



RAB Updates

Fall 2024



Our annual neighborhood yard sale, Saturday, June 1 was a great success. Seventeen families took part and drew lots of shoppers to our neighborhood.

SENIORS CPPHS

Congratulations to all our seniors on this major milestone. We wish you great success in your future!

Thanks to Kim Giancoli for creating our congratulation sign.



[Walking trails](#)

There is a team of individuals working to extend the walking trails down to the river. We hope to have an updated map of all the walking trails in our next newsletter.

[2024 Erwin Controlled Bow Hunt](#)

The Town of Erwin is hosting a controlled bow hunt to manage its deer population. Erwin is known for its overabundant deer population. Each registered hunter will receive two NYS D.E.C. Deer Management Assistance Permits (DMAP). The Town has secured over 400 acres, accommodating 22 hunters weekly. Permits will be awarded through a lottery system. The date of the lottery drawing is September 16, 2024, with the results being posted on www.erwinny.org September 20, 2024. A complete list of requirements, restrictions, and conditions is available with the registration package on www.erwinny.org. For more information, email managerassist@erwinny.org or mail inquiries to: 2024 Controlled Bow Hunt, Town of Erwin, 310 Town Center Road, Painted Post, NY 14870, ATTN: Bridget Hyer.

[We Need You](#)



The Aurene RAB (Resident Advisory Board) has a few open board and committee positions that we are looking to fill. The time commitment of board and committee members varies. Members attend a one-hour board meeting each month. Beyond that, the most demanding

roles may require a maximum of 1-2 hours a month, on a very sporadic basis. If you are interested in learning more, please either email the board at aurenerab@gmail.com or join us for our next scheduled meeting on September 18 at 5:30PM at the Corning/Painted Post Hampton Inn, 248 Town Center Road, Painted Post, NY 14870.

Tree Repairs Performed

The root of the problem was the roots.

As one of the primary responsibilities of the RAB is maintenance of the neighborhood green spaces, it was observed that a number of trees along the entrance and in the island have been showing signs of stress. Consequently, the board brought in a certified master arborist from Treemaster to consult on the cause.

The diagnosis was malformed and girdling roots caused by confined and compacted root balls. Also years of mulching have created what are referred to as “mulch volcanos”. Such mulching caused the roots to sprout from the trunk above the root flare, where they are not supposed to be. Many of these roots encircled the trunk, which was causing strangulation. It was just a matter of time before the trees died.

A layer of mulch around trees is beneficial, but should not be thicker than two or three inches, and should never be placed above the root flare in contact with the trunk. A discussion of this can be found at <https://treemasterllc.com/news>.

The RAB contracted Treemaster to perform remediation on 15 large trees. On many trees the root damage was found to be well advanced. As many damaging roots as could be reached were removed. We’re hopeful that all of the serviced trees will survive.



Treemaster technician uses an air wand to remove mulch and soil from roots.

Leaf Pickup

In the Fall, the Town of Erwin will publish/announce in the local media, the beginning of the leaf pickup program. This date will depend on weather conditions and when the trees begin to drop their leaves. Leaves with trees, branches, or grass clippings in them will not be picked up; it is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove them. Leaves must be raked to the road, but not into drainage systems, or the path to drainage systems, swales, or gutters, where the leaves can get into catch basins or plug-up drainage ways. No bags are allowed.

School starting soon – please protect our children:

NY Law Says

- It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing. Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students.
- You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.
- You must always stop for flashing red lights, even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.
- The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 to \$400 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail.
- Worse yet, the memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life!

Do we have a teen techie?



Our RAB website could use updating. Is there a teen who might undertake this task as a special school project or community service? Currently the platform is built using Go-Daddy and Weebly. Anyone interested should contact aurenerab@gmail.com and we can discuss details.

A few reminders:

- Our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) as well as the application for property improvements are available on our website www.aurene.com.
- Speed limit in Aurene is 30 mph – please keep our kids and walkers safe.
- Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meets Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20 and Dec 18. Join us at the Hampton Inn, 248 Town Center Road, Painted Post (Erwin) at 5:30 pm.
- Erwin provides off-site space for grass clippings, and other services. The policies and dates are available - click <https://www.erwinny.org/home> and scroll down to Yard Waste Policy.
- We appreciate those who are keeping their trees over the sidewalks trimmed for our walkers.