President’s Message: Tom Portaleos

Happy New Year! I want to thank all the residents who have renewed their membership and welcome new members. Thank you to everyone who have contributed to the success of our organization. The Board wishes to extend our expression of gratitude to the Street Reps, Landscape Committee, Newsletter contributors, Welcome Committee, Picnic Committee, Town Rep, School Rep, Website and Facebook Administrators. Special thanks to our Street Reps who deliver the newsletters. Thanks for your perseverance.

Thank you to our Landscape Committee who works hard to make our entrances, like our neighborhood, look neat and well kept. The Welcome Committee continues to do a great job in delivering a Welcome Letter and gift card to new residents as they move in. We have received many thanks for a warm welcome from many new residents.

This year we will have our seventh annual Picnic. Each year we tried to make it bigger and better and it has become a great social event for adults and children. It will be Saturday, August 12th this year. The Picnic Committee works hard putting this event together. Great food, gift cards, fun events, lots of ice cream and all free. They are always trying to come up with new ideas to make the day a lot of fun for kids and adults. We welcome your input.

Visit our website at www.irongateinc.org for up-to-date information. There you can find newsletters, trash and brush schedules, Sponsor Ads and their websites, town and school info, photo gallery of Irongate events and referrals on contractors from your neighbors.

Don’t forget to get your Irongate membership in by January 31st so you can be included in our WIN A $50 GIFT CARD drawing from one of our sponsors. The drawing will be held at the February 15th meeting.

The Irongate Association meeting are held quarterly with refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us. To help keep our membership informed on how our treasury monies are utilized, Treasury Reports are presented at all meetings and published in every newsletter. A detailed Financial Statement is prepared by the Treasurer and presented annually at the February meeting.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them in. We are always listening. Have a great year and God bless you and your family.

Ed, Mary, Ann and I wish you a great year filled with good health and happiness.

Tom
Christmas Sharing Event by Mary Durant

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year’s Christmas Sharing Program. Gifts were given to a family who attends Morgan Elementary School. This family consists of a mother and her five children ranging in age from one years old to nine years old. The Counselor at the school told us when we delivered the gifts that this family has little and our gifts will brighten their Christmas. Gifts and donations were provided by the Bianco’s, Durant’s, Grismore’s, Janicek’s, Jordan’s, Keser’s, Lambrio’s, McGuire’s, O’Connell’s, Vasali’s, Walsby’s, Welcher’s and Wimler’s. Each family member received a throw. The children received toys, stuffed animals, clothing and disposable diapers. Also provided were the following gift cards: $75 Wegmans, $25 Toys-R-Us and $50 Target. Mrs. Vasali knitted beautiful hats for each child and made beautiful cosmetic bags and small bags for the boys. Thank you everyone for your wonderful response and making a family’s Christmas more joyous!

Welcome Committee

Pat Lynch heads the Welcome Committee and does a fantastic job getting Welcome Letters to new Irongate Residents. Last year Pat delivered 14 Welcome Letters. The letters includes helpful information on our community and the Town of Clay, membership information to join Irongate Association, Trash and Brush Schedule, and a $15.00 Gift Card from one of our sponsors. Thank you Pat for your commitment.

2017 Brush and Trash Schedules The Brush and Trash Schedules were mailed to all residents recently. For your convenience they are also posted on our website.

Irongate Sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors for your support. Our sponsors provide substantial financial support for our organization. When using their services, please let them know you are an Irongate resident and saw their ads in our newsletters and website. The positive feedback tells them their ad is money well spent. Checkout their ads on our website which are linked to their businesses. New this year is BIN THERE DUMP THAT.

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# Treasury Report by Edward O’Connell, Treasurer

**For Period ending 11/16/2016 - 1/16/2017**

## Receipts 11/16/2016 - 1/16/2017

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## Disbursements:

- **11/22/16** Price Chopper purchase 5 turkeys donated to Morgan Road School 58.84
- **11/28** Stamps for Sponsor Letter mailing 2017 26.79
- **11/28** Envelopes and Labels for membership and sponsor mailing 30.03
- **12/10** Walmart purchase for christmas sharing(34.05) and ink cartridge (33.44) 67.49
- **12/21** Purchase for Christmas Sharing donation from BJ’s 23.00
- **12/21** Newsletter printing Neighborhood watch 2016 144.00
- **12/31** 2 $50 thank you gift cards from Avicoll’s for Russ Mitchell and Larry (mailman) 100.00
- **1/5/2017** Welcome Committee gift cards from Bayberry Fish Cove 3 at $15.00 45.00
- **1/5** Welcome Committee gift cards from Liverpool Pizzeria 3 at $15.00 45.00
| **Total**                                                                   | **$540.15** |

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## 2017 Irongate Membership

As of January 27, we have 106 members. Can’t remember if you sent in your Membership dues? Check our website page [2017 Members for an updated list of members.](#)

Mail your membership in by **January 31st** so you can be included in the **WIN A $50 GIFT CARD DRAWING**. Irongate Association members who have a business can list a free 2 line business ad in the Classified Ads section in the Newsletter and Website.

*Membership: please fill out the form and mail to our Treasurer.*

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**IRONGATE ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP $10.00**

January 1 thru December 31, 2017

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**MAIL TO TREASURER: EDWARD O’CONNELL, 7779 DEERFIELD ROAD**
School News by Julie Matson

Modified School Start Time: The School Board continued discussion about hiring a consultant to study the feasibility and cost of going forward with implementation of a Modified School Start time. The Board believes this step is necessary in order to be able to make a decision. Before the board is able to even bring this up for a vote as to whether they should move in this direction, they believe additional information is needed and the hiring of a consultant will hopefully provide this information. Requests for Proposals (RFP) will be going out before a consultant is hired to work with the district. It is still possible that the RFP will not result in a cost-effective solution to study this issue. It would appear that it may be another two years before the plan would be implemented if the decision is made to go forward.

Budget: The Superintendent will be presenting his 2017-2018 Budget to the Board on February 27th, The Board will then meet over the next few weeks to review the budget which it is required to adopted by the Board by April 10th. There will be a budget hearing for the public on May 8th The Budget will be put before the voters on May 16th.

New Signage: As you may have seen, some of the new signage has been put in place directing the public to the various schools in the district. The remainder of the signs will be replaced in the Spring.

Technology: The school district is constantly looking for ways to include technology in teaching students. The goal is to get computers into the hands of every student when they are at school.

Curriculum: The school district is looking at ways to include more challenging courses, such as AP and SUPA, with a view towards offering them even earlier for students looking to increase the number of advanced courses they will have taken prior to applying to colleges. It appears some colleges and universities are looking more at these advanced classes and grades than they are at SAT scores.

Morgan Road Bottle Drive - February 11th by Angela Boles
Make the most of Super Bowl Sunday! Donate your bottles and cans to the Morgan Road Elementary 6th grade committee. The committee's goal is to help our 6th graders transition from elementary school to middle school and to give them some great memories before they leave. We will be coming around the irongate neighborhood on Saturday, February 11th to collect beginning at 10am. Simply leave them in a bag by your front door. We thank you greatly for your donations!

Our Mailman Larry

Thank you Larry, for doing such a great job delivering the mail. He always has a smile on his face and a “hello”. Irongate presented him with a gift card to Avicollis’s Restaurant and a poem composed by Ed O’Connell.
Irongate Donations 2016

Irongate Association made donations to Moyers Corner, Nova and Air One in the amount of $100 each. Letters of thanks and appreciation were received from these organizations.

Irongate Activities

Irongate Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 12. This is our 7th Annual picnic. It is free to Irongate Residents. All you have to do is bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. We have it catered with lots of food, drinks and ice cream. Fun activities are planned for the kids and adults. We give out gift cards from the local merchants, a kids bike, and $100 gift cards to Adults, and Teenagers. This is a fun event to volunteer for. Stay tuned!

Some other activities suggested were a Movie Night on our Green Area and a Chili Cookoff. All we need is volunteers to put it together. Anyone interested, please call Ann 652-9088.

Morgan Road School Donations by Mary Durant

Irongate Homeowner’s Association would like to assist the Morgan Road Elementary School. The school has a need for shoes/sneakers and boots sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6; socks and underwear sizes 5 thru 8. The underwear must be in a package. Hats and mittens are also needed whether store bought or if someone would like to knit. Items may be dropped off at my residence at 4371 Millwood Circle. My front porch is somewhat private, feel free to leave items in bags. Once I have numerous items, I will deliver them as they come in. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 409-3025. Thank you!
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To get connected, type Irongate Association Liverpool into the search box on Facebook. Click the Like button on our page, located on top of our cover photograph of the Willowbrook Irongate entrance. Spread the word and share with your Facebook friends! Liking it gives you a fast, simple way to easily stay in-the-know on upcoming association and community events, view photos and connect with neighbors both old and new. Facebook gives us another way to instantly share information relevant to Irongate - from helping locate missing pets to alerts on pertinent local issues affecting our neighborhood.

Town of Clay Leash Law
The Town requires dog owners to leash their pets when not on the premise of the owner. Please leash your pets and avoid any mishaps.

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