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May/June 2017

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IRONGATE MEETING Thursday, June 22 Bagelicious - 7PM

Agenda: Drawing for Scholarship Award, Landscape entrances, Picnic. Let us know if you plan to attend so we can have adequate seating and food.

Irongate Scholarship Award

Don't forget to submit your child's name to us by June 1st to be eligible for participation in the Irongate Scholarship Award. We will be offering a \$500 award drawing at the June Irongate meeting. For your child to be eligible for the Scholarship Award, you must be a member of the Irongate Association, have a student graduating this year from a local high school in this area and attending an accredited college in 2017. The check will be issued to the student made payable to the college he/she will be attending. Register by sending us an email with the following information: **Your child's name, High School graduating from, College he/she will attend in the fall.** EMAIL: homeowners@irongateinc.org

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Any donation you make to the Scholarship Fund will be added to Irongate's contribution of \$500. Please send in your contribution by June 1st. Make your check payable to Irongate Association and mail it to our Treasurer, Ed O'Connell, 7779 Deerfield Road and mark it for the Scholarship Fund. Every dollar helps!!

Join Landscape Team

We all take pride in our homes and want them to look their very best. Our entrances are the first impression of Irongate. Keeping our entrances looking their very best takes people willing to devote some of their time and effort to pitch in and help. The more people that volunteer, makes the work easier and faster. We will be meeting soon to do clean up work, trim plants and plant some flowers at the Morgan Road and Route 57 & Willowbrook entrances. After that, we will need a few people to help maintain the plantings throughout the summer.



If you enjoy landscaping and would like to help, please let us know. The original Team Leader, while remaining involved, will be taking on a lesser role. Tom Portaleos and Ann O'Connell are managing it and are looking for a new Team Leader. If you would like to join the Landscape Team, please let Ann know at amo7779@gmail.com.

Irongate's Group Rate Replacing Your Driveway by Tony Chilliemi

I met with four paving contractors to obtain a group discount for the residents of the Irongate neighborhood. Two of the paving contractors were not interested in offering any discount. Two were interested in working with us, Ken's Paving and CNY Paving. Both of these companies have a good reputation from what I could find out online. CNY Paving offered the best discount by far and I have decided to work with them on my driveway. If you sent me your contact information, I have given it to Devin Christopher from CNY Paving and he will be contacting you directly soon.

I have attached the proposal that CNY Paving is offering to the residents of Irongate. It is based on my driveway. Since most of the driveways in Irongate are about the same size, the information and price should be fairly close for everyone. However, I must stress that CNY Paving must meet with each resident individually and quote you an exact price for your location based on what you want done and the size of your driveway.



April 25th, 2017

Project location:
Irongate HOA
Liverpool NY, 13090

Contract between CNY Sealing & Irongate HOA Residents

Specification Guide (Square footage referred to below as SF)

(A) Dig Out/Paving (Driveways From 700-900 SF)

- Dig out existing blacktop
- Remove all excavated blacktop debris from site
- Install 1x10" of subbase/gravel stone if necessary and then compact with a multi-tonnage vibratory roller
- Replace areas with 1in DOT type 6
- Compact with multi-tonnage vibratory roller

Total Project Price: \$1,850 per driveway (plus any applicable tax)
Top Coat Seal 2 Approx. \$1,000.00

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Liverpool School News - by Julie Matson

School Budget: At the April 10th School Board meeting, the Board approved the Superintendent's budget. There will be a Public Hearing on the Budget on May 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office prior to the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. This will be an opportunity for the community to hear what is in this year's budget and understand the tax implications. In addition to the Budget, the community will also be asked to elect three School Board members. There are 5 candidates running including 3 incumbents. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 16th from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Liverpool High School. Any one new to the district or is not currently registered to vote may do so on May 9th from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the District Office.



The proposed tax levy is an increase of 2.45%. There are no plans to add staff this year. The budget will include the purchase of 7 large and two small buses to maintain a cyclical replacement schedule. Superintendent Potter shared with the Board a four-page list of mandates that are required but unfunded by the state. This adds to the challenge of developing a budget with the lowest tax impact possible while striving to maintain the reserve funds.

Modified School Start Time (MSST): At the April 10th meeting, three School Board members voted in favor of not expending funds, including the hiring of a consultant who responded to the Request for Proposal (RFP) to study the feasibility of pursuing an MSST in the district. Plans were underway to speak to the vendor prior to the Board making a decision. These board members felt that due to the already difficult budget situation and competing priorities, further study of the implementation of an MSST was not a priority and should not be pursued. After discussion, a vote was taken and six members voted in favor of proceeding with speaking to the vendor prior to moving forward. As such, the motion carried. Their reasons for going forward was in recognition of the work already completed in this regard, and the positive impact it could have on Liverpool's students. They believed there was still value in looking into this further before tabling it by meeting with the vendor. The Board interviewed the vendor in Executive Session prior to the April 24th meeting. It is expected that further discussion will be taking place now that they have had the opportunity to get more information.

Welcome New Sponsor

Irongate welcomes Donna Jordan with Realty USA. Thank you for your support.



Selling Your Home - 5 Things To Do by Donna Jordan

Your home is your biggest investment. A little preparation can go a long way towards getting the best price, in the shortest time.

Lighten Up/Brighten Up – Open curtains and blinds. Clean windows. Use higher wattage lightbulbs (safely!) to add light to your home. A fresh coat of lighter colored paint can also be an inexpensive way to add value to your home.

Fix and Find – Repair cracks and chipped paint. Freshen paint on baseboards. Oil squeaky doors and cupboards and make sure that all doors close properly and open without sticking. Buyers will know that your house is a good value, if these seemingly small details are taken care of. To avoid any surprises and to add value, consider a pre-listing home inspection.

De-Clutter and De-Personalize – You want buyers to admire your home and imagine themselves living there. Removing nick knacks & collectibles and opening up spaces on counters, shelves and walls will make your home look more inviting to buyers. Think of what a hotel room looks like and try to imitate that level of comfort without clutter. Remember, you are selling you 'house', not your 'home'.

Move it or Lose it - Replace any fixtures that you don't want to sell. If it's attached to the house when the buyer sees it, it is included in the sale. If you have a favorite light fixture or curtain rods that match your furniture, remove and replace them before you put your home on the market.

Good Impressions Inside and Out – Add curb appeal with flowers, fresh mulch and a new welcome mat. Keep the insides of cupboards and closets neat and tidy (yes, people look!). Pack up excess belongings and store them neatly in a garage or shed, or consider renting a storage facility for an even neater appearance.

These are just a few tips to help you get ready. Of course there is a lot more that goes into selling our home. Contact a licensed Real Estate Professional. "Realtors" have access to information, resources and databases that can give you valuable information including: Comparative Market Analysis, market trends and paperwork and forms which comply with State and Federal Regulations.

Shred Your Documents

Realty USA is having a free "Shred It" day on **June 24th**. Their office is located at 7840 Oswego Road (across from Avicelli's). This is a great opportunity to get rid of old paperwork, securely and at no cost! The event is from **9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.**

Irongate Facebook Page

The winner of the Facebook Like Me drawing was Ronald Barry. Congratulations Ronald. We had 67 Likes on our Facebook page by residents.



Welcome To The Neighborhood

Irongate welcomes our new neighbor Christopher Calandro on Fireside Drive. Welcome to the neighborhood.

Irongate Website

Please note that our website address has an alias, irongatehomes.org. You can type in www.irongatehomes.org or www.irongateinc.org and they will take you to our website.

Treasury Report by Edward O'Connell, Treasurer

For Period: - 3/7/2017 through 4/28/2017

Receipts:

Dues	\$80.00
Contributions in excess of dues	10.00
Advertising	75.00
Total	\$165.00



Disbursements:

3/15 Staples - purchase office supplies	41.56
3/16 Minuteman Press - printing Welcome Letters	18.36
3/17 3 Twin Trees Gift Cards for Welcome Committee	60.00
4/28 Mac Highway hosting fee	59.90
Total	\$179.82

Irongate Association Membership

To become a member, please fill out the form and mail to our Treasurer. 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.

Irongate has 310 homes. Current Membership at 135.

IRONGATE ASSOCIATION - YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

January 1 thru December 31, 2017



NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "IRONGATE ASSOCIATION"

I would like to Volunteer: Picnic Events Committee Landscape Committee Newsletter

Mail to Treasurer: Edward O'Connell, 7779 Deerfield Road



IRONGATE COMMUNITY PICNIC SATURDAY AUGUST 12

12:30 PM - GREEN AREA PARK

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*Irongate Association Members are eligible to sign up at the picnic for the giveaways.
Must be present to win.*

Adult Giveaway For Mom, Dads and
Grandparents
Age 21 & up

Teen Giveaway
Ages 15 - 20

Kids Bike Giveaway
Ages 5 - 14

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Prayer	Amy Doyle	527-1453

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Welcome Team	Pat Lynch	652-1962
Picnic Team	Paula McSweeney	622-1964
By-Laws	Bob Holcomb	622-3535
Neighborhood Watch	Tom Portaleos	622-6696
Christmas Sharing	Mary Durant	406-3025
Landscape Team		

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