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IRONGATE MEETING - BAGELICIOUS TUES. OCT 24 7PM

Let us know if you plan to attend so we can have adequate seating and food.

Irongate Picnic August 12 by Paula McSweeney

Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for coming to our annual Irongate Picnic, held on Saturday August 12, 2017. We couldn't have asked for a better day! Each year we have more food, more people and more fun! Almost 150 adults and children were signed up to attend.



Russ Mitchell and the Neighborhood Watch Association sponsored our food again this year. Russ has become a friend to many of our neighbors. Thank you Russ for all you do.

Highlight's of the day's events include great food from Ernie's Lakeside, Alice our wonderful face painter, Cruisin Cones and who can forget Mike Lawler from Magic and Music. Mike brought along his entertainment system making balloons to the music before we began our games. We played tug of war, girls against the boys and if you were there you know that as the boys were losing, some men folk who didn't start the game had to jump in and help them. The water balloon toss had more teams than I could count tossing the water at each other 20 feet and still catching! The hula hoop squad swung those hoops like there was no tomorrow!

Irongate members were all eligible to participate in the Adult, Teen and Kid giveaways that included a Google Home, Beats ear buds, a bike and over 55 other gifts. If you were a winner of a drawing, please remember to thank the merchant for their donation and let them know you were a winner!

There are a number of people that work very hard to make this possible, the team of people who go door to door asking for donations, people who perform the work to setup tables, chairs, doing shopping, cooking, announcers at the picnic and ticket handlers, sign in sheets and more. Without your help, this event would not be possible.

Thank you to Ann O'Connell, Lorraine Savadge, Robin Mauro, Alicia Reid, Bob Trentmann, Pat and Anna Lynch, Angela and Mark McSweeney, Donna Fletcher, Pam and Dave Meade and all of your families for the support they gave you. See you again next year!



Picnic Gift Cards

Lets give a shout-out to the following merchants who contributed gift cards for our picnic. They are greatly appreciated THANK YOU!



Wegmans, Applebee's, Pie Guys, Pep Boys, Family Video, Domino's Pizza, Flamingo Bowl, Rogues Roost Golf, Bagelicious, Bayberry Hair Stylists, Good Seasons Car Wash, Antonio's Pizza, Purcell's Paints, Tanning Oasis, Chuckle Berries, BJ's Wholesale, Maleria Eye Care. In addition, we also received from people five Duncan Donuts gift cards, 2 Vanity Fair Outlets, Smores Marker and other kids items. Irongate Association donated iTunes and Amazon Cards.

Thank you once again to **Paula McSweeney** for coordinating the Picnic. Paula does such a great job organizing and making sure things get done. Can't do it without you.

Events Committee

The Irongate events committee is looking for new members to help plan some fun family and neighborhood get-togethers for the coming months. There will be a meeting Tuesday, October 5th at 7p.m. at Caitlin Devendorf's home located at 7740 Sotherden Drive (corner of Sotherden and Forestbrook Drives.) Please let Caitlin know if you can make it by emailing her at caitlinddevendorf@gmail.com or via phone/text at 585 727-9078.



Christmas Sharing and Thanksgiving

I know, it was barely a summer and we are talking Christmas and Thanksgiving already. Mary Durant will be contacting Liverpool School some time in October to set up our Christmas Sharing Program with them. They will get back to us in the beginning of November with a family. Those who are interested in helping with gifts should let Mary know. The next newsletter will be in November and we will have more information on the family. We had a lot of help with gifts last year and people were so very generous. Contact Mary at: 315 409-3025

Also, Irongate Association plans on buying 5 turkeys to donate to families that are in need to help with the Thanksgiving holiday, as we did last year. We will talk to Liverpool Schools for their recommendations.

Willowbrook/Forestbrook Entrances

The Willowbrook entrance planting was completed in July. Several residents volunteered to water the plants: Barb Sassaro, Lorraine Savage, Bob Welcher, Faith Gaylord, Ann O'Connell and of course GOD. Many thanks to all of you for helping our plants to get a good start. And of course thank you to Jason Driscoll for generously letting us use his water.



Against this year our special Garden Fairies took care of our Forestbrook Entrance making sure it gets watered regularly. Many thanks to the Jones and Janicek's for taking care of our Forestbrook Entrance.

School Board News:

After extensive renovations, Chestnut Hill Middle School reopened with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Work is continuing on Chestnut Hill Elementary whose students are being housed at Wetzel Road Elementary for another year. They will be moving back into the renovated Chestnut Hill Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year. Morgan Road Elementary also experienced renovations including a new Media Center and flexible furnishings for multi-use purposes. There was a lot of excitement among students and staff as the new school year began in light of the upgrades.

Due to issues at several buildings in the district, recommendations were made to the Board that work be performed as part of Phase 4 to include reconstruction, renovations, improvements and repairs. This will include work at Liverpool Elementary, Liverpool Middle School, Donlin Drive, Long Branch, Nate Perry, Wetzel Road, Soule Road Complex and the District Office. Some of this work will include roof replacement not previously done due to warranties still in effect and unforeseen problems. In order to proceed, the Board has approved a Phase 4 Public Vote to be held on December 14, 2017 from 6 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Liverpool High School. A public meeting will precede the vote on December 4, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office at which time the need for the renovations will be explained in detail. It is expected information will also be available on the LCSD website. The estimated cost is \$10,351,840 minus \$2,000,000 which will be taken from reserves. Much of the cost, approximately 85%, is rebated by the State. Voters will be asked to approve a tax levy upon property of the District based on the principal amount of \$8,351,840. Although this is the same as propositions voters are typically asked to approve in May, due to the time it takes for State approval to move forward once approved by the voters, and the need to begin the process earlier than next year, a special vote has been approved. As such, there will be no such proposition on the ballot in the May vote. The vote was originally planned for November, however, due to local elections, the voting machines were not available until December.

Renovations are planned for the East end of Liverpool High School. During this 3 year process, ending in 2020, vehicle traffic in front of the school will be restricted. Drivers will be directed to exit from the same roadway they entered.

Investing in Your Property by Donna Jordan

It's easier and usually much cheaper to keep up than it is to catchup! Maintaining your home is not the most enjoyable part of home ownership, but a little regular care and maintenance can help the value of your home and save you from costly repair bills and utility charges. If you do not properly maintain your home, you are literally throwing away money. Deteriorated and unkempt exteriors can decrease the market value of a home by as much as 15%! Even if you don't plan to sell your home in the foreseeable future, it is still worthwhile to keep it in good condition. Here are the benefits:



Prevent Costly Repairs: Cleaning your gutters is an inexpensive chore. However clogged gutters can fill with water and ice and cause damage that can cost thousands of dollars to repair.

Save Money on Utilities: Changing furnace air filters, sealing gaps and caulking windows are all easy, inexpensive ways to save money on your utilities. A running toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day, which will add to the cost of your quarterly water bill.

Extend the life of your appliances and mechanicals: Draining your hot water tank once a year can add 10 years to the life expectancy! Draining the tank, removes buildup and residue that settle on the bottom of the tank.

Neighbor Relations: Neighbors who take care of their property always appreciate others who do the same. You don't have to be a full time gardener to keep things neat, clean and tidy. Keep your lawn trimmed, consider using stone or rubber mulch (which does not require annual replacement/maintenance). Consider using plants like hostas and hydrangeas which are beautiful and low maintenance.

Your home is your largest and most important purchase. You likely took time to make sure that it was structurally and mechanically sound, when you purchased it. Protect your investment and keep your home comfortable and beautiful with a little annual maintenance.

Newsletters

Have some news you would like to share with your neighbors and friends, let us know and we will put it in the newsletter. You can put it in with or without your name, just indicate that. We are always looking for articles of interest. Something going on at school, bottle drives, tips for your neighbors, etc. It will be listed in the **Neighbors Message Section**. Newsletters are published every other month. Next newsletter will be in November.



Neighbors Message

We have friends moving into Bayberry on 8/28/17 from outside of Liverpool School District. They have a son going into 6th grade. His name is Collin. I thought it would be nice if their son Collin could meet kids around his age in the Bayberry and Irongate communities. Ideally meeting other kids going into 6th grade would be great for helping him settle in. If anyone would like to help welcome Collin, please feel free to reach out to his mom, Kym at (315)254-7837.

Please ensure when mowing that all grass clippings are cleared out of the street to keep our neighborhood looking neat. Also, there is a leash law in our neighborhood, please keep your dogs tied up to prevent them from roaming.

A few neighbors around the 3 way stop sign at Deerfield and Forestbrook have reported numerous vehicles speeding and not stopping at these signs and some not even slowing down or using brakes at all, and many are known repeat offenders. Incidents have occurred where vehicles have not stopped and almost hit a child crossing to the bus stop, and another where a family and kids on bikes were almost hit by a woman in a car who did not stop at the stop sign before turning onto Forestbrook. (Note that a few weeks ago a child was actually hit by a car on Blackberry Road in the Bayberry community next to us). Please be respectful of these stop signs, and all intersection traffic signs in our community so we can live in a safe and incident-free neighborhood.

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Regarding the passing of our members. Don Lohr died on June 17. Perhaps the longest resident of Irongate since Oct. 1966. He taught at Liverpool high school for 38 years. Mary Lohr, wife will continue to reside on Willowbrook Court.

Please watch your speed when driving through our community. People are driving too fast on Millwood and other streets.

Welcome To The Neighborhood

Irongate welcomes our new neighbors Mindy Dusharm on Forestbrook, Melinda Busuladzic on Whiffletree and Andrew and Dianne Daily on Whiffletree.



Treasury Report by Edward O'Connell, Treasurer

For Period: - 4/29/17 - 9/14/2017



Receipts:

Dues collected	\$120.00
Contributions in excel of dues	35.00
Picnic 50/50	<u>104.00</u>
Total Receipts	259.00

Disbursements:

5/2 Bagelicious gift card for Irongate Facebook drawing	25.00
6/5 Malchak Landscaping - Edging and cleanup Morgan Road Entrance	75.00
6/15 Hafner flowers Morgan Road entrance	68.93
6/16 Hafners - mulch Morgan Rd Ent.	29.50
6/21 On Time Tel Com Dial My Calls Service re Street Rep Notification	10.00
6/22 Bagelicious Refreshments June Meeting	128.68
7/1 Edible Arrangements - Condolences	90.71
7/7 Hafners landscape drawing plan for Rt. 57 Ent	75.00
7/26 Price Chopper gift cards for Amazon and iTunes for Picnic giveaways	60.00
7/27 Hafners - Tree and nine plants for Rt 57 Entrance planting	278.01
7/29 Hafners - two plants Rt. 57 entrance	25.48
7/26 Malchak Landscaping planting at Route 57 entrance	450.00
8/1 Charles sign - picnic sign change date	34.56
8/2 Maines - misc Picnic items	28.52
8/14 Best Buy purchase picnic giveaways - Google Home and cordless headphones	247.34
8/10 Party City ticket rolls for Picnic	12.96
8/12 Ernies Lakeside cafe food for Picnic	255.00
8/12 Mat Murphys rental tents, tables and chairs	282.00
8/12 Mike Lawler Picnic Entertainment	205.00
8/12 Alice Smith Face painter - picnic	115.00
8/12 Crusin Cones ice cream truck picnic	260.00
8/12 Walmart - kids bike picnic	<u>64.60</u>
Total Disbursements	3,321.32

Street Reps

Deerfield	Fran Maguire	652-3283
Fireside	Tiffany Dailey	652-8306
Forestbrook	Jo Koscs	622-2030
Forestbrook	Jo & Ed Paolini	652-6827
Forestbrook	Paula McSweeney	622-1964
Forestbrook	Ginny Jones	622-3310
Ironwood	Julie Matson	622-1224
Lemontree Lane	Tony Chillemi	622-4175
Millwood Circle	Joanne Parisi	652-1077
Sotherden & Apricot	Fred Miller	622-9400
Treadmill & Treeline	David Janicek	622-3263
Willowbrook	Marion Jordan	652-9949
Jennings	Bob Welcher	652-6310
Matchwood & Whiffetree	Angela Boles	380-3766
Frayar	Amy Doyle	527-1453

Board Members

President, Tom Portaleos	7770 Deerfield	622-6696
Vice President, Mary Durant	4371 Millwood	406-3025
Secretary, Ann O'Connell	7779 Deerfield	652-9088
Treasurer, Ed O'Connell	7779 Deerfield	652-9088

Committees

Town Affairs	Dave Meade	529-0811
School Rep	Julie Matson	622-1224
Newsletter	A. O'Connell	652-9088
	M. Durant	406-3025
Website	Ann O'Connell	652-9088
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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