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September 2019

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Another Great Picnic!

Thank you for coming to our annual Irongate Picnic, held on Saturday August 10, 2019. What a gorgeous day! The weather started out a bit ruff but turned out lovely.



Each year we have more food, more people and more fun! Over 100 adults and children came out for the event. We hope you had a great time! Russ Mitchell and the Neighborhood watch association sponsored our food again this year. Russ has become a friend of many of our neighbors. Thank you Russ for all you do.

Additional Honored guests included, County Legislator, Jim Rowley, Town of Clay Council members David Hess and Gene Young. It was wonderful to have the join us. Tent tables and chairs are supplied by Matt Murphy from Murphy's Tents.

Highlight's of the day included great food from Ernie's Lakeside and Home Team Pub owned by Joe Kalil. Ernie provided the pulled pork, salt potatoes, beans and roasted chicken and Home Team Pub featured baked ziti and sausage, pepper and onions. Please send any feedback regarding the food. We'd love to hear from you.

Our featured entertainment this year were The Twin Magicians, David and Paul Jackman, referred to us by Mike Lawler. They provided music, amazing balloons, a magic show and our picnic games of tug of war, and the water balloon toss. In addition to the twins, we again had our face painter/artist extraordinaire Sue Miller. This years ice cream was provided by Skippy.

Irongate members were all eligible to participate in the Adult, Teen and Kid giveaways that included for adult, the google home, for the teen, \$100.00 amazon gift cards and the kids got a bike. Winners were, Tina Maeder for the google home, Gavin Richardson for the Amazon card and Athena Portaleos who won the bike. Congratulations winners!

Irongate Meeting

Tuesday, November 19 at Home Team Pub, 7:00 pm. Come join us.

Meet the Candidate Night

October 20 - United Church Christ - 6:30 pm with Bayberry Association

Halloween Parties

Party at the Plaza with Bayberry Association - October 26 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Town Of Clay Party - October 26 - from 10am to 12 pm. Must register at 315 652-3800, ext 139.

Next Newsletter will be November.

Picnic Bike Giveaway



If you were a winner of one of the 24 other drawings, please remember to thank the merchant for their donation and let them know you were a winner because of their generosity!

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 ticket handlers, sign in sheets and more. Without your help, this event would not be possible.

Robin and Lorraine, you two are so amazing. Your welcoming smiles at the sign in table and endless energy to make this event run smooth is so wonderful. I cannot do this without you. Thank you. **Ann O'Connell**, every year you make sure we have flyers, signs, advertising, donations, meetings, email reminders, news letters, website updates and more. Thank you for all you do!

Additional minions to thank are **Tom Portaleos, Niko Portaleos, Ed O'Connell, Alicia Reid, Bob Trentmann, Pam and Dave Meade, John and Bailey Mauro, Fran Maguire, Byron Brown and my husband Mark** for making the best hot dogs and putting up with me.

Thank you to our merchants. With out their donations, we would not have those additional gifts. Pep Boys, Flamingo Bowl, Dominoes, Chuckleberries, BJ's Wholesale, Malara Eyecare, Tanning Oasis, Pie Guys. We hope to see all of you again next year!

Paula McSweeney
Picnic Committee Chair

Meet The Candidates Night

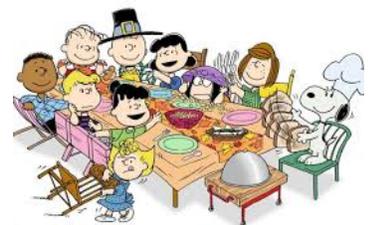
The annual Meet The Candidates Night will be held on **October 20th starting at 6:30pm** at the United Church of Christ at 215 Blackberry Road. Although it may be an "off year" election on a national level there are many races which impact the residents of Bayberry, Irongate and Onondaga County. Candidates will be invited who are running for the offices of Onondaga County Executive, District Attorney, County Legislature 2nd District, Town of Clay Supervisor, Town Clerk, Three Town Board Members, Town of Clay Justices and NYS Supreme Court Justices. Each Candidate will address those attending and will answer questions.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Sharing

Before we know it, the holidays will be here. The summer is barely over and we are talking Christmas and Thanksgiving already. Irongate Association will be signing up with Liverpool Schools to adopt a family in need for Christmas. Mary Durant, Christmas Sharing Coordinator, will be contacting Liverpool School some time in October to set up our Christmas Sharing Program with them. We will adopt a family in need and provide gifts for the whole family. Those who are interested in donating gifts should let Mary know. The next newsletter will be in November and we will have more information on the family members and gift ideas. **Contact Mary at: 315 409-3025**. As we did last year, Irongate Association plans on buying several turkeys to donate to families in need to help with the Thanksgiving holiday.



**SHARING
CHRISTMAS**
with those in need



If you wish to make a donation to the Christmas Sharing family gifts, please consider sending in a check to our Treasurer or using PayPal on our website at: www.irongatehomes.org.

Town of Clay Halloween Party



This year's Annual Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 26th, 2018 10:00-12:00pm in the Town of Clay Basement. Mike Lawler of Magic & Music, (magicandmusic@aol.com), will provide interactive music and game activities for children and parents. Town of Clay Recreation Staff will provide carnival games and we will have free refreshments available. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume! Pre-registration is required by calling the Town of Clay Recreation office at 652-3800 x 139. Town of Clay residents only! Registration call Town of Clay Recreation to reserve your spot! TOWN OF CLAY RESIDENTS ONLY 315-652-3800x139.

Bayberry/Irongate Halloween Party at the Plaza - October 26

Halloween Party at the Plaza will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Bayberry Shopping Plaza near the Bayberry Post Office. All Bayberry and Irongate resident children are welcome to the plaza for trick-or-treating and refreshments. Meet at the post office to sign in. Enjoy trick-or-treating at all of the merchants, then join your neighbors for refreshments sponsored by the BCA with some special surprises. If you have questions or would like to help with this fun event, contact event chairperson Debbie Countryman via email at deleeco@aol.com or at 315-652-5309

Town of Clay Leaf Pickup

At the end of October the highway department will then begin to pick up **loose leaves ONLY**, both loose and bagged leaves will be picked up. Please keep them separated. We understand that in October, the leaves have not begun to fall yet, so please be patient and we will be throughout the town to pick up the leaves through the months of November and December, weather permitting. Living in Upstate New York, we never know what to expect for our weather conditions. If leaves are too wet from the snow or rain, the leaf vacuum can not retrieve them. Also remember that if snow accumulates on the leaves, they will not be visible for the crews. The highway department crews do not ever intentionally drive by the resident's leaves, but because of these factors, they may be missed.

With these factors in mind, if leaves are bagged in biodegradable bags there is less chance of loose leaves being left at curbside. We understand that purchasing these types of bags is an added expense; therefore, the highway department has the opportunity to provide burlap bags to the residents at no additional cost. These bags are available at "first come, first serve". As long as you are a Town of Clay resident, you may pick up the burlap bags in the white shed, located in the parking area on the west side of the building. Due to the location the office staff is not aware of the current inventory of bags. The quantity of burlap bags is limited as our supplier has begun recycling them as well. If there are no bags available we will replenish as soon as the supplier provides them. **As we extend this service as a courtesy, the highway department has no knowledge of pending deliveries of burlap bags.** If the snow should fall before your leaves are picked up, we will continue the leaf pick-up as soon as possible. If the leaves are visible after a thaw, and the crews are able to get at them, they will be picked up. Please have your leaves out in time for our pick up so that the highway crews can continue with their scheduled work as planned.

Thinking of Selling Your House - Think Spring

It has been a busy spring and summer for real estate in Irongate! Lots of homes have sold and many with multiple offers. This should tell you that there are home buyers out there who want to live in our community! There are 4 things that you should do NOW, if you think you might want to list your home in the spring:

#1 - Have professional outdoor photos taken NOW. Your home will look amazing next to all of those other pictures with snow piles! Buyers who are sick of waiting all winter to look for a home will be drawn to your listing that shows your home with a green lawn and lush foliage! I provide FREE professional photos of your home for your listing for anyone in Irongate. Call, text or email me today and I will have a professional photographer come and take beautiful photos of the outside of your home.

#2 - Consider having a pre-listing home inspection completed. By having a home inspection done before you list your home, you can avoid unpleasant and costly surprises. I work with a home inspector who will amend the report for corrected and repaired items and will come back with the buyers to review the report at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE.

#3 - Meet with a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson. A Realtor can explain the process, give you a market analysis/value for your home and provide forms and documents that can save you money and make sure that you are complying with state and federal regulations. Market analysis and valuation reports are always FREE to my Irongate neighbors.

#4 - Have a professional home stager consultation. Professional home staging services can add thousands of dollars to your purchase price! A professional home stager knows exactly how to set up your home to enhance its best features and appeal to buyers. I provide FREE professional home staging consultations on my Irongate listings.

#5 - If you are thinking of listing your home in the spring, let me have professional photos taken of the outside of your home now! Your home will stand out from the snowy pictures that the other listings will have! Your home will look its best with lush, green photos! There is no charge for this service! Call text or email me today for more information and to answer any questions!

A little preparation goes a long way to having a smooth home sale experience. I am YOUR neighbor and YOUR neighborhood real estate professional. See my ad in this newsletter and feel free to contact me with any questions. "Your Vision Is My Mission!" Donna Lynn Jordan

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Treasury Report by Edward O'Connell, Treasurer

For Period 6/20/19 - 9/25/19

Receipts: \$ 287.64
 Disbursements: \$1,606.79

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.



PAY Pal is now available on our website. Through PayPal, you can pay membership dues, donate to our Scholarship Fund, and Christmas Sharing.

New Neighbors

Irongate welcomes our new residents: Jillian and Paul Delair on Lemontree; Marissa Hutt & Nick Pilotti on Forestbrook and Joseph & Tricia Masterpol on Matchwood.



Walking Your Dog

If you walk your fur baby in the neighborhood, please be kind to your neighbors and pick up after your dog. It's not fun scraping poop off your shoes.



Irongate Entrances

Thank you to Bob Welcher for keeping up the maintenance of the Morgan Road entrance. Our special **Garden Fairies** made sure it got watered. Many thanks to the Jones and Janicek's.

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