \$60 each to underwrite costs of the restoration. The bricks can be personalized with messages in memory of loved ones. They can hold up to 18 characters on three lines.

More information about buying a brick is available by calling the township at 734-848-5915 or visiting www.erietownship.com and clicking on the link at the bottom of the page.

Deputy Supervisor, Mike Grodi spearheaded the effort. Among those assisting Mr. Grodi with the project are John Longenbarger of Ida, who served eight years in the Army National Guard, and Bob Willis, a LaSalle Township trustee.

Additional Information enclosed with this Tax Bill Mailing

MCANS – Alert Notification System – review the enclosed flyer to get more information and to learn how to register your cell phone, VOIP phone, land line or email address.

South County Water Billing – Change to Monthly Bills – review the enclosed information about the change from quarterly billing to monthly billing and the ways you can pay your Water Bill.

Controlled Substance "Take-Back" Program.

This red box will be located in the lobby of the Township Hall, 2065 Erie Road, Erie, MI. Only pharmaceutical drugs will be collected and store



collected and stored in this box. Residents can drop off medications during regular business hours Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Erie Fire DepartmentFrom Chief Denny Stark

The Erie Fire Department is now accepting applications from anyone who would like to join our department. Currently, we have eighteen members and have several openings.

Each year, the number of emergency calls we receive seem to increase. In 2016, we responded to 360 emergency calls and are presently at 367 for 2017, with another month remaining.

Memberships continue to decline in volunteer fire departments. In years past, we typically enjoyed a full staff of thirty members. At our present membership level, it has become more challenging to provide the personnel required for the emergency situations we respond to. Mutual aid is often required to and/or from neighboring departments.

We understand employment and family time are priorities and require time in our lives. Many families, including ours, are involved in activities with their children. Several of our members, when available, additionally volunteer their time to be involved in either coaching or teaching activities in the Township. Little league baseball, Cub Scouts, CPR training, football game emergency coverage, Fire Prevention Day at Mason Schools, providing road blockages for 5k runs and Halloween Trick or Treat night, a hunter safety class, township holiday lighting, and the Christmas Parade are a few of the activities we participate in. With only eighteen members, there have been activities that we have not been able to help with. Hopefully, in the future, with additional staffing we will be able to.

Applications are available at the Township Hall. Also, if you would like any additional information about the Fire Department, call us at 848-3473 and leave a message. We will get back to you soon.

Come join us in providing care to the residents of Erie Township in emergency situations.

We thank you for your continued support and know we are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for your emergency needs.

Have a safe day. Happy Holidays!

Morin Point Fire Department From Chief Patrick Zaleski



Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Morin Point Fire Department.

I would like to address a problem we have today in the fire services; our memberships have dwindled as it has in all volunteer fire departments. A fire departments greatest asset, of course, is its personnel. Erie Township has dedicated and well educated personnel, this takes time and effort. Once again we ask if you are interested in joining Morin Point Fire Department. You can call us at 848-8942 and leave a message, or you can stop in the Township Hall for an application.

It would be tragic if you were to call 911 and there was no one to respond. Thank you to all the men and women who are here to serve you.

1-800-462-2050 MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Winter Fun at Erie Branch Library

Take a little time during the holiday season to relax with a good library book, DVD, cd, and/or magazine!

Our library hours have changed a little, new hours are: **Mondays 1-8**

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 1-5 Wednesdays 9-5

Graham Cracker Gingerbread House and Hot Chocolate Bar @ Erie Branch Library

Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Special Preschool Story Hour Christmas Party Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

A special jolly big guy will be making an appearance!

Preschool Story Hours will resume Wednesdays, January 10, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Please have your children wear play clothes so they can fully participate in our fun activities!

Adult Book Club is held the second Monday of every month, January-November at 6:30 p.m. Erie Branch Friends of the Library meeting proceeds the book club at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

All library programs are **FREE but Please Register** so we have enough treats and/or materials for everyone. You can register on-line or by calling the Erie Branch Library at 734-848-4420.