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Message from the Irongate Board

This is an extraordinarily challenging time, unlike anything we have experienced in our lifetime. Isolation and quarantine help protect the public by preventing exposure to people who have or may have a come in contact with the virus. We are all glued to our TV sets and keeping up with the latest news on the virus. Please stay home and practice social distancing as we are asked to do. There are many services available to our community to help with groceries, prescriptions and food from local restaurants.

It is essential that we come together as a community to help each other as we endeavor to gain control of this virus. The Irongate Board wants to extend our sincere wish that our community and our country be free of this threat to our health and wellbeing. Working together and cooperating with our health care professionals is our best chance to achieve the desired outcome. Stay well.

Tom, Ed, Dave, Donna, Ann

Irongate Board Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the number of board members will be increased to five. Donna Jordan has joined the Board, as Vice President. Donna is the Town Rep and has many connections to the



Irongate Scholarship Award

Irongate Association is pleased offer a \$500.00 scholarship award again this year. Any donations made to the Scholarship Award will be added to that amount. To participate in the Scholarship Program, the family must have been 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 January 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 2020. A random drawing will be held at the June Irongate Association meeting and a check issued to the student made payable to the college he/she will be attending. **Register your child by May 1st.** 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 homeowners@irongateinc.org.



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.

Spring is here! Check Your Sump Pump! by Donna Jordan

You know the saying: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure. It's true! Three quick things that you can do to avoid the expense, heartache and frustration of a flooded basement:

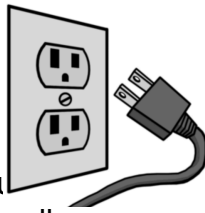


1. Check your sump pump! You can manually lift the float arm or add water to the crock to make sure that your sump pump is operating properly.
2. Check your insurance! Sump pump failure is an additional coverage under almost all homeowner's insurance. Call your insurance company and ask if you have coverage for damage from a failed sump pump. Typically, this coverage costs as little as \$40 a year.
3. Purchase a water alarm! This is a small, inexpensive device that you place on the floor next to the sump pump crock. It has a moisture sensor and will release a piercing alarm if it comes into contact with water.

You may also want to look into a backup system. Battery powered backups will keep your sump pump running for a few hours in the event of a power failure. Water powered backups will keep your sump pump running indefinitely and also provide a backup pump.

Is Aluminum Wiring a Concern?

Donna Lynn Jordan, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson

I have sold several homes in our neighborhood and all of them have had all  It is important to know what this means to you as a home owner and a possible seller.

- Aluminum wiring is NOT a defect. This is how homes were built for a period from 1960 to the mid 70's.
- Aluminum and copper do not mix well. Anytime that you add a new fixture, outlet or switch, you will be connecting aluminum to copper. This must be done in a way that will not pose a safety hazard. Aluminum wiring can be "pig tailed". There are a few different ways to address aluminum wiring, but the most common is to have all connections "pig tailed" with special connectors. An electrician can address these connections and you do not have to have your entire house rewired.

According to the Carson Dunlop School of Home Inspection: The electrical authority in Ontario, Canada says, "Aluminum wiring itself is safe and if proper connections and terminations are made without damaging the wire and using approved materials installed in accordance with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code and the manufacturer's instructions, there should be no problems with the aluminum wiring installation."

If you notice unusually warm switch or outlet covers, discolored or melted insulation or flickering lights, you should call a qualified electrician. The bottom line: When properly addressed and maintained, aluminum wiring is perfectly acceptable.

If you have any questions about this or any of the other unique features of the homes in our community, please see my ad in this newsletter and feel free to call, text or email me. I am YOUR neighbor and your neighborhood real estate professional and I am always happy to be of assistance to my Irongate neighbors.

Brush Collection has Started

The Town of Clay Brush Collection begins on March 17 and continues every Tuesday until December 8. Brush includes leaves, grass clippings, shrub cuttings, small branches and twigs, and must be placed in rigid plastic or metal containers. Biodegradable lawn bags are acceptable, if kept dry and intact. Place all containers outside of road pavement and gutters so as not to obstruct traffic or block drainage. Plastic bags are not acceptable either inside or outside of any containers. For more information go to www.townofclay.org.

Talk of the Town by Donna Jordan



There is one item that has come up in the Town of Clay Board meetings that will be evident in our community. Verizon will be installing 5G Wireless Equipment on the utility poles in and around our community. These units are described as "about the size of a backpack" and will be installed by Verizon technicians. They do not pose any safety concerns and will serve to establish 5G connections throughout the Town of Clay. You are likely to see service vehicles during the installation of these units.

School News by Julie Matson



Education 2020: Recently an email with an update on Education 2020 was sent out to those Irongate households whose email addresses are in the IHA database. In case you did not receive it via email, you can find it posted under School News on the IHA website, irongateinc.org. On the Liverpool Central School District's website, you can find additional information including the current recommendations, upcoming milestones, answers to previously asked questions, and committee timelines and agendas. You can locate this information by going to www.liverpool.k12.ny.us and look for the Education 2020 link under "For Community". You also have the option to ask additional questions which will be answered on the question and answer link.

COVID-19: While many of us are dealing with stress, anxiety or personal hardships at this time due to COVID-19, school districts are seeking solutions to help their families in need. Community members who do not receive updates directly from the district can check the Liverpool Central School District's website for updates on school news, changes or disruptions to regular activities, and what the district is doing to help our students and their families while school is not in session.

School Board Meetings: The district will adhere to the Governor's executive order to keep gatherings under 50 people. In addition, the public comment portion of the agenda has been removed. Community members wishing to provide their input and/or comments to the Board of Education may submit those questions or concerns through electronic means. Communication may be submitted directly to the Board President, Mr. Craig Dailey (cdailey@liverpool.k12.ny.us) or to the School Superintendent, Dr. Mark Potter (mpotter@liverpool.k12.ny.us). The Board of Education meeting originally scheduled for April 13, has been canceled.

Picnic - Saturday, August 8, 2020

Plans are under way for this year's picnic. We hope to make it easier for our seniors to attend the Picnic. If you are a Senior and need a ride to the picnic, please let us know. Howard Hanna mobiles will provide free pick up and drop off service for the picnic! Our Face Painter will be with us for 3 hours this year. Hopefully, all the kids get a chance to get their face painted. We plan to extend a Picnic invitation to our Sponsors and the Town of Clay Board.



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Win a \$50 Gift Card Drawing Winner

Congratulations to Barbara Milne on Frayer. Barbara won the \$50 drawing and chose her gift card to be from Avicoli's.

Irongate Membership 2020

Become a Member and join Irongate by filing out the form below and sending in your membership dues or by using PayPal on our website at www.irongatehomes.org. Irongate has approximately 315 homes. Our membership, as of March 1, 2020, is 101.

Treasury Report by Edward O'Connell, Treasurer

For Period 1/13/20 through 3/28/2020

Receipts: \$1,556.00
Disbursements: \$ 456.99



Financial details are reported at our quarterly meetings and a complete Financial Review is presented every year at our February meeting. Feel free to call me with any questions concerning our finances.



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