

# ERIE COUNTY



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Summer 2016

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## Join the Tour de North Shore

Join Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, the Erie County Department of Health, Bike Erie and YourErie.com as they partner with WQLN Public Media for Tour de North Shore weekend July 22-24.

The Tour de North Shore weekend celebrates our region as participants cruise around the county by bike. Rides and events

during the Tour de North Shore weekend vary to accommodate every age and riding ability. County Executive will lead bikers on a tour from Erie to North East and back on Friday, July 22.

More information about the weekend can be found here: <http://www.wqln.org/Auctions-Events/Tour-de-North-Shore>.

### TOUR DE NORTH SHORE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper's Annual County Bicycle Tour

Friday, July 22

See page 2 for more detailed information

#### Traci Teudhope's Good Morning Erie Sunrise Ride

Saturday, July 23

Do you wake up every morning to Good Morning Erie on JET 24? Well you can do it in person on this 15-mile bike ride with Traci.

When: 6 a.m.

Where: Presque Isle State Park (Beach 1)

Cost: Free

#### Kinzue Mountain Bike Weekend

Friday, July 22 through Sunday, July 24

When: July 22 at 8 a.m. to July 24 at 5 p.m.

Where: Chapman State Park (4790 Chapman Dam Rd., Clarendon, 16313)

Cost: \$90



## Family Fun at Frontier Park

Saturday, July 23

Where: Frontier Park (1501 W. 6th St.)

Family-friendly events throughout the day.

More events to be announced closer to the date

## WQLN's Fat Tire Costume Ride

Saturday, July 24

This event is sponsored by New Belgium Brewing Company's Fat Tire Beer. Dress up in your favorite costume and enjoy this slow ride to Dobbins Landing. The last to cross the finish line wins. Awards will also be given for the best costumes.

When: Registration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., start time 1 p.m.

Where: Frontier Park (1501 West 6th St.)

Cost: \$10

## County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper's Annual County Bicycle Tour

Friday, July 22

Ride with Kathy Dahlkemper on a road tour from Erie to North East and back.

When: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Erie County Courthouse (140 West 6th Street, Erie)

Cost: Free

Register for the ride via email at [Hwaychoff@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:Hwaychoff@eriecountypa.gov) or by phone at (814)451-6333.



# Have a safe summer

The days are getting longer, the sun is shining brighter and it's summer again. Here are some tips to make your summer safe and fun.

## SUN SAFETY

Try to stay out of the sun whenever possible, especially

during the peak hours (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). If you can't stay out of the sun, cover yourself by wearing protective clothing, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.

## FOOD FUN

Always be sure to wash your hands before handling food. When grilling, use different plates and utensils to keep raw and cooked foods separate. Never leave food out for more than 2 hours (1 hour if it is above 90 degrees).

## POOL PROTOCOL

It's important to remember safety before you dive in. Keep an eye on children at all times. Never swim alone or in unsupervised areas. Try to avoid swallowing pool water and shower before and after swimming.

If you follow these tips and use common sense, we know you'll have a great summer.

**911**  
Call if you can,  
**Text** if you can't.

AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon now offer the ability to text to 9-1-1 if voice calling is not possible.



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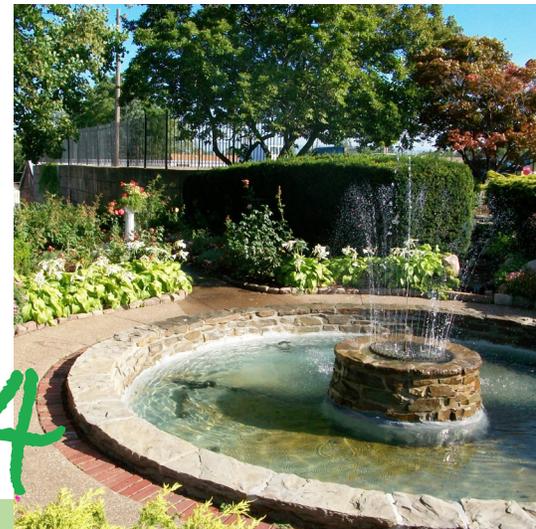
# Gardens OF ERIE COUNTY

Do you want to make the most out of summer? Are you craving a little sunshine and color? Erie County was a lot to offer in the way of beautiful gardens.

If you just take a stroll around your neighborhood, you are sure to come across some color and beauty. You'll find iris and hydrangea in bloom early in the season. Later, you'll start to see the day-lilies, daisies, black-eyed susans and roses.

But if you'd like to see a more organized display than you might find in a neighbor's yard, there are plenty of public gardens waiting to be explored. Below we've listed five beautiful Erie County gardens that are in full bloom right now.

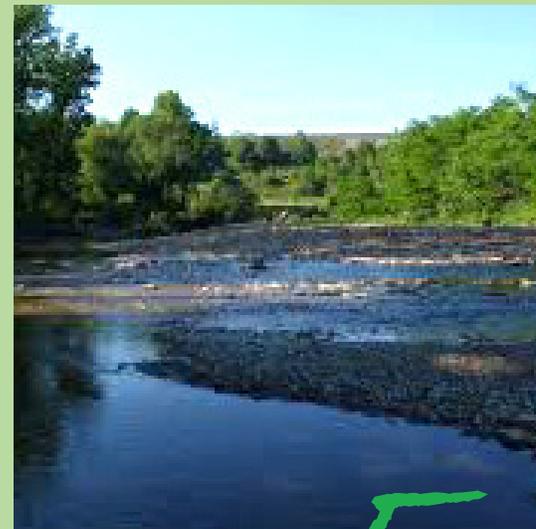
If you'd like to get involved in gardening in your area, contact your local garden club and find out how you can help. For a list of local garden clubs and how to contact them visit [www.greeneriepa.org](http://www.greeneriepa.org).



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## 5 gardens to go see right now

- 1. Avonia Beach Park Pond and Garden, Avonia Road, Fairview, Pa.**  
Avonia Beach is now more beautiful than ever. Fairview Girl Scout Troop #30822 installed a new fountain and a flower garden.
- 2. Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford Street, Edinboro, Pa.**  
Visit the 78-acre Goodell family farm to see this nonprofit botanical garden.
- 3. The Arboretum at Penn State Behrend, 4701 College Drive, Erie, Pa.**  
The Arboretum includes more than 250 types of trees.
- 4. Bloom Collaborative, 138 East 26th Street, Erie, Pa.**  
These 5 acres of gardens and green space in the center of the City of Erie will inspire you.
- 5. Lower Elk Creek Nature Reserve, North Creek Road, Girard, Pa.**  
The reserve is home to a variety of wildflowers every summer.



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# CERT

## makes a difference in Erie County

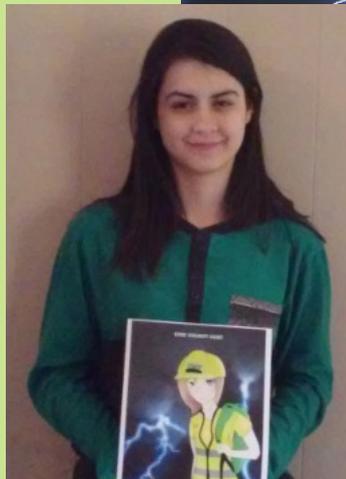
In 2004, Erie County established a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT team is comprised of community volunteers who are trained to respond to local disasters when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Members are trained on fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

The CERT concept was established by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1984 and CERT training was made available nationwide through FEMA in 1993. 28 states and Puerto Rico have introduced CERT training since that time.

The Erie County CERT is comprised of nearly 100 volunteers and is divided into four groups based on the skills and interests of the volunteers: Emergency Operations Center support, logistics, medical support, and HAZMAT/Collapse rescue support. While roles are assigned into four different groups, all units work closely together. Members are encouraged to regularly cross-train between units to be versatile team members.

The cross-trained team was put to work when the Erie County CERT responded to a flooding incident in 2015 at the Albion State Correctional Facility. Freezing temperatures in the early morning hours dislodged a plug in the water tower at the prison, releasing 1,200 gallons of water per minute onto prison grounds. Water supply to the correctional facility was cut by midafternoon, and would remain off for 72 hours. The volunteers with CERT managed the immediate health needs of the inmates, diffusing a potentially volatile situation.

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, the incident avoided escalation. The CERT program is currently accepting new volunteers; additional information for those interested can be found here: <http://www.eriecountypa.gov/county-services/safety-law/erie-county-department-of-public-safety/public-safety/emergency-management/cert.aspx>.



Samantha Sutton put her artistic talents to good use when she drew this image to represent the Erie County CERT Team. Samantha is 14-years-old and just completed the eighth grade at Wilson Elementary. She has been interested in art since she was a young girl and hopes to someday have a career in art.

You can see more of Samantha's uniquely stylized artwork at [www.facebook.com/Sablesapphiresart](http://www.facebook.com/Sablesapphiresart).

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



## MEET JOHN YATSKO

**Q** What is your job title, what does your job entail and why do you enjoy it?

**A** My job title is Internet and Social Media Administrator. I am responsible for the County's website and contribute to the County's social media presence. I enjoy creating tools to help County residents.

**Q** If you had to pick another job to start doing tomorrow, what would it be?

**A** If I had to pick another job, it would be something where I could join some of my interests together. I like music, traveling, and technology, so being on the concert road crew for a music act would be great. I also enjoy sports and videography and would like to work for ESPN or NFL Films.

**Q** What do you do in your free time to relax and recharge?

**A** I like to volunteer with my three sons' youth sports programs. I've coached baseball for the last seven years and have been a member of the Corry Little League board for the past two years. I helped establish the Corry flag football league eight years ago and have been a coach and board member during that time. I've also coached for the Corry Area School District football program for the last four years.

**Q** What is your biggest pet peeve?

**A** Bad drivers.

**Q** If you won the lottery, what would be the first thing you would spend the money on?

**A** If I won the lottery I would spend the money on my family and extended family. I'd make sure everyone could live comfortably. I wouldn't quit working; I'd probably work more by creating a few businesses.

**Q** What is your favorite type of music? Genre, style, decade?

**A** I like all kinds of music and my daily playlist includes bands like Daft Punk, A Tribe Called Quest and Rage Against the Machine. Everclear, Bad Religion and Coheed and Cambria are also some of my favorites.

**Q** What are three things left on your bucket list?

**A** Visit Japan. Hold a political office.  
Start a nonprofit.

**Q** What is the last movie you saw, and what did you think of it?

**A** I saw Captain America: Civil War and thought it could have been better, but I enjoy going to all the comic book based movies with my kids because I was a comic reader when I was young.

**Q** If you could eat only one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

**A** I'd be happy with a cheeseburger.



# Don't give up the DRIP

The Erie County Conservation District, in partnership with Environment Erie, has brought a new community art project to Erie County. This art project not only adds beauty to our community, but also has a positive impact on the environment.

Local artists were commissioned to decorate 51 rain barrels which are being displayed throughout the county this summer and fall at local businesses who

sponsored the project. The map below outlines the locations of the 51 barrels.

The goal of this project is to educate the community about the benefits of rain barrels. It is also a way to showcase the talent of our local artists and beautify our community.

To see more photos of the decorated barrels and to get more information on this project, please visit [www.erieconservation.com](http://www.erieconservation.com).

## DON'T GIVE UP THE DRIP

Sponsor Name, Location, Artist Name

### ERIE LOCATIONS

1. Smuggler's Wharf Inc. 3 State St., Erie, PA 16507 Artist: Tom Hubert
2. Erie Maritime Museum 150 E Front St., #100, Erie, PA 16507 Artist: Leanne Nippis
3. ExpERIENCE Children's Museum 420 French St., Erie, PA 16507 Artist: David Sattinger
4. Erie Insurance 100 Erie Insurance Pl., Erie, PA 16530 Artist: Mattia D
5. Erie SeaWolves 110 E 10th St., Erie, PA 16501 Artist: Noreen Finn
6. Nickel Plate Mills 1832 Paradise St., Erie, PA 16503 Artist: Christine Bowler
7. Erie Home for Children and Adults 226 E 27 St., Erie, PA 16504 Artist: Mary Birdsong
8. Jefferson Educational Society 3207 State St., Erie, PA 16508 Artist: Eileen Knapp
9. Erie Zoo 423 W 38th St., Erie, PA 16508 Artist: Eliza Wolfe
10. Penn State Master Gardeners — Erie County Glenwood YMCA 3727 Cherry St., Erie, PA 16508 Artist: Andy Colwell
11. Andrea's Interior Design Gallery 667 W 26th St., Erie, PA 16508 Artist: Simone Welsh
12. Sue Moyer and Mark Alexa Community Shelter Services 655 W 17th St., Erie, PA 16502 Artist: Jen Peters
13. Gannon University Gannon Goodwill Gardens 400 Block of W 7th St., Erie, PA 16501 Artist: Lynda Wolozanski

### RAIN BARREL MAP

14. Tungsten Creative Group 510 W 7th St., Erie, PA 16502 Artist: Chuck Dill
15. Erie County Department of Health 606 W 2nd St., Erie, PA 16507 Artist: Noreen Finn
16. Romolo Chocolates 1525 W 8th St., Erie, PA 16505 Artist: Chuck Dill
17. Whole Foods Co-op 1341 W 26th St., Erie, PA 16508 Artist: Nancy Hall
18. The Humane Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania 2407 Zimmerly Rd., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Heather Cash
19. RE/MAX Real Estate Group 2701 Swanton Ave., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Barb Verace
20. The Lavender Rabbit 3330 W 26th St., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Sean Halenberg
21. Presque Isle Printing, LLC 4318 W Ridge Rd., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Christine Savo
22. Twins Restaurant and Catering 4353 W Ridge Rd., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Jamie Pirello
23. Art's Grocery and Bakery 4380 W Ridge Rd., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Jodi Hopper
24. Erie Home for Children and Adults 4950 W 23 St., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Caitlin Maloney
25. Erie Home for Children and Adults 4950 W 23 St., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Jodi Hopper
26. Fairview Garden Club Lincoln Community Center Library 1255 Manchester Rd., Erie, PA 16505 Artist: Sarah Wilkerson
27. Lynwood Nursery 6202 W Ridge Rd., Erie, PA 16506 Artist: Rhylis Wilson
28. Erie County Conservation District (ECCD) 1927 Wager Rd., Erie, PA 16509 Artist: Bryan Toy
29. Joe McGill, MD 1927 Wager Rd., Erie, PA 16509 Artist: Mary Kay Geary
30. Dahlkemper Landscape Architects and Contractors 1650 Norcross Rd., Erie, PA 16510 Artist: Kathi George

### FAIRVIEW LOCATIONS

31. Avonia Tavern 7321 W Lake Rd., Fairview, PA 16415 Artist: Bill Zdzickowicz
32. Bonnell's Collision Center and Auto Glass 4230 Franklin Rd., Fairview, PA 16415 Artist: Scott Bonnell

### HARBORCREEK LOCATIONS

33. Lawrence Park Garden Club Inroquois Avenue Library Branch 4212 Inroquois Ave., Erie, PA 16511 Artist: Catherine Toews
34. RE/MAX Real Estate Group 4939 Buffalo Rd., Erie, PA 16510 Artist: Noreen Finn
35. Stan's Garden Center 5001 Buffalo Rd., Erie, PA 16510 Artist: Noreen Finn
36. 6 Mile Cellars 5727 Firman Rd., Erie, PA 16510 Artist: Sean Whaling
37. Penn State Erie, The Behrend College Erie Hall Artist: Downia Glass
38. Penn State Erie, The Behrend College School of Science Parking Lot Artist: Luke Gehring
39. Penn State Erie, The Behrend College Turnbull Hall Artist: Lewis Prest

### NORTH EAST LOCATIONS

40. Presque Isle Wine Cellars 9440 W Main St., North East, PA 16428 Artist: Diana Boone
41. Lake Erie Regional Grape Research and Extension Center 662 Cemetery Rd., North East, PA 16428 Artist: Doug Bailey
42. North East Chamber of Commerce 44 W Main St., North East, PA 16428 Artist: Christine French
43. Jack and Mary Baker and North East in Bloom McCord Memorial Library 32 W Main St., North East, PA 16428 Artist: Tom S&I
44. The Cork 1794 17 W Main St., North East, PA 16428 Artist: Cheryl Weber
45. Northwest Savings in North East 35 E Main St., North East, PA 16428 Artist: Donette Noble
46. RE/MAX Real Estate Group 79-2 E Main St., North East, PA 16428 Artist: Amanda Woods
47. Edward Jones — North East 69 E Main St. #2, North East, PA 16428 Artist: Bryan Toy
48. Lakeview Wine Cellars 8440 Singer Rd., North East, PA 16428 Artist: Margaret Knight

### EDINBORO LOCATIONS

49. The Seasons Inn 12246 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro, PA 16412 Artist: Christine Bowler
50. The Light in the Woods 12270 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro, PA 16412 Artist: Peggy Grace
51. Heather Garden Club, Town and Country Garden Club, and Suburban Club Edinboro Branch Library 415 W Plum St., Edinboro, PA 16412 Artist: Ross Stenamer
52. The Crossroads 101 W Plum St., Edinboro, PA 16412 Artist: Durim Loshaj

# Congratulations to the employees of Erie County who have achieved



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