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Irongate Association is pleased offer a \$500.00 scholarship award this year.

Any donations made to the Scholarship Award will be added to that amount. To participate in the Scholarship Program, the family must be a member of the Irongate Association for at least a year prior to the year in which the student is graduating, and the dues for the current year paid by March 31. Students participating must be living in Irongate and graduating this year from a high school in this area and attending an accredited college in 2021. A random drawing will be held at the September Irongate Association meeting and a check issued to the student made payable to the college he/she will be attending. **Register your child by July 31st.** Send us an email with the following information: **Your child's name, High School graduating from, College he/she will attend in the fall.** Please email us at irongatehomeowners@gmail.com.

Donations to the Scholarship fund can be made through PayPal on our website or by making a check payable to Irongate Association, Mail to our Treasurer Edward O'Connell, 7779 Deerfield Rd.

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Irongate's Annual Picnic

Traditionally, our Annual Picnic is very successful and a good time is had by all who attend. Last year because of Covid, we were forced to cancel our event. This year, we would like very much to restart our tradition. As we begin to plan for our event, it would be very helpful to have some input as to our community's interest in participating. Email us at irongatehomeowners@gmail.com.



Picnic plans are underway for **Saturday, August 14**. For large gatherings outdoors, we will be complying with New York State and CDC recommendations, whatever they are in August. Much can change by August 14.

We are looking into a catered event with food being served. This year we will ask that no one bring food. We are foregoing the face painter and balloons this year. Please bring a lawn chair. We will have the Crusin Cones Ice Cream truck, wrapped snacks, music, bottled water. Irongate members will be able to participate in: Bike giveaway, Adult Gift Card \$100 Give away and teen Gift Card \$100 Give Away. Please drop us an email let us know if you plan to attend.

Brush Pickup

BRUSH will be picked up weekly by Superior Waste Removal, under contract with the Town of Clay. Brush collection is Tuesday 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Following is a list of guidelines that you must adhere to for brush to be collected:



- Limbs will be collected provided they are bundled and tied together (twine or rope ONLY), less than 5' long and less than 50 pounds in weight.
- Limbs shall have a diameter no greater than 6". Brush must be in rigid plastic or metal containers or biodegradable lawn and leaf bags. Full containers shall not weigh more than 50 pounds.
- Torn, ripped or overweight bags will not be collected.
- Plastic bags may not be used either inside or outside of the rigid containers.
- Items should not be placed in any manner that obstructs traffic, pedestrians, or drainage.
- Items must be placed in a manner easily visible and accessible.
- All potted plants shall be removed from their container (pot). The container will not be collected as part of this service. Dirt/ Sod must be removed from plant roots.
- Removal and disposal of trees are the sole responsibility of the property owner and are not under the brush contract.

Talk of the Town

By Donna Jordan

The Town of Clay Board meetings have deliberated on several propositions. Some that may be of interest to our community are:

- Resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with National Grid for the conversion of 2,216 (street) lights to LED at a cost of \$568,505.02.
- The adoption of a resolution authorizing the installation of one (1) 96w LED fixture to be installed on POLE 105 to help illuminate the entrance to Moyers Corners Fire Department
- Ongoing discussion and resident inquiries regarding the Waterhouse Road Project - plans to install a solar array on properties along Waterhouse Road in Clay/Liverpool.

The minutes of all of the Town Of Clay Board Meetings are available to be reviewed at: <https://www.townofclay.org/board/minutes/2021>

Irongate Entrances

Spring cleanup, weeding, trimming bushes, and adding mulch on Morgan Road and Route 57 entrances will be done soon. Done Right External Maintenance will be doing the work.

The brick walls at the entrance on Route 57 need repair. We are getting an estimate from a mason to evaluate what needs to be done.

School News - Warrior Update:



Our Superintendent, Dr. Potter, works diligently to keep the community updated on the latest pandemic news and how it relates to in-person learning. We are in week 5 of in-person learning. The first week was reminiscent of the return to school after a summer break – a lot of excitement and energy – and the start of adapting to the next new “normal”. So far – so good – and no major uptick in Covid cases.

It continues to be budget season for Schools in preparation for the May vote. May 6 has a presentation on the budget to the public @ 6:30 PM. The budget vote and Board Candidate selection is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18 from 6 AM to 9 PM at the Wetzel ES Gymnasium. Residents living in the Liverpool Central School District who are not registered to vote may still do so before the School Budget vote and Board of Education election on May 18. Contact the District if you have any questions. Thank you Liverpool - We look forward to our communities continued support of our kids and school district – we are all Warriors and should be Warrior Proud.

The Senior prom planning is in the works based on NYS Covid guidance. Be on the lookout for formal pics being taken by proud parents in the neighborhood. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 26. More details to follow as they are formalized.

The Liverpool Central School District will host an online parent presentation on Internet Safety & Cyberbullying on Thursday, May 20, at 5 p.m.

Six Liverpool High School students have had their artwork selected for the upcoming Everson Teen Arts Council Virtual Exhibit. LHS senior Jessica Yafchak (My Escape), junior Lily Gravante (Lost in a Forest), senior Avery Blowers (My Bed), senior Julia Barbour (Pulling In), senior Evelyn Osborne (Bright Recollections) and senior Claire Carlson (Anxiety in Art) will be featured in the virtual exhibit, which will be posted on the Everson Museum Web site in May.

Each year the Everson Teen Arts Council curates its own Teen Art Exhibition featuring the work of students in grades 9-12 from across Central New York. In an attempt to combat the boredom of social isolation and stress of the events of 2020, this year the council accepted submissions related to the theme of escapism and what brings joy to your own inner world.

Check out the amazing work at: <https://www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/gallery/1612605/everson-teen-arts-council-virtual-exhibition-selections>

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or comments. **cdailey@liverpool.k12.ny.us**

REFINANCING, DOES IT MAKE SENSE FOR ME? by Wendy Porter

I get this question a lot. We're inundated with advertisements about all time low rates. But there is no

cookie cutter answer, because we're all at different stages in life and home ownership. Here is the general rule of thumb: you need to save a full percentage point in your interest rate and plan

on being in your current home for another five years in order to recoup the closing costs. And there will be closing costs! While costs aren't as high for a refinance as they are for a purchase, there are certain fees that cannot be avoided, such as appraisal fee and NYS mortgage tax.



However, there are many reasons a refinance makes sense, even if these rules don't apply. I've had many borrowers that recently took advantage of these great rates we are continuing to see for home improvements, consolidating debt, or purchasing a vacation or investment property, all while reducing their remaining loan terms. They were able to tap into the equity that has been building over the years, plus the incredible appreciation in property values our area has seen recently.

If you have questions about refinancing or want to see if it makes sense for you at this time, please reach out to me. I'm happy to guide homeowners in the right direction, even if it is only to reassure you that the loan terms you have in place are best.

Wendy Porter, Licensed Loan Originator

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Home Sale Trends in Irongate

By, Donna Lynn Jordan, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson, GRI, SRS

Many homeowners are watching the current Real Estate Market with great interest. Bottom line: It is a great time to sell! Why? Well, there are several factors at play, but experts agree that a historically low inventory of available homes, combined with low interest rates has created a high demand for homes and affordable mortgages.

For example: A \$10,000 difference in purchase price, only impacts the buyer by approximately \$42.20 per month (based on current market rates). This has little impact on the buyer, but puts more money in the pockets of sellers. With so few homes available on the market, we are also seeing terms that are very favorable to the seller, as buyers do all that they can to compete in multiple offer scenarios.

As of 5/1, the average list price of homes sold (but not yet closed) in our community: \$241,600 This demonstrates a marked increase from the previous year's list average of \$188,000.

So what's the catch? Well, there is still a shortage of available homes, so sellers who need a place to go will need to have a plan. There are many options however, including making your home sale contingent on "Seller finding suitable housing", lease-back options and more.

If you are curious about your home's current market value or would like more information on the process and your options, please feel free to contact me. I am always happy to provide free, accurate and no-obligation, information to my Irongate Neighbors.

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Treasury Report

by Edward O'Connell, Treasurer

For Period 3/28/21 - 5/6/21

Receipts: 111.00

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Feel free to call me with any questions concerning our finances.

**Membership Dues 2021**

Irongate is a community of about 310 homes. Our current membership is 89 homes down significantly from 136 just two year ago.

Membership is only \$10 from January 1st thru December 31, 2021. If you would like to become a member and support Irongate, you can pay your membership by accessing PayPal on our website, www.irongatehomes.org or using the form below and send in a check to the Treasurer.

**Irongate Association, Inc.**

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