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May/June 2019

email: homeowners@irongateinc.org

Irongate Meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Agenda: Scholarship drawing, Elections, Picnic. Home Team Pub, 7:00 PM. Food will be available. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Irongate Scholarship Award



At the Irongate Meeting on June 18, a drawing will be held to select the scholarship recipient. Irongate donates \$500.00 and any donations received will be added to that amount. We received one generous donation in the amount of \$50.00. So far our fund has \$550.00 and if no other donations are made we will issue a check in that amount payable to the school he/she will be attending. We have three students who submitted their names by May 1st. Good Luck to all of you.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund, please send in your contribution by June 15th. You can pay by PayPal on our website's home page or 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. Pictures of all the recipients of the Scholarship Awards since 2012 can be viewed on our website: www.irongatehomeowners.org.

Irongate Graduates

A salute to all Irongate graduates. All your hard work and being diligent, has paid off and it's now your graduation. Congratulations on your well deserved success. The tassel's worth the hassle.



Town Rep Volunteer Needed

Irongate is in need of a Town Rep to represent the interests of our Community with the Town. The Town Rep reviews meeting agendas of the Town of Clay Board, Zoning Board and Planning Board to identify matters of interest to the Irongate Community. The Town Rep will report back to the Board and/or attend Irongate meetings to inform residents of relevant matters. This is a good position for one or two people to share. If you are interested, and want more information, call Dave Meade at 315 529-0811.



Irongate Elections

Elections will be held at our June 18 meeting. If you wish to be placed in nomination as a candidate, please submit your contact information (name, address, phone number and email address), position of interest and a short personal biography by email to Fran Maguire at fmaguire@twcny.rr.com by June 1, 2019. A summary of the officer position duties and responsibilities may be found on our website. www.irongatehomes.org.

Tell Us about Your Volunteer Organization

If you volunteer for an organization and would like to share what your organization does, send an email to Ann O'Connell, homeowners@irongateinc.org and tell us what you do and how people can help. We will post it on our next newsletter and website.

Sunshine Horses Rescue Organization - by Ann & Ed O'Connell

Sunshine is a rescue facility that specialize in retraining and rehoming retired Standardbred racehorses. Sunshine rescues all horses in need regardless of industry or breed and prepares them for their forever homes. Sunshine has found loving homes for more than 200 horses. Sunshine Horses is the largest Standardbred adoption group and rescue in New York State and is located at 3721 Verplank Road behind Great Norther Mall. They care for 33 horses. Sunshine is totally funded by donations and all who work their are volunteers. For more information on volunteering or donating, go to their website at www.sunshinehorses.org.



Open house will be **Saturday, June 8th 12:00 - 4:00 PM** This will be a fun filled family event with many activities, something for everyone to enjoy. All horses will be on exhibit.

Pony Rides
Carriage Rides

Face Painting
Flea Market

Concession Stand with Food
Various Raffles

Music and Karaoke
Horse Training Demos

Tips on Selling your House by Donna Jordan

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression". Here are 10 affordable tips to help your home show it's best face.

1. Potted Plants and Flowers. Potted plants on your porch, patio and walk add color and interest. You can also easily plant affordable border flowers like marigolds, impatiens or begonias on the edge of mulched beds or around trees and shrubs.
2. Seal your driveway. This makes a great first impression and will add years of life to your blacktop/tarvia driveway.
3. Wash your siding. Yes, wash it! if you have vinyl or aluminum siding you will be amazing at what a difference this can make. You can rent a power washer, buy a prepared cleaner or make your own solution with either a vinegar or bleach base.
4. Spruce up your mailbox. Some paint, flowers even adding a hook for a hanging

floral basket will welcome the mail carrier and visitors!

5. Paint your front door. This is the #1 thing to do when selling your home. You get a big return on a small investment and adding a pop of color makes a great first impression and adds interest to your homes "face".
6. Have a dirty roof cleaned. This is another one that you have to see to believe! Go ahead and google it and take a look at the before and after pictures! It is the home equivalent of a stylish new hair color!
7. Keep your lawn mowed and trimmed. A neat, clean and tidy lawn is always appealing and welcoming.
8. Add landscape lighting. Solar powered landscape lights are inexpensive and easy to install. These will add interest and improve safety at night!
9. Treat fading pvc shutters with ReColor. This product is AMAZING. In minutes your sun bleached shutters will look rich, lustrous and new! This product is available at Target stores.

10. Repair and repaint chimney exterior. Stucco and plaster chimneys take a beating in our Central New York winters. The sooner you give your chimney a "face lift" the better and less expensive it will be.

If you are planning to sell your home, these 10 items are a great investment towards selling your home quickly and for the highest price! We still have buyers who are looking to purchase homes in our neighborhood. It's a great time to sell! If you are ready to downsize, relocate, or want less maintenance opportunity is knocking. See my ad in this newsletter and call text or email me today. I'll help you every step of the way! I am YOUR neighbor and YOUR neighborhood real estate professional.

School News by Julie Matson

Budget Vote: Just a reminder that the 2019-2020 School Budget Vote is being held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. NOTE: Voting will be held in the **Wetzel Road Elementary**

Gymnasium due to the renovations going on at the High School. The proposed budget is \$160,463,190. The budget reflects funding for the final year of a 5 Year Strategic plan developed by staff, parents and community members to prioritize initiatives for creating and designing a plan to improve the Liverpool Central School District as it moves forward into the 21st Century of Learning. A new 5 year plan will be developed in the coming months.

The budget calls for an increase of 1.85% (which could be lower once the District gets notice later in the year of actual funding it will receive from the State). The tax increase for the Town of Clay amounts to approximately \$75 for a \$100,000 home. To help balance the budget, \$3,521,005 of the Fund Balance will be used. This amount represents underspent funds in the current

budget which is available to be applied to next year's budget. It is noted that the law provides for full state aid funding for school districts which Governor Cuomo ignores. As such, districts are often required to make up the difference the State does not provide.

In addition to the budget, voters are asked to vote for 4 School Board members to include three 3-year terms and one 2-year term. There are 6 candidates running: Jacklyn Beck, Nicholas Blaney, Craig Dailey, Tim Fay, Thomas Furr and Katherine Roberts.

Lastly, there are 3 propositions on the ballot in addition to the budget vote. Proposition 2 is required to correct a clerical error in a prior vote and does not affect the amount of the budget. Proposition 3 is for the approval of 10 buses (aided at 75% which will be returned to the district); and two trucks with snowplow capabilities which are not aided but are paid for over 5 years. Proposition 4 is for a fuel dispensing station at the Transportation Center.

It is noted the Great Northern Mall has been reassessed and because of the lower assessment, this

means less revenue for the District. This continues to be an issue as some businesses in the area ask for lower assessments or PILOTs (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) in an effort to reduce their tax burden which is then passed on to homeowners.

Education 2020: Research shows that some students attending Liverpool Schools will more than likely be hired for future jobs which currently don't exist. With this in mind, the District created an initiative titled Education 2020. A committee of parents, teachers, administrators and community members explored for over a year the future of education. This included surveying more than 700 District employees and in coming weeks, it is anticipated that the community will also be surveyed. A video available on the District's website highlights driverless vehicles, a home built within 24 hours using a 3D printer, and a drone delivering a package from Amazon in less than a half hour after it was ordered on line. Technology will certainly be playing a major role in job opportunities of the future. The Board also notes that the trades such as plumbing,

HVAC, electricians and building contractors will always be in need, do not require a four year degree and that not every student needs to follow a path to college to obtain these types of jobs. With skyrocketing tuition costs, more than a trillion dollars in outstanding student loan debt nationwide and the realization that college is not always a good fit for every student, the initiative hopes to identify how best to prepare Liverpool students towards a future which might look very different than it did even a few years ago.

Please take a look at the school's website <http://www.liverpool.k12.ny.us> for more information on the Budget and Education 2020, including the opportunity to view videos associated with this initiative.

Treasury Report by Edward O'Connell, Treasurer

For Period 4/5/19 thru 5/13/19

Receipts: \$ 170.00

Disbursements: \$ 0.00

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.

Irongate Membership Status

Have you overlooked sending in your 2019 Irongate Association Membership dues? Membership has been declining the past two years and is now at the second lowest level in the past five years. Current membership stands at 118, down 19.7% from 2017. Membership dues are only \$10.00 and can be paid by using the form printed below or using the PayPal option available on our association website. **www.irongatehomes.org**



Irongate Association Members Benefits: Free, 2 line business ads in the Classified Ads Section of the Newsletter and Website. Also you are eligible for membership with Empower Credit Union. Contact Lauri Hoover, 315 728-3474.

PAY Pal is now available on our website. You can pay membership dues, donate to our Scholarship Fund, and donate to our Christmas Sharing through PayPal for your convenience.



IRONGATE ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

January thru December 2019



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Committees		
Town Affairs	Dave Meade	529-0811
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	Open	
Website	Ann O'Connell	652-9088
Welcome Team	Pat Lynch	652-1962
Picnic Team	Paula McSweeney	622-1964
Neighborhood Watch	Tom Portaleos	622-6696
Christmas Sharing	Mary Durant	406-3025
Landscape Coordinator	Bob Welcher	652-6310

Street Reps		
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Fireside	Tiffany Dailey	652-8306
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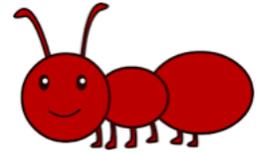
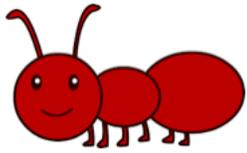
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