

# Emerald Lakes Village Update



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## Shamrock Shuffle

Adult Social Chairwoman Amanda Vizzini is organizing a spring fun run



of 5k or 1 mile for all ages **Sunday, March 21st from 3-5 pm.** Please arrive at 6222 Emerald Lake Drive 10 minutes prior to the start time .

More details at <https://www.facebook.com/ELVRESIDENTS/events> or contact Amanda Vizzini at [ELVAdultSocial@gmail.com](mailto:ELVAdultSocial@gmail.com) or 248-227-9612.

## Restrictions Reminder

As the weather starts warming up thoughts turn to outdoor projects. Be mindful that our Restrictions Agreement lays out what is and is not permitted.

### Before doing any landscaping our outdoor construction:

- 1) Read our Restrictions Agreement. If you can't find your paper copy the Restrictions can be found at [www.elvsite.com](http://www.elvsite.com) under "Policies".
- 2) Submit your plan to our Restrictions Chairman John Freeman at [ELVRestrictions@gmail.com](mailto:ELVRestrictions@gmail.com) for review by the entire Association Board.

## Last Chance to Be Somebody . . .

. . . in the Emerald Lakes Village 2021 Phone Directory, that is. Our directory is one of the ways that our village is kept connected. If you have a new phone number or need any correction to your name since the 2019 directory, please email Membership Chairwoman Andrea Allemon at [Andrea48085@yahoo.com](mailto:Andrea48085@yahoo.com) with your updated information.

**Spring is Coming!**  
Time to take down Christmas Lights.  
Yard Waste pick up begins April 6

## Easter Scavenger Hunt & Goodies!

By Amber Barbieri, *Children's Social Chairwoman*

**Join us for an ELV Easter Scavenger Hunt, there is no time to spare! There are so many clues to find, it's definitely a family affair. You have all the clues below, so get ready, set, and GO!**

Can your family crack Yoda's Easter message, between now and March 27th? Use the 12 clues below to help you find letters placed throughout the village to decipher Yoda's message.



And on **March 27th from 11 am-1 pm, wear a face mask and hop on over to Emerald Beach on Lyster Lane** (with or without Yoda's Easter message) for pictures and treats! **Please RSVP to Kat Hamill at [Kathamill@gmail.com](mailto:Kathamill@gmail.com) or 248-525-3490 by March 20 to ensure that all bunnies receive a bag of goodies.**

Here are your Easter Scavenger Hunt clues:

- 1) The Easter bunny was seen taking this yellow brick road to where he might take a relaxing dip.
- 2) Safety is first and foremost for our little bunnies, we must always \_\_\_\_\_ before we go!
- 3) Dad! Did you eat ALL our Easter candy?! Get a lawyer, we're taking you to SMALL claims \_\_\_\_\_!
- 4) Sit back, put your feet up and relax with me, but remember to share me with others or add another to take my place!
- 5) Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom will stop the bunny from delivering his neighborhood eggs or letters.
- 6) "At this point in the hunt, it's the ONLY time you can go in \_\_\_\_\_ ANY direction"
- 7) Oh, here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin' down the bunny TRAIL!
- 8) Mother Goose didn't need a SIGN, to know that it takes a fun and safe VILLAGE to raise her ducklings!
- 9) Might spot Olaf and the bunny here, laying out against the burning SAND getting gorgeously tanned for summer.
- 10) I can RUN by the Villas, but I can't walk, and I surely can't hop.
- 11) Best not to run, but \_\_\_\_\_ to this bunny's favorite beach!
- 12) Where the sidewalk ends, under the giving tree, could that be where the bunny hid my basket?



"Hmmm. Good-bye to winter, say you must.

Letter							
Clue	10	2	8	3	11	5	2

4	6	9	1	7	12		

# Welcome, Neighbors!

By Andrea Allemon, Membership Chair



If you are new to our village (or know of someone new) please contact me at 248-879-1111 or [ELVMembership@gmail.com](mailto:ELVMembership@gmail.com) so I can greet you (properly physically distanced, of course) and provide you with important information about our lakes, Restrictions, social events and so much more!

## Kindergarten Round-Up for '21-'22



If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021 and will be attending Troy Union in the fall contact the friendly staff at Troy

Union at 248-823-3100 for more information. Also, mark your calendar for an informational Kindergarten Round-Up, which will take place on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

## Lakes Report

### Sandshores Lake Aeration is a "Go"

The installation of an aeration system by LakePro on Sandshores Lake was approved by the ELVHA Board at its March meeting. Once approval is received from EGLE we will be in a position to order equipment, have electricity run to the location of the compressor, and begin installation this season.

### Too Early to Fertilize

Do not fertilize your lawn until the ground has thawed, which will not be in March. The fertilizer will simply wash off into storm drains and into our lakes.

## Spring Cleaning & Maintenance

### Yard Clean-Up

Yard waste will start being picked up curbside on April 6. Yard waste consists of: leaves and twigs • pine cones • branches under 2" in diameter and 3' long, bundled and tied, weighing less than 40 lbs. Limit 5 bundles/week • small shrubs, shrub clippings, and vines • spent flowers, garden plants, potting soil • grass clippings (It's better if you mow them into your lawn.).

Yard waste should be placed in 35-gallon maximum containers displaying a City of Troy yard waste sticker (available at the DPW on Rochester Rd.) or 30-gallon yard waste paper bags. Containers should not exceed 50 lbs. **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected — as yard waste or as trash.**

### Home Maintenance

Some important spring maintenance items inside and outside your home are:

- Test your sump pump before spring rains come.
- Clean out lint from your dryer screen and vent and from under your dryer.
- Change your furnace filter.
- Change your smoke detector and CO detector batteries.
- Check for loose, curled, or discolored shingles, especially around chimneys and vent pipes and weather seal, if needed.
- Clean out gutters and check to see that they are tight to the fascia board.

## Upcoming Village Social Activities

By Amber Barbieri, Children's Social Chairwoman

### The Great ELV Children's Bake-Off



Roll up your sleeves, put on those aprons, and get ready to preheat your ovens! On April 17th ELV is calling all amateur bakers, 18 years old and under, to create, design, and submit 5 of the same kind of cupcake between 11 am-12 pm for our judges to sample!

For registering your baker, volunteering to judge, and/or questions, please email [ELVChildrenSocial@gmail.com](mailto:ELVChildrenSocial@gmail.com). Winners will be announced at our first Family Date Night Party, April 21st, 5-8 pm.

This year's contest theme is "Superhero or Villain". Let's get baking!

### Volunteers Needed



Do you wanna pick what's for dinner and have a say in what's playing?! We are looking for

coordinators to plan a monthly Family Date night. Contact Amber (248-885-1069) or Amanda (248-227-9612) for further details.



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## Company Recommendations



*Matt Whilby writes:* Fellow neighbors, I would like to take a moment to recommend **Adam Funk** for tax prep and financial advisor services (248-246-1580 or [funk@savingscoach.com](mailto:funk@savingscoach.com)). Dawn and I have been working with Adam for almost a year now and things are going really well. I can't say enough great things about him. He was raised in ELV and works with a lot of the current residents here. He has been featured on Fox 2 News several times giving financial advice as well. If you haven't "got a guy" for your taxes and finances, please consider Adam, otherwise known as "The Savings Coach".



*Mark Irwin writes:* I recently took on a DIY project to replace my deck/stair halogen/incandescent lighting. Not wanting to settle for Lowe's or Home Depot products, I found **Encore Landscape Lighting** ([www.EncoreLandscapingLighting.com](http://www.EncoreLandscapingLighting.com)), which is located off of John R east of Oakland Mall. They have an extensive product line and I was easily able to find fixtures and a transformer to meet my needs. After installing everything myself, the lights were too bright. Encore worked with me to install frosted lenses to reduce the light intensity. I couldn't be more pleased with their products as well as the company's very helpful service attitude towards me.

## Neighborly Note

*Marti Loftus writes:* We want to give our neighbor Derek Vizzini a big shout out of thanks. On February 26 we woke to a large snow fall of 6 to 9 inches. We needed to head out very early for our second COVID-19 vaccine shot at Beaumont Hospital in Southfield. We were barely able to get out of the driveway due to the ruts in the street at 7:00 in the morning. When we returned home we got stuck in the street trying to get back up our driveway. My husband Tom got our snow shovel and began shoveling under the tires of the car. All of a sudden our neighbor Amanda called and was yelling into my ear saying that Tom shouldn't be lifting the heavy snow. She said that her husband Derek would be right over to help. Derek came over immediately and shoveled under our tires. He then got his snow blower and cleared the driveway for us. We thanked him over and over. He said "Not a problem. This is what neighbors do to help each other." Bless him. We decided he should win the good neighbor award!

## Classified Ads

### childcare

- **College student with babysitting experience.** Contact **Grace** at 248-376-4817. Text is preferred.

### For Sale

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- 2020 Pelican 4-person **paddle boat** with awning, \$350. Call Patrick anytime, 248-505-1029.

### Fundraiser

- If you need some help **spreading mulch** in your yard this year, contact Marcia Marshall for information about her kids' church youth group fundraiser. [Marciamarshall@outlook.com](mailto:Marciamarshall@outlook.com) or 248-961-1864.

### Help Wanted

- **Caregiver** for husband with Parkinson's needed. Assist with daily activities, PT, meds, shower, light housekeeping, and meal prep. Saturday, Sunday 8 am-8 pm. Friday 2 pm-8 pm optional. Please call Carol at 248-879-1030.

### Other Services

- Emerald Lakes Senior Services, LLC is offering **transportation by appointment to or from your home to Detroit Metro or Flint Bishop** airports to all ELV residents. Call or text resident Hank at 248-891-1108.

**Next deadline: April 2, 2021**  
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