# IRONGATE



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# IRONGATE MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7:00 PM BAGELICIOUS

Agenda: Treasurer will give the <u>2017 Financial Report and 2018 Budget</u>. Win a \$50 Gift Card Drawing will be held. Food will be available. Let us know if you plan to attend.

# **President's Message by Tom Portaleos**

Happy New Year to all. We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. Irongate is a great place to live and bring up a family. The Irongate Association and its members are always working towards that goal.

In our November Newsletter we attached a membership form and asked for your support by joining the Irongate Association. Annual dues are \$10.00. All memberships received by January 31st will be entered into our "Win A \$50 Gift Card" drawing from one of our sponsors which will be held at our February meeting.

Many volunteers have contributed to the success of our organization. The Board wishes to to thank all our volunteers. Your contributions have helped our organization grow and we couldn't do it without you. Many thanks to our Street Reps who deliver Newsletter, Landscape Committee, Newsletter Contributors, Welcome Committee, Picnic Committee, Events Committee, Christmas Sharing, Town Rep, School Rep, Website, Nextdoor and Facebook Administrators.



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. The Irongate Association meeting are held quarterly with refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Thank you to all who worked on our entrances and helped maintain them during the growing season by watering plants, pruning and weeding. There will be plenty of opportunities to help out this season.

This year we will have our annual Picnic on Saturday, August 11. Each year we tried to make it bigger and better and it has become a great social event for adults and children. The Picnic Committee works hard putting this event together and always needs volunteers. Great food, gift cards, fun events, lots of ice cream and **all free**. The Committee is always trying to come up with new ideas to make the day fun for everyone.

If you live near a fire hydrant, please remember to keep it clear in case the Fire Department has to use it. Ed, Mary, Ann and I wish you a great year filled with good health and happiness. God bless you and your family.

Happy New Year, 70m

## Fun Bowling Night with Your Neighbors

Let's have some fun and laughs with your neighbors. Saturday, March 3rd 7:00 PM Flamingo Bowl. Cost is \$10.00 per person includes shoes for 2 hours of bowling. Irongate will provide soda and pizza. Sign up as soon as possible and no later than February 23rd so we can reserve alleys. Fill out the Signup form on our website <a href="https://www.irongatehomes.org">www.irongatehomes.org</a>.

### Town of Clay News by David Meade

Concerns were brought up to the Irongate Association regarding issues with Sotherden and Jennings. We contacted the Town Supervisor and Board for response to the following issues:

Sotherden/Forestbrook intersection road disrepair issues every winter...After direct phone call with the Highway Superintendent, they will squeeze this repair project into the already scheduled paving plan. Instead of just pothole fills or patchwork, they will review and see if possible to scrape down a larger 12 foot area approaching the stop sign coming down the hill, and do a partial re-pave to clean it up nicely and avoid the potholes reappearing a little longer.

<u>Forestbrook/Jennings</u> crosswalk path from the school has become very overgrown creating a blind spot for drivers not seeing kids or anyone coming down the path until last second while stopping at the stop sign. The Association requested the foliage and vines be cut back from the fence as well as other vegetation back so the blind spot is minimized and allow drivers to see further up the path. The Town Highway Superintendent agreed and will work on scheduling a crew to trim this area back in upcoming weeks.

Additional news: The Town has implemented a scientific study with Cornell University to create a Roadway Paving Plan. The Cornell study collects data on conditions of roads and uses that computer generated data to determine roadway expected lifespans. This is used by the Town of Clay to determine what roads get repaired at certain times, when they get paved, and when they get replaced so our taxpayer dollars are spent in the most efficient and equitable method to stay within budgets. Based on the current Paving Plan, the next roads in Irongate scheduled for work will be in 2019 for Deerfield Rd from Cherry Tree to Sagamore in the northern neighborhood adjoining Irongate. This will be a total milling project so the road will be scraped and cut down a few inches to receive a total new topcoat layer. This project will include Deerfield, lower Forestbrook into Sotherden (repaving the above intersection repair being done this year), and up around the corner to Sagamore.

Please note that your Irongate Association continues to work with the Town of Clay on any issues or concerns that arise. We often hear from representatives at meetings, at our picnic, and other events, that our Irongate Association is very well organized and active. This recognition from other community leaders is surely one reason why your Association is so successful in being heard and getting responses and solutions from the Town, School Board, Neighborhood Watch, and many more.

For these reasons and simply for the benefit of meeting your neighbors and enjoying the great people of Irongate, please join the Association (or renew) today. The benefits far outweigh the cost of \$10 per year for the household.

## Welcome Neighbors

Irongate welcomes Dave Pisciarino on Fireside Circle, Helen Peet on Apricot and Ian Weber on Millwood. Welcome to the Neighborhood!

#### **Irongate Sponsors**

Thank you to our sponsors for your support. Our sponsors provide substantial financial support for our organization. Checkout their ads on our website which are linked to their website and or facebook page. We have two new sponsors this year. Welcome Michael C. Graham and Son roofing and siding contractors and AmeriCU Credit Union.

## Christmas Sharing 2017 by Mary Durant

I would like to personally thank each and every one who contributed to the Christmas Sharing Program. It was another successful year in making two families' Christmas brighter for them. We provided for six children and their parents this year. Irongate families contributed gifts, gift cards, cash, and Turkeys. The Irongate Association provided each family with a \$75.00 Wegmans' gift card. Thank you to all the contributors:

Helen Vassali, David & Dixie Janicek, Dwight & Donna Jordan, Fran & Sue McGuire, Lou & Diane Bianco, Sean & Kathy Surma, Cynthia Lambrino, Charlene Grismore, Gerry Walsby, John & Geraldine Wolsley, Jamie Schamp, Bob Welcher, Bill Heaning, Lorraine & Paul White, Ann & Ed O'Connell, Mary Durant.

### **Irongate Donations 2017**

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

## Thank you to Russ Mitchell

Russ is President of Neighborhood Watch and a friend to Irongate. Russ on behalf of Neighborhood Watch prints our newsletters and does a great job. Neighborhood Watch has contributed greatly to the cost of the caterer and food for our annual picnic. Irongate presented Russ with a gift card to Avicolli's Restaurant.

## Thank You to our Mailman Larry

Thank you Larry, for doing such a great job delivering the mail. Larry always has a smile on his face and a cherrie "hello". Irongate presented him with a gift card to Avicolli's Restaurant.

#### Treasury Report by Edward O'Connell, Treasurer

For Period 11/1/17 - 1/9/18:

Receipts: \$3,120.00 Disbursements: \$996.76

In the interest of space for our newsletter, we have made a change to the format used to report financial information. Financial details are reported at our quarterly meetings and a complete Financial Review is presented every year at our February meeting. Please call me with any questions concerning our finances.



#### Irongate Real Estate Review, by Donna Jordan

It was a busy year for Real Estate and Irongate was no exception! Real Estate in Irongate for 2017: Total homes sold 12 Highest Sold Price \$180,000

Average Sold Price \$159,665.83

Average Days On Market 16 days

At the time of writing this article, there are two homes currently for sale, 1 sale pending and 2 listings that have expired. \*Data reflects regular real estate sales as reported on the MLS and excludes HUD and foreclosure properties. Wondering what your home is worth? Call, text or email me for a free CMA. I am your neighbor and a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson with Howard Hanna Real Estate Services in Liverpool. See advertisement in this newsletter for contact and broker information.

Something to keep in mind: Sump pump failures are NOT covered by most standard homeowner's insurance. It is a separate coverage that you have to request and pay for prior to the event!

### SCHOOL BOARD NEWS: by Julie Matson

The recent vote presented to the community to approve work on some of the buildings in the district was approved. Information regarding the various phases of renovations are available on the district's website.

The district had implemented a pre-K program as of January 2018. It is being held in three locations with transportation being provided by parents/guardians. To be eligible, an online notice of interest form must be completed. Those submitting a notice between now and March 1 will be notified as spaces become available. To be eligible, a child must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 20017 and reside in the district.

There will be an Opiate/Heroin joint task force presentation with the N.Syracuse School District on Monday, March 19, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the SRC Arena at OCC. The presentation will feature local speaker Deanna Axe and national motivational speaker Daniel Baldwin. The focus will likely be on experiences and resources for those in need of assistance.

The district's Special Education Department is partnering with the Syracuse University Parent Assistance Center (SUPAC) and the Mid-State Special Education Parent Center to provide a series of four special education parent workshops. All district parents and staff are invited to attend. Meetings will take place in the District Office Board Room, 195 Blackberry Road, Liverpool. Registration is required. <a href="http://supac.org/training/register-supac-trainings">http://supac.org/training/register-supac-trainings</a> or by phone at <a href="https://supac.org/training/register-supac-trainings">315-443-4336</a> or toll free at 877-824-9555

- Session 1 Transitioning from Preschool to School-Age Services Tuesday, January 30 from 7 8 p.m.
- Session 2 Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans Wednesday, January 31 from 6 8 p.m.
- Session 3 Understanding Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities Wednesday, February 28 from 6 8 p.m.
- Session 4 Tools for Parents: A Transition Focused Guide Wednesday, March 14 from 6 8 p.m.

| IRONGATE ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <u>SURVEY</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1. SingleMarriedRetired       2. AGE: 20-4041-65 Over 65         3. Years Living in Irongate       4. Children? # under 10 yrs, # over 10 years         5. Grandchildren? # under 10 years # over 10 years old |

|                     | Street Reps     |          |  |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|--|
|                     |                 |          |  |
| Deerfield           | Fran Maguire    | 652-3283 |  |
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| Forestbrook         | Jo & Ed Paolini | 852-6827 |  |
| Forestbrook         | Paula McSweeney | 622-1964 |  |
| Forestbrook         | Ginny Jones     | 622-3310 |  |
| Irenwood            | Julie Matson    | 822-1224 |  |
| Lamontrea Lane      | Tony Chillemi   | 622-4175 |  |
| Millwood Circle     | Joanne Partsi   | 652-1077 |  |
| Sotherden & Apricot | Fred Miller     | 822-9400 |  |
| Treadmill &Trealing | David Janicek   | 622-3263 |  |
| Willowbrook         | Marion Jordan   | 652-9949 |  |
| Jennings            | Bob Welcher     | 652-6310 |  |
| Matchwood           | Jane Cole       | 727-7698 |  |
| Frayer              | Amy Doyle       | 527-1453 |  |
| Whiffletree         | Cheryle Laratta | 727-9296 |  |

| В                           | oard Members    |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| President Tom Portaleos     | 7770 Deerfield  | 622-6696 |
| Vice President, Mary Durant | 4371 Millword   | 408-3025 |
| Secretary Ann O'Connell     | 7779 Deefield.  | 652-9088 |
| Treasurer Ed O'Connell      | 7779 Dee field  | 852-5088 |
| c                           | onnittees       |          |
| Town Affairs                | Ed Paolini      | 952-4827 |
| BOE                         | Ja Paolini      | 952-4827 |
| Nowsletter                  | A. O'Conrell    | 452-F088 |
|                             | M Durant        | 409-2025 |
| Website                     | Ann O'Connell   | 662-6088 |
| Welcome Team                | Pat Lynch       | 662-1962 |
| Pionio Team                 | Paula McSweeney | 322-1964 |
| By-Laws                     | Bob Halcomb     | 822-3535 |
| Neighborhood Wetch          | Tom Portaleos   | 322-6699 |
| Christmas Sharing           | Mary Durent     | 409-2025 |
| Lanciscape Team             | Open            |          |

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